

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Second Annual Session

OF THE

Atlantic Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

NEW BERN, N. C.,

OCTOBER, 11th and 12th, 1905.

The next session is to be held with the Davis Shore Baptist Church,
Wednesday morning after the second Sunday in October, 1906.
Rev. W. A. Ayers to preach the Introductory Sermon.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—W. G. Hall, D. F. Aman.
Home Missions—E. C. Andrews, W. A. Ayers, G. A. Gaskins.
Foreign Missions—W. A. Ayers, D. H. Green, U. C. Holton.
Education—B. H. Mathews, J. B. Holland, L. L. Leary.
Orphanage—J. C. Whitty, J. W. Green, N. J. Montfort.
Sunday Schools—I. B. Willis, W. H. Whitehead, T. J. Mitchell.
Aged Ministers—O. F. Davis, A. D. Kellum, J. H. Eubanks.
Temperance—J. B. Newton, A. Trott, C. T. Tallman.
Periodicals—J. B. Olive, W. H. Eubanks, W. L. Beach.
Obituaries—E. O. Johnson, Daniel Frazier, J. S. Yates.
Associational Missions—W. H. Whitehead, V. C. Willis, W. L. Lewis.
Delinquent Churches—L. L. Leary, J. B. Newton, W. L. Beach.

Roll of Churches and Messengers.

Atlantic (Onslow)—D. F. Aman.
Atlantic (Carteret)—Not represented.
Bayboro—J. W. Green, N. A. Miller, Blanche Miller.
Bear Creek—Charlie Foreman, Daniel Frazier.
Beaufort—Represented by Letter.
Capernaum—W. H. Eubanks, J. S. Yates.
Christian Hope—Isaac Ramsey, Molicy Ramsey, D. D. Ramsey.
Davis Shore—O. F. Davis, Rowland Davis, Abraham Davis.
Enon Chapel—Roy Henderson, Frank Kellum, R. Hamilton.
Marshallberg—Represented by letter.
Morehead City—L. L. Leary, I. B. Willis.
New Bern First Church—J. C. Whitty, T. J. Mitchell, D. H. Green, N. D. Ward, W. L. Lewis, W. F. Hill.
Oregon—Not represented.
Piny Grove—Represented by letter.
Smyrna—V. C. Willis, Irene Simpson.
Spring Hill—Alex. Trott, J. A. Eubanks, C. F. Talbsum.
Swansboro—J. S. Canady, J. E. Watson, B. H. Mathews.
Truitt—Represented by letter.
Vandemere—Represented by letter.
Woodville—Nannie Gillikin.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the "Atlantic Baptist Association."
2. It shall be composed of the pastors and of the delegates elected by the Churches connected with it, each Church being entitled to three delegates, unless the membership shall exceed fifty, and then there shall be an additional delegate for every twenty-five members. Every Church having a Ladies' Missionary Society shall be entitled to one additional female delegate to represent it on the Woman's Central Committee.
3. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom by securing the co-operation of its Churches for their 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 acquaintance with it, in 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 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) Sunday or Sundays of regular service; (4) the Church statistics; (5) Sunday School statistics; (6) contributions to (a) Associational Missions, (b) State Missions, (c) Home Missions, (d) Foreign Missions, (e) Education, (f) Colportage, (g) Sunday School Missions, (h) Orphanage, (i) Ministerial Relief, (j) Houses of Worship, (k) Minute Fund, (l) 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 until the Church be recovered or dropped from the Association.
8. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, a Historian, 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, the Historian in keeping a record of the work and progress of the Association, and report at each annual session.
9. The Association shall appoint annually an Executive Board of five, to whom shall be entrusted the prosecution of the 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 Wednesday morning after second Sunday in October, at such place as may be chosen, and an Introductory Sermon shall be delivered on the first day of the session. Representatives from a majority of the Churches shall constitute a quorum.
11. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS.

1. The daily session 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 provide blank letters for the use of the Churches of the Association previous to the meeting of the Association, superintend the publication and distribution of the minutes preserve a file of them and have it present it each annual session, read the proceedings of the preceding session at the beginning of each morning session, and the last day's proceedings at the close of the annual session.
5. Members desiring to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator; shall use the term "brother," in speaking to 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 copy to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one to the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, and one to the Field Secretary for Sunday Schools in North Carolina.
10. All questions of order not herein provided shall be decided by "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Law."
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.

