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MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Atlantic Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

GOLDSBORO, WAYNE COUNTY, N. C.,

October 25th, 26th and 27th, 1887.

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PROCEEDINGS.

GOLDSBORO, N. C., Tuesday, Oct. 25, 1887.

The Atlantic Association meets in its fourth annual session with the Goldsboro church. Devotional exercises are conducted by Rev. J. T. Albritton. After which, Dr. Theo. Whitfield, Moderator of last session, calls the Association to order.

On motion of Rev. A. J. Hires, the deacons of Goldsboro church are appointed a committee on Religious Exercises and Arrangements.

Dr. J. D. Roberts and Rev. C. A. Woodson are appointed Reading Clerks. Letters are read from the churches and delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch—J. B. Carrol, A. G. Cox, W. B. Wingate.

Beaufort—Rev. C. A. Woodson, J. A. Davis.

Bayboro—J. B. Turner, Robert B. Phipps.

Capernaum—S. W. Bright.

Enon—W. J. Montfort.

Falling Creek—W. H. Hood, J. A. Stevens, G. P. Britt, E. B. Hood, jr.

Fort Barnwell—Rev. C. S. Cashwell, Richard McGlohon, Duffy Lane, Chas. H. Smith.

Goldsboro—J. D. Roberts, C. J. Nelson, W. G. Britt, J. Y. Joyner, H. L. Grant, R. M. Freeman.

Kinston—Rev. A. J. Hires, J. M. Wooten, Jesse Vause, Dr. R. H. Lewis, J. A. Pridgen.

La Grange—J. P. Joyner, J. W. Isler, D. M. Stanton.

Morehead City—J. T. Eaton, Silas Webb.

Mount Calvary—Rev. J. T. Albritton, R. A. Parker, A. M. Prince, G. W. Parker.

Newberne—Rev. T. Whitfield, F. W. Hancock, John C. Whitty.

Piny Grove (Onslow)—C. W. Porter.

Piny Grove (Jones)—D. U. Koonce, D. W. Harper.

Pollocksville—Chas. Whitty.

Snow Hill—J. H. Bunn, Rev. W. J. Fulford, T. D. Hackney, J. E. Bunn, J. C. Padleford.

Smyrna—By letter.

Young Bethel—Rev. T. J. Leary.

Woodville—By letter.

Davis' Shore and Union churches not represented.

The committee on Religious Exercises report, recommending that the Association adjourn to-day at 12:30 and meet at 2 o'clock. Report adopted.

The churches at La Grange, Pollocksville and Fort Barnwell, having asked for the next session of the Association, the letters from these churches are referred to the committee to be appointed on Place of next Meeting.

The time for adjournment having arrived, on motion the Association adjourns until 2 o'clock. Benediction by Rev. J. T. Albritton.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association is called to order at the appointed time. Prayer is offered by Rev. C. W. Porter.

The election of officers being next in order, on motion, the Association proceeds to elect by ballot.

On motion of Rev. A. J. Hires, the election of all the officers is taken at one ballot. J. A. Pridgen, J. B. Turner and J. B. Carrol are appointed tellers.

Rev. Theo. Whitfield is re-elected Moderator; W. G. Britt re-elected Clerk; and F. W. Hancock re-elected Treasurer.

Invitation to seats is extended to visiting brethren, and Rev. J. B. Harrel, of the Eastern Association, accepts the invitation.

On motion, Rev. C. A. Woodson is appointed Chairman of the Committee on Home Missions in place of Rev. Thos. Dixon, jr., who is absent.

A motion is made to refer the letter from Piny Grove church (Onslow) to the Executive Board. An amendment is offered and carried, referring back to the church that part of the letter which refers to the ordination of Bro. C. W. Porter, on the ground that it is a matter which the Association has nothing to do with.

The following committees to report at this session of the Association are appointed:

On Place and Preacher for next Session—J. Y. Joyner, J. A. Pridgen, W. J. Montfort.

To Nominate Executive Board—Rev. J. T. Albritton, J. B. Turner, Chas. Whitty.

On Delinquent Churches—J. M. Wooten, Robert B. Phipps, Rev. C. S. Cashwell.

On motion, the Moderator is allowed further time to appoint the standing committees.

Rev. C. J. Nelson, who was appointed at the last meeting of the Association to visit Union church, states that he has been unable to do so.

On motion of Rev. A. J. Hires, a committee is appointed to advise with Union church, as follows: J. M. Wooten, J. A. Pridgen, J. P. Joyner, Rev. A. J. Hires.

