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FORE-WORD

The following sketches are not intended to present pleasing generalities only, but to record the real work of the Association through the years.

2. The sketches are necessarily brief. All routine matters have been omitted, but everything of a historic and constructive nature is given.

3. The annual statistical tables contain a large amount of interesting and valuable historical information, but space and the cost of printing forbid their reproduction.

4. We feel that it is a just tribute to the memory of those who toiled and planned unceasingly, that their names should appear along with an account of their labors; moreover it would not be real history without them.

5. A study of the Historical Table will answer many questions.

6. Very few Associations have as valuable a history and it should be more fully written. There is just one complete file of the minutes of the Association. Later it will be in the Historical Collection in fire-proof vault at Wake Forest.

7. A collection of biographical sketches of many who served faithfully in the Association would be most valuable.

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HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION

There were individual Baptists among the settlers in North Carolina as early as 1690. The first Baptist church was constituted at Shiloh in Camden county in 1727 by Paul Palmer. Meherrin church was constituted in 1729 by Joseph Parker. Kehukee in 1742 by William Sojourner; others followed in that section. Sandy Creek church was organized in 1755 by Shubal Stearns. Wells Chapel (Bultail) was constituted in 1756 by Samuel Newtop; Coharie (Rowan) in 1759 by Edward Brown; Bear Marsh in 1763 by John Nobles and Jeremiah Rhame. The last three were the mother churches in all the section now occupied by the Eastern Association.

The Associational affiliation of this section is as follows: From 1758 to 1765 the section was in the bounds of the Sandy Creek; from 1765 to 1794 it was in the Kehukee Association; from 1794 to 1805 it was covered by the Neuse Association; from 1805 to 1827 it belonged to the Cape Fear Association; from 1827 to the present under the Goshen-Union-Eastern Association.

At the session of the Cape Fear Association in 1826 a resolution was adopted to divide the Association making Big Coharie the dividing line, and at the same meeting they selected the name Goshen for the new Association.

Delegates from the churches of the new, or Goshen Association, met at Beulah on Oct. 26, 1827, and organized by electing James Mathis Moderator, Allen Morris Clerk. Elder John Gornio preached an introductory sermon from Matthew 28:19: "Go ye", &c. Prayer by Bro. H. Swinson. A constitution had already been prepared by Bro. Allen Morris based on that of the Cape Fear. This was referred to a committee consisting of the clerk, S. Graham and E. Herring.

Visiting brethren: James McDaniel from the Cape Fear, D. S. Williams from the Raleigh Association, and Moye from the Neuse. Elder Jesse Rogers was appointed to prepare a circular letter for the next session. Agreed to correspond with the Cape Fear, Raleigh, and Neuse Associations. Bro. G. Fennell to visit the Cape Fear; Bro. Swinson, the Raleigh, and Bro. Morris the Neuse. The next session of the Goshen Association was appointed for South West M. H. Friday before the first Sunday in October (Oct. 3), 1828. They appointed a day for humiliation and special prayer, also that each church hold monthly prayer meetings. The Clerk was directed to send minutes annually to Noah Davis at Philadelphia, agent of the American Tract Society.

On Sunday sermons were preached by Elders James McDaniel, George Fennell, and H. Swinson.

The Treasurer reported in hand \$31.85. Adjourned.

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The second session was held at South West in Onslow county.

By reference to the Historical Table the reader can find who filled the offices, preached, &c., at each session of the Association.

The minutes of 1828 contain a valuable obituary notice of Rev. Fleet Cooper who died January 28, 1828.

R. Swinson and P. Southerland were there from Limestone; D. Southerland, J. Andrews and J. Brown were from Muddy Creek; H. Stallings and R. Chesson were from Island Creek; James Matthis and John Forkner were from Rowan; Jonathan Gere was from New Hope; Elder George Fennell from Lisbon, James King and George Shepherd were from South West; Lewis Kennedy was from Yopps; Elder Jesse Rogers represented Bultail; James Carroll and Daniel George were from Rileys Creek.

The preachers present were: George Fennell, L. Whitfield, Jesse Rogers, Allen Morris, and Hiram Stallings.

1829—LIMESTONE—OCT. 2-4.

Some new names appear in the records: J. Fountain, Howell Best, J. Norman, E. C. Gavin, Thomas Vann, S. Williams, E. Wells, J. King, J. Buxton, J. Croom, and M. Parker.

The Clerk was directed to keep a file of the minutes for future reference. They gave considerable time to the discussion of itinerant preaching, Messengers from other Associations; Elder Heath from the Neuse; Brother T. Spencer from the Raleigh. They appointed Elder H. Swinson to visit the Neuse; Elder A. Morris the Raleigh; and George Fennell to visit the Cape Fear.

Swinson, Morris, and Fennell preached on Sunday.
Ordered 300 minutes printed and distributed.
A resolution of thanks to the community was adopted.

1830—WELLS CHAPEL (EULTAIL)—OCT. 1-3.

Elder Swinson preached an introductory sermon.
Elder Luther Rice, the Missionary, was present and preached a great sermon on missions. The people were greatly moved.
Visiting brethren. Elders Rice, Biddle, Herrington, and Wilson. Letter from the Neuse. Elder Herrington was from Cape Fear.
Hiram Stallings prepared circular letter.
The churches were asked to provide more financial aid for the work of the Association. Elder Allen Morris was desirous of traveling and preaching; certificate was furnished him.
On Sabbath sermons by Morris, Biddle, and Rice.

1831—ISLAND CREEK—OCT. 1-2.

Committee on Finance: G. Fennell, G. Tool, and W. Stallings.
Circular letter was prepared by Stephen Graham.
A resolution was adopted advising the "Colored brethren not to hold meetings among themselves for a year." (This was just after the Nat Turner insurrection near Murfreesboro.—J. T. A.)
The finance committee showed that \$36.00 had been handed in.
H. Swinson's expenses in attending the Neuse \$6.00 were paid.
On the Sabbath Elders H. Swinson, H. Stallings and George Fennell preached.

1832—BROWNS M. H.—OCT. 5-7.

A new church called "Culbreaths" was received. Josiah Underwood was delegate from the church.
Committee on Arrangements: Stephens, Brown, Underwood, Maj. Mobley, and Col. Sellers.
Another new church was Maple Bluff. The minutes show eight ordained ministers. The Circular Letter was written by George Fennell.
Correspondents were sent to Cape Fear, Neuse and Raleigh.
Finances show \$31.04.
Preachers present were: J. McDaniel, G. W. Hufham, George Fennell, H. Stallings, H. Swinson, John Crumpler.

1833—LISBON—OCTOBER 4-7.

The newly organized church at Moore's Creek was received. This had been a popular preaching place for forty years previous to that time. (The

Cape Fear Association met at Moore's Creek in 1808.—J. T. A.) The delegates were Owen Alderman, D. Jones, and E. D. Walker.

Hopewell, another new church was received; delegates, Wm. Armstrong, L. A. Croom, and John Moore.

(The Wilmington seems to have been newly re-organized and came in; delegate, Elder Jacob C. Griggs. In 1808 the newly constituted Baptist church was received as a member of the Cape Fear Association. See their minutes for that year.)

The Association paid messengers to other Associations one dollar per day while on the trip.

A plan for collections for old ministers was adopted.

Visitors: Elders James McDaniel and Philip Harrington from the Cape Fear; Elder William DuPrey from the Raleigh; Elder Wm. B. Rhem.

The Clerk was directed to have printed 500 copies of minutes.

Finance Committee reported \$39.00.

On Sabbath sermons were preached by Elders W. J. Finley, J. C. Griggs, and James McDaniel.

1834—BEAR MARSH—OCT. 3-5.

Newly constituted churches, Lebanon and Red Hill, were received.

Committee on Arrangements: John Oliver, George Fennell, H. Moore, H. Swinson, and John Carr.

Committee on Finance: Henry Swinson and James Carroll.

Elder W. P. Biddle and F. B. Loftin were present from the Neuse.

Elders D. S. Williams, and G. W. Wallis were given seats.

The clerk to have printed 500 copies of the minutes.

The Treasurer reported receipts \$68.51. Paid out \$34.00.

Ordained Ministers: David Rogers, John Crumpler, William Wells, Hiram Stallings, G. W. Hufham, Robert McNab, W. J. Finley, George Fennell, William Armstrong.

The Treasurer was directed to pay Elder John Crumpler \$12.00 from the Relief Fund.

Sermons on Sunday by W. J. Finley, George Fennell, W. P. Biddle. Great congregation was present.

Obituary notices of Gibson Sloan and Dr. Stephen Graham.

1835—LIMESTONE—OCTOBER 3-5.

Committee on Arrangements: H. Stallings, B. Oliver, H. Moore.

Finance: James Carroll and John Oliver.

There is an obituary notice of Elder William Wells.

Resolved, That the widows of superannuated preachers are entitled to the same consideration and aid as the old preachers themselves.

The Clerk was directed to pay to the widow of William Wells \$9.25.

Messengers were sent to other Associations.

Treasurer reported: Received \$93.02; Disbursed \$30.00; balance \$63.02.

The Clerk to have printed 1,000 minutes; Wilmington to have 200.
Resolved, That the first Monday in each month be set aside for prayer for the prosperity of Zion.

Sermons were preached on Sabbath by: G. W. Wallace, W. J. Finley, George Fennell, A. W. Chambliss (Wilmington Pastor) and R. McNab.

Ordained preachers: H. Stallings, B. Carroll, R. McNab, Henry Swinson, G. W. Hufham, D. Rogers, John Crumpler, Josiah Underwood, George Fennell, A. W. Chambliss, and Wm. Armstrong.

1836—BEAVER DAM—SEPT. 3-5.

Committee on Arrangements: D. C. Moore, B. Carroll, F. Millard, Henry Moore and David Wells.

Finance Committee: Benjamin Oliver, H. Matthis, and James Carroll.

Elders F. B. Loftin and W. B. Rhem came from the Neuse; Elder W. Dupree came from the Raleigh.

Messengers were sent to sister Associations.

Elder D. Rogers was given certificate as he expected to travel.

Treasurer's receipts, \$117.83; disbursed \$72.61; balance \$45.52.

Paid widow of Elder Wm. Wells \$23.31.

Resolved, that the relief fund be continued.

Resolved that McNab and H. Stallings travel through the bounds of the Association as itinerants. They will be paid.

Whereas, one Param Puckett has been sowing seeds of discord pretending to be of us, but is really an impostor, that we warn all against letting him into the pulpits.

600 copies of minutes to be printed.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder Hawley.

1837—WELLS CHAPEL—SEPT. 29-30.

At a former meeting the name Nahunga was changed to Johnsons. Culbreths was changed to Pleasant Union.

S. Williams, E. D. Walker, and D. Wells were a committee of Arrangements.

J. M. Fennell, E. C. Gavin, and F. B. Millard, Finance Committee.

Elder Wm. Dupree came from the Raleigh; Robert Melvin from the Cape Fear, and Elder J. L. Warren from the Neuse.

Elder McNab made report of his work as Itinerant.

The Clerk was directed to have printed 600 minutes.

Each pastor was requested to itinerate one month.

The American Bible Society was roundly condemned for refusing to print edition of the Bible in which Baptists were contributors. That action of the Society aroused the denomination generally.

Treasurer's report showed \$116.39; Balance on hand \$39.42.

Reports were read by Robert McNab, W. J. Finley, G. Fennell, G. W. Hufham.

44 members seceded from the Rileys Creek church because the pastor and others were in favor of missions. The Limestone church went off in a body.

1838—ROWAN—OCT. 5-7.

Committee on Arrangements: J. Matthis, J. Boykin, H. Stephens, Isaiah Thompson, and Lemuel Chestnut.

Finance: Benjamin Oliver and E. C. Gavin.

Elder James S. Mimms came in from the Cape Fear.

Mount Pleasant church, Bladen, was received.

On Monday Elder David Thames opened the services.

Elder D. S. Williams was welcomed.

Appointed to visit other Associations: Felix Millard, J. M. Fennell, Elder B. Carroll, H. Moore, W. J. Finley and B. Oliver.

The churches were asked to send in full statements of all their work and their finances as well as members.

(There was a discrepancy, it appears, in the Treasurer's statement. We shall not attempt to correct at this late date.)

600 copies of minutes were ordered.

Resolution of thanks to the community was adopted.

Sermons were preached on the Sabbath: W. J. Finley, Henry Brown, Jas. S. Mimms, and David Thames.

Reports were made by: W. J. Finley, and G. W. Hufham.

The Circular Letter was written by Elder W. J. Finley.

1839—JOHNSON'S—OCT. 4-6.

Committee on Arrangements: Thomas Phillips, Z. Williams, R. Best, D. C. Moore, R. Middleton.

Finance: E. C. Gavin, H. Matthis, F. B. Millard.

Elder Thomas D. Mascn, Agent for Foreign Missions, was welcomed.

A resolution was adopted that no church should ordain any candidate to the ministry until he shall have been examined by a committee appointed by the Association.

A resolution offered by A. P. Repiton, was adopted urging all the churches in the Association to patronize all the objects of the Baptist State Convention.

The Association vigorously protested against the action of the American Bible Society in refusing to publish the New Testament prepared by Rev. Cary, Baptist Missionary in Burma.

A resolution was adopted strongly advocating Sunday Schools.

The Biblical Recorder was recommended to the members.

Messengers were appointed to visit other Associations.

Delegates to the next session of the Baptist State Convention were appointed.

J. M. Fennell was appointed special treasurer for certain contributions by brethren.

The Clerk was directed to have printed 600 copies of minutes.
The Association was divided into sections for more intensive work.
A resolution of thanks to the community was adopted.
Sermons on Sunday by H. Swinson, Thos. D. Mason, Amzi Jones.
William Hollingsworth was ordained to the ministry.
Writers: J. Matthews, J. G. Dickson.

1840—CONCORD—OCT. 2-4.

Committee on Arrangements: Z. Williams, S. Williams, D. Wells, Wm. Swinson, J. Stokes, and G. Sloan.

Finance. E. C. Gavin, B. Oliver, Owen Alderman.

Bro. W. P. Biddle was present from the Neuse.

J. M. Fennell resigned as treasurer. J. L. Boykin was appointed.

Several churches sent up special funds.

A committee was appointed to prepare a letter of correspondence.

Treasurer's receipts \$111.74; balance in treasury \$59.74.

Messengers were sent with letters to the several Associations.

A resolution strongly denouncing certain people who are now trying to undermine and prejudice people against us for the time-honored institutions which have been handed down to us and which have the sanction of the Word of God, as well as the protection of laws of the nation and the state; those instigators found no place in the hearts of the members of the Association. Slavery was referred to.

On Sunday sermons were preached by W. J. Finley, David Rogers, W. P. Biddle. A great concourse of people.

1841—BEAR MARSH—OCT. 1-3.

Committee on Arrangements: B. Oliver, J. N. Loftin, J. C. Wilson, John Carr, and J. F. Kornegie.

Finance Committee: Arthur Brown, F. B. Millard, Laban Carroll.

Elder David Thompson and — Pipkin from the Raleigh Association were present.

J. L. Boykin resigned as treasurer.

Messengers were appointed to Associations.

Felix B. Millard and Elder J. W. West were appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

The Treasurer's receipts, \$78.01; disbursements, \$12.50; balance on hand \$65.51.

The first Sabbath in each month was set apart for concert prayer.

The Clerk to print 500 copies of minutes.

The clerk was directed to pay expenses of messengers to the Associations.

Sermons on Lords Day by David Rogers, Elder G. W. Wallace, and Elder David Thompson.

1842—RED HILL—OCT. 1-2.

Introductory sermon by Elder David Rogers.

Committee on Arrangements: Elder G. W. Hufham, J. Boykin, David Matthews, John Vann, and P. Murphy.

Finance: John Oliver, E. C. Gavin, and Wiley Stallings.

Elder Robert McNab came as a delegate from the Flat River Association. Elder Jesse Rogers from the Cape Fear.

A new church in Sampson, Salem by name, was received.

Resolved that every delegate in the Association be required to vote on all questions.

600 minutes to be printed.

Resolved, that every male and female member of this Association be recommended once in every 24 hours to make special prayer to God that He would revive the work of grace in our midst.

Mount Pleasant church asked for a letter of dismissal.

Resolved, that the Southern Christian Repository is an able advocate of truth and the churches should take it.

Elder Robert McNab was employed as Itinerant at \$12.50 per month so long as the funds hold out.

Elder David S. Williams came from the Raleigh Association.

Lewis F. Williams was baptized into the Free Will Baptist church and had been ordained by their preachers. It was decided that it was unnecessary to re-baptize or ordain him and by resolution of the Association he was recognized as a regular Baptist Minister and a certificate to that effect was furnished him.

Isaac W. West was ordained to the ministry.

Mount Bethel, a newly constituted church, was received.

By order a collection was taken up on Sunday for the Baptist State Convention. Amount \$10.12.

Sermons were preached by D. S. Williams, R. McNab, and Elder Warren.

Reports were written by: James Carroll, R. McNab, G. W. Hufham, L. F. Williams, J. Oliver, W. Stallings, Isham Peterson, J. G. Dickson, L. Carroll, J. D. Carroll, Jesse Rogers, and Wm. Hollingsworth.

1843—BEULAH—SEPT. 28-30.

The following new churches were received: Bay Church, Bethel, and Richard Chapel.

A resolution was adopted to accept Elder Peyton Rackley as a Baptist and a regularly ordained Baptist Minister. He had been a member of the Free Will Baptist church and had been ordained by them. A certificate was furnished him.

A suggestion was raised as to the propriety of uniting the Neuse and Goshen Associations.

Query from Mount Holly church: "Is it proper for Baptist churches in dea"

ing with offenders, to receive testimony from other denominations and from people not members of any church."

Answer: "It is."

Treasurer's receipts \$112.96; Disbursed, \$12.50; balance in hand, \$100.46.

From the Association to Baptist State Convention \$17.00.

The churches were urged to press Missions.

Proposition to unite all churches (Baptist) between Wilmington, New Bern, Goldsboro, &c., in one strong body for more effectual work.

Messengers were sent to the Neuse Association with proposition.

Also to "Advisory Council."

That Elders Finch, Battle, and Fennell prepare Circular Letter.

Collection for Baptist State Convention was \$9.15.

That Fennell and Dickson go as delegates to the Convention.

That we heartily endorse the Biblical Recorder.

Subscriptions for itinerant work \$155.00.

Sermons on Sunday were preached by Elders Robeson, Finch, Battle, and Fennell.

Reports were written by: James Carroll, A. J. Battle, George Fennell, J. J. Finch, Isham Peterson.

That was a great constructive meeting.

1844—KENANSVILLE—OCT. 7-9.

A resolution was adopted inviting the Neuse Association and the Advisory Council to unite with the Goshen Association. The Neuse had become very weak and was fast disintegrating. In deference to the brethren and churches uniting with them it was decided to change name from Goshen to "Union" Association.

Committee on Finance: B. Oliver, F. B. Millard, and G. Sloan.

Newly constituted churches received. Berea, Goldsboro, and Piney Grove.

It was decided to employ an itinerant and allow him \$25.00 per month for the time he shall be engaged.

A committee was sent to Riley's Creek to learn facts of disorder and to report.

Ordered that Bro. L. F. Williams be instructed to write the letter of correspondence to the Associations.

Treasurer's report: Received \$185.48.

Sent by Elder McNab to the Convention \$74.05.

Churches must send their candidates for the ministry to the Association for examination.

Obituary of John Oliver in the minutes for 1844.

(It was a great meeting; they were working like bees.)

The above does not include all that was done.

Reports were written by: James Carroll, R. McNab, S. Senter, Isham Peterson, W. J. Finley, Benjamin Oliver, and J. J. Finch.

Ordained Baptist Ministers: W. J. Finley, J. J. Finch, W. P. Biddle, R. McNab, J. L. Warren, J. D. Elwell, G. Fennell, David Wells, A. P. Repton,

G. W. Hufham, L. F. Williams, J. W. West, W. Roberson, H. Swinson, Peyton Rackley, W. Potter, and W. B. Rhem.

There was a host of strong laymen who were planning for the success of the Lord's work in their hands. They did not wait for the preachers to do it all.

1845—LEBANON—OCT. 3-6.

New Churches received: Brice's Creek, Mount Zion (Bladen), Fork (Ebenezer).

Finance Committee: E. C. Gavin, J. M. Fennell, and D. Jones.

J. K. Howell and Wm. Dupree came from the Raleigh Association.

Elder Wm. L. Hartson was present.

Treasurer's report: Amount on hand \$226.18.

A committee was appointed to visit certain churches which desire to join the Association and if found worthy to enroll them during the recess of the Association.

David Wells was ordained to the ministry.

On the Sabbath sermons were preached by Elders W. P. Biddle, A. J. Battle, and James McDaniel.

A Baptist Book Depository was recommended to be opened in Wilmington.

The work of the Convention was endorsed.

Preachers and churches were urged to run Sunday Schools.

The Clerk was directed to have printed 1200 copies of the minutes.

A plan was proposed to lay off the Association into eight sections and that the churches in each section look after mission work in that particular section.

The Executive Committee was organized. Members: A. J. Battle, S. S. Biddle, D. Jones, T. C. Garrison, James Carroll, H. Moore, H. E. Royal.

Delegates to the Convention: H. E. Royal, N. Faison, and A. B. Alderman.

Reports were presented by David Wells, E. C. Gavin, G. R. French, B. Oliver.

1846—WILMINGTON—OCT. 2-5.

Elder R. Furman, of New Bern, preached the Introductory sermon.

The church at Washington, N. C., and Warren M. H. were received.

The newly constituted church Piney Grove (Sampson), Boykins Chapel Pleasant Springs (Sampson) were received, as was the old church at Thunder Swamp (Wayne).

On Sunday Elders G. W. Wallace, L. F. Williams, and R. Furman occupied the pulpit. Collection \$53.45.

There was trouble between Mount Holly church and Elder A. P. Repiton. The church had excluded him. The Association declined to interfere.

Bethlehem church was in trouble.

Executive Committee: A. J. Battle, B. Oliver, D. Jones, H. Moore, H. E. Royal, F. B. Millard, J. D. Carrol, J. M. Fennell, and Lewis Highsmith.

Forty dollars were sent to the State Convention.

Thanks were expressed to the people of Wilmington.
Messengers were appointed to other Associations.
1300 copies of minutes to be printed.
The Bible Society was encouraged.
Writers of reports: Laban Carroll, C. D. Ellis, A. J. Battle, J. J. Bryan,
G. W. Wallace.

1847—HARRIETTS CHAPEL—OCT. 1-4.

White Oak, newly organized, was received.
Finance Committee: H. E. Royal, C. C. Oats, and Jesse Jackson.
Another committee sent to Rileys Creek.
A letter and delegates from the Advisory Council: C. Wooten, Elder P. Mewborn, W. Davis, J. B. Pridgen, Shade Wooten, B. Herring, and W. Pipkin.
Elder J. J. Finch addressed the Association on Home Missions.
On Sunday there were sermons by A. J. Battle, A. Jones, James McDaniel, and M. R. Fory. Collection \$25.00.
B. Oliver, W. P. Biddle, D. Jones, H. E. Royal, and H. Moore were appointed a committee to prepare a paper setting forth our principles and vindicating them from reflections which have been cast upon them.
A resolution was adopted admonishing the churches not to invite J. L. Warren into the pulpits on account of his conduct.
A. Biggs Alderman was ordained to the ministry.
M. R. Fory was ordained.
Delegates to State Convention: S. S. Biddle and A. B. Alderman.
Reports were read by H. E. Royal, A. J. Battle, N. Askew, M. R. Fory, W. B. Rhem, B. Oliver, and W. P. Biddle.
There were in the Association 43 churches, 21 ministers and 3300 members.

1848—WHITE OAK—SEPT. 29-30.

A great session was held at White Oak. Visitors were present from the Raleigh Association, the Cape Fear Association, and the Advisory Council.
Falling Creek and Piney Green, newly constituted churches, were received. Concord and Parkers Chapel (formerly Free Will Baptists) asked to be received. A committee was appointed to visit the churches and if found to be of good standing among themselves and sound in the vital doctrines, to enroll them. W. P. Biddle, J. McDaniel, M. R. Fory, George Fennell, and J. D. Elwell composed the committee.
Prof. White and others spoke on missions and commended M. T. Yates, our missionary. Collection \$32.00.
Committee reported on Concord and Parkers Chapel and they were enrolled. Also their pastor Elder Jacob Utly was thoroughly examined before the Association and was recognized as a Baptist minister.
Dr. W. A. Shaw was ordained on Sunday.
A resolution was adopted to pay more attention to the religious instruction to the colored people.

A motion was adopted to encourage every member to lay by one cent each week for the use of the Association.

A resolution was adopted requesting the church clerks in making reports to distinguish between white and black, male and female.

1500 copies of minutes to be printed.

On Sunday great sermons were preached to the vast congregation. After the sermons the Lord's Supper was administered while the whole audience was melted to tears. The impressions of the occasion were not soon forgotten. It was a high-water-mark in the Association.

(The above is a brief statement of the work done.—J. T. A.)

1849—MOUNT GILEAD—OCT. 5-8.

At Mount Gilead in 1849 there was an array of unusually strong preachers and laymen. James McDaniel, D.D., J. M. C. Breaker, M. R. Fory, W. P. Biddle, C. C. Gordon, Dr. J. D. Elwell, Hugh McAlpin, David Wells, G. W. Hufham, G. W. Wallace, A. B. Alderman, N. Askew, Jacob Utley, George Fennell, Stephen Senter, Lewis F. Williams, William Jones.

Among the laymen were Benjamin Oliver, C. C. Oates, J. L. Boykin, Arthur Brown, J. C. Stephenson, H. Moore, D. Cashwell, S. Wooten, C. D. Ellis, Lewis Highsmith, L. Carroll, S. S. Biddle, J. W. Millard, W. B. Wells, Z. Slade, John Dawson, G. R. French, Amos Herring, M. Lamb, Lott Croom, James Herring, Reuben Newton, S. J. Wheeler (of Murfreesboro), and a hundred others.

Messengers came from the Raleigh, Cape Fear, Chowan Associations, and the Advisory Council.

Olive Branch, a new church, was received.

A resolution was adopted suggesting that the ministers and deacons hold a fifth Sunday meeting for informing the deacons as to their duties, and that young preachers may be instructed also.

A committee was appointed to report on the advisability of establishing a Mission Station in Jerusalem.

Twelve trustees were appointed for Chowan Institute at Murfreesboro. Trustees: W. P. Biddle, J. C. Stephenson, C. C. Oates, Arthur Brown, G. W. Hufham, B. Oliver, Wm. Smith, J. L. Boykin, L. Highsmith, John Dawson, G. R. French, and Amos Herring.

Elder James McDaniel will publish a Baptist paper, *The Intelligencer*, in Wilmington.

1500 copies of minutes ordered.

Sunday was another great day. Sermons by J. M. C. Breaker, William Jones, and M. R. Fory. H. R. Kornegay was ordained to the work of the ministry.

The Lord's Supper was administered by Elders McDaniel and Biddle.

1850—BEAR MARSH—OCT. 4-6.

New churches came in—Snow Hill, Little Creek, French's Creek.

Piney Green gets a letter to go to the Raleigh Association.

The brethren strongly stress education, especially for preachers.

It was suggested that the churches close their pulpits against A. M. Rockwell who has spoken disparagingly against the Association.

The death of the great missionary Adoniram Judson was announced.

Executive Board: B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, G. R. French, D. Jones, J. D. Carroll, W. Smith, J. L. Boykin, L. Carroll, and G. W. Hufham.

For the support of Itineracy \$300 was pledged.

The old plan of having a Circular Letter had been abolished some years before.

Sermons were preached on Sunday by Elder H. Minor of Goldsboro, J. M. C. Breaker, and W. P. Biddle.

The selection of Baptist hymn book was discussed.

Alfred Guy was ordained.

An effort was started to build a Baptist church in Beaufort, N. C.

Treasurer's report: Receipts, \$968.52; paid out \$852.52; balance on hand \$116.00.

Those who presented reports: C. D. Ellis, G. W. Hufham, W. P. Biddle, G. W. Wallace, D. Jones, Henry Moore, S. B. Carraway.