PROCEEDINGS.

First Baptist Church, New Bern, N. C.,
October 11th to 12th, 1905.

The Atlantic Baptist Association met in its Twenty-second Annual Session with the First Baptist Church of New Bern, N. C., October 11 to 12, 1905. Devotional exercises were conducted by E. O. Johnson.

After the delegates were enrolled permanent organization was effected as follows: J. S. Canady, Moderator; B. H. Mathews, Clerk; J. C. Whitty, J. B. Newton and T. J. Mitchell, were appointed on Order of Business.

L. L. Leary, I. B. Willis and J. W. Green were appointed as Finance Committee.

The following committees were appointed to take the place of absentees:

Orphanage—S. M. Brinson.

State Missions—W. A. Ayers.

Foreign Missions—W. G. Hall.

Temperance—T. J. Mitchell.

Letters Digest—D. H. Green, U. C. Holton, O. F. Davis.

The following visiting brethren were invited to seats: Dr. R. T. Vann, John E. Ray, H. C. Moore, S. J. Farmer, S. F. Conrad.

Report on Delinquent Churches was submitted by B. H. Mathews and after remarks by B. H. Mathews, J. C. Whitty, J. B. Newton, A. D. Ward and D. H. Green, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON DELINQUENT CHURCHES.

This committee finds that three churches were not represented at the last session of the Association, viz: Bay Creek, Cool Springs and Oregon.

We learn that Bay Creek has sold their property and divided the money. Cool Springs is left with but two members.

Oregon was careless.

We also learn that the following churches were represented only by letter: Atlantic (Onslow) and Atlantic (Carteret), Bayboro, Christian Hope, Oriental, Smyrna, Truit, Woodville. We recommend that these churches be represented not only by letter but by delegation.

B. H. MATHEWS.

A motion was made and carried that Bay Creek Church be dropped from our roll, because of disorderly conduct.

T. J. Mitchell submitted the report on Temperance, as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We are glad to report that Temperance is gaining in private as well as public favor, and we hail with pleasure the recent utterances of our Governor R. B. Glenn, in favor of State Prohibition.

We believe that the drink habit is one of the greatest hindrances to the Christian religion now in existence; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Baptists of the Atlantic Association, use every legitimate effort within our reach to suppress it, and to bring about Prohibition. Also, That we protest against the seating of delegates from the Churches that aid in the manufacture or sale of wine or spiritous liquors in any way.

Very respectfully submitted,

THOMAS J. MITCHELL,

ALEX TROTT,

Committee.

W. A. Ayers spoke to the report. Also J. C. Whitty, D. H. Green, J. B. Newton.

Oregon Baptist Church was given a letter of dismissal to join the Tar River Association.

An excellent address of welcome was delivered by S. M. Brinson and a response by W. G. Hall.

On motion, the Association adjourned.

Benediction by D. F. Aman.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The devotional exercises were conducted by E. C. Andrews; after which the Moderator called the Association to order.

L. L. Leary submitted the report on Aged Ministers as follows:

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

The Baptist State Convention elects yearly a Board consisting of nine members who are known as The Aged Ministers' Relief Board. It is the duty of this board to furnish aid to Ministers who by reason of age or disease are no longer able to earn a support for themselves and families.

This Board very wisely furnishes aid to these old ministers at their homes so that they are not required to break the ties that bind to home and loved ones. With the old or diseased these ties are especially strong. This is also the cheapest way of taking care of them, as \$50 per year is the usual amount required.

Brethren, are we doing our Christian duty with regards to these servants of God? Nearly all secret orders care for their helpless. Shall a Christian Church allow those who have been pioneers in the work and who have not only given, so unselfishly their time and talent, but all earthly possessions to the Master's cause to go begging or to suffer for the necessities of life?

May God help us to realize our obligations to these, our brethren, and to see that in ministering unto one of the least of these, we are ministering unto our blessed Savior.

L. L. LEARY.

W. A. Ayers spoke to the report.

The report on Obituaries was submitted by J. B. Olive as follows:

IN MEMORIAM.

