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The Convention having convened according to appointment at Dockery's Meeting House, Richmond County, the introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder David S. Williams, from Mark XVI, 15, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

The Convention was then called to order by the President Elder Wm. P. Biddle, and the meeting opened by singing and prayer.

Brethren P. P. Smith, D. Thomson, Sam'l Mims, Wm. Duskin and Alex. N. Nicholson were appointed a committee to receive the Letters and Money from the Delegates of the Auxiliary Societies.

Letters, Contributions and Delegates were received from the following Auxiliary Societies.

COUNTIES.	SOCIETIES.	DELEGATES.	POST OFFICES.
Wake,	Cross Roads,	{ GEORGE W. PURIFY, Lemuel Cooke,*	Wake Forest. Do.
	Raleigh, Wake Liberty, Wake Union,	QUINTAIN H. TROTMAN,* David Justice, Daniel Crenshaw, SAMUEL WAITE,	Raleigh. Wake Forest. Do. Do.
Cumberland,	{ Cape Fear Female Society, Cape Fear Associa'n,	{ Samuel Mims, Charles McAllister,	Fayetteville. Do. Do.
		{ JAMES MCDANIEL, Alexander Townsend,* Jesse Pitman,* ELIAS DAVIS,	Leesville, (Robeson.) Do. Do. Elizabeth, (Bladen.)
Orange,	Cane Creek, Mount Moriah,	Letter by STEPH. PLEASANT. { Wm. Duskin, John Boroughs,	Hillsborough. Do.
Craven, Lenoir,	Newbern, Hopeful Society,	JOHN ARMSTRONG, { WM. P. BIDDLE, Samuel S. Biddle,	Newbern. Fort Barnwell. Do.
Edgecomb, Chatham,	Tarborough, Rives Chapel,	Letter by A. J. BATTLE. { Peter P. Smith, Aaron Emerson, Wm. J. Brooks, Andrew Headen,	Emerson's Tan yard. Do. Do. St. Lawrenceville.
Moore, Anson,	Bear Creek, Love's Creek, Rocky Spring, Friendship, Cedar Creek,	Atlas Gilbert,* Josiah Brooks,* Letter by Peter P. Smith. ELI PHILLIPS,	Carthage. Wadesborough. Tindalsville. Lilesville. Do.
		{ James Watkins, N. H. Tindall, Gilbert Townsend, JOHN CULPEPER, Sen. Robert S. Thomas, Alfred Dockery, William S. Thomas, William Powell, George Northam,	Do. Do. Do. Do.
Richmond,	Cartledge Creek,		Dockery's Store. Do. Do. Do.

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	Saron, Spring Hill,	Alexander N. Nicholson, { Charles Livingston, { Duncan McMillan, { Malcom McMillan,	Bostick's Mills. Mount Pelino. Do. Do.
Franklin, Nash, Hilifax, Person,	Maple Spring, Nashville, Conocoanry, Flat River, Olive Branch,	JOSEPH J. FINCH, AMOS J. BATTLE, Letter by A. J. BATTLE. STEPHEN PLEASANT, Letter by Thomas King.	Louisburg. Nashville. Vanhook's Store.
Caswell, Granville,	Leesburg, Island Creek, Grassy Creek,	Letter by STEPH. PLEASANT. Thomas King, William Royster,*	Oak Hill. Rogers' Store, Wake.
New Hanover, Johnston, Bertie,	Wilmington, Smithfield, Cashie,	JACOB C. GRIGG, David Thompson, { Joseph B. Outlaw, { Turner Carter, THOMAS MEREDITH, Letter by T. Carter.	Wilmington. Smithfield. Windsor. Do. Edenton.
Perquimons, Montgomery,	Colerain, - - - Long Creek, Forky Little River, New Union,	Letter by T. MEREDITH. Letter by J. CULPEPER, Jr. William Butler. Letter by Benj'n Deberry.	Wadesborough.
Duplin, Sampson, Guilford, Warren, Buncombe, Davidson,	- - - - - - Jamestown, - - - Mount Pleasant, Jersey Settlement,	Stephen Graham, DAVID S. WILLIAMS, Isaac Beeson, James Smithwick, THOMAS STRADLE, { JOSIAH WISEMAN, { W. W. Wiseman,	Kenansville. Clinton. Jamestown. Warrenton. Asheville. Lexington. Do.
Lincoln,	- - -	HUGH QUIN,	Lincolnton.

[NOTE. Those marked thus * were absent.]

Visiting brethren in the Ministry were invited to take seats with us, when Brethren Wm. Dossey, S. S. Burdett, and Campbell Stubbs of S. Carolina, J. M. Allen of Philadelphia, Noah Richardson, John Culpeper, Jun'r, Malthus Furman, Theophilus Hobgood, Noah Graham, and John Munro accepted the invitation.

Brethren McAllister, Graham, and R. S. Thomas, were appointed a Committee to arrange the preaching during this meeting.

Elder Jas. Thomas presented a Letter and Minutes from the Baptist State Convention of South Carolina, upon which he was recognized as a Delegate from that body.

Proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

WM. P. BIDDLE, PRESIDENT,
THOS. MEREDITH,
WM. HOOPER, } VICE PRESIDENTS,
ALFRED DOCKERY, }
JOHN ARMSTRONG, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,
AMOS J. BATTLE, RECORDING SECRETARY,
CHAS. McALLISTER, TREASURER.

Appointed T. Meredith, J. Culpeper, Sen., and J. Armstrong a Committee to nominate the Board of Managers.

Received a Letter from the former Treasurer, containing the intimation

of a wish for exemption; upon which, it was unanimously resolved, 'That the thanks of the Convention be presented to Brother Auston, for the services he has rendered this Body as Treasurer, from its formation to the present time.

Appointed brethren J. Culpeper, Sen'r, Wm. Dossey, and Samuel Wait, a Committee on Home Missions; J. Armstrong, Jas. Thomas and Thos. King, on Foreign Missions; Thos. Meredith, J. M. Allen and Sam'l S. Biddle, on Education; Chas. McAllister, D. Thomson and T. Meredith, on the Wake Forest Institute; J. Culpeper, Jun'r, J. Armstrong and J. J. Finch, on the Periodical; Jas. McDaniel, Noah Richardson and J. M. Allen, on the Agency; Eli Phillips, A. Emerson, and J. M. Allen, on Tracts; J. C. Grigg, S. S. Burdett and G. W. Purify, on Sabbath Schools; D. S. Williams, Alfred Dockery and Stephen Pleasants, on Temperance; Stephen Graham, D. Thomson and P. P. Smith, on the former Treasurer's Accounts.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock Saturday Morning.

Prayer by J. Thomas.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 2.

Met at 9 o'clock. Prayer by John Armstrong.

The Committee appointed last year to prepare Bye-Laws for the use of this Body, reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See Appendix, letter A.)

The Committee on Home Missions reported, which was received, and ordered to be printed. (See letter C.)

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported, which was received, and ordered to be printed. (See letter F.)

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported, which was received, and ordered to be printed. (See letter E.)

The Report of the General Agent was called for, read and ordered to be printed. (See letter G.)

Resolved unanimously, That this Convention highly appreciate the discretion, the faithfulness and the success with which our Agent has uniformly discharged the difficult and laborious duties of his station, and that we deeply regret the dissolution of a connexion, which has been productive of so much satisfaction to us, and, as we trust, so much advantage to the cause in which we are engaged.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock. Prayer by J. M. Allen.

