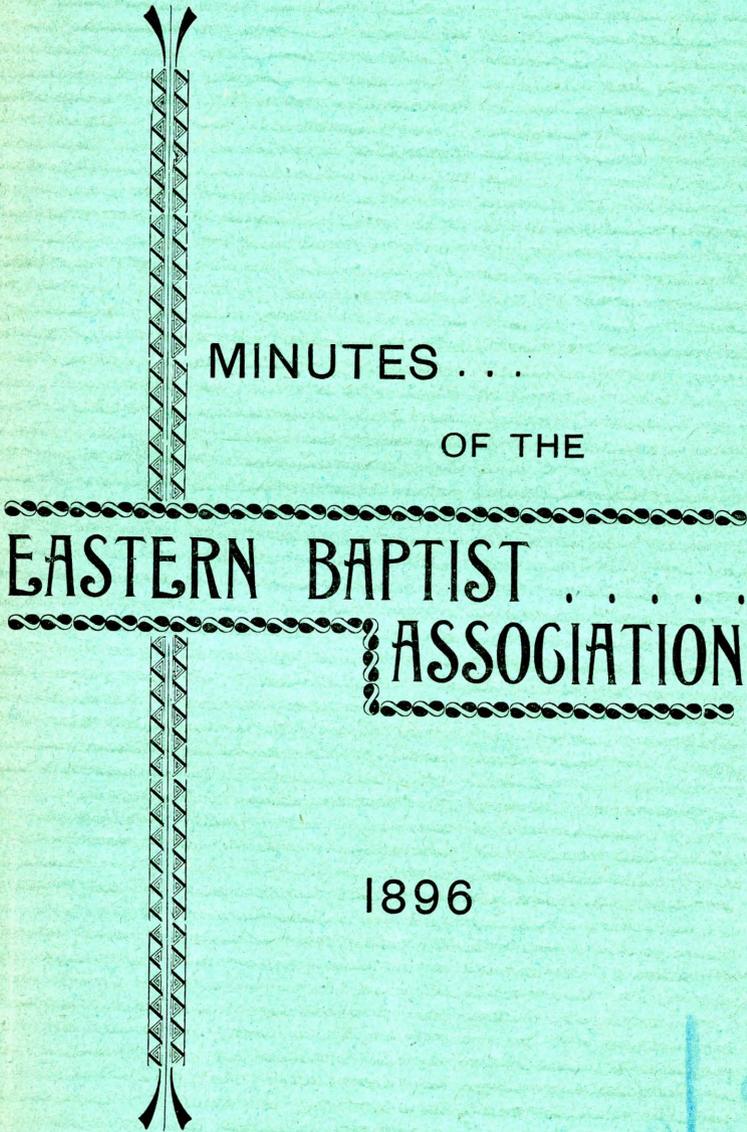


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FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH THE—

CHURCH AT ISLAND CREEK,

DUPLIN COUNTY, N. C.

OCTOBER 6, 7, and 8th, 1896.

FOR NEXT SESSION:

Place of Meeting: Kenansville.
Time: .. Tuesday, After 1st Sunday in Oct., 1897.
Introductory: Rev. W. B. Oliver.
Missionary Sermon:..... “ S. D. Swaim.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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W. S. Ballard,	R. S. Bateman.	

PROCEEDINGS.

THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Fifty-third Annual Session with Island Creek Church, in Duplin county, October 6th, 1896.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by C. G. Wells. Subject, Christian Baptism.

Recess for dinner.

Afternoon session. Devotional exercises by A. A. Butler, who read 23rd Psalm and offered prayer.

The Association was then called to order by Moderator S. D. Swaim.

Roll of Churches called. Fifty-four of the sixty churches responded. Delegates enrolled as follows:

Barlow Chapel—R. S. Atkinson, A. W. King, W. R. Atkinson.

Bethel—W. J. Fryar, I. D. Alderman, Abner Page.

Beulah—N. C. Faison, M. V. Blount, W. H. Carroll.

Boykin's Chapel—L. M. Boykin, O. L. Herring.

Berea—T. W. Stallings, Joseph Brooks, H. B. Stallings.

Bowden's—C. D. Hightower, L. C. Koonce.

Bear Marsh—John King, W. H. Brown, R. J. Walker.

Bethlehem—W. P. Croom, Alonzo Pridgen, D. I. Corbett.

Bear Branch—J. P. Brinson, T. J. Moore, J. T. Wilson.

Burgaw—T. J. Vann, J. T. Bland, J. D. Hocut.

Brooklyn—J. W. Kramer.

Clinton—B. S. Peterson, J. L. Stewart.

Concord—D. D. Wells, B. W. Matthews.

Corinth—J. L. Ward, D. W. Fussell, J. T. Wilkins.