Since our last annual meeting, Deacons J. C. Bloodworth, W. G. Smith, Martin T. Lewis and Bro. G. W. Ward have gone to their eternal home. They were all noble men of God and faithful members of their respective churches. Their churches are poorer, but Heaven is richer since their departure.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. OLIVE.

W. G. Hall read the report on Foreign Missions, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Boards of our Conventions deserves the support of every Church in the State, in the work they are trying to do. More especially does Foreign Missions have a right to receive our hearty support. As it embraces the entire world and involves the purest and most unselfish Missionary spirit. Its work is a direct effort to obey and carry out the last great command of Christ.

We believe that the individual Christian or church that grows in interest and liberality to Foreign Missions will grow in all other features of the denominational work.

Let us thank God for all we have accomplished in giving the gospel to the heathen world, and make this year the greatest in the history of the work.

We recommend that each Church make a liberal advance to the work of Foreign Missions, and let us pray earnestly for the power of the Spirit to aid us in the great work of God for the world.

W. G. HALL.

W. G. Hall spoke to the report.
E. C. Andrews submitted the report on Periodicals as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The printing press has become one of the most powerful agencies both for good and evil. The country has been broad-cast with printed matter, and much that is hurtful goes into many of our homes.

Our Baptist homes should be guarded against this evil, by placing in them good wholesome literature. Many of our best thoughts are molded and shaped by dwelling on the thoughts of great thinkers. Therefore it is very necessary that we have in our reach the cream of thought of our denominational leaders.

Therefore, we recommend that every pastor strive to place The Biblical Recorder in every Baptist home. It is the Baptist thought of North Carolina.

Charity and Children is well worth our consideration, and should be taken by every Sunday School. By taking Charity and Children we do not only benefit self, but we contribute to the Orphanage which is so dear to our hearts. This we cannot afford to miss.

The subject of Missions must not be ignored, and missions is a means of spiritual growth, and the wide-awake Baptist should be a subscriber to The Foreign Mission Journal.

We also recommend that our Sunday Schools buy their literature from the Baptist Book Store at Raleigh, as the proceeds go to help the cause of Missions.

The North Carolina Baptist, too, has done and is doing a great work for the cause of Temperance. North Carolina is greatly indebted to her for the Temperance movement.

The Home Field is the gate-way to Home Mission knowledge, you must know this to have the Mission spirit.

The Atlantic Messenger, should be remembered for what she has done to stir our heart for State Missions, and we further recommend that her pages continue to be printed.

Respectfully,

E. C. ANDREWS.

E. C. Andrews, J. C. Whitty, B. H. Mathews, J. B. Newton, spoke to the report.

The following Committee was appointed on Place and Preacher: I. B. Willis, J. B. Newton, E. C. Andrews.

7:30 P. M., Dr. Vann conducted devotional exercises, after which W. G. Hall preached the Introductory sermon. Subject "The communication of the Divine mind to men."

Prof. W. L. Beach submitted the report on Education, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Baptists have always favored education and each year they are coming to realize more and more its importance as the true foundation of society over the State, and its vital connection with all real progress in Church work. Our State is making great improvement in the Public School System and we urge our people to make use of every advantage offered by it. For advanced work we have our own school, Atlantic Institute. Every member of this Association should feel a personal interest in its success and should give it his individual support and encouragement.

For College work Wake Forest and the Baptist University for Women offer the very best advantages and we heartily recommend them to our

WALTER L. BEACH,

For Committee.

Dr. R. T. Vann delivered an excellent address on Education.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

To Nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention—J. B. Newton, J. B. Olive and E. O. Johnson.

To Nominate Executive Committee—E. C. Andrews, O. F. Davis, D. H. Green.

The Association adjourned. Benediction by H. C. Moore.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

After devotional exercises the Moderator called the Association to order. J. C. Whitty, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, submitted the report of the Atlantic Institute as follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ATLANTIC INSTITUTE.

Brethren, this is your school. It is doing fine work. It needs more of your hearty co-operation and help. It has now enrolled 90 pupils.

