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# MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

OF

NORTH CAROLINA

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HELD IN OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

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## CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

1. The Baptist State Convention shall be composed of three male representatives from each white Association in the State in fellowship with us, or one annual male representative appointed by the churches for every ten dollars contributed to its funds: *Provided*, that no church shall have more than ten representatives, and of such male life members as have been made so by the payment of thirty dollars at any one time to the Treasurer for the objects of the Convention. No one shall be a member of the Convention who is not a member in good standing of a Baptist church in fellowship with us, and no other life members shall be made.

2. 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: to support the Gospel in all the destitute sections of the State and of the Southern Baptist Convention; to send the Gospel to the nations who have it not; to encourage the distribution and study of the Bible and a sound religious literature; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the proper care of indigent orphan children and destitute and aged ministers of the Gospel, and to co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention in all its departments of labor.

3. The Convention shall meet annually, on Thursday night after the first Sunday in December.

4. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary and an Assistant, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and five Trustees, all of whom, except the Trustees (who shall serve during the pleasure of the Convention) shall be elected annually.

5. The President shall preside and enforce order in accordance with Dr. Mell's Parliamentary Practice. One of the Vice-Presidents shall preside in the absence of the President.

6. The Recording Secretary and his Assistant shall record the proceedings, collect and preserve statistics of the denomination, and publish and distribute the Minutes.

7. The Treasurer shall receive all funds represented in the Convention; make public acknowledgement of the same each week through the *Biblical Recorder*; give his bond to the Trustees; forward, at least once a month, all contributions to their destination; at every meeting

of the Convention make a full report of his receipts and disbursements, and, on retiring from his office, turn over to his successor all moneys, papers and books belonging thereto.

8. The Trustees shall secure and hold the title to any and all property belonging to or which may be acquired by the Convention, and take a sufficient bond of the Treasurer. The terms, conditions and amount of the bond shall be fixed by the Trustees, and in case the Treasurer shall refuse or neglect to give his bond within thirty days after his election, the Trustees shall have power to elect a Treasurer. They shall report annually to the Convention.

9. The Auditor shall, prior to each annual meeting of the Convention, examine carefully all the receipts, disbursements, vouchers, papers and books of the Treasurer, and his certificate to the facts in the case shall be attached to the Treasurer's report.

10. The Corresponding Secretary shall solicit contributions to the objects of the Convention; assist the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools in the employment and payment of missionaries, and labor to promote the cultivation and development of Christian benevolence.

11. The Education Board shall, so far as it may be able, assist promising and indigent young ministers seeking to prepare themselves for the more efficient preaching of the Gospel.

12. The Board of Missions and Sunday Schools shall encourage the churches to give liberally to all the objects of the Convention; so far as the means at its disposal will allow, supply all destitute portions of the State with faithful and efficient ministers of the Gospel; give pecuniary aid, as far as can be secured, for building houses of worship at proper points in the State, and in cases where pecuniary aid cannot be given, commend them to the beneficence of the churches; encourage the distribution and study of the Bible and a sound religious literature in the homes, in the churches and in the Sunday Schools; encourage Sunday School Conventions and Institutes; continue, and so far as it may be able and the growth of this work may require, enlarge the Baptist Book Store, and co-operate with all missionary and Sunday School work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

13. That a committee of fifteen members of the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools be appointed, to whom shall be entrusted the Sunday School and Colportage work conducted by the Convention, the committee to be selected by the Convention annually. That it shall be the duty of the committee to manage the Baptist Book Store at Raleigh, and to them shall be committed the appointment of a Sunday School Secretary, or Secretaries, to prosecute the Sunday School work within the bounds of the Convention. That the committee shall provide for establishing new Sunday Schools and increasing the efficiency of existing Sunday Schools, for holding Sunday School Institutes in the different Associations of the Convention, and to organize the Baptist Sun-



day School workers of the State. The committee is directed to report to the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools, and through them to the Baptist State Convention annually.

14. There shall be an Auditor of the Baptist Book Store who, prior to each annual meeting of the Convention, shall examine carefully all the receipts, disbursements and expenditures, vouchers, papers, books and stock on hand, and his certificate to the facts in the case shall be attached to the report on the Book Store.

15. The Board shall be appointed annually, and report to each session of the Convention.

16. The Convention year shall close one week before the annual meeting of the body.

17. The Boards of the Convention shall fix the compensation of their respective officers, and that of the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary of the Convention.

18. The Constitution may be changed or amended at any annual session by two-thirds of the representatives present voting in the affirmative.

# BOARDS OF THE CONVENTION,

FOR 1897-'98.

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*Tabernacle, Newbern*—H. H. Mashburn, H. B. Duffy.

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*Reynoldson*—W. B. Waff.  
*Salem*—John T. Davis.  
*Sawyer's Creek*—J. D. Hufham, Henderson; T. B. Boushall, Belcross.  
*Shiloh*—J. H. Morissette.  
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- Brooklyn*—D. L. Gore, Wilmington.  
*Johnson*—W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw.  
*Southside*—F. H. Farrington and J. B. Harrell, Wilmington.  
*Warsaw*—L. R. Carroll.  
*Wilmington, First Church*—Will. B. Oliver.

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*Hesters*—R. W. Hobgood and Lawson Knott, Sunset.  
*Island Creek*—R. G. Norwood and D. V. Knott, Dexter.  
*Mill Creek*—G. T. Watkins, Clarksville, Va.  
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*Poplar Creek*—R. M. Currin, Oxford; G. W. Wright, Carlton.  
*Roxboro*—W. B. Morton.  
*Sharon*—W. A. McFarland, Berea.  
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*Zion*—A. C. Irvin, Pearl.

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*Piny Grove*—C. M. Wall, Wallburg.

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*Buie's Creek*—J. A. Campbell, Poe's.  
*Central*—J. M. Holleman, Apex.  
*Cumberland Union*—S. W. Oldham, Grotto.  
*Dunn*—J. A. Taylor.  
*Friendship*—A. L. Byrd, Bunn's Level.  
*Lillington*—John A. Rodgers.  
*Piny Grove*—G. B. Alford, Holly Springs.

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*Tryon Street, Charlotte*—A. C. Barron, R. H. Jordan.  
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*Burlington*—J. S. Corpening.  
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*East Durham*—O. C. Horton.  
*Durham, First Church*—W. C. Tyree, H. A. Reams, W. H. Edwards,  
 A. L. Phipps, Robert Holloway.  
*Durham, Second Church*—G. J. Dowell, Z. P. Council.  
*Mt. Adair*—J. H. Vernon, Cedar Grove.  
*Olive Chapel*—W. S. Olive, Apex.

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*Inwood*—O. L. Stringfield, Raleigh.  
*Salem*—J. M. White, Apex.  
*Smithfield*—W. H. Davis.  
*Swift Creek*—A. D. Hunter, Cary.  
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*Red Springs*—J. D. Moore.

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*Carthage*—W. C. Petty.  
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*Salisbury*—M. E. Parrish.  
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*Ephesus*—J. W. Coppedge, Wakefield.  
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*Tarboro*—N. S. Jones.  
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*Murfreesboro*—John C. Scarborough, Samuel Saunders.  
*Seaboard*—Archibald Cree.

## YADKIN ASSOCIATION.

*Mountain View*—K. Thompson.  
*Rockford*—J. G. Burrus.



# MINUTES

OF THE

## North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

### SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

OXFORD, N. C., December 9, 1897.

The North Carolina Baptist State Convention met in its Sixty-Seventh Annual Session with the Oxford Baptist Church, at 7.30 p. m., Thursday, December 9, 1897.

The introductory sermon was preached by A. C. Barron, of Charlotte. Text, Acts 1:8.

President Marsh then assumed the chair and called the Convention to order.

The following were appointed a Committee on Enrollment: B. S. Royster, W. N. Jones, D. L. Gore, L. R. Pruett, W. F. Watson, J. B. Carlyle and J. D. Boushall. The Committee reported 203 messengers present.

On motion, T. E. Skinner cast the unanimous vote of the Convention for R. H. Marsh for President.

The following were appointed a committee to nominate the remaining officers of the body: B. W. Spilman, J. C. Caddell, J. H. Lamberth, W. O. Allen, A. W. Setzer, J. M. Hilliard and H. M. Shaw.

Committee on Order of Business was appointed, as follows: T. J. Taylor, L. Johnson, J. W. Bailey, J. D. Hufham, F. P. Hobgood, H. A. Brown and J. B. Brewer.

The following visitors were recognized and welcomed: A. E. Dickenson, editor *Religious Herald*, Richmond, Va.; A. J. S. Thomas, editor *Baptist Courier*, Greenville, S. C.; T. C. Buchanan, representing *Christian Index*, Atlanta; R. G.

Seymour, of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia; I. T. Tichenor, Corresponding Secretary of Home Mission Board, Atlanta; A. L. Purinton, representing Sunday School Board of Nashville; A. J. Barton, of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; A. T. Robertson, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

The Committee to nominate remaining officers made the following report, which was adopted: Secretaries, N. B. Broughton and Hight C. Moore; Auditor, W. N. Jones; Treasurer, J. D. Boushall; Vice-Presidents, J. M. White, R. T. Vann and C. B. Justice; Corresponding Secretary, Jno. E. White.

J. D. Hufham, for the Committee on Order of Business, made the following partial report, which was adopted:

FRIDAY.—9.30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.

10 a. m.—Miscellaneous Business.

10.30 a. m.—Home Missions.

11.30 a. m.—Sunday School Publications, with addresses of 30 minutes each by Drs. Seymour and Purinton.

Adjournment.

Address of welcome was delivered by J. S. Hardaway, pastor of Oxford Baptist Church. Response was made by A. M. Simms on the part of the Convention.

The Chair appointed the following Committee on Home Missions: W. B. Oliver, W. H. Reddish, J. W. Suttle, T. J. Taylor, F. T. Wooten, J. D. Newton and Wm. Brunt.

Corresponding Secretary J. E. White then presented the Sixty-Seventh Annual Report of the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools as follows:

#### SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God for His divine guidance and blessing, and to the Baptist churches and people of North Carolina for their generous sympathy and support that we come to render through the Convention assembled to them an account of our stewardship for the work committed to us during the past year in this our Sixty-Seventh Annual Report.

Your Board never greeted the Convention under happier auspices or with more cause for thanksgiving and congratulation. In the report submitted last year we expressed the hope that "we are just entering on a period of decided peace, progress and prosperity throughout our entire Zion." The results of the past year's history vindicate and substantiate the wisdom of that hopeful prophecy.

We are at peace. The brotherhood is undisturbed by factional strife. We have progress. The denominational face is to the front in Missions, Education and in all the work of the Convention. We have prosperity. The pastors have been blessed in their ministry. The churches have had large accessions to the membership. Eight thousand believers have been baptised during the year. Our Institutions already at work have been loyally supported. Those in course of establishment have met and are still meeting with the hearty sympathy and assistance of our people. And we may expect with confidence that if devotion to Christ, faithful adherence to His Gospel, and continued and uncompromising insistence on Baptist principles shall still characterize our undertakings, peace, progress and prosperity will be the heritage of our Zion in the years to come.

The financial aspect of the year's work is a just source of pleasure to your Board. For the first time in the history of the Convention, the Treasurer reports as much as \$15,000 received for State Missions. The largest amount reported in former years was \$14,332.63. His report for the year just closed shows \$15,256.07. This is \$5,294.94 more than was received last year. The debt of \$2,350 to our missionaries reported to the Convention at Morganton is paid. And every cent due the missionaries for the year just ended has been paid except \$350. The Board asks that a cash collection covering this amount be secured during the present session. In view of the severe financial depression, felt especially in our country churches, we feel that this record is monumental. The praise for this result belongs to God, and to the churches and individuals who have responded so nobly to the needs of the work.

Along with this report we submit statistical tables exhibiting the year's work—numerical and financial—by associations of the churches and Sunday Schools. These will be printed in the proper places in the minutes.

#### RECOMMENDATION.

The Board recommends to the Convention that an amendment be made by the Convention to the Constitution, section 3, by striking out "Thursday night" and substituting "Tuesday night," and that the Convention hereafter meet on Tuesday night to hear the annual sermon, and that organization be deferred until Wednesday morning.

## CHURCHES ORGANIZED.

The following newly organized churches have been reported to the Board. There are doubtless others organized, but not reported. Sharon, Flat River Association; Steele's Mill, Pee Dee Association; Oak Ridge, Central Association; Ayersville, Pilot Mountain Association; Oak Grove, King's Mountain Association; Corinth and New Home, Union Association; Mt. Pleasant, Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association; River View, South Fork Association; Paylor's, Beulah Association; Sherwood, Little River Association; Enon Chapel and Bear Creek, Atlantic Association.

## STATE MISSIONS.

In this work the Baptists of North Carolina have been divinely led and signally blessed. Year after year we have pressed forward in it until we have established mission points and churches along the line of every railroad and in every county in the bounds of the Convention. There are one hundred and twenty prominent railroad towns and cities in North Carolina, the most of which now have self-supporting and contributing Baptist churches in which the Baptist cause has been started or aided in its struggles for existence and growth by the Board of Missions. Then, too, there are hundreds of well-to-do Baptist churches in other towns and country places that stand as witnesses to the wisdom and successful prosecution of this work. The records show that in the last twenty years the missionaries of this Board have preached the Gospel in over three thousand neglected places, and organized on destitute mission fields over five hundred Baptist churches. Eternity's reckoning alone will reveal the benefits and blessings which have come to communities and individuals through the agency of State Missions in North Carolina.

In this work during the year just ended the results achieved by our missionaries may, without disparagement, challenge comparison with any of the Convention's history.

We began the year with a debt of \$2,350 to our missionaries. The Board desires to express its appreciation of their patience and sympathy under sometimes distressing circumstances. The fact that they themselves raised on their fields \$1,300 for all objects, is full proof of their faithful devotion to the work of the Board.

## OUR MISSIONARIES.

The names of the missionaries and the Associations in which they have done their work, are as follows:

Ashe and Alleghany.—T. M. Duncan.

Atlantic.—J. M. Alderman, Benjamin Ward, G. N. Bray, R. D. Carroll, J. W. Rose, H. H. Mashburn.

Beulah.—E. R. Harris.

Brushy Mountain.—A. T. Pardew.

Central.—A. L. Betts.

Chowan.—G. G. O'Neill, T. G. Wood, N. P. Stallings, E. S. Pierce, W. R. Carawan, J. T. Riddick.

Eastern.—J. B. Harrell, F. H. Farrington, G. O. Tilley, J. H. Hildreth, N. A. Sheely, W. L. Bilbro, Joseph Aden.

Elkin.—Grant Cochren, B. F. Rollins.

French Broad.—T. M. Honeycutt.

Green River.—J. C. Sorrels, C. D. Graves, J. S. Corpening, B. K. Mason.

King's Mountain.—G. M. Webb, J. M. Bridges, A. M. Ross.

Liberty.—W. H. Rich, J. A. Summey, H. Sheets, H. Morris.

Little River.—J. A. Campbell, A. N. Campbell, J. M. Holleman, R. J. Bennett, H. W. Gahan, A. H. Gibbs.

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus.—J. J. Payseur, L. R. Pruett, J. R. Hawkins, F. H. Meyer, J. F. Morris.

Mt. Zion.—W. A. Smith, W. A. Crabtree, J. F. McDuffie, J. W. Watson, J. M. Hilliard, Alvis Andrews.

Pee Dee.—F. S. Wright, W. J. Fulford.

Piedmont.—M. L. Kesler, J. L. Lane, G. L. Merrill, James Jordan, Thomas Carriek, J. A. Hackney.

Pilot Mountain.—W. H. Wilson, W. A. Ayers, C. C. Haymore, R. L. Loftis, N. S. Jones.

Raleigh.—W. H. Davis, W. M. Page, W. M. Sorrell, G. W. Coppedge.

Robeson.—J. A. Smith, J. W. Cobb, J. D. Moore, R. A. Moore, J. J. Scott, W. M. Jones.

Sandy Creek.—J. R. Moore.

South Fork.—C. S. Cashwell, J. A. Hoyle.

South River.—John Prevarie, G. A. Bain.

South Yadkin.—D. P. Bridges, J. N. Stallings, D. R. Myers.

Stanley.—J. W. Suttle.

Tar River.—W. V. Savage, J. R. Pace, G. L. Finch, J. O. Alderman, F. T. Wooten, J. W. Powell, J. A. McKaughan, A. G. Wilcox, W. A. Ferrell, Jno. T. Edmundson.

Three Forks.—C. S. Farthing.

Union.—A. B. Caudle.

West Chowan.—S. B. Barnes, M. L. Green.

Yadkin.—W. A. Ayers.

Yancey.—J. R. Naugle.

Number of missionaries, 101.

## STATISTICS OF WORK.

Number of sermons preached.....	5,460
Churches supplied.....	248
Out-stations supplied.....	165
Persons and families religiously visited.....	12,685
Persons baptized.....	1,334
Number added by letter.....	732
Protracted meetings held.....	220
Professed conversions.....	1,741
Houses of worship building.....	93
Houses of worship finished this year.....	18
Assisted in the organization of churches.....	17
Number of Bibles and Testaments distributed.....	2,193
Number of denominational tracts distributed.....	6,299
Money collected for support of pastor on field.....	\$27,272.01
For building or repairing house of worship.....	2,973.29
Value of church property on fields.....	90,500.00
For State Missions.....	564.45
For Associational Missions.....	228.05
For Foreign Missions.....	463.60
For Home Missions of Southern Baptist Convention.....	210.18
For Ministerial Education.....	164.62
For Baptist Orphanage.....	239.89
For Sunday Schools and colportage.....	661.62
For other objects.....	1,898.22

Report of Sunday School work for the year is as follows:

Number of schools on fields.....	195
Number of pupils enrolled in same.....	9,959
Number of officers and teachers in same.....	2,016
Number of conversions from these schools.....	340
Members of church at work in Sunday Schools.....	2,808
New schools organized this year.....	69
Schools visited.....	300
Contributions for school expenses.....	\$747.54
Contributions for State Missions.....	37.76
Contributions for other objects.....	155.42

## NOTABLE POINTS.

In Charlotte, Rev. L. R. Pruett began last year a mission Sunday School near the Gingham Mills, in a three-room factory cottage. Within a year that work resulted in a church—the 12th street—which now has one hundred and forty members, which is contributing over \$325 to the support of a pastor.

In Concord, brother J. J. Payseur has paid off the old and harassing church debt, and is preparing to enlarge the church building to accommodate the growing interest.

In the Elkin Association, our missionary, Rev. Grant Cothren, has met with great success in his work. As an indication of the character of his work, a new association was organized November 19, from churches from the Primitive Baptist Associations in Wilkes county, and churches from the Elkin and Stoney Fork Associations. The indications are, that before another year is gone, this movement in that section will result in breaking down the organized anti-mission spirit thoroughly.