Colvin's Creek—T. H. Woodcock, J. P. Lewis, D. M. Lewis.

Caintuck Chapel—D. J. Corbett, F. M. Marshall, Chris. Moore.

Caswell—W. J. Hollingsworth, R. M. Bloodworth, C. D. Blizzard.

Catharine Lake—not represented.

Castle Hayne—W. L. Tart.

Cedar Grove—by letter.

Dobson's Chapel—S. C. Register, T. Kirkpatrick, W. H. Murray.

Ebenezer—J. A. Tatum.

Emma's Chapel—A. J. Scott.

Hallsville.—J. B. Brown, C. C. Williams, D. J. Farrior.

Haw Bluff—N. R. Croom, L. C. Boswell, J. C. Boswell.

Island Creek—E. M. Teachey, W. J. Mallard, W. W. Cook.

Ivanhoe—C. C. Corbett, J. F. Lewis, C. R. Corbett.

Johnson's—J. A. Powell, L. Middleton, Jamie Carlton.

Jacksonville—W. P. Kelly, R. L. Burton.

Kenansville—Henry Dial, B. C. Barden, L. M. Cooper.

Kerr's—F. F. Newton, R. H. Devane.

Long Creek—G. A. Herring, J. F. Herring, J. J. Croom.

Lisbon—D. L. Herring, J. C. D. Herring, W. B. Lamb.

Maple Hill—E. P. Powers, J. R. Marsburn.

Mary Chapel—by letter.

Masonboro—by letter.

Moore's Creek—not represented.

Mt. Gilead—A. C. Peterson, E. Williamson, B. Matthews.

Mt. Olive—W. B. Hood, W. J. Flowers, G. W. Albritton.

Mt. Holly—Isaiah Carroll, Henry Croom, L. C. Carroll.

Magnolia—L. W. Brown, H. M. Swinson.

New Hope—C. E. Daniel, L. C. Carlton.

Olive Branch—W. L. Tart.

Olivet—A. S. Lanier, E. D. Walker, N. J. Lanier.

Piney Grove—W. I. Lane, Erastus Royall, S. H. Hare.

Poplar Grove—not represented.

Providence—J. H. Hildreth.

Rose Hill—D. N. Pope.

Riley's Creek—J. W. Ellers, S. W. Rayner, L. L. Mason.

Sharon—J. F. Wallace, Z. Blanchard, R. C. Sewell.

Siloam—Levi Johnson, Love Jones.

Shiloh—G. A. Garris, A. T. Herring, H. A. Bland.

Spring Vale—A. F. Robinson.

South Side—J. S. Canady, T. H. Leavitt, R. B. Moore.

Salem—W. L. Wilkins, Daniel Walker, E. Z. Milton.

Teachey's—J. W. Teachey, A. E. Croom, W. D. Teachey.

Warsaw—L. R. Carroll, S. M. Carlton, D. L. Gavin.

Well's Chapel—J. R. Newkirk, D. H. Newkirk, W. L. Moore.

Wilmington—S. G. Hall.

Willard—W. F. Bowen, Joel Jones.

The Moderator announced that a majority of churches being represented, it is now in order to elect the officers for the ensuing year. F. A. Fennell and A. J. Taylor were appointed as tellers. Result: J. L. Stewart Moderator, A. R. Herring Clerk, W. H. Middleton, Treasurer. Announcement: Rev. T. H. Leavitt will preach at the stand.

By motion, the order of business as read from Minutes of 1891, was made the order of business for this session.

Motion by R. W. Horrell, that the letters from the churches to the Association be read at the next session of this body. After remarks, Bro. S. G. Hall moved to refer the whole matter to a committee, and it was so ordered. Thereafter it was moved that the motion for a reference be reconsidered, and it was so ordered; upon such reconsideration Bro. Hall was allowed without objection, to withdraw the motion to refer. The question recurring on the motion requiring the reading of the letters, the same was lost.

On motion by J. T. Albritton, Rule of Order Nine be amended by inserting after the word "adjourn" and before "to amend" the words "to lay on the table." So ordered.

On motion by J. T. Albritton that the words in the first Order of Business, "Reading Church Letters," be stricken out and the words "Calling the Roll of Churches" be substituted therefor. It was so ordered. Petitionary letters called for. No response. Visiting brethren invited to seats with us. Dr. John Mitchell in the interest of Education, J. C. Caddell for *Biblical Recorder*, B. S. Peterson for *N. C. Baptist*, J. B. Newton from West Chowan Association, Revs. Benjamin Ward and J. W. Nobles from Atlantic Association, and Rev. R. W. Grizzard of Portsmouth, Va., were welcomed by Moderator.