Professor Beach and his faithful corps of teachers are doing their best. The institution suffers for the want of a Dormitory and the Board of Trustees do not see any way to supply the need until the present indebtedness which is about \$1,000, is paid. What has your Church done toward the payment of this debt? What will it do with your help during the coming year to dispose of this indebtedness? This is valuable property it is easily worth \$3,000. Two of its boys are now at Wake Forest College. It has possibilities that we cannot estimate. Its future is just as bright as you feel interested in it. Will you help us to make it even a greater blessing? Scores of boys and girls in the bounds of our Association ought to be in this institute to-day and our Associational pride ought to stimulate every one of us to make it the equal of any Associational school in the State. May God put it in the hearts of His people to see and realize the great importance of giving our children a Baptist Education.

Respectfully,

J. C. WHITTY, Chmn.

The report was spoken to by Prof. W. L. Beach, Prof. S. M. Brinson, R. T. Vann, J. C. Whitty.

J. C. Whitty submitted the report on Associational Missions and Executive Committee, as follows:

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The destitution in our Association is a great problem that grows more and more in importance as the years come and go. And as our beloved Eastern North Carolina develops as it is doing at this time we are confronted with one great opportunity as Baptists. The Pamlico Field now being developed by the building of a Rail Road is exceedingly inviting, and requires the services of a good strong preacher.

The Field between New Bern and Morehead City along the line of the A. & N. C. R. R. is appealing to us as Baptists. Bro. E. O. Johnson has been faithfully laboring in that field for the past three years—and he now feels that he must give up that work, and we will have to look out for one to succeed him should he decide to leave. The Eastern or Coast section, one of great importance, is blessed at this time by having Bro. W. G. Hall as its Shepherd and we must carefully look after its interest by keeping him there.

Our Onslow field is one of great importance and we are thankful for such devoted leaders as Brethren Andrews, Olive, Aman and Henderson, whose work has been signally blessed during the past year. Now, brethren, to keep these brethren and to supply others who will be so badly needed we will be called on to contribute liberally—it will take money to do this. The brethren have the money and may God give them Grace enough to turn it loose that this dear old Eastern North Carolina may have the gospel as we Baptists believe it.

J. C. WHITTY, Chmn.

W. H. Ayers submitted the report on State Missions as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The history of State Missions is virtually the history of the rise and progress of North Carolina Baptists from the year 1720 to the present time. The work is so clearly in accord with the divine commandment and with the Spirit of Jesus Christ, that we need no argument to commend it to the Association. Since the board of State missions and Sunday school was organized our missionaries have preached all over the State and have organized hundred of our churches which are now strong and self-sustaining, and are mighty factors in the evangelization of our own State and the world. Thus as the State board has gone forward in its work every department of our denominational life has been stimulated, Education, The Orphanage, Home Missions and Foreign Missions have largely their base of supply in State Missions. If this has been true in the past it is doubly true to day. The commercial and manufacturing awakening which is sweeping over our State is bringing hundreds and thousands of people into our bounds and especially into our towns. The eastern part of our State is awakening to a degree never known before. Now is the time of all times for the State Board to make a heroic effort to establish our faith.

We recommend that the churches make a liberal increase to State Missions this year.

Respectfully,
SUB. COMMITTEE.

W. A. Ayers and John E. Ray spoke to the report.
The Association adjourned.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by B. H. Mathews.

W. A. Ayers was appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. Delegates to the Baptist State Convention are as follows: J. C. Whitty, W. G. Hall, E. C. Andrews, J. B. Newton, E. O. Johnson, J. B. Olive.

W. A. Ayers was elected a member of the State Board of Missions and Sunday Schools.

H. C. Moore submitted the report on Home Missions as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The field of our Home Mission endeavor is the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention and the island of Cuba. Work is being done among the foreigners coming to our shores, among the 10,000,000 negroes of the South, among the 2,000,000 white people of our mountains, in our great cities, along our Western frontier, and in Cuba. In every department there is monumental need and magnificent possibility. Already gracious results are manifest and yet greater things lie before us.

During the last year we had 718 missionaries, and 10,551 baptisms. More than \$145,000 was contributed for this work. But we need to increase our efforts and enlarge our offerings. Let us therefore, make our pledges for Home Missions larger than heretofore and pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into the field.