In the Atlantic Association, our greatest and largest mission field, much good work has been done. There are signs pointing to a forward movement next year in this Association. There is a demand for the increase of our force of missionaries there.

In the South Fork Association, the Board is gratified to report a well-planned effort to press the work in several new fields.

In the Tar River Association, itself a monument to the success of State Missions, it is the opinion of brethren who know that it will be only a short time before the immense area of destitution, reaching from Weldon to the Albemarle Sound, will have been reached and the fields become largely self-supporting.

In Hyde county, our two missionaries, brethren Pierce and Carawan, report considerable progress. Another church has been organized and new stations opened.

In McDowell county, brother J. C. Sorrels has organized ten churches in ten years, and regards his work for the past year as the most successful he has had. The Board would make mention of the splendid services rendered on that field during four months of the summer without money and without price from any source by brother C. D. Graves, who is now at the Seminary.

At many other points which we have not space to mention, are to be found evidences of encouraging growth and progress.

#### TRACTS.

In the last report submitted, we expressed need for conveniently arranged literature to be furnished pastors and churches, to the end that they might be informed on State Missions. We are glad to report that that need has been partially supplied by the publication of three tracts and leaflets, written by the Corresponding Secretary. Twenty thousand have been distributed, and there is reason to believe that much good has been accomplished through them.

## CO-OPERATION.

We submit on opposite page the report of colored missionaries working under the plan of co-operation entered into two years ago by the Baptist State Convention, the Home Mission Board and Baptist Home Mission Society of New York, together with the Colored Convention in North Carolina. Your Board is convinced that great good has been accomplished in this movement. The colored Baptists have more than fulfilled their part in raising their portion of the funds necessary to carry on the work. They fully appreciate our disposition to help them train and develop their people, and are showing themselves capable of development by more than meeting our expectations for this work.



## SYNOPSIS OF WORK DONE BY MISSIONARIES FOR YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31st, 1897.

Missionaries.	District.	Weeks of Service.	Institutes Attended.	Sermons Preached.	Addresses.	Baptized.	Churches Organized.	Churches Visited.	Miles Traveled.
J. A. Whitted.....	General.....	52	32	64	162	---	---	94	55,949
P. F. Malloy.....	Western.....	52	18	120	13	---	1	59	6,383
A. B. Vincent.....	Central.....	52	15	56	132	---	---	38	5,340
C. C. Somerville.....	Eastern.....	49½	14	88	99	---	---	52	6,432
A. S. Dunston.....	Eastern.....	12	1	32	54	---	---	25	1,430
F. W. Wallace.....	Western.....	12	---	20	25	14	3	35	1,500

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee of fifteen from the Board, appointed at Greensboro and reappointed at Morganton, to which was committed the Sunday School work in North Carolina, report as follows through the Board to the Convention:

Your Committee is glad to report a general quickening of interest in the Sunday School work during the year.

On December 5th, our Sunday School missionary, Rev. B. W. Spilman, becoming convinced that the condition of the Book Store, on which the expenses of the work depended, was not such as to justify the arrangement under which he had accepted the work, gave up the Book Store and took the field as a general missionary to arouse such interest in the work as might in the future, make possible a permanent arrangement for a larger effort than we are now making.

It is but just to brother Spilman to report that he has been since March 1st doing this work practically without salary.

Plans yet to be considered and passed upon by the Board of Missions are in shape by which it is expected that we may during the next year place the Sunday School field work on a definite and more satisfactory basis.

We submit a statement from our Sunday School missionary of the work he has done.

## REPORT OF B. W. SPILMAN.

Since March 1st of this year I have been engaged in the Sunday School work under the endorsement of the Sunday School Committee. The object in view is to organize and train the Sunday School forces of North Carolina to the end that in every community there may be a well equipped evergreen Baptist Sunday School with a trained teaching force. The necessity for such work is apparent when it is remembered that between one-third and three-fourths of all the Baptist churches organized in this State had their origin in a Sunday School; that from eighty to ninety per cent. of our church members came in from the Sunday Schools, and that as a training school for developing active church workers no agency has yet appeared in North Carolina that has done so much.

With thousands of communities having no Sunday Schools; with about a thousand Baptist churches having either no Sunday School at all or a school for only a few months during the year; with 218 of the 413 points supplied by the State Mission Board reporting no Sunday Schools, and a teaching force almost wholly untrained, the work must be vigorously pushed.

Since last March my work has been in the direction of creating sentiment in favor of a more aggressive work in the Sunday School field than has been done for the past ten years. I have attended during that time six Sunday School Institutes held at the following points: North Catawba, Caldwell County; Bethlehem, McDowell County; Bakersville, Mitchell County; Sawyer's Creek, Camden County; Buie's Creek, Harnett County; Salem, Sampson County. I have attended only three associations this year. The Sunday School work was given a good hour at each of these. I attended the State-Line Chautauqua at Fair Bluff and State Chautauqua at Red Springs.

I have spoken 124 times in 28 counties during the nine months.

Conditions seem to be favorable just now for doing a work in establishing Sunday Schools and training the workers, which has been greatly needed for years.

The Baptist State Sunday School Chautauqua, which held its annual session at Red Springs last August, has proven itself to be a most potent factor in the Sunday School work of the State. Through the Chautauqua more than any other source there has been created a desire for better methods in Sunday School work.

The outlook for the future is hopeful. Many of the difficulties in the way two years ago have been removed. Many yet remain. There are now organizations of Sunday School workers in twenty-eight of the Associations of our Convention.

The time has come when an active effort should be made to organize the workers in the remaining sixteen Associations.

To organize new Sunday Schools there should be a force of Sunday School missionaries placed in the field during the coming summer. This can be done without expense to the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools.

To train the workers there should be an earnest effort made to have organized in every church a Sunday School Teachers' Meeting; in every Association one or more Sunday School Institutes; in various sections of the State, District Sunday School Chautauquas, such Chautauquas having been already planned for 1898 to be held in Littleton, Halifax County; Mars Hill, Madison County; Buie's Creek, Harnett County; Fair Bluff, Columbus County, and at some point in the Atlantic Association, and then the Baptist State Sunday School Chautauqua.

As to the financial side. No special effort has been made to collect funds for this work. I have taken no collections. The funds sent in have been voluntary contributions without any solicitation on my part. I have received since March 1st for this work \$240.37, which has been used as follows:

Postage, mostly Children's Day programs .....	\$23.55
Printing .....	30.00
Traveling expenses .....	127.27
Salary .....	59.55
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	\$240.37

There are bills due Edwards & Broughton and the Baptist Book Store to the amount of \$72.92.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. SPILMAN.

#### BAPTIST BOOK STORE.

On December 15th, the date of brother Spilman's resignation under the former arrangement, your Committee placed the Book store in charge of the Corresponding Secretary of the Convention, and all efforts were bent to get the business on a better financial basis. These efforts have proven successful to a gratifying degree. On December 15th, the liabilities of the Store were \$2,544.38, and our assets \$3,771.04—assets over liabilities, \$1,226.66. The following statement of condition will indicate improvement made:

#### STATEMENT OF THE BAPTIST BOOK STORE.

By Merchandise .....		\$1,937.54	
Accounts .....		1,228.99	
Furniture and Fixtures .....		300.00	
Cash .....		304.76	
	Dr.		
To Liabilities .....		\$1,392.91	
Balance .....		2,378.38	
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		3,571.20	3,771.29
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			2,378.38
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Donations and Discounts .....			111.99

#### HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board began the year May 1st, 1896, with a debt of \$13,700. On January 1st, 1897, that debt had increased to \$28,000. It was a remarkable achievement, alike commendable to the Board and our Southern Baptist churches, that when the Southern Baptist Convention met in Wilmington May 5th, that debt had been paid and a small balance left in the treasury.

Below is a summary of the year's work:

## SUMMARY.

Summary of work for the past Conventional year is as follows:

Missionaries, - - - - -	372
Weeks of labor, - - - - -	11,075
Churches and stations, - - - - -	1,963
Sermons and addresses, - - - - -	48,508
Prayer meetings, - - - - -	62,175
Baptisms, - - - - -	4,709
Received by letter, - - - - -	4,746
Total additions, - - - - -	9,455
Churches constituted, - - - - -	139
Houses of worship built, - - - - -	57
Houses of worship improved, - - - - -	129
Amount expended on houses of worship, - - - - -	\$52,040
Sunday Schools organized - - - - -	313
Teachers and pupils, - - - - -	10,725
Bibles and Testaments, - - - - -	2,837
Traacts distributed (pages), - - - - -	645,346

## WORK OF THE BOARD—AMONG THE NEGROES.

The work under the plan of co operation with State Conventions, both white and colored, the Home Mission Society and the Home Mission Board, is in operation in Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. Fourteen missionaries are in the joint employ of these Boards, three in Alabama, three in South Carolina, four in North Carolina and four in Virginia.

## FOREIGN POPULATION.

There are tens of thousands of these people in Baltimore, Louisville, St. Louis and Kansas City, where we are now working. Missouri alone has about 800,000. The French population of Louisiana, the Germans of Oklahoma and Texas, and the Mexicans along the Rio Grande from El Paso to the Gulf, make at least as many more to whom we ought to send the word of life.

## CUBA.

The enforced removal of all our pastors from that island more than a year ago, left the work in the hands of the body of the membership. Many have removed to this country. Some have joined the contending armies, and the conditions have been extremely adverse to our cause.

But such has been the diligence and faithfulness, especially of the women, that the schools have been continued, the prayer meetings and religious services on the Sabbath day observed, and quite a number who have professed their faith in Christ are awaiting baptism. With the return of peace we may confidently expect the renewal of a prosperity not surpassed by the brightest days in the history of our work in Havana.

Rev. J. V. Cova has been laboring during the year among the Cuban population in Tampa. He encountered difficulty and delay in procuring a suitable house for holding worship. This obstacle by the aid of brethren in that city, has been removed, and his congregation now meet in a most comfortable place in a good location. His family has suffered a great affliction during the year.

Brother Bueno was located in West Tampa, and had begun his work with his usual earnestness and persistence, when his faithful wife sickened and died. It was deemed best, on account of his own health and that of his daughter, to remove to Key West, where he is now laboring with good results.

Brother O'Halloran, on leaving Cuba, began his work in Key West. He found there quite a number of Baptists who had fled from Havana. The Cuban Chapel, built some years ago by the Board, he has used for a daily school as well as for a place of worship. He writes very encouragingly about his work.

#### LATEST FROM CUBA.

Under date of April 6, Dr. Belot, a prominent member of the church, who has charge of our property in Havana, writes:

"There is no reason to be discouraged about the schools and religious matters; on the contrary, considering the absence of pastor and minister to guide the mission, the deacons and ladies in charge of the spiritual progress of the people are doing much better than could be expected. The meetings are well attended, and there is a gradual increase of numbers who want to join the church, others waiting to be baptised. The religious work is not interfered with, either by Catholic clergy or by police; this body protects when needed.

"The schools are doing well. The work has been interrupted a short time on account of epidemics, but has resumed now. The number of scholars attending increases gradually."

#### OUR CITIES

While the past work of the Board has been largely in the country, the growing towns and cities have not been neglected.

Churches have been aided in not less than ninety per cent of our most important centers of population. The changing conditions of our civilization are carrying larger numbers to our cities than ever before. Trade is moving southward in its efforts to reach foreign lands. The exportation of corn from Baltimore, Hampton Roads and New Orleans is nearly three times as great as from Boston, New York and Philadelphia.

Pig iron, which, within the last two years, has for the first time been exported from this country, is seeking a market through the ports of Savannah and Pensacola. The manufacture of ten millions of bales of cotton within sight of the fields where it is grown will reach its consummation within the lifetime of another generation. The natural trade center of the Western Hemisphere is the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico, and to that point all commerce is tending as rapidly as human enterprise can build the railways to convey it or supply the cities with facilities to receive it.

Such facts make these rapidly-growing centers of trade perhaps the most important part of the mission work of this Convention. The religious destiny of the world will be shaped by the influences that emanate from this country within the lifetime of the next generation, and those influences will flow out from our cities along the highways of commerce. The snowy fiber that grows upon our fields, woven into forms suited to the wants of every kindred and tribe, will be borne by vehicles of commerce to every shore, and wherever it goes, will go along with it the moral influence dominating that people who have grown it upon our fields, transformed it in our factories, and carried it to them in our great leviathans of the deep.

#### FRONTIER MISSIONS.

There are other departments of our work which vie with this in the strength of their appeal to our sympathy and our support.

West of the Mississippi river lies a vast field, the fabulous wealth of whose undeveloped resources science has failed to grasp. In the dim light of the civilization now advancing upon it, it seems a new world hanging upon the outskirts of our own, and destined one day to be filled with a population whose wealth and culture will equal, if they do not surpass, those of the Atlantic States.

From it there has come for years the cry for greater help than the Board has been able to give, until it has almost been hushed in the hopelessness of despair.

What ought we to do for these people and the millions pressing upon their footsteps in their onward march to wealth and power?

## THE INDIANS.

Living within this territory is a race to whom we owe an obligation we can never fully repay.

The white people have grown rich and powerful upon the fields they once possessed. Their broad plantations, their growing cities, their huge factories, their long-extended railroads, their schools and colleges, their houses and temples where they worship God, are all builded upon the land the red man possessed, and of which he was deprived by the bloody and unsparing hand of war.

We cannot return him the land of which our fathers deprived him. That is lost to him forever. But we can turn his eye and heart to that better land, and lead him to that Redeemer who will give him an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, whose fadeless beauties shall be his forever.

## MOUNTAIN REGION.

Our mountain region, comprising the ridges and vall-ys of the Appalachian system, extending from Pennsylvania to central Alabama, and from the Piedmont region of the southeast to the blue-grass fields of Kentucky and Tennessee, is one of the most wonderful regions of the globe.

The people who live in much of this area are strongly inclined to our Baptist faith, but there is among them a marked absence of the spirit of progress in things both material and spiritual. Many of them are poor, and their intellectual advancement is in keeping with their physical condition.

Other denominations are realizing the importance of this field, and are exerting every effort to possess themselves of its advantages. The Mormons have sent to the southeastern section of our country four hundred missionaries, with headquarters at Chattanooga. Many of these are laboring among these mountain people. What a shame it will be to us, as Baptists, if we lose this most promising field and allow others to take our crown of glory.

## ENLARGED BENEFICENCE.

The experience of the last three years demonstrates the necessity of increasing the number of our people who contribute to missions, and systematizing our work that our Boards will receive a steady income through the entire year.

The number of those who contribute to mission work does not equal one-third of our membership, and about two-fifths of the amounts given to our Home and Foreign Boards is received in the month of April, the last month of the financial year.



The fact that a denomination whose churches all lie in the area of our Convention, and whose membership, though not more than one-seventh of our own, contributes without special effort more money to Foreign Missions than Southern Baptists can be made to give under whip and spur, shows a condition which demands a speedy remedy.

The Board asked the Southern Baptist Convention for its moral support in the effort to raise during the present year for its work not less than one hundred thousand dollars. The Convention sanctioned the plans of the Board, and North Carolina has been asked to do her part in making the movement a success.

On May 22, the Corresponding Secretary of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention met the other State Secretaries, with the Board, in Atlanta for the discussion of these plans, and for the adoption of definite measures to promote them. Resolutions were adopted which commit North Carolina Baptists to this effort to secure \$100,000 for Home Missions. In addition to this, our just obligation to bear our share of the great necessities of the work, we have been placed under special obligations to the Board by the following resolution, adopted by the Home Board, May 27th:

NORTH CAROLINA—\$500, AND \$500 CONDITIONAL.

*Resolved.* That in addition to the agency expense and co-operation in negro work paid out of Home Mission funds to North Carolina State Board, an appropriation of \$500 be paid this Board December 1, 1897, and that the additional amount of \$500 be paid April 30, 1898, on the express condition that the cash receipts from North Carolina (not including receipts from Western North Carolina) to the Home Board for this Southern Baptist Conventional year shall be \$4,000."

North Carolina Baptists, 160,000 strong, should have no difficulty in meeting, and more than meeting, these conditions. In all its history our Home Board has been generous to North Carolina. For, besides what has been done in many of our rural districts, the Board has aided our churches in Raleigh, Edenton, Newbern, Goldsboro, Charlotte, Greensboro, Salisbury, Asheville, Chapel Hill, Warrenton, Hendersonville, Waynesville, Murphy, Bryson City, Washington, Tarboro, Newton, Concord, Elizabeth City and other important places. Surely our Baptist people will rally warmly to the support of this Board, which has done such noble work for North Carolina.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

## THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORK.

Our Lord has not commanded us to preach His Word in any particular part of the world, but in all the world. And while we press forward the work at home, being zealous for the evangelization and development of every nook and corner of our State, as also of our whole country, we must not forget the regions beyond. All the work, whether at home or abroad, stands on the same commandment of Christ, and we cannot assume to teach even our children without thereby acknowledging our duty to preach the Gospel in all the world. The human family is one: we have one Saviour, and the work is one.

## THE COMPARATIVE IMPORTANCE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To reach a correct conclusion as to the comparative importance of the different divisions which we have made in the work for practical convenience, we have only to compare intelligently the conditions and needs of the different sections of the great world-field. For instance, we have in North Carolina, according to the last national census, a little over one and a half millions of people, all told; while China has about four hundred and fifty millions—that is, we have in this State one person where China has three hundred. Now, we Baptists alone, not to mention any of the other Christian denominations, have, in North Carolina, over one hundred and fifty thousand members, over sixteen hundred churches, and about six hundred preachers. But China, with a population numbering three hundred to our one, has, of all Christian denominations, only a little over fifty thousand church members, only seven hundred churches, and only a little over six hundred preachers, not including natives. Or, to put it otherwise, China, with three hundred times as many people, has only about as many preachers of all denominations as North Carolina has of Baptists alone; has not *half* as many churches of all denominations as North Carolina has of Baptists alone, and has *only one-third* as many church members of all denominations as North Carolina has of Baptists alone. Now, one soul in China is worth no more than one soul in North Carolina, but it is worth just as much, and it is just as much our duty, under our Saviour's orders, to give the Gospel to one there as one here. But there are three hundred times as many there as here, and only one-third as many Christians, all told, as we have members in our own churches here in this single State. Surely, brethren, surely, there is crying need in the regions beyond. Let us hasten with the light. A similar comparison could be made between almost any two parts of the field at home and abroad.

## WHAT SOUTHERN BAPTISTS ARE DOING.

While Southern Baptists are doing so little to meet this need that our heads ought to hang for shame, we are glad that we are doing something. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention submitted what was in many respects a very pleasing report to the last session of the Convention, which met in our own seaport, Wilmington. The opening sentence of that report says:

“The past year has been full of the blessings of our Heavenly Father on the work which He has entrusted to us in foreign lands. While in some respects it has been a year of great difficulties and trials, yet the Lord has prospered us continually.”