Met at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Eli Phillips.

The Committee on Education reported, which was received, and ordered to be printed. (See letter I.)

The Committee on a Periodical reported, which was received, and ordered to be printed. (See letter L.)

Resolved, That Brother T. Meredith be requested to continue the publication of the "Baptist Interpreter;" also, that he be requested to commence, as soon as practicable, a weekly paper.

Further Resolved, That the President of this Convention send a written request to our sister Convention, in South Carolina, inviting her to co-operate with us in sustaining the paper contemplated in the above resolution.

The Committee on Tracts reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter H.)

Resolved, That we recommend the formation of Tract Societies, auxiliary to the Baptist General Tract Society, in the different Churches, and an extensive distribution of Baptist Tracts throughout the State; and that each member of this Convention be requested to encourage and promote our Tract cause as far as practicable, in the region in which he resides.

The Committee on the former Treasurer's Account reported, that they found a mistake in the addition of last year's Account, which they corrected in their Report, which was received and ordered to be printed.— (See letter U.)

Appointed Samuel Waite, James McDaniel, and Thomas Stradle, a Committee on the State of Religion in this State.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock to-night. Prayer by Joseph J. Finch.

Met at 7 o'clock. Prayer by Thomas Meredith.

A letter from brother Wm. Q. Beattie of S. Carolina, was read and referred to a committee of T. Meredith, J. Culpeper, Sen'r, and R. S. Thomas, to report on Monday.

A letter from brother Jonathan Going was read and referred to Turner Carter, Joseph B. Outlaw, and J. Armstrong to report on Monday.

Two letters from brother John Purify were read, one of which was referred to the Corresponding Secretary and the other to the Committee on the former Treasurer's account.

A letter from brother G. W. Thomson was read and referred to the Corresponding Secretary.

A letter from Mr. Carter Harrison was read and referred to Corresponding Secretary.

A letter from brother B. Brown was read and referred to Corresponding Secretary.

Appointed T. Meredith, William Dossey and J. Armstrong a committee to prepare Bye Laws for the government of our Beneficiaries, to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Resolved, That \$100 be paid to the Church at Wilmington, they having complied with the conditions required by the last Convention.

Resolved, That \$50 be appropriated to the Wilmington Church to aid them in securing the services of a preacher for the next year, provided their selection be approved by the Convention.

Resolved, That \$37 75 be paid to brother Eli Phillips for 56 days labour as a Missionary for this body.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock Monday. Prayer by T. Meredith.

LORD'S DAY, NOVEMBER 3.

At an early hour a numerous congregation assembled at the stand and in attentive silence awaited the commencement of worship, which was introduced by Wm. P. Biddle from John 17 chap. and part of 1st verse, "Father, the hour is come: glorify thy son, that thy son also may glorify thee:" followed by J. M. Allen from John 17 chap. and 3rd verse, "And this life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent," and the services of the morning were clos-

by T. Meredith from 1st Kings 18 chap. and 21 v. "And Elijah came unto all the people and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him." In the afternoon James McDaniel preached from Isaiah 54 chap. 13 v. "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children."

And at night the labours of the day were closed by J. Armstrong from Acts 13 chap. and 38 v. "And be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins."

MONDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER!

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Jacob Grigg.

The names of Delegates called and Bye Laws read.

Resolved, That the President shall at different periods during our present session and at all future meetings of this Body, give notice that any person may attend as a spectator to our proceedings.

On motion, appointed J. Culpeper, Sen'r, Charles McAllister and J. M. Allen, Delegates to the Baptist State Convention of South Carolina, who shall bear a letter of Correspondence from this Convention.

On motion, appointed Samuel Waite to write the above letter of Correspondence.

The Committee on brother J. Going's letter relative to this Convention's becoming an auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society, reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter P.) On motion, the Board reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter B.)

Resolved, That the 6th article of the Constitution be so altered as to read "with *Thirty* others" instead of with eighteen others.

Resolved, That the 9th article of the Constitution be altered so as to erase the latter clause, "but in no case to collect or transmit funds."

Adjourned till 3 o'clock. Prayer by James Thomas.

Met at 3 o'clock. Prayer by George W. Purify.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay to Samuel Waite \$450. This sum being the amount of compensation due him for fifteen months' services, and to be drawn from the three several funds of this institution in a proportion corresponding to the amount of each separate fund.

Brother S. S. Burditt offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That as this is the first Monday evening in the month, the period set apart by the Christian World as a time of special prayer for Missions, that we observe the same as far as practicable, and that the committee of arrangement request some of the ministering brethren to deliver addresses this evening on the subject of Baptist Missions.

Further Resolved, That this Convention recommend to all the Churches in this State to observe the Monthly Concert of Prayer.

Resolved, That a Board of Forty Trustees be appointed by this body, to whom shall be entrusted all the interests and operations of the Wake Forest Institute. Nine of whom shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

Further Resolved, That the said Board of Trustees be incorporated by an act of the Legislature as soon as circumstances will admit.

Further Resolved, That a Committee of Five be appointed to carry the foregoing resolution into effect in such a way and with such provisions as shall correspond with the Constitution of the State and aims of this Institution.

Appointed Stephen Graham, Joseph B. Outlaw, Alfred Dockery, David Thomson and Samuel S. Biddle to be the said Committee.

Resolved, That the aforementioned Committee be authorized and requested to procure an act of incorporation in behalf of the Convention, provided such should be found consistent with the Constitution of the State.

Resolved, That a Committee of six be appointed to nominate Forty persons as Trustees for the Wake Forest Institute.

Appointed Charles McAllister, Peter P. Smith, J. Culpeper, Sen'r, T. Meredith, Samuel Waite and David Justice to be said Committee.

Resolved, That a Special Agent be appointed to collect funds for the Wake Forest Institute, whose services shall be paid out of the funds so collected.

On motion, appointed Brother Samuel Waite to be that agent, until the 1st February next, which appointment he accepted.

Resolved, That two General Agents be appointed for this Body, for one year.

Appointed Brother James Thomas, of S. Carolina, and Brother John Culpeper, Sen., to be those agents, which appointment they accepted.

Appointed S. Waite, J. Culpeper, Sen., and T. Meredith, a Committee to divide the State into twelve sections, and to select a Missionary for each section, and report in the morning.

In order that the funds of the Convention and those of the Institute may be kept separate and distinct, therefore

Resolved. That the Convention recommend to the Trustees of the Institute to provide for themselves a Treasurer and other officers necessary for the transaction of business relative to the interests of the Institute.

Resolved, That \$60 be paid to brother T. Meredith for printing 1500 copies of last year's Minutes.

Whereas, our brother T. Meredith has gratuitously prepared for the press the Minutes of this body for last year; and whereas he has generously presented to this body one-fourth of the above sum due him for printing the said Minutes, therefore,

Resolved unanimously, That he is entitled to the thanks of this Convention.

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary prepare the Minutes of this meeting for the press, and forward them to Brother James McDaniel, to superintend the printing of them; and that Brother S. Mims assist him in their distribution.

Further Resolved, That 1500 copies of said Minutes be printed, and a copy sent by mail to each Minister and Delegate composing this Body; also, to every Minister of our denomination in the State, known to be friendly to the objects of the Convention; and also, that each Society be furnished with a parcel of them as early as possible.

The Committee appointed to nominate the Board of Trustees for the In-

stitute reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter N.)