H. C. MOORE, Chmn.

H. C. Moore and J. J. Douglass spoke to the report.

B. H. Mathews submitted the report on Sunday Schools as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Progress is our motto in this work. Our aim is to bring the young people to Christ. A live progressive school indicates a church that can be depended upon for Christian work; no school, an inactive lifeless church.

Hence the necessity for a good thoroughly organized school in every Baptist Church and community in our Association and in the State. On this depends in a large measure, the success of every department of our Church work. In the Atlantic Association we have 1,083 scholars on our Sunday school roll manned and controlled by 137 officers and teachers. We have an organized Sunday School Convention which meets once a year. We recommend that each Church and pastor look after all the destitution within their reach and that we give of our time, means and prayer to the Lord, in behalf of the Sunday School work.

B. H. MATHEWS.

B. H. Mathews, H. C. Moore and D. H. Green spoke to the report on Sunday Schools.

S. M. Brinson submitted the report on Orphanage as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE.

We, your Committee on Orphanage, submit for your consideration the following report:

Twenty years ago the Orphanage at Thomasville was established—with the highest expectation of many and the grave misgiving of a few.

The fact that that institution has removed all doubt as to the wisdom of its establishment and the necessity of its maintenance and among its most ardent supporters to-day are numbered those who at first questioned the propriety of its establishment.

Since its opening about one thousand children have been under its care and protection and about seven hundred have gone out from its walls well equipped morally and mentally for the stern problems of life.

The fact that 75 per cent. of the children who have been in this institution have professed faith in Christ and have gone from its shelter into active Christian service abundantly attest the religious spirit, which pervades the institution as well as the fine moral sense which is cultivated there.

The installment of an approved system of water works was made an imperative obligation by reason of the developments in the typhoid epidemic and the Trustees are to be commended for their wise provision against a recurrence of that dread malady.

Eleven thousand dollars was expended in this and the interest on this amount—about \$600 annually—will be a burden on the institution until the principal is paid.

That amount could admit a number, who are now applying for admission, if it were not necessary to apply it to the payment of interest on the money borrowed.

It is therefore earnestly recommended by this Association that each Church and each individual member be urged to sacrifice—if need be—that every possible dollar be raised toward removing this burden which hampers The Orphanage and cripples its work.

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. BRINSON,
E. O. JOHNSON,

Committee.

J. C. Whitty, S. F. Conrad, W. A. Ayers spoke to the report.

A cash collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$16.24.

The following brethren made personal pledges: D. F. Aman, for Orphanage, \$1; D. H. Green, for Sunday schools, \$5; J. B. Newton, for Atlantic Institute, \$5; George Holland, \$1; William Holland, \$1; Miss Fannie Holland, \$5; J. B. Holland, \$5; L. L. Leary, \$5; E. J. Holliday, \$5; H. C. Moore, \$5; Mrs. J. C. Whitty, \$5; John E. Ray, \$5; E. O. Johnson, \$5; R. T. Vann, \$5; S. J. Farmer, \$5; S. F. Conrad, \$5.

A collection amounting to \$5.21 was taken for J. B. Olive.

B. H. Mathews submitted the Historian's report, as follows:

REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

The twenty-second Annual Session of the Atlantic Association met with the First Baptist Church of New Bern, Oct. 11-13, 1905.

We met with the oldest church in the Association. Since 1810 the Baptists have been worshipping God in the city. This Church for one hundred years has been holding to the Truth as we find it in God's word. The work of John Brinson, Elijah Clark, Zaccheus Slade and Jones McCabe is speaking out in thunder tones in our midst. More than a century has passed since Fulcher, Brinson and Purefy suffered bonds and imprisonment for Christ's sake. They have long since entered their reward, yet their work remains in the Godly life of many of their descendants still active members of Christ's Kingdom. During this year many of our Churches have had glorious revivals. Ninety-five have been added by baptism.

Our contributions have been increased. Our cause is making progress along all lines.

B. H. MATHEWS.

L. L. Leary submitted the Finance Report as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received for Minute Fund.....	\$ 26 54
Received for State Missions.....	128 07
Received for Home Missions.....	27 80
Received for Foreign Missions.....	34 50
Received for Sunday School.....	10 00
Received for Orphanage.....	15 85
Received for Minister's Relief.....	16 77
Received for Ministerial Education.....	5 26
Cash collection for Orphanage.....	16 26

Grand total\$ 281 05

L. L. LEARY.

D. H. Green submitted the report on digest of Church Letters.

B. H. Mathews submitted the following resolution: That this body return a most hearty vote of thanks for the kind hospitality of the New Bern brethren and sisters.