The Board had last year in the six fields—China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico—eighty missionaries and one hundred and ten native helpers. The Lord was exceeding abundant in His blessings, and these workers baptised six hundred and sixty persons. The total receipts for the year ending April 30th were \$125,681.99.

## NORTH CAROLINA'S PART.

Of the above amount, North Carolina gave \$7,303.44, including the Yates Memorial Fund, mentioned later in this report. During our own fiscal year just closed we have given, as shown by our Treasurer's report, \$8,854.26. Brethren, are we willing that these figures stand as the measure of our interest in the salvation of all the world outside the bounds of our own Southland?

In arranging its schedule for the present year's work the Foreign Board has asked us to give \$9,000. We recommend that the Convention approve the request, and pledge our most earnest and unceasing efforts to raise this amount. Shall we not, with our more than 150,000 members and six hundred preachers, contribute this much for the salvation of the world? Nay, ought we not to contribute many times as much?

## YATES MEMORIAL MISSIONARY.

Among those things for which we are profoundly grateful, is the fact that God has honored our State by calling some of our noblest brethren to the foreign field. Of this number was the honored and lamented Yates. Three years ago, at the Charlotte Convention, there was a well-formed purpose among the women of our State to raise a fund for the erection of a suitable memorial to Dr. Yates. It was suggested that no other memorial would be so appropriate as a missionary to labor for the salvation of the people for whom Dr. Yates gave his splendid life. The suggestion was at once adopted, and soon a fund of over \$1,100 was raised. But not until the beginning of 1897 was the plan carried to completion. At that time brother T. C. Britton and wife, both of our

own State, were at home, having come for a rest, and were exceedingly anxious to return to their work in China. The Board was anxious to send them back, but owing to a lack of funds could not unless some special provision could be made. All this seemed providential, and the women decided to adopt brother Britton as the Yates' Memorial Missionary, appropriating to his return and support the funds then on hand, with the understanding that they would try to raise a sufficient amount for his support regularly hereafter. The Board concurred in this, and Brother and Sister Britton sailed on January 16. We rejoice in this action of our women, regarding it a fit token of our love for the great missionary, M. T. Yates. We pledge to the sisters our hearty co-operation in carrying forward this well-begun work.

#### EXPENSES OF THE BOARD.

It is pleasing to note that our Foreign Board conducts its business with such economy that last year only 13 per cent of all the receipts was consumed in expenses, including the expenses both in Richmond and in those States that charge for handling money passing through the hands of State officials.

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

We rejoice that we have had in our midst during the past few months, and still have, our brother E. F. Tatum, of Shanghai, China, who went out from us and is now home for rest. A like joy is felt also at the presence of Mrs. G. W. Greene, of Canton, China, who is resting for a short time at home.

#### CONCLUSION.

In closing this section of our report, we call attention to the fact that just fifty years ago the first missionaries were sent to central China by Southern Baptists, and that they went from North Carolina. On November 6, 1847, the first Baptist church was organized in Shanghai. The Lord has blessed and prospered the work there, and has greatly honored the Baptists of North Carolina in connection with it. As we stand here to-day, looking back over these fifty years of toil and sacrifice for the Master by the noble men and women that have gone out from among us to give not simply their money, but their lives, to this work, over these fifty years crowned by the blessings of our Lord, and looking out over the years to come, each one holding its duties to our Redeemer and blessings from Him, we are filled with conflicting emotions. Brethren, have we done our best? Let us thank God for all the benedictions of the past, beg His forgiveness for all our indifference and shortcomings in the work, and pledge to Him the best that there is in us for the future.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

This Board is located in Nashville, Tenn., and is now in the seventh year of existence.

The work accomplished by this, the youngest of our general interests, is remarkable. The fact that last year it was enabled to put into our Home and Foreign Mission treasuries \$13,211.74 in cash, after making donations amounting to \$28,878.14 to other objects, and then show assets above liabilities of nearly \$15,000, is a tribute to the wise and energetic administration of its affairs. This statement is made simply as indicating the Board's financial condition, and also its methods of conducting its affairs. The following statement will show, as well as figures can show, what the Board has done for the furtherance of our denominational interests in the way of financial help:

Gifts of Bibles, books, tracts and periodicals to mission schools.....	\$ 8,707 80
Cash for Home and Foreign Boards.....	12,211 74
Cash to Sunday School Missions in the different States ..	17,277 78
Expended for other denominational interests .....	2,892 46
Purchase and equipment of house .....	9,101 29
Cash balance on hand .....	2,126 10
Other assets.....	11,384 86
Summary for six years .....	\$64,703 13

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CAUSE IN THE SOUTH.

While the Baptist Sunday Schools of the South compare most favorably with those of other denominations, and while their condition presents much to awaken gratitude and encouragement, yet manifestly a great deal remains to be done. Even in the best schools there is need for better equipment, better teaching, better methods, and better results. Whatever the Southern Baptist Convention can do to foster its Sunday School interests, will be only the fostering of power for future usefulness in the enlargement of all its work. In the united support of the Sunday School Board, in undertaking these great and lofty ends, the Convention can make for itself an agency of tremendous scope. The brethren in charge have tried to administer the trust with which they have been charged in a way to deserve the approval of their brethren, and so as to meet the ends for which the Convention brought the Board into existence. The only way, rather the main method, of helping the Board in their work, is in supplying the Sunday Schools with the periodicals which are owned and controlled by the Convention, and which, besides other things, make prominent the missionary interests of the

Convention. Here we are laying the foundations of the future, not only in the way of Baptist doctrine, but also in missionary training. This can be made an immense power, and surely is worthy the kindly consideration of the Convention. Helping at this point and in this way is helping every other interest.

#### NORTH CAROLINA'S INTEREST IN THIS WORK.

We are under obligation to support this Board for the following good and sufficient reasons:

1. It is just as much a department of our Southern Baptist Convention work as Home or Foreign Missions.
2. It is a mighty agency for the dissemination of Baptist literature.
3. It is a missionary agency in itself, and gives annually from \$12,000 to \$20,000 to Home and Foreign Missions in cash.
4. This Board has given \$400 this past year to our Sunday School work in North Carolina.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Central Committee is more than happy to be able to report a larger increase in contributions than in any year in its history, and a larger number of Societies organized than in any other year, the first not excepted. Last year the Societies reported a little less than four thousand dollars; this year they report more than six thousand, two hundred. The first year after the appointment of the Committee, we reported the organization of seventy-one Societies; this year ninety-one new Societies have been formed. This remarkable increase has been made without any "especial object" or new plan of work being put forward.

The correspondence maintained by the Central Committee with each Society, by which each is brought in touch with every other, and each feels itself to be an important part of an important whole, has been kept up with the usual diligence.

The number of Associational Vice-Presidents has been increased, and much effective work has been done by these officers, of whom there are twenty.

An important and interesting feature of the year's work has been the increased number of the Woman's Associational Mission Meetings, held generally by the Vice-Presidents. By this means many ladies who could not have been reached otherwise have become informed and instructed in this branch of mission work. In nearly every instance where there was no Society at the place where the Association was held, one has resulted from these meetings.

Miss Lizzie Briggs, appointed last year as special supervisor of Band work, has increased the interest in this important department of mission training, and we look for still larger results along this line.

In the Societies more emphasis than ever before has been placed on Bible study in connection with the monthly meeting, and on the need of *neighborhood* missions, the members being urged to devote time and energy to the spiritual uplifting of the sick, poor and ignorant around them.

Last year in our annual report we asked the continued and increased interest of the ministers in the work of the Societies. We would now express our thanks for invaluable aid rendered, at the same time feeling sure that those who have organized or encouraged Woman's or Children's Missionary Societies in their churches have been more than repaid by the added power gained for all departments of church work.

In summing up last year the work of the Committee since its appointment in 1886, we found the Societies had reported \$31,499.05 as given to missions. The amount reported this year increases this sum to \$37,771.88. The itemized report of the year's work by the Committee and contributions reported by Societies is as follows:

Quarterly Letters.....	1,292
Other Letters .....	2,011
Leaflets, blanks, etc., sent out .....	13,105
Societies organized .....	91
Reported for Foreign Missions.....	\$1,907.39
Home Missions .....	3,229.51
State Missions .....	928.63
Other State Mission objects, Orphanage, Ministerial Education, etc.....	204.85
Toward expenses of Committee.....	2.45
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	\$6,272.83

Respectfully submitted,

FANNIE E. S. HECK,

MRS. J. A. BRIGGS,

*President W. C. C.*

*Corresponding Secretary W. C. C.*

On motion of J. D. Hufham, the recommendation of the Board as to change in the Constitution was referred to a special committee.

State Missions was made the special order for 10.30 on Saturday morning.

Adjournment, with benediction by R. G. Seymour, of Philadelphia.

## FRIDAY MORNING.

DECEMBER 10, 1897.

Convention re-assembled at 9.30 a m. Devotional exercises were conducted by A. T. Robertson, of Louisville, Ky.

Minutes of yesterday evening were read and approved.

The following brethren were welcomed to seats in the body: W. S. Penick, Elizabeth City; F. H. Farrington, Wilmington; J. H. Tucker and J. A. Brookshire, of the Western North Carolina Convention; John Lewis, Wales; Thomas Needham, Philadelphia; F. L. Cleveland, Chapel Hill; Forrest Smith, Louisburg, and E. F. Tatum, China.

The President appointed the following committees:

*Orphanage.*—J. C. Scarborough, F. L. Cleveland, C. E. Gower, B. F. Winston, R. D. Cross, F. H. Farrington, J. P. Spence.

*Female University.*—A. M. Simms, J. W. Carter, W. B. Morton, Jas. Smith, J. J. Payseur, S. A. Howard, C. H. Durham.

*Obituaries.*—Thomas Hume, T. E. Skinner, P. A. Duun, Jno. E. Ray, C. E. Taylor, J. V. McCall, S. P. Hatton.

*On Recommendations of Board of Missions and Sunday Schools.*—J. D. Hufham, E. F. Pritchard, J. A. Taylor, H. A. Reams, J. W. Watson, W. T. Yancey, A. M. Ross.

*To Nominate Board of Education.*—N. L. Shaw, A. D. Hunter, H. H. Mashburn, E. J. Edwards, W. L. Poteat, William Brunt, J. A. McKaughan.

*To Nominate Ministers' Relief Board.*—J. A. Stradley, M. Blalock, O. C. Horton, J. W. Burchett, G. L. Finch, John W. Suttle, W. B. Waff.

*State Missions.*—L. R. Pruett, C. L. Greaves, R. I. Crews, G. H. Church, T. M. Honeycutt, L. R. Carroll, W. C. Barrett.

*Sunday Schools and Colportage.*—W. S. Penick, R. G. Kendrick, Jno. Markham, J. H. Booth, R. D. Fleming, N. P. Stallings, J. W. Coppedge.

*Religious Exercises.*—Pastor and deacons of Oxford Baptist Church.

*To Nominate Board of Missions and Sunday Schools.*—L. N. Chappell, J. A. Beam, W. S. Olive, S. W. Oldham, W. S. Bilbro, R. H. Jordan, Geo. J. Dowell.

*To Nominate Committee on Sunday School and Colportage Work (fifteen members of Board of Missions and Sunday Schools).*—Josiah Elliott, C. T. Ball, W. M. Bostick, A. Johnson, J. E. Herring, N. S. Jones, W. B. Royall.

*Preachers and Place of Next Meeting.*—E. W. Sikes, B. F. Hester, A. W. Setzer, John A. Oates, Jr., H. W. Norris, H. Sheets, J. B. Roller.



*Foreign Missions.*—W. M. Jones, S. J. Porter, E. F. Tatum, W. T. Creath, R. F. Treadway, G. T. Watkins, M. E. Parrish.

*Periodicals.*—R. T. Vann, J. A. Campbell, W. C. Tyree, A. C. Barron, T. M. Pittman, John Sweany, Samuel Saunders.

*Finance.*—E. McK. Goodwin, C. W. Blanchard, H. A. Foushee.

Invitations were read from Superintendent N. M. Lawrence to visit the Oxford Orphan Asylum this afternoon at 4 o'clock; also from President F. P. Hobgood to visit the Oxford Female Seminary to-morrow afternoon at 4.30 o'clock. Both invitations were unanimously accepted.

J. W. Bailey, for the Committee, submitted the following order of business for Friday:

2.30 p. m.—Miscellaneous Business.

3 p. m.—Ministers' Relief Board. [Wake Forest Trustees meet.]

7.30 p. m.—Our Baptist History and the Historical Papers.

8.45 p. m.—Foreign Missions.

The following resolution, offered as a substitute by R. T. Vann, was, after discussion by J. D. Hufham, J. W. Carter, R. T. Vann, R. D. Fleming, John E. White and others, adopted by a vote of 88 to 77:

In view of all the circumstances involved in the Whitsitt controversy, we think it best for this Convention to take no action on the matter.

W. B. Oliver, of Wilmington, presented the report on

#### HOME MISSIONS.

The Treasurer's report indicates a growing interest among our churches in the work of this Board, but your Committee believes that Home Missions has not been presented to and pressed upon our people as the magnitude and needs of the field demand.

The work in Cuba goes on in spite of the distracted condition of the Island. Our churches live, and that life will become manifest in great power when the yoke of civil and ecclesiastical bondage is entirely cast off. The Board should be prepared to enter and possess at once. It is our duty to assist in this preparation.

Southern Baptists hold the answer to a question which vexes rulers, law-makers and philanthropists. It is largely in their power

to decide what the future of the negro in this land shall be. A God-given responsibility rests upon us to evangelize, train and uplift this dependent people into a Christian citizenship. We recommend that our pastors explain and press the plan of co-operative work, and suggest that the best results are dependent upon personal interest and participation in institute work more than upon contributions.

The Frontier Missions and work among foreigners are of utmost importance. More missionaries are needed, which means that larger contributions are required, which again means that more general information concerning the field and greater interest in the labors of the Board are necessary. It is impossible for us to ignore these opportunities, to neglect these open doors, and yet win the commendation of faithful servants.

Our contributions the past year show a gratifying gain over the preceding one, but we can and must do better.

WILLIAM BRUNT,  
W. H. REDDISH,  
J. D. NEWTON,  
WILL B. OLIVER,  
T. J. TAYLOR.

Remarks by I. T. Tichenor, Atlanta; J. D. Hufham, W. B. Oliver, J. E. White, A. C. Barron, T. J. Taylor, R. T. Vann. The report was then adopted.

The next topic considered was Sunday School Publications. R. G. Seymour, Philadelphia, addressed the Convention on the work of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Adjourned to meet at 2.30 p. m. Benediction by A. E. Dickenson, Richmond.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

At the hour appointed, the President called the Convention to order.

On motion of L. Johnson a committee was appointed to commend the work done by the Woman's Mission Societies. The President appointed the following committee: L. Johnson, T. B. Boushall, T. L. Caudle, J. G. Pulliam, W. W. Parker, W. B. Shaw, E. B. Lewis.

A. L. Purinton, of Nashville, then addressed the body on the publications of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

C. F. James, President of Roanoke Female College, was recognized.

J. D. Hufham reported for the committee on the recommendations of the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools.

After remarks by J. D. Hufham, T. E. Skinner, N. B. Broughton, R. T. Vann, L. Johnson, the proposed constitutional change as to time of meeting was not adopted.

The following recommendations were adopted upon suggestion of the committee:

1. That a cash collection be taken at the close of the addresses on the report of the Board of Missions to morrow; said collection to be for paying off the debt, \$350, now due by the Board.

2. That we will try to raise for Home Missions \$4,000 by the 30th of April, in accordance with the terms of the appropriation made to our work, and that we raise \$9,000 for Foreign Missions.

W. C. Tyree, of Durham, presented the report of the Ministerial Relief Board as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL RELIEF BOARD.

We have many things to be grateful for during the past year: but, nothing in all the work of our Convention calls forth our most profound gratitude, as the interest our brethren have taken in this object of the Convention. The report of the Treasurer of the Convention showed last year, up to November, six hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$635). Up to December 1 of this year the report shows nine hundred and twelve dollars (\$912), an increase of two hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$275).

This is due to a very great extent from effort put forth by our dear Bro. J. C. Caddell during his visits to the various Associations in the State. We feel very grateful to him for the interest he has taken in the work.

We have to chronicle the death of one of our old brethren. Bro. W. J. Combs has been called to his reward.

We have now on the Board thirteen beneficiaries: Brethren Lew-

ellen, William Harris, John Hughes, R. W. Wooten and S. Blackburn; Sisters Register, Phillips, Churchill, Huumphries, Barlow, Spivey, Combs and Best. Bro. Blackburn, Sisters Combs and Best have been received this year.

We realize there are several of our dear old brethren needing attention from this Board, and we would thank any of our brethren who are aware of such cases to inform us, and they will get such attention as we are able to give them, if they are worthy.

To say they, with these on the Board, are needy, is only to express what the brethren of the Convention already know. They have made but little complaint. In fact very few of them have complained at all. Most of them are only waiting to go home. While they wait let us try to make their stay pleasant if we can. They need your prayers as well as your contributions. Pray for them, and pray for us, that we make no mistake in our work.

Fraternally.

J. E. MACDUFFIE,

*Corresponding Secretary.*

W. C. TYREE,

*President.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BAPTIST MINISTERIAL RELIEF BOARD.

1896		RECEIVED.	
Nov. 10.	Balance on hand .....		\$ 158 06
1897			
Apr. 21.	Interest on loan .....		50 00
Apr. 21.	Ins. repaid .....		11 25
Mch. 30.	J. D. Boushall, Treasurer .....		232 00
June 5.	D. L. Gore .....		50 00
July 8.	Interest on loan .....		30 00
Sept. 15.	J. D. Boushall Treasurer .....		227 00
Sept. 15.	Interest on loan .....		15 00
Oct. 21.	Interest on loan .....		15 00
Dec. 6	J. D. Bonshall, Treasurer .....		408 25
			\$1,196 56
Dec. 10.	Balance .....		\$ 174 46
1896		PAID OUT.	
Nov. 10	Corresponding Secretary's expenses .....		\$ 7 60
1897			
Apr. 5.	Insurance .....		11 25
Dec. 7.	Permanent Interest-Bearing Fund .....		305 75
	Rev. J. H. Lewellen, Dobson .....		62 50
	Rev. W. J. Combs, Trap Hill .....		45 00

Dec. 7.	Mrs. W. J. Combs, Trap Hill.....	\$ 20 00
	Rev. Wm. Harris, Kapps' Mill.....	50 00
	Mrs. C. F. Humphries, Oxford.....	72 50
	Mrs. Jane Barlow, Sloop Point.....	50 00
	Mrs. H. C. Register, Register.....	50 00
	Rev. John Hughes, Byrd.....	25 00
	Rev. R. W. Wooten, Ronda.....	25 00
	Mrs. B. H. Phillips, Reidsville.....	72 50
	Mrs. Rhoda Churchill, Raleigh.....	72 50
	Mrs. Harriet Spivey, Clinton.....	72 50
	Mrs. E. H. Best, Warsaw.....	30 00
	Rev. Solomon Blackburn, Bud.....	30 00
	Rev. N. H. Moss, Waco.....	20 00
Dec. 9.	Balance.....	174 46
		<u>\$1,196 56</u>

## PERMANENT INTEREST-BEARING FUND.

1896

Nov. 10. Balance.....\$ 65 97

1897

Dec. 7. One-third receipts for 1897..... 305 75

Balance on hand.....\$371 72

## LOANED ON REAL ESTATE.

One loan.....\$ 500 00

One loan..... 500 00

One loan..... 250 00

\$1,250 00

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. CHEEK, *Treasurer.*

We have examined this report and the Treasurer's books, and have found same correct.