50 churches; 3,659 members.

1851—LITTLE CREEK—OCT. 3-6.

Away to one end of the territory is Little Creek.

The newly organized church at Beaufort was received.

Schools were represented: Sedgwick Female School at Raleigh, represented by Dr. T. E. Skinner; Oxford Seminary, by J. J. James; Chowan, by Dr. Wheeler; Wake Forest, by J. S. Purefoy.

L. F. Williams appointed Historian to gather minutes and material for a history.

A committee was appointed looking forward toward an Associational school which finally resulted in the Warsaw High School.

Visitors: Elder Wm. Jones, J. S. Purefoy, J. G. Barkley, Elder A. Jones, Dr. S. J. Wheeler, Elder P. Mewborn, C. Wooten, M. Carr, Elder W. Johnson, J. Brown.

The Bible Society located in Wilmington is doing fine work and dispensing many copies of the Bible and Testament.

Missionary L. H. Shuck's little son was at Wake Forest and contribution was made to assist him.

The Association recommended the use of the Baptist Psalmody for service in the churches.

\$18.00 was sent to the widow of Rev. A. Guy.

The treasurer has handled \$728.30.

On Sunday Elders W. Johnson, J. J. James, and James McDaniel preached.

Reports were presented by Benjamin Oliver, J. L. Boykin, D. Cashwell, H. R. Kornegay, W. P. Biddle, G. S. Best, W. M. Kennedy, and J. D. Carroll.

Shiloh, a newly constituted church, came in.

Executive Committee was about same as last year.

The churches, Goldsboro, Snow Hill, Little Creek, Greenville, Hancocks, and Parkers Chapel were granted letters to unite with the Pamlico Association.

Elder J. A. Reynoldson from Virginia, and H. McAlpin from the Cape Fear, were present.

Committee to look into the advisability of establishing a school preparatory to Wake Forest, W. P. Biddle, W. M. Jordan, B. Oliver, Wm. Hooper, J. C. Stevenson, George Fennell, G. W. Hufham, C. D. Ellis, J. G. Dickson, G. W. Wallace, M. Minor, and Lewis Highsmith.

Elder A. B. Alderman was appointed to go as special messenger to the Cape Fear Association.

Sermons on Sunday were delivered by Elder W. P. Biddle, Elder William Hooper, and Elder W. H. Jordan. After the sermon was over the Lord's Supper was administered to the waiting Christians who were deeply touched by the solemnity.

"How can we better instruct our colored brethren" was discussed at length.

The Ministers and Deacons meetings were endorsed.

The churches were requested to appoint some member to act as agent to collect money for missions.

Those who wrote reports: J. L. Boykin, W. P. Biddle, W. M. Kennedy, Benjamin Oliver, G. W. Hufham.

1853—MOORES CREEK—OCT. 1-3.

Committee on Finance: L. Highsmith, J. L. Boykin, H. E. Carr.

Committee on Business: B. Oliver, W. H. Jordan, H. E. Carr, and Lewis Highsmith.

Committee to supply the stage: G. W. Wallace, Owen Alderman, and Alfred Alderman.

Difficulty in Mount Gilead reported settled.

\$100.00 was collected to assist Beaufort build their church.

Executive Committee, B. Oliver, L. Carroll, J. D. Carroll, L. Highsmith, C. D. Ellis, J. L. Boykin, and G. W. Hufham.

The Clerk was instructed to have 1500 copies of minutes printed.

L. F. Williams turned over to the Association the minutes he had collected; the Association gave him a vote of thanks. The plan was to have them bound as soon as the file was complete.

The citizens about Strickland's Depot sent a message that they would help start the High School if located there.

Writers on all the subjects had been appointed the year before.

Messengers were appointed to the neighboring Associations.

A presbytery was appointed to examine and ordain G. M. L. Finch.

On Sunday it rained, but sermons were preached by W. H. Jordan, L. F. Williams, and A. Guy.

Reports were read by J. L. Boykin, L. Highsmith, C. D. Ellis, B. Oliver, George Fennell, L. F. Williams, G. W. Hurham.

A fine biographical sketch of Elder William P. Biddle appears in the minutes.

1854—BEULAH—SEPT. 29-30.

Two new churches, Corinth and Fort Barnwell, were received. Union Chapel and French's Creek had ceased to exist.

The following were appointed a Committee to meet at Warsaw on Oct. 31, 1854, with power to act to hear all parties and propositions concerning the proposed High School: B. Oliver, J. D. Carroll, J. T. Moore, W. H. Jordan, L. Highsmith, C. D. Ellis, J. L. Boykin, W. J. Taylor, C. J. Oates, S. J. Faison, D. J. Middleton, D. C. Moore, W. M. Kennedy, J. G. Dickson, G. W. Hufham, Amos Royal, H. E. Carr, J. L. Carlton, A. M. Faison, F. B. Millard, Owen Alderman, Jesse Jackson, S. S. Biddle, J. C. Stephenson, J. R. Ezzell, C. C. Oates, Amos Herring, S. A. Vann, John Vann, M. C. Blount, and G. W. Wallace.

A resolution was adopted to form a more intimate relation with the Baptist State Convention in its mission and educational efforts.

Rev. T. H. Pritchard was present representing Wake Forest College. The Association raised \$500.00 to establish a scholarship at W. F. C.

Excellent reports on various topics were read by: Amos Royal, G. W. Hufham, W. M. Kennedy, L. F. Williams, G. W. Wallace, B. Oliver, W. H. Jordan.

1855—CONCORD—OCT. 5-7.

The newly constituted church at Clinton was received.

Dr. W. M. Wingate of Wake Forest; Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Agent, and J. J. James, Editor Biblical Recorder, were present.

Executive Committee: B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, H. J. Hobbs, L. Carroll, H. E. Carr, L. Highsmith, and D. J. Middleton.

A Colporteur was appointed to sell and distribute good denominational books.

L. F. Williams was instructed to advertise in the Biblical Recorder for missing minutes.

Twenty-seven Trustees for Warsaw High School were selected. An agent was appointed to collect funds for the school.

A resolution was adopted that each church should raise one dollar per member for the endowment of Wake Forest College.

It was found necessary to raise \$3,000.00 to be able to open Warsaw High School on January 1, 1856. A member of each church was appointed to press the matter.

It was proposed that the Association should see that a revival meeting

be held in each church of this Association.

Elder Carter, agent of Chowan Institute, was present.

A brother Ranney from the First Church was ordained to preach.

On Sunday Elders James, Wingate, and Kornegay preached.

Reports on various topics were read by: L. F. Williams, G. W. Hufham, B. Oliver, S. S. Biddle, W. M. Kennedy, H. R. Kornegay, George Fennell.

1856—BOYKINS CHAPEL—OCT. 24.

The newly constituted church at Warsaw was received.

Elder J. B. Taylor of Richmond, represented the S. B. Convention.

Rev. J. L. Pritchard, of Wilmington, first mentioned.

Moses Baldwin, Agent Baptist State Convention was present. G. Lewis, of the Recorder, and John Mitchell, from Wake Forest.

\$1,400.00 was raised for Warsaw High School. Moses Baldwin engaged to work for the school.

Query from Bethel church: "Is the washing of feet a church ordinance?" The Association answered: "In our opinion it is not."

Collection for Elder Stephen Guy's widow amounted to \$46.25.

Collection for Elder David Rogers, \$23.50.

The collection on Sunday, according to order of the Association, was given to help build the church in Clinton, and was \$71.66.

The writers for the Association were: Benjamin Oliver, G. W. Wallace, W. M. Kennedy, J. L. Pritchard, H. R. Kornegay, O. M. Matthews, A. B. Alderman, H. E. Carr.

On the Sabbath Elders John Mitchell, Moses Baldwin and John L. Pritchard delivered sermons.

1857—WARSAW—OCT. 1-3.

Several new and prominent names appear in the minutes this year. B. F. Marable, Dr. S. S. Satchwell, J. S. Walthall and others.

Smiths Chapel was received.

A great many committees were appointed to write on the usual topics and for other purposes.

Visiting brethren: From the Raleigh Association: J. J. James, T. E. Skinner, A. B. Alderman, J. Howell, J. S. Purefoy, W. M. Wingate, B. F. Marable, and J. B. Taylor, all of whom were welcomed to seats.

A collection of \$265.00 was taken for domestic missions.

Dr. Wingate, Dr. Skinner and J. L. Pritchard made eloquent appeals for Wake Forest.

A resolution was adopted changing the time of meeting from Thursday to Tuesday and to remain till the business was through.

A collection of \$1,375.00 was taken for Warsaw school.

Executive Committee: Benj. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, Laban Carroll.

An impostor, David M. Lee was denounced.

Collection taken up for C. C. Gordon.

J. Dunn Hufham, J. P. Faison, and George S. Best were ordained to the full work of the ministry.

Trustees of Warsaw High School selected.

Discussion as to support of superannuated preachers.

On the Sabbath sermons were preached by Elders J. J. James, W. M. Wingate, J. S. Walthall, H. T. Weatherly, and B. F. Marable.

H. T. Weatherly was ordained First Sabbath in February, 1857.

The reports were all interesting and valuable. The writers were B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, A. M. Faison, B. F. Biddle, Dr. S. S. Satchwell, S. S. Biddle, H. E. Carr, J. L. Pritchard, J. B. Taylor, J. S. Walthall.

1858—BEAR MARSH—OCT. 5-8.

Two new churches came in: Antioch in Duplin, and Canaan in Sampson.

Visitors: Dr. Samuel Wait, A. B. Alderman, and E. A. Best from Pamlico.

Full force of committees were appointed.

A church at Woodenton, Lenoir county, sent in a petition. This petition was deferred until a committee of ministers could visit and re-organize the church. The name of J. N. Stallings first appears.

A. W. Wilcox, of Washington, N. C., was ordained.

The same Executive Committee was continued.

A collection of \$44.30 was taken for Foreign Missions.

Elder B. F. Marable preached the Charity sermon; collection was \$32.00.

A committee was appointed to look into the destitute condition of the widow of Elder C. C. Gordon. The churches were requested to send contributions to the "Relief Society".

The committee on Warsaw High School reported.

A collection of about \$300.00 was taken to aid in sending preachers into destitute places.

Reports on the usual topics were presented by: Benjamin Oliver, J. L. Boykin, Joseph Boone, J. L. Pritchard, G. R. French, G. W. Wallace, H. E. Carr, L. F. Williams, B. F. Marable, J. N. Stallings, Joel Loftin, L. Highsmith, J. W. Williams.

1859—BEAVERDAM—OCT. 4-7.

Three new churches were received: Woodenton, Haw Bluff, and Woodville in Carteret county; and Union Chapel also was received.

Visitors: A. P. Repiton, Haynes Lenon, R. M. McRakin, J. K. Purefoy, J. J. James and others.

A fine obituary of Elder George Fennell was inserted.

Thanks were returned for the use of the Methodist church.

A Historical Committee was appointed.

Elder J. L. Pritchard preached the Charity sermon. Collection amounted to \$52.26.

Dr. J. F. B. Hayes presented the necessity of the Southern Baptist Semi-

nary and made an earnest appeal for support. The Association responded by giving \$950.00 to aid the Seminary.

There was objection to the use of "Union Sunday School Books".

An appeal was made for funds for Warsaw High School. \$900.00 was quickly raised.

The Executive Board was same as last year.

\$30.00 was sent to the widows of Elders Gordon and Guy.

The writers of papers for the session: Elder David Wells, G. W. Hufham, (Obituary of George Fennell), H. E. Carr, D. J. Middleton, J. N. Stallings, H. McAlpin, L. F. Williams, Benjamin Oliver, C. D. Ellis L. Highsmith, J. S. Walthall, B. F. Marable, J. L. Pritchard, J. P. Faison, James M. Wooten, and Whitfield Grady.

1860—LEBANON—OCT. 9-12.

Visitors: Elders J. J. James, J. S. Walthall, T. E. Skinner.

New churches, Prospect and Chinquapin, were received.

Elder A. J. Emerson was in the Association.

An extra Denominational sermon was preached by Elder J. S. Walthall which sermon was published in pamphlet form.

Practically the same persons composed the Executive Committee.

Dr. Skinner spoke very forcefully about the education of girls and presented the merits of Edgeworth School in Raleigh.

Rev. J. D. Hufham read a most valuable historical sketch of the Baptist beginnings in the section occupied by the Union Association. It is given in full in the minutes for 1860.

The churches Pleasant Union and Salem were granted letters to unite with the Cedar Creek Association.

Elder W. B. Jones preached the Charity sermon. Collection \$30.47.

J. N. Stallings was ordained to the ministry.

Elder B. F. Marable was at that time Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention.

The writers were: B. Oliver, H. E. Carr, W. B. Jones, A. D. Cohen, Amos Royall, J. R. Ezzell, T. K. Faison, J. T. Moore, B. F. Marable, and J. D. Hufham.

1861—PINEY GROVE—OCT. 8-10.

The Civil War had begun. Matters were in a tense condition.

Visitors were few. Dr. A. M. Poindexter, Agent of the Foreign Mission Board, was present.

The church at Union in Lenoir county, was received.

Elder A. D. Cohen offered a resolution that we spend much time in prayer for our boys at the front and for our cause.

Elder A. M. Poindexter, D.D., preached the Denominational sermon.

The Executive Committee during the past year has bought and sent to the soldiers a great many tracts and Bibles.

In response to Dr. Poindexter's appeal for missions \$33.10 was handed him

for the object. Bro. G. A. Newell presented 1,000 copies of a tract written by a minister of this Association. The Association expresses thanks to Bro. Newell and accepts the offer and will make free distribution where it will likely do most good.

J. D. Hufham was editor of the Biblical Recorder.

Reports were presented by B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, A. D. Cohen, H. E. Carr, J. L. Pritchard, J. W. Collins, C. Jernigan, R. Herring, Isham Royal, J. D. Carroll, and W. B. Jones.

1862—MOUNT GILEAD—NOV. 11-13.

One new church, Nat Moore's Creek, was received.

Visitors: Rev. Wm. Royall, of Wake Forest; Elder Elias Dodson; Elder A. B. Alderman, Moderator of Cedar Creek Association; Rev. B. F. Jessup; Rev. N. B. Cobb, Colporteur Agent.

A strong Board of Trustees for Warsaw High School was appointed. Elder W. B. Jones was the Principal. The school was doing well.

The ordination of Brother A. Flowers, Jr., was deferred, until he could further qualify himself.

Dr. Royall made a modest but eloquent appeal for Wake Forest.

Elder N. B. Cobb made a pathetic appeal for literature for our soldier boys in the camps. \$126.30 was handed to him from collection for the purpose. \$13.55 was handed to J. D. Hufham to send Biblical Recorder to soldiers as far as it would pay.

Elder J. D. Hufham preached the Denominational sermon.

The churches were requested to report an accurate account of all funds collected and used by the respective churches for any and all purposes.

As there was no invitation for the Association for next year, the Executive Board was asked to make arrangements.

Writers: H. E. Carr, Arthur Brown, C. D. Ellis, A. J. Emerson, and others.

The minutes carry a good obituary of Elder George W. Wallace. Also of Col. Frank J. Faison, killed in battle.

Other ministers present not mentioned above. B. F. Marable, W. M. Kennedy, L. F. Williams, G. S. Best, H. McAlpin, J. N. Stallings, G. W. Hufham, A. Guy.

1863—BEULAH—OCT. 6-8.

Visitors: J. L. Carroll, G. W. Camp, from Pamlico; Elder C. D. Bogart, Chowan; P. D. Gold, C. J. Nelson, J. T. Albritton.

A letter from soldiers in Gen. Clingman's Brigade asking for the prayers of the Association in helping them to live the Christian life. They inclosed \$58.00 for the use of the Association.

Elder B. F. Marable preached the missionary sermon to a large crowd.

A minority of the members of Thunder Swamp church had been turned out by the majority. A committee went into the whole matter and advised those who had been imposed upon to meet and go on as the church. The

Association expelled Thunder Swamp church as it was not true to our Baptist faith.

N. B. Cobb made appeal for funds to supply soldiers with religious literature. An appeal was made for funds to send the Recorder to the soldiers; \$145.00 was raised.

The Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. Prof. Isham Royal was Principal of the school.

The question of Army Missions was considered. \$450.00 was quickly raised.

The Executive Board was requested to send some ministers to administer to the needs of the soldiers spiritually.

Special prayer was made for our oppressed Southland.

There is a fine obituary of Elder John Lamb Pritchard, written by Dr. Hufham.

Some of those attending that session were: S. J. Faison, Moderator, Isham Royal, Clerk, A. M. Faison, Treasurer, J. N. Stallings, G. A. Newell, Owen Fennell, Lewis Highsmith, Amos Royal, N. B. Cobb, Owen Alderman, J. D. Carroll, Joel Hines, Laban Carroll, J. M. Millard, R. F. Boykin, J. M. Mosley, Benjamin Oliver, B. F. Marable, McAlpin, Best, Hufham, Kennedy, J. G. Dickson, G. R. French, J. P. Faison, and a hundred more.

1864—BOYKINS CHAPEL—OCT. 46.

The Association met in the gloomy days of 1864. The attendance was diminished by war conditions.

There were present as visitors: Elder G. W. Camp from Pamlico, J. L. Carroll and W. H. Howard.

J. L. Stewart's name appears for the first time.

In a letter Dr. S. S. Satchwell urges the Association to press the work of educating the children of soldiers and the spread of the Biblical Recorder.

A resolution was passed highly commending the work of the Executive Board. \$565.00 was contributed for colportage. \$215.00 was contributed to send Recorder to soldiers.

Fine obituaries of Elder David Wells and Elder Nathan Askew.

The usual topics were discussed. Messengers came from other Associations and the Association appointed delegates to visit them in return.

Elder W. M. Young pastor of the Wilmington church, preached a great sermon on missions; the collection was \$295.33.

The Warsaw High School was facing strenuous conditions like all other enterprises. There were present many of the choicest spirits eager for the welfare of Zion.

1865—MOORES CREEK—OCT. 3-4.

The disheartened, foot-sore Confederate soldier had but recently returned to find his home shattered, civil affairs administered by aliens, the former slaves vaunting themselves in the new conditions thrust upon them. There was danger lurking in every quarter. An old brother who had long been

faithful in the work of the Association, seeing his son and others who had been bravely fighting the overwhelming armies of the "UNION", offered a little resolution without ostentation, That the name of the Association be changed to the Eastern. It was quietly done.

Three churches asked to be admitted: Jacksonville, Onslow county; Pleasant Hill, in same county; and Tuckahoe, Jones county.

An important question arose, sent from the Wilmington church, how shall we proceed about the colored members?

Executive Committee: Benjamin Oliver, C. D. Ellis, Lewis Highsmith, Laban Carroll, D. J. Middleton, H. E. Carr, and J. H. Stevens.

The Trustees of Warsaw High School were appointed.

The usual objects were presented and discussed.

J. D. Hufham, editor of the Recorder, presented a bill of \$90.00 due on printing minutes.

Prof. Isham Royall, Principal, presented report on Warsaw School.

The presence of Union troops had demoralized the people.

The Relief Society was doing fine work.

Elder J. E. King preached the Associational sermon.

1866—UNION CHAPEL—OCT. 9-11.

There were two consolidations of churches: Lebanon was absorbed by Wells Chapel, Smith Chapel and Prospect combined.

Corinth was dismissed to Cedar Creek Association.

Rev. J. L. Stewart preached the Denominational sermon.

A Historical Committee was appointed: the committee was composed of, J. L. Stewart, I. Royal, J. R. Oliver, L. F. Williams, W. M. Kennedy, J. N. Stallings, and H. R. Kornegay.

Messengers were appointed to neighboring Associations: Pamlico, Cedar Creek, and Cape Fear.

Elder H. McAlpin preached.

Elder J. B. Barlow preached the Missionary sermon.

The reports on the various topics show that the writers had made special study of the subjects. Benjamin Oliver, Executive Committee: H. E. Carr, J. P. Faison, S. S. Biddle, J. D. Carroll, G. P. Moore, Lewis Highsmith, David John Middleton, H. Kornegay, J. N. Stallings, Benedict Matthews, Whitney Royal and a number of speakers.

C. D. Ellis, Treasurer of "Ministers' Relief Society", reported on hand, cash and notes \$2,138.30.

The Warsaw High School was struggling for existence, but was doing excellent academic work.

1867—BEAR MARSH—OCT. 8-11.

The Association was composed at that time of 46 churches and 4,927 members, and 20 ministers serving as pastors.

Visitors: Dr. W. T. Walters representing W. F. C.; J. L. Carroll, from the

Flat River Association; Dr. J. B. Hardaway, of the Southern Baptist Convention, and perhaps others.

Elder Lewis F. Williams died June 13, 1867—a man of great worth has passed away. Dr. James G. Dixon, of Bear Marsh, and J. T. Moore, of Moores Creek, died during the year.

Again the subject of spiritual instruction to the colored people was seriously considered. No definite plans were made.

Old Brother Benjamin Oliver still reports for the Executive Committee.

Many new fields had been occupied and the Board had done a great deal of constructive work in destitute fields.

Elder H. McAlpin preached the Missionary sermon.

The School at Warsaw seemed to be in more prosperous condition.

The Treasurer of the Ministers Relief Society reported only \$989.50. He did not show how he had spent the difference from last year.

The usual reports were discussed. The writers were: S. J. Faison, John C. Hines, John Vann, J. D. Carroll, L. Highsmith, J. M. Millard, A. R. Herring, J. R. Marable, J. B. Hardwick, J. M. Wooten, J. L. Boykin, W. W. Larkins, J. L. Stewart, J. N. Stallings, W. M. Young, W. M. Kennedy.

1868—BEULAH—OCT. 6-8.

Fifty-eight churches composed the Association; nineteen were not represented at all, six others only by letter. Sixteen preachers had to minister to these churches with 4,605 members.

J. H. Mills, of the Biblical Recorder, and W. T. Walters from Wake Forest were welcomed to seats.

The Executive Board was doing great things for the work. They were sending preachers to needed points and helping others. They assisted in paying the pastor's salary in Clinton. Clinton is now (1927) repaying many fold in helping other churches.

White Oak Church was dismissed to the Cedar Creek Association.

The Association repudiates Asher Flowers. Flowers tried to secure ordination to the ministry, but did not pass examination on several occasions. He then was supposedly ordained by some preachers not connected with the Baptist denomination. His church had expelled him for this action. The Association sustained the church—Falling Creek.

From time immemorial the brethren have been trying to discover some effective method of raising needed funds for the local churches, &c. A strong committee made suggestions.

The entire amount raised for the Associations for 1868 for missions was \$221.83. There has been great development since that day.

Elder J. C. Hiden had just come to the Wilmington church.

Some of the men who reported or spoke at that session were. J. H. Mills, W. T. Walters, W. A. Kingsbury, J. T. Albritton, J. L. Stewart, J. N. Stallings, B. F. Mitchell, F. B. Millard, J. Loftin, S. Peterson, S. J. Faison, Dr. J. C. Hiden, H. J. Hobbs, Giles Clute, G. S. Best, J. R. Oliver, J. L. Boykin, B. Matthews, T. M. Hughes.

1869—LISBON—OCT. 5-7.

Dr. J. C. Hiden, the new pastor at Wilmington, preached the Missionary sermon to a vast throng.

Visitors present: J. H. Mills, J. L. Carroll, A. B. Alderman and others.

A newly organized church at Mount Olive was received.

Benjamin Oliver reported for the Executive Board. This Committee seems to have been really the Association in action during the years. The Association passed resolution of appreciation for their work.

A collection was taken up for the ministerial students at W. F. C.

The question of itinerant preaching received important consideration. Those local evangelists served a good purpose in their day. They were usually men who could be secured at small salaries and were not the strong preachers; consequently the best results did not always follow.

One church sent to the Association with a mild demand that they send them a pastor; nothing was said about a salary for him.

About the usual personnel attended that session.

1870—WELLS CHAPEL—OCT. 4-6.

Union, a newly organized church in Lenoir county was received and Rev. Geo. W. Sanderlin, the pastor was welcomed.

Trenton, Jones county, was received.

Several visiting brethren reported.

Sermons were preached by Dr. J. C. Hiden and Dr. G. W. Sanderlin.

Rev. H. R. Kornegay had become infected and was preaching universal salvation. The Association passed a resolution expelling him from the Association.

It has been a pleasure to review the reports of the committees of those times to the Association. There were giants in those days.

1871—NEW HOPE—OCT. 3-5.

At that time the Eastern Association covered a large territory. There were 53 churches with 4,224 members. The second church in Wilmington, Long Creek, and Myrtle Grove were received.

For some time there had been a question of dividing the Association on account of the long distances it was necessary to travel to attend the meetings. Also it was thought that two Associations could reach the people and their sympathies better. Old Brother Oliver asked how it could be divided fairly. Almost any line that may be taken to make the division will leave practically all the strong churches on one side and weaker churches on the other. So they did not divide at that time.

The same Executive Board was continued. There never was one more efficient in the State.

Dr. T. M. Pritchard, Dr. J. C. Hiden, and J. N. Stallings preached strong sermons. But few Associations were blessed with as strong force of laymen and ministers as was found in the old Eastern Association.

The Warsaw High School under the supervision of Prof. Isham Royall did a great service, but it had hard work to make headway under financial stress.

Numbers of young men went from that section to Wake Forest and other schools who have been of great value to the denomination as well as to the state.

1872—UNION, LENOIR COUNTY—OCT. 9-10.

That session was held so far away from the center of activities that many churches were not represented.

Three newly constituted churches in Onslow county were received: Middle Sound, Enon, and Piney Grove.

Rev. C. Durham, J. B. Richardson, J. H. Mills and other representatives were present.

The Executive Committee presented a fine report of constructive work. New fields in Onslow, Carteret, Jones, and Craven.

Sermons were preached by Elders J. C. Hiden, A. D. Cohen, J. D. Hufham, and B. G. Covington.

The reports were unusually good, presented by Benjamin Oliver, Levi Thorn, W. M. Kennedy, J. C. Hiden, J. N. Stallings, J. T. Albritton, Asa B. Alderman, Benedict Matthews, W. E. Sutton, J. M. Wooten, J. Royall, D. K. Kernegay, D. J. Middleton, J. D. Roberts, S. Peterson, John C. Hines, Isaiah Carroll.

1873—SHILOH—OCT. 7-9.

The newly organized church at Morehead City was received.

Elder J. J. McLendon, of Edenton, preached at 2 P. M.

Elder C. Durham preached.

The Executive Committee continued to help weak churches. Browns was assisted.

Committee on Systematic Giving reported by H. S. Averett.

Prof. Isham Royall had control of the Warsaw High School.

Elder Hardy P. Brinson died at Moores Creek.

Deacon S. S. Biddle died at Fort Barnwell.

There were 61 churches with 4,474 members.

The ordained preachers were: G. W. Hufham, Alfred Guy, W. M. Kennedy, J. N. Stallings, G. S. Best, H. McAlpin, J. L. Stewart, J. C. Hiden, J. B. Barlow, J. M. King, J. P. Faison, O. M. Matthews, J. T. Albritton, J. R. Oliver, T. J. Leary, J. Utley, B. G. Covington, J. D. Hufham, C. C. Newton, S. Wescott, E. A. Best.

1874—ISLAND CREEK—OCT. 6-8.

The church in Goldsboro came into the Association.

Visiting brethren: A. F. Redd, editor of the Biblical Recorder, W. B. Har-

rell, Dr. F. H. Ivey, Rev. G. S. Jones, Sunday School Agent, Dr. W. M. Wingate, Dr. N. B. Cobb.

J. C. Hiden preached the Missionary sermon.

At the suggestion of Dr. C. Durham and W. M. Kennedy a committee was appointed to consider the propriety of abolishing the Executive Committee and transfer the work to the Baptist State Convention.

Churches and individuals made pledges to assist beneficiaries at Wake Forest.

Report on Education was presented by F. H. Ivey, C. Durham and S. W. Wescott. All of the reports and all of the discussions were of a high order. There was a fine spirit for work among the churches and they responded to appeals for advance movement in spreading the Associational interests.

