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PROCEEDINGS.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH, Pender Co., N. C.,
October 9th, 1883.

The Eastern Baptist Association met in its Thirty-ninth Annual Session at the church at Bethlehem.

Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. M. Kennedy. Text—I Kings, 17: 4.

Adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder J. L. Stewart, the former Moderator, called the Association to order, and Elder T. J. Leary conducted religious exercises.

L. T. Carroll was appointed Clerk, pro. tem.

On a call of the roll a majority of the churches were found to be represented.

L. R. Carroll and D. J. Corbett were appointed Reading Clerks.

A Committee of Finance was appointed, as follows: L. R. Highsmith, E. L. Larkins and J. T. Bland.

A Committee on Religious Exercises was appointed, consisting of the Pastor and Deacons of this church, and B. F. Keith, Sr., and T. O. Flinn.

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

ANTIOCH—Elder W. B. Knight.
BARLOW CHAPEL—James Andrews, Elder D. F. Aman.
BEAR MARSH—W. P. Kornegay. (No letter.)
BEREA—Hiram B. Stallings.
BEAUFORT—Elder T. A. Reid.
BETHEL—C. C. Johnson, N. F. Register.
BETHLEHEM—R. W. Pridgen, W. P. Croom, B. F. Keith.
BEULAH—J. T. Byrd.
BOYKIN'S CHAPEL—J. L. Boykin, L. M. Boykin.
CAINTUCK—Andrew Moore, D. J. Corbett, T. O. Flinn.
CANAAH—R. T. Carr, T. E. Howard.
CLINTON—Elder J. L. Stewart, D. M. Peterson.
COLVIN'S CREEK—W. P. Woodcock, D. L. Gurganus.
CONCORD—W. A. Moore, J. C. Boone, J. W. Boone.
CORINTH—J. C. Williams.

DOBSON'S CHAPEL—O. N. P. Bostick, J. W. Teachey, J. R. Dobson.
 EMMA'S CHAPEL—Henry Cox, Bryant Cox.
 ENON—W. J. Montfort.
 FALLING CREEK—E. B. Jordan, Jesse Brock.
 FORT BARNWELL—(By letter.)
 GOLDSBORO—Theo. Whitfield, D. D., R. A. Highsmith.
 HALLSVILLE—J. D. Brown.
 HAW BLUFF—S. B. Andrews, N. H. Barnhill, P. C. Colvin.
 ISLAND CREEK—C. C. Teachey, Enoch Rouse.
 JOHNSON'S—Elder W. M. Kennedy, D. S. Kennedy, D. C. Middleton.
 KENANSVILLE—D. J. Middleton.
 LISBON—C. G. Robinson, J. P. Parker.
 LONG CREEK—W. H. White, W. D. Mahn, J. H. Brinson.
 MAGNOLIA—H. M. Swinson, H. W. Carroll.
 MAPLE HILL—(By letter.)
 MARY'S CHAPEL—Elder G. S. Best.
 MASONBORO—M. C. Walton, Samuel Fields.
 MOORES CREEK—J. E. Woodcock, J. B. Croom, E. L. Larkins.
 MOREHEAD CITY—Elder T. J. Leary, J. T. Eaton.
 MT. CALVARY—G. F. Parker, Elder J. T. Albritton, A. M. Prince.
 MT. GILEAD—A. C. PETERSON, I. D. Alderman, B. Matthis.
 MT. HOLLY—L. T. Carroll, O. B. Garriss, Isaiah Carroll.
 MT. OLIVE—Whitman Price.
 NEWBERN—Elder C. A. Jenkins.
 NEW HOPE—L. R. Carroll, W. H. Colwell, C. E. Daniels.
 OLIVE BRANCH—Elder J. B. Barlow.
 PINEY GROVE, (Jones)—B. F. Dillahunt, J. H. Rhodes, Stephen Hall.
 PINEY GROVE, (Onslow)—(By letter.)
 PINEY GROVE, (Sampson)—John Matthews, Thos. Hobbs, J. W. Lane.
 POLLOCKSVILLE—William Koonce.
 POPLAR GROVE—(By letter.)
 RILEY'S CREEK—G. W. Walker.
 ROSE HILL—D. N. Page.
 SALEM—D. R. Cannady.
 SHILOH—J. T. Bland, A. T. Herring, H. A. Bland.
 SNOW HILL—Elder W. B. Knight.
 UNION—(By letter.)
 WARSAW—A. M. Faison.
 WELL'S CHAPEL—Elder J. P. Faison, L. K. Taylor, L. R. Highsmith.
 WILMINGTON—Alfred Alderman, J. R. Marshall.
 WOODVILLE—(By letter.)

Churches not represented—Capernaum, Davis' Shore, Fremont, Kinston, LaGrange, Middle Sound, Myrtle Grove, Peniel, Smyrna, Trenton, Union Chapel, Young Bethel.

Delegates present, 97. Churches represented, 56; churches unrepresented, 12.

The letters from Canaan and Morehead City were laid on the table. The letter from Piney Grove, (Onslow,) was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Association went into an election for officers.

The following brethren were appointed Tellers: To take the ballot for Moderator, W. J. Montfort, D. C. Middleton; Clerk, J. W. Boone, L. K. Taylor; Treasurer, D. R. Cannady, G. W. Walker.

Elder J. L. Stewart was elected Moderator; L. T. Carroll, Clerk; and A. M. Faison, Treasurer.

Bro. Kennedy read a letter from bro. Ivey, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Pollocksville and Maple Hill churches were admitted into the Association under the call for petitionary letters. The letter from Pollocksville, asking for the next session of the Association, was laid on the table.

It was announced by the Committee on Religious Exercises that Dr. Whitfield would conduct a prayer meeting service to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M., and that Elder A. G. McMannaway would preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

October 10th, 1883.

Religious exercises were conducted by Dr. Whitfield, after which the Association came to order, and roll of churches and delegates was called.

Proceedings read and approved.

Elder A. G. McMannaway accepted the invitation to visiting brethren, as Vice President of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, for North Carolina, and agent for the "Recorder."

Elder J. P. Faison moved that the usual committees be appointed.

Dr. Whitfield moved that a committee be raised on the subject of Requests.

The committees were announced as follows:

Foreign Missions.—W. M. Kennedy, H. Croom, Alfred Alderman.
State and Home Missions.—A. F. McMannaway, T. A. Reid, D. F. Aman.