H. A. REAMS,

GEO. J. DOWELL,

*Auditors.*

Remarks were made by W. C. Tyree, H. A. Reams, of Durham, G. H. Church, of Statesville, and J. D. Hufham, of Henderson, after which the report was adopted.

The Convention then adjourned to visit the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

## FRIDAY EVENING.

President Marsh called the Convention to order at 7.30 p. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. C. Tyree, of Durham, who read a part of the second chapter of Philippians and offered prayer.

L. Johnson, of Greensboro, offered the following report on Order of Business :

## SATURDAY.

10 a. m.—Miscellaneous Business.

10.30 a. m.—State Missions.

12 m.—Wake Forest.

2.30 p. m.—Miscellaneous Business.

2.45 p. m.—Seminary.

7.30 p. m.—Female University, followed by Ministerial Education.

## SUNDAY.

7.30 p. m.—Orphanage.

## MONDAY.

10 a. m.—Periodicals.

11 a. m.—Woman's Work.

12 m.—Miscellaneous Business.

The following were welcomed to seats in the Convention : R. F. Tredway, new pastor at Shelby, and F. W. Boatwright, President of Richmond College.

The special order for the evening, "Our History and the Baptist Historical Papers," was then taken up. Addresses were made by E. W. Sikes, of Wake Forest, John E. White, of Raleigh, J. D. Hufham and T. M. Pittman, of Henderson.

W. M. Jones, of Maxton, presented for the committee the report on Foreign Missions as follows :

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The ground of the commission of our ascended Lord. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is found in the fact that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to die for it: that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Since Foreign Missions are so deeply implanted in the heart of the Gospel, it behooves us, who are sharers of His redeeming love, to carry the same to those who sit in heathen darkness.

During the past year, on our six mission fields, God has abundantly blessed our labors and our prayers, for our missionaries report baptism of six hundred and sixty persons.

We congratulate the Baptist women of North Carolina, that since the last meeting of our Convention, they have carried to completion the work of supporting a Yates' Memorial Missionary in China. We pledge to them in their work our full and earnest co-operation.

We are this year asked by the Board to contribute \$9,000 to help carry on the work, but the 140,000 Baptists of this Convention should raise this amount to \$10,000.

We also recommend that our pastors, as far as possible, promote a missionary spirit among their churches, by increasing the circulation of the "Foreign Mission Journal," by encouraging the formation of a Woman's Missionary Society in every church, by fervent prayers for missionaries and their work.

For more extended reference to our work, we refer you to report of Board of Missions and Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. JONES,  
G. T. WATKINS,  
W. T. CREATH,  
SAMUEL J. PORTER,  
E. F. TATUM,  
M. E. PARISH,  
R. F. TREDWAY.

Remarks were made by W. M. Jones and A. J. Barton, Assistant Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond. The report was then adopted.

Adjournment. Benediction by Thomas Hume, of Chapel Hill.

## SATURDAY MORNING.

DECEMBER 11, 1897.

Evangelist Thomas Needham, of Philadelphia, conducted devotional exercises.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

T. J. Taylor, for the Committee on Order of Business, reported that the report on obituaries would be presented and considered immediately after discussion of the Orphanage, Sunday night.

H. A. Brown read a statement from certain lawyers concerning a contested will in which the Convention is interested.

On motion, this matter was referred to a committee. The Chair appointed the following as the committee: J. E. White, J. D. Boushall and W. N. Jones.

B. W. Spilman, of Raleigh, offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

In order to more perfectly preserve the sources of our Baptist History in North Carolina, be it

Resolved 1. That the Statistical Secretary be instructed to gather and preserve each year a file of the "Biblical Recorder," "Charity and Children," "North Carolina Baptist," "Wake Forest Student," and copies of the catalogues of Wake Forest College, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Oxford Female Seminary, Chowan Baptist Female Institute and Baptist academies; Minutes of the Baptist State Convention, Southern Baptist Convention, and of the Associations of the State; and of the colored Convention and Associations; the North Carolina Baptist Almanac, Baptist Historical Papers, American Baptist Year Book, and whatever other publications of historical value to North Carolina Baptists.

2. That all weekly, monthly, or quarterly publications be bound each year. That annual publications be bound at the close of each census year.

3. That the Secretary be allowed \$50 per year for his services, in addition to the actual expense incurred in collecting the documents.

4. That as soon as practicable a fire-proof vault be built for this collection. Said vault to be paid for from funds given for that purpose, under the direction of the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools.



Remarks by J. D. Huffham, W. L. Poteat, A. T. Robertson.  
The report on State Missions was submitted by L. R. Pruet, of Charlotte, as follows :

## STATE MISSIONS.

This year of missionary effort in North Carolina will go down on the pages of history as one of the brightest chapters.

We have come to the Convention with our hearts delighted and full of joy over the great success of the work, and we should not forget to render the gratitude and praises of our hearts to God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift.

During the year our Board has employed one hundred and one missionaries, and as a result of their faithful and self-denying work, 1,334 persons have been baptized.

Your Committee feels that God has greatly blessed the untiring efforts of our Corresponding Secretary, and that the liberality of the Baptists all over the State has abounded toward the Board and its work.

A great deal has been done, and yet we have only a little more than begun to occupy the growing and inviting fields before us. Towns and cities are springing up in our State, and they must have the Bible as Baptists believe it.

We heartily commend the order of the Convention for a collection during its session, to pay \$350 due our missionaries.

We would also recommend that the Board operate on a basis of \$15,000 during the coming year.

We further recommend that our pastors and churches do more missionary work on their own fields.

*Committee.*

The report was discussed by L. R. Pruet, H. A. Brown of Winston, D. L. Gore of Wilmington, W. R. Bradshaw of Wilkesboro, C. W. Blanchard of Kinston, John E. White and N. B. Broughton. A collection in cash and pledges was then taken for State Missions, amounting to \$350.

Telegram is read from the students of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as follows :

LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 11. 1897.

*North Carolina Baptist State Convention, Oxford, N. C.:*

Twenty-seven sons of North Carolina at the school of the prophets send greetings. II Thessalonians 3: 16.

RUFUS WEAVER.

D. F. LAWRENCE.

G. L. Finch was appointed to respond in behalf of the Convention.

The following were, at this point, recognized and introduced to the Convention: M. H. Tuttle, pastor Oxford Methodist Church; G. P. Perry, pastor Oxford M. E. Circuit; J. B. Hurley, pastor Wilson M. E. Church; J. A. Whitted, Secretary of Co operative Work, Warrenton; Woodford Revis, pastor of Third Baptist Church, colored, of Oxford.

J. B. Boone, of Thomasville, submitted the following:

#### REPORT ON WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

The last session of the college, which closed May 26, 1897, was probably the most prosperous of the sixty-two years of its history. Two hundred and sixty-five students were matriculated; forty-one graduated; one received the degree of Master of Arts; thirty-nine the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and seven the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

At the annual meeting of the Board a vacancy was filled by the election of Mr. J. C. Caddell.

The resignation of Rev. C. W. Blanchard as Financial Secretary was accepted, and the value of his work formally recognized. No changes were made in the Faculty.

Since the last meeting of the Convention some modifications have been made in the requirements for degrees. The range of election of studies has been somewhat widened, but graduation has not been rendered more easy thereby.

The collection of amounts pledged for the completion of the Royall Chair of English has been slower than could be desired. Of the \$25,000 needed, \$14,864.60 has been paid in and invested. Of this amount \$12,212.38 has come from individual givers and \$2,652.22 from the American Baptist Education Society in fulfillment of their conditional pledge.

The largest single contribution ever made to the library in the College was received last August from the venerable and honored President of the Board, Bro. T. E. Skinner. This notable addition to the educational facilities of the college consists of about 1,700 volumes. The thanks of the whole denomination are due to the giver.

A Summer School and a Pastor's Institute were inaugurated in the college during the last vacation. The former was a success. The latter was so thinly attended by our pastors that the Faculty do not feel encouraged to plan for another session during the vacation of 1898.

During the fall term of the session of 1897—1898 two hundred and twenty-five students have matriculated—fewer by twenty than were present at the corresponding period last year. The causes of this falling off are not far to seek, but it is needless to discuss them here. The session so far has been characterized by steady and successful work of the student body, with but few exceptions.

Especial attention is called to the continued growth and success of the Law Department of the college. The school of the Bible also continues to prove the wisdom of its establishment.

It is gratifying to note the establishment of associational academies in several sections of the State. These will naturally become feeders for Wake Forest and our Woman's College in Raleigh. The steady growth of educational interest among our people encourages the hope that at no distant day such high schools and academies will be organized and fostered by every Association in North Carolina.

The college has been fortunate in being able to secure the services of Mr. E. W. Sikes as its representative during the last few months. He has delivered effective addresses at a number of the Associations and at other places in the State. It is with pleasure that we report that this gentleman, who last June received from Johns Hopkins University his Ph. D., was on yesterday elected Professor of Economics and History, and was placed in charge of Physical Culture.

Since the old gymnasium was divided to provide quarters for the Law and Bible departments, no suitable provision has been made for physical culture. The college is temporarily placed at a disadvantage in this regard, and it is hoped that before the opening of the next session a new and ample gymnasium, with facilities for bathing, will be erected and equipped.

#### RELIGIOUS INTEREST IN THE COLLEGE.

There has been for the most part the usual interest in religious services. The young men's prayer meeting has been more largely attended than in many years. The monthly missionary meeting was, perhaps, never better. The students' Bible Band is doing good work in the study of the Gospel every Sunday afternoon.

J. B. BOONE.

D. L. GORE.

L. JOHNSON.

*Committee.*

Addresses were made by C. E. Taylor, T. E. Skinner and E. W. Sikes.

Adjourned to meet at 2.30 p. m. Benediction by J. H. Lamberth.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The President assumed the chair at the hour appointed, and the Convention was led in prayer by H. A. Brown, of Winston.

N. L. Shaw, for the Committee to Nominate Board of Education, reported the following, which was adopted :

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

W. L. Poteat, W. R. Gwaltney, W. B. Royall, D. W. Allen, C. E. Brewer, J. M. Brewer, J. B. Carlyle, L. Chappell, W. B. Dunn, G. W. Paschal, P. W. Johnson, L. R. Mills, J. B. Powers, F. M. Purefoy, N. Y. Gulley, C. E. Taylor, J. F. Lanneau, John Mitchell, W. R. Cullom, W. A. Montgomery, W. J. Ferrell, J. C. Caddell, T. E. Holding, J. H. Gorrell, B. F. Sledd, J. C. Fowler, W. C. Parker, L. W. Bagley.

The report on State Missions was then adopted.

Moved that the report on Sunday Schools and Colportage be now considered.

L. N. Chappell submitted report of Committee to Nominate Board of Missions and Sunday Schools, as follows :

## BOARD OF MISSIONS AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

John E. Ray, *Chairman*; John E. White, *Corresponding Secretary*; J. H. Alford, G. M. Allen, J. S. Allen, J. D. Boushall, C. B. Edwards, A. D. Hunter, J. B. Boone, J. M. Broughton, A. B. Forrest, S. W. Brewer, N. B. Broughton, J. C. Caddell, J. W. Carter, H. W. Norris, W. C. Douglass, J. C. Ellington, W. R. Gwaltney, F. P. Hobgood, J. N. Holding, E. C. Holleman, C. J. Hunter, W. N. Jones, W. A. Montgomery, T. E. Skinner, A. M. Simms, H. L. Watson, W. T. Faircloth, J. D. Huffman, H. C. Dockery, C. M. Cooke, W. L. Poteat, John T. Pullen, J. W. Bailey, J. H. Weathers, J. B. Brewer, J. S. Hardaway, J. P. Wyatt, B. W. Spilman, A. C. Barron, J. A. Mundy, W. R. Cullom.

*Ashe and Alleghany*, J. Ellis; *Atlantic*, C. W. Blanchard; *Alexander*, L. P. Gwaltney; *Beulah*, J. E. Jordan; *Bladen*, Wm. Brunt; *Brier Creek*; *Brushy Mountain*, J. L. Hemphill; *Caldwell*, J. V. McCall; *Cedar Creek*, R. W. Horrell; *Central*, P. A. Dunn; *Catawba River*, J. H. Hoffman; *Cape Fear*; *Chowan*, T. B. Boushall; *Columbus*; *Eastern*, L. R. Carroll; *Elkin*; *Flat River*, T. H. Street; *French Broad*; *Green River*, T. B. Justice; *Kings Mountain*, G. M. Webb; *Liberty*; *Little River*, J. M. Holleman; *Mecklenburg and Cabarrus*, R. H. Jordan; *Mitchell*; *Montgomery*; *Mt Zion*, G. J. Dowell; *Pee Dee*, J. G. Blalock; *Piedmont*, R.

W. Brooks; *Pilot Mountain*, H. A. Brown; *Raleigh*, J. M. White; *Roberson*, E. K. Proctor, Jr.; *Sandy Creek*, C. L. Greaves; *South Fork*, W. A. Graham; *South River*; *South Yadkin*, G. H. Church; *Stanly*; *Tar River*; *Three Forks*, W. S. Farthing; *Union*, H. C. Moore; *West Chowan*; *Yadkin*, V. M. Swaim; *Yancey*.

L. N. CHAPPELL,  
J. A. BEAM,  
W. S. OLIVE,  
S. W. OLDHAM,  
W. S. BILBRO,  
R. H. JORDAN,  
GEO. J. DOWELL,  
*Committee.*

W. S. Penick, Elizabeth City, submitted the report on Sunday Schools and Colportage which, after discussion by W. S. Penick, B. W. Spilman, N. B. Broughton and John E. White, was re-committed for certain amendments.

A. T. Robertson, Louisville, Ky., then addressed the Convention on the history and work of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. A collection in cash and pledges was taken for the Seminary amounting to \$650.

E. W. Sikes, for the Committee on Preachers and Place of Next Meeting, reported the following, which was adopted :

The Committee on Preacher and Place report the following: Introductory Sermon. Rev. W. S. Penick: Alternate, J. Q. Adams; Place, Greenville.

E. W. SIKES,  
B. F. HESTER,  
A. W. SETZER,  
H. W. NORRIS,  
HENRY SHEETS,  
*Committee.*

Adjourned, with benediction by A. E. Dickenson, to visit Oxford Female Seminary.

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#### SATURDAY EVENING.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. A. Mundy, of Reidsville, who read the 27th Psalm. C. F. James, of Virginia, led in prayer.

The report on the Baptist Female University was submitted by A. M. Simms, of Raleigh, as follows:

#### REPORT ON BAPTIST FEMALE UNIVERSITY.

Owing to the position which woman occupies in the family, and the close relationship which she therefore sustains to all that pertains to the highest welfare of the human race, no more important subject can claim our attention than that of woman's preparation for life.

As *she* is refined and cultured, and spiritualized, all the influences and streams of life feel her power, just as the heart of all the people answers when the strings of a harp are swept by a music loving soul.

The Baptists have given to the world many noble women whose ministrations have helped to sweeten the life of the suffering people, and there are in our homes, *to-day*, girls as noble hearted and as richly endowed by nature as any age has produced. To give to them, from the humblest to the highest, an opportunity to equip themselves educationally for life, must be our work, if we are to be true to our trust.

The schools we have are doing good work, and we thank God for them, as we do for every institution that has breathed a noble ambition and a pure hope into a life of eternal possibilities.

But a female university is a necessity to our work, and the heart of our people, that never quails before difficulties nor despairs in the midst of suffering, has laid hold of it, and has said, "By the grace of God it shall be."

The roof is now on the building, which is one of the handsomest structures in the State: the scaffolding is being taken down and the windows boarded up for the winter. If our people will give us the means to push the work the school could be opened next fall. This we hope and pray may be done. It will take \$20,000 to enable us to do this, but the responses which our people have already made and the noble hearts that are interested in the enterprise, lead us to hope it will be done.

Hundreds of girls are waiting to come, and thousands of parents and children are praying that He, who has given to us so many sources of joy in the past, will add this also.

We call to every Baptist heart, be with us in this work.

A. M. SIMMS,  
 J. W. CARTER,  
 W. B. MORTON,  
 JAMES SMITH,  
 J. J. PAYSEUR,  
 S. A. HOWARD,  
 C. H. DURHAM,  
*Committee.*

The report was discussed by President F. W. Boatwright, of Richmond, N. B. Broughton and O. L. Stringfield. Collection and subscriptions, payable by September 1st, 1898, for the University, were taken, amounting to \$4,714. The report was adopted.

Convention then adjourned.

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## SUNDAY.

Various pulpits in Oxford and vicinity were occupied by members of the Convention. The following were the appointments:

*Baptist Church.*—Sunday School: Rev. R. T. Vann, Jno. E. Ray, Arch. Johnson; 11 a. m., Rev. A. J. Barton; 3 o'clock p. m., Sunday School Mass Meeting: N. B. Broughton, Rev. B. W. Spilman, J. W. Bailey; 7.30 p. m., Mass Meeting on Orphanage.

*Presbyterian Church.*—Sunday School: Rev. W. F. Watson, Rev. James Long; 11 a. m., Rev. Thos. Needham; 7.30 p. m., Rev. Thos. E. Skinner, D. D.

*Methodist Episcopal Church.*—Sunday School: Rev. R. F. Tredway, Rev. J. J. Payseur; 11 a. m., Rev. J. W. Carter; 7.30 p. m., Rev. J. A. Mundy.

*Orphan Asylum.*—Rev. C. S. Cashwell at 3 p. m.

*Horner School.*—Rev. Thomas Hume, D. D.

*Enon Baptist Church.*—Rev. C. B. Justice.

*Poor House.*—Rev. John Lewis.

*Hester's Baptist Church.*—Rev. Josiah Elliott.

*First Baptist Church, Colored.*—11 a. m., Rev. W. R. Gwaltney; 7.30 p. m., Rev. Jno. E. White.

*M. E. Church, Colored.*—11 a. m., Rev. Hight C. Moore.

*Second Baptist Church, (Penn Ave.)*—11 a. m., Rev. A. J. Cleveland; 7.30 p. m., Rev. L. R. Pruett.

*Presbyterian Church, Colored.*—11 a. m., Rev. Jno. T. Edmundson; 7.30 p. m., Rev. G. W. Church.