Whereas, there is now an increasing interest in Sabbath Schools in our Churches, and whereas there is a want of Sabbath School Books setting forth our peculiar principles. therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention recommend that there be a Baptist Sabbath School Union throughout the United States.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elias Davis.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH.

Met at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Theophilus Hobgood.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to transmit immediately to the Treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of the U. States, the sum appropriated to Foreign Missions, and that also to the African Mission.

On motion, appointed James McDaniel, S. Graham and R. S. Thomas, a committee to specify to our agents their respective fields of labour, and report in the evening.

Appointed T. Meredith, J. B. Outlaw and D. Thomson, a committee to prepare a schedule of the items necessary for the Wake Forest Institute, and report in the evening.

The committee on the State of Religion in this State, reported that they had not the information necessary to make out such a report as they considered the importance of the subject required.

Resolved, The said committee be continued and requested to make their report to the next annual meeting of the Convention.

The committee on the Agency reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter M.)

The committee on the Wake Forest Institute reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter D.)

The committee on Temperance Societies reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter K.)

The committee on the Institute reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter O.)

Resolved, That the Delegates appointed to the next meeting of the Convention be requested to bring with them a copy of the Minutes of the Associations to which they are connected, and also that they endeavor to procure a copy of the Minutes of other Associations in this State not represented in this Body.

Resolved, unanimously, That this Convention tender to the Brethren and Friends of this neighborhood, their grateful acknowledgment for their very kind reception and hospitable entertainment of this body.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock. Prayer by T. Meredith.

Met at 3 o'clock. Prayer by Turner Carter.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay to brother John Purify \$50 in part payment for the expenses he has incurred in superintending the education of brothers Wm. Jones and Patrick Conely.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay to brother John Purify \$50, in part payment for the expenses he has incurred superintending the Education of brother Benjamin Brown.

Resolved, That brethren W. Jones and Benj. Brown be continued under the superintendance of brother John Purify, to be continued at school, if practicable, until the 1st February next, and then that they remove to the Wake Forest Institute, and be subject to the discipline of said Institution.

The Committee to specify to our agents their course of labour, reported, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed. (See letter R.)

Resolved, That the Convention hold its next session at Cashie, in Bertie, near Windsor, to commence on Friday, before the 1st Sabbath in November, 1834, with the understanding, that the meeting in 1835, be held in the Western part of the State.

Resolved, That brother Hugh Quin preach the Introductory Sermon, and that brother Wm. Richards be his alternate.

Resolved, That brother Wm. Hooper preach the Sermon on Sabbath, in behalf of the Convention, and that brother S. Waite be his alternate.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock to-night, prayer by J. M. Allen.

Met according to adjournment.

The Committee appointed to divide the State into twelve sections, and to nominate a suitable Minister for each section, reported, which was adopted and ordered to be printed. (See letter T.)

The Committee appointed to nominate the Board of Managers, reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter S.)

The Committee to whom was referred brother W. Q. Beattie's letter, reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter Q.)

Resolved. That our Missionaries as named in the report, be appointed to ride in their respective sections for not less than one month, nor more than three months, and to report to the Corresponding Secretary previous to the next meeting of the Board.

Further Resolved, That our Missionaries be reminded that their business is to preach the Gospel, if possible, through their whole sections, and that they be permitted to receive any donations or subscriptions in behalf of the Convention, which the brethren and friends among whom they shall pass, may see proper to contribute, and return an exact account of the same in their reports.

Further Resolved, That the sum of \$20 be allowed to each Missionary per month, while on service, except to those who are members of the Board of Managers, whose labours are gratuitously bestowed.

The Committee appointed to receive the contributions, &c., sent up to this meeting, reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. (See letter V.)

The Treasurer after having received the funds from the Committee on the former Treasurer's Accounts, made his report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed. (See letter W.)

After an address and prayer by the President, the meeting adjourned to the time and place already specified.

WM. P. BIDDLE, *President*,

A. J. BATTLE, *Recording Secretary*.

Proceedings of the Board of Managers,

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 3 o'clock.

The Board was called to order by William P. Biddle, President.

Members present, T. MEREDITH, } *Vice Presidents.*
 ALFRED DOCKERY, }
 CHARLES McALLISTER, *Treasurer.*
 A. J. BATTLE, *Recording Secretary.*

James McDaniel, Turner Carter, Stephen Graham, Joseph B. Outlaw, David S. Williams, Samuel Mims, David Thompson, John Culpeper, Sen'r, and Samuel S. Biddle.

Resolved, That the Board hold its next meeting at Wake Union, in Wake County, to commence on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in May, 1834.

On motion, appointed brother James McDaniel to preach the Introductory Sermon, and that brother David S. Williams be his alternate.

On motion appointed brother John Culpeper, Jun., to preach on the Sabbath, in behalf of the Board, and that brother Q. H. Trotman be his alternate.

Adjourned to the time and place specified. Prayer by J. Thomas.

WM. P. BIDDLE, *President.*

A. J. BATTLE, *Recording Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

[A]—Bye Laws of the Convention.

1. At each meeting of the Convention, the President, or in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, shall take the Chair, and shall call the members to order; shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any two members. He shall open and close the Convention by prayer to God, or call on some brother to perform this service. He shall appoint Committees, with the sanction of the Convention. He may speak in debate upon important questions, but not until he has given other members a fair opportunity to give their views, and appointed some other member to fill the chair.

2. The names of the Delegates shall be called each day, previous to proceeding to business.

3. Invitations shall be extended to Ministering brethren present to a seat in the Convention.

4. The Officers shall be chosen by ballot, but not necessarily from among the members.

5. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those who reverence the God whose they are and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personalities. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave; nor more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

6. Whilst the President is putting any question, or addressing the Convention, none shall walk out of, or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse; nor whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the chair.

7. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or,

being in writing, it shall be handed to the chair, and read aloud by the Secretary before debated.

8. After a motion is stated by the President or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Convention, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, before a decision or amendment.

9. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lie on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged. But no motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under colour of amendment.

10. When a motion has been once made, and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

11. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Convention.

12. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

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

14. Should the presiding officer fail to enforce the foregoing regulations, he shall be regarded as untrue to his trust, and shall be liable to be reminded of his duty by any member present.

[B]—*Report of the Board.*

During the meeting of the last Convention, it was unanimously resolved, that the interests of our denomination required a Literary Institution, on the manual labour system, and a committee was created, whose duty was to procure a farm adapted to the above object.

At a meeting of the Board, held in Raleigh, September 25th, 1832, a report from the Committee was received. The Committee had purchased a farm of Dr. C. Jones, 16 miles North of Raleigh, containing 615 acres, and having buildings sufficient to contain 50 Students, for which they gave \$2000.

For the payment of this farm, \$1535 was pledged. In addition to this, a note of \$500, in the hands of the Treasurer of the old N. C. Missionary Society, who is one of the Committee, was paid and guaranteed to Dr. Jones. There yet remains the sum of \$550.50 of the pledges unpaid. The farm, however, has been paid for by an advance of the Committee, and the note for which is in the names and hands of the Committee. In addition to the above pledges and note, the sum of \$200 has been received as a donation from brother Cullen Battle, of Georgia. The Board resolved, that the Institution should be called "*The Wake Forest Institute,*" and adopted such measures as were judged necessary to commence operations, as early as February, 1833. On the 15th of December, the Board was called together again in Raleigh, when a Committee was appointed to make an estimate of the necessary expenses of the Institute for the first year. It was found, that to furnish the farm, with provisions for the school, and other necessary expenses, amounted to \$3063. The income from 50 Students at \$60 per year, to \$3000. Owing to circumstances beyond the control of the Board, the commencement of operations was postponed to February, 1834. The farm was committed to the care of brethren John Purify, W. Crenshaw, Foster Fort and G. W. Thompson, who were requested to manage it to the best advantage for the present year. A regular meeting of the Board was held at Cashie, in Bertie County, May 10th, 1833, when brother S. Waite was appointed the Principal of the Institute. A letter from brother J. Purify was read, stating the progress of Beneficiaries, and the sum of \$45 was appropriated for their instruction.