Education.—D. S. Kennedy, Wm. Moore, Newton Alderman.
Periodicals.—Theo. Whitfield, G. S. Best, J. R. Marshall.
To Appoint Executive Committee.—J. B. Barlow, J. L. Boykin, G. A. Herring.

Sunday Schools.—C. A. Jenkins, C. S. Cashwell, M. C. Walton.
Temperance.—W. B. Knight, T. J. Leary, S. G. Hall.
To Audit Treasurer's Account.—W. J. Montfort, B. Matthews, B. F. Dillahunt.

To Revise List of Trustees of Warsaw High School.—C. A. Jenkins, J. W. Lane, L. R. Carroll.

To Nominate Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention.—Warren Pridgen, James Andrews, Henry Cox.

To Nominate Preachers for next Association.—C. G. Robinson, W. P. Woodcock, E. B. Jordan.

Requests.—L. R. Carroll, J. T. Eaton, R. A. Highsmith.
Obituaries.—J. P. Faison, G. S. Best, W. M. Kennedy.

Bro. Croom moves that any member, visiting another Association, be authorized to act as a delegate.

Bro. Lane reports for Executive Committee. After motion to adopt, remarks were made by brethren Faison and Reid—bro. Reid making special reference to Morehead City.

Pending the motion to adopt, L. R. Carroll moved that the list of churches be called for amounts to be pledged for the church at Morehead City. Carried.

Motion to adopt the report of the Executive Committee passed.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have cause to thank God for the blessings which have crowned the labors of our missionaries during the past year.

MISSIONARIES EMPLOYED.

We have had in our employment, for the whole or a part of their time, the following brethren: W. B. Knight, T. J. Leary, T. A. Reid, C. S. Cashwell and D. F. Aman.

WORK DONE.

Rev. W. B. Knight has preached at five out stations and two churches; has administered the Lord's Supper twice, baptized three, preached sixty-five sermons, attended forty-seven prayer meetings, visited fourteen Sunday-schools and sixty-four families, and received six by letter.

Rev. T. A. Reid reports forty weeks of missionary work. He has held one protracted meeting, received two by letter, preached at two churches and one out station, administered the Lord's Supper twice, baptized fourteen, preached one hundred and nine sermons, attended forty prayer meetings, visited twenty-five Sabbath-schools and two hundred and eighty-one families.

Rev. T. J. Leary has preached at Woodville and Davis' Shore—baptized at the first named church four, at the latter eighteen.

Rev. C. S. Cashwell reports having preached at twenty-three churches and stations, one hundred and thirty-five sermons, ten baptisms, and about \$250 collected in the field.

Rev. W. M. Kennedy reports about forty days missionary labor within your bounds, baptized and received by letter thirty-five, organized a church at Maple Hill in Pender County, held a protracted meeting at Shaw's school-house resulting in much good, visited some other points, and collected in the field his traveling expenses and \$25.

Rev. D. F. Aman reports having preached regularly at two churches, visited and preached at two churches and two out stations, and baptized five.

Dear brethren, we lay before you the work of the year, in the hope that it may meet your approval. We may have made mistakes and blunders, but have done the best we could under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, Chairman.

Bro. McMannaway moved the adoption of the following report:

Resolved, That this Association will pay that part of the amount to be raised by this State, assigned us by the State Board.

This resolution was discussed at length by bro. McMannaway, after which, by consent of the Association, it was withdrawn. Bro. McMannaway's discussion was adopted by the Association as its Missionary Sermon.

Report of Trustees of the Warsaw High School was read by L. R. Carroll, and adopted after remarks by C. A. Jenkins and W. M. Kennedy.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

In our report to your body, at its Annual Session, held with the church at Piney Grove, Sampson County, in October, 1879, we stated that we had leased the entire school property to Rev. J. N. Stallings for ten years, beginning June, 1879, and ending June, 1889, at a yearly rental of \$75, to be applied to the repair and improvement of the property.

The sadly depreciated condition of the buildings and surroundings was such that during the first year the lessee was compelled to apply four years rent in necessary repairs.

About the beginning of the present year, Rev. J. N. Stallings transferred his lease to Rev. C. A. Jenkins, who, in turn, transferred the same, about the first of July, to Rev. W. M. Kennedy & Son, with a debt of \$350 resting on the property from cause aforesaid—general depreciation of buildings, &c. This debt, which the present Principals necessarily assumed, will prevent them from making but little if any improvement during the remainder of the term of the lease.

It is estimated that \$250 are now required to put the necessary repairs on and about the property.

The prospects of the school are truly encouraging. There are now seventy pupils in attendance, twenty-three of whom board in the Institution, representing six counties.

The Principals have two thoroughly competent and efficient assistants in their corps of instructors; others will be secured as the necessities of the school demand.

Mr. D. S. Kennedy, Ph. B., is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Miss L. B. Kennedy, a graduate of Raleigh Seminary, and Miss Estelle Armstrong, a graduate of Culpepper Seminary, Va. All members of the Baptist denomination, and thoroughly qualified as instructors of the young, and are worthy of the confidence and patronage, not only of the Baptists of the Eastern Association, but of every section of our State.

The discipline of the school is strict and firm, yet kindly and affectionately administered. Especial attention is also given to the moral and religious training of each pupil in attendance.

Instructions are given in English, Mathematics, Ancient and Modern Languages, Science, Music and Art. The boarding department is under the immediate supervision of Rev. W. M. Kennedy and lady. Good board can be procured with them or in the village, from \$8 to \$10 per month. Brethren, this is our work, our Institution, and with a reasonable effort we can make it all its most sanguine friends ever anticipated.

L. R. CARROLL, Chairman.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced preaching in the grove by Rev. T. A. Reid.

Adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Dr. Whitfield read the report on Periodicals. It was adopted after remarks by brethren Whitfield and McMannaway.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Believing that good Baptist literature is necessary to the best progress of the Master's work in our country, we urge upon the churches and ministers of this Association to increase the circulation of the "Biblical

Recorder," published at Raleigh, N. C., "Kind Words," Macon, Ga., and the "Foreign Mission Journal," Richmond, Va.

We are gratified to see the improved style of the "Recorder;" we approve its courageous and christian spirit: and we regret that so few copies seem to be taken within our bounds.

THEO. WHITFIELD,
G. S. BEST,
JNO. R. MARSHALL,
Committee.