Convention exercises for the evening were opened with music, reading of the 41st Psalm by W. B. Royall, of Wake Forest, and prayer by A. Cree, of Seaboard.

The President called the body to order. The report on the Orphanage was read as follows by J. C. Scarborough, of Murfreesboro:

#### REPORT ON THOMASVILLE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Convention which met in the First Baptist Church of Raleigh in the Fall of 1884 had before it for consideration a resolution to commit the Convention to the establishment and support of an Orphanage for the care and training of indigent orphan children. A considerable number of our brethren in that Convention were found to be opposed to the passage of the resolution, thinking the movement unwise and such an institution unnecessary. The discussion was spirited, but without harshness. The brethren did not see alike.

The friends of the resolution feared it would not pass. Those opposing feared it would pass. Under these circumstances its friends thought it wise to withdraw the resolution from further consideration by the Convention, and to organize a Baptist Orphanage Association apart from the Convention, which Association should have for its object the establishment of an orphanage for the care and training of indigent orphan children.

The Association was accordingly organized during that session of the Convention. Two committees were appointed. One to procure a charter from the Legislature, which was to meet in January, 1885. The other to select and procure, by gift or purchase, a site for the proposed orphanage. The site near Thomasville was selected and procured by purchase before the end of the year 1884. The charter was procured from the Legislature of 1885 for "The North Carolina Baptist Orphanage Association." Some years later it was changed to "The Board of Trustees of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage," composed of eighteen members, with powers of self-perpetuation.

We deem it unnecessary in this report to go more particularly into the details of the history of its first beginning. It is sufficient to say that the first orphan was registered on the roll at the Orphanage on November 11th, 1885. All opposition ceased immediately on the beginning of the active work of caring for orphan children. The sympathies of our people went out to the institution, and their contributions were sent in liberal measure for the support of the children.

The first report made to the Convention of the Orphanage and its work was made at the session in Reidsville in the Fall of 1886.

Since the establishment of the Orphanage 480 children have been enrolled from 69 counties in North Carolina. There are now present 164.



There are on the grounds 16 brick buildings. Five of these buildings are occupied by the orphans as homes and dormitories.

The Central School Building was completed and occupied on the 7th of last June. The building and equipments cost about \$6,000. Every dollar of its cost has been raised and paid. The condition of the Orphanage is excellent, considering the pressure of the times. The institution is practically out of debt for current expenses. The contributions are from a very much larger scope than ever before, and the outlook is hopeful.

But the Orphanage is not yet complete. There is pressing need now of a Home for the General Manager. Your Committee recommend that such steps be taken by this Convention as may be needful to commend the building of a suitable home for the General Manager to our pastors and churches for their consideration and contributions. It is the present necessity of our Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN C. SCARBOROUGH, *Chairman,*  
*For Committee.*

The report was discussed by John C. Scarborough, J. B. Boone, General Manager of the Orphanage, J. D. Hufham, R. T. Vann and H. B. Duffy. Subscriptions were taken for the purpose of erecting a new building at the Orphanage amounting to \$1,260.

The Convention then adjourned.

## MONDAY MORNING.

Convention met at 9.30 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by T. E. Skinner, of Raleigh.

Minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read, corrected, and approved.

W. C. Tyree read the report on Periodicals as follows:

### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

If one were called upon to mention the factors that have made this the foremost of all ages, he must name the pulpit, the platform, the school-house and the printing press. This last agency stands along beside the pulpit in power. Every business enterprise seeking popular support invokes the aid of the printer; and any party or sect that un-

dertakes the problem of existence without the support of a newspaper invites extinction.

The *Biblical Recorder* has stood for sixty years and more, the faithful friend and sturdy helper of every object dear to this Convention. Missions, Sunday Schools, Education, and Orphanage work all find in it a staunch supporter. It may be doubted whether any other single agency has done more to bring our denomination in this State to its present high position.

The duty of supporting the *Recorder* is twofold. In doing so we are best promoting the Kingdom of God among men, while at the same time we are enlarging our own spiritual growth. It is ably and fearlessly edited, and the reduction of its price to \$1.50 has removed the only difficulty ever urged in the way of its general circulation among our Baptist people.

In *Charity and Children* we have the official organ of our Orphanage. Its holy mission and its clean, elevating, stimulating matter commend it to every lover of his race.

We owe it to our denomination and to those men who are freely giving their labor to the cause, to exert ourselves in the support and perpetuation of the *Baptist Historical Papers*.

The *Foreign Mission Journal*, of Richmond, represents the Foreign Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention. It may be had at 35 cents per copy or 25 cents in clubs of ten.

*Our Home Field*, which looks after the work of Home Missions in the South, is published in Atlanta, and may be had for 10 cents a year or 5 cents in clubs of ten.

We would also make mention of the *North Carolina Baptist* as a most excellent religious paper.

R. T. VANN,  
J. H. LAMBERTH,  
A. C. BARRON,  
W. C. TYREE,  
SAMUEL SAUNDERS,  
J. A. CAMPBELL,  
*Committee.*

Remarks were made by John C. Scarborough, J. D. Huffman, A. M. Simms, J. E. White, N. B. Broughton, T. E. Skinner, A. E. Dickenson, of Richmond, J. W. Bailey.

The following amendment to the report, offered by L. Johnson, was accepted and the whole adopted:

#### AMENDMENT.

We cannot overestimate the value and importance of a denominational organ. It is the medium through which the churches, homes

and individuals are reached with the clarion call for united effort in the Lord's work; it is the agency which elicits, combines and directs the thought and energies of our people, unites them in sympathy and interest and educates them in the spirit of progress and large undertaking for the Kingdom of God in the earth. It is a cause for gratitude to God that the Baptists of North Carolina throughout the last sixty-three years of their history have had such an organ as the *Biblical Recorder*. Every succeeding year of its splendid work vindicates the wisdom and commends the foresight of our fathers who founded the *Recorder* and consecrated it to the defence of Christ, His truth and humanity's common cause of Justice and Liberty. The *Recorder* never deserved the large and general support as it does to-day. The price has been reduced to meet the conditions of all our people. It is ably and fearlessly edited. It is commended to our people by a popular representative. It is under the proprietorship of two of the most loyal and capable Baptists in the State. Therefore be it

*Resolved 1.* That the Baptist State Convention commend and approve the course of brethren Edwards & Broughton in reducing the price of the *Recorder* to \$1.50, and appreciate the faith in our support which this reduction indicates and that we hereby pledge ourselves during the coming year to the effort to give the *Recorder* a circulation of 10,000 in our State.

*2.* That the Convention again approves the present editorial management of the paper, and pledges to the editor, J. W. Bailey, its continued support and sympathy in his effort to promote the development of our people and defend the principles and interests of the denomination.

*3.* That we gratefully acknowledge the valuable work of the traveling agent Bro. J. C. Caddell. While primarily representing the *Recorder*, he has thrown his whole soul into all our denominational work, and has taken every occasion to speak a word for the work.

G. L. Finch reported the following telegram of response to students in the Seminary at Louisville:

OXFORD, N. C., Dec. 13, 1897.

*North Carolina Students, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary,  
care Rev. W. R. Weaver, New York Hall, Louisville, Ky.*

We send greeting. Psalm 122, verses 6 and 7. G. L. FINCH,  
*For Baptist State Convention.*

T. L. Blalock, missionary to China, was recognized and welcomed to the Convention.

L. Johnson presented the following report on Woman's Work, which was adopted:

## REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

It is with great pleasure that we note the excellent report submitted by the Woman's Central Committee. It is only in recent years that we have come to recognize the importance of woman's work.

The amount contributed is very gratifying. Nearly one-fourth of the amount contributed to Foreign Missions, and three-fourths of the Home Mission fund came from the Woman's Missionary Societies, while State Missions and other objects of the Convention were liberally supported. The Committee is able to report a larger increase in its contributions than any year in its history.

As an educational agency it is invaluable. Perhaps no other agency has done such effective work in disseminating information and awakening interest in missions.

The letters written, the missionary literature scattered like autumn leaves, are seeds that must bring a blessed harvest in the years to come.

All this has been done with no expense. Especial mention should be made of the worthy President, who is consecrating her life to this work.

We most heartily commend the efforts of these noble women, and bid them God speed in all their undertakings.

L. JOHNSON,  
*For Committee.*

Thomas Hume, of Chapel Hill, offered the following report on Obituaries, which was adopted:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The necrology of this year has to do mainly with faithful men, the unrecognized private soldiers of the host of God's elect, names not known to the great world, but written in the Lamb's Book of Life. If they are not recorded here, it is not for want of grateful love for their memory, but because no one has supplied the means for telling of these silent heroes.

A few brethren have rendered such important service to churches and benevolent institutions that they must needs be commemorated.

Brother W. W. Mitchell of Ahoskie, in the West Chowan Association, fell asleep in his eighty-seventh year after a life of devoted usefulness. Chowan Institute and the whole Baptist fraternity hold him in thankful love. He gave four thousand dollars to rescue the honored school at a crisis in its history, and aided in raising one thousand more. Other good deeds marked the career of this godly and active believer.

We could not omit to mention the useful life and Christian service of an honored physician, Dr. Victor McBrayer, a member of the Shelby church, who rests well after good work.

Rev. J. S. Bullard, of the South River Association, died in his sixty-ninth year.

Dr. A. B. Roberson, senior deacon of the Chapel Hill Church, ceased from his labors all too soon, as it might seem to our short sight. Useful and helpful in his profession, practical and successful in business, earnest and faithful in his Christian course, his church lost a wise counsellor and devoted member.

Bro. Hugh K. Reid, of Reidsville, has just died at the age of eighty, after remarkable activity maintained almost to the last. Hesitating long before joining the church, he became one of its most serviceable members. He managed his large business interests with honorable skill and most successful results. He declined political position towards which his family associations and his knowledge of affairs might have tempted him. He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.

#### MAJ. W. W. VASS.\*

BY REV. THOS. E. SKINNER, D. D.

The city of Raleigh has been called upon to give up many of her influential and useful citizens. We have attended their funerals and lamented their departure and our loss, but how have we taken their lives and deaths as lessons and warnings to our hearts?

"For over fifty years," says his biographer, "Maj. Vass has been an earnest, consistent communicant of the Baptist church, and has ever carried his religion into his every-day business life. His name is held in the warmest esteem and confidence wherever known. It was said of him, 'His ability is great; his honesty crystal.'"

But what if the subject of this obituary notice has played the man so well in secular life; what if he had exceeded all other men in secular enterprise; of what avail now would all these things be if he had not found the "pearl of great price," the "one thing needful," the "better part," which was not taken from him here, nor ever shall be?

I have often heard him relate the circumstances of his awakening, for all men are naturally asleep to spiritual things, of the alarm to which his high nervous temperament was subjected at the sight of himself as a sinner lost; of how he feared that death might cut off his escape from the wrath to come; of how fear drove away the possibility of belief in His Word and trust in His promises; of how the two destinies, "Life" and "Destruction" shone with a clear light, and looked with fierce, piercing eyes.

Then the two courses of conduct set so plainly before him, the "narrow way" and the "broad way," he saw as never before that there was no middle way; no neutrality between Satan and God; no serving two masters. He seemed to stand at the meeting of two ways. The

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\*Copied from *News and Observer*, Raleigh, N. C.

enemy of all souls beholding the situation, said, "Do as you like." "One like unto the Son of Man" replied, "There is but one way to eternal life; I am the way—the way of truth, the way of life, of obedience, of holiness." Away, then, with self-righteousness and pride of sins, and turn unto the way of practical obedience to God. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve," and remember that the narrow way is rough and steep. On the other hand, the broad way seems easier at the start, but on that path you will lose your life—in that way lies death.

Thus was set before him life and death, and he chose the better way, and now he wears the crown of life.

A few days before his departure, I asked him how he felt in view of his positive assertion, "I shall never go out of this house again." His reply was calm and assuring, reminding me of the words of the convert to Christ in Greenland who, when asked by the missionary the day before his death how he felt, replied, "I shall not rise from this bed again; I am called home to the Lord. My desire is fixed on my heavenly country, where I shall behold Him whom I love, and who loves me." When asked whether he feared death, "Oh, no. How can I love Christ and fear death. The death of Christ was the death of Death."

A few years ago, in some reminiscences of members of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh, I wrote: "Among the older members, and among the most useful men in the church, is our worthy and aged brother, W. W. Vass, Sr. Always in his pew, a discernor of men and their talents, without being over critical. His constant presence was an example and a blessing to all the people, with his singularly circumspect walk as a disciple of Christ. Not that he is faultless, for to such an inference no one would more earnestly object than he."

Let this be our prayer: "Teach me so to live, that I may dread the grave as little as my bed." This is my prayer, for the Scriptures declare that Christ has "abolished" and "destroyed" death: that "who-soever believeth in Him shall never die;" that the believer "shall not taste death." The great end of life is to learn how to die. May the consoling and comforting presence of the Lord abide with the bereaved family, and the church of which for forty-nine years he was a member, and with the community.

THOMAS HUME,

THOMAS E. SKINNER,

*For the Committee.*

John Mitchell, of Wake Forest, offered the report on Education, which was received and ordered printed in the Minutes. Remarks by John Mitchell.

The report is as follows:

## REPORT ON BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The work of the Board has been fairly good during the year. Thirty-one young ministers were aided by the Board in the Spring Term. In order to relieve the Board of debt it was thought best to reduce the number of beneficiaries for a while. So only twenty-three were received for the Fall Term, and three of these did not return. To this number three have been added since, and others will be at the opening of the Spring Term in January next. There are now a dozen or more applications for aid, and it is most devoutly wished that the Board might be able to assist all the worthy young ministers who apply.

The importance of the work cannot be over-estimated. It is growing upon us, and we should enlarge our contributions to the Board, that they might be able to give this timely aid to the young ministers for the Master's sake.

We are glad to be able to report that the Board is now practically out of debt. All outstanding notes and obligations have been cancelled, and the current expenses paid up to date, except the salary of the Corresponding Secretary, which is due from January 1st 1897—11 months at \$20 per month, \$220. This may be reduced by the amount in the hands of the Treasurer.

The annual account of the Secretary, itemized, is as follows :

## DEBITS.

Received of J. D. Boushall, Treas.....	\$ 2,564 67
Jan. 4. Borrowed W. J. Ferrell.....	300 00
Mar. 1.     "      C. E. Erewer.....	100 00
Mar. 22.     "      "      ".....	50 00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 3,014 67</b>

## CREDITS.

Balance due on last year account.....	\$ 31 52
Paid out as per receipts.....	3,080 84
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	\$ 3,112 36
Leaving amount due on open account .....	\$97 69

The above account, itemized, has been audited and certified as follows :

"I have carefully examined the above accounts of Rev. Dr. John Mitchell, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, beginning November 10, 1896, and closing December 1, 1897, and find them correct and properly vouched, with a balance of ninety-seven dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$97.69) due the Secretary.

JOHN M. BREWER,  
*Auditor.*"

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN MITCHELL,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

J. W. Bailey offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the functions of the office of Statistical Secretary, with the provisions for the maintenance of that office, be merged into the office of Corresponding Secretary.

Secretary J. E. White presented the report of Treasurer J. D. Boushall. It was ordered printed in the Minutes:

REPORT OF J. D. BOUSHALL, TREASURER BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, NOVEMBER 9, 1896, TO DECEMBER 4, 1897.

STATE MISSIONS.		
Balance.....		\$189 37
By amount received.....		\$15,266 07
To Paid:		
N. B. Broughton, Recording Secretary.....	25 00	
Hight C. Moore, Recording Secretary.....	25 00	
Edwards & Broughton, printing Minutes..	35 00	
Dr. N. B. Cobb, salary as Statistical Sec..	33 34	
Edwards & Broughton, printing.....	75 00	
Part Expenses Women's Central Com.....	44 40	
Rev. John E. White, salary as Cor. Sec....	820 00	
Rev. John E. White, Cor. Sec., traveling expenses.....	150 00	
Rent of Mission Rooms.....	67 01	
J. D. Boushall, Treasurer, salary.....	75 00	
Amount paid on Co-operation.....	633 32	
Amount paid sundry missionaries.....	14,172 85	
Balance.....		1,069 22
	<u>\$16,335 29</u>	<u>\$16,335 29</u>
FOREIGN MISSIONS.		
Balance.....		\$406 48
By amount received.....		8,854 26
To Paid:		
Amount sent direct.....	\$878 86	
Part Expenses Women's Central Com.....	88 81	
Edwards & Broughton, printing Minutes..	20 00	
Rent of Mission Rooms.....	52 17	
Rev. John E. White, Cor. Sec., salary.....	533 00	
Rev. John E. White, Cor. Sec., traveling expenses.....	55 00	
J. D. Boushall, Treasurer, salary.....	50 00	
Amount sent S. S. Board, Nashville.....	14 03	
Edwards & Broughton, printing.....	60 50	
Expenses Vice Presidents.....	19 21	
Amount sent Foreign Mission Board.....	6,560 00	
Balance.....	929 13	
	<u>\$9,260 74</u>	<u>\$9,260 74</u>



HOME MISSIONS.

Balance .....		\$283 56
By amount received.....		5,668 54
To Paid:		
Edwards & Broughton, printing Minutes..	\$20 00	
Appropriation to N. C. Board of Missions..	500 00	
Part Expenses Women's Central Com.....	44 40	
Rent of Mission Rooms.....	21 34	
Rev. John E. White, Cor. Sec., salary.....	350 00	
Rev. John E. White, Cor. Sec., traveling expenses.....	50 00	
J. D. Boushall, Treasurer, salary.....	50 00	
Edwards & Broughton, printing.....	48 15	
Amount paid on Co-operation.....	722 62	
Amount sent direct.....	351 52	
Amount paid Home Mission Board.....	3,128 63	
Balance.....	665 44	
	\$5,952 10	\$5,952 10

EDUCATION—*Ministerial Education.*

Balance.....	\$32 68	
By amount received.....		2,814 30
To Paid;		
Edwards & Broughton, printing Minutes..	20 00	
Salary J. D. Boushall, Treasurer.....	15 00	
Dr. John Mitchell, Sec'y, vouchers.....	2,488 59	
Balance.....	248 03	
Total.....	\$2,814 30	\$2,814 30
Amount contributed to Royall Chair (Wake Forest, Endowment).....		\$5,176 80
Amount contributed to Baptist Female University - { Cash.....\$5,090 26 {		6,140 26
Real Estate... 1,050 00 {		
Total for Education.....		\$14,131 36

ORPHANAGE.