Brother P. Conely has withdrawn himself from the patronage of the Board. He expresses his gratitude for the kindness and assistance of the Board. He is now engaged as a Missionary for the Raleigh Association. Brother W. Jones is under the instruction of Mr. Carter Harrison, who speaks of him as an amiable, studious, and pious young man. His studies are on the common branches of an English education.

Brother Brown is under the direction of brother Baker, who gratuitously gives him instruction in the various branches of an English Education.

Brother Eli Phillips, during the past year has travelled as a Missionary, 56 days. He laboured in the Counties of Randolph, Rowan, Montgomery and Davidson. He reports that section of the State as lamentably destitute of Baptist preaching.

From brother Dennis, no communication has been received. The Wilmington Church has secured the services of brother Jacob C. Grigg, and since the last meeting of the Convention, has enjoyed a happy revival.

JOHN ARMSTRONG, *Corresponding Secretary.*

[C]—*Report on Home Missions.*

The Committee on Home Missions beg leave to report:—

We have examined the subject as well as our time and means of information would admit; and are of opinion, that the future success of this body depends very much upon the systematic and prudent movements of your domestic Missionaries. With the map of the State before us, we have divided the boundaries into twelve sections, each of which will be a field sufficiently large for one man to occupy.

We therefore recommend, that an itinerant, under the patronage of this body, should be sent to each of those sections, as early as practicable, and continue there as long as your funds will justify it; that these Missionaries should be clothed with the authority of agents for this body, and act under written instructions from the Board, unto whom they shall be amenable. If you cannot find as many men as there are sections, let the same man supply different sections at different times, so as to give to each of them a due proportion of missionary service within the year. If you could find only three or four suitable men, who would engage in the work, they might, in accordance with the above suggestion, supply the whole field in proportion to the funds at your disposal for this object. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. CULPEPER, *Sen., Chairman.*

[D]—*Report on the Wake Forest Institute.*

The Committee on the Wake Forest Institute, ask leave to report: That having had the business with which they were charged under consideration, and having given to it as much attention as their limited opportunity would admit, it appears to them that the funds of the Institute are not, strictly speaking, embraced in the funds of the Convention, and would therefore recommend, that the Constitution be now so altered as to embrace it. And whereas a Committee previously appointed, have contracted a debt to some amount, in the purchase of a farm for the benefit and convenience of the School, and whereas additional expense to a considerable extent must yet be met in procuring various articles indispensable in the commencement of the operations of said School, your Committee recommend that measures be immediately taken, by the appointment of an agent for that purpose, or by the adoption of some other means, to raise a sum sufficient to liquidate said debt, and to carry the institution into actual operation. Your Committee beg leave also, to recommend that a committee be appointed to obtain from the next Legislature of this State, an act of incorporation of the Institute. All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. McALLISTER, *Chairman.*

[E]—*Report on Sabbath Schools.*

Your Committee deeply regret the negligence which has hitherto prevailed in our Churches, on the subject of Sabbath Schools. Well persuaded are we, that these Schools wherever taught, are nurseries to Christian churches and important helps to the Christian ministry; not only with regard to the pupils therein taught, but also in relation to the teachers themselves. We therefore would now recommend an immediate, general and unanimous attention to that subject; and while we wish all our Ministers to make Christ and him crucified, the grand theme of all their public discourses, we also most earnestly desire that they, with all our active and intelligent brethren, may use every laudable means to procure suitable books and teachers, with talents, well adapted to facilitate a work that so deeply involves the best interests of our greatly beloved and highly favoured Zion.

JACOB C. GRIGG, *Chairman.*

[F]—*Report on Foreign Missions.*

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Foreign Missions, beg leave to report,

That the recent information received from Burma is truly encouraging. Every letter from that land of darkness furnishes us with the knowledge of new accessions to the several churches. A few years ago there was not a solitary christian among the 17,000,000 of Burma, nor was the name of Jesus printed in their language. Now there are five churches, and the New Testament is printed and read in their own native tongue. The people through all that benighted land, are showing a disposition and an anxiety to understand the nature and character of the new religion. Many have travelled more than hundreds of miles to converse with our brethren. Indeed, the general anxiety now exhibited by the Burmans, encourages us to hope, that in a few years the religion of the Bible will be the religion of Burma. Brother Mason among the Karens, in one of his last communications, writes, "I cry no longer 'the horrors of heathenism,' but, 'the blessings of missions.' I date no longer from a heathen land. Heathenism has fled these banks. I eat the rice, and the potatoes, and the fruits, cultivated by christian hands, look on the fields of christians, and see no dwellings but those inhabited by christian families. I am seated in the midst of a christian village, surrounded by a people who love as christians, act as christians, and, in my eyes, look like christians."

In France, brother Rastan is actively engaged as a missionary. He is stationed in Paris, and has commenced operations under encouraging circumstances. We may soon expect to hear that God is blessing his own cause in that city.

In looking over the field of Foreign Missions, we have every encouragement to redouble our vigor, for the God of Heaven is blessing our efforts. The world must be filled with the knowledge of God; and for the accomplishment of this glorious object, God, in his mercy is employing the feeble efforts of christians.

Your Committee would close this report by saying, that new fields for missionary labour, in different sections of the world, are presenting themselves to the christian zeal and the benevolent feelings of American Baptists; and therefore recommend the subject of Foreign Missions to the increasing energy of the State Convention.

All which is respectfully submitted, &c.

JNO. ARMSTRONG, *Chairman.*

[G]—*Report of the Agent.*

Elder JOHN ARMSTRONG, Corresponding Sec'y of the Baptist State Convention of N. C.

MY DEAR BROTHER: At this meeting you will, of course, expect some account of the labours of the past year, for the use of the Convention.

Shortly after the close of the last meeting of this body, held at Rives' Chapel, in the county of Chatham, I proceeded to the north side of the State.

Late in August of last year, I attended the annual meeting of the Country Line Association, and had an opportunity of explaining to the brethren, the object of my visit among them.—In the following October, I had an interview with the Flat River Association, and explained to that body also the business in which I am engaged.

During the Autumn of that year, I visited the churches in the counties of Rockingham, Caswell and Person; and in the course of the following Winter and Spring, I had the pleasure of seeing the most of the churches in the counties of Granville, Warren, Halifax, and several also in Nash, Edgecombe, Johnston, Robeson, Bladen, Columbus and Moore. A brief account of the result of my visit in a number of the counties just mentioned, having already been published in the Interpreter, I need not in this place be more particular.

During the Summer and the two months of this present Autumn which have now passed away, I have been chiefly employed in the counties of Montgomery, Mecklenburg, Lincoln, Rutherford, Buncombe and Burke. It was my intention before this meeting, to have visited Haywood and Macon. Every arrangement was carefully made for doing so; and, for a season, I was much encouraged with the hope of fully accomplishing my wishes.