The report of the Sunday School Board was read by bro. L. R. Carroll, and adopted after remarks by brethren L. R. Carroll, J. S. Allen and J. W. Taylor.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

We find from the Sunday School statistics in the letters sent up that only thirty-eight churches report Sabbath-schools, with two hundred and eighty-eight teachers and two thousand two hundred and sixty-one pupils.

During the year we have corresponded with most of these schools, and met in mass-meeting with some of them, aided in the organization of others, and succeeded in introducing our own lesson helps in others.

While we feel encouraged at the progress already made in the work, much, very much, remains to be done. Surely we ought not and cannot feel satisfied until there is a school in every church and neighborhood in the Association, surely we should desire this for the good of the churches, for the spiritual development of the individual members of the same, as well as for the eternal safety of the children of every community that know nothing about Jesus and his great salvation.

Inasmuch, therefore, as we believe that christian character can only be developed by means of pure biblical instruction, and as a flood of cheap and unsafe literature is making its way into every section of our land, that to guard and develop that faith and general christian character of our members, we do earnestly recommend that every church and Sabbath-school within our bounds, use only the lesson helps furnished by the American Baptist Publication Society, of Philadelphia, which, for mechanical execution and intrinsic worth, cannot be surpassed by any other publishing house within the limits of the entire Sunday-school world.

L. R. CARROLL, Chairman.

Brethren Rhodes and Hall, from Piney Grove, (Jones,) were excused from remainder of session.

Report of the Committee to Nominate Executive Committee read by the Clerk, and on motion, adopted. (See second page.)

Report on Education read by bro. D. S. Kennedy, and on motion adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

BRETHREN:—We, the Committee on Education, take pleasure in reporting that there is a general awakening upon this subject throughout the state; so far as we have been able to learn, all institutions of learning are well sustained, and especially, is this true of the Baptist schools. Wake Forest College has about thirty students who are studying for the ministry. The majority of these young brethren are depending upon the Educational Board for support. Their devotion to the cause of Christ, their efforts in trying to prepare themselves for this work; and the great demand for an educated ministry call strongly upon us for our

sympathy, prayers and money, to aid them in their undertakings. The Chowan Baptist Female Institute is receiving the support that its merit so richly deserves, while our own school at Warsaw is in a prosperous condition.

Brethren, in view of the enthusiasm and demands of a progressive age, let us bestir ourselves, and not lag behind in the great struggle for popular education.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID S. KENNEDY,
WM. A. MOORE,
NEWTON ALDERMAN,
Committee.

Report on Sunday Schools read by Rev. C. A. Jenkins, and on motion, adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We rejoice to know that the Sabbath-school work is widening in its influence and growing yearly in favor with our people. It is now generally admitted to be a necessity in a well regulated church, and the interest in this great work, seems never to have been greater than now.

We recommend the use of the lesson helps, so far as may be deemed practical, as published by the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. JENKENS,
C. S. CASHWELL.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. W. M. Kennedy. Motion was made to adopt. Remarks by brethren Kennedy, Whitfield, Reid, and L. R. Carroll.

Pending the motion to adopt, bro. L. R. Carroll moved that the list of churches be called for Foreign Mission pledges. Remarks by brethren Faison, Best and Reid. Motion passed and the following pledges were made:

Bethel, \$7.00; Beulah, \$2.50; Clinton, \$5.00; Corinth, \$2.00; Concord, \$2.00; Enon, \$2.00; Falling Creek, \$2.50; Goldsboro, \$25.00; Haw Bluff, \$1.00; Johnson's Church, (Duplin,) \$5.00; Long Creek, \$2.00; Mary's Chapel, \$5.00; Masonboro, \$2.00; Morehead City, \$2.00; Mt. Calvary, \$4.00; Mt. Gilead, \$5.00; Mt. Holly, \$5.00; Newbern, \$25.00; New Hope, \$15.00; Piney Grove, (Jones) \$3.00; Piney Grove, (Sampson,) \$5.00; Riley's Creek, \$2.00; Rose Hill, \$1.00; Warsaw, \$15.00; Well's Chapel, \$10.00; Wilmington, \$28.00; Boykin's Chapel, \$5.00; Woodville, \$2.00; Pollocks-ville, \$3.00.—Total, \$193.00.

Motion to adopt report passed.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions report, that the command of our Saviour, to his ministers, is to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; and the burden of supporting the gospel in all lands falls with equal force upon both minister and people. The Foreign Mission Board has mission stations in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, and Mexico. We rejoice to learn that God is blessing the work at all points now occupied by the missionaries of the Board, but it is painful to see the great indifference of our people upon this work of the Church of Christ. We feel that great importance attaches to the cause just now

from the fact that God has raised up in our midst a dear young brother who has given his life to the work of Foreign Missions. We earnestly recommend to this body to take steps, at an early day, to sustain in whole or in part, this servant of the Lord, while he devotes his life and his all to this great work.

Respectfully,

W. M. KENNEDY, Chairman.

The report of the Committee to revise the list of Trustees of the Warsaw High School was read by Elder C. A. Jenkins and, on motion, adopted.

A motion to reconsider the report on Education was made, and the report was handed back to the committee.

A motion to reconsider the motion by which the report of the Executive Committee was adopted, was made, and Associational Missions was made special at the beginning of the morning session.

On motion brethren J. T. Byrd and Jesse Brock were excused from the remainder of the session.

Report on Temperance was read by Rev. W. B. Knight, and on motion, adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee to whom the subject of Temperance was referred beg leave to report: The great evil of intemperance, in our midst, demands on the part of Christians prompt and careful action. That it is an evil no one will deny, and it is one that is sometimes too lightly considered by Christians and churches. We would, therefore, recommend that the churches comprising this Association exercise all the means in their power to eradicate it from our midst.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. B. KNIGHT,
T. J. LEARY,
S. G. HALL,
Committee.

The report on Home and State Missions was read by Elder T. A. Reid.

REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home and State Missions make the following report: The work committed to the Southern Baptists is one of great importance, and it behooves us who are of this Association to awake to a keen sense of duty respecting the part that belongs to us. The importance of this work is manifested by a survey of the field. In every direction we look, we see the "field white unto the harvest." The Western Territories furnish a field that ought to be occupied for Christ—Mexico, New Mexico and Arizona.

THE INDIANS.

