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PROCEEDINGS.

CLINTON, SAMPSON CO., N. C., Oct. 5th, 18. 6.

The Eastern Baptist Association met in its Forty-Second Annual Session in the Clinton Church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. B. Harrell, from Rev. 2, 4.

Adjourned for one hour.

Association called to order at the appointed hour by the Moderator, Elder W. M. Kennedy. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Pritchard.

List of churches called and 40 of the 46 churches composing this Association were found to be represented.

Brethren L. R. Carroll and F. A. Fennell were appointed Reading Clerks.

On motion a Finance Committee was appointed, consisting of B. Matthews, W. J. Hollingsworth and D. J. Corbett.

Committee of Arrangements was appointed, consisting of Pastor and Deacons of this church.

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

Bethel.—W. J. Fryar, M. H. Oates, Jas. B. Williams.

Beulah.—G. W. Marsh, J. L. Britt, J. T. Moore.

Boykin's Chapel.—G. L. Boykin, T. W. Boykin, L. M. Boykin.

Bear Marsh.—R. J. Walker, R. D. Bennett.

Bear Branch.—W. R. Brinson, Jr.

Burgaw.—J. T. Bland, J. D. Hocutt.

Clinton.—W. M. Draughon, M. M. Killett, J. L. Stewart.

Concord.—Alfred Hall, D. D. Wells.

Covinth.—W. D. Wilkins, J. C. Williams.

Colvin's Creek.—M. C. Harrell, J. D. Lewis.

Caintuck Chapel.—D. J. Corbett.

Caswell.—Luther Glisson.

Dobson's Chapel.—J. R. Dobson, W. B. Hawes.

Emma's Chapel.—J. T. Jarman, T. F. Barbee, W. S. Cox.

Faison.—J. W. Lane, J. C. Hines, Alonzo Rich.

Hallsville.—I. J. Sandlin, C. F. Southerland.

Island Creek.—B. F. Bland, P. D. Cook.

Johnson's.—D. S. Kennedy, C. M. Middleton, J. A. Powell.

Kenansville.—D. J. Middleton.

Long Creek.—W. D. Bordeaux, G. A. Herring.

Lisbon.—W. S. Johnson, R. Herring, A. R. Herring.

Mary's Chapel.—T. H. Rogers, F. M. Southerland, G. Best.

Masonboro.—J. A. Hewlett, J. P. Walton.

MINUTES OF THE

Moore's Creek.—John Moore, W. J. Hollingsworth.
Mt. Gilead.—L. A. Powell, J. J. Vann.
Mt. Olive.—J. B. Harrell, W. B. Hood.
Mt. Holly.—L. D. Hodges.
Magnolia.—Alfred Hollingsworth, Dan. Robinson.
New Hope.—L. R. Carroll, J. T. Kennedy, J. F. Williams.
Piney Grove.—Nathan Weeks, W. I. Lane, B. C. Weeks.
Poplar Grove.—W. B. Harris, Julius Blackman, W. D. Stevens.
Riley's Creek.—J. W. Ellers.
Shiloh.—D. J. Eakins.
Teachey.—C. A. Rochelle.
Warsaw.—W. M. Kennedy, A. M. Faison, S. M. Carlton.
Wells' Chapel.—L. R. Highsmith, A. E. Colwell, N. F. Highsmith.
Wilmington.—T. H. Pritchard, W. A. Jenkins.
Willard.—F. A. Fennell, I. A. Newton.

Berea, Bethlehem, Rose Hill and Salem were represented by letter.
 Letter from Masonboro was laid on the table.

On motion, Elder J. P. Faison was allowed to make an explanation in regard to suggestions made by this body, at last session, to Magnolia church. He said they had carried them out in spirit.

Letters from Teachey, Point Caswell and Wells' Chapel were laid on the table.

Dr. T. H. Pritchard made statements in regard to the work of Brook-lyn branch of Wilmington Church.

Chairman of Committee of Arrangements announced that Elder C. A. Jenkins would preach in the Methodist church at 3.30 o'clock.

Association proceeded with the next order of business, which was the election of officers for ensuing year. The following brethren were appointed tellers: For Moderator—John Moore, J. W. Lane. For Clerk—W. J. Fryar and W. M. Draughon. For Treasurer—D. J. Middleton and D. S. Kennedy.

Result—Elder J. L. Stewart, elected Moderator; Elder J. L. Britt, re-elected Clerk; A. M. Faison, re-elected Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for. A letter from Faison was presented asking for admission into this body. A committee was appointed to examine into the orthodoxy of the church at Faison. Committee—Elders J. P. Faison, T. H. Pritchard and R. C. Sandling.

A letter from Lebanon was presented. Pending motion to receive them as a member of this body remarks were made by Elders W. A. Melvin and J. P. Faison, which revealed the fact that there was disagreement and trouble as to whether they would belong to this body or the South River Association. The matter was referred to the church at Lebanon for settlement.

Committee of Arrangements reported as follows:
 Preaching to-night, at 7 o'clock, by Dr. T. H. Pritchard. Association meet to-morrow at 9.30 o'clock; Missionary sermon at 11.30 o'clock, by

Elder R. C. Sandling. Association meet at 2 o'clock P. M.; preaching at the Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock P. M., by Elder G. M. Tolson.

Invitation was extended to visiting brethren.

Elder C. S. Farris, Associate Editor of *Biblical Recorder*; Elder W. A. Melvin, of South River Association; Elder C. A. Jenkins, of Oxford Female Seminary, and Bro. J. E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention, announced themselves and were welcomed by the Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. Kendall and Warnick, of the Methodist Church invited to seats.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Elder G. M. Tolson.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 6th, 1886.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder L. M. Curtis.

Roll called.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Visiting brethren invited to seats.

Bro. I. Royal and Elder D. W. Tew, of South River Association, announced themselves. Bro. Royall, in accepting the invitation, made remarks upon the history of this Association while he was a member, also of the present work of the South River Association.

On motion, usual committees were appointed, with the addition of committees on Home Missions and Baptist Orphanage.

COMMITTEES:

Foreign Missions.—Elder W. M. Kennedy, L. R. Carrol and G. A. Herring.

Education.—Elder C. A. Jenkins, D. S. Kennedy and J. T. Bland

Periodicals.—C. S. Farris, W. B. Hood and O. P. Middleton.

Sunday Schools.—Elder G. M. Tolson, S. M. Carlton and R. D. Bennett.

Temperance.—Elder L. M. Curtis, J. D. Hocut and W. R. Brinson.

Requests.—Elder T. J. Baker, A. E. Colwell and Richard Herring.

Home Missions.—Dr. T. H. Pritchard, A. R. Herring and J. J. Vann.