On motion, L. Middleton, C. C. Corbett, D. J. Corbett were appointed Committee on Finance. On motion, Committee on Devotional Exercises was appointed as follows: Pastor and Deacons of the church, with W. J. Fryar and J. S. Canady added. On motion, the chair appointed a committee on Digest of Church Letters as follows: S. D. Swaim, C. G. Wells, J. T. Albritton. On motion, Rev. J. E. White was substituted for C. Durham, on committee on State Mission, W. L. Bilbro for J. B. Boone on Periodicals, A. Johnson for J. B. Boone on the Orphanage. L. R. Carroll moved to appoint a committee to nominate

an Executive Committee. So ordered. Committee: S. D. Swaim, I. Carroll, E. D. Walker.

Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises: J. W. Kramer to preach at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting to-morrow morning 9:30, to be conducted by Rev. J. B. Newton. Missionary Sermon at 11 a. m., by L. R. Carroll. In the afternoon preaching at the stand by Rev. J. W. Nobles. To-morrow night 7:30 by S. D. Swaim. Bro. B. S. Peterson moved to adjourn the Association. Dismissed by Rev. J. T. Albritton, to meet at 9:30 to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Moderator called the Association to order. Roll of delegates called. Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and approved.

SPECIAL ORDER—Report of Executive Committee and State Missions. The report of the Executive Committee was read by J. T. Bland. While waiting for report on State Missions an invitation was extended to visiting brethren. J. E. White Corresponding Secretary, A. Johnson for *Charity and Children* and the Orphanage, and Dr. N. B. Cobb of Sandy Creek responded. Report on State Missions read by J. E. White. Association was then addressed by L. R. Carroll, J. T. Bland and J. E. White, after which a collection was taken for State Missions—amount \$14.00. By request, J. T. Bland addressed the Association in the interest of Jacksonville church debt. Pending the adoption of the report the hour for the Missionary Sermon was announced. L. R. Carroll moved that the Association do not suspend for the sermon; after remarks, motion was withdrawn. Motion by L. R. Carroll that the report on the Orphanage be made special order for 2 p. m. Objection by J. T. Bland. By J. T. Albritton that the motion to adopt the reports on State and Associational Missions be made special order for 3:30 p. m., and that the report on the Orphanage be the first business after dinner. Adopted. On motion, Association adjourned until after dinner. During intermission J. E. White by request preached the Missionary sermon from 1 Cor. 16:8-9. After which a collection for Foreign Missions was taken amounting to \$15.28.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SPECIAL ORDER ORPHANAGE.

Report read and Association addressed by A. Johnson. Collection for Orphanage \$10.20. Moderator requested that the Treasurer and Finance Committee pay to A. Johnson all moneys in their hands for the Orphanage. Adopted. Report on Periodicals spoken to by J. C. Caddell and B. S. Peterson. Report as read adopted. Report on Home Missions was read by A. A. Butler and discussed by A. A. Butler and N. B. Cobb. Adopted. By motion the report on State Missions was taken up.

Motion by L. R. Carroll, that the roll of churches be called for pledges to State and Associational missions for next year, and to ascertain if the churches would pay balance of apportionment of Jacksonville church debt assigned them. Remarks by J. H. Hildreth and M. C. Walton. Adopted. Motion to adjourn. Announcement by committee on Devotional Exercises. Prayer meeting by R. W. Grizzard 9:30 a. m. Preaching at stand by J. L. Stewart at 11 a. m. Preaching to-night at Pin Hook by T. H. Leavitt. Final leave of absence granted W. B. Lamb and others. Dr. N. B. Cobb said that he would take subscriptions for the Baptist Almanac. Benediction by Dr. John Mitchell. Adjourned to meet Thursday morning 9:30.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Dr. John Mitchell. Association called to order by Moderator at 10 a. m. Roll of delegates called. Minutes of preceding day read and approved. On motion by J. T. Albritton committee was appointed to nominate delegates to Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions. Committee: G. A. Herring, J. H. Hildreth and W. S. Johnson. By motion, L. R. Carrell was added to the committee.

Report on Education by C. G. Wells. The Association was addressed by Dr. John Mitchell, after which pledges were taken for Ministerial education for ensuing year. Report adopted. Report of Trustees Warsaw High School; after remarks by C. G. Wells report was adopted. Report of committee to nominate Delegates read as follows:

Your committee recommend S. D. Swaim, O. P. Meeks, J. T. Albritton, A. A. Butler, D. J. Corbett, C. C. Corbett, J. T. Bland, C. E. Daniel and F. A. Fennell, as delegates to Baptist State Convention, and J. L. Stewart, W. B. Oliver, S. D. Swaim.