Among these wronged people the work is encouraging to a great degree. A Manual Labor School is located at Wetumpka, Creek Nations, Maj. J. G. Vore superintends it. There are about one hundred pupils and about one hundred acres of land in cultivation. The boys and girls are taught such things as will make them useful citizens.

The receipts of the Home Mission Board for the last conventional year were, \$45,195.27. It had in its employ ninety-five persons whose labors were very greatly blessed under God to the building of the waste place of Zion. To meet all the demands of this great field twice the amount of last year must be raised.

San Francisco, Cal., is the seat of our Missions for the Chinese. Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Mrs. Hartwell, and Mrs. J. L. Sanford are working hard to give the gospel to these people.

Among the Creeks are Rev. W. P. Blake, Rev. Wm. McCombs and Mrs. H. F. Buckner. There are thirty churches with a membership of twenty-five thousand. Among the Choctaws, Rev. A. F. Rooks, and Rev. R. J. Hogue are missionaries. Rev. Willis Burns and Rev. S. Lambright preach to the Chickasaws. Rev. Wesley Smith preaches to the wild tribes of the west.

Florida, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana, with their thousands, call for help. New Orleans, the great Southern seaport of the future, must have help. Churches must be built.

The colored people must have help in every way they need.

In view of the great facts before us, be it therefore

Resolved, That this Association accept the apportionment made by our State Board and endeavor to raise it. This amount is \$195, and it is desired that it be raised by the 1st of April.

With reference to State Missions we feel that we could not do better than to adopt as our report bro. Ray's "What will we do?" taken from the *Recorder*.

WHAT WILL WE DO?

"I have just made a close calculation of the liabilities of the State Mission Board—the amounts necessary to go up to the Convention out of debt,—and find them to be \$2,200. Now 'what will we do?' Will we all come up to the help of the Board and pay off this amount by the first of November or not? This is a very serious question. Upon it depend the operations of the Board for the next and many succeeding years.

"I believe that much of the success of our Board, under God, for the past six years has been the result of our paying as we went. For that length of time the Board has studiously avoided making appropriations which they could not meet. And the work has moved grandly forward, until instead of nine missionaries, we now have fifty-four, occupying important fields in almost every Association and section of North Carolina, from the sea coast beyond the mountain tops. And not only so, but the last one of those 'twenty-seven towns' in the State without Baptist preaching has been occupied for Jesus. I say that I believe this success is largely due to the fact that from year to year we have paid all our liabilities. Now what will we do?"

"We cannot afford to give this State Mission work, which lies at the foundation of all our other beneficent enterprises a backset. We cannot afford to carry up a debt. It would cripple our efforts for years. In looking over the minutes of the Convention of ten or twelve years ago, this Board became very seriously embarrassed by a debt, which accumulated from year to year until it reached two thousand dollars. As a result operations were suspended and no missionaries were appointed, and the work stood still for months. What will we do now? Are we willing to see such a state of affairs again? I believe every Baptist in the State will answer, 'No!'"

"Well, then, we must *work, work, WORK*. If all will aid, it will become a light burden. Let some good brother at every Union meeting take up a collection and send to bro. Montague immediately for State Missions. And let all the pastors in their churches take up a special collection for us. If you have already taken one, take another. This requires special work, and no good brother will object to a special effort for this work.

"The question now recurs, 'What will you do?' What is done must be done by the first of November.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. RAY, Cor. Sec.

T. A. REID,
D. F. AMAN,
Committee.*

* Bro. McMannaway could not remain until this report was submitted, as he had to leave for another Association.

A motion made to adopt the report, was followed by a motion to make it a matter of special order just after the consideration of Associational Missions.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that there would be prayer-meeting to-morrow at 9 o'clock, and that Dr. Whitfield would preach at 10:30. On motion adopted.

On motion adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THIRD DAY.

October 11th, 1883.

Association called to order.

Bro. C. D. Pridgen, of the Cape Fear Association, and Elder C. S. Farriss, of the "Recorder," reported themselves as visitors.

Caintuck and Mt. Olive responded to the call for letters.

Bro. Lane moved that the usual collection be taken at the stand, and that the amount collected be equally divided between State and Associational Missions. The motion passed.

Bro. Kennedy offers, by consent of the Association, (as the time for a special order had arrived,) the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Union Relief Society be, and hereby is authorized to collect any moneys belonging to said Society and to invest the same in the way he may think it will accomplish most good, provided, however, that in no instance shall he make investments without making the same secure to the Society.

Special order (Associational Missions) was taken up.

Bro. Lane moved that the list of the Churches be called for pledges. Remarks by C. S. Cashwell, L. R. Carroll, W. B. Knight, G. S. Best, and J. T. Bland.

A call for the previous question was made. The call was sustained, and pledges made as follows:

Antioch, \$5.00; Barlow's Chapel, \$5.00; Berea, \$3.00; Beulah, \$5.00; Boykin's Chapel, \$5.00; Caintuck, \$10.00; Clinton, \$10.00; Corinth, \$10.00; Dobson's Chapel, \$3.00; Emma's Chapel, \$5.00; Enon, \$10.00; Falling Creek, \$7.50; Hallsville, \$3.00; Haw Bluff, \$10.00; Island Creek, \$10.00; Johnsons, \$15.00; Kenansville, \$10.00; Lisbon, \$10.00; Long Creek, \$3.00; Magnolia, \$10.00; Mary's Chapel, \$10.00; Masonboro, \$1.00; Moore's Creek, \$5.00; Morehead City, \$5.00; Mt. Calvary, \$5.00; Mt. Gilead, \$10.00; Mt. Holly, \$5.00; New Hope, \$20.00; Piney Grove, (Jones,) \$5.00; Piney Grove, (Onslow,) \$5.00; Piney Grove, (Sampson,) \$10.00; Pollocksville, \$3.00; Riley's Creek, \$8.00; Warsaw, \$25.00; Well's Chapel, \$10.00; Wilmington, \$30.00; Woodville, \$5.00. Individual Pledges: Miss R. E. Wright, \$2.00; Miss Helen E. Faison, \$1.00; Mrs. Cornelia Croom, \$1.00; Mrs. Helen Pridgen, \$1.00; Mrs. Caroline Malpass, 50 cents; Rev. W. B. Knight, \$2.00; Delegates of Concord, \$1.00 each, \$3.00; Rev. C. A. Jenkins, \$10.00; D. N. Page, \$1.00; D. R. Cannady, \$2.00; Whitman Price, paid \$2.00; D. J. Moore, paid 50 cents.—Total, \$337.50.