Some of those making reports were: B. F. Mitchell, J. W. Lane, Laban Carroll, G. S. Jones, Benedict Matthews, W. A. French, W. B. Harrell, C. J. Nelson, H. McAlpin, L. A. Powell, G. A. Herring.

Telling addresses were made by F. H. Ivey, C. Durham, J. P. Faison, J. C. Hiden, C. C. Newton and others.

1875—BEAUFORT—OCT. 5-7.

From Clinton to Beaufort was nearly 150 miles. But the preachers and many of the delegates went. A Baptist Association had never been held in Beaufort and so was a matter of interest to both, the inhabitants and to the visitors.

66 churches with a membership of 4,836; just remember that was fifty years ago.

New churches came in: Fremont, LaGrange, and Mount Calvary.

The proposition made at the last Association to abolish the Executive Committee was promptly voted down. Durham and Kennedy who had advocated the measure saw that it was not popular.

A resolution was adopted asking the Trustees of Wake Forest College to make public the exact financial conditions of the college.

Presiding Elder E. A. Yates was introduced to the Association.

At night Rev. J. L. Stewart preached in the Methodist church.

By request Rev. H. McAlpin went over and preached at Morehead.

Rev. C. T. Bailey first appeared as editor of the Recorder.

Dr. C. E. Taylor brought a message from Wake Forest.

Rev. C. A. Jenkins came to North Carolina having accepted the Principalship of the Warsaw High School. Prof. Isham Royall had resigned to open a High School at Salemburg.

The reports and discussions were of the usual high standard.

1876—MOUNT OLIVE—OCT. 3-5.

Some new faces appeared at the session at Mount Olive. A. C. Dixon, the brilliant young preacher, was fresh from college and ambitious for position and leadership. Prof. F. P. Hobgood of the Raleigh Female School, H. S.

Spivey, J. B. Taylor of Wilmington, J. L. Britt, W. B. Knight, and others. Dr. Chas. E. Taylor was there from Wake Forest; Dr. R. H. Griffith represented the Seminary.

New churches admitted were, Rose Hill, Capernaum, Marys Chapel.

A resolution was adopted endorsing the effort to raise an endowment of \$20,000.00 for Wake Forest; and \$25,000.00 for the Seminary at Louisville.

By request all of the pulpits in town were occupied by ministers of the Association.

Prof. Hobgood made a plea for patronage for The Seminary in Raleigh.

The Executive Committee made a most telling report. That body of strong men had made possible many enterprises which had developed into good churches.

There was evident lack of harmony in one or two of the churches, most of which had been settled in committees; there was some trouble in the second church in Wilmington. Otherwise it was a most harmonious and successful session.

1877—CORINTH—OCT. 9-11.

Elder J. K. Howell preached in the morning.

Salem, a new church in Onslow county, was enrolled.

Browns church was dismissed to help form the South River Association.

Silently many of the faces so well known and loved through the years were slipping away and every year new ones took their places. Those faithful pioneers, Fennell, Wells, Morris, McDaniel, Wallace, John L. Pritchard and Battle had been called away; but worthy men were stepping in to fill the ranks. There were Stewart, Kennedy, Ivey, Dixon, Albritton, Best, Britt, McAlpin, Jenkins, Faison, Hufham, Oliver, Newton, Sanderling and others who valiantly carried on the work of their fathers. In this the centennial year of the Association (1927) the names of all those men of God have passed into history.

Conditions too were changing. Plans and ideas were assuming new forms for consideration. Cherished undertakings of former times were giving place to newer avenues of activity.

The Warsaw High School had come into existence with the hopes and prayers of the Association. It had proved a continual financial burden. Much good had been accomplished, but the cost was great and the future enveloped in hazy uncertainty. It was deemed best to sell the property and apply the proceeds to other efforts.

The Ministers Relief Society had collected several thousand dollars and had aided several of the older brethren, but, like new bankers sometimes do, they loaned it out to others on frozen notes. In 1877 about \$1,016.09 was out and not in the hands of old preachers.

The usual reports were fine and well presented.

Plans for Sunday School Institutes were before the Association.

It was a great session of the Association.

The half century mile post was then passed.

1878—NEW BERN—OCT. 8-10.

The old town of New Bern entertained the Association.

Finance Committee: B. F. Mitchell, A. M. Faison, and S. J. Boone.

Woodville church had been dropped not having been represented, but delegates came and it was re-enrolled.

Committees to report as follows: Foreign Missions, State and Home Missions, Education, Periodicals, Sunday Schools, Temperance, to revise list of Warsaw Trustees, Executive Board.

Visitors: Dr. W. M. Wingate; Rev. C. T. Bailey, Editor of Recorder; Elder G. S. Jones, Agent of Sunday Schools; F. P. Hobgood, A. C. Dixon, Elder Elias Dodson, Elder W. H. Howard.

It was decided the Berea Church did right in not receiving an applicant from the Free Wills without rebaptism.

Collection for Ministerial Education \$31.87.

Met at 10 A.M. to hear sermon by A. C. Dixon, of Chapel Hill.

Dr. J. R. Brooks, Presiding Elder of the M. E. Church, was introduced.

Warsaw High School, under the management of Rev. J. N. Stallings, was doing fine work and presenting bright prospects.

The Union Relief Society reported some good work.

A committee was appointed to visit the Second Church Wilmington, with regard to the ordination of Bro. King.

A committee was appointed to consider the division of the Association. J. E. Peterson, Elder C. J. Nelson and J. R. Oliver were the committee.

Ebenezer was given letter to join South River Association.

The Reports of Committees were fine and were fully discussed by W. M. Kennedy, F. H. Ivey, J. N. Stallings, J. T. Bland, J. E. Peterson, C. J. Nelson, B. F. Mitchell, J. W. Biddle, J. T. Albritton, C. C. Clark, J. Utley, L. R. Highsmith, O. P. Middleton, B. Matthews, J. M. Wooten, W. C. Carleton, J. W. Lane, M. E. Britt, W. Hurst, D. J. Middleton, G. S. Best, L. R. Carroll, O. Summerlin, H. M. Croom, J. F. Hill, C. C. Taylor, J. B. Barlow, J. M. Hines, J. K. Faulkner, W. S. Elmore, J. L. Britt, J. T. Eaton, D. F. Aman.

B. Oliver read report of Executive Committee.

24 ministers, 58 churches, 5,351 members.

1879—PINEY GROVE, SAMPSON—OCT. 7-9.

Opening sermon by F. W. Eason.

Finance Committee: J. L. Boykin, S. E. Loftin, L. R. Highsmith.

New church, Meadow Bridge, was received.

Visitors: F. P. Hobgood, Dr. T. H. Pritchard, C. T. Bailey, H. S. Spivey.

The church at Masonboro was received from the Cape Fear Association.

Report of Warsaw High School shows the following faculty: J. N. Stallings Principal; F. R. Cooper, Miss Lucy B. Kennedy, Miss Minnie Stallings, Miss Kate Stallings. The school was doing well.

"Sunday School Board" reported by Giles A. Clute chairman.

Sunday School Missionary and Colporteur was employed.

Report of committee to visit second Baptist Church, Wilmington, was tabled.

Treasurer's report: Received \$347.00; balance on hand, \$146.50.

Report of 2nd Baptist Church, Wilmington, was taken up. On examination it was discovered that Rev. J. P. King had been ordained in the Brown Creek Association; that he held ideas contrary to Baptist views and seemed persistent in his notions. A resolution was adopted to send a committee of ministers to confer with the church and Bro. King, and if no change is made the Association would withdraw fellowship from the church. Elder King's notions were hazy and mystical, but erratic and dangerous.

Collection was taken for Elder T. J. Leary who had suffered great loss by storms on the coast.

Reports were read or discussed by: J. B. Taylor, C. C. Newton, T. H. Pritchard, J. K. Faulkner, J. T. Albritton, J. N. Stallings, J. T. Bland, B. H. Walker, F. W. Eason, G. A. Newell, J. J. Vann, D. J. Middleton, R. Herring, W. M. Kennedy, F. H. Ivey, G. S. Best, J. P. Faison, R. C. Sanderlin, J. W. Lane, J. T. Eaton, D. F. Aman, O. P. Middleton, L. R. Carroll, W. H. Avera, M. E. Britt, J. P. Cox, J. R. Oliver, B. Matthews, Jerre Roberts, J. L. Stewart, J. R. Marshall, J. L. Britt.

58 churches, 24 preachers, 5,692 members.

1880—BETHEL—OCT. 5-7.

The Moderator, J. L. Stewart, preached the Introductory sermon.

Finance Committee: J. M. Mosley, S. M. Carlton, and Nathan Weeks.

New churches: Poplar Grove, Richlands, Peniel, and Olive Branch.

Visitors: T. H. Pritchard, A. Biggs Alderman, T. Harrison, J. B. Brewer, J. D. Hufham, C. A. Jenkins, N. B. Cobb.

Report from 2nd church, Wilmington: Elder King was present and was allowed to read his own report. He believed in the annihilation of the wicked and many other doctrines repugnant to the church and its teachings. The Association by resolution withdrew fellowship from J. E. King and the 2nd Baptist church of Wilmington. This trouble had created considerable stir in the Association. It was a strong committee: F. H. Ivey, C. C. Newton, F. W. Eason, J. N. Stallings, and W. M. Kennedy.

Asa Bennett Alderman had been ordained since the last meeting.

Dr. Pritchard and Dr. Hufham made great addresses on education.

Collections were taken for Missions, for Education, Sunday School work, for church building at Richlands.

Report of the Treasurer: Receipts, \$428.67; on hand \$146.42.

Warsaw High School was doing fine work. Cost of board and tuition for five months was \$51.00. The Trustees names were given each year in the minutes.

The report on obituaries showed the death of a number of prominent members. Among them was Col. Sol. J. Faison.

The Sunday School Board did a great work in the Association. It put in the field a missionary and colporteur—constructive work.

58 churches, 27 ordained preachers, 6,405 members.

Ordained preachers: J. B. Taylor, J. B. Barlow, J. J. Beasley, C. C. Newton, J. P. Faison, H. M. Croom, J. N. Stallings, W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, G. W. Hufham, J. L. Britt, J. T. Albritton, J. L. Stewart, J. R. Oliver, F. H. Ivey, C. J. Nelson, J. K. Faulkner, F. W. Eason, R. C. Sandling, J. T. Leary, J. Utley, E. A. Best, Asa Bennett Alderman, D. F. Aman, W. H. Howard, Wm. Bland, and O. M. Matthews.

1881—MAGNOLIA—OCT. 4-6.

Visitors: C. T. Bailey, Jas. S. Purefoy, F. P. Hobgood, C. S. Cashwell, and others.

The name "Richlands" was changed to Emmas Chapel.

A committee consisting of L. R. Carroll, F. H. Ivey, and J. N. Stallings was appointed to consider the merging of all mission work now conducted by the Association with that of the Baptist State Convention.

All the churches in the town were occupied for preaching on the next day.

New churches: Colvin's Creek, Snow Hill, and Antioch.

Sermons were preached by Elders F. H. Ivey, J. B. Taylor, C. T. Bailey, and F. W. Eason.

An effort was made to raise \$800.00 with the prospect of securing Rev. J. D. Hufham to serve as Associational Missionary. Immediately \$700.00 was subscribed, the other to come later. The plan did not materialize. Rev. C. S. Cashwell was employed.

Rev. Asa Bennett Alderman died that year in Onslow county.

Elder J. S. Purefoy appealed for funds to complete Wingate Memorial Hall at Wake Forest. There was a small contribution.

\$63.13 had been contributed to help build church at Emmas Chapel.

Treasurer's report showed collections \$480.27, spent \$443.63, leaving a balance of \$37.64.

The Clerk was allowed \$15.00 for his services. He was directed to have 1500 copies of minutes printed.

The reports furnish excellent reading matter.

Sunday School Institutes and Conventions were held during the year.

Some of those who read reports or spoke during the meeting were: W. M. Kennedy, L. Moore, F. M. Southerland, L. R. Carroll, F. W. Eason, C. T. Bailey, G. Hinson, Giles Clute, E. Hewlett, C. H. Bronson, C. S. Cashwell, J. L. Bland, J. D. Roberts, J. B. Taylor, J. C. Williams, W. J. Montford, J. R. Oliver, H. M. Oats, R. C. Sandling, A. C. Peterson, H. W. Swinson, F. W. Carroll, D. J. Middleton, J. P. Faison, Wm. Bland, J. L. Britt, Oliver Blackburn, D. P. Bland, T. O. Kelly, C. C. Newton, G. W. Walker, J. Boon, C. D. Sykes, M. M. Killett, T. A. Watson, J. C. Hines, B. Matthews, and many more who added to the great success of the Association.

1882—EMMA'S CHAPEL—OCT. 3-5.

J. L. Stewart was re-elected Moderator and F. H. Ivey Clerk.

Dr. J. B. Taylor preached the Introductory sermon.

Finance Committee: B. Matthews, F. M. Carroll, W. P. Kennedy.

J. T. Bland and L. R. Carroll were reading clerks.

A. M. Faison was re-elected Treasurer.

Visitors: Elder C. S. Farris, representing the Biblical Recorder; Rev. John Mitchell, D.D., Agent for Chowan College.

Collection was taken for the help of the Executive Committee amounting to \$371.50.

A collection for the State Board of Education was \$255.00.

Reports were read and discussed: Executive Committee, Education, Foreign Missions, Sunday Schools, Periodicals, Home Missions, Ministerial Support, Obituaries, Sunday School Board, &c.

At that time 27 young men were at Wake Forest preparing for the ministry. Others were attending schools elsewhere. Some were at the Seminary at Louisville. Some of these were from the Eastern Association.

The Executive Committee planned a great work and their efforts were crowned with success. Rev. C. S. Cashwell, the missionary, had done a wonderful service.

The list of ministers was about the same as the year before.

Although Emma's Chapel is away from the center of the Association there was a good attendance and the interest was fine.

The Treasurer of the Ministers' Relief Fund was directed to pay quarterly to Rev. Jacob Utley such amount as they have for the purpose, not to exceed \$25.00.

The Methodist and Presbyterians kindly offered their churches for preaching while the Association was in session.

The ministers and delegates were urged to present the needs of the church at Morehead City and Catherine's Lake.

The writers and speakers were about the same as last year.

1883—BETHLEHEM—OCT. 9-11.

56 churches were represented on first day; 12 not represented; 97 delegates answered first roll-call.

J. L. Stewart was re-elected Moderator

L. T. Carroll was elected Clerk.

A. M. Faison was re-installed as Treasurer.

Churches at Pollocksville and Maple Hill were received.

Rev. A. C. McMannaway was present representing Home Mission Board.

Dr. Theo. Whitfield was pastor at Goldsboro.

Pledges were taken to assist Morehead Church in building.

The Executive Committee had as missionaries: C. S. Cashwell, W. B. Knight, T. J. Leary, T. A. Reid, and D. F. Aman.

The Trustees of the Warsaw High School reported. In 1879 the property was leased to Rev. J. N. Stallings for a term of years at \$75.00 per year, the rental to be applied to keeping the property in shape. January, 1882, J. N. Stallings transferred his lease to Rev. C. A. Jenkins who in turn in July, 1882, transferred the lease to Rev. W. M. Kennedy and son with a debt of \$350.00. They had a competent faculty and were doing good work.

John E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary of the State Convention, was present. Elder C. S. Farris, of the Biblical Recorder, was present.

Canaan church was dismissed to join the South River Association.

Rev. John R. Oliver died in May, 1883.

Treasurer's report: Receipts, \$629.55; balance on hand none.

Those who spoke on reports and other matters. Dr. Theo. Whitfield, Rev. A. G. McMannaway, J. T. Bland, J. P. Faison, L. R. Carroll, W. M. Kennedy, C. A. Jenkins, Elder T. A. Reid, G. S. Best, J. S. Allen, J. R. Marshall, J. W. Taylor, D. S. Kennedy, W. A. Moore, J. T. Byrd, Newton Alderman, W. B. Knight, T. J. Leary, S. G. Hall, John E. Ray, D. F. Aman, C. E. Robinson, E. B. Jordan, W. P. Woodcock, L. R. Highsmith.

1884—POLLOCKSVILLE—OCT. 7-9.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. A. Jenkins.

J. L. Stewart was re-elected Moderator; J. L. Britt was made Clerk, and A. M. Faison was made Treasurer.

J. S. Bizzell, F. M. Southerland, and H. M. Oats composed the Finance Committee.

F. W. Hancock and C. A. Jenkins were reading Clerks.

New churches: Burgaw, Willard, and Bear Branch were received.

Elder R. C. Sandling preached the missionary sermon.

Warsaw High School made a very encouraging report.

Sermons were preached by Dr. Whitfield, Dr. Pritchard, A. J. Hires, in the churches of the town.

Thanks were returned to the other denominations for the use of their churches.

Good reports were read on the following topics: State Missions, Periodicals, Foreign Missions, Temperance, Education, Executive Committee, Obituary, Sunday Schools.

The following churches secured letters to aid in forming a new Association: Antioch, Bear Marsh, Beaufort, Davis Shore, Enon, Falling Creek, Fort Barnwell, Goldsboro, Kinston, LaGrange, Morehead City, Mount Calvary, New Bern, Piney Grove (Onslow), Piney Grove (Jones), Pollocksville, Snow Hill, Smyrna, Union, Woodville, and Young Bethel.

A resolution was adopted endorsing the effort to establish a Baptist Orphanage.

The Treasurer's report: Receipts, \$691.00.

Elder R. T. Bryan was present. He was at work in the Association.

Some of the actors at the Association: T. H. Pritchard, J. B. Barlow, W. M. Kennedy, J. T. Albritton, A. J. Hires, R. T. Bryan, T. J. Leary, Theo. Whitfield, W. J. Montford, D. J. Middleton, C. J. Nelson, G. S. Best, W. H. Ernul, W. T. Jones, R. D. Carroll, R. C. Sandling, C. A. Jenkins, J. M. Wooten, G. A. Herring, W. B. Knight, J. L. Britt, J. L. Stewart, J. W. Biddle, R. J. Walker, W. B. Oliver, J. P. Joyner, F. W. Hancock, C. S. Cashwell, D. S. Kennedy, O. M. Matthews, J. S. Bizzell, M. H. Oats, L. R. Highsmith, Dr. J. W. Roberts, L. T. Carroll, and others.

J. L. Stewart, the Moderator, was sick. W. M. Kennedy served.

J. L. Britt was Clerk and A. M. Faison was Treasurer.

L. R. Carroll and J. T. Bland reading clerks

B. Matthews, J. C. Hines, and E. D. Wells formed the Finance Committee.

Two sets of delegates reported from Magnolia, each set had a letter. A committee was appointed to settle the matter.

Elder J. W. Wildman, from Home Mission Board; W. B. Pope and D. C. Kelly, from the Cape Fear Association, were visitors; R. T. Vann came in.

Elder C. S. Cashwell had revived the Capernaum church.

Committee on Home Missions: J. W. Wildman, R. T. Bryan, and F. A. Fennell.

Elder Thomas Carrick preached at the Methodist church at night.

John E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary; C. S. Farris, Associate Editor of the Biblical Recorder; W. R. Gwaltney, J. B. Brewer, M. M. Hargrove, J. H. Mills and others came in.

New churches: Caswell and Teachey were received.

Preaching in Presbyterian church by Dr. R. T. Vann at 11 A.M., and by R. T. Bryan at night; Dr. Gwaltney preached at the Methodist church.

Collection for Home Missions was \$150.00.

The Missionary sermon was preached by Dr. T. H. Pritchard. A collection was taken amounting to \$35.00. Pledges for Foreign Missions amounted to \$460.00.

Both sets of delegates and each letter from Magnolia were rejected. Unfortunate factions were the cause. The church was recommended to get together and ask for the resignation of the pastor and then unite in calling another.

The Executive Committee had during the year the partial services of C. C. Cashwell, J. P. Faison, W. M. Kennedy, E. S. Alderman, perhaps others.

Warsaw High School was doing well when on the evening of Feb. 21, 1885, the entire property was destroyed by fire. The Principal was prompt to secure another building.

J. H. Mills, by request, spoken on Orphanage. Collection \$46.80.

Pledges for Associational Missions, amount \$164.00.

Collection for State Missions \$18 00.

Pledges for Education \$215.00.

Number of Trustees of Warsaw High School was reduced to 7.

Claud Peterson desires to enter the ministry but feels it his duty to secure an education first. The Association encouraged him.

The clerk was allowed \$15.00 for services and was instructed to have 1,000 copies of the minutes printed.

The treasurer reported receipts \$812.82. Paid out \$816.02.

The usual reports and topics were read and discussed. There was more new business before the Association than usual all of which was intelligently handled and disposed of. The churches and the brethren were fully ready for advanced movement in the work before them.

There was a number of new strong men in the Association; we refrain from reporting the list.

12 ordained preachers, 46 churches, and 5,292 members.

1886—CLINTON—OCT. 5-7.

J. L. Stewart was Moderator; J. L. Britt was Clerk, and A. M. Faison was re-elected Treasurer.

Elder J. B. Harrell preached the Introductory sermon.

Finance Committee: B. Matthews, W. J. Hollingsworth, and D. J. Corbett.

Preaching in the Methodist church by Elder C. A. Jenkins, in the Presbyterian church by Elder G. M. Tolson; and in the Baptist church by Dr. T. H. Pritchard.

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

Visitors: C. A. Jenkins, of Oxford Seminary; Farriss, of the Recorder; J. E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary; Elder W. A. Melvin, I. Royall, Elder D. W. Tew.

The new church at Faison was received.

Report on State Missions was made and pledges taken for \$106.54.

A resolution was adopted to turn over to the State Mission Board the entire management of missions within the bounds of the Association.

R. T. Bryan asked through D. S. Kennedy for money enough to buy an organ for his chapel in China. It was referred to the churches.

Woman's Missionary Societies were encouraged.

Treasurer reports, Receipts \$689.26; balance in hand \$24.06.

The church at Magnolia had settled their difficulty.

Lebanon petitioned to become a member of the Eastern Association, but there was trouble in the church about it, so it was not received.

D. S. Kennedy offered a resolution that the Clerk procure a large blank book and keep all the proceedings of the Association in it.

The Trustees of Warsaw High School did not give up the hopes of having an Associational school notwithstanding their misfortunes.

49 churches, 15 preachers, 5,286 members.

The Association was well attended and was composed of strong and consecrated men earnest in their efforts to promote the Lord's work.

Ordained Ministers: T. H. Pritchard, J. B. Barlow, J. P. Faison, W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, J. L. Britt, J. B. Harrell, J. L. Stewart, J. T. Albritton, O. M. Matthews, R. C. Sandling, H. S. Spivey, T. J. Baker, W. B. Pope, G. M. Tolson.

1887—WELLS CHAPEL—OCT. 4-6.

J. L. Stewart was re-elected Moderator, J. L. Britt, Clerk, and Col. A. M. Faison was continued as Treasurer.

Visitors. R. T. Vann, F. P. Hobgood, J. B. Downing, Dr. Stewart DeVane, C. Farriss, C. Durham, W. A. Melvin, D. B. Nicholson, Editor Caucasian.

New churches Siloam and Sharon were received.

At the last session of the Association the Missionary operations were turned over to the Board of the State Convention. The State Board now states that it is in debt for over \$2,000.00 and wants the Association to help pay it up.

The Missionary sermon was preached by Dr. T. H. Pritchard. Collection taken for missions, \$27.00.

Each church was asked to appoint a member to solicit and collect funds for the State Educational Board.

Report of the Executive Committee was read by J. T. Bland.

Warsaw High School was still making headway. Prof. C. H. Spencer was Principal, about 80 pupils were in attendance. The purchase of a boarding house nearby was considered.

Pledges for Foreign Missions were taken, \$315.00 was subscribed.

Another claim of interest was placed upon the Association; the Thomasville Orphanage came in for attention and support.

Treasurer's report showed, Receipts, \$640.52; balance in treasury \$16.74. This seems not to include funds handled by Executive Committee amounting to \$581.16.

The minutes contain obituaries of Elder G. W. Hufham and several brethren.

At that time it was recognized that there was a discrepancy in the numbering of the minutes.

At that time there was 50 churches, 16 ministers, and 5,489 members.

The list of preachers was same as the year before with the addition of Elders L. M. Curtis and J. W. Powell.

W. B. Pope, S. M. Carlton, and O. P. Middleton were appointed to look after the Colportage interests.

1888—WARSAW—OCT. 9-11.

The officers were same as last year except Col. A. M. Faison the Treasurer, had died in September. W. H. Thompson was elected to fill the place.

Dr. Pritchard preached the Introductory sermon.

Dr. N. B. Cobb preached in the Presbyterian church.

J. T. Bland and L. M. Curtis were reading clerks.

N. F. Highsmith, B. S. Montford, and J. W. Lane were Finance Committee.

47 out of 50 churches answered with delegates.

Mount Zion, a new church, was received.

Elder C. Durham preached the Missionary sermon; collection \$345.00 was taken in cash and pledges.

Elders J. Mitchell and J. W. Powell preached in the Presbyterian church.

Visitors: Dr. John Mitchell, J. W. Powell, J. F. Love, O. L. Stringfield, N. B. Cobb, J. H. Mills, C. Durham.

\$242.00 in cash and pledges were taken for education.

Reports on the usual subjects were made and discussed.

Elder O. Miller, colored, appeared bringing greetings from the Kenansville Eastern Colored Association and was welcomed by the Moderator.

No action was taken on petition from a church at Providence as no delegate was present.

Isham Royall read the report on obituaries. Some of those who had passed away: Col. A. M. Faison, Treasurer for many years; B. C. Weeks, H. J. Hobbs, J. M. Newton.

\$290.00 was pledged for Foreign Missions.

The new pastors were: Elders H. W. Battle, F. R. Underwood, F. T. Wooten, E. D. Wells, and W. A. Melvin.

Church membership 5,769.

Total pastor's salaries \$6,889.79; Woman's Aid Society \$144.90; Total expenditures \$12,750.40.

1889—CONCORD—OCT. 8-10.

Officers elected were J. L. Stewart, Moderator; J. L. Britt, Clerk, and S. M. Carlton, Treasurer.

Finance Committee: D. J. Corbett, F. A. Fennell, and C. E. Daniel.

Reading Clerks: J. T. Bland and L. K. Taylor.

New churches: Spring Vale, Hermon and Ebenezer were received.

Some of the visitors were: C. Durham, J. A. Speight, Associate Editor of the Biblical Recorder; J. S. Dill, representing the Home Board; John Mitchell, J. H. Mills.

Elders D T. Best and W. F. B. Kornegay, messengers from the Eastern Colored Baptist Association, were welcomed.

The Trustees of Warsaw High School reported that it was very difficult to finance the school under so many adverse conditions. They had turned over the property, in trust, to L. R. Carroll, for him to make the best of it for the Association in keeping the school alive. Prof. F. L. Merritt had been employed to manage the school.

Cash and pledges were taken for objects as follows: State Missions, \$402.00; Home Missions, \$150.00; Foreign Missions, \$256.00; Ministerial Education, \$166.00.

Some of those who took an active part: Pritchard, W. M. Kennedy, Albritton, Durham, Speight, Underwood, Stewart, Britt, Croom, Meeks, J. S. Dill, H. S. Alderman, Matthews, O. Blackburn, Barlow, Theo. Middleton, C. F. Southerland, I. Carroll, I. Herring, Carlton, J. W. Johnson, T. J. Jarman, F. F. Newton, Best, B. S. Peterson, N. F. Highsmith, L. R. Highsmith, A. Hewlitt, T. W. Britt, C. E. Gower, R. R. Bell, J. W. Swinson, J. T. Bland, Cary Rogers, W. S. Johnson, O. P. Middleton, C. E. James, W. H. Thompson, A. F. Robinson, J. T. Kennedy, and others.

List of ordained ministers, T. H. Pritchard, J. B. Barlow, J. P. Faison, W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, J. L. Britt, O. M. Matthews, O. P. Meeks, C. E. Gower, H. M. Croom, R. C. Sandling, J. L. Stewart, Henry Duncan, F. T. Wooten, and A. A. Scruggs.

1890—RILEY'S CREEK—OCT. 7-9.

Moderator, J. L. Stewart; Clerk, J. T. Bland; Treasurer, S. M. Carlton.

