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PROCEEDINGS.

BETHEL CHURCH,
SAMPSON Co., N. C., October 5th, 1880.

By appointment the Eastern Association convened in Bethel Baptist Church, and Elder J. L. Stewart preached the Introductory Sermon from a portion of I. Cor. 11, setting forth the Baptist view of the Lord's Supper.

After an intermission of three-quarters of an hour, the body was called in session by the Moderator, and services were conducted by Elder J. R. Oliver, who read a portion of scripture, and prayer was made by Bro. John R. Marshall.

The Clerk being absent, Elder J. R. Oliver was called to act temporarily.

The list of churches being called, and a majority represented, the Association proceeded with business.

A Finance Committee was appointed, composed of brethren J. M. Moseley, S. M. Carlton and Nathan Weeks.

The Pastor and Deacons of Bethel Church with Brethren S. E. Loftin and J. W. Swinson. were appointed committee on Devotional Exercises.

Elder F. W. Eason was announced to preach at the stage this evening.

Reading church letters and enrolling delegates being in order, the body so proceeded, and Brethren L. R. Carroll and V. N. Seawell were appointed to read.

The following churches were answered for and messengers enrolled:

Wilmington, 1st—W. P. Oldham, J. R. Marshall, Geo. F. Alderman.
Wilmington, 2nd—J. J. Dicksey, J. W. S. Harvey, B. R. King.
Masonboro—George W. Hewlett.
Meadow Bridge—J. J. Howard.
Mt. Holly—William F. Bowen.
Riley's Creek—D. F. George, G. W. Walker, J. D. Mahn.
Long Creek—J. H. Brinson, H. B. White, W. D. Mahn.
Moore's Creek—G. W. Woodcock, G. F. Walker, Eli Larkins.
Shiloh—C. P. Moore, D. P. Averitt.
Bethlehem—B. F. Keith, Jr., W. P. Croom.
Canetuck Chapel—Andrew Moore, Mark Almond.
Haw Bluff—A. B. Rooks, H. H. Boswell, Franklin Peterson.

Well's Chapel—L. Highsmith, O. Fennell, L. K. Taylor.
Bethel—Wm. Frazer, Allen Johnson, D. W. Alderman.
Lisbon—C. H. Bronson, O. Blackburn, Almond Herring.
Mt. Gilead—B. Matthews, E. F. Royal, Milton Powell.
Boykin's Chapel—J. L. Boykin, L. M. Boykin, J. T. Blackburn.
Clinton—Elder J. L. Stewart, J. M. Mosely, B. S. Peterson.
Rowan—S. Boon, W. Butler, J. Caison.
New Hope—L. R. Carroll, A. J. Daniel, Joshua Williams.
Piney Grove, (Sampson)—Elder O. M. Matthews, Nathan Weeeks, W. L. Love.
Beulah—Elder J. L. Britt, John T. Moore, N. C. Faison.
Canaan—R. T. Carr, James Ingram, B. Elmore.
Mt. Calvary—Elder John T. Albritton.
Mt. Olive—Jesse T. Albritton.
Goldsboro—Elder F. H. Ivey.
Bear Marsh—B. Oliver, R. D. Bennett, Gaston Kelly.
Mary's Chapel—Elder G. S. Best, F. M. Southerland.
Johnson's—Elder W. M. Kennedy, O. P. Middleton, J. H. Gillespie.
Kenansville—W. H. Murray.
Warsaw—Elder J. N. Stallings, A. M. Faison, S. M. Carlton.
Magnolia—J. W. Swinson, J. D. Roberts, H. W. Carroll.
Concord—A. Hall, William Brice, J. W. Wells.
Corinth—R. F. Peterson, W. B. Harris.
Berea—V. N. Seawell.
Island Creek—A. B. Mallard, J. M. Brown.
Dobson's Chapel—W. Bradshaw, O. D. Bostick, D. W. Bostick.
Hallsville—E. W. Farrier, J. D. Brown.
Union Chapel—John P. Cox.
Richland's—Starkey Cox.
Rose Hill—D. M. Page, W. P. Kelly.
Capernaum—Elder D. F. Aman.
Kinston—Elder J. K. Faulkner, J. M. Wooten, S. E. Loftin.
Newbern—Elder F. W. Eason.
Morehead City—Elder T. J. Leary, J. T. Eaton, S. E. Wade.
Woodville—Jacob Arthur, Edward Simpson.

Falling Creek, Fremont, Salem, Olive Branch,* Poplar Grove,* Peniel,* were reported by letter. LaGrange, Trenton, Piney Grove, (Jones), Piney Grove, (Onslow), Enon, Beaufort, Smyrna, Fort Barnwell, Union, not reported; other churches have sent no message in a long time, and it is unknown to us whether they now exist or not. Churches that cannot send delegates can easily forward letters and funds to the Clerk, and they will be attended to. It would be well for the Association to take notice of such churches as are never heard from.—CLERK.

On motion, the letter from Moore's Creek was referred to the Finance Committee.

The letters from Magnolia and Mt. Gilead, petitioning for the next session of the Association, were laid on the table.

*New churches just admitted.

The letter from Rowan, requesting dismissal from this body, was laid on the table.

The letter from Fremont was laid on the table.

The reading of letters being completed, the Committee on Devotion reported as follows: Preaching at the stage to-morrow at 10 o'clock, by Elder T. Harrison. Missionary Sermon, 11 o'clock, by Elder F. H. Ivey. Preaching 2 p. m., by Dr. T. H. Pritchard.

The hour being late, the Association adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed by singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," etc.; benediction pronounced by Dr. Pritchard.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 6th, 1880.

After services, conducted by Elder N. B. Cobb, the Moderator called the Association to order. Calling roll of delegates and reading proceedings dispensed with.

Letters not presented yesterday were called for and read.

Election of officers being in order, the Moderator proceeded to appoint tellers to receive the votes. The following tellers were appointed: For Moderator, W. I. Lane, O. P. Middleton; Clerk, F. M. Southerland, L. R. Highsmith; Treasurer, B. Matthews, J. T. Blackburn. The following results were announced: Elder J. L. Stewart re-elected Moderator, Dr. V. N. Seawell elected Clerk, A. W. Faison re-elected Treasurer.