J. T. Albritton, O. P. Meeks, M. C. Walton, G. A. Herring, S. M. Carlton, I. Carroll, J. S. Canady, S. G. Hall, D. N. Page and L. R. Carroll, to Southern Baptist Convention. Adopted Motion by A. J. Taylor that J. L. Stewart preach at the stand at 11 a. m. to-day. Passed. S. D. Swaim was called to the chair. Motion that the Association suspend business to hear the sermon. Association was addressed by J. T. Albritton. Motion lost. Report on Ministers' Relief by L. R. Carroll. Pending motion to adopt Association was addressed by L. R. Carroll. In his remarks he requested that two collections be taken during the year for aged ministers. Report adopted. Announcement: J. H. Hildreth will now preach at the stand.

Report of committee to nominate Executive committee by S. D. Swaim recommends the re-election of present committee. Adopted. Report on Sunday Schools read by D. L. Herring. S. D. Swaim moved to adopt report as read. By J. T. Albritton, a motion to amend, by instructing the clerk not to ingraft the report in the Minutes. Report as amended adopted. Proposition by S. G. Hall to furnish the churches with a printed copy of the report on Sunday Schools. Proposition accepted. Report of Finance committee, by D. J. Corbett, was adopted. Report of committee on Church letters, by J. T. Albritton, was adopted. Motion by J. T. Albritton to raise a committee on Place and Introductory sermon. So ordered. Committee: W. L. Bilbro, C. E. Daniel, S. M. Carlton. Motion that the letters from Clinton and Bear Marsh be referred to committee on Place. So ordered. Motion by J. T. Albritton that Article 13 be amended by striking out all after character. Pending the adoption of report the Association was addressed by C. G. Wells, J. T. Albritton, L. R. Carroll. Motion lost. Report of committee on Place and Preacher. Motion by C. G. Wells to amend by substituting Bear Marsh in place of Kenansville. Amendment lost. By A. A. Butler to amend by substituting Clinton for Kenansville. Amendment lost. Report as recommended by committee was adopted. Moved by J. T. Albritton that S. D. Swaim be appointed to preach the Missionary sermon at the next session of the Association. Motion adopted: Resolution by J. T. Albritton.

Resolved, That this Association hereby express their profound gratitude to God for His signal blessing upon the efforts of our brethren of England and America to evangelize the heathen world during the century that is behind us.

Resolved, That we, as a component part of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, and of the S. B. Convention, re-affirm our adherence to, and sympathy with, the organized work of both Conventions, and pray and strive for its future success and enlargement in all its departments.

Resolution adopted. Motion by L. R. Carroll to reconsider the vote by which the motion to nominate delegates to State and Southern Baptist Conventions passed. So ordered. By L. R. Carroll, to amend so that all the names of delegates recommended to the Southern Baptist Convention be stricken out but one. Adopted. L. R. Carroll moved that a committee be appointed to ascertain if any member of the Ministers' Relief Society is still living. So ordered. Committee: S. M. Carlton, C. E. Daniel and L. R. Carroll. Report of Treasurer submitted and adopted. Motion by S. G. Hall, that the amount of money in the hands of the Treasurer of Colportage be paid to the Treasurer of the Executive committee. Adopted. Motion by C. G. Wells that a committee be appointed to examine the Constitution and Order of Business to ascertain if any amendments or changes are necessary, and to report at the next session of this Association Committee: C. G. Wells, S. D. Swaim, and R. W. Horrell. Adopted. Motion by A. A. Butler that J. L. Stewart be added to committee as its chairman. So ordered.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Resolution by J. L. Stewart.

WHEREAS, It appears to this Association, that some of the churches composing the same, have lately been much disturbed by the prevalency among their membership, of certain views of God's Word, under the name of "The Second Blessing," "Sinless perfection,"—sinlessness, and instantaneous entire sanctification from all sin in this life, and whereas, this Association deems such views subversive to that Gospel Order, on the basis of which our churches are associated, and that they be fully advised of the position of the Association as to such views, and the course of discipline to be observed by them toward any of their respective members embracing and seeking to propagate such views to the end that such course of discipline be uniform upon the part of all the churches. Now, therefore,

Resolved, That this Association holds and advises the churches as follows:

First. That Sanctification is the cleansing of the sinner from the guilt, power and pollution of sin, and the renewal of the believer in the image of Christ.

Second, That Sanctification is the work of the Holy Spirit in effecting which various means and instrumentalities are used—chiefly God's Word and His providences; that it is, therefore not instantaneous, but begins in regeneration, progresses through life and is complete in death, or certainly at the resurrection.

Third, That it is not identical with but includes and is in this life, concurrent with the believer's growth in grace.

Fourth, That the churches withdraw fellowship from such of their members as embrace and seek to propagate views in accord with those set out in the recital of these resolutions, and contrary to those set forth in the resolutions themselves, after due efforts for their reclamation and failure therein.

Moved by J. L. Stewart that these resolutions be adopted. After remarks by J. L. Stewart the motion was adopted. Motion by J. S. Canady that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the *N. C. Baptist* and *Biblical Recorder*, with request to publish the same. It was so ordered. Resolution of thanks:

Resolved, That the Association hereby express its grateful appreciation for the generous hospitality of the Island Creek Baptist Church, and of the good people of this community generally.