But it pleased the Lord early in the month of May, to arrest me in my course.

From perfect health I found myself suddenly prostrated upon a sick bed;—nor was

I able fully to resume my labours again, till after the lapse of fifty days. I am happy, however, in being able to add, that the regret which was at first experienced, arising from my failure to visit the two counties just named, has since been greatly diminished by the repeated interviews which I enjoyed, while in the Western part of the State, with our respected brother, Elder Humphrey Posey. This servant of the Lord, now so extensively known and so justly esteemed for his indefatigable labours among both white men and Cherokees, is now living in the county of Macon; and having for many years been in the habit of travelling extensively in nearly all that part of North Carolina which lies west of the Blue Ridge, he is well prepared, by spreading correct information in regard to all the objects of this institution, to render us important aid. Having known that he had devoted many years to the support of the Missionary Cause, and that he was still a warm friend to all the objects before us, I did not hesitate to ask of him so much assistance, as he might find it convenient to give. To this request he readily consented.

While in the upper part of the State, I attended the annual meetings of the French Broad, the Catawba and the Broad River Associations. Each of these bodies gave me a very friendly reception, and cheerfully indulged me with an opportunity of explaining all the objects of the Convention. Two of these Associations I had never seen before. One of them, the Catawba, I had the pleasure of attending two years ago. It was gratifying to observe the increase of friendly feelings towards many of the benevolent institutions of the present day, which had obtained since my first visit among them. This increase, of which I am now speaking, is chiefly to be attributed to the spread, through various means, of correct information among the churches of which this respectable body of christians is composed.

The situation of the churches visited since our last annual meeting, is not materially different from the situation of those visited before. In some sections more had been done to prejudice the minds of the brethren against all our movements than in others.

But in no case has a single obstacle been thrown in my way, that could not easily be traced up to some misstatement or misapprehension in regard to the nature of my business. The *sameness* which has been generally found to prevail in the extensive field that I have, in some degree surveyed, renders the remarks made in my former reports, equally applicable at the present time.

Since our last meeting, I have preached 208 Sermons, baptized 6 persons, and, on two occasions, assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

Although the state of religion was generally found to be low, it should be mentioned with gratitude to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, that, in several instances, during the past year, the churches have been blessed with seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

The character of the opposition to Missions and all the benevolent plans of this age, which, in some places, is still kept up, is not materially changed. Efforts are constantly made to make an impression on the public mind, that all those christians actively engaged in the Missionary enterprize, have abandoned the true faith, and, in a word, have become Arminians. This is one of the things frequently published from the pulpit and the press. The object in all this management is perfectly obvious. So often has the idea just mentioned been repeated, that it is seriously doubted whether, amongst all the books and pamphlets which have been peddled off by those who are opposed to Missions, in this and the adjoining States, a single instance could be produced in which this attempt has not been made.

In order to meet this untrue assertion, and all others of a similar character contained in the books &c. to which I have just alluded, nothing more is wanted than a plain exhibition of facts. No man at this day may expect to have the support of the religious, or any other respectable portion of the community, while endeavouring to establish a system that rests upon such assertions as shrink from the light.

In conclusion permit me to say, that we have great cause to be encouraged in our work. Probably no one who was present when this convention was formed, expected to see, at this early period, what we now witness. This is the Lord's doing, and to him be all the praise.

But our work is not done. So far from it, that it can now only be said to be fully commenced. To carry forward this work, provision must be made, in some way, to convey to all our churches, and the friends of the churches, correct information, so

far as it can be done, respecting the actual condition of the cause of God on earth, and of the whole heathen world.

In the prosecution of this grand design, especially in a section of country where general information is so much needed as it is in North Carolina, it is scarcely possible to place too high an estimate on a well conducted religious periodical. It is therefore devoutly hoped, that the religious journal of our own State, which came into existence at the commencement of the present year, will be well sustained and widely circulated. But, I must not enlarge.

Allow me, however, in this place, to record a tribute of praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, for his kind protection of myself and family, in all our journeyings, during the space of nearly four years; for the uninterrupted harmony with which all the deliberations of this body have hitherto been conducted, and, above all, for that measure of success with which our labours have been crowned.

Finally, I must add, and I am happy in doing so, that kindness and hospitality have invariably been shewn me, in all my travelling during the past year.

As ever, your brother in the Lord.

SAMUEL WAIT, *General Agent.*

[H]

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Tracts, beg leave to report,

That the distribution of religious Tracts is a cheap, easy, and certain means of doing good. Divine truth is the grand instrument which God employs for the conversion of sinners, and for the edification and comfort of saints; till they come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, to the measure of the fulness of Christ. In the promulgation of truth by preaching, which was God's first way of making the Gospel known, there are assuredly some peculiar advantages. But in doing it by writing, there are advantages also; and it has this recommendation, that it is God's chief way of making himself known to the human race from age to age, and of presenting truth to the minds of men from day to day, in every land where the revelation of his will is known. Paul wrote often, and much, and precious, and said: "When this epistle is read among you, cause it to be read in the Churches of the Laodiceans, and that ye also read the epistle from Laodicea."—Peter also pursued the same happy course, that his brethren, and we also, as it is in this day, "might be able to have these things always in remembrance." Are there not thousands, and tens of thousands now in glory, whose first impressions of religion, as well as their following improvement, were made by reading? What is a religious tract, but a select portion of divine truth, designed and adapted to make the reader wise unto salvation?

Tracts, embodying those doctrines, and maintaining those practices, which constitute the faith and order of Baptist churches, are wanted, not only for the *destitute*, but also for the more favored churches, and for individuals of every grade, and character and circumstance, as through the influences of the Holy Spirit, they are happily adapted to promote self-examination, purity of walk and conversation, growth in grace,—a spirit of active benevolence, and preparation for Heaven.

Such Tracts are now furnished us by the Baptist General Tract Society, whose operations are wisely conducted both with reference to the wants, and to the characteristic *sentiments* of the denomination. Aiming, as it does, to disseminate the truth, the *whole* truth, and nothing but the truth, it surely has a just claim to the kind regards and generous co-operation of all the churches. Wherever its publications have been received and read, they have exerted a most salutary influence, and in various ways proved a rich blessing to churches and individuals.

Your committee have learned with pleasure, that this society is rapidly growing in importance and usefulness. Under the smiles of a kind Providence, it has, by the munificence of its friends, extended its labours to the four quarters of the world. Its tracts have been distributed over the Mississippi Valley, in Africa, among the millions of Burmah, and recently in Germany. The publications of the Society comprise 134 Tracts, on a great variety of doctrinal, experimental, and practical subjects; which are bound in six volumes for the use of libraries, containing 1800 pages of the most excellent christian reading, and can be procured as a family possession, for the small sum of three dollars. Among these publications, is one on Communion, by

Abraham Booth, of very great importance at the present day. It was not a fondness for controversy, but a desire to vindicate the honor of Christ, as Lawgiver in his own kingdom—to assert the *Scriptural* importance of a positive institution in the house of God; and to exculpate the denomination from charges of an odious kind, that excited Mr. Booth to compose and publish this treatise. It is decidedly the best thing of the kind extant, and ought to be in every Baptist family. In view of these excellent publications, how can we forbear to inquire, What are our obligations to a Society which has put within our reach so much valuable reading, at a price so low that the poorest members of our churches may afford to possess them? A Society which gives us the *Life of Pearce* for 12½ cents, *Pengilly's Scripture Guide to Baptism* for 6 cents, and *Fuller's Backslider* for 3 cents! Can such a Society want encouragement? Among the 450,000 Baptist Church-members in our country, is there one who does not covet the privilege of aiding the Society by subscription, or purchase, or donation? No where can an equal sum be appropriated with a higher certainty of doing good, thirty, sixty, and an hundred fold. Your committee, therefore, conclude by recommending the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend the formation of Tract Societies, auxiliary to the Baptist General Tract Society, in the different churches, and an extensive distribution of Baptist Tracts throughout the State; and that each member of this Convention be requested to encourage and promote our Tract cause as far as practicable in the region in which he resides.