(*Figures furnished by Ivey Allen, Treasurer.*)

Cash contributions.....	\$7,625 16
Subscriptions to <i>Charity and Children</i> .....	1,901 56
Contributions to Central Building.....	2,155 94
Contributions in kind.....	1,366 79
Total.....	\$13,049 45

## MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND.

By balance .....		\$3 20	
Amount received .....			915 92
To Paid:			
Edwards & Broughton, printing Minutes..	\$10 00		
Paul T. E. Cheek, Treasurer.....	867 25		
Balance.....	41 87		
	\$919 12	\$919 12	

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

By amount received.....		\$223 10	
To Paid:			
Edwards & Broughton, printing.....	\$30 00		
B. W. Spilman, S. S. Missionary.....	193 32		
Balance.....			22
	\$223 32	\$223 32	

## STUDENTS' AID FUND (LOUISVILLE.)

By amount received.....		\$50 05	
To Paid:			
Dr. E. C. Dargan, Treasurer.....	\$50 05		
	\$50 05	\$50 05	
Amount sent direct, estimated.....		\$500 00	

## BAPTIST BOOK STORE.

By Balance .....		\$5 88	
Donation S. S. Board, Nashville .....		400 00	
Receipts of store.....		7,385 95	
To Paid:			
Edwards & Broughton, printing Minutes	\$30 00		
Edwards & Broughton, printing and mdse.	100 00		
Salary Rev. B. W. Spilman, Secretary	300 00		
Salary H. L. Watson, Clerk .....	650 00		
Salary J. D. Boushall, Treasurer.....	60 00		
Rent.....	358 32		
Water rent.....	4 42		
Fuel, lights, insurance, etc.....	172 87		
Donations and discounts .....	111 99		
Postage, box rent, etc.....	99 26		
Sunday School literature and books .....	5,951 38		
Balance.....		43 41	
	\$7,838 24	\$7,838 24	

## THE "DURHAM DEBT."

By amount received in 1896.....		\$254 85
Amount received in 1897.....		144 10
Paid Mrs. Durham at sundry times.....	377 55	
Paid Mrs. Durham balance January 5, 1897.....	21 40	
	\$398 95	\$398 95

## SUMMARY.

State Missions.....		\$16,335 29
Foreign Missions.....		9,260 74
Home Missions.....		5,952 10
Education:		
Ministerial.....	\$2,814 30	
Wake Forest Endowment.....	5,176 80	
Baptist Female University.....	6,140 26	14,131 36
Orphanage:		
Cash.....	7,625 16	
<i>Charity and Children</i> .....	1,901 56	
Central Building.....	2,155 94	
In kind.....	1,366 79	13,049 45
Ministerial Relief.....		919 12
Sunday School Mission Work.....		223 32
Students' Aid Fund.....		550 05
Baptist Book store.....		7,838 24
The "Durham Debt".....		398 95
Church Extension, estimated.....		60,000 00
		\$128,658 62

J. D. BOUSHALL.

*Treasurer Baptist State Convention.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of J. D. Boushall, Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, for the past conventional year, comparing the same with the acknowledgements in the *Biblical Recorder*. I find all accounts, with the various objects of the Convention, to be correct, and disbursements supported by proper vouchers.

W. N. JONES.

*Auditor North Carolina Baptist State Convention.*

J. A. Stradley, for the Committee, reported as follows:

## MINISTERIAL RELIEF BOARD.

Your Committee to Nominate Ministerial Relief Board, recommend the following names to compose this Board:

W. C. Tyree, G. J. Dowell, J. F. McDuffie, N. B. Broughton, H. A. Foushee, H. A. Reams, T. E. Cheek, J. L. Markham, J. S. Hardaway, T. H. Street, O. C. Horton.

J. A. STRADLEY,  
 J. W. BURCHETT,  
 O. C. HORTON,  
 G. L. FINCH,  
 M. BLALOCK,  
 JOHN W. SUTTLE,  
 W. B. WAFF,  
*Committee.*

Josiah Elliott submitted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 AND COLPORTAGE COMMITTEE.

N. B. Broughton, *Chairman*: A. M. Simms, Jno. E. White, W. N. Jones, John E. Ray, S. W. Brewer, W. C. Douglass, W. L. Poteat, John T. Pullen, J. D. Boushall, J. W. Bailey, J. H. Weathers, J. W. Carter, R. N. Simms, J. B. Brewer, J. M. Broughton, W. R. Cullom,

JOSIAH ELLIOTT,  
*For Committee.*

J. W. Bailey offered the following resolution, which was carried unanimously:

*Resolved*, That this Convention reiterates the position it has taken in behalf of the Voluntary Principle in Higher Education, the prime importance of Christian Education, and sufficient provisions for the education of all the people.

J. D. Newton offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Baptists of North Carolina, assembled in Convention, do express their sympathy with the unfortunate feeble-minded children in our State: and we therefore favor the idea of some practical effort being made with reference to the establishment of a suitable home for the training and development of these mentally affected persons, which, it is supposed, now numbers more than one thousand within the limits of North Carolina.

Thomas Hume presented the following resolution, which was heartily adopted:

*Resolved*, The Convention renders its grateful tribute to Oxford and its hospitable people, under the leadership of Pastor Hardaway and Chairman Hancock, for their generous and graceful entertainment of so large a body of delegates and visitors. Our thanks are due to the pastors and members of all Christian communions, to the Oxford Female Seminary and the Oxford Orphan Asylum for delightful receptions and specially prepared exercises for our benefit, to the Horner School, and to the railroad companies.

On motion, it is ordered that fifteen hundred copies of the Minutes be printed, and that the Secretaries be allowed the usual fees.

The Convention then adjourned, to meet in Greenville, N. C., on Thursday night before the second Sunday in December, 1898.

R. H. MARSH,  
*President.*

N. B. BROUGHTON,  
HIGHT C. MOORE,  
*Secretaries.*



# APPENDIX.

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

- Abernathy, J. W., Matthews.  
Adams, E. J., Richmond Hill.  
Adams, J. Q., Wadesboro.  
Adams, M. A., Apex.  
Adams, M. H., Venable.  
Adams, J. J., Southport.  
Adderton, W. S., Denton.  
Alderman, J. O., High Point.  
Allen, W. M., Fletcher.  
Allison, E., Brevard.  
Aman, D. F., Marines.  
Ammons, J. A., Needmore.  
Ammons, J. M., Halewood.  
Ammons, John, Outlook.  
Anderson, C. J. F., So. Bp. Theo. Sem.  
Anderson, J. W., Asheville.  
Angel, Jas. J., Boonville.  
Annas, J. R. J., Monbo.  
Arrington, C. C., Shelton.  
Atkinson, J. W., Neuse.  
Austin, D. M., Charlotte.  
Austin, J. H., Rockingham.  
Bailey, L. J., Walnut Run.  
Baldwin, M., Winston.  
Baldwin, T. M., Rise.  
Baldwin, J. R., Silas Creek.  
Ballard, W. S., Southport.  
Ballard, J. M., Doolie.  
Bardwin, J. H., Silas Creek.  
Barker, A. N., Grade.  
Barker, H. M., Peachtree.  
Barker, W. F., Bud.  
Barnes, S. D., Boomer.  
Barnes, S. B., Lewiston.  
Barnes, K., Sterling.  
Barrett, W. C., Raleigh.  
Barron, A. C., Charlotte.  
Barr, J. S., Pinckton.  
Barrett, E. B., Peachland.  
Bartlett, G. A., Franklin.  
Bassett, J. E., Asheville.  
Beach, W. R., King's Creek.  
Beam, J. A., Bethel Hill.  
Beamer, W. H., Pine Ridge.  
Beard, C. E., Winnie.  
Beaver, C. E., Mt. Holly.  
Beeker, S. J., Michael.  
Beck, A. W., Calhoun.  
Bell, J. W., Clinton.  
Bennett, J., Iredell.  
Bennett, J. L., Marshville.  
Bennett, J. M., Marshville.  
Betts, Alvin, Raleigh.  
Betts, A. L., Raleigh.  
Betts, J. T., Whiteville.  
Bilbro, W. L., Warsaw.  
Bivens, J. A., Richardson's Creek.  
Blackburn, S., Crumpler.  
Blalock, J. C., Ledger.  
Blalock, T. L., Ching Kiang, China.  
Blalock, J. G., Rockingham.  
Blanchard, C. W., Cary.  
Bland, Wm., Hawley's Store.  
Blevins, John, Hermitage.  
Blevins, B., Absher.  
Blevins, E., Blevins.  
Blevins, C., Hermitage.  
Blythe, James, Saluda.  
Bobbitt, E. C., Michenor.  
Boone, J. B., Thomasville.  
Boone, J. R., Estatote.  
Booth, J. N., Washington.  
Bordeaux, A. J., Doughton.  
Bostick, W. M., Troy.  
Bostick, G. P., Shanghai, China.  
Bostic, W. D., Wake Forest.  
Boyd, J. P., Polkton.  
Bradley, J. A., Grape Vine.  
Bradley, W. T., Morgan Hill.  
Bradshaw, E. T., Cora.  
Bradshaw, W. R., North Wilkesboro.  
Bray, G. N., S. B. T. Seminary.  
Bridgers, S. A., Forest City.  
Bridges, B. M., Lattimore.  
Bridgers, J. M., Waco.  
Bridges, D. P., Catawba.  
Bridges, J. D., New House.  
Briggs, H. W., Bald Creek.  
Briggs, J. W., Mars Hill.  
Briggs, W. K., Briggsville.  
Bright, A., Spring Creek.  
Bright, T., Murphy.  
Brindle, J. A., Cary.  
Brisson, Wm., Guyton.

- Britton, T. C., Soo Chow, China.  
 Bristow, S. F., Coleraine.  
 Britt, J. L., Turkey.  
 Brock, T. J., Acton.  
 Brooks, C. V., Lemon Springs.  
 Brooks, G. W., Brevard.  
 Brookshier, J. L., Flat Rock.  
 Brown, Asa, Riverside.  
 Brown, A. E., Asheville.  
 Brown, J. W., Absher.  
 Brown, C. C., Hamptonville.  
 Brown, H. A., Winston.  
 Brown, Joel, Elkville.  
 Brown, W. G., Cross Roads Church.  
 Brunt, Wm., Winnie.  
 Bryan, L., Cypress Creek.  
 Bryan, R. T., Shanghai, China.  
 Buchanan, C. S., Barker.  
 Buchanan, J. W., Minneapolis.  
 Buchanan, J. L., Barker.  
 Buchanan, S., Plum Tree.  
 Buchanan, W. S., Bakersville.  
 Buchanan, E., Bakersville.  
 Bullard, D. S., Roseboro.  
 Bumgardner, A. P., Caesar.  
 Bumgardner, W. J., Swanner.  
 Burcham, G. M., Elkin.  
 Burcham, A. J., Mt. Airy.  
 Burchett, J. W., Trap Hill.  
 Burfoot, A. W., Hertford.  
 Burgess, C. S., Wake Forest.  
 Butler, A. A., Franklinton.  
 Byrd, R. L., Tolarsville.  
 Byrd, W. F., Trap Hill.  
 Caines, G. C., Orton.  
 Caldwell, W. R., Robbinsville.  
 Caldwell, Jno. W., Loretta.  
 Cale, D., Potecasi.  
 Callahan, N. A., White Hall.  
 Calhoun, C. L., Medlin.  
 Calhoun, T. J., Medlin.  
 Camp, T. C., Tusquitee.  
 Campbell, A. N., Poe's.  
 Campbell, J. A., Poe's.  
 Campbell, Neal, Grayson.  
 Carroll, R. D., Davis.  
 Carroll, S. T., Stony Fork.  
 Carriek, Thomas, High Point.  
 Carlton, W. F., Summit.  
 Carswell, Z., Euola.  
 Carter, I. M., Bernice.  
 Carter, Henry, Garland.  
 Carter, J. W., Raleigh.  
 Carter, T. S., Palestine.  
 Cashwell, C. S., Hickory.  
 Cashwell, J., Bladenboro.  
 Cassiday, W. A., Trail Branch.  
 Caudle, A. B., Waxhaw.  
 Caudle, R. T., Rockingham.  
 Caudle, J. J., Dockery.  
 Chafin, M. S., Calahan.  
 Chambers, S. A., Waynesville.  
 Chappell, W. Y., Flint.  
 Chappell, L. N., Wakefield.  
 Cheek, F. B., Whitehead.  
 Church, G. H., Statesville.  
 Church, J. W., Reedy Branch.  
 Clark, D. J., Register.  
 Clark, F. P., Dogwood.  
 Clark, M. L., Morganton.  
 Clark, N. L., Chambers.  
 Clarke, J. D., St. Paul's.  
 Clement, A. B., Bushnell.  
 Clenny, L. M., Silver.  
 Cleveland, F. L., Chapel Hill.  
 Clayton, Clubb, Sexton.  
 Cobb, N. B., Harrell's Store.  
 Cobb, T. J., Chadbourn.  
 Cobb, J. W., Lumber Bridge.  
 Coleman, A., Murphy.  
 Coley, W. J., Northside.  
 Collie, D. S., Bryson City.  
 Collins, J. W., Polk.  
 Comer, J. Q., Hamptonville.  
 Comer, W. T., Lovelace.  
 Compton, M. C., Clyde.  
 Conner, W. E., Quallatown.  
 Conrad, S. F., Winston.  
 Cook, H. B., Medlin.  
 Cook, J. H., Lark.  
 Coppedge, G. W., Wakefield.  
 Corn, A. J., Grange.  
 Corn, Noah, Little Creek.  
 Corpening, I. N., Blowing Rock.  
 Corpening, J. S., Burlington.  
 Cothren, Grant, Trap Hill.  
 Crabtree, A. W., Arlington.  
 Crabtree, W. A., Durham.  
 Creath, W. T., Elmo.  
 Cree, A., Seaboard.  
 Cree, A. C., Wake Forest.  
 Creech, Worley, Micro.  
 Crews, R. W., Germanton.  
 Crisp, J. F., Norris.  
 Crisp, E. D., Upton.  
 Crisp, R. H., Dorsey.  
 Croom, H. M., Lawndale.  
 Cross, R. D., Windsor.  
 Crocker, W. E.  
 Crumpler, J. C., Hope Mills.  
 Cullom, W. R., Wake Forest.  
 Cunningham, H. A., Swain.  
 Current, J. M., Buck Shoal.  
 Curtis, L. M., Aulander.  
 Davenport, J. E. M., Crozer Theo. Sem.  
 Dartz, T. F., Barker.  
 Davis, A., Low Gap.  
 Davis, W. H., Smithfield.



- Davis, A. C., Unionville.  
 Davis, A. W., Barker.  
 Davis, J. F., Boone.  
 Delhart, T. S., Swain.  
 Dennis, J. D., Polk.  
 Denton, J. R., Dysartsville.  
 Devin, R. I., Oxford.  
 Devenny, J. V., Wake Forest.  
 Deweese, E. A., Hanging Dog.  
 Deweese, L., Outlook.  
 Deweese, W. W., Burningtown.  
 Dietz, J. S., Pearson.  
 Dietz, T. F., Barker.  
 Dixon, L. R., Goldston.  
 Dixon, T., Shelby.  
 Dobson, J. H., Atkinson.  
 Douglas, J. J., Clinton.  
 Dowell, G. J., Lumberton.  
 Dowell, J., Jennings.  
 Driver, R. P., Earpsboro.  
 Duke, G. M., Dukes.  
 Duncan, T. M., Beaver Creek.  
 Duncan, J. W., Ledger.  
 Duncan, H. J., Clinton.  
 Dunn, W. C., Balsam Grove.  
 Durham, C. H., Gastonia.  
 Earl, J. M., Swain.  
 Early, D. W., Aulander.  
 Edmundson, John T., Vaughns.  
 Edwards, A. A., Winnabow.  
 Edwards, D. D., Morrisville.  
 Edwards, E. J., Cedar Creek.  
 Edwards, J. R., Swain.  
 Edwards, O. T., Mt. Vernon Springs.  
 Edwards, W. H., Durham.  
 Elam, P. R., Kings Mountain.  
 Eller, J. F., Sweet Water.  
 Ellington, E. P., Wentworth.  
 Elliott, Josiah, Hertford.  
 Ensley, W., Dillsboro.  
 Eudy, G. L., Eflord's Mills.  
 Farrington, F. H., Wilmington.  
 Fant, J. C., Ahoskie.  
 Farthing, C. S., Hattie.  
 Farthing, J. H., Hattie.  
 Farthing, R. M., Louisville, Ky.  
 Felmet, C. F., Waco.  
 Fender, A., Laurelton.  
 Ferree, J. B., Belcross.  
 Ferrell, B. S., Waxhaw.  
 Fields, C. F., Elkin.  
 Finch, G. L., Williamston.  
 Fisher, J. G., Roslin.  
 Fleetwood, J. C., Margarettsville.  
 Fontaine, P. H., Bethel Hill.  
 Foster, J. A., Wilkesboro.  
 Franklin, J. K., Devotion.  
 Freeman, F. M., Logan's Store.  
 Frisbie, T. J., Spring Creek.  
 Furgerson, P. A., Lambsville.  
 Fulford, W. J., Rockingham.  
 Fuqua, S. W., Eagle Springs.  
 Galloway, J. A., Wolf Mountain.  
 Galloway, J. E., Galloway.  
 Gentry, S. E., Dobson.  
 Gibbs, N. H., Benson.  
 Gilbert, R. H., Harrell's Store.  
 Gillam, E. R., Drew.  
 Gilmore, S., Goldston.  
 Glenn, W. H., Thaxton.  
 Glidewell, C. W., Meadows.  
 Goforth, M. A., Big Pine.  
 Goforth, S. S., Lovelace.  
 Gooden, A. H., Bryantsville.  
 Gormley, M., Aquone.  
 Gosnell, G. W., Owenby.  
 Gough, D. A., Bandana.  
 Gourley, Robert, Winston.  
 Gower, C. E., Lincolnton.  
 Graham, H. W., Swann Station.  
 Greaves, C. L., Pittsboro.  
 Gray, W. F., Buck Shoal.  
 Gray, W. T., Marler.  
 Green, David, Norris.  
 Green, B. P., Mooresboro.  
 Green, J. B., Forest City.  
 Green, J., Boiling Springs.  
 Green, R. G., Hamptonville.  
 Green, Solomon, Stony Fork.  
 Green, C. L., Dark Ridge.  
 Greene, G. W., Canton, China.  
 Greene, Edmund, Norris.  
 Greene, L. H., Bakersville.  
 Greene, D. A., Bakersville.  
 Greene, M. L., Ahoskie.  
 Greene, S. M., Bakersville.  
 Greenwood, —, Paint Rock.  
 Griffin, J. W., Dallas.  
 Grindstaff, I., Bakersville.  
 Grizzard, R. W., Wallace.  
 Gullledge, J. G., Brown Creek.  
 Gwaltney, J. P., York Institute.  
 Gwaltney, H. H., Vernon.  
 Gwaltney, J. S., Cora.  
 Gwaltney, L. P., Vashti.  
 Gwaltney, W. R., Wake Forest.  
 Gwyn, E. N., Buck Shoal.  
 Hackney, J. D., Franklinville.  
 Hackney, J. A., Siler City.  
 Hagleman, J. G., Sweet water.  
 Haithcock, U. F., Albemarle.  
 Hairfield, G. R., Greystone.  
 Hall, J. W., Hayesville.  
 Hall, W. F., Idaho.  
 Hall, S. W., East Bend.  
 Hamilton, L. C., Bowman's Bluff.  
 Hamilton, R. F., Knight.  
 Hamner, W. H., Lexington.