New churches: Jacksonville and Catherine's Lake were received.

Rev. W. E. Crocker preached.

Rev. C. Durham preached the Missionary sermon.

Visitors: C. Durham, C. A. Jenkins, Elder H. B. Humphries from Cape Fear; J. T. Albritton, from Atlantic; A. T. Howell.

There was an obituary notice of Rev. J. P. Faison.

Elder W. E. Crocker presented a letter from Missionary D. W. Herring to the Association. It was read and Dr. Pritchard was requested to answer for the Association.

The Finance Committee reported \$578.00 sent up by churches.

A collection was taken to assist Catherine's Lake.

Collection for State Missions was \$6.27.

It was proposed that the Association should raise \$2,000.00 additional for endowment of Wake Forest College. A committee was appointed to press the matter.

It was decided to apportion \$1,000.00 among the churches to be raised for Ministerial Education. A collection of \$198.00 was taken toward that object. The amount pledged was \$1,000.00.

A collection for Ministerial Relief was taken; \$139.51 was secured.

A committee was appointed to report on the condition of the Ministerial Relief Fund.

New pastors: R. E. Peel, J. H. Hildreth, M. C. Walton, H. Duncan, T. M. Leary, W. A. Melvin, W. E. Crocker, W. T. Bilbro, A. T. Howell, John W. Smith, D. C. Rogers, F. R. Underwood.

56 churches, 25 pastors, members, 5,672.

There was the usual personnel among the speakers and writers.

1891—DOBSON'S CHAPEL—OCT. 6-8.

Officers: J. L. Stewart, Moderator; Oliver Blackburn, Clerk; S. M. Carlton, Treasurer.

Finance Committee: C. E. Daniel, M. C. Walton, and F. M. Southerland
Reading Clerks: F. A. Fennell and A. D. Ward.

T. H. Pritchard, L. R. Carroll, O. P. Meeks, and C. E. Daniel were appointed a Centennial Committee to co-operate with the State General Committee in celebrating the hundredth anniversary of Modern Missions.

Visitors: M. L. Kesler, Rev. E. J. Edwards, for Carolina Baptist; J. D. Newton, and C. Durham.

Dr. Pritchard preached the Missionary sermon.

Collection for Thomasville Orphanage, \$14.32.

Pledges were made by the churches as follows:

For Ministerial Education.....	\$ 180.50
For State Missions.....	773.50
For Foreign Missions.....	502.00
For Home Missions.....	106.50
Individual pledges to State Missions.....	159.00
For Ministerial Relief.....	157.00
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Total pledges	\$1,878.50

Sermons were preached by Dr. Pritchard, O. P. Meeks, R. C. Sandling, M. L. Kesler.

No reference was made to the Warsaw High School.

New Pastors: S. D. Swain, R. E. Peele, C. G. Wells, J. H. Dobson, R. M. Hilburn, C. W. Hopper.

Some of the older preachers disappeared from the list.

1892—EMMA'S CHAPEL—OCT. 4-6.

J. L. Stewart, Moderator; Oliver Blackburn, Clerk; W. H. Middleton, Treasurer.

Finance Committee: B. Matthews, F. M. Southerland, and W. J. Fryar.

Reading Clerks: F. A. Fennell and J. T. Bland.

Rev. E. J. Edwards represented the Orphanage.

Rev. J. T. Jenkins appeared for the North Carolina Baptist.

Prof. J. B. Brewer was there from Chowan College.

Elder J. T. Jenkins preached at the Methodist church.

On motion Albritton, Pritchard, and L. R. Carroll were appointed to find minutes of all the sessions of the Association since organization.

Report on Home Missions was offered by R. E. Peel, A. C. Peterson and John Dobson.

Ministerial Education by J. D. Newton, T. W. Stallings, and S. E. Johnson.

Temperance by A. T. Herring, D. N. Page, and John Hollingsworth.

Centenary of Missions by L. R. Carroll and O. P. Meeks.

Orphanage by L. R. Highsmith, C. Harrell, and M. C. Walton.

State Missions by J. T. Albritton, E. D. Walker, and F. P. Flynn.

Foreign Missions by O. P. Meeks, J. Marshburn, and G. A. Herring.

Sunday Schools by W. L. Bilbro, W. H. Middleton, and B. L. Scott.

Executive Committee by the Chairman.

Obituaries by Elder J. T. Albritton.

Periodicals by S. D. Swain, G. G. Best, and Willie Herring.

Relief Society by C. F. Hopper, W. Sandling, and W. P. Kelly.

Treasurer's Report by W. J. Montfort, H. Powers, and D. R. Canady.

55 churches, 23 ordained ministers, and 6,202 members.

Very little constructive work was done at that meeting.

1893—JOHNSON'S—OCT. 3-5.

Same officers as last year.

Visitors: I Royall, J. B. Brewer, G. L. Finch, O. L. Stringfield, D. W. Herring*, R. T. Bryan*, C. C. Newton, A. A. Butler, C. Durham, E. E. Hilliard, J. C. Caddell, F. P. Hobgood, J. L. Carroll.

The following appointment of committees showed something of the work of the Association:

Ministerial Relief: R. C. Sandling, T. Barbee, and T. W. Britt.

Education: W. B. Oliver, H. B. Giddens, and E. Johnson.

State Missions: R. E. Peele, C. F. Bloodworth, and J. C. Boone.

Foreign Missions: R. T. Bryan, L. R. Highsmith, and A. D. Ward.

Home Missions: D. W. Herring, W. H. Murry, and T. W. Stallings.

Orphanage: F. T. Wooten, B. S. Montfort, and L. M. Boykin.

Periodicals: S. D. Swain, E. Heldt, and W. B. Lamb.

Temperance: G. S. Best, Benedict Matthews, and O. Summerlin.

Obituaries: J. T. Albritton, Isaiah Carroll, and J. F. Boyette.

General Education: O. L. Stringfield, J. B. Brewer, and John Royall.

Auditors: A. D. Ward, J. T. Bland, and R. H. Moore.

Other committees were appointed for matters of a temporal nature.

Elder J. T. Albritton reported that he had collected minutes of the Association from 1844 to 1866 except four numbers.

Preaching at night by O. L. Stringfield; in the church at Warsaw by W. B. Oliver, and at Magnolia by D. W. Herring.

J. T. Bland reported for the Executive Committee.

Preaching next day at 11 by D. W. Herring.

Preaching at the stand by Rev. W. E. Crocker.

Four returned Missionaries gave great impetus to the occasion.

Since the last meeting Rev. J. B. Barlow had died in Wilmington.

Several familiar names were not on the record. Some had died, others had moved from the Association.

The minutes do not show that much business was done except to read and discuss reports. No doubt the Spirit of God was among the brethren.

* Home on first furlough from China.

1894—LISBON—OCT. 9-10.

The Association met at Lisbon. The Moderator and Clerk were not present. On account of heavy rains very few were in attendance.

Elder S. D. Swain was elected Moderator; Elder A. R. Herring was made Clerk; W. H. Middleton was the Treasurer.

Reading clerks were F. A. Fennell and D. L. Herring.

Visitors: J. C. Caddell of the Recorder, Dr. John Mitchell, W. D. Harrell, Dr. C. Durham, and L. M. Curtis.

South Side at Wilmington and Providence from the Atlantic Association were new churches.

Pledges for State Missions amounted to \$191.00.

Several of the reports were read and discussed.

It seemed from the minutes that the brethren hurried through. Lisbon is on a point in the fork of Big Coharie and Six Runs. The rivers were rising so rapidly that it was deemed best not to stay.

All unfinished business was referred to the Executive Committee.

The ministers present were: S. D. Swain, R. E. Peele, W. B. Oliver, M. C. Walton, Dr. John Mitchell, Dr C. Durham, J. B. Harrell, L. R. Carroll, R. W. Harrell, and L. M. Curtis.

1895—CORINTH—OCT. 8-10.

Elder S. D. Swain was elected Moderator, Elder A. R. Herring, Clerk; W. H. Middleton, Treasurer.

Elder A. A. Butler preached the opening sermon.

Finance Committee: S. M. Carlton, D. L. Herring, and W. B. Hocut.

Reading Clerks: F. A. Fennell, and C. G. Wells.

Visitors: J. C. Caddell, Dr. C. Durham, Elder J. B. Boone, from the Orphanage; D. S. Ray, from Yadkins Association; J. B. Brewer.

Warsaw High School was still struggling to live and serve.

Contributions were made to help the church at Jacksonville pay the debt on the church building.

The proposed Baptist Female University in Raleigh was before the Association for consideration and endorsement.

The new churches, Bowden, Ivanhoe, and Cedar Grove were received.

Collection of \$18.31 made for the Orphanage and handed to J. B. Boone.

Reports and discussions were as follows:

State Missions: C. Durham, D. C. Middleton, and R. W. Harrell.

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

Home Missions: M. C. Walton, M. W. Teachey, and A. A. Butler.

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

Periodicals: J. C. Caddell, B. S. Peterson, and J. B. Boone.

Temperance: A. J. Taylor, J. S. Boone, and O. Blackburn.

Orphanage: J. B. Boone, W. S. Johnson, and D. N. Page.

Ministers Relief: L. R. Carroll, F. A. Fennell, and J. H. Swinson.

Sunday Schools: D. L. Herring, J. C. Boswell, and C. F. Hopper.

So many of the ministers had changed that a list at that time would be of interest.

Elders: S. D. Swain, C. F. Hopper, E. L. Parker, N. A. Shelly, A. A. Butler, F. T. Wooten, C. G. Wells, M. C. Walton, O. P. Meeks, A. J. Taylor, C. D. Peterson, J. L. Stewart, W. L. Bilbro, R. C. Sandling, L. R. Carroll, W. A. Melvin, R. W. Harrell, J. H. Hilbreth, J. B. Harrell, W. B. Oliver, G. O. Tilley, R. E. Peele, J. L. Britt, W. L. Tart.

1896—ISLAND CREEK—OCT. 6-8.

J. L. Stewart, Moderator; A. R. Herring, Clerk; W. H. Middleton, Treasurer.

Sermon by Elder C. G. Wells subject, "Christian Baptism."

Delegates were present from 54 of the 60 churches.

Visitors: J. C. Caddell, J. B. Newton, B. Ward, J. W. Nobles, R. W. Grizard, J. E. White, Arch Johnson, J. B. Boone, N. B. Cobb, Dr. John Mitchell.

Finance Committee: L. Middleton, C. C. Corbett, and D. J. Corbett.

Collection for State Missions \$14.00.

Warsaw High School had taken on new life. A grand piano was purchased; a Business Department with stenography, type-writers and other arrangements had been added.

The Ministers Relief Board was doing a good work. \$421.26 had been received and distributed to the beneficiaries. This work had been going on in the Eastern Association many years before it was taken up by the Conventions.

For many years the body had urged Christian Education.

Sermons were preached by Elders J. L. Stewart, J. W. Kramer, L. R. Carroll, J. W. Nobles, S. D. Swain, J. E. White.

Collection for Foreign Missions, \$15.28.

After the discussion on Orphanage the collection was \$10.20.

This was the period when there was so much confusion stirring among the lesser informed members about "sanctification" and "sinless perfection", "second blessing", "unknown tongue", and such other shiftless notions which had hatched out in a nest of ignorant driftings.

Resolutions were adopted to withdraw fellowship from those who would destroy the churches by tearing them to pieces with such isms.

The usual topics were discussed.

1897—KENANSVILLE—OCT. 5-7.

J. L. Stewart, Moderator; A. R. Herring, Clerk; W. H. Middleton, Treasurer.

Visitors: J. C. Caddell, John Mitchell, J. B. Boone, E. J. Edwards, O. J. Peterson (from Pilot Mountain), J. E. White, E. W. Sikes.

Finance Committee. G. E. Leftwich, W. H. Murry, and J. A. Powell.

Sermons were preached by Elders J. J. Douglass, S. D. Swain, J. E. White, W. B. Oliver, J. W. Kramer.

A resolution was adopted asking the Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to remove Dr. Whitsett from the chair of Church History.

A strong appeal was made to secure funds to help the Jacksonville church complete their building.

Collection for State Missions, \$26.89.

The Presbyterian and Methodist brethren tendered the use of their churches. The kindness was accepted and the churches used.

The Association had contributed \$846.75 to missions during the year. That amount did not include special offerings.

The Finance Committee reported receipts \$473.67.

The Treasurer's report showed that he had handled \$590.96.

The report of the Executive Committee showed extensive effort to occupy all places where there was prospect of accomplishing for the spreading of the work. A number of strong men were in the field preaching at many points.

Ministers: J. B. Harrell, S. D. Swain, C. F. Hopper, N. A. Shelly, R. H. Gilbert, J. J. Douglass, C. G. Wells, M. C. Walton, O. P. Meeks, J. L. Britt, W. S. Ballard, J. L. Stewart, W. L. Bilbro, W. A. Melvin, R. C. Sandling, L. R. Carroll, J. W. Nobles, J. W. Kramer, A. J. Taylor, G. V. Tilley, W. L. Tarf, J. H. Hildreth, T. H. Levitt, Benj. Ward, R. W. Grizzard, F. H. Far-
rington, W. B. Oliver, N. B. Cobb.

Some of the laymen who were active: J. T. Bland, S. G. Hall, G. W. Carroll, B. Matthews, J. C. Boone, J. C. Hines, S. M. Carlton, D. L. Gore, C. E. Daniel, F. A. Fennell, W. H. Murry, and many more.

60 churches, 5,069 members.

1898—SILOAM—OCT. 4-6.

J. L. Stewart, Moderator; A. R. Herring, Clerk; Isaiah Carroll, Treasurer. New church, Antioch was received.

Visitors: Arch Johnson, J. C. Caddell, J. E. White.

Sermons were preached by J. D. Larkins, Benjamin Ward, J. M. Alderman, J. E. White.

Reading Clerks: F. A. Fennell and S. G. Hall.

Finance Committee: B. F. Keith, W. J. Fryar, and S. H. Strickland.

W. H. Middleton resigned as Treasurer and Isaiah Carroll was elected.

W. L. Bilbro reported for the Executive Committee. It was a good report and showed that the committee was busy.

A resolution was adopted deciding to do its mission work through the State Mission Board; sending all mission collection to Raleigh for them to appropriate.

The Finance Committee had received \$569.20.

The Treasurer had handled \$486.38.

A letter from Miss Fannie E. S. Heck was read. She gave an idea of what the Woman's Missionary Societies were accomplishing in North Carolina and encouraging the full co-operation of the women of the Eastern Association in the work. Of the 60 churches last year only 13 Societies were reported.

Executive Committee: S. M. Carlton, W. H. Murry, D. L. Gore, D. L. Herring, and L. Middleton.

An order was passed that the report on "Woman's Missionary Societies" should be printed in the minutes. It failed to appear.

No new names appeared among the preachers, some were omitted.

The usual topics were discussed.

1899—MOUNT HOLLY—OCT. 3-5.

J. L. Stewart, Moderator; A. R. Herring, Clerk; Isaiah Carroll, Treasurer. Dr. N. B. Cobb preached the Introductory sermon.

Finance Committee: F. M. Southerland, J. F. Lewis, and W. B. Lamb.

Reading Clerks: S. G. Hall, and J. F. Littleton.

Auditing Committee: C. E. Daniel, J. R. Marshall, and J. W. Hollingsworth.

Executive Committee: S. M. Carlton, W. H. Murry, D. L. Gore, J. W. Nobles, and L. Middleton.

Arch Johnson, J. C. Caddell, John E. White, were visitors.

Money was raised to finish paying the debt on the church house at Jacksonville. John E. White, for State Board, paid a part of it.

Cash collection for Orphanage \$9.59.

Shiloh had excluded 49 members—cause not known; Ivanhoe church received these 49 without any restoration of them in Shiloh church. The committee, composed of Elders C. S. Blackwell, J. T. Albritton and N. B. Cobb, recommended to the Association as a plan of settling the trouble between the churches: 1st. That Ivanhoe church rescind their action in receiving the excluded members; 2nd. That the Shiloh church restore the members so excluded and grant them letters of dismission.

The cause of expulsion seems to have been a triavial one.

Report on Education made the statement: "Encouraged by the unprecedented number of students now at Wake Forest and in the Baptist Female University—250 and 184 respectively, we are ready to press on."

An appeal was made to pastors and delegates "To request their Woman's Missionary Societies to send quarterly reports to Mrs. J. A. Briggs, Raleigh, and to Miss Julia M. Jones, Warsaw. If you have no Society please organize one."

The new pastors were, Dr. C. S. Blackwell, J. J. Payseur, R. H. Hewlett, J. H. Dobson, and J. J. Adams.

Several had moved away.

60 churches; 6,002 members.

Treasurer's receipts \$600.02.

The reports were good and it would be fine if space would allow mention of the part each of the brethren took in the discussions.

1900—MOUNT OLIVE—OCT. 9-11.

J. L. Stewart, Moderator; A. R. Herring, Clerk; W. H. Middleton, Treasurer Executive Committee: S. M. Carlton, W. H. Murry, D. L. Gore, L. Middleton, C. E. Daniel.

Sermon by Elder R. H. Gilbert, of South Carolina.

Reading Clerks: R. H. Herring and I. E. Ketchum.

Elder W. C. Newton preached at the Presbyterian church.

Rose Hill was received as a member of the Association.

Elder O. L. Stringfield spoke in the interest of the Baptist Female University. \$139.93 was raised for the school.

Those selected to make reports:

State Missions—N. B. Cobb, B. Ward, B. Matthews.

Home Missions—R. H. Herring, L. R. Sanderson, and I. E. Ketchum.

Foreign Missions—R. C. Sandling, A. R. Herring, and C. C. Corbett.

Orphanage—J. J. Adams, L. B. Boney, and Arch Johnson.

Ministerial Education—O. P. Meeks, S. A. Strickland, and J. F. Lewis.

Ministerial Relief—C. E. Daniel, J. A. Powell, and F. M. Southerland.

Periodicals—J. T. Albritton, J. A. Baker, and J. H. Evans.

Sunday Schools—S. M. Carlton, Isaac Brown, and H. B. Peterson.

Miss Fannie Heck reports to the Association that of the 61 churches 15 have missionary societies. These fifteen societies raised during the year \$262.72.

Rev. A. L. Betts preached at night in the Presbyterian church.

Seventeen beneficiaries had received aid from the Relief Fund.

The Century Celebration movement failed to materialize.

\$10.71 was raised to aid Antioch in building.

The Treasurer had received \$609.30.

The Finance Committee had received \$540.85.

Pledges on the various objects for next year were taken, \$1,119.50.

Practically the list of pastors was the same as last year.

Some of the visitors were: N. B. Broughton, Arch Johnson, A. L. Betts, B. W. Spillman, W. C. Newton, J. E. Peterson, O. L. Stringfield, J. W. Cobb.

1901—MOUNT GILEAD—OCT. 8-10.

Moderator—J. L. Stewart; Clerk—A. R. Herring; Treasurer—W. H. Middleton.

Executive Committee: S. M. Carlton, W. H. Murry, L. Middleton, C. E. Daniel, Ben. Matthews.

New names among the ministers: L. Bryant, O. W. Triplett, C. B. Paul, J. A. Smith.

Finance Committee: D. J. Corbett, A. F. Robinson, and H. G. Owen.

Reading Clerks: L. R. Highsmith and C. E. Daniel.

The following churches secured letters to organize the Wilmington Association. Barlow Chapel, Berea, Bethlehem, Burgaw, Brooklyn, Caintuck, Caswell, Emma's Chapel, Haw Bluff, Olivet, Long Creek, Masonboro, Moores Creek, Tar Landing, Rileys Creek, South Side, Salem, Wilmington, Willard.—19.

Visitors: S. F. Conrad, Arch Johnson, J. W. Cobb, D. W. Herring, W. N. Johnson, O. Blackburn, R. Honeycutt, J. B. Newton, R. T. Vann.

Dr. L. Johnson, Corresponding Secretary, came in.

Collection for State Missions was \$16.08. That amount was handed to Dr. L. Johnson.

A resolution was adopted directing the Trustees of the Warsaw High School to deed a lot to the Warsaw Baptist church.

The report of the Trustees of the High School suggested that at the next

meeting of the Association the property be sold or some definite plan be set on foot to give it life.

Report on Education said Wake Forest had 225 students and the Female University had 238.

The report on Woman's Work showed that it was a day when it was supposed the women could not do much.

Auditing Committee—D. S. Kennedy, J. C. Gore, and W. L. Johnson.

Report of the Treasurer—Received and disbursed \$544.19.

Finance Committee reported having received \$653.03.

An interesting report was on "Baptist Young People."

Notice of the death of Elder J. L. Britt was inserted.

62 churches; 6,500 members; 28 ministers.

Some of the writers and speakers: J. D. Larkins, B. S. Peterson, J. M. Alderman, G. A. Herring, T. J. Jarmon, W. N. Johnson, S. F. Conrad, O. P. Meeks, L. R. Highsmith, D. W. Herring, A. L. Betts, J. D. Hocutt, S. M. Carlton, R. T. Vann, E. C. Bobbitt, J. B. Newton, M. C. Walton, C. E. Daniel, L. D. Cherry, D. S. Kennedy, L. B. Boney, W. L. Johnson, M. H. Oates, F. F. Newton, D. D. Wells, R. H. Herring, J. H. Evans, N. A. Shelly, J. L. Stewart, N. B. Cobb, and others.

This list of names carries many suggestions of real history.

1902—HALLSVILLE—OCT. 7-9.

Moderator, J. L. Stewart; Clerk, A. R. Herring; Treasurer, W. H. Middleton.

Sermon by Elder J. M. Alderman.

Finance Committee: Thad Jones, W. J. Fryar, C. F. Carroll, C. E. Daniel, V. N. Sewell and C. E. Daniel reading clerks.

Committee to digest letters: N. B. Cobb, J. M. Alderman, W. H. Vanhoy.

Letters were granted to Bear Marsh, Catherine's Lake, Mount Holly, Providence, Teachey's, and Wells Chapel to join the Wilmington Association.

Alum Springs, a new church, was received.

Faison, a new church, was received.

Editor J. W. Bailey spoke on Biblical Recorder.

Executive Committee: J. A. Powell, C. E. Daniel, W. H. Murry, L. Middleton, W. H. Middleton.

J. D. Larkins read report on Ministerial Education.

S. M. Carlton read report of Executive Committee.

J. T. Albritton gave the report on State Missions.

L. R. Carlton presented the report on High School.

(The school seemed to have died but wouldn't stay dead.)

N. B. Cobb read report on Home Missions.

A. L. Betts presented report on Periodicals.

The report on Orphanage was submitted by J. W. Powell.

Digest of church letters was given by N. B. Cobb.

J. M. Alderman furnished the report on Sunday Schools.

Woman's Work was presented by J. N. Tolar.

Report of Finance Committee; Receipts \$492.18.

Report of the Treasurer: Received and disbursed \$675.49.

W. N. Johnson made report on Denominational Institutions.

The delegates promised to push the interest of Female University.

A committee was appointed to look after the sale of Antioch Church.

D. S. Kennedy read a report in which the Young People's Union was treated negatively, to say the least of it.

A resolution was offered to sell Warsaw High School. After some discussion the resolution was tabled.

25 churches withdrew to form the Wilmington Association. The number now stands: churches 34, members 3,088.

23 Sunday Schools; 1,380 in Sunday Schools.

1903—ROSE HILL—OCT. 6-8.

Moderator, J. L. Stewart; Clerk, A. R. Herring; Treasurer, C. E. Daniel.

Finance Committee—M. Ward, A. F. Robinson, J. T. Kennedy.

Reading Clerks—Thad Jones and C. E. Daniel.

Rowan was received from the South River Association.

The Rose Hill Baptist church was dedicated in the evening. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Hufham, D.D.

N. B. Cobb preached in the M. E. Church.

J. N. Tolar preached the missionary sermon.

Collection for missions \$17.00.

Elder B. Williams and Elder L. Wells, Presbyterian ministers, were invited to seats.

N. B. Cobb read the report on Periodicals.

Report on Home Missions was submitted by R. C. Sandling.

Ministerial Education was presented by J. N. Tolar.

Denominational Institution was presented by Thad Jones.

Two pointed questions were put before the body concerning the Warsaw High School:

1. Shall the Association keep the property? Yeas, 32; Nays, 14.

2. Shall we enlarge the Institution? Yeas, 22.

W. N. Johnson read the report on Orphanage.

L. R. Carroll read the report on Ministerial Relief.

The report on Woman's Work was read by J. M. Alderman.

The organization of Young People's Unions was again discouraged.

The Committee on Finance reported: Receipts, \$53.74.

Ordained ministers. N. B. Cobb, J. M. Alderman, W. N. Johnson, J. T. Albritton, J. L. Stewart, J. D. Larkins, L. M. Hobbs, C. T. Tew, C. F. Hopper, W. B. Rivenbark, W. A. Melvin, J. N. Tolar, N. A. Shelly, R. C. Sandling, T. J. Baker, L. R. Carroll, J. A. Smith.

32 churches; members 2,669.

The tables show three Woman's Missionary Societies, as follows: Clifton, Johnsons, Warsaw.

Sunday School pupils, 1,083.

There were the usual representatives of the Baptist Institutions.

1904—NEW HOPE—OCT. 4-6.

J. L. Stewart, Moderator; A. F. Robinson, Clerk; C. E. Daniel, Treasurer.
Executive Committee: C. E. Daniel, W. H. Murry, W. H. Middleton, J. A. Powell, L. Middleton.

Finance Committee: W. J. Fryar, James Carlton, and Maury Ward.

Reading Clerks: C. M. Beach and J. H. Booth.

Delway, a new church, was received.

The minutes contain a valuable Historical summary of history. It is valuable so far as it goes. There are many facts which Bro. J. T. Albritton had collected about the churches. For a moment he lifts the veil and we see conditions as they existed among the churches in 1844 when the name Goshen was changed to Union. The names connected with each church suggest real and valuable material for history. His paper should have a permanent place in the records.

Very little work was done at that session of the Association. The Historical Sketch by J. T. Albritton was the only important item for preservation.

There was an effort to dispose of the High School, but the proposition was promptly tabled.

The reports on the usual topics were presented and discussed.

Sermons were preached and speeches on the various subjects.

1905—MOUNT OLIVE—OCT. 3-6.

Moderator—C. E. Daniel, Clerk—A. F. Robinson, Treasurer—Maury Ward.
Executive Committee: C. E. Daniel, W. H. Middleton, W. H. Murry, J. A. Powell, L. Middleton.

Finance Committee: Maury Ward, W. F. Fryar, J. D. Roberts.

Reading Clerks: C. M. Beach, and Thad Jones.

A new church, Cedar Fork, was received.

Rev. J. T. Albritton, the Historian, read a most valuable Historical Sketch of Bear Marsh Church.

C. E. Daniel, the retiring Treasurer, reported receipts and disbursements, \$687.96.

Several visiting brethren came in: Hight Moore, Mayor J. E. Peterson, Arch Johnson, J. M. Page, Rev. B. F. DeLoatch (Methodist).

R. C. Sandling read report on Orphanage; collection, \$40.17.

Report on State Missions, C. M. Rock, J. C. Hines, J. A. Powell.

Finance Committee: Receipts \$816.56.

Periodicals: J. M. Alderman, J. E. Highsmith, W. H. Hagwood.

Home Missions: J. T. Albritton, B. Matthews.

Ministerial Education: T. L. Brown, E. M. Johnson, J. L. Carlton.

Sunday Schools: J. H. Booth, E. C. Herring, J. E. Boyette.

Foreign Missions: L. R. Carroll, C. M. Beach, L. Middleton.

Ministers' Relief: W. B. Rivenbark, T. Middleton, S. A. Strickland.

Education: I. D. Johnson, C. M. Beach, W. A. Moore.

Woman's Work: A. T. Britt, Thad Jones, I. D. Johnson.

There were Woman's Societies at Delway, Johnsons, Mount Olive, Magnolia, Kenansville, Corinth, Clinton, and Warsaw. They had raised \$158.27.

Mrs. W. B. Stewart was Associational President.

On motion the "B.Y.P.U." was stricken from the list of topics.