Petitionary letters being next in order, the following churches were received and ordered to be enrolled: Poplar Grove, Sampson county, Richland's and Peniel, Onslow, Olive Branch, New Hanover.

Visiting brethren invited to seats with us. Reports were made by Dr. T. H. Pritchard, President Wake Forest College and messenger from Central Association, Elder T. Harrison, Foreign Mission Agent, Dr. J. D. Hufham, Elder C. A. Jenkins and Bro. J. B. Brewer, Tar River Association, Elder A. Biggs Alderman and Bro. William Royal, South River Association, Elder N. B. Cobb, agent for the *Biblical Recorder*.

The following committees were appointed:

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Elders J. K. Faulkner, T. Harrison, Bro. S. E. Loftin.

EDUCATION—Dr. T. H. Pritchard, J. D. Roberts, W. P. Oldham.
STATE AND HOME MISSIONS—Elder W. M. Kennedy, Dr. J. D. Hufham, Elders O. M. Matthews.

PERIODICALS—Elders John T. Albritton, N. B. Cobb, G. S. Best.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Elder F. W. Eason, G. Clute, L. R. Carroll.

TEMPERANCE—Elder Asa B. Alderman, C. P. Moore, J. R. Marshall.

AUDIT ACCOUNTS TREASURER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ASSOCIATION—Elder J. N. Stallings, C. H. Bronson, W. H. Murray.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—Elder F. H. Ivey, J. L. Boykin, J. W. Swinson.

NOMINATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Elder J. R. Oliver, L. Highsmith, R. F. Peterson.

REVISE LIST TRUSTEES WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL—S. M. Carlton, S. R. Carroll, E. F. Royal.

NOMINATE DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION—L. K. Taylor, O. P. Middleton, Jesse T. Albritton.

OBITUARIES—Elder J. P. Faison, E. W. Farrar, A. B. Mallard.

NOMINATE PREACHERS OF STATED SERMONS FOR NEXT YEAR—O. Blackburn, J. W. Lane, W. H. Thomson.

Reports of standing committees being called for, Elder Ivey presented the report concerning Elder Joseph P. King, and the 2nd Baptist Church, Wilmington.

Elder King was permitted to read his own written statement of his doctrinal views as part of the report, which reading occupied a long time.

Pending adoption of the report, Elder Ivey made remarks on the subject.

Report of the committee on Elder King's case:

Your committee, appointed to visit the 2nd Baptist Church of Wilmington, and to advise with it and its pastor in reference to his doctrinal views, beg leave to report:

That it entered into correspondence with Bro. King, through its chairman, as to a conference with him, and that he might be prepared for such interview, a number of questions covering the grounds upon which it desired to examine him was sent him. Bro. King proposed to write out his answers to those questions, setting forth his views. This he has done, and your committee beg to submit the document for the information of the Association.

Your committee further reports, that it appears from this document that Rev. J. P. King holds the following unscriptural, grossly erroneous and corrupting views, namely:

1. He believes in the sleep of the soul between death and the judgment. 2. He believes that God is a material being with blood and bodily parts just like a man. 3. He believes this material being abides in a certain fixed locality, while by a kind of influence he goes out everywhere. 4. He denies the personality of the Holy Spirit. He says the Holy Spirit is not a person, but an influence like the mind. To illustrate: The sun is a material body, in the heavens, but sends out his light and so is everywhere felt; or, a candle is a material substance, in a certain place, and emits its rays. So, God is a material being, in a particular place, but sends out from himself a spiritual influence, which is called his Spirit, but is not a person. 5. He is very clear in stating and urging his belief in the final annihilation of the wicked, of the devil, and the abolition of

the place of future punishment. 6. He denies the immortality of the unregenerate. The unconverted do not possess immortal souls; none but the regenerate live forever. Adam was not immortal, and his descendants cannot be thus. 7. He holds that the wicked have no more souls than the beasts of the field. The soul and body are the same, and they lie in the grave, in a dormant state, until the resurrection. 8. He holds that the scriptural phrase, "everlasting punishment," means only that when the wicked are annihilated, they will so remain or utterly destroyed forever. In view of the fact that Rev. Joseph P. King holds these dangerous and pernicious errors, your committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution in reference to him:

Resolved, That this Association repudiates and denounces the above false doctrines, as held by Rev. J. P. King, and that we have no fellowship with him in his claim as a Baptist minister, and cannot admit him as a delegate to this body.

In reference to the 2nd Baptist Church of Wilmington, your committee recommends the adoption of the preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, The 2nd Baptist Church of Wilmington retains as its pastor, Rev. Joseph P. King, who is so heretical in doctrine as shown above, therefore,

Resolved, That this Association does hereby withdraw its fellowship from said church.

Resolved, That it is our earnest desire that the said church should discontinue and disown the above doctrines; and by dismissing their present unsound teacher and pastor; should secure one sound in the faith, and thus put herself in the way of restoration to the fellowship of the surrounding Baptist churches.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. IVEY,
F. W. EASON,
C. C. NEWTON,
J. N. STALLINGS,
W. M. KENNEDY,
Committee.

Report adopted by almost unanimous vote.
The Executive Committee submitted its report:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your servants report that they have had in cash for the year's work, from all sources, about three hundred dollars, including the amount sent to the Association now in session. With this amount we have aided the churches at Fremont, Beaufort and Jacksonville, also helped to sustain work at Burgaw, Pender county. Elder Asa B. Alderman has been employed by us, laboring all his time in the destitute field in Onslow county. We have been employing Elder T. J. Leary in the section of country about Beaufort in Carteret county. The reports from all these points aided are encouraging. Elders Alderman, Kennedy and Leary report accessions to churches they have served. The churches at Enon, Piney Grove and Capernaum, (Onslow), have not called upon us for aid during this year. Upon the whole the outlook is encouraging; when we remember that the churches just named are the results of your work, through the committee, it is strengthening to us, for which we should devoutly thank God, take courage and move forward with more determination than ever.

Now, brethren, we know that the churches have not done one-fourth

of what they could have performed, and as you have given us so little to work with we could not do much. We feel that we have done all we could do with the amount at our disposal. Finally, brethren, we have needed your prayers with your contributions—shall we have both? Do you feel that you have done your duty in this respect? If not, pray for your committee in the future, and hold up their hands with your contributions and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Report adopted.