ELI PHILLIPS, *Chairman*.

[I.]—*Report on Education.*

The Committee on Education respectfully report, That the principal difficulty which is now to be encountered, in connexion with the subject submitted more particularly to their consideration, is, scarcity of beneficiaries. The Education fund of the Convention is now presumed to amount to a considerable sum. The Wake Forest Institute, it is hoped, will soon furnish to young ministers, the means of obtaining a substantial and sufficient education. An interest in behalf of this object is evidently increasing in the hearts of our brethren. The Lord is clearly giving his sanction to the efforts which have been made, touching this point. And all that seems to be wanting is a competent supply of approved young ministers. It seems, therefore, to be peculiarly incumbent on us, at this time, to pray the Lord of the Harvest to send forth more labourers; and at the same time, to employ all appropriate means to encourage and bring forward such persons as furnish suitable evidence that they are called of God, to the ministry. As this is a work which more particularly belongs to the churches, we would here take occasion to impress on the minds of our brethren throughout the State, the importance of giving to this subject, all their immediate and earnest attention. And, as we believe that this matter will not fail to command the prayers and exertions of many, and as we are confident that God will bless operations prudently and conscientiously employed for the advancement of his own cause, we look forward with much satisfaction to the future results of this interesting and important branch of our constitutional exertions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

T. MEREDITH, *Chairman*.

[K]—*Report on Temperance Societies.*

Your Committee recommend the following remarks on the important subject of Temperance:—They deem this Society to be worthy of the patronage of all religious and philanthropic individuals, especially when they consider the happy effects of it in reclaiming many of our fellow men from the destroying monster, Intemperance; and restoring them to the bosom of their families, and to the respectability of society: whilst others, regardless of admonition and the force of example, have plunged into the vortex of destruction. They could present many cases within their knowledge, to prove this important truth, and the great bearing that example has on the community. They therefore would recommend to our brethren, and all the friends of humanity, that immediate efforts be made to form Societies in all our churches and

neighbourhoods, and by example and every lawful means, to put a stop to the destructive practice of intemperance; and to be careful to avoid all arguments that will prejudice the minds of those that are taken captive by this snare of the devil.

All which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID S. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

[L]—*Report on Periodical.*

The committee to whom was referred the subject of a Periodical, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report.

It will be recollected by the Convention, that at our last session, we agreed to extend our patronage to a monthly Periodical, then about to be published in Edenton, by Brother T. Meredith, to be called the North Carolina Baptist Interpreter. The first number of this paper was issued early in the Spring of the present year; and the subsequent numbers have appeared, with but few interruptions. Upon a careful inspection of the several numbers of the Interpreter, your committee give it as their opinion, that the confidence of the Convention was not misplaced. The paper has obtained a wide circulation, and so far as we have been enabled to obtain information, it has met with universal approbation. We therefore unhesitatingly recommend to the Convention, that the Interpreter be still patronized, and that renewed efforts be put forth, to give it a still wider circulation. It cannot, however, escape the observation of the Convention, that a monthly periodical, how ably soever conducted, is inadequate to supply the demands of the religious community with which we are connected. The great mass of religious information necessary to be diffused, and the increased demand for essays, and such expositions as have already appeared in the Interpreter, render it necessary that resort be had to a paper to appear at shorter intervals. That such a paper is necessary, admits not of a doubt; and we think no reasonable doubt can be entertained of its final success. We further suggest, that Edenton is an improper place for the publication of such a paper as the one now under consideration. A situation should be selected not far from the centre of the State, or else near the South Carolina line, for the publication of such a paper. This last suggestion is made from a view of the fact, that the Interpreter has been extensively patronized in the latter State, as, also, from a well-grounded hope, that our sister Convention in South Carolina will extend her patronage to such a paper near her borders.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. CULPEPER, Jun., *Chairman.*

[M]—*Report on the Agency.*

The committee on the Agency, consider a general Agent for this Convention indispensable. It is too manifest to require formal proof, that to the instrumentality of our Agent, the Convention owes, in a large measure, the success it has met, and the advancement it has made. It is likewise most obvious, that could the labours of our Agent have been still more extensive than they have been, the funds of the Convention would have been proportionably greater.

We therefore recommend that a general agent be employed forthwith to travel in behalf of this Convention the ensuing year. And from information received, we are fully persuaded, that it would be greatly conducive to the interests of the Convention, if practicable, to employ sectional agents. We therefore further recommend that such agents be employed. All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES McDANIEL, *Chairman.*

[N]—*Report of the Committee to nominate a Board of Trustees.*

Your Committee beg leave to recommend the following nomination:

W. P. Biddle, of Craven,
John Armstrong, of do.,
Wm. Sanders, of do.,
Isaac Beeson, of Guilford,

J. Culpeper, Sen. of Montgomery,
John McDaniel, of Cumberland,
Charles McAllister, of do.,
Aaron J. Spivy, of Bertie,

James Watkins, of Anson,
 Thomas Boyd, of Mecklenburg,
 John Portevent, of Brunswick,
 Thomas Stradlee, of Buncombe,
 Hugh Quin, of Lincoln,
 Alfred Dockery, of Richmond,
 Wm. Crenshaw, of Wake,
 George W. Thompson, of do.,
 Allen S. Winn, of do.,
 Wm. Roles, of do.,
 Alfred Birt, of do.,
 John Purify, of do.,
 Simon J. Jeffreys, of Franklin,
 Thomas Crocker, of do.,
 Allen Bowden, of do.,
 James King, of Person,

All which is respectfully submitted.

Joseph B. Outlaw, of do.,
 Turner Carter, of do.,
 Henry Austin, of Edgecombe,
 Daniel Boon, of Johnston,
 David Thompson, of do.,
 Paul Phifer, of Rowan,
 Alexander Mosely, of Lenoir,
 Geo. M. Thompson, of Pasquotank,
 Joseph Halsey, of Tyrrell,
 Chas. W. Skinner, of Perquimons,
 William Hooper, of Orange,
 Amos J. Battle, of Nash,
 Joseph Wiseman, of Davidson,
 Stephen Graham, of Duplin,
 David S. Williams, of Sampson,
 Thomas Meredith, of Chowan.

CHARLES McALLISTER, *Chairman*.

[O]

The Committee to whom was referred the arrangement of the Wake Forest Institute, beg leave to report: That there should, as soon as practicable, be a meeting of the Trustees for the purpose of choosing their officers, &c.

That there should be an agent for the Institute.

The appointment of a Farmer.

The furnishing of the Farm, with provisions, tools, &c.

Providing necessary buildings and having the others repaired.

The appointment of some person to receive applications for Students.

The appointment of a committee to make out a set of regulations for the management of the School.

The appointment of a Steward.

And to inquire into the state of things on the Farm.

All which is respectfully submitted.