Obituaries.—Elders R. C. Sandling, J. P. Faison and W. I. Lane.

To Nominate Executive Committee.—J. L. Boykin, L. A. Powell and Alfred Hollingsworth.

Baptist Orphanage.—Elder J. B. Harrell, W. A. Jenkins and D. D. Wells.

Stated Missions.—J. E. Ray, I. J. Sandlin and B. F. Bland.

D. B. Nicholson, Esq., Editor *Clinton Caucasian*, was invited to a seat.

On motion, committee was appointed to nominate delegates to Baptist

State Convention, consisting of I. Brown, N. F. Highsmith and J. T. Kennedy.

Regular order suspended to hear report of committee upon orthodoxy of church at Faison. The committee reported the church orthodox in all respects.

On motion, the church was received and right hand of fellowship extended to delegates by the Moderator.

On motion, any of our members attending any Sister Association was authorized to represent us.

Report of Executive Committee was called for. The committee stated that they were not ready to report.

Bro. D. S. Kennedy offered the following resolution :

Believing that the best interest of the Denomination demand that a permanent record of the proceedings of each Association be kept on file,

Therefore be it ordered, That the Clerk of the Association be instructed to call on the Treasurer for sufficient funds to purchase a suitable book for preserving the records, and that the Clerk be instructed to transcribe the proceedings in said book.

On motion the matter was committed to a committee. Committee—D. S. Kennedy, I. Royall and the Clerk.

On motion, so much of report of Committee of Arrangements as relates to preaching of Missionary Sermon was reconsidered, and the time was changed from 11.30 o'clock A. M., to 7 o'clock P. M.

Committee on State Missions reported. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. Pritchard and J. E. Ray.

A collection was taken, amounting in cash and pledges, to \$106.54.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Among the last words spoken by Jesus Christ to his followers, we find these: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." And they were directed to begin at Jerusalem. The special work which our State Board of Missions is striving so hard to prosecute, is the carrying of the gospel of the Son of God into every portion of our own State.

For fifty-six years this course has claimed the attention of the Baptists of North Carolina, and at some time the Missionaries of the Board have traversed every section of the State, and their foot-prints are found in every county in the commonwealth. And as they have gone forth with weeping, "bearing precious seed," the promise of our God has been verified, and his power manifested. These gospel seed have sprung up into an abundant harvest, and the "feeble folk" that we were a half century ago has become a great people. Instead of the 14 Associations, 272 churches and 15,360 members in all our churches, at that time, we now have 85 Associations, 2,222 churches and 225,322 members. What a great work hath the Lord done for us!

And this year the results are even larger than at any time in our history. The Board has seventy-two Missionaries in the field, and is paying *ten more men* than at any former time. And the reports which have come up from all parts of the State from the Missionaries and pastors, alike, are most wonderfully encouraging. Numbers of new churches and Sunday schools have been organized, scores of meeting houses are going up and thousands have been "buried with Christ by baptism."

And yet there are vast fields still opening up before us and crying unto the Board to "come over and help" them. The men, too, are ready to go. Our great need is the money to send them. Will not the Eastern Association come to the relief of the Board, and nobly aid in this great work?

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. RAY,
I. J. SANDLIN,
B. F. BLAND,
Committee.

Adopted.

Bro. F. A. Fennell offered the following :

Resolved, That we believe it would promote the cause of Missions in our Association to discontinue our efforts as a District Missionary body, and transfer the matter of Associational Missions to the State Board.

On motion the resolution was made special order with report of Executive Committee.

Committee on Periodicals reported.

Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elders C. S. Farris, R. C. Sandling and W. B. Pope.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The healthy progress, unity and development of any denomination depends much upon a sound denominational paper, through which Baptist principles may be expounded. For fifty-two years our people have had such a paper in the *Biblical Recorder*. The oldest and most widely circulated paper in the State. The *Recorder* is an instrumentality in the hands of God for the accomplishment of much good. It is sound, conservative, though aggressive; a strict adherent to the old theology, and a fearless defender of truth.

Your committee is convinced that the interests of our churches would be materially advanced were the *Recorder* more widely circulated among them. We therefore recommend to the churches the advantage of appointing a special committee in each church to assist the pastors in securing subscriptions. This would not only insure the *Recorder* a larger list of subscribers, but be a means of greater usefulness to many brethren and sisters who wish to be active for the Master.

Your committee also especially commends the Foreign Mission Journal and the *Kind Words*, Sunday School lesson helps.

C. S. FARRIS,
W. B. HOOD,
O. P. MIDDLETON,
Committee.

Adopted.

Adjourned for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

Moderator called the Association to order. Letter from Mary's Chapel was presented and delegates enrolled.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported. (See first page.)

Auditing Committee was appointed. Committee—J. W. Lane, A. R. Herring and L. R. Highsmith.

Elder J. P. Faison, M. H. Oates, and L. M. Boykin were appointed a committee to nominate preachers for next session.

Report on Home Missions was read by Dr. Pritchard, also letter from Elder A. G. McManaway, Vice-President of Home Mission Board for this State. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. Pritchard.

List of churches was called and pledges made to Home Missions, designating some brother or sister in each church to collect the amount as follows: Bethel, M. H. Oates; Beulah, Mrs. Annie J. Oates; Boykin's Chapel, F. A. Robinson; Bear Marsh, W. G. Stroud, Bear Branch, J. M. Malpass; Bugaw, J. D. Hocut, \$2.50; Clinton, W. B. Stewart; Concord, Mrs. D. D. Wells; Corinth, W. D. Wilkins; Caintack Chapel, T. O. Flynn; Caswell, Luke Glisson; Dobson's Chapel, J. R. Dobson, \$2.00; Hallsville, E. W. Farrion, \$2.50; Island Creek, C. Harrell; Johnson's, J. A. Powell, \$3.00; Kenansville, H. Grimes; Long Creek, Miss Mollie Herring; Lisbon, A. M. Herring; Mary's Chapel, T. H. Rogers; Masonboro, J. P. Walton; Moore's Creek, John Moore, \$3.00; Mt. Gilead, T. J. H. Peterson, \$5.00; Mt. Olive, J. H. Loftin, \$3.00; Mt. Holly, J. F. McInnis; Magnolia, G. W. Carroll, \$1.00; New Hope, J. T. Kennedy, \$5.00; Pine Grove, W. I. Lane; Poplar Grove, W. B. Harris, \$1.00; Riley's Creek, W. W. Larkins, \$3.00; Shiloh, D. J. Eakins; Teachy, T. H. Carter, \$2.00; Warsaw, S. M. Carlton, \$5.00; Wells' Chapel, Sisters R. E. Lewis and E. F. Newkirk, \$5.00; Wilmington, T. H. Pritchard, \$25.00; Willard, F. A. Fennell, \$2.50.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Forty years ago this Board began operations with six Missionaries. It proposes to preach the gospel in destitute places in the South, and to the Indians, to furnish instruction to the colored ministry, to aid in building houses of worship where they are needed, and to supply periodicals for the better instruction of our Sunday Schools. During the past year the Board has had in the field 255 Missionaries, of whom 14 have labored in western North Carolina; 9,599 weeks of labor have been performed, and 3,812 baptisms are reported; 45 churches have been built on mission fields; aid has been extended to feeble churches to the amount of \$10,000.00, so that this amount added to that spent on the Mission churches aggregates the sum of \$25,000.00 expended on church buildings, under the direction of the Board. The Board has received \$45,824.89, and reports \$48,696.14 expended by bodies directly co-operating with it. Making a total of \$94,521.03.

