

MINUTES  
—OF THE—  
11th Annual Session  
—OF THE—

ASHE AND ALLEGHANY BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH THE—  
Forest Home Baptist Church,  
Berlin, Ashe Co., N. C., Sept. 28, 29, & 30, 1897.

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J. H. DOUGHTON, MODERATOR, Laurelsprings, N. C.  
H. A. ELLER, SECRETARY & TREASURER, Berlin, N. C.

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Next session will be held with the Friendship Baptist church, three miles East of Jefferson, N. C., beginning on Tuesday before the first Sunday in October, 1898, and continuing through Wednesday and Thursday of the same week.

# Directory of the Ashe and Alleghany Association, 1898.

## OFFICERS.

J. H. DOUGHTON, MODERATOR, Laurelsprings, N. C.  
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J. Eller, Berlin, N. C.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

H. A. Eller,	Berlin, N. C.
G. L. Porter,	Bud, N. C.
L. J. Sturgill,	Solitude, N. C.
J. J. Garvey,	Weaver's Ford, N. C.
E. E. Phillips,	Idlewild, N. C.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

Duncan, T. M.,	Beaver Creek, Ashe Co., N. C.
Blackburn, S.,	Bud, Ashe Co., N. C.
Tucker, E.,	Bud, Ashe Co., N. C.
Glenn, W. H.,	Thaxton, Ashe Co., N. C.
Carter, I. M.,	Bernice, Ashe Co., N. C.
Cheek, F. B.,	Whitehead, Alleghany Co., N. C.
Barker, W. F.,	Bud, Ashe Co., N. C.
Stanley, J. F.,	Graybeal, Ashe Co., N. C.
Blevins, E.,	Blevins, Ashe Co., N. C.
Blevins, John,	Hermitage, Ashe Co., N. C.
Blevins, C.,	Hermitage, Ashe Co., N. C.
Blevins, S.,	Hermitage, Ashe Co., N. C.
Brown, A. E.,	Mountain City, Tenn.
Shumate, J.,	Sparta, N. C.
Shoaf, R. L.,	Linney, Ashe Co., N. C.
Hurley, A.,	Bly, Ashe Co., N. C.
Eller, Jacob,	Helton, Ashe Co., N. C.
Eller, G. W.,	Grimsly, Ashe Co., N. C.
Campbelle, N.,	Thaxton, Ashe Co., N. C.
Johnson, R. K.,	Hooker, N. C.
Lovett, E. F.,	Laurelsprings, N. C.

## PROCEEDINGS.

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The Ashe and Alleghany Baptist Association, N. C., met at Forest Home Baptist church, Berlin, N. C. Tuesday at 11 o'clock a. m., Sept. 28, 1897, in its Eleventh Annual Session.

In the absence of the appointees the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. E. F. Tatum, missionary to China, upon our duty to the Foreign mission work.

Prayer by Eld. T. M. Duncan. The association took a recess for 30 minutes.

The association re assembled at 1:30. Prayer by Eld. E. Tucker. The association called to order by Bro. J. H. Doughton. Letters from the following churches were presented and read by brethren G. L. Porter and John M. Cheek, and a roll of delegates made as follows:

Apple Grove—S. Tucker, E. L. Tucker, E. Tucker, E. Graham.

Baptist Home—L. J. Sturgill, W. E. Parker, R. Lewis.

Belle View—M. Hoppers, P. Parish, J. W. Phouts.

Bethel—E. E. Phillips, J. P. Goodman.

Big Laurel—Wm. McCaudill, N. Stewart, N. Campbell.

Beaver Creek—J. C. Goodman, T. M. Duncan.

Bristol—L. F. McLure, A. Sheets, W. Hauser.

Buffalo—S. A. Campbelle, H. H. Ray, L. Elliotte.

Brushy Fork—D. Martin, H. Parsons, R. Vanover.

Calloway's Chapel—J. O. Burchett, A. J. Colloway.

Clifton—T. Elliott, J. Roark.

Chestnut Grove—R. K. Johnson.

Forest Home—I. M. Carter, R. L. Shoaf, J. Eller, J. T. King, M. F. Carter.

Friendship—G. W. Burkett, T. K. Luther, R. M. Burkett.

Healing Springs—A. Blevins, J. F. Hudler, G. Phillips.

Jefferson—C. M. Graybeal.