34 churches, 149 baptisms, 3,169 members.

Nine churches with no Sunday Schools.

A resolution to sell Warsaw School property was voted down.

General PROHIBITION was advocated.

Contributed and used for Ministers' Relief, \$74.35.

Names of Ministers: J. T. Albritton, J. L. Stewart, C. M. Rock, R. C. Sandling, L. M. Hobbs, C. T. Tew, C. F. Hopper, W. B. Rivenbark, W. A. Melvin, J. M. Alderman, T. L. Brown.

1906—LISBON—OCT. 9-11.

Moderator—C. E. Daniel, Clerk—A. F. Robinson, Treasurer—Maurv Ward.

Executive Committee: C. E. Daniel, W. H. Middleton, W. H. Murry, J. A. Powell, L. Middleton.

Finance Committee: J. A. Gavin, Jr., I. D. Johnson, W. H. Brown.

Reading Clerks: C. M. Beach and C. M. Rock.

New churches: Alpine, Center, and Beulah Chapel were received.

The plan to appoint writers on the topics and report the next year was voted down.

By motion the B.Y.P.U. was stricken (the third time) from the list of topics.

Visitors: Dr. H. C. Herring, Ed. Herring, J. W. Bailey, S. H. Averitt, J. B. Newton.

Reports were read and discussed by:

State Missions: J. M. Alderman, J. A. Powell, W. W. Hobbs.

Sunday Schools: D. S. Kennedy, C. Bradshaw, S. S. Bostic.

Foreign Missions: T. L. Brown, C. M. Rock.

Periodicals: W. B. Rivenbark, W. H. Hagwood, H. M. Swinson.

Orphanage: S. H. Averitt, J. H. Booth, J. J. Kelly, B. Matthews.

Education: C. M. Beach, H. L. Stewart, Frank Bell.

Home Missions: J. L. Stewart, W. H. Brown, W. J. Mathis.

Ministerial Education: R. G. Kendrick, N. Brock, W. J. Fryar.

Womans Work: J. M. Page, C. H. Bronson, I. D. Johnson.

Ministerial Relief: J. B. Ritter, D. H. Marshburn, Maury Ward.

Warsaw High School: By the Trustees.

\$106.58 was collected to assist Alum Springs in building.

29 churches reported Sunday Schools; total enrollment 2,090.

Total expenditures, \$510.66.

Cash collection for Orphanage, \$21.69.

Woman's Missionary Societies: Clinton W.M.S.; Clinton Y.L.M.S.; Clinton Sunbeams; Warsaw W.M.S.; Mount Olive W.M.S.; Johnsons Sunbeams; Magnolia W.M.S.; Kenansville W.M.S.

Warsaw school property was sold as directed last year.

Ministers: J. T. Albritton, J. L. Stewart, R. C. Sandling, J. M. Page, J. M. Alderman, T. L. Brown, R. G. Kendrick, C. F. Hopper, W. A. Melvin, W. B. Rivenbark, C. M. Rock, J. H. Booth, D. S. Kennedy.

Churches 33; baptized 243; membership 3,351.

1907—CLINTON—OCT. 8-10.

Moderator—C. E. Daniel, Clerk—A. F. Robinson, Treasurer—Maury Ward. Executive Committee: C. E. Daniel, J. A. Powell, W. H. Middleton, W. H. Murry, L. Middleton.

Finance Committee: Thad Jones, G. D. Herring, A. J. Matthews.

Reading Clerks: C. M. Beach, and V. N. Seawell.

Committee for Digest of Letters: A. R. Herring, C. C. Corbett, E. C. Her-ring.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Receipts	\$ 757.89
Disbursements	
To Walters Durham.....	\$ 317.28
To Executive Committee.....	306.54
To Orphanage	78.94
For other items.....	55.13—\$ 757.89

Among the visitors were: Prof. J. B. Carlyle, Braxton Craig, Arch Johnson, Rev. A. S. Barnes,, Methodist Pastor, and others.

\$97.50 had been collected for ministerial relief.

Mrs. W. B. Stewart was the Associational President for the Woman's Work; but the report was made by a committee of men. There were 12 Societies. They had raised \$231.07.

About sixty years ago there had been organized under a charter a "Society for the Relief of Old Ministers and their Families." For many years it had been defunct, all the old members having died. There was left of its funds about \$500.00. Rev. J. L. Stewart who had for some years held the money and notes belonging to the Society asked for instruction from the Association what to do with the funds. The Association instructed him to collect all notes possible and to turn all the proceeds over to the Board for the Relief of Old and Infirm Ministers of the Baptist State Convention. Bro. Stewart exhibited a receipt from T. E. Cheek, Treasurer, for the said \$500.00.

The Committee on Digest of Letters reported:

Amount of money churches spent on themselves, \$5,782.55; amount paid for all missionary purposes \$2 814.00. Baptized during the year 327; Church membership 3,598. Six churches had no Sunday Schools.

The reports on the usual topics were fine and spoken to by many of the brethren.

1908—WARSAW—OCT. 6-8.

Moderator—C. E. Daniel, Clerk—H. L. Stewart, Treasurer—W. H. Middleton.

Executive Committee: C. E. Daniel, W. H. Middleton, J. A. Powell, L. Middleton, W. H. Murry.

Finance Committee: W. J. Fryar, W. H. Hagwood, Maury Ward.

Reading Clerks. C. M. Beach and C. F. Carroll.

Beulaville and Calypso, new churches, were received.

Ivanhoe received a letter to join Wilmington Association.

Mount Zion secured a letter to join the Bladen.

Visitors: L. Johnson, H. C. Moore, M. L. Kesler, W. C. Tyree, C. H. Utley, R. J. Bateman, of Norfolk; E. L. Middleton.

There was a fine obituary of Elder John T. Albritton.

Treasurer's report: Receipts., \$588.51; disbursements \$588.51.

Finance Committee's report, \$787.94.

C. M. Beach was appointed Sunday School Secretary for the Association and when possible to co-operate with E. L. Middleton, the Sunday School Secretary for the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

The Woman's Work still held a subordinate place among the brethren. The sisters were not allowed to read their own reports. There were about the same Missionary Societies as the year before. The collections from the Societies were \$495.41.

There had been a fund to pay the expense of the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. There was a balance of \$8.00 on hand. A collection of \$8.50 was taken and paid to Elder J. M. Alderman to assist in paying his expenses to the Convention.

The digest of letters showed:

Amount spent for home current expenses \$6,635.59; Amount spent for Missions \$2,968.28

Churches 38, membership 3,847, Sunday School pupils and teachers 2,740, Baptisms 268.

1909—CORINTH—OCT. 5-7.

Moderator—C. E. Daniel, Clerk A. R. Herring, Treasurer, C. M. Beach.

Executive Committee: C. E. Daniel, W. H. Middleton, D. W. Fussell, W. H. Hagwood, J. R. Peterson.

Finance Committee, C. L. Herring, J. R. Peterson, F. M. Southerland.

Reading Clerks: C. M. Beach and W. B. Rivenbark.

A new church at Turkey was received.

The Warsaw High School no longer claims attention. About the year 1850 the Association felt the necessity for a good High School and for many years made extensive effort to establish and maintain the Warsaw Associational School. Great good was accomplished and many men and women went out from the Institution to serve the denomination as well as the public generally most acceptably. But as the State began to establish

public high schools it was found impossible to keep up the denominational private schools. The Warsaw School passed away about 1906.

The regular reports were read and discussed, purely as a matter of history, showing those who took part. It is well to name those reading or speaking. Among them were: J. H. Booth, D. S. Ray, M. Ward, C. M. Beach, B. G. Early, A. L. Betts, Arch Johnson, Braxton Craig, J. B. Newton, J. M. Page, W. B. Lamb, E. L. Middleton, W. L. Britt, D. W. Fussell, J. R. Peterson, E. Lee Fox, D. S. Kennedy, J. A. Powell, J. M. Alderman, R. C. Sandling, George Highsmith, J. F. Williams, C. L. Herring, C. E. Shipp, I. W. Powell, B. F. Fussell, G. Kelly, C. J. Bradshaw, D. T. Johnson, Dr. V. N. Seawell, Lee Carlton, J. G. Bostic, J. W. Blanchard, S. A. Strickland, C. C. Everett, J. T. Wilkins, J. C. Boone.

Collection for Sunday School Missions \$73.25,

Pledges for Ministerial Relief \$106.00.

A collection was taken for State Missions, \$17.00.

There was a notice of the death of Rev. W. A. Melvin.

Treasurer reported having received and disbursed \$941.78

Arrangements were made for a campaign for Sunday Schools and Christian Education.

Individuals were appointed to write on each of the subjects and be ready to read them at the Association next year.

1910—BETHEL—OCT. 4-6.

Moderator—C. E. Daniel, Clerk—A. R. Herring, Treasurer—C. M. Beach.
Executive Committee. (Same as last year.)

Finance: M. Ward, D. T. Peterson, Lee Carlton.

Reading Clerks: C. M. Beach and C. L. Herring.

Sermon by Elder P. A. Anthony.

M. L. Kesler, J. S. Farmer, E. L. Middleton and Geo. W. Green missionary to China, were visitors.

\$150.00 was raised to help Beulaville church.

J. L. Stewart had been able to collect only a small portion of the money on notes to the Old Relief Society. He had paid the amount collected over to the State Relief Fund and exhibited a receipt in full for the amount from R. H. Rigsbee, Treasurer of said Board.

Rev. B. F. DeLoatch made the report on Woman's Work. Miss Macy Cox, Associational Vice-President, then took charge. Several of the local Presidents were present and made reports. Twenty ladies took part in the discussion. Twenty-four Societies were in good and active standing. \$658.59 had been collected in them.

The good the ladies were accomplishing caused the brethren to tone up and they passed a resolution highly commending the work of the women and urged all the churches to organize Societies.

Writers of reports for next year were appointed. This is mentioned because it had not been done before.

Digest of letters show: Five churches with no Sunday school; 17 Sunday Schools had collected \$430.00 for the Orphanage

Per-capita amount for all objects in the churches was reported.

That was perhaps an average Association; the writers and speakers were about the same as heretofore, there were some new names.

1911—ROWAN—OCT. 3-5.

At the session of the Association for 1911 at Old Rowan church but little except routine work was done.

C. E. Daniel was Moderator; A. R. Herring was Clerk; C. M. Beach was Treasurer.

There was practically the same Executive Committee.

The Committee on Finance: J. M. Marshburn, M. H. Oates, Addie Blackburn.

Reading Clerks: C. M. Beach and J. C. Powell.

Elder B. F. DeLoatch preached the Missionary sermon.

Visitors: C. M. Hall, R. L. Rogers, John E. Ray, and Arch Johnson.

R. L. Rogers preached at the stand

E. J. Harrell preached at the Clinton Baptist church at night.

J. H. Booth read the report on Woman's Work. In his report he said it was good to stimulate the women and children in contributing to the objects of the Lord's cause.

Thirty-five Woman's Missionary Societies had been doing work in the Association. There were 909 members of the Societies. They had contributed \$811.74.

Miss Macy Cox was Vice-President.

In close proximity to that report is another—very suggestive—"Report on Laymen's Movement." Did the sisters object?

Treasurer's Report, \$446.00.

"Gospel Missions"

In order to keep history straight, it may be well to give in a brief space the movement that was known as the "Gospel Mission" plan. Several of the churches and Associations desired to have and support their own Foreign Missionaries and not through the organized Convention Boards. Funds were sent direct to the missionaries on the fields in China and elsewhere. The plan did not last many years.

37 churches; 216 baptisms; 3,915 members.

Fine reports were read and discussed by the brethren, just about the same personnel as last year.

1912—BEAR MARSH—OCT. 7-9.

C. E. Daniel, Moderator; A. R. Herring, Clerk; I. J. Teachey Treasurer. Executive Committee: C. E. Daniel, W. H. Middleton, E. M. Teachey, W. H. Hagwood, J. R. Peterson.

W. B. Rivenbark preached the Introductory sermon.

Finance Committee: Thad Jones, Bernard Alderman, and Frank Faulk.

Reading Clerks: C. M. Beach and J. B. Newton.

Visitors: Dr. L. Johnson, Arch Johnson, G. E. Lineberry, Dr. T. O. Kelly, W. N. Johnson.

Miss Macy Cox made an excellent showing for the work of the women of the Association.

23 Woman's Missionary Unions.

14 Sunbeam Bands; 2 Royal Ambassador Bands.

The amount collected for the year by Woman's Societies \$1,037.22.

The brethren did not do as well. The Treasurer reported \$423.60. Of course all they raised was not shown in the Treasurer's report.

Rev. J. L. Stewart had served as Moderator of the Eastern Association for 29 years. He was absent at that session on account of sickness. A resolution was passed to send greetings and love to our beloved brother who could not be present.

The Digest of Letters showed, Churches, 36; baptisms, 204; membership, 4,109.

Three churches report no Sunday School.

Ministers of the Association for 1912: W. B. Oliver, W. M. Kelly, C. H. Cashwell, J. M. Page, J. B. Newton, C. D. Peterson, B. G. Early, J. M. Alderman, L. L. Hudson, J. L. Stewart, B. F. DeLoatch, J. W. Bell, J. H. Booth, R. C. Sandling, E. J. Harrell, Henry Carter, W. B. Rivenbark.

All the reports were readable and were well discussed. The minutes do not show any great enthusiasm except for the interest in Woman's Work.

1913—BEULAVILLE.—OCT. 7-9.

The Association met in 1913 at Beulaville, a new church in lower Duplin.

C. E. Daniel, Moderator; A. R. Herring, Clerk; L. Middleton, Treasurer.

Trustees of Dell School Loan Fund: C. E. Daniel, Ex. of H. L. Stewart, Chairman, A. R. Herring, Secretary, J. H. Booth.

Finance Committee: T. Jones, G. Kelly, and S. E. Johnson.

New Churches were: Oakdale, Springfield, and Garland.

Elder J. B. Newton preached. Elder J. H. Booth preached at night.

A committee was appointed to apportion among the churches the amount to be raised with an increase of 10 per cent over last year.

The title of one of the reports was "Baptist Education."

The only evidence of real constructive work at that session of the Association was what the women had done. The brethren during all the past history of the churches had relegated the sisters to silence and meekness. When the Association relapsed into a form of reading reports and discussing them, and formally adopting them, the good women stepped to the front and organized for work. During the last five years the women had raised \$4,044.30.

They had done a greater service by enlisting the women in reaching out and putting in line of work others who held great possibilities hitherto unrecognized. While the Association had declined to report on the work of

the Young People, those women organized them into bands and put them to work.

At the Association in 1913 the women reported having raised \$1,205.62.

There were 1116 members in the societies.

The Treasurer of the Association reported \$414.02.

A motion was adopted to raise \$500.00 for the Wake Forest church and to apportion that amount among the churches.

C. M. Beach was elected Associational Sunday School Secretary.

40 churches; 224 baptisms; 4,193 members.

New preachers: A. O. Moore, S. B. Wilson, R. B. Duckett, and J. A. Snow.

The reports were fine and no doubt were enjoyed.

1914—OAKVALE—OCT. 6-8.

Moderator, C. E. Daniel; Clerk, A. R. Herring; Treasurer, J. L. Carlton.

Finance Committee: W. B. Lamb, Theo. Middleton, and T. E. Summerlin.

Executive Committee: C. E. Daniel, W. H. Middleton, H. L. Stewart, J. R. Peterson, D. H. Marshburn.

Reading Clerks: J. M. Alderman, C. H. Cashwell.

Finance Committee reported \$276.72.

Visitors: T. B. Hamrick, J. H. Gorrell, E. L. Middleton, D. W. Herring, W. N. Johnson.

The success of the Woman's "Movement" seems to have stirred up the men to start a LAYMAN'S MOVEMENT. As the years pass by we shall see if they ever caught up with the women. It was easy to say "We ought—" The women were up and doing.

The reports on the various subjects were fine and no doubt were well discussed. Among those who appeared were: J. M. Page, W. B. Lamb, O. F. Herring, F. B. Hamrick, W. H. Hagwood, J. F. Wallace, H. J. Brinson, S. B. Wilson, H. L. Stewart, T. B. Summerlin, J. M. Alderman, D. W. Herring, C. H. Cashwell, F. D. Collins, J. H. Gorrell, J. L. Carlton, B. G. Early, E. L. Middleton, D. H. Marshburn, J. A. Beaman, F. B. DeLoatch, J. R. Peterson, Thad Jones, A. O. Moore, J. H. Booth, D. J. Bradshaw, R. P. Holt, W. H. Brown, H. M. Swinson, and Miss Macy Cox.

New ministers: F. D. Collins, C. V. Brooks, T. J. Hood.

There is a notice of the death of Rev. R. C. Sandling.

Miss Cox let it be known that she needed a typewriter for the work of her department. The pastors and two brethren, J. R. Peterson and John A. Beaman gave assurance that it would be provided.

1915—JOHNSONS—OCT. 5-7.

Moderator, C. E. Daniel; Clerk, A. R. Herring; Treasurer, J. L. Carlton.

Executive Committee: J. R. Peterson, L. Middleton, J. C. Williams, C. I. Robinson, J. T. Albritton.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. H. Cashwell.

Finance Committee: McD. Davis, J. E. Foster, J. F. Wallace.

Reading Clerks: B. G. Early and F. M. Southerland.
Committee to Digest Letters: R. H. Herring, C. I. Robinson, Thad. Jones.
Visitors: Arch Johnson, C. J. Thompson, N. H. Shepherd, E. L. Middleton, T. J. Hood, H. Pipkin, Elder George Matthews (Presbyterian), C. E. Brewer, T. W. Lee (Methodist).

Report on Orphanage was read by B. G. Early.
Report on State Missions, by J. M. Alderman.
Report on Executive Committee, C. H. Cashwell.
Report on Woman's Work, A. O. Moore.
Report on Home Missions, S. B. Wilson.
Report on Christian Education, L. B. Olive.
Report on Trustees of Dell School, A. R. Herring.
Report on Biblical Recorder, J. H. Booth.
Report on Dell School "Loan Fund", A. R. Herring.
Report on Digest of Letters, R. H. Herring.
Report on Obituaries, S. B. Wilson.
Report on Laymen's Movement, B. G. Early (a preacher).
Report on Foreign Missions, R. H. Herring.
Report on Ministers' Relief, C. H. Cashwell (a preacher).
Report on Temperance, J. R. Peterson.
Report on Treasurer's Account, J. L. Carlton.
Report on Order of Business, J. M. Alderman.

For seventy-five years the Executive Committee of the Association has been a dynamo in the activities of the body. From its beginning the work of the committee deserves special mention, but a write-up that would do the committee justice would be too long for these brief sketches.

The report on Woman's Work deserves special attention. Miss Macy Cox brought new life into the Association by enlisting the women in lines of activity which had been neglected.

In the month of August the Woman's Societies had held a great meeting in Kenansville. It was full of inspiration and encouragement. At that time they had 28 Missionary Societies; 11 Y.W.A.'s; 25 Sunbeam Societies, all in active work. The work cannot be estimated in dollars and cents; yet they raised \$1,365.58.

The Baptist Ministers' Relief Board was organized in 1890. A historic sketch is given in the minutes for 1915—very interesting.

Churches; 40; baptisms, 178; membership, 4,116.

1916—CALYPSO—OCT. 3-4.

Moderator, C. E. Daniel; Clerk, A. R. Herring; Treasurer, J. L. Carlton.

Introductory sermon by Elder W. N. Johnson.

Maple Hill secured a letter to join Wilmington Association.

Finance Committee: R. C. Seawell, J. C. Robinson, C. L. Herring.

Reading Clerks: Eugene Bryant and C. H. Cashwell.

The minutes were read through carefully. The reports were all very fine

and instructive. The discussions were, no doubt, helpful and inspiring. But we fail to find any business of a constructive nature except the school project at Dell and the report from the Woman's organizations.

There were 41 churches; 172 baptisms; 4,218 members.

For the times the churches were liberal, not only in local affairs, but in the work of missions. They were rather weak on the educational program.

A box containing records of the Eastern Association, by request of the late Rev. J. T. Albritton, was presented to the Association and was placed in the hands of the Moderator, C. E. Daniel.

The report of the Woman's Department showed that that half of the Association was alive and pressing forward in their work.

Miss Cox made an excellent leader and evidently had strong backing and support in every quarter.

It is fortunate that the minutes of the Association published the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union.

They reported 30 W.M.U.'s; 12 Y.W.A.'s; 28 Sunbeams. The membership was 1,395. Amount of money raised \$1,313.29. Miss Cox had done a prodigious amount of work, traveling from one church to another, writing a great number of letters, and in every way pressing the work committed to her hands.

Ministers of the Association at that time: J. L. Stewart, R. H. Herring, J. H. Booth, J. M. Alderman, C. H. Cashwell, B. G. Early, A. O. Moore, S. B. Wilson, F. T. Collins, J. W. Bell, C. D. Peterson, C. V. Brooks, W. B. Rivenbark, T. J. Baker, H. Pipkin, W. A. Elam.

1917—PINEY GROVE—OCT. 9-10.

Moderator, C. E. Daniel; Clerk, A. L. Carlton; Treasurer, L. Middleton. Executive Committee: J. R. Peterson, L. Middleton, J. C. Williams, C. I. Robinson, J. T. Albritton.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. R. H. Herring.

Finance Committee. T. Middleton, L. M. Sanderson, and D. S. Ray.

Reading Clerks: A. O. Moore and A. L. Carlton.

Visitors: Three Johnsons, Arch, Livingston, and Walter, and Dr. W. R. Cullom.

Union Grove, a new church, was received.

A resolution was adopted asking the Moderator to appoint a committee to arrange with the Executive Committee for meetings for three days at each recurring fifth Sunday; and that a prepared program be sent to each church asking for co-operation.

A motion was passed to ask the State Board of Education to appropriate four-fifths of the money paid by the Eastern Association for Christian Education to Dell School.

A motion was adopted to pay Miss Macy Cox \$300.00 instead of \$200.00 as heretofore.

A resolution was adopted that an effort be made to divide the churches up into fields for pastoral services and more efficient work.

The minutes contain a notice of the death of Rev. J. B. Newton.

Report on Woman's Missionary Union:

The Ninth Annual Session met with the Baptist Church in Clinton in August, 1917. Miss Macy Cox presided at all the meetings. Miss Elizabeth Briggs of Raleigh (later Mrs. T. M. Pittman, of Henderson), was present and was very helpful in many ways.

There were 26 W. M. Unions; 9 Y. W. Auxiliaries; 23 Sunbeam Societies, 2 Royal Ambassadors; Total membership, 1,228.

The Superintendent traveled 752 miles in her work, wrote 780 letters and cards, and visited personally nearly all of the societies. The funds from the Societies amounted to \$1,481.45.

A resume of the reports would be interesting but space forbids.

New pastors: P. A. Hicks, J. D. Howell, W. M. Huggins, C. V. Stevens, E. L. Weston.

42 churches; 220 baptisms; membership 4,325.

1918—CONCORD—OCT. 29.

On account of the epidemic of influenza which was prevailing extensively, the meeting of the Eastern Association had been postponed for some weeks.

The Moderator, Hon. C. E. Daniel, along with so many others, had been called from life's activities. New officers filled the places made vacant.

Moderator, H. L. Stewart; Clerk, A. L. Carlton, Treasurer, L. Middleton.

The Introductory sermon was dispensed with. Dr. R. T. Vann conducted a short opening service.

It was decided to continue the meeting for one day only.

Finance Committee: D. Matthews, T. Middleton, J. F. Williams.

Reading Clerks: K. W. Cawthon, J. M. Alderman.

The various reports were read and adopted without discussion.

Dr. Vann addressed the Association on Christian Education.

Treasurer's Report: \$815.31.

Miss Macy Mox made an excellent report on Woman's Work.

Some new Societies had been formed.

W. M. Unions, 31; Y.W.A., 13; Sunbeams, 28; G. A., 2; R. A., 5; Total enrollment 1,435. Funds collected, \$2,001.17.

Their annual meeting was at Magnolia.

The Moderator appointed chairmen of committees to have reports ready for the next year.

A motion was carried to add \$100.00 to the amount paid Miss Cox for next year, provided it should be in the treasury.

Finance Committee reported \$551.28.

1919—HALLSVILLE—OCT. 7-8.

Moderator, H. L. Stewart; Clerk, E. P. Blanchard; Treasurer, L. Middleton.

Executive Committee: J. R. Peterson, L. Middleton, J. C. Williams, A. R. Herring, J. T. Albritton.

Finance Committee: T. Middleton, H. Carlton, F. M. Southerland.

Digest Letters: L. L. Johnson, M. E. Britt, E. C. Robinson.

Reading Clerks. R. H. Herring and C. I. Robinson.

An effort was made to arrange for an Associational Secretary.

The 75 million campaign was endorsed and by resolution the Eastern Association assumed \$120,000.00 as its portion of the amount to be raised. That amount was apportioned out among the various churches.

The Finance Committee reported \$765.97.

Report of the Treasurer, \$548.78.

Report on Woman's Work: Miss Cox made her report which was most interesting and well received by the brethren.

They held their eleventh annual meeting in the Baptist church at Mount Olive in August. She reported 29 W. M. S.; 13 Y. W. A.; 26 Sunbeams; 2 G. A.; and 5 R. A. Total membership 1,522. Amount raised, \$3,739.73.

They had visitors: Miss Bertha Carroll, Raleigh; there were others from the state. Miss Carroll paid beautiful tribute to the Eastern Association by presenting for the second time the State Banner.

The Union voted to give next year \$5,000.00 to the Convention objects.

Officers for the Union for 1920 were: Miss Macy Cox, Superintendent; Mrs. J. R. Peterson, Assistant; Mrs. M. J. Herring, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Association heard all the usual reports and had pleasure in the interested discussions. By means of strong speeches succeeded in having the reports adopted.

The full list of ministers was: J. L. Stewart, R. H. Herring, J. H. Booth, J. M. Alderman, S. B. Wilson, J. W. Bell, C. D. Peterson, T. J. Baker, H. Pipkin, G. W. White, A. L. Carlton, W. M. Huggins, E. L. Weston, I. T. Stroud, K. W. Cawthon, L. L. Johnson, Alex Peterson, J. M. Duncan, B. R. Page, D. E. Hill, D. P. Harris, J. F. Colston.

1920—CLINTON—OCT. 5-6.

Moderator, H. L. Stewart; Clerk, E. P. Blanchard; Treasurer, J. L. Carlton.

Executive Committee: J. R. Peterson, L. Middleton, J. C. Williams, A. K. Herring, J. T. Albritton.

Finance Committee: J. T. Albritton, A. R. Herring, Dr. A. A. Maynard.

K. W. Cawthon preached the Introductory sermon.

The minutes contain a brief but excellent memorial of the late Moderator, C. E. Daniel.

Report of the Finance Committee showed \$650.48; The Treasurer's report, \$766.72.

The Report on Sunday Schools by Dr. A. A. Maynard is worth repeating.

All the reports were fine. The reports and the discussions occupied pretty nearly all the time of the Association. There was nothing of a nature calling for new enterprise except the work which was in the hands of the women.

The report of Miss Macy Cox is full of interest and shows intensive work and endurance. The session of their Associational Union was held with the Johnsons church, in August, 1920.

Number of Societies, 33; Y. W. A., 16; Girls' Auxiliaries, 2; Royal Ambassadors, 8; Sunbeams, 30; Total membership, 1,823; Total money raised by them, \$5,481.29.

Miss Cox was presented the State Banner which her Association had won for the third successive year.

The officers were Miss Macy Cox, Superintendent; Miss Annie Lee Best, Assistant; Mrs. J. R. Peterson, Secretary and Treasurer; Miss Beatie Hubbard, Mission Study Leader.

They had a strong Executive Committee: Mrs. Fannie Byrd, Mrs. Abb Pickett, Mrs. W. W. Cox, Mrs. Jim Albritton, Mrs. Thad Jones, Mrs. Clarence Brown, Mrs. M. J. Herring, Mrs. C. S. Parker, and Miss Emma Middleton.

There was the same list of ministers as last year.

Men (and women) make history and it is well to preserve the work done by those who attend the Association. Space does not permit all that we want inserted in these sketches.