Your committee is glad to report that the Board is continually enlarging its operations, and receiving more and more the confidence and support of churches. In four years the number of Missionaries has increased three-fold, the weeks of labor five-fold, and the baptisms fifteen-fold. The results have increased much more largely than the contributions, which are only about twice what they were four years ago.

At the last session of the Convention an advance was made in the work of the Board in several directions. It was determined, if possible, to do a larger and more efficient work in evangelizing the colored people and the churches were asked for \$10,000.00 for this specific work. A new and most interesting mission providentially developed in Cuba was placed under the care of the Board, and it was resolved to remove the Sunday School paper, *Kind Words*, to Atlanta, where the Board is located, and to add the publication of periodicals, such as have proved so prosperous and efficient under the management of the Baptist Publication Society, of Philadelphia.

To accomplish this greatly enlarged work the Board will require enlarged contributions, and in their estimate of the amount required they ask North Carolina to give this Board \$5,000.00 this year.

This Board is heartily endorsed by our State Convention. It has helped us greatly in times of sore need, and is helping our dear old State now, and hence has special and urgent claims upon our support.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
A. R. HERRING,
J. J. VANN, } Committee.

Brethren D. J. Corbett and D. J. Elkins were given final leave of absence.

Report of Committee on Education was read. Pending motion to adopt remarks were made by Elders J. C. Jenkins and T. H. Pritchard. List of churches called and following pledges made to education: Bethel, \$5.00; Beulah, \$2.50; Boykin's Chapel, \$2.50; Bear Marsh, \$2.50; Bethlehem, \$2.00; Burgaw, \$2.50; Clinton, \$5.00; Concord, \$10.00; Corinth, \$2.00; Caswell, \$1.00; Dobson's Chapel, \$2.00; Emma's Chapel, \$2.50; Hallsville, \$1.00; Island Creek, \$2.50; Johnson's \$5.00; Kenansville, \$5.00; Long Creek, \$2.00; Lisbon, \$10.00; Mary's Chapel, \$2.00; Masonboro, \$2.50; Moore's Creek, \$2.50; Mt. Gilead, \$10.00; Mt. Olive \$10.00; New Hope, \$5.00; Piney Grove, \$3.00; Poplar Grove, \$1.00; Riley's Creek, \$5.00; Teachey, \$5.00; Warsaw, \$10.00; Wells' Chapel, \$10.00; Wilmington, \$50.00; Willard, \$5.00.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report a constantly increasing interest in general education, and to note with unfeigned gratitude the unprecedented success of Wake Forest College. This child of our toil, our hopes, our love, our prayers, has assumed dignity, attained a growth and formed a denominational factor, for which we thank Almighty God. Wake Forest opened the current year with 180 students, the largest number ever known in its history, at the opening of its session. There are about 40 young men studying for the ministry, about 30 of whom are receiving aid from the Board of Education. The Education Board needs all the funds its friends can raise; and we suggest that increased efforts be made to enlarge contributions to the Board. We take pleasure in stating that our female colleges at Murfreesboro, Oxford, Thomasville and Shelby, are doing good work, and afford ample facilities for the education of our young women.

We desire to draw special attention to our own school at Warsaw, under the management of Rev. W. M. Kennedy and son, who are prepared to meet the demands of the patrons, and who should receive the support of this Association, whose property this school is.

Respectfully submitted.

C. A. JENKINS,
D. S. KENNEDY,
JNO. T. BLAND, } Committee.

Adopted.

Brethren C. A. Rochelle, W. R. Brinson, and Elder L. M. Curtis were given final leave of absence.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of preservation of records, offered the following which was adopted:

Your committee, appointed to consider the advisability and manner of keeping a file of the proceedings of the Association, would recommend that the Clerk be instructed to collect a complete list, or as nearly so as possible, of the Minutes of the Association since the organization, and report the progress of his work to the next session of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. KENNEDY, }
I. ROYALL, } Committee.
J. L. BRITT, }

Committee of Arrangements reported as follows:

Association meet for devotion at 9 o'clock; business session begins at 9.30 o'clock; adjourn at 1 o'clock; meet at 2 o'clock P. M., and adjourn at will; preaching at the Methodist Church at 11 o'clock by Elder T. J. Baker; preaching at the Presbyterian Church at 3 o'clock P. M., by Elder C. A. Jenkins.

Committee to nominate preachers for the next session reported as follows:

To preach Introductory Sermon, Elder J. S. Stewart; alternate, Elder L. M. Curtis; Missionary Sermon, Elder W. B. Pope; alternate Elder J. B. Harrell.

On motion, report of Executive Committee was made special order for to-morrow 10 o'clock.

Committee on Baptist Orphanage reported. Pending motion to adopt the Association adjourned. Prayer by Elder W. M. Kennedy.

At 7 o'clock the Missionary sermon was preached by Elder R. C. Sandling. Amount collected, \$19.89.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 7th, 1886.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder T. J. Faison.

Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and adopted.

Letter from Mary's Chapel was referred to committee on Requests.

10 o'clock, special order. Report of Executive Committee upon the recommendation to transfer the missionary work of the Association to the State Board. Remarks were made by Elders R. C. Sandling, W. M. Kennedy, W. B. Pope, T. H. Pritchard, and Bro. J. W. Lane.