After singing "God be with you," S. F. Conrad delivered the benediction. So closed the twenty-second annual session of the Atlantic Association.

J. S. CANADY,

B. H. MATHEWS,

Clerk.

Moderator.

TABLE I—PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Sunday Schools.	Ministerial Relief.	Ministerial Education.	Atlantic Institute.
Atlantic (Onslow)....	\$ 6.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Bayboro	15.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	3.00	1.00	1.50	5.00
Bear Creek.....	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....	1.50	1.00	.....
Beaufort	15.00	5.00	5.00	15.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	10.00
Capernaum	5.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....
Christian Hope.....	3.00	1.00	.50	1.00	1.00	2.00	.....	1.00
Davis Shore.....	25.00	3.00	7.00	8.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	5.00
Enon Chapel	15.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	5.00
Marshalberg	6.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	1.50	1.00	2.00
Morehead City	100.00	16.00	25.00	100.00	15.00	6.00	15.00	75.00
New Bern, 1st Church	200.00	40.00	75.00	200.00	25.00	25.00	15.00	75.00
Oriental	10.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00
Smyrna	10.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.00
Spring Hill	3.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Swansboro	20.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	5.00
Truitt	5.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	.....	1.00
Vandemere	10.00	1.00	1.50	3.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00
Woodville	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Piney Grove	5.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	2.00
Mt. Herman	3.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

TABLE 2—CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidentals.	Sunday School Expenses.	The Poor.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Old Ministers Relief.	Education.	Minutes.	Other Objects.	Building and Repairing.	Total.
Atlantic	\$ 25.00	.50	\$ 5.90	\$ 3.80	\$ 10.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.46	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$.50	\$ 12.38	\$	\$ 43.96
Bayboro	50.00	11.46	10.50	3.80	10.00	2.00	3.87	2.00	1.50	2.57	1.00	12.38		113.68
Bear Creek	30.00	8.00	2.50		5.00	1.00	.82	2.00	1.00		.58			47.49
Beaufort	600.00	24.00	12.00	14.00	15.90	6.50	6.60	25.00	5.00	10.00		37.00		725.00
Capernaum	41.00		2.00	.25	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.25			53.25
Christian Hope	18.00	4.04	1.00		2.50	1.00		.50			.50			27.04
Davis Shore	200.00	75.00	40.46		26.00	6.40	7.25	9.68	1.00	1.00	2.25	14.27		336.81
Enon Chapel	110.00	1.50	4.50	25.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	5.00		180.00
Marshallberg	45.00		11.58		6.00	1.25	1.30	2.00	1.59	1.00	1.90			121.70
Morehead City	750.00	105.00	85.00	38.00	100.00	65.00	25.00	118.00	6.00	26.00	5.00	285.00	75.00	189.42
New Bern, 1st Church	1105.92	244.10	53.80	41.96	150.00	46.36	74.11	208.07	104.91	104.91	5.00	66.70	81.56	2138.99
Piney Grove	50.00		8.00	8.00	2.50	1.00	1.90	1.00	1.57	1.37	1.01			75.34
Smyrna	80.00	3.00	3.70		7.00	2.13	3.25	2.00	3.76	1.00	2.00	64.00		199.74
Swansboro	100.00	24.40	56.58	11.78	20.00	4.00	8.00	21.70	2.00	3.00	2.00	33.65		284.40
Spring Hill	14.00	7.00			2.00	1.25					.45		100.00	129.25
Vandemere	30.00		12.00		5.00	2.00	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00			54.50
Oriental	35.75				2.50	2.18	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	10.00	104.77	160.40
Mt. Herman	11.00		3.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.55		36.45	53.45
Truitt	20.00	1.25	3.00		4.00	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.00	.75		3.75	47.05
Woodville	50.00		2.00		2.00	1.50	1.50	1.00	1.10	1.00		5.50		65.90
Atlantic (Carteret)	8.75				2.00	1.50	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00				15.75

Rouena Whitty Mission and Tract Society, \$232.