The following pledges were made for Associational Missions for the ensuing year:

Wilmington (First), \$25; Riley's Creek, \$10; Long Creek, \$10; Moore's Creek, \$5; Shiloh, \$5; Canetuck Chapel, \$5; Meadow Bridge, \$5; Haw Bluff, \$5; Well's Chapel, \$10; Bethel, \$10; Mt. Gilead, \$2; Clinton, \$10; Beulah, \$5; Piney Grove, (Sampson) \$10; Canaan, \$5; Fremont, \$3; Mt. Olive, \$20; Bear Marsh, \$20; Mary's Chapel, \$2 50; Johnson's \$10; Warsaw, \$20; Kenansville, \$5; Magnolia, \$10; Corinth, \$10; Island Creek, \$5; Hallsville, \$5; Newbern, \$25; Morehead City, \$10; Woodville, \$5.

On motion, the rules were suspended and report on Education was submitted. The report was laid on the table, to be called up first part of evening session. Adjourned three-quarters of an hour for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

The body was again called to order by the Moderator.

The report on Education was called for as special order. Remarks made by Drs. Pritchard and Hufham, and Elder N. B. Cobb.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

There are so many interesting relations between education and religion, that it is of the highest importance to the welfare of any people, that the training of their children should be conducted under religious auspices. Especially is it true that the Baptists cannot afford to allow other denominations to educate their children, and we are therefore, glad to congratulate our brethren upon the number and prosperity of our schools in the State. We have female schools of high grade at Murfreesboro, Wilson, Oxford and Thomasville, with good academies in many parts of the State. Wake Forest College has a Faculty of eight men, and the last catalogue showed an attendance of one hundred and seventy-one students for the session of 1879-80, and the promise of the present year indicates an increased patronage. Of this number of students, thirty were young ministers, and of them, twelve were beneficiaries. We shall probably have a larger number of ministerial students this year, and twenty have already been accepted as beneficiaries by the

Board of Education. This is a larger number of beneficiaries than we have had before, and we earnestly hope that this body will aid the Board in meeting the largely increased demand upon the treasury.

As to our Associational school at Warsaw, we are glad to be able to report that it is in a prosperous condition; that during the past year another large building has been erected, by which a complete separation between the boys and girls has been effected, as well as increased facilities for boarding afforded. The rates of this institution, both as to board and tuition, are exceedingly low, and as first-class advantages for educating both sexes are here presented, we respectfully urge the brethren of this body to reward the Principal for his energy and enterprise by a liberal patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. PRITCHARD,
W. P. OLDHAM,
J. D. ROBERTS,
Committee.

On motion, pledges from churches were called for, and the following responses were made to the Education Board Baptist State Convention:

*Wilmington (First) \$120; Riley's Creek, \$5; Long Creek, \$4; Canetuck Chapel, \$2; Well's Chapel, \$10; New Hope, \$5; Lisbon, \$3; Clinton, \$5; Beulah, \$5; Piney Grove, (Sampson), \$5; Canaan, \$5; Fremont, \$1; Mt. Olive, \$5; Bear Marsh, \$5; Warsaw, \$10; Kenansville, \$2; Magnolia, \$5; Concord, \$2; Corinth, \$2; Island Creek, \$5; Rose Hill, \$2; Kinston, \$5; Newbern, \$25. Individual pledges—J. L. Boykin \$1; J. J. Howard, 50 cents, paid; Elder F. H. Ivey, \$10. Cash collected, \$16.13.

On motion, Brethren J. P. Cox, J. T. Eaton, Elder T. J. Leary and D. F. Aman were excused from further attendance.

An appeal for assistance in building a Baptist house of worship in Richland's, Onslow county, was read, and a collection was taken up; the amount not reported to the Clerk.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and made special order for to-morrow morning 10 o'clock, and take the place of the Missionary Sermon.

On motion, Bro. J. H. Brinson was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Clerk was directed to furnish the 2nd Baptist Church, Wilmington, with a copy of the report and resolutions in reference to the action concerning it and its pastor.

The Committee on Devotional Exercise reported as follows: Elder C. A. Jenkins to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m., Dr. J. D. Hufham to preach at 2 o'clock p. m.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 9 o'clock a. m.

*Wilmington church supports one beneficiary of its own membership.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 7th, 1880.

The Moderator called the Association to order. Elder N. B. Cobb conducted worship. The roll of delegates was called and corrected. Proceedings read and some corrections made. The Clerk being absent, Elder J. R. Oliver was, on motion, elected Assistant Clerk.

On motion, proceeded to locate the next session of the Association. The choice fell upon Magnolia church.

Reports of committees were called for. The Committee on Sunday Schools reported. Remarks by Elders Eason, Kennedy, Faison and Stallings. Report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee notice with much gratification, the fact that a large number of the churches in our Association is interested in the work of the Sunday School. We affectionately urge upon every church in our bounds, to prosecute this most important work with greater zeal and energy than ever before, and to put forth every effort to gather into these schools, not only the children of the church members, but all the children in the neighborhood, in reach of the several churches; especially those whose parents never go to God's house, and seem to care nothing for the spiritual welfare of their offspring. Especially, and with an obligation that is most overpowering, is this our duty *now*, when wolves have crept unawares into our folds; false teachers who, with the effrontery that is characteristic of them, plant their pernicious and damnable heresies openly and blasphemously, and are eager to lead into falsehood and perdition the young and the unwary. The only protection of our youth and children against these teachers and their vile, soul-destroying errors, is early to instruct them in the truth of God; and root and ground them in righteousness in their tender years. We raise our voices in loud, and earnest entreaty, and implore our brethren to bestir themselves as never before in the Sunday School work—the religious instruction of the children. We recommend the employment, by this Association, of a Sunday School Missionary and Colporteur, in order to prosecute this important work, and that the roll of the churches be called in order to raise the salary of said Missionary.

FRED. W. EASON,
L. R. CARROLL,
G. CLUTE,
Committee.