Some of the actors were: J. E. Boyette, A. A. Peterson, J. G. Malpass, W. H. Brown, J. T. Kennedy, J. P. McLamb, F. Rich, B. S. Peterson, R. J. Whaley, C. T. Bell, H. M. Swinson, E. L. Croom, L. A. Byrd, R. Carlton, H. K. Darden, H. J. Batts, C. E. Ship, E. T. Lamb, J. T. Hudson, G. W. White, W. W. Cook, W. D. Wilkins, H. L. Swain, W. D. Henderson.

1921—SILOAM—OCT. 4-5.

Moderator, H. L. Stewart; Clerk, E. P. Blanchard. Treasurer, J. L. Carlton. Executive Committee: J. R. Peterson, L. Middleton, J. C. Williams, A. R. Herring, J. T. Albritton.

Finance: T. Summerlin, G. D. Herring, Z. V. Blount.

Reading Clerks, McD. Davis, W. M. Kelly.

Digest of Letters: F. M. Southerland, B. S. Peterson, G. P. Britt.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. R. O'Brian.

On motion the delegates were asked to take up collection on returning to their churches to pay off a debt on the Board.

Report on Dell School Loan Fund. Cash in Clinton Bank \$463.42; notes for loans, \$130.00.

In July of 1921 there was held a great Sunday School Convention in Kevansville. The minutes indicate that there was great interest in the work before the body and that all went away full of new zeal in the cause.

The report on Woman's Work was full of inspiration and encouragement. The Missionary Union met in their thirteenth annual session with the Calypso Baptist church. Miss Macy Cox presided.

33 Missionary Societies, 15 Young Woman's Societies, 10 Girls Auxiliaries, 11 Royal Ambassadors, 31 Sunbeam Bands. Total membership, 1,992.

Total amount paid in by this department \$6,031.88.

The above figures represent but a small portion of the good which comes from the great work they are doing. They are training young people for future leadership.

A few years back a motion was adopted to strike from the list of subjects the discussion of the "B.Y.P.U."

A. L. Brown read a report on B.Y.P.U. The report was adopted, and Bro. Brown was elected President of the work.

The several reports were well prepared and made excellent reading. The discussions were fine, but we cannot reproduce either for lack of space.

The new ministers were: T. R. O'Bryan, A. L. Brown, Z. T. Batts, W. R. Stevens, A. D. Carter, Henry Carter.

SPECIAL SESSION, APRIL 11, 1922.

The Eastern Association was called to meet in special session on the above date to take under advisement the financial conditions of Dell School.

Moderator, H. L. Stewart; Clerk, E. P. Blanchard.

Devotional exercises were conducted by A. L. Brown.

The object of the special call was stated by A. R. Herring.

Adjournment was taken till 2 P. M.

On re-assembling Dr. E. T. Carter opened with prayer.

A resolution was adopted endorsing and recommending the Dell School to the churches and Associations.

A committee composed of H. L. Stewart, L. Middleton, and L. R. O'Brian was appointed to look into the situation and formulate plans for relieving the situation.

A resolution was adopted that the Executive Committee of the Sunday School Convention be instructed to accept the offer of E. L. Middleton, State Sunday School Director, of five Institutes in this Association and to notify him of their acceptance.

Resolved, That the Committee on Christian Education ask the churches to respond immediately with an amount equal to one dollar per member of the church to help Dell School.

H. L. STEWART, Moderator.

E. P. BLANCHARD, Clerk.

1922—SHARON—OCT. 3-4.

Moderator, H. L. Stewart; Clerk, E. P. Blanchard; Treasurer, J. L. Carlton. Executive Committee: J. R. Peterson, L. Middleton, J. C. Williams, A. R. Herring, J. T. Albritton.

Dr. R. T. Vann preached an Introductory sermon.

Finance Committee: J. T. Kennedy, G. D. Herring, F. M. Southerland.

Reports were read:

Associational Missions, by G. W. White.

State Missions, W. M. Kelly and J. T. Drew.

Home Missions, by Z. T. Batts and B. S. Peterson.

Foreign Missions, by W. R. Stevens.

Temperance, by J. R. Peterson.

Sunday Schools, by A. L. Turner, Dr. V. N. Seawell, J. D. Carter.

Religious Education, by L. R. O'Brian, T. B. Summerlin.

Orphanage—L. Middleton and J. L. Burch.

Biblical Recorder, J. W. Bell, M. J. Tucker.

Old Minister's Relief, by C. D. Peterson, N. H. Carlton, J. W. Stokes.

Change in Constitution: K. W. Cawthon, J. R. Peterson, Maury Ward.

Report of Committee on Deli School: We recommend that the school be discontinued after the present school year. Also that a committee be appointed to make the final arrangements and adjustments and that should there be any surplus after the indebtedness shall be met that such surplus be turned over to the Baptist State Education Board for such use as may be deemed best. Committee: L. R. O'Brian, B. S. Peterson, J. T. Albritton, D. J. Middleton, W. D. Anderson.

Report on Woman's Work: The Superintendent, Miss Macy Cox, made a most interesting report.

33 W. M. S.; 14 Y.W.A., 10 Girl's Auxiliaries, 10 Royal Ambassadors, 33 Sunbeam Bands. Total enrollment 1,931.

Total gifts \$5,221.84.

The officers were: Miss Macy Cox, Superintendent; Mrs. M. J. Herring, Assistant Superintendent; Miss Eunice Vause, Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Henry Carlton, Supt. Mission Study; Mrs. Fannie Byrd, Mrs. Abb Pickett, Mrs. Willie Cook, Mrs. Jim Albritton, Mrs. C. S. Parker, Mrs. C. J. Brown, and Miss Emma Middleton were added to form the Executive Committee. Miss Kathleen Mallory and Miss Elizabeth Briggs were the honored guests. 156 delegates present.

Within ten years the personnel of the ministry had almost entirely changed. S. B. Wilson, C. D. Peterson, J. W. Bell, H. Pipkin, G. W. White, I. T. Stround, K. W. Cawthon, Alex. Peterson, J. M. Duncan, A. L. Turner, W. M. Kelly, L. R. O'Brian, A. L. Brown, W. R. Stevens, A. D. Carter, Henry Carter, Z. T. Batts.

A motion was adopted to invite the Goldsboro church to become a member of the Eastern Association,

A fine report was made on the B. Y. P. U.

1923—CORINTH—OCT. 9-10.

Moderator, H. L. Stewart; Clerk, D. J. Middleton; Treasurer, J. L. Carlton
Executive Committee, J. R. Peterson, C. I. Robinson, J. C. Williams, W. E. Murry, J. T. Albritton.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Duncan.

Finance Committee: A. Johnson, A. T. Maynard, W. D. Kelly.

Visitors: Dr. C. E. Maddry, Dr. Zeno Wall, C. W. Blanchard, B. G. Earley.

On motion Dr. Zeno Wall was given 45 minutes to speak.

Dr. C. E. Maddry, State Secretary, made a great speech on the 75-million campaign before the people.

Report on State Missions: F. M. Southerland, J. T. Hudson, and B. A. Southerland.

Foreign Missions: W. R. Stevens, T. Middleton, Dr. V. N. Seawell.

Associational Missions: George W. White.

Home Missions: T. Middleton, S. H. Hairr, D. M. Fussell.

Christian Education: T. H. King, W. W. Cook, G. T. Britt.

Sunday Schools: K. W. Cawthon, C. H. Horton, J. C. Williams.

Temperance: J. W. Bell, J. C. Williams, J. R. Brock.

Obituaries: H. J. Batts, S. T. Wallace.

Biblical Recorder: J. R. Peterson, R. E. Fryar, J. R. Wilson.

Orphanage: T. H. King.

B. Y. P. U.—A. L. Brown, J. T. Hudson, C. H. Holland.

Woman's Work: Miss Macy Cox, Superintendent.

The Annual Union of that body was held at Bear Marsh church in August. This report made material for a full copied minute in itself. There were not quite so many societies, nor were there as many members as last year. But the outlay of the work done and the plans for the future excite our admiration. "Mission Study," "Stewardship", "Personal Service," and "Memorial", entrance the eye of the historian.

From 1909 to 1923 the Woman's Department contributed in money \$37,-171.72. This was done without show or the sounding of trumpets.

The Union gave to the Baptist Hospital at Winston a bed and equipments as a memorial of their love and esteem for their beloved President, Miss Macy Cox, for her fifteen years of faithful service.

Officers: Miss Macy Cox, President; Mrs. M. J. Herring, Assistant Superintendent; Miss Eunice Vance, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. Henry Carlton, Mission Study Superintendent; Mrs. H. Middleton, Personal Service Chairman. Mesdames Fannie Byrd, Abb Pickett, Willie Cook, J. Albritton, C. S. Parker, C. J. Brown, and Miss Emma Middleton, with the officers formed the Executive Committee.

Report on Finance:

From last year.....	\$ 118.57
Brought in this year (1923).....	770.00
Paid Miss Macy Cox.....	600.00
Paid G. W. White.....	100.00
Paid R. M. Floyd.....	75.00

1924—DOBSON'S CHAPEL—OCT. 7-8

Moderator, H. L. Stewart; Clerk, D. J. Middleton; Treasurer, J. L. Carlton
Sermon by G. W. Rollins.

Finance Committee: L. A. Byrd, L. D. Rogers, E. H. Lewis.

Two new pastors were present: G. W. Rollins and N. D. Blackman.

Several talks were made concerning the completion of the 75-million funds. All agree to try again in the home churches.

A motion was adopted that a committee be appointed to apportion the 1925 program among the churches. The committee was: C. I. Robinson, J. R. Peterson, L. R. O'Brian, T. H. King, and J. C. Williams.

Reports were adopted as follows:

Religious Literature. K. W. Cawthon, Miss Betty Loftin, R. D. Canady.
Orphanage: G. W. Rollins, J. M. Boone, C. J. Lewis.
Sunday Schools. W. N. Bostic, N. D. Blackman, J. D. McLamb.
State Missions, Home Missions and Foreign Missions: T. H. King, C. H. Holland, Mrs. W. J. Middleton.

Associational Missions: J. R. Peterson, I. L. Haws, Mossette Hobbs.

Christian Education: Miss Lucile Kelly, W. W. Cook, C. I. Robinson.

Obituaries: J. W. Bell, W. A. Smith, W. A. Everett.

W. R. Beach made an appeal for the Recorder.

R. F. Hough represented the Kennedy Home.

A vote of thanks was given to the committee on Missions for such a splendid report.

Missionary sermon was preached by Elder L. R. O'Brien.

Miss Macy Cox presented an elaborate and splendid report on Woman's Work. It is worthy of the space of three pages. It enumerates the work in a way that is very readable.

The Annual Union met with the Rose Hill Church in August. 172 delegates were enrolled. The items mentioned in her report were: "Organization," "Membership", "Literature", "Stewardship", "Seasons of Prayer" "Personal Service", "Mission Study", "Finance", "Expenses".

Total gifts for the year \$6,822.50.

Miss Cox expressed an impression that she should retire.

Elder T. H. King offered a resolution in the Association assuring Miss Cox of the hearty co-operation of the Association and their high appreciation of her work.

Report on B. Y. P. U.: A. L. Brown, F. W. McGowen.

38 churches, baptisms 210, 5,080 members.

Ministers: I. D. Johnson, J. W. Bell, G. W. White, W. W. Kelly, K. W. Cawthon, J. M. Duncan, L. R. O'Brien, A. L. Brown, A. D. Carter, Henry Carter, I. L. Johnson, M. B. Holt, G. W. Rollins, N. D. Blackman.

1925—TURKEY—OCT. 2-7.

Moderator, H. L. Stewart; Clerk, D. J. Middleton; Treasurer, J. L. Carlton

An Introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. H. King.

Finance Committee: H. Hair, C. H. Holland, C. I. Robinson.

Visitors: Dr. W. L. Poteat, Dr. Hoyer of China, W. M. Gilmore, C. A. Upchurch, L. B. Pagett, F. B. Hamrick.

J. M. Alderman had returned to the Association. Elder S. L. Naff is the new pastor at Mount Olive.

Dr. Poteat addressed the Association on Christian Education.

C. A. Upchurch spoke on religious literature.

Elder N. D. Blackburn preached the Missionary Sermon.

W. M. Gilmore spoke on Missions.

The usual reports were read and discussed. Some of those who spoke to the reports were: S. L. Naff, G. P. Britt, T. H. King, D. S. Matthews, W. R. Herring, A. D. Carter, J. M. Duncan, J. G. Boone, C. I. Robinson, H. J.

Hines, J. R. Peterson, D. W. Fussell, E. L. Croom, C. A. Upchurch, G. W. Rollins, J. E. Highsmith, W. M. Gilmore, N. D. Blackman, Tyson Dobson, Vara Phillips, A. L. Brown, M. J. Herring, G. W. Hobbs, J. M. Alderman, Miss Macy Cox, Mrs. A. L. Byrd, Miss Bettie Loftin, J. C. Williams, G. W. White, J. L. Carlton, C. H. Holland, S. H. Hair, J. W. Bell, L. H. Lamb, L. D. Rogers, H. L. Stewart, D. J. Middleton.

The report of the Executive Committee showed that they had paid the Superintendent of Woman's Work \$600.00. Also that they had paid pastoral supplies for several weaker churches.

The Woman's Missionary Union held their last session at Clinton in August. There was a total membership of 1,403. The enrollment showed quite a falling off. Total fund or gifts was \$4,000.00. Miss Cox had done a prodigious amount of work. Nearly 1,000 miles traveled, over a thousand letters and cards written.

The officers of the Union were about the same as the year before.

The number of ministers had been greatly diminished. Was there a cause for the lack in the number of preachers? Many years ago the Eastern Association was noted for its strong ministry. Those who serve the churches now are strong men, but the number is small.

1926—ISLAND CREEK—OCT. 5-6.

Moderator, T. H. King; Clerk, C. I. Robinson.

Executive Committee: J. R. Peterson, C. I. Robinson, W. B. Murry, J. T. Albritton, J. C. Williams.

Finance Committee: O. H. James, P. Kivenbark, R. W. Blanchard.

Ingold, nominally a new church was enrolled. The name Lisbon was dropped from the roll. Consolidation of weak churches is a wise thing, but it is painful to the historian to see the old churches which have been prominent so long lose their identity. Lisbon was organized in 1823 by Elder George Fennell and was a center of culture and influence.

The raising of funds required for the co-operative program was apportioned among the churches for them to collect.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder S. L. Naff.

Visitors: Rev. W. M. Gilmore, Dr. J. H. Gorrell, B. G. Early, F. B. Hamrick, Rev. J. I. Hodges.

Dr. Gorrell spoke on Christian Education.

The report on B.Y.P.U. was well received.

As 1927 will be the Centennial year of the Eastern Association, a resolution was passed that the next meeting be held at Penlah where the Association was organized October 26, 1827; and that a committee composed of H. L. Stewart, J. R. Peterson and T. H. King be appointed to make all arrangements for that meeting.

The present Executive Committee, like its predecessors for 75 years had been busy during the year. It is unfortunate that more cannot be recorded of their work, but with a hundred other matters of importance must pass with a bare mention.

Another successful and busy year had passed with the Woman's Missionary Union. That was during a period of financial depression, but the women held up bravely and made a fine showing. Mere figures will never reveal the good accomplished by that band of faithful women. Their enrollment was about 1400. Notwithstanding discouraging conditions, their gifts were \$3,284.25.

Nearly all of the older people have passed away; new men and women are at the helm. Well trained, consecrated men and women, whose hearts are in the great work they have in hand will accomplish wonderful things with the Lord's guidance and help.

The unwritten history of the Old Eastern Association is full of interest. There were giants in those days: Hufham, Fennell, Wells, Stewart, Kennedy, Best, McAlpin, McDaniel, Carroll, Oliver, Albritton, Wallace, Biddle, Williams, Faison, and a host of others. Those who follow have a godly heritage and are making a good showing in their great task.

In 1850 the brethren determined to establish a school of high order to serve the people. For about half a century it strove for an existence, but Warsaw could not compete against the public High Schools with the State's treasury behind them. Dell School had the same experience. There were other enterprises, Book Depositories for Bibles, and other religious and denominational literature. There was the "Ministers Relief Society" which served well for many years to assist the aged ministers.

The Association will soon turn toward a new century.

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
1927 — 1977

by Reverend Waldo D. Early

FOREWARD
OUR CONTINUING HISTORY
1927 — 1977

This is the year 1977, the date is July 14.

Nearly 50 years ago the **Eastern Baptist Association** met at Beulah Church, near Turkey to celebrate the Centennial-100 years of Baptist fellowship and work in this section of North Carolina.

On October 4th, the first of three days the Association met, 36 of the 38 churches were represented by 95 registered messengers. One church had no messengers that day, while another was represented by letter only. Five of the messengers were women. I find no record of the number or names of persons registered for the remaining two days.

There were twenty-six ministers present, many of whom were not pastors in the Association. Of the ministers present, N. D. Blackman, is the only one that I know of who is now living. A recent letter tells us he is in Hampton, Virginia, 86 years old.

The **Eastern Association** adjourned its one hundredth Annual Session, looking toward the next 100 years. Fifty of these years are almost history. We are meeting this year, 1977, with the Kenansville and Corinth churches. Both were member churches and have continued on for this another half century.

We find that five of the 38 churches are now extinct or combined with other bodies, while three are in another Association, namely: Beulahville, Hallsville and Cedar Fork. The three withdrew to help form the New River Association some years ago.

While we have lost eight churches, we have gained ten, making our present number 40. As you follow these sketches of the years 1928-1977 perhaps you can figure the ones lost and the ones added.

And so we take up the story of the on going **Eastern Baptist Association**. Join us.

1928 BEAR MARSH — October 9th and 10th

H. L. Steward served his 9th term as Moderator, though not consecutive years. C. I. Robinson was Clerk for his third term with twenty consecutive terms to follow. Sixteen ministers were present. Thirty-four churches were represented by 65 delegates (messengers). W. R. Beach preached on John 20:21. Garners Chapel and Mount Vernon requested membership in the Association. Garners Chapel was accepted. When there arose a division concerning the orthodoxy of one, Rev. Howard Pipkin, Mount Vernon withdrew their request for membership. they were given their letter and the \$2.00 minute fund they had given. The brother in question refused to meet the appointed Committee. The next day there was some debate. The question on unseating the brother was voted on by 35 persons. Twenty-two voted to dismiss him, while 13 voted to retain. In this manner the matter was settled. See the 1928 Minute, pages 16-20 for full discussion. Resolutions in memory of John R. Peterson, long time chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association were approved.

1929 INGOLD — October 8th and 9th

Each year the Covenant, the Constitution for both the Association and the Woman's Missionary Union are carried in the Minutes. This is important as we see the fine way in which the work of the women has gone hand in hand with the whole associational program.

G. W. Rollins, the appointee for the annual sermon, was sick. C. V. Brooks preached using as his theme "*Lord, What Would Thou Have Me To Be*"?

Thirty-nine churches reported by letter, and/or messengers. One church had not functioned for two years. One other church had no Sunday School. Woman's Missionary Union was reported in good condition with a total of 51 Organizations under the leadership of Miss Macy Cox, Superintendent. For the first time, a map of the Association was included. Thirty-eight churches were served by 17 pastors. One church had no pastor that year. There were 130 baptisms; 10 short from the previous year. Mount Olive and Garland were the respective leaders in baptisms for the year.

1930 HALLSVILLE — October 7th and 8th

This year two ministers answered the higher call. Resolutions of Respect were voted on and carried in the Minutes for G. W. Rollins, Warsaw and J. W. Bell, Poplar Grove.

The Associational Officers:

H. L. Stewart, Moderator-J. M. Alderman, Vice Moderator-C. I. Robinson, Clerk-Treasurer. Tables with statistics were an important part of the yearly minutes. It was surprising to find that prior to 1924 the Historical Table had not been printed each year. Since then it has been a part of each minute. This table carries the meeting place (or places) of the sessions, the Officers and the one who preached the Annual or Introductory Sermon. This makes for interesting history.

That year Mount Vernon became a member of the Association. For some years Miss Macy Cox had been very active in the leadership of the work of the women and the organizations they sponsor. Good records are shown by the six pages that were in this year's Minutes.

1931 NEW HOPE — October 6th and 7th

F. W. McGowen, Moderator, joined C. I. Robinson, Clerk-Treasurer, as a two laymen team lead the Association for a number of years. T. H. King was Vice Moderator. R. C. Foster preached the Introductory Sermon, text Matthew 5:20.

Visitors recognized included C. E. Maddry, L. E. M. Freeman, J. A. Boyd, C. H. Cashwell, J. A. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell, L. R. O'Brian and Mrs. O'Brian.

Thirty-eight churches were represented by 15 pastors while two churches reported no pastor. Thirty-nine churches reported 6,251 members. There were 248 baptisms. Twelve churches had no baptisms. Thirty-seven churches had 4,924 enrolled in Sunday School with an average attendance of 2,552.

A vote of thanks was given to H. L. Stewart in appreciation for his many years of service as Moderator for the **Eastern Association**.

The Every Member Canvass was stressed as was the Cooperative Program. The financial pinch was being felt to the extent that the clerk was asked to seek ways of reducing the cost of the Associational Minutes.

Sharon reported the death of a minister, G. W. White. The deaths of three deacons and one treasurer were also reported.

1932 KENANSVILLE — October 4th and 5th

Local ministers present: T. H. King; J. H. Barnes; R. C. Foster; L. M. Holloway; J. H. Booth; T. H. Williams; E. N. Johnson; W. R. Beach; T. W. Siler; C. V. Books; J. E. Lanier; W. D. Morris; J. C. Powell, and C. D. Peterson.

Visiting ministers: A. J. Barton, B. W. Spilman, I. M. Mercer, A. C. Reid, J.

C. Huff, S. L. Morgan, W. R. Stephens, B. G. Early, L. R. O'Brian, C. R. Taylor, C. H. Cashwell, T. E. Walters, J. M. Kester.

T. H. Williams used Matthew 11:28-30 in preaching the Introductory Sermon. Upon notice that W. L. Bilbrow, a former pastor in the Association had died on the day the Association was meeting, a message of love and sympathy was sent to the family in Greenville.

A special Call Session of the Association was held at Johnson Church on March 24, 1932. The purpose of the Call was for "A Spiritual Awakening". Sixty Messengers and many visitors were present. A. J. Barton, J. S. Snyder, A. J. Smith, and Perry Morgan made addresses.

1933 MT. GILEAD — October 3rd and 4th

These ministers were present: E. N. Johnson, J. H. Barnes, W. R. Beach, A. D. Carter, C. D. Peterson, L. M. Holloway, T. W. Siler, W. R. Stephens, R. C. Foster, J. H. Booth, R. F. Marshburn, T. H. King, T. H. Williams, W. T. Campbell, J. E. Lanier, Boyce Brooks, A. J. Smith, A. L. Brown and A. L. Benton. The last four were visiting.

Springfield Church, not having reported to the Association for a number of years, was dropped from the list. This church constituted in 1912, either consolidated or disbanded after a brief history. I find no reason given for disbanding.

A Special Committee brought a report concerning a pastor, T. W. Siler. The recommendation was to the effect that the Association withdraw fellowship from the said, Mr. Siler. Prayer was requested by R. F. Marshburn and led by J. E. Lanier. After some discussion and a few words by Mr. Siler on the Associational floor, the motion to accept the report of the Committee was passed unanimously.

This is not all that took place during this Session, but it seemed proper to make it plain that all the matters of the Association were not smooth and easy. The truth needs to be told for the good it can do others. However, let me add that for the most part our association is a well ordered and a very good Organization.

1934 CONCORD — October 9th and 10th

The Sketches that were related by Dr. Alderman as he gathered them from the Minutes of the first 100 years of the **Eastern Association** 1827-1926, tell of the noble leadership of many useful lay persons. Many of these were a part of the Executive Committee from year to year. Much responsibility for the operation of the Association between sessions was placed upon these members, even as in the present time, 1977. We would like to name some of these lay members who served long and well. Some of these named, served in both the first century of the Eastern and continued on past the 1927 Session where this story begins. Some of the faithful: C. I. Robinson, W. B. Murray, J. T. Albritton, and J. C. Williams. These were soon joined by Lester Lamb, J. G. Bostic, F. W. McGowan and then Mrs. A. G. Cook was named as the first female to serve on the Executive Committee. This was 1931. She was succeeded in 1933 by Miss Elizabeth Middleton, E. G. Murray, Sr., H. L. Stewart and many other good and useful laypersons have served on this committee from year to year. Yes, ministers were and are on this committee also. Here we speak particularly of the laity.

This year L. L. Johnson became the second member of a two-brother team to serve as pastors in the Eastern. His brother, E. N. Johnson, had been pastor here for a number of years. Other ministers present included J. H. Barnes, A. D. Carter, L. M. Holloway, W. R. Stephens, R. C. Foster, J. H. Booth, R. F. Marshburn, T. H. King, T. H. Williams, J. E. Lanier, W. P. Page and visiting ministers B. W. Spilman, C. R. Taylor, Fred N. Day and Clay I. Hudson.

This is the second year the group designated as The Promotion Committee is

given. It consists of one lay person from each church. No mention is made of ministers being on this committee. However, the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE was still active.

R. F. Marshburn preached the Introductory Sermon. He used Matt. 16:13-18 and Eph. 5:25. Upon recommendation of appointed committee, the name "Springfield Church" was officially stricken from the record. The Church had disbanded.

1935 MAGNOLIA — October 8th and 9th

F. W. McGowan and C. I. Robinson continue to serve as Moderator and Clerk-Treasurer, respectively. Each officer is elected for a one year term without regard to the number of years he may succeed himself. In years to come this was changed.

Among the newer pastors this year are J. L. Powers, H. G. Bryant and W. P. Page. L. L. Johnson preached the Introductory Sermon. Text was Eph 2:19. I call attention to the fact that two other Johnson brothers had preached the Introductory (Annual) Sermon in previous years. W. N. preached in 1916 and E. N. in 1930. If this is not a record, certainly a near record for any Association. These were home-grown "boys".

Once again the Executive Committee had a busy year. A full report is given on pages 31-33 of the minutes for 1935. The tables tell the following story in figures: Church members 6,215; baptisms, 282; Baptist State paper (Recorder) 159; Sunday School 4,461, with an average attendance of 2,418.

A special vote of thanks was given to Miss Macy Cox for her more than 27 years of faithful leadership among the women of the Association. She retired from the office this year.

1936 ROWAN — October 6th and 7th

In its 109th Annual Session, the Eastern met with Rowan for the third time. In the next 40 years it met there three more times. The Association was honored to have four Missionaries who were now serving or had served on Foreign Fields. They were Miss Katie Murray, Miss Mary Herring, D. W. Herring and J. C. Powell.

It was agreed to put the picture of the entertaining church in the minutes each year, provided the church furnished the cut for said purpose. For the next several years we find only two to comply: Rowan for that year and Beulaville in 1938.

J. C. Powell preached the Missionary Sermon. The Introductory Sermon was given by W. P. Page who preached on "Who Is Jesus"? Elder Redden Honeycutt, a visiting 90 year old minister gave thanks for the noon meal.

L. A. Beasley was elected "Historian Commissioner". He was to name other members of the Committee. J. L. Powers, Missionary pastor of the Beulaville Field of Churches reported a successful Vacation Bible School at Beulaville.

In the Obituary list we note that seven deacons died during the year. That was more than average. The year before five deacons and one minister were reported. The Minister was Rev. C. D. Peterson of the Clinton Church.

1937 WARSAW — October 5th and 6th

An interesting statement: "Congregation of 500 present".

J. L. Powers preached the Introductory Sermon. He used I Kings 8:18.

R. C. Foster had moved from the Association but sent a wire expressing greetings from his home in Leaksville. Moderator McGowan sent greetings in return. There was a report from Secretary Huggins in regard to the 100,000 Club. Many of you now can recall this financial effort.

Joel Snyder of Fayetteville preached the Missionary Sermon. A. J. Barton of

Wilmington was often in the Associational meetings and spoke on various occasions.