The report on Foreign Missions is called for and is read by Rev. A. J. Hires, and, on motion, is made the special order for to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

On motion, the rules are suspended to hear a report on Bible Society Work, which report is read by Rev. A. J. Hires. The report, after remarks by Rev. A. J. Hires and Rev. C. A. Woodson, is adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON BIBLE SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, The Bible Department of the American Baptist Publication Society is now the approved Bible Society of American Baptists; and the only Bible Society with which they can honorably co-operate and work; and

Whereas, This Society is doing much Bible distribution work in the South; and also supplying our Foreign Mission Board with funds needful to their work of Bible translation and publication on foreign fields; and

Whereas, The Baptists justly regard God's word essential to Bible christianity, and an open Bible the great need of all people; and the work of supplying the destitute of our own land and of the nations of earth is now pressing upon the Society—

Resolved, That we recommend our churches to make an annual collection for this object, at least; that our Sunday Schools observe the annual "Bible Day" exercise appointed by the Bible Society, and arranged for with programmes without expense to the schools, which may be obtained from Rev. C. C. Bitting, D. D., Corresponding Secretary, No. 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

The report on the Baptist Orphanage is read by Rev. J. T. Albritton and is discussed at length by himself, Dr. J. D. Roberts, Rev. W. J. Fulford, F. W. Hancock and J. M. Wooten.

By unanimous consent, it is agreed that a collection be taken for the Orphanage after the sermon to-night.

The committee on Religious Exercises report that the introductory sermon will be preached to-night at 7½ o'clock; prayer meeting to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock, to be conducted by Rev. W. J. Fulford.

On motion, the Association adjourns with prayer by Rev. J. F. Love.

NIGHT SESSION.

At 7½ o'clock the introductory sermon is preached by Rev. A. J. Hires, from Matthew 10th chapter, 32d and 33d verses. After which, the report on the Baptist Orphanage is again taken up. The report is re-read, and, after being feelingly and ably discussed by Dr. J. D. Hufham, is adopted. A cash collection for the Orphanage is taken amounting to \$22.23.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

No class of unfortunates are more helpless, or friendless, or have stronger claims upon our sympathy and substantial aid, than that class for which the Thomasville Orphanage seeks to provide. Long, long ago, Homer said concerning the orphans:

"The day that makes
A child an orphan, leaves him destitute
Of every friend,—a melancholy youth.
He pines, and sighs, and bathes his cheeks with tears.
Oppressed and poor, he seeks his father's friends;
One by the robe, another by the coat,
He pulls, and begs them. Some who pity feel
Offer a pittance in a scanty cup.
To wet his lips, not satisfy his thirst,
While others, flourishing in joyous ease,
With both their parents living, rudely smite
The wretched boy, and drive him from their board
With scorn, unfeeling and reproachful speech."

Many of these helpless children are surrounded by influences that will make of them worthless vagabonds, monsters of vice, and inmates of iniquitous dens, jails and penitentiaries. The hand of charity may save them; God pities them—punishes those who afflict them—and blesses those who bless them. Said He to Israel: "If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry; and my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows; and your children fatherless." Ex. 22: 23, 24.

Some of us thought the Thomasville Orphanage a superfluous work. Yet the Manager is compelled to turn away orphans for want of room and provision for their support. Only a few weeks ago, about seventy orphans were in the asylum and *thirteen cents* in the treasury! Seventy orphans to feed and clothe—more seeking admission—the cold winter approaching—vegetables gone—and only *thirteen cents* in the treasury! Brethren, the needs of the Orphanage demand increased and continued efforts on the part of the Baptists of North Carolina. We recommend the appointment of a committee in every church of this Association, to make collections and forward to the Orphanage monthly or quarterly. We commend to the brethren *Charity and Children*, a weekly paper published at the Orphanage at \$1.00 per year.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. T. ALBRITTON,
R. A. PARKER,
CHAS. WHITTY,
Committee.

Dr. W. J. Montfort offers the following which is adopted:

Resolved, That the delegates here present be requested to bring the Orphanage before their churches with the view of having one brother or sister in each church to look after this matter.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report as follows: Association will meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, adjourn at 12:30. Meet at 2 and adjourn at will. Preaching to-morrow night by Dr. Hufham.

Rev. C. Durham leads in prayer and on motion, the Association adjourns.

MINUTES OF THE
SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 26th, 1887.

Religious exercises are conducted by Rev. W. J. Fulford, and at the time appointed the Moderator calls the Association to order.

The minutes of the preceding day are read and approved.

The Moderator again extends the invitation to visiting brethren. The invitation is accepted by Dr. J. D. Hufham as a representative of the Baptist Orphanage and *Biblical Recorder*, and Rev. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention; also Prof. J. B. Brewer, President of Chowan Baptist Female Institute, who makes some statements in regard to that Institution.

On motion, the special order for this morning is suspended.

On motion of Rev. W. J. Fulford, the motion passed yesterday in regard to Bible work is reconsidered, and the following resolution offered as an amendment, which is adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to act in conjunction with the State Board and Sunday School Board to consider the importance, and to manage the Bible and Colportage work in this Association.