Adopted by unanimous vote

Motion by A. A. Butler that J. L. Stewart be requested to preach at 2 p. m., on the subject of Bible Sanctification. Adopted. Motion to adjourn by N. C. Faison. After prayer by Dr. John Mitchell, the Association adjourned, to meet at Kenansville, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1897.

J. L. STEWART, *Moderator*.

A. R. HERRING, *Clerk*.

The following Ministers were present at this session of the Association, viz: J. L. Stewart, S. D. Swaim, J. T. Albritton, L. R. Carroll, R. W. Horrell, W. L. Bilbro, C. F. Hopper, A. A. Butler, A. J. Taylor, M. C. Walton, N. A. Shelly, C. G. Wells, J. W. Kramer, J. B. Newton, R. C. Sandling, J. W. Nobles, John Mitchell, Benjamin Ward, N. B. Cobb, R. W. Grizzard, W. L. Tart, J. H. Hildreth, T. H. Leavitt, J. E. White.

COMMITTEES:

State Missions—J. E. White, D. C. Middleton, R. W. Horrell.

Foreign Missions—O. P. Meeks, Maury Ward, L. R. Highsmith.

Home Missions—M. G. Walton, M. W. Teachey, A. A. Butler.

Education—C. G. Wells, D. S. Ray, L. R. Carroll.

Periodicals—J. C. Caddell, B. S. Peterson, W. L. Bilbro.

Sunday Schools—D. L. Herring, L. C. Boswell, C. F. Hooper.

Ministers' Relief—L. R. Carroll, F. A. Fennell, J. H. Swinson.

Orphanage—A. Johnson, W. S. Johnson, D. N. Page.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

(Adopted.)

Your committee respectfully report that during the year the following brethren have been laboring at the following places: S. D. Swaim, at Salem. J. H. Hildreth, at Providence. G. V. Tilly, at Catharine Lake, Emma's Chapel, Tar Landing and Davis School House. L. R. Carroll and A. J. Taylor, at Chinquepin or Sharon. W. L. Bilbro, at Hallsville. N. A. Shelly, at Olivet. W. L. Tart, at Castle Hayne.

It is a matter of regret that our missionaries have failed to make report of their work as required by our constitution, and by reason of their failure your committee have not the data from which to report more fully their work, or the result of their labors.

J. T. BLAND, for Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

It is with pleasure and gratitude that we are able to report progress in our State Mission work. The Lord has greatly blessed the work of our missionaries. The Gospel has been preached to 450 congregations. Believers have been baptized, churches have been built, and the kingdom of Christ and the cause of the truth have been greatly advanced in our State by our faithful missionaries. Ninety-eight missionaries are at work under the direction of the Board of Missions. Forty are located in the western part of the State, thirty-four in the eastern, and twenty-four in the central section of our convention. The outlook for next year is inspiring. We must enlarge the work. The destitution is still great. Opened up by rail roads it is brought within our reach and it appeals loudly for help. We urge the churches of the Eastern to increase their pledges—at present we are in great need of money. Only \$5,000 has been received. We have only six weeks before the Convention in which to raise the balance due our missionaries. We recommend that each church in this Association be asked for a special cash collection during the next month to enable us to avoid a debt.

JNO. E. WHITE.
R. W. HORRELL.

Christian influence. We believe it to be our duty as citizens, and our privilege as Christians, to resist the further extension of this evil policy so long as the necessity for resistance shall continue. In the future as in the past, our protest and resistance shall be manly and Christian in spirit and in method.

C. G. WELLS, Chairman.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

The Trustees of the Warsaw High School desire to report that the institution is enlarging its sphere of usefulness. The school has had newspaper advertising regularly during the past year, and a quantity of advertising matter has been distributed through the mails and otherwise. In July and August Superintendent Wells visited many churches in the Association, and delivered addresses in the interest of education. In this way we hope an impulse may be given to every educational interest. Some needed improvements have recently been made upon the building. A Gilbert Grand Piano has been purchased for the Department of Music and a new Remington Typewriter, No. Six, has been placed in the Department of Short-hand and Typewriting.

We desire to call attention to the fact that there are among the churches of the Eastern Association a number of young men who feel called of God to the work of the Ministry. If they are to be leaders and teachers among the churches, they ought to be trained and equipped for the discharge of the responsible duties to which they are called. We believe the churches ought to give some special attention to these young men.