A call being made, the following pledges were made by churches and individuals, for Sunday School work:

Wilmington, (First), \$13; Moore's Creek, \$2; Shiloh, \$5; Meadow Bridge, \$1; Well's Chapel, \$5; New Hope, \$5; (S. S.) Lisbon, \$5; Clinton, \$10; Piney Grove, (Sampson), \$5; Goldsboro, \$5; Mt. Olive, \$10; Bear Marsh, \$5; Johnson's, \$5; Warsaw, \$10; Magnolia, (Sunday School) \$5; Corinth, \$2; Rose Hill, \$1; Kinston, \$6; Newbern, \$10; Mason-

boro, (Sunday School) \$1. Individual pledges: B. Elmore, \$1. W. H. Murray, \$1, cash; G. Clute, \$5; J. L. Britt, \$1, J. R. Oliver, \$1; Dr. G. W. Moseley and wife, \$5; Mrs. M. P. Alderman, \$1; G. S. Best, \$1.

The special order being consideration of Foreign Missions, Elder T. Harrison proceeded to address the body on this subject. At the close of the address a collection was taken for Foreign Missions, amounting to \$18.42.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Report adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention are seventeen in number. These, with twenty-eight native assistants, constitute our entire Missionary force in foreign lands. They are all efficient, self-sacrificing and consecrated men and women, especially deserving our fervent prayers and faithful support. Their fields are constantly enlarging, and not only they themselves, but the heathen are earnestly appealing to us for larger contributions and more missionaries to carry on this great enterprise. Their success also is particularly gratifying, far outstripping that of all other evangelical denominations combined. Another very interesting feature of our work, is the opening up of a large field of labor in which our noble sisters, who have fully consecrated themselves to the Lord's service, may find an opportunity for the exercise of the many and varied talents with which our God has blessed them. Let us take courage from the past, and let us prove our heartfelt interest in this work ordained of God, by consecrating ourselves and *all* that we have to its faithful prosecution.

J. K. FAULKNER,
S. E. LOFTIN,
T. HARRISON,
Committee.

The Sunday School Board reported. Report adopted.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

We report that we have held several meetings, at different places, during the year, and have encouraged the work the best we could. We have urged the appointment of Christian teachers as far as possible; we have tried, for the past two years, to secure the appointment of a Sunday School Missionary and Colporteur, and we rejoice at the step just taken here, and assure you that it will receive the hearty co-operation of the Board.

Respectfully submitted, W. M. KENNEDY,
Chairman Committee,

A committee, composed of Elders J. N. Stallings, O. M. Matthews and F. H. Ivey, was appointed to nominate a Sunday School Board for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Home and State Missions reported. Remarks by Dr. Hufham, Elders Albritton, Cobb, Brethren B. Oliver and S. E. Loftin. Report adopted.

REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention aims to aid in planting the Gospel in the towns and cities of the Southwest and in the Indian Territory. A wide and important field is entrusted to our brethren of the Board, and they are entitled to our confidence and hearty and liberal support. The Indians have received special attention in the labors of the Board and excellent results have followed. The Baptists have a large and increasing membership among those red men of the forest, but they still need the instruction and oversight of men who have been trained in the doctrines of the Gospel, and means are needed to carry on this work effectually. In the cities and towns of the South and Southwest, this Board has done a gracious and blessed work. This wide field is still open to us; and is becoming annually more and more important in the changed condition of social and business life since the late civil war. This is only one agency for occupying these fields, and it should be liberally sustained. The Board of Missions of our State Convention aims to combine the efforts of the North Carolina Baptists for planting the Gospel in every part of the State. Very much has been done in this direction, but much still remains to be effected. In many smaller towns we have neither houses of worship nor regular preaching. In large sections of the State, our principles are seldom proclaimed, and but little known. As followers of the Lord Jesus, we are not to rest until his last command, "preach the Gospel to every creature," shall have been fulfilled as to our own beloved State. We do therefore commend this Board, and its work, to the churches of this Association, and urge them to prayerful and earnest co-operation. We would especially commend to the consideration of this body the work in the Tar River Association; and we would earnestly suggest that a subscription be made to aid our brethren of that body in sustaining a Missionary for the counties of Pitt and Greene, a region lying along our own borders.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY,
J. D. HUFHAM,
O. M. MATTHEWS,
Committee.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported.
See page 2.

Committee on Ministerial Support submitted its report.
Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

"The laborer is worthy of his hire." Not many of our churches give their pastors a competent support. Perhaps the average of their salaries would not exceed two hundred dollars. Hence many ministers have to resort to other means of support, such as school teaching, farming, etc. It follows that the Gospel is not as efficiently preached as it otherwise would be. It is worthy the attention of our churches, whether a more liberal support of the ministry would not be the best paying investment they could make. What would be the result of a well-sustained ministry? The churches would be more rapidly built up; the graces of the members more largely developed; the Sunday School interest quickened, and all the work of the churches greatly helped. It is hoped that the brethren will be reminded of this important matter, by having a report

on this subject in the minutes. Your committee would recommend that each pastor in this Association preach at least one sermon on this subject during the year to every church under his care.

F. H. IVEY,
Chairman Committee.

Report on Temperance presented. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee, to whom was assigned the duty of reporting on temperance, submit the following: We think there are decided indications of reformation as regards this great evil of intemperance among the members of our churches, which should be a source of encouragement, and should inspire us with renewed energy to do more, and work harder till this curse is removed from our churches. Then, and not until then, can we expect to exert a salutary influence over the world. We would kindly suggest to our churches that a return to a strict adherence to the directions, as given by Paul, in I Cor. 5th chapter, for the treatment of heinous crimes, of which drunkenness is one, instead of resorting to the committee plan, which has no scriptural sanction, in such cases, would be the best. Yes, best for the church, the offender, and all parties concerned.

A. B. ALDERMAN, JR.,
J. R. MARSHALL,
C. P. MOORE,
Committee.

On motion, the Association adjourned three-quarters of an hour for dinner. Collection at the stage \$11.22.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association convened again, Moderator in the chair.

The Committee to audit accounts of Treasurer of Association and Treasurer Executive Committee, submitted report.
Adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

A. M. Faison, Treasurer, in account with the Association:

To amount received for all objects and from all sources.....\$348 92

We find the above correct. We also find that of amounts in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association, the following sent and ordered to be paid for the purposes indicated, viz:

Foreign Missions.....\$ 45 50	Associational Missions..... 5 47
Home Missions..... 5 24	
State Missions..... 2 00	Total.....\$ 62 55
Education..... 2 20	COMMITTEE.