List of churches called and following pledges made to State Missions: Bethel, \$10.00; Beulah, \$5.00; Boykin's Chapel, \$7.50; Bear Marsh, \$7.50; Burgaw, \$2.50; Clinton, \$10.00; Concord, \$5.00; Corinth, \$5.00; Caswell, \$5.00; Dobson's Chapel, \$3.00; Emma's Chapel, \$2.50; Hallsville, \$5.00; Island Creek, \$7.50; Johnson's, \$10.00; Kenansville, \$10.00; Long Creek, \$5.00; Lisbon, \$10.00; Masonboro, \$5.00; Moore's Creek, \$5.00; Mary's Chapel, \$4.00; Mt. Gilead, \$5.00; Mt. Olive, \$10.00; Mt. Holly, \$5.00; New Hope, \$20.00; Magnolia, \$2.50; Piney Grove, \$10.00; Poplar Grove, \$2.50; Riley's Creek, \$5.00; Teachy, \$5.00; Warsaw, \$20.00; Wells' Chapel, \$15.00; Wilmington, \$100.00; Willard's, \$5.00; Harrell's Store, Sunday Schol, \$5.00; Faison, \$3.00; Warsaw High School, \$2.00; Wells' Chapel Sunday School, \$5.00. The following pledges were made to Bro. J. E. Ray: for State Missions: J. T. Kendall, \$5.00; T. H. Pritchard, \$5.00; F. M. Royall, \$5.00; F. A. Fennell, \$5.00; I. Brown, \$5.00; Bethel, \$5.00; Kenansville, \$5.00; Burgaw, \$2.50; Mt. Olive, \$5.00; Mt. Gilead, \$5.00; Wells' Chapel, \$5.00; Bear Marsh, \$2.50; Mt. Holly, \$2.50; Johnson's, \$5.00; Concord, \$5.00.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Dear brethren, during the year we have had Elder T. J. Baker in our employ, who has spent the whole of his time in the county of Onslow. He has held regular services at Barlow's Chapel, Salem, Piney Grove and Rose Hill, and occasionally at Stump Sound and Jacksonville. He has held protracted meetings at all his churches, and reports six baptisms. He has collected in his field about one-half his salary. He also assisted Elder C. S. Cashwell in protracted meetings at two of his churches.

Elder W. M. Kennedy has given one-fourth of his time at Chinguepin, and reports five baptisms and much interest, and will organize a church at that point next week.

With a little help from us Elder C. S. Chashwell has given one-fourth of his time at Emma's Chapel, and reports sixteen accessions, and a growing interest in that section.

In a small way we have also helped the churches at Teachy, Burgaw and Willard, in supporting a pastor. Elder R. C. Sandling reports fifteen accessions at Teachy, and that they have a house of worship well under way; also thirteen baptisms at Willard. Elder W. B. Pope reports four accessions at Burgaw and increased interest in that town.

The amount of the pledges for our work at our last Association did not justify us in undertaking any more than the above work, and but for the fact that we had a surplus on hand from our last year's work, and that our missionaries have received considerable aid in their fields, we would not have been able to accomplish this much.

We recommend that the entire missionary work of our Association be turned over to the State Board, provided, however, that it shall not be understood that the Executive Committee shall be abolished.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LANE, Chairman Ex. Com.

Report of Committee on Baptist Orphanage, was again read. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elders T. H. Pritchard and R. C. Sandling.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

We feel gratified to Almighty God for the spirit that first prompted the Baptists of North Carolina to establish a Baptist Orphan Asylum. From the first it has seemed that the Lord has smiled upon this work, and we are specially gratified with the success the work has already made.

It has not been quite two years since the Asylum was organized, but the Lord has put it into the hearts of some of his people to give liberally of their means, till about \$15,000 have already been given. Three buildings have been finished, and the foundation of five others laid. Some forty-three orphans are already at the institution and they are constantly coming in. This is work that seems to meet the approbation, not only of God, but of our people where its claims are presented.

We take great pleasure, therefore, in commending it to the Christian sympathy of all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HARRELL, }
W. A. JENKINS, } Committee.
D. D. WELLS, }

Adopted.

The following was offered and passed:

Resolved, That the pastors of the churches, and the delegates of this Association be earnestly requested to bring the subject of the Baptist Orphanage before the churches some time during Associational year, and make an effort to raise a contribution for this object.

Letter from Haw Bluff was presented and read.

On motion, letter from Mary's Chapel was referred to Committee on Requests, with instructions that said committee report in favor of the

Association fixing by vote the place of holding next session of this body. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions was read. Rending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Bro. L. R. Carroll.

At the close of the address the Association engaged in singing, "From Greenland's icy mountains."

List of churches called and following pledges made to Foreign Missions: New Hope, \$25.00; Beulah, \$5.00; Boykin's Chapel, \$2.50; Bear Marsh, \$5.00; Burgaw, \$2.50; Clinton, \$10.00; Concord, \$5.00; Corinth, \$5.00; Caswell, \$5.00; Dobson's Chapel, \$3.00; Hallsville, \$5.00; Island Creek, \$10.00; Johnson's, \$10.00; Kenansville, \$10.00; Long Creek, \$10.00; Lisbon, \$2.00; Moore's Creek, \$5.00; Mt. Gilead, \$5.00; Mt. Olive, \$10.00; Mt. Holly, \$2.00; Magnolia, \$2.00; Piney Grove, \$2.00; Riley's Creek, \$5.00; Teachey, \$2.50; Warsaw, \$15.00; Wells' Chapel, \$15.00; Wilmington, \$100.00; Willard, \$5.00; Faison, \$2.00; Brooklyn Branch First Baptist Church, Wilmington, \$25.00; Harrell's Sunday School, \$2.00; Ladies Mission Society, of Bethel, \$10.00.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"The spirit of missions is the spirit of our Master, the very genius of His religion."

Your committee note with unfeigned pleasure an increase of this spirit within the bounds of our Association, as well as the entire Southern Baptist Convention. This Convention which has as its object the spread of the gospel in foreign lands, was organized in the city of Augusta, Ga., on the 6th day of May 1845. It originated in a withdrawal of the Southern churches from a union with the Triennial Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States, now the American Baptist Missionary Union, organized in the city of Philadelphia, May 21st, 1814.

During the thirty-one years of our union with the Triennial Convention, southern Baptists raised for Foreign Missions \$212,000.00, nearly an annual average of \$7,000.00.

We now have fifty-eight missionaries of our own, with about an equal number of native assistants in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico, with an annual income of over \$82,000.00.

We ought to be gratified and liberal because God has so honored us, that in this number of Missionaries two are from our own Association—members of our own household—Brethren Bryan and Herring. Indeed they are all a noble band of efficient, self-sacrificing men and women, and are entitled to our sympathy, our prayers and our unstinted support. The Master, in fulfillment of His promise, is abundantly blessing the r labors. The fields are white for the harvest, and continually the appeal comes to us: "Come over and help us." All cannot go, but all can send. All cannot send a living representative, hence the ministry of money. This we can give to send those who can go, and sustain those already on the field.