State Missions being the special order, the report of the Executive Board is read by Dr. Whitfield. Interesting remarks are made by Revs. W. J. Fulford and C. A. Woodson, who are missionaries of the Board, giving accounts of the work on their fields. Further remarks are made by Rev. J. F. Love, Dr. W. J. Montfort and Rev. C. Durham. Bro. Durham asks for \$100.00 from this Association in addition to the pledges made, it being its proportional part of the \$2,000 extra to be raised. The roll of churches is called and the following pledges made towards the \$100.00 asked for:

Antioch, \$4.50; Bayboro, \$4.50; Beaufort, \$2.50; Enon, \$1.00; Falling Creek, \$5.00; Goldsboro, \$17.50; Kinston, \$10.00; Morehead City, \$2.50; Newberne, \$10.00; Pollocksville, \$2.00.

The time having arrived for adjournment, the Association adjourns. Benediction by Dr. Hufham.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator calls the Association to order at 2 o'clock, and Rev. C. S. Cashwell leads in prayer.

A committee on Obituaries is appointed to report at this session, consisting of J. T. Eaton, J. C. Padelford and G. P. Britt.

The Moderator announces the following standing committees:

Foreign Missions—Rev. C. A. Woodson, M. S. Webb, J. A. Davis.

Home Missions—Rev. W. J. Fulford, J. B. Carrol, J. E. Bunn.

State Missions—Rev. A. J. Hires, Dr. R. H. Lewis, J. P. Joyner.

Sunday Schools—J. Y. Joyner, Rev. C. J. Nelson, W. H. Hood.

Temperance—Rev. T. J. Leary, J. B. Turner, Joseph Kinsey.

Education—Rev. C. S. Cashwell, Chas. Whitty, D. W. Harper.

Periodicals—Rev. J. T. Albritton, A. M. Prince, Dr. J. D. Roberts.

Baptist Orphanage—J. M. Wooten, J. C. Whitty, Dr. W. J. Montfort.

On motion, the name of Dr. R. H. Lewis is added to the committee on Education, to report at this session.

Invitation to a seat in the Association is extended to Rev. J. R. Jones, of the Raleigh Association.

On motion, the special order for this hour is suspended in order to further consider the subject of State Missions.

Pending the motion to adopt the report of the Executive Board, the roll of churches is called, and the following pledges are made for State Missions for the ensuing year:

Antioch, \$7.50; Beaufort, \$10.00; Bayboro, \$12.00; Capernaum, \$2.50;

Enon, \$20.00; Falling Creek, \$12.50; Fort Barnwell, \$25.00; Goldsboro, \$100.00; Kinston, \$50.00; La Grange, \$10.00; Morehead City, \$40.00; Mount Calvary, \$10.00; Piny Grove (Onslow), \$2.50; Piny Grove (Jones), \$10.00; Pollocksville, \$10.00; Snow Hill, \$10.00; Young Bethel, \$7.00.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

At the request of the Board, the Board of Missions of the State Convention appointed the following brethren to labor in our bounds: Elder C. S. Cashwell, at \$150.00; Elder W. J. Fulford, at \$350.00; Elder T. J. Leary, at \$200.00, and Elder C. A. Woodson, at \$250.00. These brethren have labored earnestly and successfully. They have not reported to us. It is to be hoped that our missionaries can be retained in their present fields, as it is essential to success that the work be steadily and perseveringly maintained.

The report of the Treasurer will show the amount contributed by our churches for the support of this work.

Elder T. J. Baker is desirous of our assistance to labor in a promising field in Onslow county. He asks for \$100.00.

T. WHITFIELD, *Chairman*.

A Committee on Bible and Colportage work is appointed as follows: W. J. Fulford, A. J. Hires, C. S. Cashwell.

The report on Foreign Missions is taken up and re-read, and after being discussed by Rev. C. A. Woodson, Rev. C. Durham, Dr. Hufham, Dr. Whitfield and Rev. A. J. Hires, is adopted.

The roll of churches is called and the following pledges made for Foreign Missions: Antioch, \$2.00; Bayboro, \$2.00; Beaufort, \$5.00; Enon, \$5.00; Falling Creek, \$5.00; Goldsboro, \$25.00; Kinston, \$25.00; Morehead City, \$10.00; Newberne, \$25.00; Capernaum, 50 cents; La Grange, \$5.00; Mount Calvary, \$5.00; Piny Grove (Onslow), \$1.00; Piny Grove (Jones), \$1.00; Snow Hill, \$1.00; Pollocksville, \$2.00; Young Bethel, \$3.00.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to report:

First, That our Lord's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," is yet as binding upon His disciples as it has ever been; and as binding as baptism or any other plain command, and that we have no right to disregard the one more than we have to disregard another.

Second, That it does not become us to accuse our pedo-baptist neighbors of treating with neglect the Saviour's commandments, if we ourselves are not obeying the command contained in the great commission above quoted, for in that case we can neither claim to be consistent christians nor consistent gospel churches. A few cents to the cause of christian missions when we might give dollars, is as truly out of character as a few drops of water in place of christian baptism. We do not receive into our churches unbaptized persons, and like consistency demands that we do not hold in membership any who are anti-mission in spirit and conduct.