J. M. Wooten, in account with the Ex. Committee Eastern Association :

REPORT OF TREASURER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DEBTOR.		
Riley's Creek.....	\$ 4 75	Union Chapel..... 1 00
From Treasurer.....	146 45	D. T. Aman..... 1 00
Piney Grove, Sampson, old pledges.....	3 00	Bethel..... 3 00
Kinston.....	7 75	Goldsboro..... 10 00
Collection at Fremont.....	2 61	Newbern..... 10 00
Collection at LaGrange.....	6 51	Meadow Bridge..... 2 00
Haw Bluff.....	9 00	Masonboro..... 5 00
Collection at Warsaw.....	8 00	New Hope..... 2 50
Wilmington, 2nd Church.....	5 00	Wilmington, 1st Church..... 25 00
Long Creek.....	2 25	Mt. Gilead..... 5 00
Moore's Creek.....	7 71	Olive Branch..... 3 50
Bethlehem.....	4 00	Falling Creek..... 5 00
Shiloh.....	5 00	Mt. Olive..... 12 49
Piney Grove, Sampson,.....	11 86	Well's Chapel..... 11 08
Canaan.....	5 00	Bear Marsh..... 5 50
Fremont.....	3 00	Collection at Concord..... 5 00
Mary's Chapel.....	2 50	O. P. Middleton..... 1 00
Warsaw.....	15 00	G. Clute..... 1 00
Johnson's.....	11 30	J. R. Marshall..... 1 00
Magnolia.....	5 00	B. Oliver..... 10 00
Kenansville.....	5 00	G. S. Best..... 2 50
Concord.....	4 70	W. M. Kennedy..... 1 00
Corinth.....	5 00	Mt. Holly..... 4 50
Dobson's Chapel.....	2 45	Kinston..... 4 50
Island Creek.....	5 80	Total..... \$428 67
Hallsville.....	1 35	

CREDITOR.

T. J. Leary.....	\$ 62 50	Asa B. Alderman..... 100 00
Book and Postal Cards.....	1 09	C. C. Newton..... 50 00
W. M. Kennedy.....	50 90	Balance on hand..... 146 42
D. F. Aman.....	6 25	
R. C. Sandling.....	12 50	
		\$428 67

The report of the Treasurer Executive Committee shows that he has received from all sources, \$428.67. We have spent for Missions, \$282.25. Leaving in hands of Treasurer, \$146.42

J. M. WOOTEN.
Treas. Ex. Committee.

We have examined the above report, and find it correct.

J. N. STALLINGS,
C. H. BRONSON,
W. H. MURRAY,
Committee.

The Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, reported the following names:

Elders J. B. Taylor, C. C. Newton, J. P. Faison, J. N. Stallings, W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, G. W. Hufham, J. L. Britt, J. K. Faulkner, J. L. Stewart, John T. Albritton, S. R. Oliver, F. H. Ivey, C. J. Nelson,

R. C. Sandling, F. W. Eason, Brethren B. F. Mitchell, J. D. Roberts, L. R. Highsmith, L. R. Carroll, E. F. Cox, A. M. Faison, J. F. Oliver, B. Oliver, J. E. Peterson, C. C. Clark, J. W. Lane, D. J. Middleton, Thomas Clark.

L. K. TAYLOR,
O. P. MIDDLETON,
JESSE T. ALBRITTON,
Committee.

On motion, the names of the brethren of the committee were added to the list.

The Trustees of Warsaw High School submitted report. Report adopted. Remarks made by Elder Stallings.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

We take pleasure in reporting to this body, that through the persevering efforts and skillful management of the Principal and our efficient corps of teachers, the present condition and future prosperity of the Institution, the offspring of this Association, are truly encouraging. There are over seventy-five students enrolled. Young men can here be prepared for college or fitted for the practical stations of life. Young ladies also, have every facility for acquiring a thorough and finished education in the literary studies, and in music and art, at a very moderate cost. Board and tuition, no extras, \$51 per term of five months. Discipline strict. Two large and comfortable buildings have been erected, one for boys the other for girls. In fact, every provision which tends toward the comfort and advancement of the pupil, has been carefully studied and made by the Principal, which justly entitles him to the hearty support and earnest co-operation of every Baptist within the bounds of this Association. Brethren this is *our school*; and *our own institution*, and we are beginning to enjoy the pleasant, the happy fruition of our hopes and labors in the past. The present, however, is but the beginning, the prelude of the great and satisfactory results which must inevitably come to us and our posterity if we only give to this Institution that aid to which it is so justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. CARROLL,
Chairman.

The Committee to Nominate Stated Preachers for next session, reported as follows:

Introductory Sermon, Elder J. K. Faulkner, Alternate, Elder C. C. Newton; Missionary Sermon, Elder F. H. Ivey, Alternate, Elder J. R. Oliver.

O. BLACKBURN,
J. W. LANE,
W. H. THOMSON,
Committee.

The committee to revise the list of Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. Report adopted. See page 2.

The Trustees of the Ministers Relief Association, reported that on account of the inability to get a quorum no meeting had been held. On motion, the report was referred back to the Trustees of the Ministers Relief Society.

The Committee on Obituaries reported. Report adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to submit the following report: Death, with its busy and insatiable force, has been in our midst during the present associational year. We have the melancholy duty of informing you of the deaths of several prominent and useful brethren.

Shiloh church mourns the departure of Deacon Henry Marshburn. He was born in Onslow county, July 24th, 1814, joined Wells' Chapel church in 1843, afterwards transferred his membership to Shiloh in 1854, the place of his principal Christian activities. He served faithfully this latter church as a Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent.

We announce also, the death of brother Julius Moore, of Shiloh church, who was elected a Deacon but died before his ordination could be performed. He raised himself from the humblest walks of poverty to usefulness in his church and community.

Moore's Creek church has sustained a great loss by the death of Deacon Nathan R. Croom, who, for forty-three years walking humbly with his God, died in hope of a blissful immortality.

Solomon J. Faison, a member of Wells' Chapel church, died on the 2nd day of last April, in his 59th year. He was several times a Moderator of this body; a man of fine talents and culture, of singular amiable and gentle spirit; an efficient Sunday School Superintendent, and an efficient helper in all the work of his church and of this body. He was widely known and greatly beloved, and his death is a public loss.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. FAISON,
E. W. FARRIER,
A. B. MALLARD,
Committee.