Bro. Kennedy made a statement, by consent, with regard to P. H. Kornegay, of Bear Marsh Church. On motion the brother was recognized as a delegate.

The next special order (Home and State Missions) was then taken up. Bro. Reid made remarks. Bro. Lane called for previous question. The call was sustained and report adopted.

Bro. L. R. Carroll read the report of the Committee on Requests. On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT ON REQUESTS.

The Committee on Requests make the following report: We recommend that the letter from Piney Grove, (Onslow,) be referred to the Executive Committee. That the request of the church at Canaan, asking for a letter of dismission from this body, be granted. That the request of the church at Pollocksville, asking for the next session of this Association, be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. CARROLL, Chairman.

On motion all who wished to leave on the boat were excused.

On motion the delegates from Boykin's Chapel were excused.

On motion, brethren Eaton and Leary were excused.

Bro. D. S. Kennedy read the report on Education. A motion to adopt was made. Remarks by Rev. W. M. Kennedy.*

On motion the list of churches was called for pledges for Ministerial Education, and pledges were made as follows:

Caintuck, \$2.00; Clinton, \$5.00; Long Creek, \$2.00; Mt. Holly, \$5.00; New Hope, \$5.00; Piney Grove, (Sampson,) \$2.00; Pollocksville, \$2.00; Shiloh, paid \$5.00; Well's Chapel \$5.00. Individual Pledge: Miss Rachel Wright, \$2.00.—Total \$35.00.

The Committee to Audit Treasurer's Account reported that they had examined the account of the Treasurer of the Association, and that of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee, and found them correct. On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. Robinson read the report of the Committee to nominate Preachers for next Association. On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT—PREACHERS FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

The Committee to nominate Preachers for the next Association beg leave to report: Introductory Sermon, Elder C. A. Jenkins; Alternate, Elder G. S. Best. Missionary Sermon, Elder J. N. Stallings; Alternate, Elder R. C. Sandling.

Respectfully submitted,

C. G. ROBINSON,

E. B. JORDAN,

W. P. WOODCOCK,

Committee.

* The report as revised by Committee is to be found on the 8th page.

On motion the Committee on Obituaries were allowed to take more time and to send their report to the Clerk.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries report that since our last meeting death has invaded the ranks of our ministry and one of the number has been called away. Rev. Jno. R. Oliver has passed to his rest. He died at the residence of his brother, Jas. F. Oliver, Esq., in Mt. Olive, in May last. Through life our brother was an invalid, and his afflictions were of such a character as to almost disqualify him for any duty in life; yet, after he entered the public ministry, he labored a great deal in the vineyard of the Lord. In fact it was a surprise to many, how he accomplished the amount of traveling and preaching that he did. Aside from his deep afflictions of body, which pressed heavily upon his mind, he was a man of fine qualities both of head and heart. He descended from a family who loved and feared the Lord; and professing the religion of Christ in his youth, he led a life of strict morality and integrity until the day of his death. Bro. Oliver was educated at Wake Forest College, and from early training and extensive reading he became a man of more than ordinary information. His last affliction was long and deeply painful. At first he was restless and impatient, but finally became resigned to the will of his Master, and died in the hope of a glorious immortality beyond the grave.

We are pained, also, to announce the death of bro. Wm. Friar, a Deacon of Bethel church, which sad event occurred at his home in Sampson county, in December last. Bro. Friar was an active member of the church and an energetic citizen, a good husband and father, and a kind neighbor and friend. His death was a great loss both to his church and to the community at large. Truly a good and useful man has gone to his reward. We extend our sympathies to his family and to his church.

We are also called on to announce the death, within the past year, of bro. Owen Fennell, of Well's Chapel church. Bro. Fennell was through life a man of prominence and of great influence. Thus another one of the landmarks has been removed. Another of the tried and true ones has gone to his reward.

Dear brethren in Christ, let us keep our lamps trimmed and burning, knowing that the time is short.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY.
G. S. BEST,
J. P. FAISON,
Committee.

Bro. L. R. Highsmith read the report of the Committee on Finance which, on motion, was adopted. (See Table.)

Bro. L. R. Carroll, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved. That a vote of thanks is hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generous liberality in sustaining the present session of this Association. Also to Capt. R. P. Paddison for favors to delegates and visitors.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized "to pay over, the several amounts of money in his hands, to the persons to whom they were due."

On motion, the Clerk was ordered to have fifteen hundred copies of the minutes printed, and was allowed \$15.00 for his services. He was also ordered to prepare a suitable form for

Church Letter and to have a sufficient number of copies printed for distribution among the churches.

The Association then adjourned to meet at Pollocksville, on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1884.

Then the brethren, while singing a most appropriate hymn, bade one another a tearful good-bye, after which they were dismissed with the benediction.

J. L. STEWART, Moderator.

L. T. CARROLL, Clerk.

FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

PLACE OF MEETING: Pollocksville, Jones county, N. C.

TIME: Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1884.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON: Elder C. A. Jenkins; Alternate, Elder G. S. Best.

MISSIONARY SERMON: Elder J. N. Stallings; Alternate, Elder R. C. Sandling.

REPORT TREASURER OF ASSOCIATION.

A. M. FAISON, *In account with the Eastern Association:*

DR.

Amount received from the Finance Committee, Oct. 4th, 1882. ... \$627 31

CR.

Paid Charles E. Taylor, for State Missions,.....	\$276 15
" Treasurer of the Executive Committee,.....	247 40
" C. S. Farriss, for State Missions,.....	12 50
" " " Foreign Missions,.....	12 50
" F. H. Ivey, Clerk, for Printing Minutes and Clerk's Fees,.....	81 00
	<u>\$629 55</u>

Examined and found correct,

B. MATTHEWS,
B. F. DILLAHUNT,
W. J. MONTFORD,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. J. MIDDLETON, *In account with Eastern Association:*

DR.

To bal. on hand last year,.....	\$221 00
" Riley's Creek,.....	8 04
" Bear Marsh,.....	3 45
" Bethel,.....	5 00
" Public Collection at same,.....	4 80
" Kenansville,.....	4 26
" Boykin's Chapel, (old pledge,).....	10 00
" Beaufort,.....	5 00
" Public Collection at Chinquepin,.....	3 64
" Magnolia,.....	3 24
" Wilmington, 1st church,.....	26 50
" Treasurer of Association,.....	260 35
	<u>\$555 28</u>

CR.