Third, That while the cause of Foreign Missions has always been as bright as are the promises of God, we have ever increasing evidences that our labor in this behalf is not in vain in the Lord.

From almost every field occupied by faithful missionaries—notably from those in South America—the news of success is increasingly glorious and inspiring.

And, finally, your committee report as their conviction, that if we have the rich blessings of our Lord upon us personally, upon our churches, and upon our home work, it will be in the discharge of our duty to the cause of Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HIRES,
G. W. BIZZELL.

The report of the Treasurer is read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

In account with the Atlantic Baptist Association.

F. W. HANCOCK,

DATE.	WHERE RECEIVED FROM.	State or As- sociational Missions.	Foreign Mis- sions.	Home Mis- sions.	Ministerial Education.	Bayboro Church.	Orphanage.	Minute Fund	Total.
1886.									
Dec. 21	By amount from Kingston church.....	\$				\$10 00		\$	10 00
1887.									
Jan. 20	" La Grange church.....				12 50	5 00			5 00
Feb. 14	" Newberne church.....	2 00			2 03				12 50
March 1	" Bayboro church.....	10 00							4 03
4	" Goldsboro church.....	3 51							10 00
4	" Newberne church.....				70				3 51
21	" Beaufort church.....				2 50				70
21	" Morehead City church.....	5 00							2 50
April 1	" Newberne church.....	15 50	5 00	9 00	6 55				10 00
9	" Kingston church.....	2 00	10 90	3 00					41 95
20	" Newberne church.....		25 00						28 00
20	" Bayboro church.....				2 50				2 00
28	" A. G. Cox.....								2 50
28	" Mattie E. Cox.....	2 50							2 50
29	" Union Meeting at Antioch church.....	8 03							8 03
29	" Newberne church.....	5 10							5 10
July 19	" Fort Barnwell church.....		3 00		3 00	1 00			7 00
Sept. 6	" Falling Creek church.....	11 00			4 55				13 40
28	" Bayboro church.....	3 36			2 40				3 36
28	" Newberne church.....		2 00		7 50				11 00
Oct. 26	" Antioch church.....		4 00	4 00					12 24
26	" Beaufort church.....	2 50							2 00
26	" Bayboro church.....								1 25
26	" Capetnaum church.....								25
26	" Davis Shore.....								2 75
26	" Enon church.....	15 00	5 00	2 50	5 00			1 00	28 50

MINUTES OF THE

DATE.	TO WHOM PAID.	WHAT OBJECT.	COUNT IN \$.	DATE.	TO WHOM PAID.	WHAT OBJECT.	TOTAL.
1886.							
Dec. 21	To amt. pd. J. B. Turner.....	Bayboro church	\$ 10 00	1887.	Amt. brought forward.....		\$ 128 79
1887.				May 21	To amt. pd. F. H. Briggs.....	Missions	2 00
Jan. 20	" J. B. Turner.....	Bayboro church	5 00	30	" W. J. Fulford.....	Mission work	5 53
Feb. 14	" Dr. R. H. Lewis.....	Min. Education	12 50	30	" C. S. Cashwell.....	Min. Education	4 00
March 8	" Dr. R. H. Lewis.....	Min. Education	2 63	28	" F. H. Briggs.....	Missions	19 46
10	" F. H. Briggs.....	Missions	12 00	27	" F. H. Briggs.....	Missions	352 93
23	" Dr. R. H. Lewis.....	Min. Education	3 20	27	" F. H. Briggs.....	Min. Education	106 00
21	" F. H. Briggs.....	Missions	3 51	27	" J. D. Huffman.....	Orphanage	37 23
April 2	" F. H. Briggs.....	Missions	10 00	28	" J. B. Turner.....	Bayboro church	26 50
12	" F. H. Briggs.....	Missions	35 40	28	" W. G. Britt.....	Minutes	19 85
12	" Dr. R. H. Lewis.....	Min. Education	6 55	28	" W. G. Britt.....	Service as Clerk	10 00
21	" F. H. Briggs.....	Missions	28 00	28	" Dr. R. H. Lewis.....	Min. Education	40 14
	Amount carried forward.....		\$ 128 79				\$ 753 43
Oct. 26	By amount from Falling Creek.....		11 28				85
26	" Fort Barnwell church.....						7 50
26	" Goldsboro church.....		90 00				1 00
26	" Kingston church.....		34 50				5 00
26	" La Grange church.....		14 10				3 50
26	" Morehead City church.....		5 00				2 50
26	" Mount Cavalry church.....		8 29				2 00
26	" Newberne church.....		25 53				3 50
26	" Piny Grove (Jones) church.....		12 00				1 00
26	" Piny Grove (Onslow) church.....		10 00				3 00
26	" Pollocksville church.....		10 50				1 50
26	" Snow Hill church.....		5 00				50
26	" Smyrna church.....		4 50				1 50
26	" Woodville church.....		3 00				1 00
26	" Young Bethel church.....		10 73				13 00
26	" collection.....						5 00
26	" Elder C. J. Nelson.....						12 50
			\$ 312 54				50
			\$ 128 29				22 23
			\$ 36 00				32 00
			\$ 171 02				5 00
			\$ 41 50				29 85
			\$ 753 43				

The Committee on Religious Exercises report as follows: Prayer-meeting to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, to be conducted by Rev. J. F. Love. Association meet at 10 o'clock, adjourn at 12:30; meet at 2 and adjourn at pleasure. Preaching to-morrow night by Rev. J. R. Jones.