T. MEREDITH, *Chairman*.

[P]—**Report of Committee on Bro. Going's Letter.**

Your Committee on the expediency of becoming auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Missionary Society, have had the subject under consideration and beg leave to report: We view with delight and gratitude to God the exertions of our Brethren in extending the Redeemer's Kingdom throughout these United States, and we recommend to our body a hearty co-operation with the American Baptist Home Missionary Society, so far as can be done consistent with our Constitution; but in as much as we are restricted in our domestic Missionary operations to our own State; your Committee are of the opinion that such a connexion as suggested to us by brother Going, their Secretary, would be both unconstitutional and inexpedient.

All which is respectfully submitted.

TURNER CARTER, *Chairman*.

[Q]—**Report on Brother Beattie's Letter.**

The Committee appointed on brother Wm. Q. Beattie's letter, respectfully report: That as yet it remains uncertain that any funds from the North Carolina Missionary Society have come into the possession of this body; and accordingly have no ground on which they can constitutionally, proceed to comply with his request. Should, however, funds belonging to the foregoing Society be obtained by this Institution,

and authority can be acquired from the representatives of the institution bestowing the funds, there will no doubt be a disposition in this body, promptly to meet brother Beattie's claim.

All which is respectfully submitted.

T. MEREDITH, *Chairman.*

[R]

The Committee to whom was referred the regulations of the Agency, beg leave to report. We have, in conformity to our appointment, drawn up the following regulations for our Agents, viz.—They shall be careful, invariably to preach the Gospel, explain and recommend in a zealous and affectionate manner, the objects of this Convention—receive contributions to this Convention & the Wake Forest Institute; keep a journal of their proceedings, and report to each session of the Board—enforce the expediency and importance of Delegates being sent to each annual meeting of this body, by all Societies and Congregations contributing.—Both commence their labours about the centre of the State and advance down on the South East side, so as to be in the Eastern part of the State during the Winter and Spring, and in the Western part during Summer and Autumn.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES McDANIEL, *Chairman.*

[S]—*Report of the Committee to nominate a Board of Managers.*

Your committee recommend the following persons as a Board of Managers for the ensuing year, viz:

James McDaniel,

Turner Carter,

Stephen Graham,

David S. Williams,

James C. Stephenson,

John Purify,

Samuel Mims,

Henry Austin,

Wm. Sanders,

Ransom Sanders,

David Thompson,

Allen Bowden,

Daniel Boon,

Peter P. Lawrence,

R. W. Lawson,

George W. Hoffham,

Wm. H. Merritt,

Peter P. Smith,

Reading S. Blount,

Charles W. Skinner,

John Culpeper, Jun.

Wm. Wiseman,

Isaac Beeson,

Aaron I. Spivy,

Hugh Quin,

Quintain H. Trotman,

Samuel S. Biddle,

George Fennel,

Lewis Bond,

Joseph B. Outlaw.

All which is respectfully submitted.

T. MEREDITH, *Chairman.*

[T]

The committee to whom was referred the business of dividing the State into 12 sections, and of nominating an itinerant for each section, ask leave to report, That they have performed that service, and have included in the

1st Section, The Cowan Association, embracing all the nine counties North and East of the Roanoke River. G. M. Thompson—his alternate John A. Shaw.

2d Section. The counties of Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington, Martin, Pitt, Beaufort, and that part of Craven lying on the North of Neuse river. Mills Piland—his alternate, James Griffin.

3d Section. Carteret, the remaining half of Craven, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Duplin and New Hanover. Wm. J. Finley—his alternate, David S. Williams.

4th Section. Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen, Sampson & Robeson. David Thames—his alternate, Elias Davis.

5th Section. Johnston, Cumberland, Richmond, Moore, South half of Wake and Chatham. James Dennis—his alternate, Eli Phillips.

6th Section. Greene, Wayne, Edgecomb, Nash, Halifax, Warren and Franklin. Thomas Crocker—his alternate, Amos J. Battle.

7th Section. Granville, North part of Wake, Orange, Person, Caswell, and the North half of Chatham. G. W. Purify—his alternate, James King.

8th Section. Randolph, Guilford, Rockingham, Davidson and Stokes. Josiah Wiseman—his alternate, Eli Carroll.

9th Section. Anson, Montgomery, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus and Rowan. Paul Pifer—his alternate, John Sow.

10th Section. Iredell, Surry, Wilkes, and Ashe. Wm. Richards—his alternate, Drury Senter.

11th Section. Lincoln, Rutherford, Burke, and that part of Buncombe lying East of the French Broad River. Thomas Stradlee—his alternate, Wm. Kinsay.

12th Section. From the French Broad river to the Western boundary of the State. Humphrey Posey—his alternate, Wm. Haynes.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL WAITE, *Chairman.*

[U]

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the late Treasurer, Henry Austin, to whom was referred the examination of the account in last year's Minutes, have examined said account, and report, that they find an error of fifteen dollars, on the 1st page of said account, stating the amount due from said Treasurer to be \$1215 88, whereas the correct sum is \$1200 88, which correction is stated in the account current below.

Which is respectfully submitted.

S. GRAHAM, *Chairman.*

Henry Austin, late Treasurer, in account with the N. C. Baptist State Convention.

DR.	H. Mis.	F. Mis.	Educ'n.	Total.
To balance on hand, 7th August, 1832, as corrected in the above report,	546 66	328 12	326 10	1200 88
To amount of donation from Meherrin Church,	11	20 75	3 50	35 25
	<u>557 66</u>	<u>348 87</u>	<u>329 60</u>	<u>1236 13</u>
<i>Contra.</i>				
By amount paid Hemon Lincoln, Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, as pr. receipt,		339		339
“ paid premium on draft,		1 70		1 70
“ this sum paid John Purify for expenses for the education of brothers W. Jones and P. Conely,			45	45
		<u>340 70</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>385 70</u>
Leaves a balance on hand, the 1st Nov. 1833, of	<u>557 66</u>	<u>8 17</u>	<u>284 60</u>	<u>850 43</u>
For which amount we have received of said Treasurer two good notes for money loaned,				611 40
“ cash in good Bank Notes,				189
One South Carolina Bill of \$50 counterfeit, received last year,				50
Lost in change,				03
				<u>850 43</u>

The above has been carefully examined, and all found correct; which is respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN GRAHAM, *Chairman.*