Landmark—R. Jones, J. C. Denny, R. Blackburn, W. F. Barker.

Laurel Springs—E. F. Lovett, J. H. Doughton.

Liberty (Alleghany)—F. W. Cheek, J. M. Cheek, J. M. Wagoner, F. B. Cheek, E. L. Wagoner.

Liberty (Ashe)—C. J. Carter, J. A. Pierce, G. W. Eller.

Long Branch—James Welch, W. S. Johnson.

Mission Home—M. Teague.

Mountain View—A. J. Barker, S. Perry, G. Coldiron.

New Hope—N. H. Jones.

New River—J. J. Garvey, J. A. Parsons, E. Dancy.

Obids—Not represented.

Peak Valley—G. W. Milam, A. Lewis, J. Robertson.

Pleasant Home—O. Blevins.

Pleasant Hill—L. F. Johnson, V. C. Howell, D. S. Blevins, J. A. Blevins, C. Blevins, S. Blevins.

Sparta—E. A. Womble, W. C. Fields.

Zion Hill—W. H. Sheets.

The association proceeded to permanent organization by electing officers by private ballot. A number of the visiting brethren being tellers who reported elected moderator, J. H. Doughton, and secretary and treasurer, H. A. Eller; who proceeded to their respective duties.

The following corresponding and visiting brethren reported themselves and took seats, viz: J. F. Settle, J. R. Jolly, from Elkin association; Dr. S. L. Perkins, of Baltimore, M. D., I. F. Eller and J. E. Duncan from Threeforks association; W. F. Waddell, from Grayson and Washington association; Eld E. F. Tatum, of China.

Delegates from Big Laurel, Ashe county, N. C., and Chustnut Grove, Alleghany county, N. C., presented letters asking membership in this association, which were read and, on motion, they were received as members of this body and the delegates received the hand of welcome by the moderator.

The Constitution, Rules of Order, etc., were read.

The chair announced the following committees to report at this session, viz: On religious exercises, delegates of this church with brethren F. W. Cheek and J. Denny; on digest of church letters, E. Tucker, R. L.

Shoaf, R. K. Johnson; on resolutions, T. M. Duncan, N. H. Jones, J. M. Cheek; on finance, E. L. Wagoner, J. P. Goodman, C. M. Graybeal; on time, place and preacher for next meeting, J. J. Garvey, A. J. Barker, G. W. Burkett.

The committee on religious exercises reported preaching for to-morrow at 11 o'clock by Elder J. R. Joily, to-night, at Ashleys' by Elder E. Tucker

Agreed to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock and spend some time in devotional exercises.

Adjourned to time before named.

Prayer by Elder E. F. Lovitt.

Benediction by Eld, Duncan.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29, 1897.

The association met at 9 o'clock. Spent some time in devotional exercises, led by Eld, W. F. Barker.

The association came to order at 9:30 o'clock.

The minutes of yesterday read and the roll of delegates called and corrected.

On motion the regular order was suspended and the report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. J. M. Wagoner and was spoken to by Eld. E. F. Tatum, missionary to China. The association contributed \$3.52 to this object. The report was adopted as follows:

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Whereas the Lord continues to approve and bless the Foreign Mission work in extending the Redeemer's Kingdom in foreign lands; and inasmuch, as men, cleansed by the blood of Christ, are the agencies by which the Gospel is preached, which is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes, therefore, we recommend that the pastors of their respective churches in this association become themselves, more enthused, upon this subject, and that they indoctrinate their churches as to duties on this work, as taught in the word of God, that the work may go on until the name of Jesus shall be glorified in all the world.

J. M. WAGONER,  
ELIHU TUCKER.

The report on State Missions was read by Elder R. L. Shoaf and adopted without discussion as follows:

### STATE MISSIONS.

More than one hundred years ago the State Mission work began in N. C., on a small scale, comparatively, but has grown rapidly all

the while: until at present there are about one hundred missionaries at work in the State of N. C., and not only are they at work, but they are doing a great work for the Master, and have been ever since the work began. Hundreds of people have been converted annually through their labors. Knowing this to be so we recommend that the work be continued with greater efforts than ever before, as there is yet great destitution in our State. Our people are still dying and many of them without Christ. We have not done what we could, and knowing our duty and doing it not is sin. Hence it behooves us as servants of God to use the means that He has placed in our hands, with greater zeal and energy than ever before for the advancement of the cause of His kingdom, leaving the result with God and look unto Him for success.