Rev. C. S. Farriss leads in prayer and the Association adjourns.

NIGHT SESSION.

Dr. Hufham preaches to an appreciative audience, after which a collection is taken for State Missions amounting to \$10.73.

The report on State Missions is read by Rev. C. Durham, and, on motion, is adopted:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions of the Baptist State Convention has had during this year eighty-one brethren engaged in preaching the gospel in the destitute sections of the State. These are in the towns and country from the mountains to the sea. These self-sacrificing men have done faithfully their work, and God's blessings have been abundantly given, and they now greatly need the small amounts promised them by the Board. This work should be pressed with even more vigor than in the past.

Signed,

COMMITTEE.

On motion, the Association adjourns with benediction by Rev. C. Durham.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 27th, 1887.

Devotional exercises are conducted by Rev. C. Durham, and at 10 o'clock, the Moderator calls the Association to order.

Proceedings of the previous day are read and approved.

Rev. C. S. Farriss, of the *Biblical Recorder*, is welcomed to a seat in the Association.

The report on Sunday Schools is read, and after remarks by Rev. W. J. Fulford, J. M. Wooten, Jesse Vause and Rev. C. J. Nelson, is adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

There is no question of more vital importance to the development of our churches than the Sunday School question, save that of the stated ministry of the gospel. And we are glad to state that a greater interest is being shown in this department of the church's work than formerly, as the letters from the different churches show.

There is nothing new to be said on this question, as it has already been discussed in all its bearings. Those who have opportunity to teach or to attend the Sun Day School in any capacity should esteem it a high privilege, yea, as a call from God Himself to work in His vineyard; and any who fail to heed this call, to avail themselves of such opportunities, disregard the call of God and waste an important talent for which they must account at the bar of God. If we do not gather the children in the Sunday School, and sow in their young hearts the gospel seed, the devil will be sure to sow seed that will be contrary to the spirit of the Master and prove ruinous to our children.

We recommend an increased interest in the Sunday School work, and that each church seek to enlarge its sphere of usefulness by not only increasing the number of attendants to its own school, but also by organizing mission schools wherever it is practicable.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. FULFORD,
D. M. STANTON,
Committee.

A letter is read from Rev. A. G. McManaway, Vice-President of the Home Mission Board for North Carolina.

On motion, the letter is referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

The report on Education is read, and after being discussed by Dr. J. D. Roberts, Rev. C. Durham and Rev. W. Fulford, is, on motion, adopted.

The roll of churches is called and the following pledges made for Ministerial Education for the coming year: Antioch, \$7.50; Beaufort \$3.50; Bayboro, \$5.00; Enon, \$5.00; Fort Barnwell, \$10.00; Goldsboro, \$35.00; Kinston, \$20.00; La Grange, \$5.00; Morehead City, \$6.00; Mount Calvary, \$3.00; Piny Grove (Jones), \$2.00; Pollocksville, \$4.00; Snow Hill, \$5.00; Falling Creek, \$3.00; Davis Shore, \$5.00; Smyrna, \$5.00; Woodville, \$5.00; Young Bethel, \$5.00.

F. W. Hancock, \$5.00; W. J. Montford, \$5.00.

On motion, the names of Dr. J. D. Roberts, F. W. Hancock and A. G. Cox are added to the Board of Education to fill vacancies.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Knowledge is power, and the great necessity of the times is higher education, more thorough preparation for the sphere of life to be followed.

As Baptists, we need educated men and women, well grounded and instructed, not only in general literature, but also in the principles which distinguish us as a denomination.

This our Baptist Schools and Colleges give us, and we would commend Wake Forest College for our boys, and the Murfreesboro, Oxford and Thomasville Schools for our girls.

An educated ministry is a necessity. God in His providence calls the poor in this world's goods to preach His gospel, and it is a duty laid upon us to give them the means of properly fitting themselves for the work before them. We now have at Wake Forest College forty ministerial students, twenty-five of whom are aided by the Educational Board, with twenty-seven applicants for aid whom the Board have not been able to receive. The Board now has a debt of near \$1,000.00 hanging over it. Under the action of this body last year, we are now aiding two young brethren in securing an education preparatory to entering the ministry, and your committee deem it essential that we continue this aid under the same regulations as adopted at the last session.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ROBERTS,
R. H. LEWIS,
Committee.