- Hamrick, G. P., Henrietta.  
 Hamrick, F. C., Pump.  
 Hamrick, D. M., Rutherfordton.  
 Hardaway, J. S., Oxford.  
 Harman, A. J., Harman.  
 Harman, D. C., Sugar Grove.  
 Harman, G. W., Ramseur.  
 Harman, J. M., Sugar Grove.  
 Harrill, H. D., Forest City.  
 Harrell, E. J., Eure.  
 Harrell, J. B., Wilmington.  
 Harrell, W. B., Dunn.  
 Harrill, Z. D., Ellenboro.  
 Harrill, E. D., Ellenboro.  
 Harrelson, H., Gaddysville.  
 Harrington, E. P., Mission.  
 Harris, B. B., Dysartsville.  
 Harris, D. J., Yanceyville.  
 Harris, J. M., Hartland.  
 Harris, Wm., Knapp's Mills.  
 Hartley, D. C., Minneapolis.  
 Hartsell, J. W., Morven.  
 Hartsell, P. G., Concord.  
 Hawkins, A. B., Leicester.  
 Hawkins, R. M., Sharon.  
 Haymore, C. C., Mt. Airy.  
 Haynes, J. M., Clyde.  
 Haynes, W., Asheville.  
 Hedgepeth, I. P., Orrum.  
 Hedgepeth, R. A., Cedar Creek.  
 Hefner, D., Lenoir.  
 Henderson, G. W., Blaine.  
 Hensley, A. J., Wake Forest.  
 Hensley, S. B., Bee Log.  
 Hensley, W. E., Faust.  
 Henson, A. B., Balsam.  
 Herring, J. E., Henrietta.  
 Herring, D. W., Ching Kiang, China.  
 Herring, R. H., Halifax.  
 Hewitt, D. L., Shallotte.  
 Hice, J. H., Batou.  
 Hilburn, D. H., Bladenboro.  
 Hilburn, L. W., Freeman.  
 Hilburn, Rufus M., Blablenboro.  
 Hildebrand, A., Pearson.  
 Hildreth, J. H., Wilmington.  
 Hill, A. H., Cottonville.  
 Hill, T. B., So. Bap. Theo. Seminary.  
 Hilliard, J. M., Greensboro.  
 Hocutt, J. C., Haw River.  
 Hocut, J. E., Nashville.  
 Hodge, J. F., Pool.  
 Hoggard, J. N., Severn.  
 Hogue, G. F., Boonville.  
 Holland, G. W., Winston.  
 Hollar, E., Felts.  
 Hollar, L., Enepeptic Springs.  
 Holliman, J. M., Apex.  
 Hollifield, A. P., Ellenboro.  
 Honeycutt, G. A., Whitley.  
 Honeycutt, R., Beaman's X Roads.  
 Honeycutt, T. M., Mars Hill.  
 Honeycutt, W. H., Concord.  
 Hooker, W. H., Marshall.  
 Hooper, G. W., Robbinsville.  
 Hooper, L. W., Tuckaseegee.  
 Hopkins, W. J., Casar.  
 Hopper, P. G., Issa.  
 Hord, A. T., Glenville.  
 Horner, K. C., Siler City.  
 Horner, T. J., Henderson.  
 Horrell, R. W., Burgaw.  
 Horton, O. C., East Durham.  
 Howard, H. H., Bee Log.  
 Howell, W. T., Wake Forest.  
 Howell, J. K., Rocky Mount.  
 Hoyle, J. A., Maiden.  
 Hoyle, B. M., Estatoe.  
 Hudgins, Richard, Pump.  
 Hudson, T. J., Chin Kiang.  
 Hufham, J. D., Henderson.  
 Hughes, J., Byrd.  
 Hughes, S. A., Valley.  
 Hull, W. F., Camp Creek.  
 Hume, Thos., Chapel Hill.  
 Hunt, A., Gamble's Store.  
 Hunter, A. D., Cary.  
 Hurley, A., Bly.  
 Hutchinson, J. H., Hutchinson's Store.  
 Irwin, A. C., Pearl.  
 Isaac, E., Lineback.  
 Ingram, H. M., Pekin.  
 Jackson, Elbert, Turner's.  
 James, R. H., Reuben.  
 Jamison, Wesley, Bald Creek.  
 Jenkins, J. T., Waynesville.  
 Johnson, C. C., Reese.  
 Johnson, J. H., Weldon.  
 Johnson, L., Greensboro.  
 Johnson, Wm. R., Ashe.  
 Johnson, S. H., Gray's Creek.  
 Johnson, L. E., Fremont.  
 Jolly, J. R., Lomax.  
 Jones, E. F., —.  
 Jones, J. R., Royal.  
 Jones, N. S., Tarboro.  
 Jones, R. H., Wakefield.  
 Jones, Wm. H., Blue Ridge.  
 Jones, W. J., Estatoe.  
 Jones, W. M., Maxton.  
 Jordan, F. M., East Fork.  
 Jordan, James, Central Falls.  
 Jordan, S., Robbinsville.  
 Jordan, W. P., Hertford.  
 Jordan, Y., Osbornesville.  
 Justice, A. A., Etna.  
 Justice, T. B., Rutherfordton.  
 Justice, A. L., Emma.

- Justice, C. B., Rutherfordton.  
 Kane, E. F., Good Spring.  
 Kanot, J., Robbinsville.  
 Kendrick, R. G., Weldon.  
 Kesler, M. L., Rocky Mount.  
 King, J. D., Wampler.  
 King, R. W., Wampler.  
 King, T. C., Pensacola.  
 King, W. G., Villanow.  
 Knight, W. F., Blowing Rock.  
 Kramer, James W., Wilmington.  
 Kuykendall, J. A., Leicester.  
 Kuykendall, W. I., Alexander.  
 Lamberth, J. H., Asheville.  
 Lancaster, J. F., Oak Ridge.  
 Lancaster, W. D., Sandy Springs.  
 Lane, J. L., Summerfield.  
 Lanning, Jeff., Eldorado.  
 Landsell, J. J., Roxboro.  
 Larkins, J. D., Wake Forest.  
 Latta, A. T., Monroe.  
 Lawhon, W. H. H., Lawhon.  
 Lawing, J. W., Peachtree.  
 Leach, M. J., Lassiter.  
 Leatherman, J. F., Hull's X Roads.  
 Lee, W. F., Tiptop.  
 Lee, W. M., Summit.  
 Lee, M. L., Ashpole.  
 Leggatt, B., Windsor.  
 Leggett, R. J., Howelville.  
 Lennon, J. P., Applewhite.  
 Lewellyn, J. H., Dobson.  
 Lewis, C. H., Gamble's Store.  
 Lewis, L. G., Pennington.  
 Lewis, Joseph, Gage.  
 Lewis, J. L., Laurelton.  
 Lewis, John, Morehead.  
 Lilly, Edmond, King's Creek.  
 Limrick, R. L., Shelby.  
 Little, J. W., Lane's Creek.  
 Little, T. P., Marshall.  
 Littleton, J. W., Palestine.  
 Livingston, D. K., Little Pine Creek.  
 Loftis, R. M., East Bend.  
 Logan, W. H., Ayr.  
 Long, J. H., Excelsior.  
 Long, James, Goldsboro.  
 Loudermilk, D. P., Bridgewater.  
 Lloyd, L. A., Nashville.  
 Mace, G. W., Bowman's Bluff.  
 Macomson, M. V., Graham.  
 Manly, H., Brevard.  
 Marcus, W. A., Homestead.  
 Marley, H. C., Lenoir.  
 Marsh, A., Marshville.  
 Marsh, R. H., Oxford.  
 Martin, C. H., Polkton.  
 Martin, J. H., Hamptonville.  
 Martin, J. L., Roger's Store.  
 Martin, W. N., Trail Branch.  
 Marshburn, A. B., Nealsville.  
 Mashburn, H. H., New Berne.  
 Mason, J. A., Conclave.  
 Mason, W. C., Flats.  
 Mason, B. K., Marion.  
 Mason, N. J., Louisville.  
 Matheny, M. P., Bryson City.  
 Matthews, J. R., Hexlena.  
 Matthews, B. H., Ward's Mill.  
 Matthews, N. J., Pilot Mountain.  
 Matthias, B., Buck Shoal.  
 May, S. S., Allgood.  
 Mercer, T. J., Bolivia.  
 McC Carson, J. L., Hendersonville.  
 McClure, W. B., Alexis.  
 McLure, W. H., Henrietta.  
 McDevitt, P., Mars Hill.  
 McDuffie, J. F., East Durham.  
 McGinnis, I. J., Banner Elk.  
 McGugan, C. P., Lumber Bridge.  
 McIntosh, C. M., Wake Forest.  
 McKaughan, J. A., Albemarle.  
 McKinney, C. H., Bakersville.  
 McLendon, J. J., Wolfsville.  
 McMahon, A., Forest City.  
 McMillan, D. C., Ashpole.  
 McNeil, M., Wilkesboro.  
 Meadows, W. C., Poor's Knob.  
 Meeks, O. P., Clinton.  
 Melton, W. H., Kapp's Mill.  
 Melvin, W. A., Harrell's Store.  
 Melvin, W. S., Winnie.  
 Merrell, G. L., Hobgood.  
 Metcalf, C. C., Briggsville.  
 Michael, Ray, Nettle Knob.  
 Miles, John A., Leicester.  
 Miller, Daniel L., Highlands.  
 Milliken, C., Ash.  
 Milliken, H., Ash.  
 Mints, J. A., Shallotte.  
 Mitchell, John, Wake Forest.  
 Mitchell, S. W., Asheville.  
 Moffit, J. I., Stone Mountain.  
 Montague, E. J., Allensville.  
 Moore, H. C., Monroe.  
 Moore, I. F., Lynch.  
 Moore, J. O., Hunting Creek.  
 Moore, R. A., Red Springs.  
 Moore, R. R., Greensboro.  
 Moore, J. D., Red Springs.  
 Moore, J. R., So. Bap. Theo. Seminary.  
 Morgan, B. L., Homestead.  
 Morgan, D. A., Spring Creek.  
 Morgan, E. J., Hominy.  
 Morgan, F. M., Flats.  
 Morgan, S. J., Morgan Hill.  
 Morgan, W. C., Robbinsville.  
 Morris, J. F., Stanley's Creek.

- Morton, D. S., Whitney.  
 Morton, H., Thomasville.  
 Morton, W. B., Roxboro.  
 Morton, W. G., Albemarle.  
 Moss, T. J., Forest City.  
 Moss, N. H., Cherryville.  
 Mull, W. B., Shoup's Ford.  
 Mullinox, T. H., Grover.  
 Mundy, J. A., Reidsville.  
 Murchison, C. M., Penelope.  
 Myers, I. T., So. Bp. Theo. Seminary.  
 Myers, W. W., Round Mountain.  
 Myers, D. R., Salisbury.  
 Myers, T. C., Martin.  
 Myers, A. E., Round Mountain.  
 Myers, J. W., Round Mountain.  
 Naylor, M. W., Giles Mills.  
 Nelson, C. J., Goldsboro.  
 Nelson, E. R., Hendersonville.  
 Nelson, J. H., Patterson.  
 Newell, G. W., Mapleville.  
 Newton, I. T., Brevard.  
 Newton, J. B., Aulander.  
 Newton, J. D., Thomasville.  
 Newton, W. C., Rochester The. Sem.  
 Newton, H. F., Casar.  
 Noble, J. W., Willard.  
 Norris, H. W., Ballentine's Mills.  
 Norris, Isaac, Cruso.  
 Norris, John, Sweet Water.  
 Norton, J. H., Venable.  
 Nowell, W. C., Nashville.  
 Olive, W. S., Apex.  
 Oliver, P., Dalton.  
 Oliver, W. B., Wilmington.  
 Olhs, W. H., Plum Tree.  
 Oneil, G. G., Louisville, Ky.  
 Orr, G. W., Robinsville.  
 Orrell, N. B., Abbott's Creek.  
 Osment, J. R., Dallas.  
 Overby, R. R., Belcross.  
 Overton, W. C., Harrellsville.  
 Owen, J. L., Glenville.  
 Owen, S. C., Candler.  
 Oxford, Isaac, Cedar Valley.  
 Pace, J. R., Wilton.  
 Page, S. C., Godwin.  
 Page, Wiley M., Falcon.  
 Palmer, R. L., Leander.  
 Parks, E. L., Lisbon.  
 Parker, C. J. D., Crozer Theo. Sem.  
 Panther, J. P., Quallatown.  
 Pardew, A. T., Adley.  
 Paris, T. W., New Castle.  
 Parish, M. E., Salisbury.  
 Parish, A. A., Edenton.  
 Parsons, W. C., Bandana.  
 Patton, R. L., Morganton.  
 Payne, J. M., Blowing Rock.  
 Payseur, J. J., Concord.  
 Pendergrass, J. R., Franklin.  
 Penick, W. S., Elizabeth City.  
 Perkinson, L. C., Wise.  
 Pernell, M. R., Franklinton.  
 Peterson, C. D., Dalila.  
 Phillips, John, Beech Creek.  
 Phillips, Wm., Mt. Airy.  
 Phillips, J. L., Houck.  
 Pierce, E. S., Pantego.  
 Pinner, R., Faust.  
 Pippin, A. A., Finch.  
 Pitchford, J. A., Littleton.  
 Pittman, A. R., Rennert.  
 Pittman, A. E. C., Rennert.  
 Platt, J. T., Warne.  
 Plemmons, James, Biltmore.  
 Plemmons, T. H., Louisville, Ky.  
 Poe, E. A., Cora.  
 Pool, C. C., Partee.  
 Porter, S. J., Newbern.  
 Porter, C. W., Elm City.  
 Porter, A. H., Orton.  
 Poston, R., Pearl.  
 Potter, W. J., Elk Park.  
 Powell, J. W., Rocky Mount.  
 Prevatt, F. A., Lumberton.  
 Prevatt, Jonah, Huntley.  
 Prewett, N., Knob Creek.  
 Privette, I. T., Wilkesboro.  
 Proffit, M. S., Mars Hill.  
 Pruett, L. R., Charlotte.  
 Pruitt, Julius, Connelly Springs.  
 Pruitt, Berry, Knob Creek.  
 Pruitt, G., Penelope.  
 Pruitt, Wm., Robinsville.  
 Pugh, J. M., Randleman.  
 Pulliam, J. G., Boone.  
 Putnam, J. W., Magnetic City.  
 Queen, A. C., Tuckaseegee.  
 Queen, B. N., Tuckaseegee.  
 Queen, J. H., Bryson City.  
 Queen, L. E., Cowart's.  
 Ramsey, Garret, Marshall.  
 Rector, J. A., Morganton.  
 Reddish, W. H., Wilson.  
 Redwine, J. F., Fork Church.  
 Reece, J. N., Galloway.  
 Reed, W. W., Balsam.  
 Reid, T. M., Huse.  
 Reedy, E. W., Crumpler.  
 Reese, J. V., Cruso.  
 Rhodes, J. R., Saluda.  
 Rickard, D. B., Crisp.  
 Rich, W. H., Thomasville.  
 Richardson, J. B., High Point.  
 Rickman, P. R., Leatherman.  
 Riddick, J. T., Winton.  
 Riddle, B. B., Persacola.

- Riddle, H. B., Big Pine.  
 Riddle, J., Beaver Creek.  
 Roberts, Creed, Berlin.  
 Roberts, D. J., Cherry Lane.  
 Robertson, W. A., Burnsville.  
 Rogers, J. W. F., Apex.  
 Rogers, M., Bushnell.  
 Rollins, B. F., Elkin.  
 Rose, J. W., LaGrange.  
 Rowell, J. E., Cleon.  
 Rowell, S. J., Cleon.  
 Roy, W. H., Paint Fork.  
 Royall, W. B., Wake Forest.  
 Royal, Frank M., Chin Kiang, China.  
 Royal, R., Kelly.  
 Ruppe, John, Byarsville.  
 Sales, J., Mt. Tabor.  
 Sanderlin, G. W., Washinton, D. C.  
 Sandling, R. C., Clinton.  
 Saunders, B., Lilesville.  
 Saunders, Samuel, Murfreesboro.  
 Scarborough, C. W., Murfreesboro.  
 Seagraves, W. M., Jonesville.  
 Sears, D. R., Siler City.  
 Segle, L. M., Spring Creek.  
 Sellers, Lorenzo, Supply.  
 Sentell, R. A., Sonoma.  
 Settle, J. F., Byrd.  
 Settlemyre, G. W., Henrietta.  
 Setzer, A. W., Greenville.  
 Shaver, J. M., Dealville.  
 Shaw, J. A., Creswell.  
 Sheets, Henry, Lexington.  
 Shell, P. J., Altamont.  
 Shell, J. T., Petra Mills.  
 Shell, L. C., Jonas Ridge.  
 Shelly, N. A., Burgaw.  
 Shepherd, J. J., Brindletown.  
 Sherrill, T. C., Jumbo.  
 Sherwood, J. J. L., Yerger.  
 Shinn, J. L., Mooresville.  
 Shumate, Jas., Sparta.  
 Silver, Thomas, Micaville.  
 Simmons, S. F., Jonesville.  
 Simms, A. H., Dillsboro.  
 Simms, A. M., Raleigh.  
 Skinner, T. E., Raleigh.  
 Sledge, J. W., Stallings.  
 Smiley, J. S., Swain.  
 Smith, James A., Fair Bluff.  
 Smith, J. E., So. Bap. Theo. Sem.  
 Smith, J. L., Siler City.  
 Smith, W. A., West Durham.  
 Soles, J., Mt. Tabor.  
 Sorrells, J. C., Nealsville.  
 Sorrell, W. M., Cary.  
 Southern, W. P., Asheville.  
 Sparks, J. C., Bakersville.  
 Speight, T. T., Lewiston.  
 Spence, J. R., Polk.  
 Spence, J. P., Hertford.  
 Spilman, B. W., Raleigh.  
 Sprinkle, A. J., Peek.  
 Stallings, J. N., Salisbury.  
 Stallings, N. P., Moyock.  
 Stamey, A., Bliss.  
 Stamey, E. A., Lineback.  
 Stanley, J. F., Solitude.  
 Stephens, M. A., Lumberton.  
 Stephenson, E. G., Raleigh.  
 Stewart, J. L., Clinton.  
 Stoker, A. P., Denton.  
 Stone, C. K., Haystack.  
 Stough, A. L., Pineville.  
 Stradley, J. A., Oxford.  
 Stringfield, O. L., Raleigh.  
 Summey, J. A., Hannersville.  
 Suttle, J. W., Smithfield.  
 Swaim, S. D., Wilmington.  
 Swaim, V. M., Cross Roads Church.  
 Swain, E. L., Shallotte.  
 Tatam, E. F., China.  
 Talbirt, W. T., Concord.  
 Taylor, A. J., Chinquepin.  
 Taylor, C. E., Wake Forest.  
 Taylor, E. L., Rutherfordton.  
 Taylor, T. J., Warrenton.  
 Teeter, E. D., Locust Level.  
 Tew, J. W., Iredell.  
 Tew, D. T., Clinton.  
 Thomas, A. B., Silver.  
 Thomas, C. A. G., Fayetteville.  
 Thomas, I. W., Lenoir.  
 Thomas, James, Bandana.  
 Thomason, D. W., Belmont.  
 Thompson, K., Low Gap.  
 Tilley, George V., Winston.  
 Thorn, J. B., Ferry.  
 Toney, B. W., Sunshine.  
 Townsend, J. T., Carmichael.  
 Treadway, E. R., Cove Creek.  
 Treadway, R. F., Shelby.  
 Trivett, J. W., Dark Ridge.  
 Tucker, Elihu, Bud.  
 Tuttle, J. F., Clayton.  
 Tyree, W. C., Durham.  
 Utley, C. H., Wake Forest.  
 Vanhoy, W. H., Hamptonville.  
 Vann, R. T., Scotland Neck.  
 Vernon, J. H., Cedar Grove.  
 Vestal, M. M., Jonesville.  
 Vinson, J. D., Cullasaja.  
 Waff, W. B., Reynoldson.  
 Walker, N., New Castle.  
 Wallen, Jesse, Marshall.  
 Wallen, S., Big Laurel.  
 Ward, Benjamin, Marines.  
 Walton, M. C., Wilmington.