I. M. CARTER,  
R. L. SHOAF,  
E. F. LOVETT,

In the absence of the original committee on education brethren J. M. Cheek and J. Blevins were appointed to prepare a report on this subject and report at this session.

The association took a recess at 11 o'clock to hear a sermon by Elder J. R. Jolly.

#### AFTERNOON.

The association resumed business at 1 o'clock.

The committee on religious exercises reported preaching in the Grove at 2 o'clock by Eld. E. Tucker; at night by Eld. F. B. Cheek at "Gap," at Ashley's by John Blevins, and to-morrow at 11 o'clock at this place by Eld. J. F. Eller.

The committee on division of the association submitted two minority reports for and against the measure and the subject was discussed by E. Tucker, F. B. Cheek, R. L. Shoaf, W. C. Fields, J. Eller and the moderator and the matter was postponed till to-morrow morning.

The report of the executive committee was read and pending its adoption Bro. J. W. M. Grayson spoke of the work in his community, and of a house of worship which he is building and intends that it shall be completed by early spring and be for the use and be the property of this association, costing about \$1000.00.

Eld. T. M. Duncan reported received by him from churches \$53.32 for support as missionary in Ashe Co. The report was adopted.

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Ashe and Alleghany Association.

Dear brethren:—Your committee has the following report of the state of mission work in our bounds to submit: We found that the choice of a suitable minister for missionary by the churches was attended with much delay and uncertainty, and kept your committee in suspense as to who to apply to until late in November, and then the choice was not of such decision as to relieve the committee of all responsibility in choosing a man for the work. Then your committee attempted to secure a man for the entire field, but being late failed and so no work has been done in part of our territory.

Eld T. M. Duncan was secured as missionary for Ashe county and has been laboring as such since the first of January under the appointment of the State Mission Board. That you may judge of his efficiency and faithfulness in the work we make the substance of his report to us a part of this report, viz:

Miles traveled, 1500; sermons delivered, 190; professed conversions, 80; Religious visits, 105; aided in the organization of 10 Sunday schools; houses of worship finished this year, 2; houses of worship building, 3; hopeful of the early organization of 2 churches. He has under the advice of your committee kept six appointments, as regular as time would allow at out stations and weak churches: viz: Zion Hill, Obids, Threetop, Pleasant Home, Otzman's School House and Little Laurel. Besides he has visited all the Ashe churches except three and these he failed to get to for lack of time. He expects to close his work with the meeting of the convention about Nov. 15. He reports that the influence for the Baptists is increasing in the main, yet in some localities we are at a standstill, while at other points the opposition has been the strongest in his experience, but believes that at the latter the tide of influence is turning to us, and he, together with your committee believes there has not been a time since our organization when faithful and consecrated efforts were more needed in our bounds.

We deem it our duty to inform the association that we are not to be aided by the board next year on the same basis as now or formerly, in consequence of not doing what was believed to be our duty to the general work of State Missions. So it is plain if we continue mission work in our bounds, our churches and individual members will have to bear more of the burden. We therefore, recommend that steps be taken at this meeting to continue the work on our entire field. Pardon your committee for saying that we believe that we are able to do this work ourselves and as the Board shares in this opinion to the extent of throwing us on our own resources, let us take courage, rise up and go forth to do this work for God and humanity, believing that the victory is not to the strong alone, but to the vigilant, the active, the brave. Submitted,

J. H. DOUGHTON,  
G. L. PORTER,  
W. C. FIELDS,  
H. A. ELLER.

Eld. W. F. Barker was requested to aid in preparing

report on Home Missions.

The report on Temperance was read and discussed by Cheek, Fields, Duncan, Johnson and J. F. Eller, and adopted as follows:

#### TEMPERANCE.

In 1891 the total amount expended by our people for liquor was \$1,133,433,206 or \$92,000,000 more than in 1890. The amount of revenue raised from the traffic was \$267,407,748 which when subtracted from the expenditures leaves a direct burden to those who drink it of \$866,025,498. The indirect burden is also enormous. It is the cause of nine-tenths of the crime committed, of extra police force, of criminal courts, prisons, work houses and penitentiaries. a vast amount of pauperism and a loss of productive power.