Baptists in all countries, without any systematic arrangement are now giving over \$1,000,000 annually for the spread of the gospel. Could we be aroused to the full measure of our duty, and induced to give according to the New Testament idea. "As the Lord hath prospered us," what wonders would be wrought among the natives that now sit in darkness and the shadow of death. Surely the Lord would open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there should not be room to receive it. May the Lord give us grace to understand it.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, }
L. R. CARROLL, } Committee.
G. A. HERRING. }

Bro. D. S. Kennedy stated that Elder R. T. Bryan, Missionary to China; wished the churches of the Association to raise a sufficient amount of money to purchase an organ for his chapel. On motion, roll of churches was called and some brother or sister in each church requested

to raise what they could to purchase the organ, as follows: Clinton, W. J. Powell; Johnson's, W. H. Middleton; Wells, Chapel, J. F. Lewis; Bethel, F. P. Alderman; Beulah, G. W. Marsh; Boykin's Chapel, J. A. Blackburn; Concord, Miss Sue Wells; Corinth, J. C. Williams; Caintuck Chapel, D. J. Corbett, Caswell, Miss Maggie Hollingsworth; Dobson's Chapel, J. R. Dobson; Emma's Chapel, Miss Mellie Cox; Hallsville, Mrs. E. W. Farrier; Island Creek, B. F. Bland; Kenansville, Miss Maggie Wallace; Long Creek, Miss Mary Bordeaux; Lisbon, W. B. Lamb; Mary's Chapel, Mrs. Annie B. Southerland; Masonboro, B. S. Montford; Moore's Creek, John Moore; Mt. Gilead, G. W. Mosely; Mt. Holly, Miss Jane Carroll; Magnolia, Miss Mary Clute; New Hope, J. Williams; Piney Grove, Miss Eliza Matthews; Poplar Grove, R. R. Bell; Riley's Creek, W. B. Hocut; Teachey, Miss Minnie Privett; Warsaw, Miss Bevie Kennedy; Wilmington, Mrs. S. H. Burt; Willard, Mrs. R. C. Sandling; Faison, Miss Sallie Williams.

Committee on Requests reports as follows:

We recommend that the location for the next session of this body be determined by vote of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

On motion Treasurer of the Association was ordered to pay to Treasurer of Executive Committee \$7.05 out of the collection last night, and the remainder to State Missions.

The following was passed:

Resolved, That in consideration of the valuable aid extended the cause of missions by the Woman's Missionaries Societies of the churches, the Clerk be instructed to have a place, in the form of church letters, for the mention of such societies.

Adjourned for one hour,

EVENING SESSION.

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention reported the following: Your committee appointed to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention find that we are entitled to 88 delegates, and respectfully recommend the following brethren: T. H. Pritchard, D. D., Elders J. B. Barlow, J. P. Faison, W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, J. L. Britt, J. L. Stewart, O. M. Matthews, R. C. Sandling, T. J. Baker, H. S. Spivey, W. B. Pope, L. M. Curtis, H. M. Croom, and brethren M. H. Oates, W. J. Moore, J. L. Boykin, R. J. Walker, J. T. Bland, B. S. Peterson, J. W. Powell, D. D. Wells, J. C. Williams, W. H. Murray, A. B. Cox, C. C. Williams, F. Savage, D. S. Kennedy, D. J. Middleton, G. A. Herring, O. Blackburn, D. L. Herring, F. M. Southerland, B. S. Montford, H. S. Alderman, L. A. Powell, J. F. Oliver, I. Carroll, L. R. Carroll, C. E. Daniel, J. C. Hines, W. I. Lane, R. R. Bell, W. W. Larkins, A. T. Herring, J. P. Stringfield, A. M. Faison, S. M. Carlton, A. E. Colwell, J. F. Lewis, A. Alderman, W. A. French, B. F. Mitchell, J. C. Stevenson, W. I. Gore, F. A. Fennell.

Respectfully submitted,

I. BROWN, }
N. F. HIGHSMITH, } Committee.
JAS. F. KENNEDY, }

Committee on Temperance reported. Adopted.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report: Whereas, the most detestable crimes that have ever blackened humanity have been the legitimate outcome of the excessive use of intoxicating liquors. Therefore we would appeal to every Christian, and especially to every Baptist to use his public and private influence for the suppression of this growing evil.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. CURTIS, }
J. D. HOCUT, } Committee.
W. R. BRINSON, }

Committee on Obituaries reported, as follows:

During the present year Bro. Daniel S. Matthews, aged eighty-four, has passed to his final reward. He was deacon thirty years in Lisbon

church. He was a member first at Red Hill, then Mt. Gilead church. In unbroken fellowship for sixty years, he was steadfast to the faith amidst much that was calculated to try it, especially by those who held "another gospel" than that Paul preached, rearing an intelligent family, all of whom he saw happily converted.

Also Sister Sannie Marshburn, member of Mt. Gilead church, at the dawn of womanhood; beautiful in person, lovely by Christian graces, bright and promising in all that gives life a charm—sadly missed by loving friends.

Deacon W. P. Hobbs has passed to his final reward, aged seventy-three, fifty of these were devoted to the service of the Master, having joined the church at Browns in youth, serving awhile as Deacon, afterwards going to the Piney Grove church.

Death has stricken from our Zion, Deacon Thomas Bland, Sr., in the seventy-sixth year of his age; a member of Shiloh church, its principal covenant founder, his first connection being with Wells' Chapel church. His youth, manhood, and old age was one of devoted service to Christian work. He was a diligent worker on his farm—an ample board the fruit thereof, which was hospitably spread to every comer. Covetousness was no sin of his. Kindness was his nature, binding to him in unceasing interest his children, whose elevation he exhausted every means to promote. He lived in unbroken friendship with his neighbors, and enjoyed the respect of all. With sorrow we give him up, though confident that he has been welcomed to the joys of his Lord.

J. P. FAISON,
R. C. SANDLING, } Committee.
W. J. LANE,

Trustees of Warsaw High School reported the following:
It affords us pleasure to report that the present session of this school opened under more favorable circumstances than it did one year ago. The Principals are entitled to much credit for the earnest efforts they have made to build up the school, under very trying and unfavorable circumstances. Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of rebuilding on the old site, have been seriously and probably indefinitely hindered in the undertaking because of opposition over which they seem to have no control. We respectfully ask your advice and co-operation.

O. P. MIDDLETON,
President Board of Trustees.
Respectfully submitted,

Adopted.
The following resolution was adopted.
Resolved, That the Association intrust the entire matter of protecting the Warsaw High School property, against the movement in said town, to condemn our property for a street, to the trustees of said school; and fully authorize said trustees to do in the premises what in their best judgment and discretion seems proper.