The report on Home Missions is taken up. The report is read by Rev. C. A. Woodson, and is discussed by himself, Rev. W. J. Fulford and Rev. C. S. Farriss.

An amendment is offered to the report that each church be requested to appoint one of their number who may correspond with the Vice-President of the Home Mission Board, and look after the Home Mission work. The report is adopted as amended.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

By reference to the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention for 1887, it may be seen what a grand work our Home Mission Board is doing. This Board is continually calling for more men and more means to do the work, which God in His providence is opening up before our people. We boast so much of the civilization and progress of our country, and congratulate ourselves so frequently as to our civil and religious liberty, that we are in danger of forgetting how many thousands of unsaved souls there are in our midst. America is, indeed, increasing rapidly in population; she is making great strides in every department of human progress and enterprise, but we must remember that Satan is not yet "bound," and the evil is abroad in the land, and it be-

hooves those who contend for the "faith once delivered to the saints," to be watchful and faithful. The Mission work, Foreign and Home, is our work. We should never ignore the strong claims that the heathen have upon us for the Bread of Life, nor should we forget the heathen on our own shores.

We should pity Ethiopia as she stretches forth her hand, we should listen to the cry of the man of Macédonia as he calls for help, but we should not forget the "stranger within the gates."

America seems destined to become the political centre of the earth. God grant that she may become the religious centre. Owing to the close commercial relations of the leading nations of the earth, owing also to the rapid means of transit from one to another, the heart throbs of American civilization and religion are being felt to the uttermost parts of the earth. This renders it extremely important that the fountain from which issue so many waters should be kept pure.

The Home Mission work then appeals strongly to American Baptists, especially as we claim, and not without reason, that God's word alone is our counsellor and guide, so far as our faith and practice is concerned.

Italy to-day furnishes a sad reminder of what a mutilated faith and an emaculated christianity will do for a country. Let us then give cheerfully and liberally for the support of our Home Board. All over the west, in many parts of the south, there are great harvest fields ready for the sickle. Where are the reapers?

We should pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more reapers, but then as His stewards we should give cheerfully of our means so that when our Lord shall come to "reckon with us," we may be found to have been "faithful servants."

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. WOODSON.

The report on Temperance is read, and, after remarks by Bro. J. M. Wooten, is adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee believe that the word temperance means a temperate use of food and language, as well as many other things. The drinking of ardent spirits as a beverage should never be indulged in by professing christians.

The doom of the drunkard is fixed, and nothing but the grace of God can save him.

We would admonish christians to be temperate in language, and eating, and all other things that will impair their usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. WOOTEN,
J. C. PADEFORD,
Committee.

On motion, the Association adjourns with benediction by Rev. T. J. Leary.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association is called to order at 2 o'clock, and Dr. J. D. Roberts leads in prayer.

The report on Obituaries is read and adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee are gratified to report that there have been but few deaths in the bounds of our Association this year—a circumstance most remarkable among so large a membership. The Lord has been good to his people, indeed. This is the more gratifying, especially when we remember that in other sections many have been swept away by the dreadful scourges that have visited them.

J. T. EATON,
G. P. BRITT,
J. C. PADEFORD,
Committee.

The report on Delinquent Churches is read and adopted:

REPORT ON DELINQUENT CHURCHES.

Your committee on Delinquent Churches report that Union church is fully delinquent; but a committee has been appointed to look after it and report to the next Association. Davis Shore is also delinquent, but we are informed that the letter was prepared and money raised, but is not brought up.

J. M. WOOTEN,
C. S. CASHWELL,
R. B. PHIPPS,
Committee.

The committee on Place and Preacher for next session report, recommending La Grange as the place, Rev. W. J. Fulford to preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. C. A. Woodson, alternate.

The report is adopted.

The following, offered by Rev. W. J. Fulford, is adopted:

Resolved, That any member of this Association attending the Baptist State Convention be recognized as a delegate.

The following, offered by J. M. Wooten, is adopted:

Resolved, That the churches of this Association be requested to pay their pledges quarterly to the Treasurer of the Association, and that the delegates be requested to try to carry out this request.

The following, offered by F. W. Hancock, is unanimously carried by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, Our beloved Moderator, Dr. T. Whitfield, has been a member of this body from its organization, and has greatly promoted its efficiency by his wisdom and learning, his large and liberal spirit, his uniform courtesy, and his unflagging zeal for the cause of our Lord; and whereas, he has signified to us his intention to remove to Virginia at an early day; therefore,

Resolved, That we do hereby express to our brother our tender regard for him, our grief at parting with him, and our prayers for God's blessing on him in the new field to which he goes.

The following resolution is adopted:

Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed ten dollars for his services, and in view of the fact that there is a deficiency in the amount sent up to the Association for printing the Minutes, that the collection to-night be appropriated to that object.

A resolution is offered to change the time of meeting of the Association, but on motion of J. M. Wooten, the resolution is laid on the table.

The report on Periodicals is read, and remarks are made by Rev. C. S. Faris and Rev. J. T. Albritton.