Paid C. S. Cashwell,.....	\$250 00
" W. B. Knight,.....	100 00
" T. A. Reid,.....	100 00
" W. M. Kennedy,.....	25 00
" T. J. Leary,.....	25 00
" D. F. Aman,.....	25 00
" bal. on hand, Oct. 11th, 1883,.....	30 28
	<u>\$555 28</u>

Examined and found correct.

B. MATTHEWS,
B. F. DILLAHUNT,
W. J. MONTFORT,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Mission.	Associational Missions.	Sunday School Board.	Home and Indian Missions.	Minute Fund.	Total.
Antioch,.....			2 00	7 00			1 00	10 00
Barlow Chapel,.....							45	45
Bear Marsh,.....	5 00			5 25			1 50	11 75
Beaufort,.....							1 00	1 00
Berea,.....				3 00			1 50	4 50
Bethel,.....				5 00			2 25	7 25
Bethlehem,.....	5 00		3 22	3 22			1 50	12 94
Beulah,.....			5 95	6 89			1 50	14 34
Boykin's Chapel,.....							2 00	2 75
Canaan,.....			75	5 00			1 00	6 75
Caintuck (last year),.....			5 00	5 00				10 00
Caintuck,.....		8 00	6 50				1 00	15 50
Concord,.....	10 00	3 00	1 00				1 00	15 00
Colvin's Creek,.....		2 00	2 00				1 00	5 00
Corinth,.....				8 00			2 00	10 00
Clinton,.....	5 00			10 00			1 00	16 00
Dobson's Chapel,.....				2 35		25	95	3 55
Emma's Chapel,.....	9			4 35			1 85	7 10
Enon,.....	2 50			10 00			1 00	13 50
Falling Creek,.....				10 00			1 50	11 50
Fort Barnwell,.....			3 00	12 25			1 00	16 25
Goldsboro,.....				17 00			2 00	20 00
Hallsville,.....		1 0					1 50	2 20
Haw Bluff,.....	1 00	2 00	3 00	5 00	1 00	63	1 50	14 13
Island Creek,.....	2 25		3 57	10 00			2 00	18 00
Johnson's,.....			50	15 00			1 65	17 15
Kenansville,.....	4 50		1 32	9 06			1 20	16 08
Lisbon,.....	5 00	2 00		9 75			1 00	17 75
Long Creek,.....	50		1 00	5 00			1 25	7 75
Magnolia,.....			5 99	6 76			2 50	15 25
Maple Hill,.....			1 00	1 00			1 00	3 00
Mary's Chapel,.....				10 00			1 50	11 50
Masonboro,.....	1 05		3 00	3 00	2 00		2 50	11 55
Moore's Creek,.....	2 64		2 64	5 00			1 50	11 78
Morehead City,.....				2 00			95	2 95
Mt. Calvary,.....	5 00		3 61	8 00			80	17 41
Mt. Gillead,.....	5 00			10 00			1 50	16 50
Mt. Holly,.....	5 00	4 25	10 00	5 00			1 50	25 75
Mt. Olive,.....	10 00			8 00			2 00	20 00
Newbern,.....				3 00				3 00
New Hope,.....							1 50	1 50
Olive Branch,.....							2 00	2 00
Piney Grove (Jones),.....				8 00			1 00	9 00
Piney Grove (Onslow),.....				5 00			1 00	6 00
Piney Grove (Sampson),.....	5 00		1 76	10 00			2 00	18 76
Pollocksville,.....			3 55	2 50			1 00	7 05
Poplar Grove,.....							1 00	1 00
Rileys's Creek,.....	1 76		3 59	1 96			2 50	9 81
Rose Hill,.....			1 20				85	2 05
Salem,.....							60	60
Shiloh,.....			11 41				1 50	12 91
Snow Hill,.....			5 00				1 00	6 00
Union,.....				4 25			1 00	5 25
Warsaw,.....	6 00		10 00	25 00			1 65	42 65
Well's Chapel,.....			11 70	10 00			1 50	23 20
Wilmington,.....							4 00	4 00
Woodville,.....							1 00	1 00
	83 10	21 00	115 44	296 59	3 00	88	79 65	599 66

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL OBJECTS.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions	Associational Missions.	Sunday School Board.	Home and Indian Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Total for all Objects.
Antioch.....	75 00	3 50			2 00	7 00				1 00	88 50
Barlow Chapel.....	33 00	2 00							5 00		40 45
Bear Marsh.....			5 00			5 25				1 50	11 75
Beaufort.....	107 00									1 00	108 00
Berea.....	75 00					3 00				1 50	79 50
Bethel.....	100 00					5 00				2 25	107 25
Bethlehem.....	75 00	50 00	5 00		3 22	3 22				1 50	137 94
Beulah.....					5 95	6 89				1 50	14 34
Boykin's Chapel.....	75 00			75						2 00	77 75
Canaan.....	80 00					5 00				1 00	86 75
Caintuck.....				8 00	6 50					1 00	15 50
Concord.....	125 00	13 00	10 00	1 00	3 00					1 00	153 00
Colvin's Creek.....	50 00	10 00		2 00	2 00					1 00	65 00
Corinth.....	125 00					8 00				2 00	135 00
Hinton.....		5 00				10 00				1 00	16 00
Dobson's Chapel.....	50 00					2 35				95	53 55
Emma's Chapel.....			40			4 35				1 85	7 10
Enon.....	150 00	2 50				10 00			5 00	1 00	168 50
Falling Creek.....	150 00	25 00				10 00				1 50	186 50
Fort Barnwell.....					3 00	12 25				1 00	16 25
Goldsboro.....	900 00				17 00	3 00				3 00	920 00
Hallsville.....				1 00						1 20	2 20
Haw Bluff.....		1 00	2 00	3 00	5 00	1 60	63			1 50	14 13
Island Creek.....	125 00		2 25			4 75	10 00			2 00	143 00
Johnson's.....	75 00					50	15 00			1 65	92 15
Kenansville.....	100 00	5 00	4 50		1 32	9 00				1 20	121 08
Lisbon.....	125 00		5 00	2 00		9 75				1 25	142 75
Long Creek.....	85 00		50			5 00				1 25	92 75
Magnolia.....	100 00	12 00				5 99	6 76			2 50	127 25
Maple Hill.....					1 00					1 00	3 00
Mary's Chapel.....						10 00				1 50	11 50
Masonboro.....	100 00	30 00	1 05		3 00	3 00	2 00			2 50	141 55
Moore's Creek.....			2 64		2 64					1 50	11 78
Morehead City.....	76 50					2 00				95	79 45
Mt. Calvary.....			5 00		3 61	8 00				80	17 41
Mt. Gilead.....	125 00		5 00			10 00				1 50	141 50
Mt. Holly.....	125 00		5 00	4 25	10 00	5 00				1 50	150 75
Mt. Olive.....	250 00		10 00			2 00				2 90	270 00
Newbern.....					3 00					3 00	6 00
New Hope.....	150 00	62 00							3 00	1 50	216 50
Olive Branch.....	32 00	12 00								2 00	46 00
Piney Grove, Jones.....						5 00				1 00	9 00
Piney Grove, Onslow.....						10 00				1 00	6 00
Piney Grove, Samp.....	150 00		5 00			1 76				2 00	168 76
Pollocksville.....					3 55	2 50				1 00	7 05
Poplar Grove.....	75 00									1 00	76 00
Riley's Creek.....	125 00		1 76		3 59	1 96				2 50	134 81
Rose Hill.....		7 00	1 20							85	9 05
Salem.....	6 50	6 00							6 00	60	19 10
Shiloh.....	100 00				11 41					1 50	112 91
Snow Hill.....	40 00	6 00			5 00					1 00	52 00
Union.....					4 25					1 00	5 25
Warsaw.....	400 00	20 00	6 00		10 00	25 00				1 65	462 65
Well's Chapel.....	125 00	80 00			11 70	10 00				1 50	228 20
Wilmington.....	1,795 50	632 28							115 00	4 00	2546 78
Woodville.....										1 00	1 00
Total.....	6,455 50	975 78	84 30	21 00	109 24	291 59	3 00	88	134 00	82 65	8157 94