But the financial is not so bad as the estical side. Intemperance more than duplicates the number of persons in our insane asylums. In view of these potent facts we as a denomination should use our efforts to educate the sons and daughters of our land to a higher standard of respect for themselves and humanity.

F. B. CHEEK,  
G. L. PORTER.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Eld. I. M. Carter. Benediction by Eld. R. L. Shoaf.

#### THIRD DAY—SEPTEMBER 30TH.

The Association assembled at 9 o'clock, a. m., and after prayer, by Eld. Wm. Lee, the Association come to order.

Eld. Wm. Lee, from the Stony Fork Association, reported as a correspondent.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The report on Orphanage was read and discussed by Carter and Womble, and adopted as follows:

#### ORPHANAGE.

We have an institution at Thomasville known as the Baptist Orphanage. It was founded about twelve years ago. This institution has grown in the hearts of our people so that at present we have 300 acres of land with a number of magnificent buildings completed and another under course of construction known as the central building. We have 141 orphan children there who are fed, educated clothed and taught the useful avocations of life. It also has a printing press operated by these children, and a good paper issued weekly from their own hands, called "Charity and Children," at one dollar per year, any one who will contribute one dollar to this institution will get the paper free for one year.

T. M. DUNCAN,  
J. P. GOODMAN.



The subject of division was again considered and after being explained by Bro. W. C. Fields, the affirmative report was adopted as follows and a letter of dismissal was granted to all the Alleghany churches when merged into another association of same faith and order.

After due deliberation we have decided that it is both prudent and necessary to divide the Ashe and Alleghany Association with the county line. The most important reason for such division being the great area occupied.

F. B. CHEEK.

J. M. WAGONER.

On motion brethren J. Robinson, J. Eller and A. E. Womble were appointed to name a Presbytery, Time and Place to organize the Alleghany churches, with any others, into an Association.

The report on Education was read by J. M. Cheek, and discussed by Cheek, Wagoner and Fields. The report was adopted, thus:

#### EDUCATION.

The Committee wishes to emphasize the importance of the acquisition of the best education by those who propose to enter the ministry. For the purpose of a preparatory school we heartily recommend to our people Whitehead Academy, Whitehead, Alleghany county, N. C., under the principalship of Prof. E. Lef. Wagoner. To those who seek a college we recommend Wake Forest and to those who desire to pursue a theological course we recommend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. We strongly urge our churches to support by sympathy and patronage our educational institutions.

JOHN A. BLEVIN'S,

JOHN M. CHEEK.

The report on Colportage was read and after remarks by Lovett and Cheek it was adopted.

#### COLPORTAGE.

We consider Colportage as a work of very great importance to this Association. Therefore, we recommend pastors and churches to push this work. We recommend the services of Bro. E. F. Lovett last year, who reports as follows: Bibles and other books on religious subjects, sold about 100 copies; religious visits made, 50; sermons delivered, about 25. We recommend that this work be pressed, by one or more energetic men in our bounds. Submitted.

N. H. JONES,

J. J. GARVEY.

The report on Periodicals was read by J. M. Wagoner and spoken to by Eld. Cheek and E. L. Wagoner. The report was adopted, thus:

## PERIODICALS.

A reading people are a progressive people, and what is true of the world is also true in Christian progress. Reading is necessary to give knowledge. Knowledge is a requisite to faith, and without faith it is impossible to please God. As an important aid to Christian progress we recommend the general circulation of the Biblical Recorder, the North Carolina Baptist, and the Foreign Mission Journal. These papers maintain purity and unity of doctrine among the entire brotherhood, and are worthy a place in all our homes.

J. M. WAGONER.

The report on Home Missions was read by W. C. Fields and spoken to by the committee and Johnson. The report was adopted as appears below:

## HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee desires to report and say that the Home Mission Board has been and is doing great work, not only in some foreign countries, but in a majority of the states and territories in this union. Large parts of many of the western States would not today have had Baptist organizations in them but for the Home Mission Board. It has done a great work in our own country and with proper help from all the Baptists in this State, would enable the board to do a greater work. A little gift from each one of our members, little mites that are often spent in folly, if saved and spent in this way and given for this work, would give the Gospel to many an American boy and girl without it.

W. C. FIELDS,  
W. F. BARKER.

Brethren R. L. Shoaf, E. L. Tucker and J. P. Goodman were appointed to nominate an Executive Committee.