Some new pastors were: E. C. Chamblee, J. P. Gulley, H. G. Bryant, R. A. Cadle, W. R. Stephens, J. B. Sessoms and perhaps others. Not all these were new that year. The only pastors who were there ten years ago and are still there are J. E. Lanier, T. H. King, J. H. Booth and J. H. Barnes. Some of these had changed fields of service. The obituary list notes the passing of L. M. Holloway, former Pastor on the Beulaville Field, three or more deacons and a host of other laypersons.

The gifts for all missions during the year amounted to \$7,784.00.

1938 BEULAVILLE — October 4th and 5th

Ministers do like to come to the **Eastern Association** meeting. This year there was a total of twenty-eight, though only ten of these were pastors in the Association. The Annual Sermon (often called the Introductory) was preached by W. R. Stephens. Text was Revelation 2:7. Sometimes we find the term "Messengers" used. Again it is "delegates". MESSENGER IS MORE APPROPRIATE, in that those who go to the meetings are not delegated with authority. They are to carry a message from the local church and return with a message from the Association to their church.

The Missionary Sermon was by Sankey Blanton, a visitor from Wilmington. His Text was I Thessalonians 2:4.

The Sunday Schools had a loss of 106. The B. T. U.s gained 230, about 50% gain over the previous year. Church membership had a net gain of 324 and there were 348 baptisms. This was the largest number of baptisms for years, if not for all time. Gifts for local work rose by \$4,000.00. Mission gifts were down by \$100.00.

Mrs. Grover Britt is the new Superintendent of W. M. U. She followed Mrs. R. C. Foster.

A nice picture and write-up of the Beulaville Church is in the 1938 minutes.

1939 ROSE HILL — October 3rd and 4th

If someone thinks that these sketches are too brief, let the writer agree that they are. But remember that these highlights are taken from minutes that have 40 or more printed pages for each year.

The Executive Committee:

F. W. McGowan	H. L. Stewart	R. A. Cadle	C. I. Robinson
J. P. Gulley	W. L. Beach	J. G. Bostic	

Mrs. F. G. Britt was W. M. U. Superintendent. Twenty-five churches had some W. M. U. work.

E. C. Chamblee was Training Union Director. Thirteen churches reported a total of thirty-five units with 667 enrolled.

Each of the 39 churches reported a Sunday School with 4,248 enrolled. There were eight Vacation Bible Schools, with 905 enrolled.

Twenty-five ministers were present, including several visitors.

J. P. Gulley preached the Annual Sermon, text was II Corinthians 9:15. In the afternoon C. P. Herring addressed the Association on Missions.

It was agreed to pay the clerk \$40.00 a year for services rendered.

S. Lewis Morgan preached using as his Theme, "The Urge to Repentance". There was an unusual number of speeches. Some who addressed the Body were: M. O. Alexander, Kale Burgess, R. F. Terrell, R. F. Marshburn, J. L. Carrick, Mrs. J. L. Powers, A. J. Smith and I. G. Greer.

It was voted to have 2,000 minutes printed, that there might be one for each home. Did you save the one in your home? The work that goes into the preparing and printing of an Associational Minute, the expense involved, is too much for

the one receiving them to treat them lightly and carelessly. A short speech, but one the reader should observe.

T. N. Cooper was the new Pastor at Calypso and Bear Marsh.

An interesting account of Simultaneous Revivals was recorded on pages 32 and 33 of the 1939 minutes. Look it up. You will enjoy it. Suggested plans for a like effort the following year were offered.

1940 CLINTON — October 7th and 8th

The same Officers served again that year.

Shiloh Church was received as a new member of the Association. This brought the Eastern back to a strength of 40 churches, for the first time in some years. Previously, it was voted to leave off all titles of all names printed. This year the "Rev." and "Dr." was used. Perhaps the Clerk forgot, or it may have been an official act.

S. Lewis Morgan, Jr., preached the Annual Sermon. He spoke from Luke, chapter 7.

E. A. Walker was the new Pastor serving Piney Grove, New Hope, Turkey and Rowan.

The obituary column told of the death of J. H. Booth, long time pastor in the **Eastern Association**.

With Mrs. Grover Britt as leader, the Associational W. M. U. reported 82 societies which was made up of W. M. S., Y. W. A., G. A., R. A., and Sunbeam Bands. There was a total of 2,126 involved in Mission Study and action. This was the report for 1939. Where do we stand now in the year 1977?

Visiting ministers present included a father and his son. B. G. Early was a former pastor in the Association. Waldo Early was a pastor at Broadway, N. C. G. N. Ashley was also a visiting minister from Salemburg.

Visitors on the program were L. H. Campbell, R. D. Covington, M. A. Huggins, Smith Hagaman, J. D. Johnson, Sr., Mayor of Garland.

There was a good attendance for the day.

A new organization was formed. It was called "The Sunday School — Baptist Training Union Association". It was to be held each fifth Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

1941 BEAR MARSH — October 7th and 8th (Organized 1763)

This is the second oldest organization in the **Eastern Association**. Rowan was organized fourteen years earlier, in 1749. The host church had entertained the Association seven times previously. Wells Chapel was not a member at this time. Apparently churches were in and out of the Eastern from time to time, usually for geographical reasons (helping to form new associations).

Only eleven pastors were present at the roll call. G. Van Stephens and D. G. Myers were new pastors. Visiting ministers were M. O. Alexander, E. L. Parker, (a former pastor), Luther James Matthews. L. L. Johnson, pastor at Concord, had held pastorates in and near the Eastern for lo these many years. He is still (in 1977) a pastor and is going strong.

It was voted to replace the map with one that was more up to date. However, the new map did not appear until 1946. There was no map for a few years.

J. B. Sessoms preached the Annual Sermon. D. G. Myers preached the Missionary Sermon. H. G. Early of Mills Home, Thomasville, discussed the report of the Orphanage work.

The forming of Fields of Churches and request from the State Mission Board for aid for these Fields, was discussed in the Executive Meetings held in October and December. The Fields under discussion were to be known as the Magnolia (with five churches), the Corinth (with four churches), and a third known as the Beulaville (with five churches).

The deaths of three elderly persons was reported: G. M. Cooper of Kenansville, age 91; Mrs. Mary Chestnutt, age 85; and J. A. Pollock, age 78, both of New Hope.

1942 JOHNSON — October 6th

This was a one day meeting of the Association, with three sessions. It was likely due to travel restrictions because of the War. According to Clerk Robinson there were no restrictions when it came to eating. The good ladies at Johnson had seen to that. Observe these two quotes: "Lunch-here we found a huge table loaded down with good things to eat, flavored with iced tea and coffee sweetened with pure sugar." "Supper — These two spreads were characteristic of the Johnson Church folks." Yes, Baptists do eat!

The Theme of this 115th Annual Session of the **Eastern Association** was "Victory Through Faith". The Annual Sermon was preached by J. L. Jones. It was based on Romans 8:37. Other speakers at this Session were: J. C. Hough of Kennedy Home, M. A. Huggins, State Secretary, and Charles A. Leonard, a returned Missionary from China.

The matter of employing an Associational Missionary was tabled until the next Annual Meeting. A committee was named to visit Oak Vale Church. This church had not reported for some years. Another effort to curtail travel was to plan correlating the work by combining meetings. Total church membership had reached 7,161. Sunday School enrollment was 4,635, B. T. U. had reached 951, while W. M. U. reported 1,340.

Fifty-one deaths were recorded. Six of these were deacons. Among these was J. G. Bostic, a long-time member of the Executive Committee.

J. L. Jones preached the Annual Sermon.

Ways of assisting our Servicemen were discussed.

1943 TURKEY — October 5th

Again there was only a one day (and night) session of the Association.

T. N. Cooper preached the Annual Sermon. He used II Peter 23:11.

George M. Kelly, a former missionary for the Free Will Baptist was present. Mr. Kelly had recently united with the Magnolia Baptist Church. He was warmly received into the fellowship of the Association. The Baptist State Convention was informed of this action. Later in the day, the said Mr. Kelly was called upon to preach the Missionary Sermon.

New ministers in the Association this year were: J. Bryan Doshier, C. H. Hornsby, E. C. Watson, and N. E. Gresham.

There were eleven ministers from within the Association present, and seven visiting ministers.

Total salaries was \$18,373. Grand total for all local expenses reached \$48,243. The total for missions and benevolences was \$18,825.

1944 MOUNT OLIVE — October 3rd

There were six new pastors in the **Eastern Association** this year. They were: Rufus Potts, R. W. Fitzgerald, J. V. Case, J. W. Lambert, O. W. Pulley and G. M. Kelly.

The Beulaville Field and the Chinquapin Field each asked for aid in supplementing their pastor's salary. This request went to the State Mission Board. A like request for \$1,000 came from the Mount Vernon Church. Their building had been destroyed by fire.

Twelve ministers in the Association were present. There were also eight visiting ministers, several of whom were speakers. Among the visitors were Charles B. Howard of Campbell College and J. W. Kincheloe of Rocky Mound. L. L. Carpenter represented the Recorder for the first time in our Association.

The preacher for the Annual Sermon was G. Van Stephens. His text was Matthew 16:18.

It was voted that the Executive Committee recommend a plan to put a full time worker in the field to stimulate B. T. U. work.

The Clerk, Brother C. I. Robinson, continues to refer to the wonderful meals each year. The writer has been going to Associations for nearly 50 years and I can say a big AMEN. Better still the Clerk gives this summary: "Reports and all contributions proved this to be one of the most successful years in the advancement of His cause this Association has ever experienced." We can praise Him, even now.

1945 INGOLD — October 9th

There were twenty-two ministers present, many of whom were visitors or Agency Representatives.

More women were named to the Promotion Committee. There were three, the same as in 1944. Some of the men were gone to war. Thirty-six churches were represented.

J. V. Case was the preacher for the Annual Sermon. He used Colossians 1:9-18.

Gilmer Beck, a minister, was elected to serve as the first Field Worker. His Salary was \$2,500.

D. Calhoun Johnson was approved as a student for the ministry and recommended for aid at Furman University.

G. N. Ashley of Salemburg preached the Missionary Sermon. He used Matthew 28:19-20.

There were 72 names on the Obituary page. Three of these were military personnel who had given their lives in the service of their country.

There were 316 baptisms during the year. S. S. enrollment went above 4,800. B. T. U. enrolled 885. Mission giving by the churches was \$25,000.

New pastors were: C. E. Crawford, Fulton Bryan, J. F. Warren, and E. S. Morgan.

1946 NEW HOPE — October 8th MOUNT VERNON — October 9th

Changes were in the beginning. There was a change in Associational leadership. G. Van Stephens, as Vice Moderator, presided in the absence of F. W. McGowen who was sick. The new Officers for next year were Stephens, Moderator and Mack Herring, Vice Moderator. Another change was that the Association went back to the two day meeting, with the 2nd day at a different church. The war was over. The "boys" were coming home. There was much rejoicing. There was sadness, too, for some did not come home. Mr. McGowen had served faithfully for 15 years and had been elected for his 16th term. His tenure of office had been surpassed only by J. L. Stewart who served a total of 27 years. The third longest period was served by C. E. Daniel, 13 years. H. L. Stewart served 11 years. This was not continuously. These were the last of the long time moderators. Others served seven or a lesser number of years. Faithful gentlemen, these were. To quote others, "there were giants in those days." But by no means were they limited to the moderators of the Association. Who could preside without followers and helpers?

After an absence of some years, a new map was printed. This should have helped the four new pastors and others to find their way around.

J. W. Lambert preached the Annual Sermon.

Due to heavy rain, the group was forced to make tables of the pews and eat a very appetizing dinner in the church building.

On the 9th, according to schedule, the Association convened with Mt. Vernon

Church. This was the first two day session for some years. Having employed their first Associational Missionary, and having heard his first report, the group voted to pay \$100.00 for one month for a trained person to work among the Negro Churches.

Visitors recognized were Sankey Blanton, W. K. McGee, J. B. Doshier. A. L. Brown gave the Missionary address.

For the second day in a row, rain forced the people to eat inside.

Afternoon addresses were made by Sankey Blanton, W. K. McGee, and W. C. Reed.

Among the ladies who have given much time and performed their duties well, were Miss Macy Cox, Mrs. Grover Britt, and Mrs. H. S. Hood. To these could be added dozens of other names. There were "giant" ladies, too.

1947 ISLAND CREEK — October 7th CORINTH — October 8th

The office of Clerk-Treasurer was divided this year. Robinson retained the office of clerk. F. W. McGowen was elected as treasurer. The other officers remained the same as last year.

Ellis Pope and A. R. Teachey were elected members of the Executive Committee. These two later became active and useful pastors in North Carolina.

New pastors this year were Lowell Soderman, A. L. Benton, and T. L. Rich, Jr. Visiting guests introduced were: A. R. Brothers, J. M. Duncan, W. C. Reed, Lowell Spivey, Carlyle Campbell, Claude White, and L. J. Newton, representing the State B. T. U. Department.

The following statistics were given:

Brotherhood 111 members. Church members 7,622, Recorders in Church Budgets ten, W. M. U. members 1,682, Sunday School members 5,500, V. B. S. enrollment 2,470, Baptisms 316, paid for all local church work \$116,921, and Missions \$31,436.

Gilmer Beck gave a good report on response from the people concerning his work in the Association.

Gilmer Beck preached the Annual Sermon. Subject "Doctrine of Baptists."

The Session closed with the preaching of the Missionary Sermon by Lowell Soderman. He had for his theme "The Great Command."

1948 GARLAND — October 5th CEDAR FORK — October 6th

The following new pastors were welcomed: L. L. Barnes, Lauren Sharpe, E. N. Teague, J. C. Conley, T. K. Woody, T. W. McKneely and Roy R. McCulloch.

G. Van Stephens served his last year as Moderator. An additional office was created. Paul Cashwell was elected as Associate Clerk.

In addition to the new pastors, twelve other resident preachers were present. Also there were twelve visiting preachers - thirty-one in all. How did the lay people get to the table to eat? Oh, yes, there was plenty for all.

When Lauren Sharpe became pastor at Kenansville in 1947 or 1948, and, as I think, continued until the present time, September 1977, he has become the Senior pastor in the **Eastern Association**, having served longer in one church than any other pastor in recent years. I do not have the records prior to 1900.

A. L. Benton used John 9:4 in preaching the Introductory Sermon. His theme was "The Urgency of Christian Service."

Later in the day Louis S. Gaines brought an inspirational address on "Giving".

The second day the body moved to Cedar Fork Church in Duplin County. It seems that this was the only time the Association met with this Church.

It was voted that the map should be up-dated, as some churches are not shown.

Carlyle Powell, Missionary to Nigeria brought the Missionary Message.

There was no Promotion Committee named this year. For some reason this Committee seems to have been discontinued.

In 1933 the Association in session, withdrew fellowship from one, T. W. Siler. The reason was given in the 1933 Minutes. At his request, by letter, and by the recommendation of a committee appointed to investigate the matter, it was voted that he should be restored to membership were this possible. It was understood that to be restored to membership he would need to be living within the territory covered by the restoring body. The Association in 1948 thought that was as fair as possible.

1949 ROSE HILL — October 4th

CLINTON — October 5th

J. Peyton Royal was the new Pastor for the Magnolia Field. C. H. Trueblood was the new Associational Missionary. M. A. Huggins was honored by the singing of the "Happy Birthday" song.

Rowan's 200th Anniversary was announced for the last Sunday in October 1949.

Oak Vale Church had faded from the scene and by vote of the body was eliminated from the Association's roll. This brought the number down to 38 churches. Perhaps due to population shifting, some small churches were disappearing.

The G. Van Stephens had moved from the Association. They were recognized as visitors.

A new feature was the reporting of special events that had taken place in twelve of the churches during the year. Some were good, others had a sad note, namely: Dobsons Chapel lost their building by fire. Mt. Vernon dedicated their building. Piney Grove had entered their new building. Other churches had made improvements on their buildings and grounds. Some had added space, others had painted or installed better heating and lighting. One had chimes put in, another new furniture. The Association was looking forward to the building of a home (house) for the Missionary.

C. I. Robinson was warmly commended for his 24 years of faithful work as Clerk. No other had served the Eastern as clerk, for so long. Much of the time he also had the duty of the Treasurer, as well.

Paul Cashwell became the new Clerk. A. L. Benton, Associate Clerk, and Garland King was Treasurer, succeeding F. W. McGowen.

It was reported that there were 528 present on the first day. I find no day in which the attendance was larger. There were many visitors.

1950 MAGNOLIA — October 3rd

MT. GILEAD — October 4th

Moderator Rich had moved from the Association. Vice Moderator Mack Herring presided and was elected for the present term. This good layman was called upon to guide the Association several times in the next few years. Roy McCulloch was Vice Moderator.

Alton Greenlaw was the new Pastor at Warsaw. W. I. Terrell was Pastor at Mt. Olive.

Miss Macy Cox announced that there was a History of the W. M. U. of **The Eastern Association**. This is more history that needs to be in the hands of your Historical Committee. Do you have a copy to donate?

The theme for this Annual Session was "Christ Is The Answer."

J. C. Conley preached the Introductory Sermon. The attendance on the second day was 344. "Old Timers" were agreed that this was a record in being higher than first day.

Isaac Terrell preached the Missionary Sermon.

J. C. Canipe addressed the Body on Evangelism. This was an "East of the Mississippi Crusade" year.

An invitation was extended to all to attend the Mt. Gilead Church dedication on the last Sunday in October, 1950.

Some special events during the year, were listed:

Alum Springs spent \$2,500 on an addition to their building.

Jones Chapel (later named Albertson) improved their facilities.

Rowan reached its 200th Birthday. Only Bear Marsh is real near. Their's comes in '63.

Sharon had improved house and grounds.

Warsaw put in new chimes last year.

The Associational Missionary pled for greater cooperation among all in carrying on "Big Business" for the Lord in the Eastern.

Special announcement was made of the absence of H. L. Stewart, who was kept away, due to illness.

1951 PINEY GROVE — October 9th

WARSAW — October 10th

Mrs. R. W. Blanchard had been Superintendent of the W. M. U. since 1949. She had succeeded Mrs. Grover Britt.

New pastors are: J. D. Buerer, Eliot B. Stewart, W. P. Milne, M. M. Turner, Paul Mull, and J. R. Bene.

The Theme for this year was "Christ Supreme" Philippians 2:9-11.

For a few years now the written reports have for the most part been omitted.

Thirty-seven churches were represented by 90 Messengers, 12 resident pastors and many visitors. The first day had a total attendance of 331.

Visitors recognized were: J. M. Duncan, and John A. Oats, formerly a member of Piney Grove.

The Introductory Sermon came just before the noon hour. J. P. Royal spoke on Adequate Christianity.

Attention was called to the absence of C. I. Robinson.

Mrs. W. R. Blanchard called attention to the fact that there were five churches without W. M. U. work.

W. P. Milne preached the Missionary Sermon.

Several Special Events Items were listed, involving eleven churches.

1952 SILOAM — Occtober 7th

DOBSON CHAPEL — October 8th

The inside cover of the 1952 minute was a tribute to Newton Ernest Gresham, long time pastor in the Eastern and other Associations. At the time of his death, July 31, 1952, he was pastor of the Chinquapin Field of four churches. Earlier he had served four other churches in the Eastern, in addition to twelve others, not in the Eastern. The 1952 minutes were dedicated to his memory.

Moderator Mack Herring presided, Cashwell was the clerk. Five churches reported no pastor, but there were five new pastors. They were: E. F. Knight, M. M. Johnson, J. L. Powers, Wade H. James, and Van Murrell.

Following the plan of some years past the program, in detail was printed before the start of the report of the proceedings for the sessions.

Teachy Church applied and was received as a member of the Association. This church had gone with the Wilmington Association when it was formed in 1900.

Former moderator was recognized. Sickness had prevented his attendance for the past two years.

Elliott B. Stewart preached the Introductory Sermon, using as his subject "The Pillar and Ground of the Truth."

Mrs. Blanchard announced that \$3,014.70 had been given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Not so many years ago, the whole Association gave \$6,000 for all missions and benevolences.

J. V. Case made some strong recommendations regarding strengthening the Associational Missions Committee, and helping smaller churches to have a resident pastor, by forming fields of work. These recommendations were adopted.

A question and answer period was conducted. The leading questions were concerning The Baptist Hospital, The Home for Aging, and The Orphanage.

J. C. Powell gave a strong missionary address.

Seventeen churches had special events to report. Two men were licensed, and two others were ordained for the ministry. There were nine students for the ministry.

The office of the Missionary became vacant, January 10, Mr. Trueblood had resigned.

1953 MOUNT OLIVE — October 6th TURKEY — October 7th

The minutes for this year were very attractive. Some new features were added. It was a well prepared book. The officers were: A. W. Greenlaw, Moderator; Mack Herring, Vice Moderator; Paul Cashwell, Clerk; Paul Mull, Assoc. Clerk; Garland King, Treasurer; Marvin Spry, Chorister. There was a full slate of Associational officers for: Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Union, and Training Union.

There was a directory of the churches with the names of pastors serving them. (five reported no pastor). During the year two were licensed for the ministry and two were ordained. There were eight students for the ministry. There were five other ministers members of member churches, but not pastors in the Eastern.

Clinton reported 80 baptisms. Others with a large number of baptisms were: Warsaw 28, Island Creek 20, Sharon and Turkey 18 each, Bear Marsh and Mt. Olive 16 each. There were a total of 344 baptisms.

There were directories of church music or choir directors, pianist or organist, chairman of deacons and librarians. All 39 churches were represented.

The new ministers were Marvin Spry (music), Bob Melvin, E. B. Hager, J. C. Mitchell, J. D. Everett, T. W. Williams, and L. H. Knott.

Reports showed growth among the organizations of the Association. There was one new church. E. F. Knight preached the Introductory Sermon using Isa. 40:11.

There was one new feature. The back outside cover has a chart of Christian growth, as quoted from CHRISTIAN HERALD. Look it up. It is interesting.

1954 ROWAN — October 5th JOHNSON — October 6th

Do you remember the slogan "A Million More in '54"? We are in 1954.

A new term was used this year. Some years ago there was The Promotion Committee. This year it was the Executive Council made up of one lay person from each church, plus the pastors and certain others as provided for in the 1954 Constitution. This was the forerunner of our current (1977) Quarterly Council.

Mack Herring persisted over the Sessions. Paul Cashwell was Clerk. The reported business of the Association began on page 22. All space up to this was given to Officers, Committees, Constitution (2), list of ministers, etc. This seems unusual.

Ted Williams preached the Introductory Sermon. He read Romans 12 and spoke on the Theme "That Ye Present".

New pastors were Julian Motley, J. W. Mears, Bob Melvin, and U. A. McManus. Grove Park, formerly a Mission of Clinton First, petitioned the Associa-

tion for membership. Evidently they were accepted for they were listed in the Minutes as a member Church. I would say they have done well, for as of now (August 1, 1977) they are in their third building program.

Immanuel Baptist Mission was also a growing unit, mentioned at this Session. There was a large attendance each of the two days, 350 and 367.

The first mention of "M" Night was the attendance of 361 when it was held with the Mt. Olive Baptist Church this year.

A budget of \$5,910 was set up, looking toward the resumption of employing another Associational Missionary.

1955 SHARON — October 4th

BEULAVILLE — October 5th

The Minutes for this year are dedicated to the memory of C. I. Robinson. He had been a leading spirit in his church, community and county for many years. He was Clerk of this Association for 23 years. He passed away in December after the close of the 1954 **Eastern Association**.

Paul Cashwell was Moderator. Paul Mull, Clerk. New pastors were: H. M. Baker, John Durham, Grady McKeithan, David Johnson, and James Tate.

Julian Motley gave the Introductory Sermon, speaking on Ezekiel 47:1-9.

J. B. Hipps spoke for the Southeastern Seminary, located on the old campus of Wake Forest College which institution was soon to move to Winston Salem.

J. Clyde Turner brought a Missionary Message. Other speakers making addresses were L. L. Carpenter, W. P. Biggerstaff, A. Douglas Aldrich, and M. A. Huggins.

Much time had been given this year, both in the Executive Council and in the Annual Meeting, to the matter of selecting a Missionary. The office was not filled as the Association came to a close.

1956 WARSAW — October 9th

BEAR MARSH — October 10th

J. C. Mitchell was Moderator. H. M. Baker serving as Clerk, was renominated but at his request, his name was withdrawn and Hager the Associate Clerk was elected.

Immanuel Church applied and was accepted as a new member church. This brought the total number to 40 for the first time in some years. The council, having been given the power to act had employed W. L. Crumpler as the Missionary. After having served for only a few months, he resigned to accept a position with the Home Mission Board.

Jerry DeBell was introduced as pastor of Beulaville Church. Robert Melvin preached the Introductory Sermon. He used Acts 1:8.

The following reports were made and adopted.

S. S. and V. B. S. by Clarence Shipp; T. U., U. A. McManus; W. M. U., Mrs. Lula Parker; Brotherhood, T. W. Williams, for E. J. Bundy.

A. L. Brown, a former pastor on two fields of work in the Association, was recognized for 41 years as a preacher and pastor.

J. S. Hopkins addressed the Association on Evangelism. H. M. Baker introduced a friend from Brazil who spoke to the group in Portuguese, Baker interpreted.

Other visitors addressing us were W. K. McGee, W. C. Reed, Earle Bradley, and J. C. Powell.

1957 IMMANUEL — October 8th

KENANSVILLE — October 9th

Good workers come into the Association, do their work and move on to other fields. Others come and carry on where these left off. The lay persons change,

too. They may not leave, but some stay and work much longer than their neighbors. Names appear a few times, and then no more. In these sketches of 50 years I have tried to name all the pastors, though I may have left out some, not intentionally. Some names that I do not believe have appeared are Dennis Hewett, long time Pastor at Alpine, James O. Hathorn, Russell L. Hinton, Norman Aycock, Paul Curry, Ted Adkins, and Fred Hall.

At the last Association the Council had recommended U. A. McManus for Missionary. He declined the appointment. On December 2, 1956, Mr. McManus was again offered the Position. He was soon on the field and at work. The Minutes for the year 1957 showed many of the proposed plans of work. A house and lot were purchased in Warsaw to provide living space for the Missionary.

The Officers for the year were T. W. Williams, Moderator; Clarence Shipp, Vice Moderator; Eugene Hager, Clerk; Amos Brinson, Treasurer; and Mary Honeycutt, Music Director. M. M. Turner preached the Annual Sermon (often called Introductory Sermon). He used Luke 15 and Luke 19:10.

Several changes in the Constitution were made.

E. L. Spivey spoke on "Investments That Abide."

Thirty-nine churches were represented each day. A budget of \$6,966.00 was presented and adopted. This did not include the purchase or expenses of the house that was bought. This was done by special gifts from the churches as arranged by a Finance Committee.

The Reports were well prepared, well received and spoken to by various visiting speakers.

1958 ROSE HILL — October 7th and 8th

A change in the Constitution limited the Moderator to two successive terms, or years. He is to assume office at the close of the Annual Session at which he is elected.

The Officers this year were: Clarence Shipp, Moderator; J. B. Boone, Vice Moderator; Eugene Hager, Clerk; Paul Mill, Associate Clerk; Amos Q. Brinson, Treasurer; and U. A. McManus, Missionary.

The Associational Council and the Committee have much work to do between the Annual Sessions. This year the Association was divided into five groups. The centers were: Beulaville, Garland, Clinton, Mt. Olive, and Warsaw. Each group had seven to nine churches.

A schedule of entertaining churches for Associational meetings was adopted.

New pastors were: Maurice Norman, D. E. Parkerson, Boyd Lambert, Aubrey Quakenbush, Bill Seaton, and Bill Wallace.

M. M. Johnson, preached the Annual Sermon. He spoke on "The Progress of Jesus Christ", text Luke 4:18.

For a change the Association met both days with the same church, Rose Hill.

There were visitors from Raleigh and Wilmington, as well as visiting friends from other denominations.

Mrs. Lula Parker, Superintendent, gave the W. M. U. Report. It was a good one.

Miss Macy Cox presented the Association with a complete set of the Associational Minutes from the year 1900 to 1957. I am so glad she had preserved these, for the writer is using them to prepare these sketches.

The reports were filled with information, and well prepared. It was a good session of the Association. Churches assisting in serving meals were Concord, Corinth, Island Creek, Magnolia, and Teachey. Good help, yes, and good food. I would say a bit of good neighborliness".