The following amendment is offered:

Resolved, That the pastors and delegates of this body try to extend the circulation of the BIBLICAL RECORDER in the churches.

The report is adopted as amended.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The efficiency of the churches depends largely upon the intelligence of the membership in regard to the religious needs of the world in home and foreign fields. In order to obtain this knowledge, we urge the necessity of every family in every church taking some good religious paper. The BIBLICAL RECORDER is one of the best published, and we recommend it as the paper for North Carolina Baptists. We would also recommend *Kind Words* and the *Foreign Mission Journal* to the Baptists of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. LEARY.

The committee to nominate an Executive Board report, recommending the following:

Rev. A. J. Hires Rev. C. J. Nelson, J. M. Wooten, A. G. Cox, Dr. J. S. Bizzell, E. F. Cox and F. W. Hancock.

Report adopted.

The following, offered by J. M. Wooten, is adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this town, also to the A. & N. C. R. R., for courtesies extended to delegates and visitors during this session.

Rev. C. A. Woodson makes some interesting remarks in regard to the work of the year just past, and calls upon Rev. A. J. Hires to lead in a prayer to God for His blessings for the year to come.

Dr. Whitfield also offers an earnest prayer for God's blessing upon the Association and its work.

The business being completed, the Association adjourns to meet at La Grange on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1888.

The hymn, "Shall we meet beyond the river?" is sung, and Rev. J. T. Albritton pronounces the benediction.

W. G. BRITT, Clerk.

T. WHITFIELD, MODERATOR.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Contributed by school for all objects.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Average attendance.	No. Volumes in Library	Kind Words taken.	Bap. Teac'rs tak.	Other papers taken.	Months school kept open.
Antioch	J. B. Carrol	\$	9	69	48	90				12
Beaufort	John D. Davis		15	100	70	150		3		12
Capernaum	Basil Riggs		7	32	20	50		75		12
Falling Creek	W. H. Hood		8	46	25	50				3
Fort Barnwell	Rich. McGlohon		5	40	25			30		12
Goldsboro	T. B. Parker	95 00	18	165	100			20	14	12
Kinston	E. F. Cox	43 86	9	74	66		86		50	12
La Grange	D. M. Stanton		9	45		100				12
Moreh'ad City	A. S. Willis		27	128	90	83		125		12
Mt. Calvary	R. A. Parker		3	16	10			18		9
Newberne	A. M. Baker		16	154	75	200			500	12
Piny Grove (Onslow)	T. J. Riggs		5	30	25					11
Pollocksville	T. A. Bell		5	25	20					12
Snow Hill	J. C. Padelford		6	30	20					12
Smyrna	A. G. Davis		12	53	35	30				8
Woodville			6	36		60				
Totals		\$138 86	160	1043	629	813	106	16	826	

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Antioch	W. J. Fulford, Snow Hill	J. C. Cox, Greenville	8	2	1	3	1		17	27	44
Beaufort	C. A. Woodson, Beaufort	John D. Davis, Beaufort	23	4	5	2			59	64	123
Bayboro	D. F. Aman, Sneed's Ferry	J. B. Turner, Bayboro	6	1		3			18	33	51
Capernaum	Thomas Baker, Tar Landing	G. F. Riggs, Palo Alto							10	23	33
*Davis Shore	F. B. Harrell, Mount Olive	Isaiah Provow, Pollard	7	3		1			32	30	62
Enon	C. S. Cashwell, Cobton	Geo. P. Britt, Grantham's Store	4	1	1	2			35	50	85
Falling Creek	A. J. Hires, Kinston	Joseph Kinsey, Cobton	3	7		1			23	44	67
Fort Barnwell	A. J. Hires, Kinston	R. M. Freeman, <i>pro tem.</i> , Goldsboro	2	4	1	8			23	34	57
Goldsboro	A. J. Hires, Kinston	J. P. Joyner, La Grange	2	1	1	5			58	130	188
Kinston	C. A. Woodson, Beaufort	G. L. Arthur, Morehead City	22	7	2	3			49	66	115
La Grange	J. T. Albritton, Mount Olive	R. A. Parker, Goldsboro	10	1		6			22	33	55
Morehead City	Theo. Whitfield, Newberne	F. W. Hancock, Newberne	3	7		2			53	70	123
Mount Calvary	C. W. Portier, Swansboro	W. E. Morton, Swansboro	1	1		6			7	11	18
Newberne	C. S. Cashwell, Cobton	John H. Whitty, Pollocksville	17	3		1			27	46	73
Piny Grove (Onslow)	C. S. Cashwell, Cobton	T. A. Bell, Pollocksville	4	1		1			28	39	67
Pollocksville	W. J. Fulford, Snow Hill	J. C. Padelford, Snow Hill	7	3		3			11	21	32
Snow Hill	T. J. Leary, Harlowe	A. G. Davis, Smyrna	6	1		1			21	24	45
Smyrna	T. J. Leary, Harlowe	David Arthur, Beaufort	3	2	2	1			23	64	87
*Union	T. J. Leary, Harlowe	L. L. Leary, Harlowe	3	2		1			13	29	42
Woodville	T. J. Leary, Harlowe								12	12	24
Young Bethel									12	12	24
Totals			124	42	13	42	25	19	632	1016	1648

* From minutes 1866.