[V]—*Report of the Committee on Contributions.*

<i>Counties.</i>	<i>Contributors.</i>	<i>H. M.</i>	<i>F. M.</i>	<i>Ed'n.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Wake,	Cross Roads Church,	6 00	9 00	5 00	20 00
	Raleigh do.,		10 00		10 00
	Wake Liberty do.,	2 50	5 00	2 50	10 00
	Wake Union do.,	3 33 $\frac{1}{3}$	3 33 $\frac{1}{3}$	3 33 $\frac{1}{3}$	10 00
	Samuel Waite do.,	3 00	3 00	4 00	10 00
Cumberland,	Cape Fear Female Society,		25 53		25 53
	Cape Fear Association,	71 48	25		96 48
Orange,	Cane Creek,	1 00	9 64		10 64
	Mount Moriah,	3 45	13 75	5 55	22 75
	Caleb Linsey, donation,		50	50	1 00
Craven,	Newbern,	3 66 $\frac{2}{3}$	3 66 $\frac{2}{3}$	3 66 $\frac{2}{3}$	11 00
Lenoir,	Hopeful Society,	15 00		7 00	22 00
	Ann Ellis, donation,	2 00			2 00
	John Cannon, do.,	3 00			3 00
Edgecombe,	Tarborough,	4 50	20 00	13 00	37 50
	A Sister, donation,	1 00			1 00
Chatham,	Rives Chapel,	8 25	18 75	13 00	40 00
	Bear Creek,	3 33 $\frac{1}{3}$	3 33 $\frac{1}{3}$	3 33 $\frac{1}{3}$	10 00
	Rocky Spring,		8 50	8 50	17 00
	Love's Creek,	6 00	3 00	1 00	10
Moore,	Friendship,	4 50	4 50	1 00	10
Anson,	Cedar Creek,	8 75	31 25	4 75	44 75
Richmond,	Cartledge Creek,	13 00	24 50	31 50	69
	Saron,	5 00	10 50	2 50	18
	William Ussery, donation,			50	50
	Spring Hill Church,	4 50	24 20	2 25	30 95
	Maple Spring do.	2 70	4 50	3 70	10 90
Franklin,	Allen Bowden, donation for agent,		50	50	1
	Brethren and friends donation,			6 00	6
	Thomas Meredith, do.			4 00	4
Nash,	Nashville,			10 00	10
Halifax,	Conocoary,	7 25	3 00	19 25	29 50
Lincoln,	Hugh Quin,		10 00		10
	Flat River,	2 00	3 50	7 50	13
Person,	Olive Branch,	8 00	10 00	8 25	26 25
	Leesburg,	2 50	2 25	5 75	10 50
Caswell,	Brethren and Friends, sent by sis- ter Ann Graves,	5 33 $\frac{1}{3}$	12 33 $\frac{1}{3}$	47 33 $\frac{1}{3}$	65
	Island Creek,	9 50	25 50	3 50	38 50
	Grassy Creek,	5 00	5 00	5 00	15
	Wilmington,	3 33 $\frac{1}{3}$	3 33 $\frac{1}{3}$	3 33 $\frac{1}{3}$	10
	Smithfield,	10	2 25	10 00	22 25
Rutherford,	Josiah O. Watson, donation,			10 00	10
	William Covington, do.		2 00		2
Bertie,	Cashie Church,	23 25	24 00	33 50	80 75
	Do. donation for Agent,	5 25		5 25	10 50
	Colerain,	4 50	3 25	2 25	10
Montgomery,	Long Creek, donation,	2 00	3 50		5 50
	New Union, do.	3 00	4 25		7 25
	Forky Little River,	4 50	6 25	4 50	15 25
Duplin,	Stephen Graham,			10 00	10
	David S. Williams,			10 00	10
Guilford,	Jamestown,	2 50	5 50	2 00	10
	A Friend, donation,			1 00	1
Warren,	James Smithwick,	3 75	3 50	13 00	20 25
Buncombe,	Mount Pleasant,	2 50	5 00	2 50	10

CONTRIBUTIONS—[CONTINUED.]

Davidson,	Jersey Settlement, Asa Chambers, donation, Collection on the Sabbath, Donation from Blacks on Sabbath for African Missions, Collection on Monday night for Burman Missions,	5 76 $\frac{2}{3}$	8 71 $\frac{2}{3}$	5 57 $\frac{2}{3}$	20
			2 00	4 00	6
		286 89 $\frac{2}{3}$	406 08 $\frac{2}{3}$	350 51 $\frac{2}{3}$	1043 50
		19 42 $\frac{2}{3}$	19 42 $\frac{2}{3}$	19 42 $\frac{2}{3}$	58 28
			3 12 $\frac{1}{2}$		3 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
		8 50		8 50	
		306 32 $\frac{1}{3}$	437 13 $\frac{2}{3}$	369 94 $\frac{1}{3}$	1113 40 $\frac{1}{2}$

All which is respectfully submitted.

PETER P. SMITH, *Chairman.*

[W]—*Report of the present Treasurer.*

DR.	H. M.	F. M.	Ed'n.	Total.
To this sum received from the Committee to audit the accounts of the former Treasurer, in two good notes, good money and a counterfeit bill of \$50, in all	557 66	8 17	284 60	850 43
To this sum received from the Committee on contribution, sent to this meeting,	306 32 $\frac{1}{3}$	437 13 $\frac{2}{3}$	369 94 $\frac{1}{3}$	1113 40 $\frac{1}{2}$
	863 98 $\frac{1}{3}$	445 30 $\frac{2}{3}$	654 54 $\frac{1}{3}$	1963 83 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Contra.</i>				
By cash paid Samuel Waite, as agent, for fifteen months' service,	202 83	102 44	144 73	450
" cash paid Jacob Grigg, the appropriation for the Wilmington church,	100			100
" cash paid Eli Phillips for 56 days' service as Missionary,	37 75			37 75
" cash paid T. Meredith for printing 1500 copies of last year's Minutes,	15	15	15	45
Cash paid John Purify, in part for expenses for the education of brethren Wm. Jones, Patrick Conely and Benj. Brown, this year.			100	100
	355 58	117 44	259 73	732 75
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, the 7th of November, 1833.	508 40 $\frac{2}{3}$	327 86 $\frac{2}{3}$	394 81 $\frac{1}{2}$	1231 08 $\frac{1}{2}$

CHARLES McALLISTER, *Treasurer.*



CONSTITUTION.



ARTICLE 1. This Institution shall be called the *Baptist State Convention of North Carolina*.

ART. 2. The primary objects of this Convention shall be the education of young men called of God to the Ministry, and approved of by the Churches to which they respectively belong; the employment of Missionaries within the limits of this State; and a co-operation with the Baptist General Convention of the United States in the promotion of Missions in general.

ART. 3. The funds devoted to these objects shall be kept distinct from each other, and punctually appropriated agreeably to the specific intention of contributors.

ART. 4. This institution shall be composed of such individuals and delegates from such Associations, Churches, and Societies, as shall make adequate contributions to its funds.

ART. 5. Every Association, Church, Society, or individual, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one Delegate who shall be a member of the Baptist Church, for every ten dollars paid into the Treasury.

ART. 6. The officers of this Convention, to be elected annually, shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, who, with eighteen others, shall constitute a Board of Directors, five of whom shall form a quorum.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Convention and Board; that of the Vice Presidents, in case of his absence, according to seniority. The Corresponding Secretary shall be required to correspond with Societies or individuals, so far as the interests of the Convention shall require; and the Recording Secretary shall preserve a faithful record of the proceedings of the body.— The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Convention, to be subject to the order of the Board; shall give security for the faithful discharge of his duty, and shall make an annual report of all receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited and published with the minutes.

ART. 8. The Board of Directors shall meet semi-annually, at such place as it shall from time to time designate; when they shall adopt such measures as shall best tend to carry into effect the different objects of the Convention, subject to the provisions of the Constitution.

ART. 9. There shall be an adequate number of Agents, subject to the direction of the Convention or its Board, whose duty it shall be to visit Associations and Churches, &c. and endeavor to secure their co-operation with this institution, conformably with the provisions of the Constitution; but in no case to collect or transmit funds.*

ART. 10. The Convention shall hold its meetings annually, commencing Friday preceding the first Lord's day in November, at such place as it shall from time to time direct.

ART. 11. The Convention shall require of its Board, a specific report of all their proceedings at each annual meeting.

ART. 12. Any alteration may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

*This provision is made for the sole object of obviating objections that are often made against the collection of funds by Missionary Agents.