The following report on Time and Place for next meeting was read and adopted: Time, on Tuesday before the first Sunday in October, 1898. Friendship church, three miles East of Jefferson, N. C., the place. Eld. E. Tucker to preach the annual sermon, John Blevins, alternate.

JOHN J. GARVEY,  
G. W. BURKETT,  
A. J. BARCKER.

The query asked by Calloway's Chapel church was read and answered as follows:

Query:—Is feet-washing a duty of the church?

Answer:—We do not think it should be a bar in fellowship.

The following report was submitted by the Committee on Finance, which was adopted:

FINANCE.

Your committee report:	
Received for State Missions,	\$1.96
Received for Home Missions,	1.90
Received for Foreign Missions,	70
Received for Orphanage,	2.76
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Total,	\$7.32
Received for Minute Fund.	\$23.55
Grand total,	\$30.87

SIGNED { J. P. GOODMAN,  
C. M. GRAYBEAL,  
E. LEFF WAGONER.

The Moderator vacated the chair and Eld. I. M. Carter occupied it while the following list of standing committees were made and announced:

On Foreign Missions—T. M. Duncan and A. S. Eller.

On Home Missions—W. F. Barker and G. L. Porter.

On State Missions—R. L. Shoaf, L. J. Sturgill and J. P. Goodman.

On Temperance—E. Tucker and N. Campbelle.

On Orphanage—E. E. Phillips, M. F. Carter and N. Johnson.

On Ministerial Education—E. L. Tucker and J. J. Garvey.

On Colportage—J. Welch and L. F. Johnson.

On Periodicals—J. Eller and C. J. Carter.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following report: Your Committee to name an Executive Committee for this Association, recommend the following names as said Committee: H. A. Eller, G. L. Porter, L. J. Sturgill, J. J. Garvey, E. E. Phillips. The report was adopted.

On motion the Association agreed to return to former usage of allowing the Executive Committee to carry on mission work as it thinks best.

On motion the letters from Threetop church were expunged from the association, and its contents ordered to be left out of the minutes except the minute fund, for which it may receive minutes, for attempting to repre-

sent in this session disorderly; and brethren and L. J. Sturgill, H. H. Ray and R. L. Shoaf were appointed a committee to investigate the validity of the letter from said church and report at next session.

The committee to formulate a call and presbytery for the organization of the Alleghany churches into an association submitted a report which was approved.

On motion J. Eller was elected a member of the Board of Missions, State of N. C., for this association, and \$3.01 raised to be used in defraying his traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the board.

On motion the report on Digest of Church Letters was ordered to be left out of the minutes.

On motion the secretary was instructed to expend the minute fund on hand in getting out and distributing the minutes to the churches after retaining \$5.00 for his services.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by the committee which was adopted: The committee on resolutions desires on behalf of the association to return to the entire people of this community hearty thanks for their generous hospitality during this meeting.

T. M. DUNCAN,  
JOHN M. CHEEK.

On motion the delegates and pastors were requested to lay before their respective churches the work of missions in our bounds for the incoming year and have each and all our churches to report at once to the chairman of the Executive Committee what may be expected from them for the prosecution of the work.

\* The following named brethren were appointed as correspondents to sister associations: To Threefork association, Elds. T. M. Duncan and R. L. Shoaf; to New River, Elds. Elihu Tucker and W. F. Barker; to Stony Fork, E. E. Phillips and L. R. Mikeal; to Elkin, Elds. I. M. Carter and E. Blevins.

On motion the association adjourned to time and place before named. Prayer by Bro. S. Blevins.

J. H. DOUGHTON, Moderator.  
H. A. ELLER, Secretary and Treas.

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Received from Committee on Finance as follows, viz:

For State Missions,	\$1.96
For Home Missions,	1.90
For Foreign Missions,	.70
For Orphanage.	2.76
For Foreign Missions from a collection,	3.52
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Total,	\$10.84
For minute fund	23.55
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Total amount received,	\$34.39

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mailed to J. D. Boushall, Raleigh, N. C., for the different objects, (P. O. money order)	\$10.84
Expended for printing, postage, stationery, etc.,	18.55
Retained for services as instructed,	5.00
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Total amount expended,	\$34.39

There is also in my hands \$3.01 contributed to be used by the member of the board of missions in traveling to the meeting of the Board. H. A. ELLER, Treas.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every session shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. When the Moderator calls the association to order, every member shall at once take his seat.
3. When a member wishes to speak he shall arise and address the Moderator and not proceed until he has been recognized.
4. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject except by permission of the body, and not over fifteen minutes at a time.
5. No member shall leave the body during its session without permission of the Moderator.
6. It will be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house or hold private conversation while the Moderator or any member is speaking.