Respectfully submitted,

O. P. MIDDLETON, Chairman of Board.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: S. D. Swaim.

Delegates to North Carolina State Convention: O. P. Meeks, S. D. Swaim, J. T. Albritton, A. A. Butler, D. J. Corbett, C. C. Corbett, J. T. Bland, C. E. Daniel and F. A. Fennell.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. HILDRETH, for Com.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

This Board has been in active operation about five years. During this time it has administered to the needs of 21 beneficiaries. Six of these brethren have died and two widows have

readily meet the expense of a course of study in college. The Board of Education was created by the Baptist State Convention to assist in educating "young men called of God, and approved by the churches to which they belong."

The extent of the work of the Board is dependant upon the contributions of Christian people. Thirty-five men were aided last session. Twenty-two are now being aided at Wake Forest College. The Board cannot extend aid to all who need it. The churches must say whether the work of ministerial education shall languish or go forward.

BAPTIST FEMALE UNIVERSITY.

The Baptist Female University is a necessity. The elegant building in course of erection at Raleigh ought to be pushed to completion at once. That cannot be done without liberal contributions from the people who are friendly to the higher education of women.

EDUCATION OF ALL THE PEOPLE.

Under present conditions the great majority of the children are dependent upon the State for the rudiments of an education. As a concession to the emergency upon which we have fallen, we favor the maintenance of primary schools by the State, and would encourage in all possible ways every honorable effort to increase their efficiency.

ENDOWED ACADEMIES.

Academies of learning ought to be fostered by our Associations. To bring them to the highest point of efficiency a permanent endowment fund of at least \$10,000 for each ought to be created. We favor a system of endowed Baptist Associational Academies for North Carolina, as the best means of giving to the people of the State the desirable secondary education. We favor affiliation between these academies and Wake Forest College.

VOLUNTARY PRINCIPLE IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION.

The future of American civilization depends largely upon the extent to which Christian education shall prevail. Education, so far as it is distinctively Christian, must be furnished on the voluntary principle or not at all. We are unalterably opposed to the provision of the higher education by the State. It is not required by the State Constitution; it expends the money of the whole people to supply a luxury; it is public extravagance, for the voluntary principle will do the same work as well; it tends to debase the manhood of our citizens, teaching them to rely upon the State for what they might secure by personal effort; it imperils the dearly won principle of Religious liberty; or it secularizes education, depriving the young men and women of the State, during the most critical period of life of positive

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions desires to report the following:

This department of our work is under the direction of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. This Board has for its territory all the States making up the Southern Baptist Convention, the Indian Territory and Cuba. The Board is doing, or endeavoring to do for this territory, what our State Board is doing for North Carolina. Our work in Cuba is suffering to some extent from the war, but not so much as we at once feared. We know that our God is able, and will make it all turn out for our good and His glory. We regard this as an important work, and therefore recommend that each church in this Association take at least one collection for this work during the year.

A. A. BUTLER, for Committee.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT.

Article 2 of the Constitution of North Carolina Baptist State Convention says in part: "The primary objects of the Convention shall be to encourage and support Wake Forest College; to educate young men called of God to the Ministry, and approved by the churches to which they belong; to encourage education among all the people of the State." The Eastern Baptist Association is in full accord with the utterances of the Baptist State Convention on the subject of education.

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

The enrolment of students at Wake Forest College last year reached 260, the largest in its history. The enrolment during the current session has reached 244. The effort to endow the William Royal Chair of English has been crowned with success. Bible instruction is now provided for in the regular college course. We commend the movement that is on foot to endow the Columbus Durham Chair of the Bible. Three years ago a Department of Law was established and 67 students were enrolled in it last session. We recommend that a Department of Medicine be established as soon as practicable. A positive Christian atmosphere was maintained last year and the session was marked by one of the most blessed revivals ever experienced in the college. The prevalence of the Christian spirit and work does not antagonize the spirit of progressive study and research.

EDUCATION OF MINISTERS.

The leaders of Christian thought and activity ought to be educated. Many who have been called into the Ministry cannot

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage is in great need of the sympathy and help of the Baptist people of our State. There are one hundred and forty-four children there, and as soon as the central building is completed, which we hope will be this year, the number will be increased to two hundred. Orphans from all over our State are knocking at our doors. Brethren, we must furnish them a home. With the completion of our new home a new era will open upon the Orphanage. We hope to establish a first-class graded school that will offer advantages equal to those of any common school in the State.

Funds this fall, instead of increasing have diminished, and we appeal to the brethren to come to the aid of this work that ought to lie very near our hearts.