Committee on Periodicals submitted report. It was adopted. Remarks by Elder N. B. Cobb in behalf of the *Biblical Recorder*,

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We report that a wider circulation among us of the *Biblical Recorder*, an able exponent and defender of our faith, and the *Foreign Mission Journal*, filled with tidings from our mission fields, is an imperative necessity to the successful prosecution of the work entrusted to us by our Divine Master. It is a humiliating fact that not even one copy of the *Recorder* reaches the membership of some of our churches. As to the *Foreign Mission Journal*, but few copies are taken among us, and many brethren do not know that such a paper is published. How can brethren feel much interest in that about which they have little or no information? We do earnestly recommend that the pastors and brethren who take the foregoing papers, and know something of them, will make greater efforts for their wider circulation. Then would follow, all along our lines, marks of advancement in Christian work, a surprising development of the grace of giving, and a better material and moral support to our pastors, missionaries and other Christian workers. We recommend to all our churches *Kind Words*, the excellent Sunday School paper published by Elder Boykin.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. ALLRITTON
N. B. COBB,
G. S. BEST,
Committee.

The following report is from the Finance Committee:

CHURCHES.	Itiner- auey.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Sunday Schools.	Minute Fund
Wilmington, First.....	\$.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 4 00
Wilmington, Second.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Riley's Creek.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 2 10	.....	2 00
Long Creek.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Moore's Creek.....	7 71	.....	\$ 7 74	.....	75	1 50
Bethlehem.....	4 00	.....	7 35	4 00	.....	1 50
Haw Bluff.....	4 00	\$ 2 00	5 00	2 00	.....	2 00
Lisbon.....	.....	.....	7 53	.....	.....	55
Boykin's Chapel.....	.....	.....	50	10 00	.....	2 50
Canetuck.....	.....	.....	3 85	2 50	.....	2 25
Shiloh.....	5 00	.....	3 81	.....	.....	1 50
Rowan.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Piney Grove, Sampson.....	11 86	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Canaan.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1 00
Fremont.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Bear Marsh.....	5 50	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 85
Mary's Chapel.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Warsaw.....	15 00	.....	9 00	.....	.....	1 35
Johnson's.....	11 30	.....	8 25	3 65	.....	1 80
Kenansville.....	5 00	.....	50	.....	.....	95
Magnolia.....	5 00	.....	4 95	.....	.....	2 00
Concord.....	9 71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Corinth.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Berea.....	.....	.....	1 30	.....	.....	1 50
Dobson's Chapel.....	2 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10
Island Creek.....	5 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Hallsville.....	1 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Rose Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
Union Chapel.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Capernaum.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40
Morehead City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Salem.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Bethel.....	3 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	1 65
Woodville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Goldsboro.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Newbern.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Meadow Bridge.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Masonboro.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
New Hope.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Poplar Grove.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25
Richlands.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 15
Mt. Gilead.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	90
Olive Branch.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Beulah.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	75
Falling Creek.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 20
Clinton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Mount Olive.....	12 49	.....	5 51	.....	.....	1 00
Mt. Holly.....	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....	1 05
Peneil.....	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	25

REPORT ON FINANCE—Continued.

CHURCHES.	Itiner- ancy.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Sunday Schools.	Minute Fund.
Kinston.....	\$ 6 57	\$ 6 57	\$ 6 57	\$ 6 57	\$ 6 57	\$ 2 00
Ministerial Education \$6.57 }						
Clinton, pledge.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Clerk of Association, collected at Association.....	.....	.....	18 42	.....	.....	.....
Well's Chapel.....	11 00	.....	2 87	.....	.....	1 50
Totals.....	\$210 07	8 57	\$87 97	\$33 22	\$ 7 32	\$66 20

J. M. MOSELEY,
S. M. CARLTON,
N. WEEKS,
Finance Committee.

NOTE.—The letter from Mount Calvary church came into the Clerk's hands after the meeting of the Association, so its amounts of contributions could not be given in the Finance Committee's report. The amounts are as follows: Associational Missions, \$3.50; Foreign Missions, \$5.00; Minute Fund, 85 cents. Total, \$9.35. The church sent \$3.65 last March to the Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention for Foreign Missions. The amounts will be applied as directed and duly accounted for.

The committee to nominate a Sunday School Board presented the following names, which report was confirmed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Elders W. M. Kennedy, J. L. Britt, Brethren Jesse T. Albritton, J. D. Roberts, S. M. Carlton.

On motion, it was resolved that the Sunday School Board and its Missionary be authorized to collect funds for their work during the year, and report all the amounts to the next session of the Association.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to draw on the Treasurer for the amount necessary to pay for printing and distributing the Minutes, and for his own allowance, and the Treasurer was ordered to give up the remaining part of the Minute Fund to the Executive Committee. The Clerk was ordered to have 1,250 copies of the Minutes printed for distribution, and was allowed \$15.00 for his services.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are tendered Bethel church and

community, for the kind entertainment to delegates and visitors; also to such railroad companies as passed delegates and visitors at reduced fares.

The following resolution, offered by Elder Faulkner, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to report, from the statements in the letters, and voucher, all the amounts contributed by our churches, during the year, to the various objects of benevolence.

Resolved, That a financial table be inserted in the minutes for such purpose.

No more business being presented, the Association adjourned to meet with the Magnolia church, Duplin county, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1881. After a hymn was sung, and the parting hand given, the benediction was pronounced by the Moderator, and so closed another pleasant session of the Eastern Baptist Association.