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Additions.				Losses.		Membership.				TIME OF MEETING.	
	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.		Total.
Antioch.....								11	18		29	4th Sunday.
Barlow Chapel.....	4	2	1					7	12		19	2nd Sunday.
Beaufort.....		3			3			2	33		60	1st & 3d Sundays.
Berea.....	4	1			3	4		33	50		83	2nd Sunday.
Bethel.....	3	3			3			1	31	59	90	4th Sunday.
Bethlehem.....					1	8		1	34	70	104	2nd Sunday.
Beulah.....	27	6					3	34	51		85	1st Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel.....					4			50	95		145	2nd Sunday.
Canaan.....	3				1	1		10	30	7	47	3rd Sunday.
Clinton.....	3	4			2			18	38		56	3rd Sunday.
Colvin's Creek.....	3	4			7			33	57	15	105	1st Sunday.
Concord.....	20	4	2					29	23		52	1st Sunday.
Corinth.....	5	4			11	1		45	70		115	3rd Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel.....	15	3	1				1	23	40		63	1st Sunday.
Emma's Chapel.....	6	3					1	20	34		54	1st Sunday.
Enon.....	3							23	36		59	2nd Sunday.
Falling Creek.....	4		1	2			2	23	46		69	1st Sunday.
Fort Barnwell.....	4	1						16	21		37	1st Sunday.
Goldsboro.....	1	7	1	1	9		2	64	122		186	Every Sunday.
Hallsville.....	7	12						35	83		118	4th Sunday.
Haw Bluff.....	1				3			2	42	74	116	3rd Sunday.
Island Creek.....	5		1		1		1	58	114		172	1st Sunday.
Johnson's.....	3		1	2			1	43	87	16	146	1st Sunday.
Kenansville.....		4						15	37		52	2nd Sunday.
Kenansville.....		2			4			28	48		106	1st Sunday.
Lisbon.....	20	3	1	3				2	46	65	111	1st Sunday.
Long Creek.....	2	3			3			2	75	122	197	4th Sunday.
Magnolia.....	18							19	17		36	
Maple Hill.....	30	4						2	39	40	79	4th Sunday.
Mary's Chapel.....	4	12			1			6	66	90	157	2nd Sunday.
Masonboro.....	4				6		6	42	66		108	4th Sunday.
Moore's Creek.....			1	3	1			15	50		65	2d & 4th Sundays.
Morehead City.....	14	1			1			6	12		18	4th Sunday.
Mt. Calvary.....	2							33	69		102	4th Sunday.
Mt. Gilead.....					2	1		56	100	1	157	First Sunday.
Mt. Holly.....		3			4	3		33	73		106	2d & 4th Sundays.
Mt. Olive.....		7			5		3	53	123		176	Every Sunday.
Newbern.....			1	5				64	122		186	2nd Sunday.
New Hope.....	8		1	9	3			1	36		52	3d Sunday.
Piney Grove, Jones.....			1	1				1	25	45	70	
Piney Grove, Onslow.....								6	116	12	195	2nd Sunday.
Piney Grove, Samp.....	19	2	1	2	1	5	67	116			21	
Pollocksville.....	7	4						13	18		31	3rd Sunday.
Poplar Grove.....								49	98		147	3rd Sunday.
Riley's Creek.....	3				8		3	5	14		19	3rd Sunday.
Rose Hill.....		1			3	1		10	21		31	1st Sunday.
Salem.....					3	3		57	111		168	3rd Sunday.
Shiloh.....	3	1			6		2	9	1		21	3rd Sunday.
Snow Hill.....	3	6						5	1		24	
Union.....	5				6	6	3	84	13		222	2d & 4th Sundays.
Warsaw.....	7	6			6	1	1	69	10		171	2nd Sunday.
Well's Chapel.....		7	1	2	3	1	1	117	24		359	Every Sunday.
Wilmington.....	5	7		2	9	10	3	11	2		33	4th Sunday.
Woodville.....	4			2				1				
Total.....	269	127	1	20	132	65	61	1857	3321	52	5,230	