ARCHIBALD JOHNSON,
D. N. PAGE.
W. S. JOHNSON.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

More and more we realize the necessity of our people being informed about our Denominational interests. We can not be interested about what we know nothing. Our zeal in the progress of our work, and the extent of our help, will be measured by the most part by the extent of our information concerning it. We realize the importance therefore of urging all our people who can, to take and read all the good literature possible. We especially recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, for sixty-three years the organ of our Convention and a necessity in the home of every Baptist. We also recommend the *N. C. Baptist, Charity and Children*, and the literature of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

J. C. CADDELL, for Com.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Total amount sent with letters:	-	-	-	\$566.33
By amount for State Missions,	-	-	\$177.10	
“ “ “ Home Missions,	-	-	76.86	
“ “ “ Foreign Missions,	-	-	91.19	
“ “ “ Orphanage,	-	-	76.89	
“ “ “ Minute fund,	-	-	40.28	
“ “ “ Ministerial Education,	-	-	23.96	
“ “ “ Gospel Missions,	-	-	8.15	
“ “ “ Ministers' Relief,	-	-	23.57	
“ “ “ Jacksonville Church,	-	-	48.33	

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. CORBETT,
L. MIDDLETON,
C. C. CORBETT.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. H. Middleton in account with Eastern Association for 1895.
To amount received from all sources: - - - \$432.26

Appropriated as follows:

State Missions,	-	-	-	\$135.74	
Home Missions,	-	-	-	49.29	
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	73.67	
Gospel Missions,	-	-	-	20.14	
Education,	-	-	-	26.08	
Ministers' Relief,	-	-	-	18.29	
Orphanage,	-	-	-	63.48	
Minute Fund,	-	-	-	40.57	
Colportage,	-	-	-	5.00	
				<u>\$432.26</u>	<u>\$432.26</u>

Sunday School Association on hand, \$9.35.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. MIDDLETON, Treasurer.

married, leaving 13 on the list whom the Board is trying to support as the churches by their contributions enable them to do. Amount received this year \$421.26. To contribute cheerfully, regularly and liberally to the Board is a duty we owe to our aged and worn out brethren; a duty we owe to our churches and ourselves as individuals; a duty we owe to God. Hence we urge our pastors to keep this work constantly before their churches, and take at least one or two collections for this object during the year.

L. R. CARROLL,
F. A. FENNELL,
J. W. SWINSON.

Committee to nominate Executive committee name the old Board for the ensuing year.

S. D. SWAIM,
ISAIAH CARROLL,
E. D. WALKER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LETTERS.

Fifty-four churches sent letters to this body. Six churches failed to send letters. Only four reported revivals during the year although several others have held revival services which they failed to mention. The letters show but a small increase in membership. The gain by baptism and letter was 390, while the loss by dismission, death and exclusion was 345, leaving a net gain of 45 members.

Only three churches failed to report Sunday Schools. The greater part of the churches reported contributions to the various departments of work engaging the attention of the Association, though the amounts given are generally small. Your committee regret that they cannot report more fully or encouragingly.

The Clinton Church invites this body to convene with them next year.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE.

Report of committee on place and preacher for next session:
Introductory Sermon by W. B. Oliver.

Place of meeting, Kenansville, N. C.

W. L. BILBRO, for Com.

CONSTITUTION.

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

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church; Provided however, that when any church has prepared a letter, and through inadvertance the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion, after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

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

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of five members, who shall co-operate with the State Board, so far as practicable, in the Mission work within our bounds, and during the interval, between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee, in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel Order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privilege of the body, except that of voting.

ART. 12. The Annual Session of this Association shall com-

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, 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 Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort, to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness or distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling, and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of these rules of our Savior 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.

mence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be opened 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 lay on the table, 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.

Order of Business.