Finance Committee reported as follows:	\$640.52
Received.....	
Appropriated as follows:	\$ 93.87
Ministerial Education.....	34.88
State Missions.....	240.07
Foreign Missions.....	126.65
Associational Missions.....	49.25
Minute Fund.....	8.34
Ladies Missionaries Societies for State Missions.....	3.25
Ladies Missionaries Societies for Foreign Missions.....	9.55
Ladies Baptist Orphanage.....	54.32
Home and Indian Missions.....	20.34
Public Collection.....	240.52

B. MATTHEWS,
D. J. CORBETT,
W. J. HOLLINGSWORTH. } Committee.

Examined and found correct.

J. W. LANE,
L. R. HIGHSMITH,
A. R. HERRING,
Auditing Committee.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported as follows:
Your committee regrets to state that out of thirty-eight letters only twenty-six give Sunday School statistics. Last year 286 officers and teachers, and 2,465 pupils were reported, while this year the number of officers and teachers is 229, and the pupils 1,778, showing a decrease of 744 in the sum total. We trust, however, that this is only an apparent decrease, due to the negligence of the church Clerks, rather than to a lack of interest on the part of the churches.

We are glad to add that twenty-two of the schools that have reported are evergreen, and that the other four are kept open the greater part of the year. We earnestly beseech the brethren and lovers of the Sunday School cause to go, not backward, but steadily forward, until there shall be a Sunday School connected with every church.

Respectfully submitted,
G. M. TOLSON, }
S. M. CARLTON, } Committee.
R. D. BENNETT, }

CLINTON, N. C., Oct. 7, 1886.

D. J. MIDDLETON, Treasurer of Executive Committee,
in account with Eastern Association:

To amount left on hand last year.....	\$139.89
" " Riley's Creek.....	6.27
" " Bethel.....	1.00
" " old residue (1884) Minute Fund.....	8.00
" " Union meeting at Piney Grove.....	5.83
" " Kenansville.....	.73
" " Hallsville.....	1.25
" " Moore's Creek.....	.96
" " Union meeting at Chinquepin.....	2.72
" " " Boykin's Chapel.....	4.65
" " Present session of Association.....	126.65
" " Missionary collection at Association.....	7.05
Total.....	\$305.00
Dr.	
By amount paid Elder T. J. Baker.....	\$150.00
" " " W. M. Kennedy.....	50.00
" " " W. B. Pope.....	30.00
" " " R. C. Sandling.....	50.00
" " " C. S. Cashwell.....	25.00

Total..... \$305.00
Examined and found correct.

J. W. LANE,
L. R. HIGHSMITH,
A. R. HERRING,
Auditing Committee.

Trustees of Ministers Relief Society reported as follows:

Dear Brethren, for several years almost nothing has been done by the Society. During the year a part of the interest accruing on notes of the Society has been paid to Rev. G. W. Hufham and to the family of our deceased Bro. Guy.

Respectfully submitted,
D. J. MIDDLETON,
President.

MINUTES OF THE

A. M. FAISON, Treasurer,
in account with the Eastern Association:

To amount received from Finance Committee.....	Dr.	\$689.26
By amount paid J. H. Mills for orphanage.....	CR.	\$ 43.80
" " " State Missions.....		100.29
" " " Education Board.....		75.00
" " " Foreign Missions.....		195.00
" " " Associational Missions.....		195.66
" " " Printing Minutes.....		35.25
" " " Services as Clerk.....		15.00
" " " Elder G. W. Hufham.....		2.00
" " " Overpaid last year.....		3.20
Total.....		\$665.20
Balance on hand.....		\$ 24.06

Examined and found correct

J. W. LANE,
L. R. HIGHSMITH,
A. R. HERRING,
Auditing Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion \$10.00 of surplus money in the hands of the Treasurer was ordered to be paid for minutes, and remainder to State Missions. Association proceeded to locate next session by vote. Wells' Chapel was chosen as the place. On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay over the moneys in his hands to the proper persons to receive them, and the balance to State Missions.

Elder W. B. Pope offered the following:
Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be tendered the good people of Clinton and vicinity for the uniform kindness and hospitality shown the messengers and ministers in attendance upon the Forty-second Annual Session of this body, and to the Methodist and Presbyterian denominations for the use of their houses of worship. Adopted by a rising vote.

Letters from Masonboro, asking for the ordination to the full work of the ministry, of Bro. Walton was taken from the table. On motion, the whole matter was referred back to the church at Masonboro, recommending to them to call a presbytery.

On motion adjourned to meet at Wells's Chapel, Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1887.

Prayer by Elder W. M. Kennedy. Hymn was sung and the brethren extened the parting hand.
Benediction by Elder W. B. Pope.

J. L. BRITT, Clerk.

J. L. STEWART,
Moderator.

FOR NEXT SESSION.

PLACE OF MEETING.—Wells' Chapel, Sampson County, N. C.
TIME.—Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1887.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON.—Elder J. L. Stewart; Alternate, Elder L. M. Curtis.

MISSIONARY SERMON.—Elder W. B. Pope; Alternate, Elder J. B. Hocut.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Additions.			Losses.			Membership.			No. of Copies of Recorder Taken	TIME OF MEETING.		
	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females			Colored.	Total.
Barlow Chapel.....								48	75		123	8	4th Sunday.
Bethel.....		3			2	1	1	46	57		103	2	1st Sunday.
Beulah.....	1	1					6	56	88		144		2nd Sunday.
Boykin Chapel.....	17	2	2		14			12	29	40	70		2nd Sunday.
Berea.....	12	3	3		2		2	38	122		160	3	3rd Sunday.
Bear Marsh.....	5				5	1	3	38	67		105	5	2nd Sunday.
Bethlehem.....	7				5		1	17	18		45		4th Sunday.
Bear Branch.....	1	1	1					4	16		21	4	3rd Sunday.
Burgaw.....		4			1		1	26	49		75	5	3rd Sunday.
Clinton.....	2	4			2			37	70		107	4	1st Sunday.
Concord.....	1	3			4	1	1	54	80		134		3rd Sunday.
Corinth.....	2	1	1		2	1	1	23	26		49		1st Sunday.
Colvin's Creek.....					1	1		42	55		97	7	4th Sunday.
Caintuck Chapel.....	24	3	2		2		1	8	24		32		
*Capernium.....								20	33		53	1	4th Sunday.
Caswell.....					1		1	32	49		81	2	1st Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel.....	13	1	1		1			27	41		68		1st Sunday.
Emma's Chapel.....	15	5			4	3		6	9		15		
Faison.....		2						37	80		117		
Hallsville.....	4	4			4	1	1	47	76		123		3rd Sunday.
Haw Bluff.....	19	4	2		2	2		60	109		169	3	1st Sunday.
Island Creek.....	2	9			3	4	1	37	78		115	5	1st Sunday.
Johnson's.....	6	3			2	1	2	36	55		91	7	3rd Sunday.
Kenansville.....		26			1			66	82		148	1	1st Sunday.
Long Creek.....	16	1	4		1		2	45	58		103	12	1st Sunday.
Lisbon.....	2	1			3		1	21	22		43		
*Mapel Hill.....								44	54		98	2	4th Sunday.
Mary's Chapel.....	16				3			82	94		176	3	3rd Sunday.
Masonboro.....	16		1		2	6	1	32	42		74	2	4th Sunday.
Moore's Creek.....		6	2		8		3	61	88		148	2	4th Sunday.
Mt. Gilead.....	3	5			1		1	32	59		91	9	2d & 4th Sunday.
Mt. Olive.....		2			9	1	4	52	92		144	2	2nd Sunday.
Mt. Holly.....	6	1			2	5		50	132		182	4	4th Sunday.
Magnolia.....					40		3	54	112		166		2nd Sunday.
New Hope.....	15	3			8	1	1	29	50		79		
*Olive Branch.....								71	103		174	5	4th Sunday.
Piney Grove.....		2			18	1	1	36	42		78	4	3rd Sunday.
Poplar Grove.....								7	13		20		2nd Sunday.
Rose Hill.....		1			3	2		49	89		138	10	
Riley's Creek.....		5			4	2	3	22	27		49		
Salem.....					2			80	145		225	2	4th Sunday.
Shiloh.....	22		2		2	3	5	15	28		43	2	4th Sunday.
Teachey.....	15							72	151		223	9	2d & 4th Sunday.
Warsaw.....	5	11			6	12	6	100	105		205	12	2nd Sunday.
Wells' Chapel.....		7	1		10	4	2	138	275		413	50	2times Sunday.
Wilmington.....	34	21	3		47	5	3	37	42		79	4	4th Sunday.
Willard.....	13	5			1	1	2	36	56		92	6	2times Sunday.
Brooklyn Br'ch.....													
Wilmington Ch.....	24	51	17		2								
Total.....	318	191	34		227	71	59	1983	3273		5266	193	