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS and their P. O.	CLERKS and their P. O.
Antioch.....	W. B. Knight, Snow Hill.....	J. C. Cox, Greenville.....
Barlow Chapel.....	D. F. Amax, Sneed's Ferry.....	R. M. Sidbury, Sloop-point..
Berea.....	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington.....	J. A. Southerland, Wallace..
Bethel.....	L. T. Carroll, Willard.....	M. H. Oates, Taylor's Bridge
Bethlehem.....	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store.....	B. F. Keith, Sr. Pt. Caswell..
Beaufort.....	F. A. Reid, Beaufort.....	J. D. Davis, Beaufort.....
Beulah.....	J. L. Britt, Warsaw.....	J. T. Moore, Warsaw.....
Boykin's Chapel.....	H. L. Spivey, Clinton.....	F. J. Blackburn, Clinton.....
Caintuck.....	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store.....	D. J. Corbett, Pt. Caswell..
Clinton.....	I. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	J. P. Johnson, Clinton.....
Colvin's Creek.....	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's Store.....	W. G. Harrell, Pt. Caswell..
Concord.....	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive.....	J. T. Kennedy, Magnolia.....
Corinth.....	G. S. Best, Kenansville.....	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill.....
Dobson's Chapel.....	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive.....	H. C. Stringfield, Kenansville
Emma's Chapel.....	G. S. Best, Kenansville.....	H. Marshburn, Richlands.....
Enon.....	G. S. Best, Kenansville.....	L. O. Fonville, Duck Creek...
Fort Barnwell.....	C. S. Cashwell, Kinston.....	J. W. Biddle, Cobton.....
Falling Creek.....	C. A. Jenkins, Newbern.....	M. H. Britt, Granthams St're
Goldsboro.....	Theo. Whitfield, D.D. Goldsboro	J. W. Hollowell, Goldsboro..
Hallsville.....	No Pastor.....	J. D. Brown, Hallsville.....
Haw Bluff.....	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store.....	J. F. Croom, Colly.....
Island Creek.....	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive.....	H. T. Savage, Wallace.....
Johnson's.....	H. S. Spivey, Clinton.....	L. Middleton, Warsaw.....
Kenansville.....	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive.....	D. J. Middleton, Warsaw.....
Lisbon.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	R. Herring, Clear Run.....
Long Creek.....	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington.....	J. H. Brinson, Long Creek...
Magnolia.....	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.....	G. W. Carroll, Magnolia.....
Maple Hill.....	No Pastor.....	A. E. Burton, Maple Hill.....
Mary's Chapel.....	G. S. Best, Kenansville.....	F. M. Southerland, Kena'ville
Masonboro.....	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.....	B. S. Montford, Wilmington.
Moore's Creek.....	No Pastor.....	C. P. Woodcock, Pt. Caswell..
Morehead City.....	T. A. Reid, Beaufort.....	J. T. Eaton, Morehead City..
Mt. Calvary.....	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive.....	R. A. Parker, Brogdens Mill
Mt. Gilead.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	B. Matthews, Taylors Bridge
Mt. Holly.....	L. T. Carroll, Willard.....	I. Carroll, So. Washington...
Mt. Olive.....	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive.....	Jesse T. Albritton, Mt. Olive
Newbern.....	C. A. Jenkins, Newbern.....	F. W. Hancock, Newbern.....
New Hope.....	J. N. Stallings, Clinton.....	J. L. Carroll, Six Run.....
Olive Branch.....	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington.....	D. H. Workman, Wilmington.
Piney Grove (Jones).....	C. S. Cashwell, Kinston.....	J. H. Whitty, Pollocksville..
Piney Grove (Onslow).....	No Pastor.....	W. E. Morten, Swansboro....
Piney Grove (Samp'n).....	I. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	J. W. Lane, Laneton.....
Pollocksville.....	C. S. Cashwell, Kinston.....	J. C. Whitty, Newbern.....
Poplar Grove.....	J. T. Britt, Warsaw.....	W. D. Stevens, Faison.....
Riley's Creek.....	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.....	W. B. Hocut, Rocky Point...
Rose Hill.....	No Pastor.....	D. N. Page, Tar Landing.....
Salem.....	No Pastor.....	J. D. Congleton, Sneed's Ferry
Shiloh.....	L. T. Carroll, Willard.....	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek..
Snow Hill.....	W. B. Knight, Snow Hill.....	E. D. Sugg, Snow Hill.....
Union.....	No Pastor.....	Pinkney Spencer.....
Warsaw.....	No Pastor.....	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw.....
Wells' Chapel.....	L. T. Carroll, Willard.....	L. R. Highsmith, Harrells S're
Wilmington.....	T. H. Pritchard, D.D. Wilmin'n	J. W. Collins, Wilmington...
Woodville.....	T. J. Leary, Harlowe.....	E. Simpson, Beaufort.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.
Antioch.....	Richard McGlohon.....	7	45
Barlow Chapel.....	James Andrews.....	5	26
Beaufort.....	John D. Davis.....	9	45
Bethel.....	M. H. Oates.....	3	39
Bethlehem.....	B. F. Keith, Sr.....	4	48
Beulah.....	G. W. Marsh.....	11	62
Canaan.....	James Ingram.....	3	37
Colvin's Creek.....	R. C. Henry.....	7	50
Corinth.....	Ira J. Johnson.....	10	85
Emma's Chapel.....	Wm. Barbee.....	23	86
Falling Creek.....	W. H. Hood.....	10	43
Goldsboro.....	H. L. Grant.....	22	101
Haw Bluff.....	W. F. Brown.....	4	30
Island Creek.....	C. Harrell.....	4	39
Johnson's.....	Leonidas Middleton.....	4	40
Long Creek.....	M. E. Herring.....	2	25
Magnolia.....	J. T. Carroll.....	21	81
Morehead City.....	H. S. Lee.....	5	99
Mt. Calvary.....	A. M. Prince.....	4	26
Mt. Gilead.....	B. Matthews.....	8	60
Mt. Holly.....	Isaiah Carroll.....	4	35
Mt. Olive.....	J. F. Oliver.....	13	156
Newbern.....	B. M. Gates.....	18	100
New Hope.....	L. R. Carroll.....	6	70
Piney Grove, Onslow.....	W. E. Morten.....	4	25
Poplar Grove.....	R. R. Bell.....	6	35
Riley's Creek.....	G. W. Walker.....	8	32
Rose Hill.....	D. N. Page.....	6	35
Shiloh.....	H. A. Bland.....	4	80
Warsaw.....	L. Brown.....	5	60
Wilmington.....	W. A. French.....	22	198
Woodville.....	E. Simpson.....	5	23
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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 offense, 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.

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 toward 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, or 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 of votes.

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 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 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 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 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 the 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.

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.

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