1959 CALYPSO — October 6th
INGOLD — October 7th

Moderator Clarence Shipp, presided for his second year.

Changes in Organizational Leadership takes place ever so often. Surely we have failed to catch some of the changes. This year we have the following: Brotherhood, Jeff Honeycutt; Sunday School, Jerry DeBell; Training Union, W. A. Wallace; W. M. U., Mrs. P. E. Thigpen. Then there are the many faithful workers in each church. There was a change in the Office of the Associational Missionary during the year. On November, 1958, U. A. McManus resigned. In January, E. B. Hager was elected and began his work.

Calvary Church was voted in as a new Church.

New pastors were: Bruce Dellinger, R. H. Kelly, Charles Murray, Willie Shepherd, Milton Boone, Dorris Norman, and Claude Marshall.

Lauren Sharpe preached the Annual Sermon. He used Exodus 4.

Some active lay persons had been very useful in those days. Let us mention: John Flake, John A. Johnson, Rudolph Massey, Charles Lee Pope, Phillip Pierce, Eddie Wetherington, Robert Hill, Lonnie J. Bass, C. O. Whitley, Mrs. Lula Parker, Mrs. Grover Britt, Miss Frankie Martin, and Mrs. R. W. Blanchard. This last was not for that year alone, but over a period of years. Some of these are now in 1977 quite active. Some became pastors, one a United States Congressman, one a Clerk of Court and in other useful occupations. Why so few women mentioned? The churches appoint men for Council members, and most of the Committee members came from the council.

1960 ISLAND CREEK — October 4th
GROVE PARK — October 5th

Del Parkerson was Moderator. Paul Mull was Clerk. Not always, but of recent years, Trustees have been elected. Amos Brinson was elected Treasurer for the third time. This year there were changes in member churches. Wells Chapel, formerly a member of the **Eastern Association** and one of the ten founders of the Eastern was welcomed back after a period of 58 years in the Washington Association. On the loss side Hallsville, Beulaville and Cedar Fork were given letters to help form a new Association (New River) in the Jacksonville area. Each church expressed appreciation for the fellowship of the **Eastern Association**.

Jerry DeBell preached the Annual Sermon. Subject "What is Your Life?" J. C. Mitchell, a former pastor in the Association spoke on the Doctrine of Sanctification.

An effort was made to make Clinton the center of the Association, in order to induce churches of the New South River that were nearer Clinton than Fayetteville, to become members of the Eastern. This was part of the plan that resulted in the three churches going to the New River organization. Some few churches did try it but the effort was not a real success.

These were new pastors: C. E. Price, Jack Mansfield, Claud Asbury, R. D. Riggins, Herman Lineberger, and Ed Carroll. Four churches were without pastors.

1961 CLINTON — October 3rd
MAGNOLIA — October 4th

I offer a personal word at this point in the history. In June, 1961, my wife and I moved to Clinton, and as Eleanor said "to make it our home 'til we go to Heaven." Up to now the sketches have been what I could glean from the Annual Minutes. From now on the remarks will be more personal as I was "there".

Editor's note. Waldo D. Early.

D. E. Parkerson served his second year as Moderator. Paul Mull was Clerk. Mrs. J. B. Sutton was President of W. M. U., Jeff Honeycutt lead Brotherhood Work. The W. M. U. had a revised Constitution.

L. H. Knott preached on "Building A Church For Our Day", Acts. 2:41-47.

Parkersburg was admitted as a new member church. 228 persons were present, representing 38 churches.

John Lewis of Raleigh preached on "The Master's Warning".

Eugene Hager had revised the map early in 1962, but got it in the Minutes for this Annual Session.

Ebenezer Church had disbanded late in 1960.

Alphine was not carried in the Minutes in 1961. No explanation given. So after 49 years this Church is no longer a part of Eastern Administration.

John Bunn preached the Doctrinal Sermon. His subject: "The Church."

1962 MT. OLIVE — October 9th

MT. GILEAD — October 10th

If you look at the Associational Directory you will find the Officers for the following year. Often these are not the Officers serving for the current session. It may be a bit confusing at times. Mack Herring and Paul Mull were Moderator and Clerk, respectively.

Twenty-seven churches constituted the Body for the Opening Session. There were two changes in membership. Poston was received as a new member. Parkersburg requested and was given a letter of dismission to return to the New South River. New pastors present were Leonard Quick, Harold Ingram, Arnold Keaton, Alfred Gibson, T. N. Cooper, and Charles Tanner. The Annual Sermon was by Aubrey Quakenbush. He spoke on "The Church of Jesus Christ in the Modern Day."

Visiting representatives of our work were: Bertis Fair, for The Home Mission Board; L. H. Hollingsworth, for Baptist Schools; Marse Grant, for the Recorder; Richard Smith, for The Baptist State Convention; and James Blackmore serving in the Ministry of Writing.

On the second day the Clerk announced 35 churches represented. Visiting speakers this day were: Bill Poole, W. K. McGee, and W. R. Wagoner.

Announcement of the Bear Marsh Centennial Celebration on March 31st, 1963, was made.

Mrs. Edwin Peterson, new Superintendent, gave her first report of W. M. U. work.

Gordon Weekly of Charlotte brought the Missionary Address.

Guy Cain spoke, representing the Annuity Board. John Kincheloe brought the Doctrinal Message. Hager continued to serve the Association as Missionary.

1963 SILOAM — October 8th

TURKEY — October 9th

The officers were: Milton Boone, Moderator; M. M. Johnson, Vice Moderator; Paul Mull, Clerk; and E. B. Hager was the Associational Missionary.

New pastors present were: B. C. Lamb, M. S. McLain, and Ernest Whelchel.

Tom Greene spoke on Christian Education. Hugh Ross Williams, the preacher of the annual sermon, spoke on Christian Commitment. R. A. Thompson, a new pastor, was recognized.

The record of attendance for the first day was: 37 churches, 79 messengers, 21 alternates, 23 pastors and 58 visitors. Cleve Wilkie represented the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. W. A. Smith of the Kennedy Home told of the work in our Children's Homes.

The total attendance for the second day was 258. M. O. Owens, of Gastonia, brought the Doctrinal Message, "The Doctrine of Evangelism." Jubilee Revivals

were planned for March 8-22, 1964.

From the obituary list which carried many deaths — each important to someone — I call special attention to the home going of Miss Macy Cox, long time leader of Women's Work in the **Eastern Association**.

In my check of the minutes I failed to find in what year the missionary's home became debt free. Surely it did or we would have found out.

Some pastors that have not been mentioned previously were: Carlyle Franks, (Alum Springs and Garners Chapel), Billy Washburn (New Hope, Beulah, and Poplar Grove), James L. Morris (Dobsons Chapel), Wayne Wheeler (Garland), E. D. Butler (Jones Chapel), M. A. Conrad (Magnolia), and William M. Jones (Clinton, First).

1964 PINEY GROVE — October 6th SHARON — October 7th

Milton Boone was in his second year as Moderator. New pastors were Norman Aycok (returning after some years), and E. Lamar Eiland.

Thirty-six churches were represented and 210 persons were present, (plus a host of workers from the entertaining churches). Many of the churches are not listed as host churches, partly due to being smaller in space and membership. However, these churches are called upon to assist the church hosting the association. That year Mt. Vernon was to assist Piney Grove.

Plans were made for a Youth Camp to be held at Pineland College in the summer of 1964.

Mr. Hager brought to the attention of the association that we had some churches in our association that were active in the 1700's.

Joe Stroud of the State Convention spoke on the importance of music in worship.

On the second day, at Sharon (assisted by Dobson's Chapel), there were 38 churches represented by the 209 people who registered.

The records show that there were 351 baptisms and 238 who came by letter into the churches of the association. This is a total of 589 new members in 1964.

Some of the visiting speakers were: John Roberts for Children's Homes; Gordon Maddrey for Baptist Foundation; Herbert Cockburn with the missionary message; and James Blackmore who spoke on "The Holy Spirit".

D. E. Parkerson, in bringing the Annual Sermon, spoke on "If I Were A Layman".

Nineteen hundred sixty-four was another good year for the **Eastern Association**.

1965 ROWAN — October 5th WELLS CHAPEL — October 6th

There were new persons in many positions in the Association. M. M. Johnson was Moderator, E. Lamar Eiland was elected Clerk, and J. Henry Simpson, Jr., began a ten year period as missionary. Some new pastors were presented: Jasper Hinson, Millard Bounds, Waldo Early, Graham Elmore, James Kirstein, David Cox, and Kenneth Nixon.

Wayne Wheeler, in preaching the Introductory Sermon, spoke on I John 1:1-4. His topic was "The Christian Search For Realism."

Changes in the Associational Constitution were noted, with special regard to the Camp Committee. Woman's Missionary Union had a revised constitution.

Visiting speakers were Harold White, Horace Barefoot, Millard Brown, and E. C. Wilkie.

The opening day session had thirty-seven churches and two hundred and seventy-one registered.

Poston assisted Wells Chapel on the second day. There were two hundred and fifty present and thirty-seven churches represented. J. N. Beatty brought the

missionary message on "The Field is the World." Randolph Gregory, of Wilmington, preached on "Finding a Faith to Live By."

1966 WARSAW — October 4th

BEAR MARSH — October 5th

M. M. Johnson was in his second term as Moderator. M. S. McLain was elected Clerk. Norman Aycock headed Sunday School work. Charles Lee Pope was Training Union Director. Mrs. Edwin Peterson was president of Association. W. M. U. James Kirstein headed Brotherhood work.

New pastors recognized were: H. O. Lanning, Tommy Deese, and Glen Holt.

The attendance for the first day was two hundred and sixty-three, representing thirty-nine churches.

R. H. Kelly preached on "The Greatest Business in the World."

On the second day, at Bear Marsh, thirty-five churches were represented by two hundred and ten people. Visiting speakers included Bill Poole, Julian Hopkins and Guy Cain. William Jones, in speaking on Christian Maturity, used II Peter 2:18. This was the doctrinal message. A love offering was given to the Wayne Wheeler family who were leaving for Foreign Mission work. A successful Youth Camp was reported with two hundred and thirty-four youth and a faculty of twenty.

A school of Missions (now called World Missions Conference) was planned for October, 1967.

An omission from the minutes this year was the Historical table which usually appeared annually.

1967 KENANSVILLE — October 3rd

CORINTH — October 4th

Page seven of the minutes this year carried a list of sixteen ministers who were members of churches in the association, yet not serving as pastor of any church. Two of these were serving as Minister of Music and three were retired.

Vice Moderator John A. Johnson presided on the first day. M. S. McLain was Clerk.

There was a constant change in organization leadership in the association. Brotherhood, Sunday School, and Woman's Missionary Union each had new directors. New pastors presented were: J. H. Dixon, Vernon Braswell, Edwin Carroll, and J. N. McFadden (associate).

R. A. Thompson preached on "The Need for Revival." Visiting speakers on the first day were Marse Grant and Howard Ford.

The host church was assisted by Jones Chapel. Thirty-seven churches were represented by two hundred and thirty-eight people.

Moderator Hugh Ross Williams presided over the session held at Corinth on October 4. Teachey Church assisted in serving the noon meal.

Some of the visitors were: Bill Poole, Roger Williams, and Ben Fisher, each of whom spoke to reports. Another visitor, Frank P. Lide brought the Missionary Message.

There were one hundred and five who were listed as "Our Beloved Dead" during the year 1967. Five of those listed were Deacons.

In spite of the above mentioned losses, the total membership had gone beyond ten thousand.

1968 ROSE HILL — October 8th

IMMANUEL — October 9th

John A. Johnson was in his first year as Moderator. M. S. McLain and E. F. Knight served as Clerk and Associate Clerk; Amos Brinson continued as Treasurer.

Two of the five reports of activity during the year were the Youth Camp and the School of Missions.

The Minutes of the year were dedicated to Pastor H. O. Lanning, who passed away in April, 1968.

Some of the elected Associational Directors were: Phillip Pierce, Training Union; Vernon Braswell, Sunday School; and Mrs. H. O. Lanning, Woman's Missionary Union.

Once again, we look back and see the names of some lay persons who have served long periods of time on the associational level. A partial list includes: S. J. Waller, John Flake, C. R. Shine, Milton Creech, R. W. Blanchard, Sr., R. C. Knowles, Phillip Pierce, Robert Southerland, David English, Albert Pope, Mack Herring, Garland King, W. K. Lewis, Lonnie J. Bass, Garland Britt, and John A. Johnson. Many of these were elected, by their churches, to serve as Council Members for many years. For several years there had been no lady elected by her church to serve on the Associational Council. Some ladies who have served long in other Association positions are: Mrs. Charles West, Mrs. J. Henry Simpson, Mrs. Edwin Peterson, Mrs. Waldo D. Early, Mrs. B. C. Lamb, and Mrs. Grover Britt. Again, the writer reminds you that this is only a partial list of faithful servants to the Lord's work in **Eastern Association**.

New pastors were: Charles Hinson, C. A. Overton, Kenneth Pittman, Oscar Hartis, Blair Little, Eddie Wetherington, and J. D. Eddins.

Brown's Church was admitted as a new member, by transfer from the South River Association. This addition brought the number of churches in the Association to forty. Thirty-seven churches were represented by the two hundred and fifty-four in attendance.

Glen Holt preached the Introductory Sermon. A feature, which became a special in years to come was "The Singing Preachers" who sang, "To The Work."

Harold White, of Baptist Headquarters in Raleigh, spoke to the report on the Baptist State Convention.

The second day many reports were given concerning our work in the State. Responding were W. K. McGee, Bill Poole, Gordon Maddrey, John Hiott, and others. Robert Culpepper brought a Missionary message and Carroll Trotter delivered the Doctrinal Message.

A special committee brought a Constitutional Change which was adopted: "*It shall be the duty of the Ordination Committee to examine the candidates who have been called as pastors of churches or church-related vocations.*"

1969 CALYPSO — October 7th GARLAND — October 8th

The one hundred and forty-second session of the **Eastern Baptist Association** began a new custom with this session: the first day began at 3:30 p. m. with supper served at 5:45 p. m. The evening session began at 7:00 p. m. The second day began at 9:45 a. m. and adjourned for lunch, served by the hosts, at 12:15 p. m. This custom has been followed to the present time, with some slight changes in hours to begin the sessions.

New pastors in the Association this year were: Ralph Culler, Raul Rose, Bruce Wilson, J. W. Allen, D. W. Branch, Kenneth Thornton, Charles Hulin, III, and Willie Carr. Still there were five churches without a pastor. The minutes report that "the youth camp was cancelled because of lack of interest."

The Pastors Choir sang, Norman Aycock preached the Associational Sermon, and O. T. Brinkley brought the Doctrinal Message.

Poplar Grove Church and Faison Church assisted the host church with a bountiful meal for the 225 in attendance.

Ingold assisted with hosting on the second day.

Various committee Chair persons gave reports, and several visitors spoke to the reports. The Missionary Message was brought by Calhoun Johnson, former Missionary to Chile.

A directory of Churches and Officers was prepared in an unusually fine way. The eight pages had a lot of valuable information regarding key people in each church in the Association.

1970 ISLAND CREEK — October 6th
GROVE PARK — October 7th

John A. Johnson was Moderator. Vice Moderator, Vernon Braswell, presided for the afternoon session. M. S. McLain and Bruce Wilson were the Clerks. Various reports were heard, spoken to and adopted. Usually the reports carried no particular recommendations that would require action. They are chiefly for information.

A retired pastor, Waldo Early, preached the Annual Sermon. His subject was, "This I Believe And Practice". The Editor of the Biblical Recorder was present. He secured a copy of the sermon and printed parts of it in the Recorder. Later the Baptist Paper in Denver, Colorado, carried the message as a Guest Editorial.

Following a number of reports in the evening session, there was special music, and a final doctrinal message by James L. White.

Shiloh Church had assisted in preparing an abundant meal. The Association adjourned for the day.

The second day of the Association was filled with reports and comments by many visiting representatives.

Seven churches were without pastors at the time of this report. C. E. Thomas, new pastor at Garland was presented.

Mrs. H. O. Lanning gave the Missionary Message. She told of her experiences in Hawaii last summer as she visited our Mission work there.

The Clerk reported 172 present for the day.

Some of our faithful are answering the roll call from above. Mrs. Grover F. Britt died during the year. She was a long-time leader of Women's Work in the Association, and in her home church. Four deacons also were listed on the obituary page.

1971 CLINTON, FIRST — October 5th
MAGNOLIA — October 6th

New ministers were: J. D. Tucker, J. G. Knox, H. T. Baumgardner, Wint Hale, L. D. Munn, A. Z. Gurganus, James Bock, Larry Blount, J. Boyce Brooks, and J. L. Allen. None had been presented to the Association previously.

Norman Aycock was Moderator. The other Officers were the same as last year.

Two hundred twenty-one in attendance represented 36 churches the first day. Reports concerning the work were given and adopted. There were two Messages the first day.

John Bunn spoke on "The Lost Sense Of The Holy Spirit". In the evening session Mr. Gurganus brought the Annual Sermon the subject of "A Glorious Church", text from Ephesians 3:5.

A letter of concern was to be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marshburn, he being ill.

On the second day, what could have been important additions or deletions to the work were started: 1. a report by a Librarian was to be given at the Annual Meeting the next year; 2. a motion was made to ammend the report of the Constitution Committee, that a Historical Committee be named to gather and present matters of historical value concerning the churches, to the Annual Association; 3. that since interest in the Youth Camp had declined, that the part of

the Constitution dealing with this matter be stricken, and that the youth be encouraged to attend the Baptist State Camp(s). All three motions carried.

A closing missionary challenge was given by Wayne Wheeler, a former pastor at Garland, but now serving as Missionary in Honduras.

The Council meetings during the year were dealing with a property matter. A piece of property in Warsaw, where the Warsaw Academy once stood, and was later the location of a public school, now abandoned, was often discussed. The Warsaw Church sought to secure the property. The decision of the Council was to give the church any rights we had as an Association to the property in question. The beautiful Warsaw Baptist Church now stands on the lot in question. An Association office is maintained, rent free, in the building.

1972 PINEY GROVE — October 3rd
MOUNT GILEAD — October 4th

Norman Aycock, the elected Moderator, having moved away, Vernon Braswell moved up to Moderator. John Flake was elected Vice Moderator. Blair Little became Clerk. M. S. McLain had moved from the Association.

This was the first year the host churches histories and their pictures had appeared in the Associational Minutes. Appreciation is offered by the Historian to those who have helped in these efforts through the years.

All 40 churches are represented on the first day by 215 persons. New pastors presented were: W. B. Shipp, David Bays, and Robert Hill.

On the obituary page we note the passing of J. D. Tucker, Pastor of Bear Marsh, Mrs. W. M. Jones (wife of Pastor Jones, Clinton First) and many others including three deacons.

The revised map was the work of James Ezzell and his committee. The last revision was in 1962.

Eugene Poston, President of Gardner Webb College, brought a Message on the doctrine of "Eternity".

Those who made reports that day were: David English, Garland King, Charles Hulin, Henry Simpson, Mrs. H. O. Lanning, Anthony Gurganus, Vernon Braswell, Robert Hill and James Bock.

J. Boyce Brooks took as his theme "Missions", in preaching the Annual Sermon.

On the 2nd day Lindy Long gave the report of the Resolutions Committee. Mrs. Waldo Early gave the report on the work of the Library Committee.

Mr. Simpson reported that 212 deacons and pastors were present for the Deacons School held late in 1971. Another school was scheduled for January of 1973. A World Missions Conference was scheduled for the week following the Association.

1973 SILOAM — October 9th
TURKEY — October 10th

Occasionally it becomes necessary to revise the Constitution. This year it was given a general revision.

New pastors were: Leon Bizzell, Ed Carroll and Robert Campbell. Willie O. Carr has been elected as Associate Clerk.

Visitors speaking to the Reports were: Sam O'Neil for the Annuity Board and Marse Grant for Christian Literature. Others speaking were Bill Poole, Horace Hawes and J. V. Watterson.

James Blackmore brought the Doctrinal Sermon. Subject: "The Unsearchable Riches of Christ."

Evergreen Church assisted with the evening meal. By the time of the Evening Session, all 40 churches were represented by a total of 242 in attendance.

William M. Jones brought the Annual Sermon. Adjournment followed.

The second day the Association met at Turkey, as scheduled. The Minutes for 1973 show this, however, the Historical Table in the years that followed, left off Turkey, reporting only Siloam as the entertaining church. Beulah and New Hope assisted with the noon meal.

Since we were again in a campaign against the liquor forces, an offering was taken to support the Christian Action League, and did we lick 'em!

Treasurer Brinson presented the Budget, with the suggestion that we add \$500 to the salary of the Missionary. Revised Budget was adopted.

The Missionary Message by Ralph Calcote of Japan brought the Session to lunch time, and adjournment.

At the Council Meeting in April, Mrs. Lanning introduced Mrs. Leonard Yancey the new W. M. U. President. Mrs. Lanning had served faithfully for five years.

Good results were achieved during the Lay Witnessing School, and the World Mission Conference, according to the report of Missionary Simpson.

One of our retired Pastors, Brother E. L. Anderson died during the year. There were also three deacon's deaths and a host of other members.

1974 MOUNT OLIVE — October 8th
DOBSON'S CHAPEL — October 9th

Ninety-eight years ago, in 1876, the Eastern met with Mt. Olive Church. The organization was then thirteen years old. What a change and growth in these years!

By completing the remainder of the previous moderator's term, Vernon Braswell was presiding over his third annual session. Other officers were: John Flake, Vice Moderator; Blair Little and Willie Car, Clerks; Amos Q. Brinson, Treasurer; and J. Henry Simpson, Jr., Associational Missionary. These made a fine team.

The purpose in writing history is to keep the present in touch with the past and to challenge the present to pass on its best to the future.

Here we make known an incident that took place recently (1973—1974). The grave stones of one of the elderly saints, and his family, were discovered after a field tractor uncovered them at an abandoned grave site. These were the earthly memorials of the George Fennell family, they were considered worth preserving. The Historical Committee encouraged friends of Wells Chapel Church to make a proper disposition of these broken stones. George Fennell served this church and several others in the **Eastern Association** in the early days of its organization. He had been moderator, preached the annual sermon three or more times, was a staunch supporter of the work for many years. Wells Chapel embedded the stones in a plot in the front yard of the church. When you are there, you should observe the results of this loving deed of these friends. How many other great Christians are buried in forgotten graves?

New pastors introduced to the Association were: Floyd Helms, Luther J. Matthews, Robert Phipps, Bob Callaway, and Phillip Denton.

Bruce Whitaker in bringing the Doctrinal Sermon spoke on "The Appeal of the Cross."

Special music was an enjoyable part of this and many other Associational gatherings.

Special mentions was made of Millard Johnson retiring from a long and fruitful pastorate at Rowan Church.

An attendance of three hundred seventy-one was reported at the evening session. This was more than usual.

Hubert Dixon used as his text II Timothy 3:14 — 4:9, for the annual sermon. This brought the first day's session to a close.

The attendance on the second day was three hundred.

Mrs. W. D. Early gave the report of the Library Committee. Leon Bizzell urged greater interest in church libraries.

Gene Phillips brought the missionary message.

Sharon Church assisted in preparation of the noon meal.

In a council meeting the matter of selling the house, in which the Associational Missionary lives, and giving him housing allowance, was discussed but tabled for further study.

Again that year, death called at the home of one of our pastors. Mrs. Millard Bounds died in a car accident. Also Freddie Eddens, son of a former past Eddens, died in a car accident. J. C. Powell, long time a missionary to Africa, died. The minutes for the following year were dedicated to him and carried his picture.

1975 ROWAN — October 7th

SHILOH — October 8th

John Flake, the new Moderator, presided at these sessions.

Each year a new trustee is elected, as the senior member rotates off. Serving this year were: James Ezzell, George Rackley, and S. J. Waller. Robert Hill continued as Brotherhood Director.

On the first day thirty-seven churches were represented by an attendance of 309 persons.

Waldo D. Early made a motion that the Association begin making definite plans for the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary which comes in 1977. The Historical Committee to be enlarged for the purpose of gathering historical data. The motion was approved.

Woodrow Hill, of the Biblical Recorder staff, was present. He spoke to the report on Christian Literature.

David Gordon and Dana Scrivner were recognized as new pastors. Only those present are presented to the Association.

Mrs. J. C. Powell and daughter, Mary Hester, former missionaries to Africa, were recognized.

The passing of R. F. Marshburn, long-time pastor in the Eastern, was noted. A motion was made and passed that the 1976 minutes be dedicated to him. This was done.

Once again, we had a sermon on the "Doctrine of The Holy Spirit". John Eddins of Southeastern Seminary was the preacher.

There was a motion and discussion about the Association becoming self supporting and freeing the State Convention of its aid to the Eastern. This matter was sent to the Budget Committee for more study and report later.

R. Blair Little preached the Annual Sermon.

The second day was given chiefly to reports, visiting representatives speaking to the reports.

Dr. Alton Hood, a minister of the Gospel, and a medical doctor, surgeon, who was a member of Clinton First Baptist Church as a boy, and is now an active Medical Missionary in Thailand, was present and brought the Missionary Message.

As agreed last year, the Minutes for 1975 were dedicated to the memory and appreciation of J. C. Powell, long-time Missionary to Nigeria. His picture is also carried in this minute.

1976 WARSAW — October 5th

BEAR MARSH — October 6th

We approach the end of the first half of our second century. In 1977 we celebrate our Sesquicentennial.

This year marks a change in the office of the Associational Missionary. The

Simpsons, Henry and Vivian, have led us, helped us and challenged us for ten years. This is the longest period of service of any Missionary up to the present. Mr. Simpson resigned in January, effective March 1, 1976. He moved to Lillington to become Director of Missions for the Little River Association.

On July 1, 1976, Clyde L. Davis, Sr., began as our Director. He came from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, N. C.

The Association sold the house where the former Missionaries lived. The money was put on deposit. The interest will help pay the housing allowance of the Director.

As agreed last year, the Minutes for 1976 carried the likeness of R. Frank Marshburn, formerly pastor of several of the churches in the Eastern. He was lovingly known to many of us as "Dr. Marshburn". The Minutes were dedicated to him, also.

Mrs. Marse Grant was recognized, along with her husband. He spoke to the report on Christian Literature.

New pastors recognized were: Steve Smith, John Allen, W. B. Shipp, Mack Thompson and Joe Willis.

Howard Ford preached the Doctrinal Sermon. He read Eph. 1:15-23. His subject was "Jesus Christ". Reports took up the greater part of the afternoon, then we adjourned for supper. Calvary assisted Warsaw in preparing the meal.

There were 318 persons present. All forty churches were represented. Clyde Davis, Sr., was recognized for remarks.

Special music by the Warsaw Choir was followed by the Annual Sermon by Willie O. Carr. He read Ephesians 5:22 and following verses.

The second day the Association convened with Bear Marsh Church. The large attendance was royally cared for by the provisions made by the host church, along with Alum Springs and Garners Chapel. This statement reminds the writer of the way some messengers report the Association to their home Church — "big crowd and lots of eats". Well, to you who have never attended the Annual Meeting of the Association, wherever it is held, it is far more than that. You should have heard the Missionary Message of R. Edward Gordon as he told of his work in the Philippines.

This brought adjournment, lunch and going home to put resolves into action.

The story of the past 49 years has been partially told. I knew it would not be a full story. I was not writing a full story of the great old Eastern for the years 1928 — 1976. Like my predecessor of fifty years ago, Dr. J. T. Alderman, I was only writing sketches of the years. These, added to his of the first one hundred years, will tell something of the first 150 years of work and ways of the people of the **Eastern Baptist Association** in Eastern North Carolina. "To God Be The Glory".

Names and events — I have missed many of them. These were errors of the mind, not of the heart.

Today is September the 6th, 1977. The Clerk will tell the story of 1977 in the Minutes he gets out for this year.

Then, we look forward to the second half of our Second Century. God grant that it may be a good one. Some of you will be around for a good bit of it. But others of us will be watching from the other side. Don't let Him or us down.

Many thanks to all who have helped make, preserve and record these Sketches.