*Taken from last years' Minutes.

Masonboro,.....	75 00	115 00	5 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	205 00
Moore's Creek,.....	60 00	.....	.....	2 00	4 75	.....	.....	2 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 25
Mt. Gilead,.....	125 00	.....	10 00	2 50	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	159 00
Mt. Olive,.....	225 00	30 00	10 00	.....	15 96	5 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	288 96
Mt. Holly,.....	75 00	.....	.....	.....	1 31	5 00	.....	2 00	.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	84 51
Magnolia,.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 75
New Hope,.....	125 00	.....	5 00	10 00	25 50	5 00	.....	5 00	15 00	1 50	.....	25 00	.....	.....	217 00
Olive Branch,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piney Grove,.....	100 00	20 00	3 00	.....	8 00	.....	.....	2 15	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	134 15
Poplar Grove,.....	75 00	.....	.....	1 00	4 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	81 75
Rose Hill,.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 85
Riley's Creek,.....	125 00	.....	3 37	.....	7 00	6 15	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	143 02
Salem,.....	17 27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 57
Shiloh,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	1 62	.....	3 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 20
Teachey,.....	50 00	40 00	.....	.....	5 00	2 00	.....	1 50	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	100 50
Warsaw,.....	300 00	159 00	10 00	.....	50 00	10 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	529 00
Well's Chapel,.....	175 00	.....	10 00	.....	20 00	10 00	.....	4 00	15 79	2 00	7 00	14 00	.....	.....	257 79
Wilmington,.....	2500 00	746 57	10 00	115 00	70 82	30 00	.....	.....	159 06	4 00	.....	125 00	.....	.....	3902 53
Willard,.....	125 00	.....	5 00	2 50	5 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	5 55	.....	.....	147 55
Brooklyn Branch of Wilmington Church,	100 00	26 85	.....	.....	5 50	.....	.....	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	137 85
Total,.....	6222 27	1302 38	114 87	162 00	379 02	151 86	.....	71 68	189 79	49 25	44 83	182 30	8867 95	.....	.....

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.	From Ladies Missionary Societies.	Baptist Orphanage.	Total for all Objects.
Bethel,.....	125 00	2 66	5 00	3 00	5 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	1 75	10 34	.....	152 08
Beulah,.....	.....	.....	.....	19 50	2 50	2 00	.....	.....	.....	1 15	.....	.....	14 15
Boykin's Chapel,.....	75 00	.....	.....	2 50	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	93 50
Berea,.....	60 00	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....	62 20
Bear Marsh,.....	80 00	.....	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	3 25	91 75
Bethlehem,.....	72 00	.....	.....	.....	8 88	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	82 13
Bear Branch,.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	42 15
Burgaw,.....	150 00	3 50	2 50	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	162 55
Clinton,.....	125 00	40 00	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	194 00
Concord,.....	125 00	.....	6 00	2 50	10 00	2 50	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	147 50
Corinth,.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	2 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	107 85
Calvin's Creek,.....	42 00	3 44	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 30	.....	.....	45 94
Caintuck Chapel,.....	72 00	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	82 30
Capernium,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caswell,.....	70 00	98 50	.....	.....	8 03	.....	.....	3 50	.....	1 00	.....	.....	180 03
Dobson's Chapel,.....	50 00	.....	.....	5 00	10 00	2 31	.....	1 00	.....	1 25	.....	.....	62 31
Emma's Chapel,.....	52 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	2 50	.....	50	.....	.....	65 75
Faison,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	2 75
Hallsville,.....	75 00	.....	.....	.....	4 57	.....	.....	2 50	.....	50	.....	.....	83 20
Haw Bluff,.....	72 00	13 86	.....	.....	11 00	.....	.....	1 25	.....	70	.....	.....	92 93
Island Creek,.....	100 00	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	50	.....	.....	125 75
Johnson's,.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	138 87
Kenansville,.....	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	13 37	.....	152 62
Long Creek,.....	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	14 12	6 50	89 78
Lisbon,.....	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	149 70
Maple Hill,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 30	.....	.....	.....
Mary's Chapel,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	8 50