- Watkins, G. T., Roxboro.  
Watson, W. F., Edenton.  
Watson, J. W., Chapel Hill.  
Wells, E. D., Magnolia.  
Weatherman, J. G., Jennings.  
Weaver, R. W., So. Bap. Theo. Sem.  
Webb, G. M., Shelby.  
Welborn, T. M., Trap Hill.  
Wells, C. G., Warsaw.  
Welch, H. D., Balsam.  
West, J. H., Downsville.  
West, W. C., Fayetteville.  
Wheelous, Z. W., Grissom.  
Whisnant, E. S., Maiden.  
White, J. A., Taylorsville.  
White, J. E., Raleigh.  
White, J. M., Apex.  
White, G. W., Rocky Hock.  
White, M. P., Wilmington.  
Whitener, P. A., Morganton.  
Whiteside, Z. T., Uree.  
Whiteside, W. M., Rutherfordton.  
Whitlock, L. A., Silver.  
Willcox, A. G., Brinkleyville.  
Wilcox, William, Todd.  
Wild, J. M., Walnut Run.  
Wild, J. R., Big Pine.  
Wilhoit, G. O., Ansonville.  
Williams, A. J., Kapp's Mill.  
Williams, B. B., Harrellsville.  
Williams, C. B., Winton.  
Williams, C. C., Royal.  
Williams, J. M., Clover.  
Williams, O. P., Robbinsville.  
Wilson, L. A., Sutherlands.  
Wilson, Samuel, Bee Log.  
Wilson, W. H., Madison.  
Wood, T. G., Belcross.  
Wood, E. M., Cisco.  
Woodruff, C. E., Hickory.  
Woodson, C. J., Gatesville.  
Woodward, J. S., Needmore.  
Wooten, E. W., Clarkton.  
Wooten, F. T., Plymouth.  
Wooten, R. W., Ronda.  
Wright, N., Lark.  
Wright, J. W., Felts.  
Wright, T. S., Rockingham.  
Wright, W. L., Troy.  
Wyatt, W. J., Perth.  
Yarborough, J. H., Forest City.  
Yarborough, A., Lexington.  
Younce, Jacob, Dark Ridge.  
Young, A. W., Sealy.

## NUMERICAL STATISTICS.

Associations.	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Restored.	Membership.	No. Churches.
Alexander .....	173	34	18	19	22	2,406	16
Ashe and Alleghany.....	80	43	20	12	76	1,412	33
Atlantic .....	154	91	35	28	20	2,401	33
Beulah.....	29	11	10	12	1	812	10
Bladen.....	62	31	67	29	22	1,975	17
Brier Creek .....	209	33	28	35	24	3,212	31
Brushy Mountain.....	89	30	9	15	19	1,833	19
Caldwell .....	80	40	20	19	17	1,095	25
Catawba River .....	198	37	55	21	29	2,186	28
Cape Fear.....	122	64	54	17	32	2,361	42
Cedar Creek.....	69	51	43	21	13	1,721	15
Central.....	152	97	34	34	25	3,264	26
Chowan .....	578	163	254	93	91	8,352	52
Columbus.....	81	26	26	13	11	1,054	18
Eastern .....	295	173	170	60	31	5,069	60
Elkin.....	94	49	15	13	11	1,499	25
Flat River.....	144	108	64	39	18	4,123	33
French Broad.....	115	50	70	27	26	2,979	30
Green River.....	288	181	39	36	28	4,139	41
Kings Mountain.....	283	195	35	50	29	5,168	32
Liberty.....	126	22	26	30	9	2,277	26
Little River.....	103	54	54	27	20	2,272	24
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus..	225	219	35	17	27	1,720	20
Mitchell.....	117	48	80	15	33	2,463	28
Montgomery.....	120	38	20	10	13	1,110	14
Mount Zion.....	283	193	123	77	38	5,390	43
Pee Dee.....	233	136	43	28	19	2,574	29
Piedmont.....	73	97	11	21	3	1,540	16
Pilot Mountain.....	235	61	65	28	.....	3,626	44
Raleigh .....	332	221	186	42	57	4,022	50
Robeson.....	195	131	87	41	53	4,090	39
Sandy Creek.....	160	31	42	36	.....	2,436	40
Sandy Run .....	173	171	41	.....	24	3,983	24
South Fork.....	308	133	56	27	23	3,328	35
South River.....	84	53	143	38	14	2,883	31
South Yadkin.....	148	81	35	22	13	2,048	24
Stanley.....	181	73	21	12	16	1,621	14
Stony Fork.....	49	33	19	13	17	1,012	22
Tar River.....	498	261	128	77	54	7,325	78
Three Forks.....	121	77	62	20	33	2,771	32
Union.....	229	159	74	32	32	3,089	26
West Chowan.....	614	234	104	100	137	9,279	47
Yadkin .....	204	59	39	31	20	2,632	35
Yancey.....	73	61	28	25	13	2,366	23
Total.....	8,350	4,290	2,401	1,570	1,214	142,591	1,348

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Associations.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	School Expenses.	Contributions by Schools	Volumes in Library.	Quartermasters and Other Papers
Alexander.....	10	182	495	677	\$	\$ 19 10		
Ashe and Alleghany*.....								
Atlantic.....	34	280	2,295	2,575	445.36	6,671.77	684	3,089
Beulah.....	5	39	258	297	37.80		413	230
Bladen.....	16	108	911	1,019		31.86	345	390
Brier Creek.....	13	87	1,076	1,163				
Brushy Mountain.....	13	56	845	901		40.02		310
Caldwell.....	15	66	707	773	35.33	2.50	160	640
Catawba.....	10	106	894	1,000	89.76	61.75		432
Cape Fear.....	20	136	928	1,064	123.87		698	301
Cedar Creek*.....								
Central.....	23	232	2,104	2,336	588.88	570.82	2,285	4,675
Chowan.....	56	630	4,330	4,960	848.94		2,619	4,935
Columbus.....	14	103	713	816	88.65	77.17	423	479
Eastern.....	47	266	2,027	2,293			425	
Elkin*.....								
Flat River.....	28	259	1,154	1,413	374.03		291	1,348
French Broad*.....								
Green River.....	35	220	1,943	2,163	109.97		27	2,283
Kings Mountain.....	28	223	2,346	2,569	203.76	268.06		1,720
Liberty.....	20	133	1,247	1,370	101.54		1,301	331
Little River.....	20	129	1,085	1,214	108.27			507
Mecklenburg & Cabarrus.....	15	145	1,363	1,508	501.66	1,116.94	250	1,535
Mitchell.....	14	56	732	788	82.35			
Montgomery.....	9	55	321	376	8.00			154
Mount Zion.....	41	330	3,260	3,890	769.67		1,794	4,240
Pee Dee.....	28	188	1,482	1,660	321.87		140	1,863
Piedmont.....	17	152	1,395	1,537	262.94			
Pilot Mountain.....	35	294	3,009	3,303		855.79	1,444	2,300
Raleigh.....	39	246	3,716	3,962	926.82	729.69	1,883	3,695
Robeson.....	32							
Sandy Creek*.....								
Sandy Run.....	20	125	684	809				1,063
South Fork.....	20	156	1,399	1,665				
South River.....	24	145	1,539	1,684				
South Yadkin.....	16	119	847	966	104.06	48.32	460	1,250
Stanley.....	14	88	715	823		69.99		875
Stony Fork.....	6		345	345	9.73			
Three Forks.....	15	128	1,076	1,204	31.23	19.83	173	409
Tar River.....	69	593	6,193	6,696	1,001.29		3,084	4,557
Union.....	26	170	1,595	1,765		237.81		916
West Chowan.....	41	284	3,048	3,332			1,836	3,327
Yadkin.....	23	87	1,479	1,566	85.20			636
Yancey*.....						89.00		
Total.....	914	6,490	58,546	66,046	7,182.89	4,161.42	20,013	47,549

\* No report.



FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

Associations.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	The Poor.	Repairs.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Ministers' Relief.	Total.
Alexander.....	\$ 35	\$ 121	\$ 15	\$.	\$ 12	\$ 13	\$ 61	\$.....	\$ 9	\$.....	\$ 15	\$ 6	\$ 611
Ashe and Alleghany..	341	.....	.....	99	46	4	3	.....	7	24	.....	.....	484
Atlantic.....	5, 115	1, 114	159	.....	488	128	250	126	225	3, 304	28	48	10, 995
Beulah.....	1, 221	67	37	4	184	56	56	31	35	162	21	.....	1, 866
Bladen.....	831	.....	13	51	66	45	74	26	24	72	10	.....	1, 212
Brier Creek.....	750	75	100	250	4	.....	38	.....	11	.....	21	8	1, 257
Brushy Mountain.....	835	.....	.....	.....	83	20	215	43	117	.....	13	.....	1, 247
Caldwell.....	669	102	2	.....	32	8	137	1	28	106	18	4	1, 131
Catawba River.....	1, 152	472	.....	.....	12	2	211	.....	179	105	13	.....	2, 053
Cape Fear.....	1, 144	338	.....	.....	68	14	37	9	29	.....	26	14	1, 678
Cedar Creek.....	1, 121	235	.....	.....	92	14	89	5	43	125	18	12	1, 773
Central.....	4, 980	938	318	3, 000	622	395	520	161	342	236	38	26	11, 575
Chowan.....	8, 317	1, 358	310	819	730	332	453	191	391	586	73	29	16, 401
Columbus County.....	693	55	44	64	55	11	58	4	21	24	12	7	1, 048
Eastern.....	4, 891	2, 695	161	120	440	103	231	58	224	732	32	36	12, 191
Elkin.....	251	1, 148	.....	.....	77	2	13	2	18	.....	18	1	1, 512
Flat River.....	4, 670	323	84	.....	294	109	534	204	184	1, 393	33	32	7, 878
French Broad.....	713	.....	.....	.....	47	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	21	.....	787
Green River.....	1, 828	169	41	340	244	96	301	9	79	11	33	14	3, 642
Kings Mountain.....	3, 461	940	.....	.....	238	105	171	60	150	2, 287	36	.....	7, 435
Liberty.....	1, 651	236	.....	.....	170	95	148	91	299	679	25	17	3, 428
Little River.....	1, 128	90	5	130	100	50	77	34	89	153	28	.....	1, 907
Meck'burg & Cabarrus	3, 437	1, 135	66	355	551	95	192	91	175	460	22	29	7, 369
Mitchell County.....	500	87	31	.....	.....	.....	570	.....	6	53	20	.....	1, 267
Montgomery.....	496	82	6	330	39	29	38	6	34	.....	13	.....	796
Mount Zion.....	7, 632	2, 085	311	2, 934	657	195	384	156	287	1, 090	54	114	15, 837
Pee Dee.....	3, 527	693	158	185	310	347	369	86	248	822	28	37	6, 810
Piedmont.....	3, 387	713	57	1, 100	242	195	269	41	217	1, 000	15	25	7, 198
Pilot Mountain.....	4, 111	2, 844	.....	2, 007	598	119	303	102	320	2, 003	23	.....	12, 797
Raleigh.....	4, 622	1, 316	361	698	982	227	393	100	279	758	45	39	10, 977
Robeson.....	4, 074	2, 171	50	.....	547	284	475	96	377	547	23	53	8, 677
Sandy Creek.....	1, 963	112	.....	1, 027	211	202	211	39	229	252	27	31	4, 355
Sandy Run.....	1, 392	397	.....	.....	91	73	129	34	29	373	25	.....	2, 584
South Fork.....	2, 574	388	.....	341	273	77	261	93	292	576	24	60	5, 961
South River.....	3, 085	.....	.....	.....	522	11	14	.....	.....	.....	24	2	3, 095
South Yadkin.....	2, 234	471	63	977	309	55	125	39	170	130	18	31	5, 132
Stanley.....	850	79	18	566	72	36	50	16	61	.....	15	10	1, 912
Stoney Fork.....	.....	5	.....	.....	4	.....	188	.....	6	.....	10	.....	204
Tar River.....	11, 090	1, 560	323	3, 124	1, 482	276	385	196	1, 845	875	67	82	21, 400
Three Forks.....	650	7	19	246	39	25	57	.....	31	45	28	.....	1, 117
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Associations.	Moderator.	Post-office.	Clerk.	Post-office.	Place of Next Meeting—Church.	Date.
Alexander	J. J. Hendren	Vashti	T. A. Hudson	Taylorsville	Little River	Sept. 29.
Ashe and Alleghany	J. H. Daughton	Laurel Springs	H. A. Eller	Berlin	Friendship	Sept. 27.
Atlantic	Dr. R. H. Lewis	Kinston	J. H. Eaton	Morehead City	Davis Shore	Oct. 11.
Beulah	J. E. Armstrong	Milton	F. R. Harris	Yanceyville	Providence	Aug. 9.
Bladen	W. S. Melvin	Winnic	F. S. Averitt	Albotsburg	Holly Springs	Oct. 6, 7, 8.
Brier Creek	D. C. Jarvis	Loveland	J. M. Crater	New Castle	Beaver Creek	Aug. 25.
Brushy Mountain	J. L. Hemphill	Moravian Falls	V. McGinnis	Boomer	Rocky Springs	Sept. 1.
Caldwell	B. D. Crisp	Globe	J. V. McCall	Lenoir	Oak Grove	Oct. 6.
Catawba River	E. H. Hoffman	Morganton	F. McK. Goodwin	Morganton	Mount Zion	Oct. 20.
Cape Fear	A. C. Mears	Galadish	Isaac Jeanette	Fredell	Beaver Dam	Oct. 12.
Cedar Creek	R. A. Hedgepeth	Cedar Creek	A. J. Hall	Clay Fork	Perry's Chapel	Oct. 11.
Central	A. C. Green	Raleigh	C. E. Brewer	Wake Forest	Southernside	May 17.
Chowan	J. A. Spruill	Columbin	L. Hoffer	Gatesville	Whiteville	Oct. 4.
Columbus	J. J. Memory	Whiteville	A. M. Kelly	Bladenboro	Sloan	July 12.
Eastern	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	A. R. Herring	Taylor's Bridge	Flat River Union	Aug. 24.
Elkin	C. F. Fields	Elkin	J. H. McCann	Roaring Gap	Pleasant Hill	Sept. 22.
Flat River	B. S. Ryster	Oxford	W. L. Foushee	Roxboro	Sandy Plains	Sept. 22.
French Broad	J. R. Tilson	Grapevine	S. J. Honeycutt	Mars Hill	Rich Fork	Aug. 25.
Green River	W. M. Blanton	Marion	A. T. Sorrels	Metel	Cumberland Union	Nov. 3.
King's Mountain	F. Y. Webb	Shelby	D. S. Lovelace	Lexington	Cold Water	Sept. 15.
Liberty	James Smith	Lexington	H. Sheets	Poes	Bear Creek	Oct. 4.
Little River	J. C. Clifford	Dunn	J. A. Campbell	Mount Pleasant	Antioch	Oct. 4.
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus	L. R. Pruett	Charlotte	Hugh Long	Ledger	Wadesboro	Oct. 21.
Mitchell	S. M. Greene	Bakersville	D. W. Greene	Tyra	Mount Zion	Aug. 31.
Montgomery	W. M. Bostic	Onvil	J. M. Wright	Williams' Mill	Walnut Cove	Aug. 4.
Mount Zion	O. C. Horton	Durham	C. R. Scott	Riverton	Johnston Antioch	Nov. 3.
Pee Dee	J. O. Adams	Wadesboro	W. J. Matthews	Greensboro	Pittsboro	Oct. 6.
Piedmont	T. H. Jones	Reidsville	W. H. Eller	Winston	Penelope	Oct. 20.
Pilot Mountain	D. F. King	Leakville	J. T. Valentine	Raleigh	Salem	Oct. 19.
Raleigh	J. M. Broughton	Raleigh	J. C. Birdsong	Lumberton	Jerusalem	Sept. 1.
Robeson	A. R. Pittman	Rennett	E. K. Proctor, Jr	Lamberton	Ebenezer	Nov. 3.
Sandy Creek	W. H. H. Lawhon	Lawhon	C. V. Brooks	Lemon Springs	Buffalo Cove	Sept. 6.
Sandy Run	A. P. Hallfield	Bostic	B. H. Bridges	Bostic	Weldon	Oct. 4.
South Fork	W. A. Graham	Macpelah	L. A. Abernathy	Macpelah	Cool Spring	Aug. 30.
South River	H. L. Hall	Falcon	John B. Downing	Buckhorn	Ames	Aug. 18.
South Yadkin	J. N. Stallings	Salsbury	S. J. Tatam	Jerusalem	Boonville	Sept. 29.
Stanly	F. T. Fiddins	Palmerville	E. D. Teeter	Locust	FLK Shoal	
Stoney Fork	F. M. Gragg	Grandfather	Wm. Lee	Summit		
Tar River	N. L. Shaw	Warrenton	A. G. Willcox	Hrinkleyville		
Three Forks	W. S. Farthing	Itatie	Smith Hagaman	Sweet Water		
Union	H. F. Copple	Monroe	T. W. Manier	Ames		
West Chowan	John C. Scarborough	Murfreesboro	W. L. Rayner	Roseland		
Yadkin	J. G. Burrus	Rockford	V. M. Swain	Cross Roads Church		
Yancey	B. B. Riddle	Pensacola	N. N. Silver	Micanville		