Contributions for all Objects.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State or Ass- national Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Sunday School Board.	Baptist Ophanage.	Minute Fund.	Other Objects.	Total amount for all objects.
Antioch	100 00	60 85	2 50	17 90	6 50	8 84			1 50	25 44	222 03
Beaufort	150 00	16 44	3 00	10 00	4 00	4 00			2 00	5 75	194 69
Bayboro			5 00	15 00		2 00			1 25		23 25
Capernaum	15 00	50 00		2 50					25		39 75
Enon	100 00		5 00	15 00	5 00	2 50			1 00	7 00	135 50
Falling Creek	125 00	3 60	7 50	15 00	5 00				85	2 50	197 03
Fort Barnwell	200 00		10 00	20 00	3 00				1 00	10 00	244 00
Goldsboro	357 75	147 72	35 00	100 00	25 00				5 00	30 82	1,067 29
Kinston	475 00	50 00	30 00	50 00	25 00	25 00		35 00	3 50	274 46	943 51
La Grange	132 50	1,000 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	1 50		10 55	2 50	5 00	1,166 50
Morehead City	200 00	+55 00	6 00	40 00	10 00	5 00			2 00	85 83	403 83
Mount Calvary	50 00		3 00	10 00	7 10	1 35			1 00	2 00	79 14
Newbeme	750 00	240 77	30 00	50 00	37 80	9 52		3 50	3 00	56 83	1,319 45
Piny Grove (Onslow)									50		50
Piny Grove (Jones)			3 00	12 00	2 00				1 50	2 00	20 50
Pollockville	50 00		4 00	10 00	2 00				1 50	3 00	70 50
Snow Hill	50 00		10 00	10 50	1 00				1 00	6 08	78 58
Smyrna			5 00	5 00	3 00						13 00
Woodville			8 00	7 00	3 00						15 00
Young Bethel			5 00	8 00	5 00				50		21 50
Totals.	\$2,755 25	\$1,624 38	\$82 00	\$407 90	\$149 40	\$59 71	\$141 53	\$49 05	\$29 85	\$83 71	\$6,255 55

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
ATLANTIC BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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

2. It shall be composed of delegates elected by churches connected with it, each church being entitled to five delegates; delegates to be members of the churches they represent.

3. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by securing the co-operation of its churches for their own edification and for the spread of the gospel according to our faith and order.

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

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

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

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

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

9. The Association shall appoint annually an Executive Board of seven, of whom the Treasurer shall be one, to whom shall be entrusted the prosecution of Associational Missions, and any other work which this body may refer to them, and who shall, as far as practicable, co-operate with the State Mission Board in supplying the destitution in our territory, and between the meetings of the Association take such action as may seem to them advisable for the advancement of its objects. The Board shall present to the Association at its annual meeting a report of all its proceedings, with the Treasurer's report of all receipts and disbursements, and with the names of its missionaries, time of service and details of their work.

10. The annual session of the Association shall begin on Tuesday after the 4th Lord's Day in October, at such place as may be chosen. Representatives from a majority of the churches shall constitute a quorum.

11. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, provided the amendment shall have been proposed at the preceding session and recorded in the minutes. The Rules of Order may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The daily sessions of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Delegates shall be recognized by letters from their churches, designating them as such.
3. The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers or the delegates of newly received churches by extending to them his right hand.
4. The Clerk shall have recorded and read the proceedings when called for, superintend the publication and distribution of the Minutes, preserve a file of them, and have it present at each annual session, and deliver to his successor all papers belonging to the body.
5. Members desiring to speak, shall first rise and address the Moderator; shall use the term "Brother" in speaking of each other; shall not speak on the same subject more than twice without permission, and shall observe the courtesy that becomes Christians.
6. Members shall not absent themselves from the session without permission.
7. The roll of members shall be called at least once, and absentees marked.
8. Corresponding messengers and visiting brethren shall be invited to seats, with privilege of speaking, but not of voting.
9. A copy of the Minutes shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Mission Board, also one to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one to the American Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.
10. All questions of order not herein provided shall be decided by Mell's Parliamentary Practice.
11. The report of the Executive Board, and the missionary work of the Association, shall take precedence of all other business during the morning session of the second day of the annual session.
12. The General Order of Business shall be:
 1. Reading church letters and enrollment of delegates.
 2. Election of officers.
 3. Petitionary letters.
 4. Appointment of committees for this session.
 5. Appointment of Standing Committees.
 6. Report of committees on churches delinquent at the previous session.
 7. Reports of standing committees.
 8. Reports of other committees.
 9. Miscellaneous business.