TABLE 3—CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	County.	Pastor.	Pastor's Salary.	Sabbath of Preaching.	Baptisms.	Rec'd by Letr.	Restored.	Dis'm by Letr.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.
Atlantic	Onslow	E. C. Andrews	\$ 25.00	2	1						7	14	21
Atlantic	Carteret	W. G. Hall	8.75										9
Bear Creek	Pamlico	J. B. Olive	30.00	4	7		2		2		19	27	46
Bayboro	Pamlico	J. B. Newton	50.00	2		3		7	7		11	26	37
Beaufort	Carteret	W. H. Whitehead	600.00	All		7		3	1		45	60	105
Capernaum	Onslow	J. B. Olive	41.00	1	9			3		1	22	40	62
Christian Hope	Onslow	J. B. Olive	18.00	2	1		1		2		8	12	20
Davis Shore	Carteret	W. G. Hall	200.00	2	25		3		1	2	53	60	113
Enon Chapel	Onslow	E. C. Andrews	110.00	1	5		2	4	3	2	57	83	140
Marshallberg	Carteret	W. G. Hall	45.00	4	1					2	8	9	17
Morehead City	Carteret	R. P. Walker	750.00	All	11	3		2		2	76	124	200
Mount Hermon	Onslow	J. B. Olive	11.00	1	2					1	5	8	13
New Bern, First Church	Craven	W. A. Ayers	1105.92	All	19	34		8		4	99	164	263
Oriental	Pamlico	J. B. Newton	35.75	1	1	9		2			7	11	18
Piney Grove	Onslow	E. C. Andrews	50.00	4	3						42	57	99
Smyrna	Carteret	W. G. Hall	80.00	1						4	13	35	48
Swansboro	Onslow	E. C. Andrews	100.00	2-4	14	1		1	5	1	52	82	134
Spring Hill	Onslow	J. B. Olive	14.00	3			2				10	8	18
Truitt	Craven	J. B. Newton	20.00	4		2			7		13	14	27
Vandemere	Pamlico	J. B. Newton	30.00	3							11	15	26
Woodville	Carteret	W. H. Whitehead	50.00	2	1		1				11	21	32
Total			\$3374.42	95	65	9	32	31	19	569	870	1448	

TABLE 4—SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Superintendent.	Secretary.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Papers taken.	Average Attendance.	Baptisms.
Atlantic (Onslow).....	E. I. Provost.....	Miss G. Provost..	5	25	30	58	.....	.....
Bear Creek.....	F. Guthrie.....	A. A. Burns.....	5	23	28	20	20	1
Beaufort.....	R. Felton.....	B. Hellen.....	10	109	119	616	60	.....
Bayboro.....	J. W. Greene.....	Blanche Miller..	7	55	62	30	25	.....
Capernaum.....	W. H. Eubanks.....	D. F. Riggs.....	4	30	34	.....	.....	6
Christian Hope.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Davis Shore.....	W. L. Paul.....	Charlotte Willis..	15	60	75	75	40	25
Enon Chapel.....	J. L. Hamilton.....	B. Marshall.....	3	20	23	24	20	.....
Marshallberg.....	H. R. Huggins.....	Chas. Lewis.....	8	85	93	91	56	1
Mount Hermon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Bern (First Church).....	J. L. McDaniel.....	W. B. Smith.....	15	169	184	257	125	10
Oriental.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piney Grove.....	W. R. Willis.....	Alice Stanley.....	7	52	59	.....	30	.....
Smyrna.....	I. Davis.....	Miss P. C. Davis..	9	35	44	40	25	.....
Swansboro.....	M. W. Heady.....	Edwin Foster.....	11	121	132	512	75	12
Spring Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Truitt.....	S. C. Dunham.....	Miss A. Thomas..	5	30	35	40	15	.....
Vandemere.....	U. C. Holton.....	Callie Porter.....	4	30	34	25	30	.....
Woodville.....	L. F. Willis.....	Wm. Felton.....	11	30	41	80	30	.....
Morehead City.....	L. L. Leary.....	.....	18	209	227	360	.....	.....
Total.....	.....	.....	137	1083	1220	.....	.....	55