V. N. SEAWELL,
Clerk.

J. L. STEWART,
Moderator.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Clerk finds himself unable to make up the financial table required by Elder Faulkner's resolution, there being but few statements of such contributions during the year. The reports of the Finance Committee and Association, give accounts of all funds sent, so it is unnecessary to state them again. Money is collected all the year for various objects, but no account of it is ever sent to the Association, so due credit is not given for what is done by our Churches. Clerks of churches are requested to hereafter keep records of all contributions during the year, and state them in letters to the Association, so we can report what has been done.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Constituted.	Additions.				Diminutions.			Membership.				TIME OF MEETING.
		Baptized.	By Letter.	Expe- rience.	Resto- red.	By Letter.	Exclud- ed.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.	
Wilmington, First.....	.....	40	16	.....	4	11	8	7	119	245	...	364	Twice every Sunday.
Masonboro.....	.....	5	4	.....	.....	10	2	5	65	92	3	160	Fourth Sunday.
Olive Branch.....	1880	10	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	Third Sunday.
Meadow Bridge.....	1878	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	6	.....	11	Second Sunday.
Mount Holly.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	91	3	132	First Sunday.
Riley's Creek.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1	2	35	65	.....	100	Third Sunday.
Moore's Creek.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	47	74	.....	121	Fourth Sunday.
Long Creek.....	1871	4	.....	.....	1	.....	2	42	60	.....	.....	102	First Sunday.
Shiloh.....	1853	7	1	.....	1	7	1	10	49	146	.....	195	Third Sunday.
Can-stuck Chapel.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	31	37	.....	68	Fourth Sunday.
Bethlehem.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	1	33	82	.....	120	Second Sunday.
Haw Bluff.....	1859	.....	4	.....	.....	3	2	1	46	76	.....	122	Third Sunday.
Well's Chapel.....	1751	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	66	114	.....	180	Second Sunday.
Bethel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	17	41	.....	58	Fourth Sunday.
Lisbon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	.....	2	44	59	.....	103	First Sunday.
New Hope.....	.....	6	.....	.....	1	4	8	2	73	118	.....	191	Second Sunday.
Mount Gilead.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	38	85	.....	123	Fourth Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel.....	1846	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	52	96	.....	148	.....
Clinton.....	1855	2	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	18	45	.....	63	Third Sunday.
Beulah.....	1814	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1	1	21	32	.....	53	First Sunday.
Poplar Grove.....	1880	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	17	.....	28	.....
Piney Grove (Sampson).....	1846	11	1	1	.....	20	1	2	66	124	11	201	Second Sunday.
Canaan.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	26	8	33	Fourth Sunday.
Falling Creek.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	10	32	.....	42	Second Sunday.
Mt. Calvary.....	1875	1	.....	.....	2	1	1	.....	9	12	.....	21	2nd Sunday Evening.

Fremont.....	1875	1	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	11	.....	19	First Sunday.
Goldsboro.....	.....	2	7	.....	.....	9	12	1	55	111	.....	166	Twice every Sunday.
Mt. Olive.....	1869	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	4	2	35	66	.....	110	Fourth Sunday.
Bear Marsh.....	1763	16	3	.....	.....	4	2	2	48	124	.....	172	Third Sunday.
Mary's Chapel.....	1875	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	27	.....	48	Second Sunday.
Johnson's.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	3	2	1	37	83	16	136	First Sunday.
Kenansville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	1	16	44	.....	60	Second Sunday.
Warsaw.....	1855	.....	10	.....	1	5	9	2	107	157	.....	264	2nd and 3d Sundays.
Magnolia.....	.....	15	5	.....	.....	2	2	3	78	130	.....	208	Fourth Sunday.
Concord.....	1825	.....	2	.....	.....	3	3	1	28	55	18	110	First Sunday.
Corinth.....	1850	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	46	.....	74	.....
Berea.....	1844	23	7	.....	1	1	1	1	32	61	1	94	Third Sunday.
Island Creek.....	1803	12	.....	.....	.....	3	2	.....	57	115	.....	172	First Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel.....	1867	.....	.....	.....	2	1	2	.....	15	28	.....	43	First Sunday.
Hallsville.....	1807	1	.....	.....	.....	7	7	1	41	85	.....	126	Fourth Sunday.
Union Chapel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	1	7	30	.....	37	Fourth Sunday.
Richland's.....	1880	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	17	.....	21	1st and 4th Sundays.
Pencil.....	1880	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	4	.....	.....	12	.....
Rose Hill.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	6	10	.....	14	Third Sunday.
Salem.....	1877	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	7	12	.....	18	First Sunday.
Enon*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	2	.....	17	28	.....	43	Second Sunday.
Piney Grove* (Onslow).....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	25	34	.....	59	First Sunday.
Capernaum.....	1876	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	12	21	.....	33	Fourth Sunday.
Piney Grove* (Jones).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	49	.....	82	.....
Trenton*.....	1870	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	20	.....	26	.....
Union*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	20	.....	23	No preaching.
LaGrange.....	.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	21	47	.....	68	Fourth Sunday.
Kinston.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	1	23	41	.....	64	Every Sunday.
Newbern.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	4	39	105	.....	144	Every Sunday.
Morehead City.....	1873	.....	10	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	13	31	.....	44	Third Sunday.
Woodville.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	5	.....	14	23	.....	37	Fourth Sunday.
Beaufort.....	.....	10	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	41	53	.....	94	.....
Smyrna.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	59	.....	83	.....
*Taken from last year's Minutes.		211	91	2	24	108	90	54	2840	3485	80	6405	

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Number of Teachers.	Number of Pupils.	Volumes in Library
Wilmington, First.....	W. A. French.....	26	218	400
Olive Branch.....	W. H. Sweeden.....	3	16	.....
Masonboro.....	E. Hewlett.....	65	65	50
Meadow Bridge.....	James Andrews.....	6	30	100
Mt. Holly.....	Isaiah Carroll.....	5	38	.....
Riley's Creek.....	W. W. Larkins.....	7	40	50
Long Creek.....	Mrs. M. E. Herring.....	3	25	.....
Moore's Creek.....	J. L. Johnson.....	6	50	50
Canetuck Chapel.....	T. O. Flinn.....	7	40	135
Bethlehem.....	D. P. Bland.....	6	60	66
Shiloh.....	H. A. Bland.....	6	90	200
Haw Bluff.....	W. F. Brown.....	4	40	.....
Well's Chapel.....	L. R. Highsmith.....	9	100	150
Lisbon.....	C. H. Bronson.....	7	40	20
New Hope.....	L. R. Carroll.....	7	60	.....
Mt. Gilead.....	John J. Vann.....	10	92	.....
Boykin's Chapel.....	J. L. Boykin.....	8	80	30
Clinton.....	Union School.....	.....	.....	.....
Poplar Grove.....	R. R. Bell.....	.....	.....	.....
Piney Grove, Sampson.....	J. C. Hobbs.....	5	25	.....
Canaan.....	James Ingram.....	6	50	.....
Falling Creek.....	J. R. Hood, Jr.....	9	54	.....
Mt. Calvary.....	A. M. Prince.....	4	26	.....
Fremont.....	Thomas Clark.....	4	63	.....
Goldsboro.....	J. E. Peterson.....	13	100	.....
Mount Olive.....	J. F. Oliver.....	13	79	.....
Bear Marsh.....	Holds at different places.....	.....	.....	.....
Mary's Chapel.....	T. H. Rogers.....	5	25	.....
Johnson's.....	O. P. Middleton.....	10	50	.....
Warsaw.....	S. M. Carlton.....	6	75	.....
Magnolia.....	J. W. Swinson.....	9	50	.....
Concord.....	L. W. Robinson.....	4	40	.....
Corinth.....	J. T. Wilkins.....	6	50	20
Berea.....	V. N. Seawell.....	7	50	125
Island Creek.....	C. Harrell.....	10	48	50
Hallsville.....	Union School.....	4	31	.....
Kinston.....	R. H. Lewis.....	8	42	.....
Newbern.....	C. C. Clark.....	23	113	560
Woodville.....	Edward Simpson.....	5	25	.....