1. Calling the Roll of Churches and enrolling Delegate
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call of Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Report of other Committees.
8. Report of Treasurer.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at time.
11. Adjournment.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Churches & S.S. expenses	Poor Fund	Baptist Orphanage	Asso and State Miss	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Education	B. F. University	By W F Mission So	By Sunday Schools	Gospel Missions	Jacksonville Ch. Debt Fund	Minutes	Ministers Relief	Other objts	Total	Value Ch	
Barlow's Chapel	150 00	90 00		3 29	5 00	10 16	3 00	2 00					10 00	50	3 00	7 10	28605	100	
Bethel				69	5 00	2 00	2 00	61		2 71		10 93	7 50					31 44	
Beulah	50 00	34 00			4 25	4 00								50				92 75	25
Boykin's Chapel	60 00	4 00		88	5 56	43								80				61 64	50
Berea	37 00			1 00	1 00	1 00								50				41 00	15
Bowden's	20 00	2 25					3 00											25 25	
Bear Marsh				3 16	5 00	2 29	5 00	55				1 15	5 00	1 00	75			23 90	
Bethlehem	74 55	4 25		3 08	5 00	23 00	1 50	1 50						1 00				113 88	20
Bear Branch	18 00			45			3 45							25				22 15	12
Burgaw	100 00	10 00		2 25	10 00		1 00	3 65				25 00	10 00	50	1 78			164 16	35
Brooklyn	700 00	963 53	30 00	15 00	15 01		5 00	5 00			46 32	40 00	13 00	2 00	10 00	429 46	227 431		
Clinton	250 00	49 00			5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		2 80	28 11		4 50					354 41	15
Concord				2 00	5 00		1 25	1 00				5 24	2 10	75				17 35	
Corinth	100 00			4 00	9 25	6 50	4 00	1 00										124 75	70
Colvin's Creek				1 00			65	1 00						50				3 15	
Caintuck Chapel	125 00	7 00	10 00	4 15	5 00	16 31	2 09	1 06			6 00		10 00	1 20	2 40			190 21	20
Caswell	72 24	33 37	4 26	6 42	39	1 00	1 00					1 00	5 00	50		5 00	130 18	80	
Catherine Lake																			
Castle Hayne	45 41			1 00	61									30				47 32	150
Cedar Grove		22 51			1 00	18 00	8 00				57 61					15 03	92 15	3	
Dobson's Chapel	64 55	7 00		4 00	15 00	10 00	5 00	1 37	1 88					75				109 55	50
Ebenezer	60 00	3 70		2 70	1 60	1 00					75							69 75	25
Emma's Chapel	50 00	15 00			1 00	1 04	3 25											70 29	70
Hallsville	24 15			2 00	7 00	4 00	2 00							55				39 20	40
Haw Bluff	27 00	7 75		1 65	2 00	1 00	2 00							75	85			43 00	40
Island Creek	100 00	32 00		22 47	14 24	7 26	7 10	35				6 00		1 88	2 80			194 10	80
Ivanhoe	50 00	3 52																53 52	35
Johnson's	125 00	16 50	20 00	8 08	15 64	15 24	5 28	2 00	7 00		26 65	7 53		1 45	2 50	7 00	259 87	1000	
Jacksonville	60 80	21 27		1 66	64	1 14	62	4 28	64									88 07	
Kenansville	125 00	20 00		4 00	10 00	10 00	3 00	2 00										174 00	1000
Kerr's	50 00			50	2 00	50								15		5 14	58 29		
Long Creek	60 00	40 00		161	6 29		1 01				8 50	11 00		35				128 76	300
Lisbon	125 00	2 35		2 19	10 19	5 03	5 00	4 41			15 00	9 05	15 00	1 00	2 00			196 22	800
Maple Hill	15 00				2 00	2 00		1 00										20 00	
Mary's Chapel					2 00	2 00												4 00	800
Masonboro	100 00	200		3 00	12 50	26 00	2 00	3 00						1 00	1 00			348 50	800
Moore's Creek																			
Mt. Gilead	80 00	26 50	8 50	2 35	2 49		2 48	3 20		12 37	8 43	65 00				13 35	224 67	600	
Mt. Olive	85 00	75 00								14 00	15 00							189 00	900
Mt. Holly				2 00	1 00	1 00	2 36					8 00	3 00	50				17 86	
Magnolia	100 00				5 00	4 00	4 00				17 00							130 00	1000
New Hope	100 00	10 00	8 28	12 18	5 00	25 00	2 50	2 03						1 00				165 99	500
Olive Branch	38 87	32 38		1 00	3 22									70				73 17	300
Olivet	40 00	2 43		1 00	7 00		1 10		1 00		2 00			50				55 03	400
Piney Grove	90 00	5 00		9 05	2 05	2 15							5 00	75				114 10	
Poplar Grove																			
Providence	37 98	3 00			5 00		1 52	1 35					5 00	50	55	29 99	84 89	360	
Rose Hill	23 52										10 00							14 40	47 92
Riley's Creek	100 00		4 50		10 00		2 00					32 00	10 00	1 60				11 79	171 89
Sharon				1 00	3 23	2 00	1 68							75				7 65	500
Siloam	60 00	28 00	73	3 00	5 00	5 00	2 00		1 00	5 68				50		1 50	112 51	1200	
Shiloh	100 00			7 69	9 00	84	2 33	1 86				22 76	4 49		2 19			150 66	300
Sprin Vale	75 00	2 75		2 94	4 56	63								70	1 31	6 50	94 39	600	
South Side																			
Sulm	125 00	11 49			10 00	2 65	2 00	1 69			7 01		10 00	55	1 00	10 00	181 39		
Teachey's	72 06	4 00		2 00	5 00	3 10	3 00							1 00	1 50	10 67	102 23	1000	
Warsaw	125 00	31 00		17 12	19 75	7 15	6 00		29 00	35 10	39 00			1 20		15 00	263 32	1000	
Well's Chapel	125 00			8 32	8 96	1 56	1 63	77				384 08		1 00	2 56			533 88	
Wilmington	1600	1407 07	75 00	50 00	144 93				50 00	259 35				2 00		150 00	3788 35	40 00	
Willard	75 00	8 00		2 22	5 00									1 00				91 22	600

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