MINUTES OF THE
SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Teachers and Officers.		No. of Volumes in Library.	Average Attendance.	No Months in Year School kept open.
		Teachers.	Scholars.			
Bethel.....	M. H. Oates.....	4	30	20	8	
Beulah.....	N. C. Faison.....	5	12	12	12	
Boykin's Chapel.....	.....	.....	40	25	.....
Berea.....	G. F. Dempsey.....	5	30	.....	.....
Bear Marsh.....	R. J. Walker.....	5	40	.....	9
Bethlehem.....	W. C. Keith.....	6	38	26	12	
Bear Branch.....	W. R. Brinson, Sr.....	.....	.....	48	12
Burgaw.....	Jno. Ashford.....	13	90	.....	.....
Clinton.....	.....	6	40	30	12
Concord.....	J. D. Matthews.....	5	40	25	12	
Corinth.....	W. G. Harrell.....	8	72	175	50	
Colvins Creek.....	D. J. Corbett.....	.....	.....	26	12
Caintuck Chapel.....	.....	8	44	.....	.....
Capernium.....	J. G. Parker.....	4	40	20	30	
Caswell.....	W. H. Murray.....	9	80	.....	60
Dobson's Chapel.....	W. M. Barbee.....	.....	.....	.....	42
Emma's Chapel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Faison.....	.....	5	40	30	8
Hallsville.....	W. F. Brown.....	8	70	.....	55
Haw Bluff.....	C. Harrell.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Island Creek.....	.....	3	25	25	20
Johnson's.....	.....	5	51	.....	30
Kenansville.....	C. P. Moore.....	.....	.....	.....	9
Long Creek.....	D. L. Herring.....	4	30	.....	15
Lisbon.....	.....	7	45	60	35
Maple Hill.....	A. J. Rogers.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Mary's Chapel.....	E. Hewlett.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Masonboro.....	.....	3	42	.....	20
Moore's Creek.....	B. Matthews.....	11	100	.....	70
Mt. Gilead.....	J. F. Oliver.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Mt. Olive.....	O. W. Carter.....	3	25	.....	25
Mt. Holly.....	Miss M. E. Clute.....	6	50	.....	.....
Magnolia.....	L. R. Carroll.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hope.....	.....	12	132	.....	12
Olive Branch.....	J. M. Newton & N. Weeks.....	6	78	30	32	
Piney Grove.....	R. R. Bell.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Poplar Grove.....	.....	10	25	.....	20
Hose Hill.....	J. T. Larkins.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Riley's Creek.....	.....	7	90	100	50
Salem.....	J. P. Stringfield.....	5	48	100	25	
Shiloh.....	.....	5	80	.....	50
Teachey.....	S. M. Carlton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warsaw.....	L. R. Highsmith.....	40	268	75	218	
Wells' Chapel.....	Jos. S. Mitchell.....	5	50	.....	45
Wilmington.....	D. H. Brinkly.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Willard.....	J. W. Taylor.....	15	73	.....	60
Brooklyn Branch of Wilmington Church.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Total.....	.....	238	1878	695	1156

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS & THEIR P. O.	CLERK AND THEIR P. O.
Barlow Chapel.....	.....	.....
Bethel.....	L. M. Curtis, Ingold.....	M. H. Oates, Taylor's Bridge
Beulah.....	J. L. Britt, Warsaw.....	F. J. Faison, Warsaw.
Boykin's Chapel.....	L. M. Curtis, Clinton.....	T. J. Blackburn, Ingold.
Berea.....	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's S.....	J. A. Southerland, Wallace.
Bear Branch.....	J. B. Harrell, Mt. Olive.....	John King, Mt. Olive.
Bethlehem.....	J. B. Downing, Fr Creek.....	W. C. Keith, Keith.
Bear Marsh.....	J. W. Smith, Byrdsville.....	W. R. Brinson, Jr., Pt. Caswell
Burgaw.....	W. B. Pope, Warsaw.....	A. E. Taylor, Burgaw.
Clinton.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	W. B. Stewart, Clinton.
Concord.....	R. C. Sandling, Willard.....	W. A. Moore, Magnolia.
Corinth.....	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive.....	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill.
Colvin's Creek.....	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's S.....	W. G. Horrel, Pt. Caswell.
Caintuck Church.....	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington.....	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore.
Capernium.....	.....	.....
Caswell.....	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.....	J. G. Parker, Pt. Caswell.
Dobson's Chapel.....	J. P. Faison, Harrell's S.....	Thos. Kilpatrick, Hallsville.
Emma's Chapel.....	C. S. Cashwell, Pollocks v.....	Geo. M. Barbee, Richlands.
Faison.....	.....	J. W. Lane, Faison.
Harrell's.....	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.....	J. D. Brown, Chinquepin.
Haw Bluff.....	J. B. Downing, Kelly's.....	L. C. Russell, Colly.
Island Creek.....	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive.....	H. T. Savage, Wallace.
Johnson's.....	L. M. Curtis, Clinton.....	Leonidas Middleton, Warsaw.
Kenansville.....	R. C. Sandling, Willard.....	D. J. Middleton, Warsaw.
Long Creek.....	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington.....	W. D. Bordeaux, Long Creek.
Lisbon.....	W. B. Pope, Warsaw.....	O. Blackburn, Ingold.
Maple Hill.....	.....	.....
Mary's Chapel.....	G. S. Best, Kenansville.....	F. M. Southerland, Kenansv.
Masonboro.....	D. C. Kelly, Wilmington.....	B. S. Montford, Wilmington.
Moore's Creek.....	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.....	C. P. Woodcock, Pt. Caswell.
Mt. Gilead.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	J. J. Vann, Clinton.
Mt. Olive.....	J. B. Harrell, Mt. Olive.....	W. T. Gresham, Mt. Olive.
Mt. Holly.....	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington.....	L. Carroll, S. Washington.
Magnolia.....	.....	Levi Moore, Warsaw.
New Hope.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	J. L. Carroll, Warsaw.
Olive Branch.....	.....	.....
Piney Grove.....	J. L. Britt, Warsaw.....	G. W. Highsmith, Clinton.
Poplar Grove.....	J. L. Britt, Warsaw.....	W. D. Stevens, Faison.
Rose Hill.....	T. J. Baker, Tar Landing.....	J. H. Fayles, Tar Landing.
Riley's Creek.....	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.....	W. B. Hocut, Rocky Point.
Salem.....	T. J. Baker, Tar Landing.....	J. D. Congleton, Sneed's Ferry.
Shiloh.....	.....	J. P. Stringfield, Moore's Cr'k.
Teachey.....	R. C. Sandling Willard.....	M. W. Teachey, Teachey.
Warsaw.....	W. B. Pope, Warsaw.....	Jas. K. Smith, Warsaw.
Wells' Chapel.....	R. C. Sandling, Willard.....	N. F. Highsmith, Harrell's St.
Wilmington.....	T. H. Pritchard, D. D., Wil.....	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.
Willard.....	R. C. Sandling, Willard.....	F. A. Fennel, Harrell's Store.
Brooklyn Branch of Wilmington Ch.....	G. M. Tolson, Wilming.....	N. Jenkins, Wilmington.

MINUTES OF THE
CHURCH COVENANT.

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

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

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

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

We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant, and 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 towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.
7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association; and if any shall do so their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

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

ARTICLE 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.

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

ARTICLE 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 inadvertance the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

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

ARTICLE 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, which Committee shall have the superintendence of As-

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