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST-OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST-OFFICES.
NEW HONOVER COUNTY		
Wilmington, First.....	J. B. Taylor, Wilmington...	J. W. Collins Wilmington...
Masonboro.....	A. A. Edwards, Cardova.....	G. W. Hewlett, Wilmington
Olive Branch.....	J. J. Beasley, Wilmington...	D. H. Workman, "
PENDER COUNTY.		
Meadow Bridge.....	A. B. Alderman Jacks'nville	E. M. Sidbury, Sloop Point
Mt. Holly.....	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	Isa Carroll, So. Washington
Riley's Creek.....	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia.	W. W. Larkins, Long Creek
Long Creek.....	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington...	J. H. Brinson, "
Moore's Creek.....	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	G. W. Woodcock, Pt. Caswell
Canetuck Chapel.....	W. H. Howard, Pt. Caswell.	D. J. Corbett, Natmore.....
Bethlehem.....	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	B. F. Keith, Sr., Still Bluff...
Shiloh.....	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek
BLADEN COUNTY.		
Haw Bluff.....	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	J. F. Croom, Point Caswell.
SAMPSON COUNTY.		
Well's Chapel.....	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's S
Lisbon.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	R. Herring, Herringsville...
Bethel.....	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	M. H. Oates, Taylor's Bridge
New Hope.....	H. S. Spivey, Clinton.....	J. L. Carroll, Six Runs.....
Mt. Gilead.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	John J. Vann, Clinton.....
Clinton.....	" " " "	C. P. Johnson, "
Beulah.....	J. L. Britt, Warsaw.....	John T. Moore, Warsaw.....
Poplar Grove.....	" " " "	W. D. Stevens, Faison.....
Piney Grove.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	J. W. Lane, "
Canaan.....	Jno. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	R. T. Carr, Newton Grove...
WAYNE COUNTY.		
Falling Creek.....	" " " "	M. E. Britt, Grantham's Str
Mt. Calvary.....	" " " "	R. A. Parker, Brogden's Mill
Fremont.....	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia.	G. W. Merritt, Fremont.....
Goldsboro.....	F. H. Ivey, Goldsboro.....	J. M. Hollowell, Goldsboro.
Mt. Olive.....	J. N. Stallings, Warsaw.....	A. S. Davis, Mt. Olive.....
DUPLIN COUNTY.		
Bear Marsh.....	J. L. Britt, Warsaw.....	B. J. Millard, Mt. Olive.....
Mary's Chapel.....	G. S. Best, Kenansville.....	F. M. Southerland, K'nville
Johnson's.....	H. S. Spivey, Clinton.....	O. P. Middleton, Magnolia...
Kenansville.....	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia.	D. J. Middleton, Warsaw.....
Magnolia.....	" " " "	G. W. Carroll, Magnolia.....
Concord.....	G. W. Hufham, Warsaw.....	L. R. Matthews, Rose Hill...
Corinth.....	No Pastor.....	Ira J. Johnson, "
Berea.....	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington...	V. N. Seawell, Wallace.....
Island Creek.....	G. S. Best, Kenansville.....	H. T. Savage, "
Dobson's Chapel.....	" " " "	T. Kilpatrick, Hallsville...
Hallsville.....	" " " "	J. D. Brown, "
ONSLOW COUNTY.		
Richlands.....	E. A. Best, Richlands.....	H. Marshburn, Richland's..
Union Chapel.....	A. B. Alderman, Jacksonv'le	Jno. Marshburn Cath. Lake
Peniel.....	D. F. Aman, Jacksonville...	S. M. Clouts.....
Rose Hill.....	A. B. Alderman, " "	D. N. Page, Tar Landing.....
Salem.....	" " " "	G. A. Newby, Beaufort.....
Capernaum.....	No Pastor.....	J. R. White, Maysville.....
LENOIR COUNTY.		
Kinston.....	J. K. Faulkner, Kinston.....	James F. Hill, Kinston.....
CRAVEN COUNTY.		
Newbern.....	F. W. Eason, Newbern.....	F. W. Hancock, Newbern...
CARTERET COUNTY.		
Morehead City.....	T. J. Leary, Beaufort.....	J. T. Eaton, Holly wood.....
Woodville.....	" " " "	Edward Simpson, Beaufort..
Davis' Shore.....	" " " "	" " " "
Smyrna.....	" " " "	" " " "

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, back-biting 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 offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the 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 the principles of God's word.

Constitution of the Eastern Baptist 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 delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that church.

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 annually chosen 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 this 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, which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have the power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10—The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

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

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 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 arise 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 its 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, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10.—After a motion is 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 so do, 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 of votes.

Rules of Decorum for the Churches.

1.—We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business, also special meetings whenever requisite.

2.—The names of the members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3.—At every Conference, the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator, and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem*, who shall open Conference by devotional exercises.

4.—The Clerk shall keep a church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5.—An invitation will be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6.—Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7.—Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject unless by permission of the Church.

8.—No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

9.—It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the Church, the aggrieved party shall have attended to the instructions of the Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the Church, shall be the subject of discipline.

10.—All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any one who may vote in the affirmative.

11.—The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12.—These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the Churches that comprise this body.