# OTHER INFORMATION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	P. O.	CLERKS.	P. O.	Paid Pastors.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Church Build'gs.	Minute Fund.	Time of M'g (Sun)
Apple Grove,	Not Given,		M C Thompson,	Weasel,	N. C.	\$14 70	64			2 00	2 00	2
Baptist Home,	L. A. Wilson,	Sutherland, N. C.	L. J. Struggll,	Solitude,	N. C.	12 98	64			2 00	50	3
Belle View,	F. B. Cheek,	Whitehead,	J W Phouts,	Olney,	"	25 00	5 00		36	1 50	50	3
Bethel,	A. E. Brown,	Mt. City, Tenn.	J P Goodman,	Nettle Knob,	"	7 55				25	25	2
Big Laurel,	J. R. Brown,	Green Cove, Va.	H Hargman,	Grigsby,	"	13 50	5 45			2 75	60	4
Beaver Creek,	Not given,		J L Goodman,	Beaver Creek,	"		57			60	60	
Bristol,	S. Blackburn,	Crumpler, N. C.	J J McLure,	Jefferson,	"	20 00	76			45	60	2
Brushy Fork,	L. A. Wilson,	Sutherland,	D Martin,	Wheeler	"	3 25	10			50	50	3
Buffalo,	J. F. Stanley,	Graybeal,	T H Ray,	Tree Top,	"					45	60	
Calloway's Ch'ch,	J. O. Burchett,	Amorita,	L W Anders,	Amorita,	Va.					50	50	3
Clifton,	J. F. Stanley,	Graybeal, N. C.	R E Ellhoff,	Clifton,	N. C.	4 00				50	50	2
Chestnut Grove,	J. D. Roberts,	Cherry Lane,	B B Brooks,	Hooker,	"	27 25	63 58	2 00	2 13	71 1 00	35	2
Forest Home,	I. M. Carter,	Bernice,	H N Eller,	Boelm,	"	12 25	3 75			2 55	300	2
Friendship,	G. W. Eller,	Grimsley,	R M Burkett,	Idol,	"	13 41				561	00	4
Healing Springs,	C. M. Mikel,	Bnd,	I N Hinder,	Crumpler,	"	25 00				2 68	561	1
Jefferson,	A. E. Brown,	Mt. City, Tenn.	C Graybeal,	Jefferson,	"	25 45	5 00			1 50	50	4
Landmark,	E. Tucker,	Bnd,	L. M. Brinegar,	Bnd,	"	14 00	6 00	1 70		5 00	35	3
Laurel Springs,	J. M. Shumate	Laurel Spr's,	W F Doughton,	Laurel Spr's,	"	20 00	1 00	10		157	50	3
Liberty, (Alle'y.)	G. Henderson	Rugby,	Va. F M Eller,	Whitehead,	"	8 00	2 50			26	60	2
Long Branch,	R. L. Shoaf,	Linney	N. C. J Welch,	Silas Creek,	"	2 00	45	20		20	25	4
Mission Home,	A. E. Brown,	Mt. City, Tenn.	Wm Howell,	Ashley,	"	6 00				75	75	3
Mountain View,	C. Blevins,	Hermitage, N. C.	A J Barker,	Gap Creek,	"	9 63	2 50			75	75	2
Meadow View,	No report,			Grigsby,	"					1 00	1 00	1
New Hope,	Not given,			Crumpler,	"	28 00				1 00	1 00	
New River,	E. Tucker,	Bnd,	N. C. J Ballow,	Sutherland,	"	38	22			50	50	1
Obids,	No report,			Bernice,	"	7 62				50	50	4
Peak Valley,	L. C. Wilson,	Hatty,	N. C. J Robertson,	Hermitage,	N. C.	4 62				10 00	75	3
Pleasant Home,	Not given,		J Blevins,	Hermitage,	N. C.	25 00				40 00	1 00	2
Pleasant Hill,	C. Blevins,	Hermitage, N. C.	D S Blevins,	Sparta,	"					40 00	40	1
Sparta,	J. Shumate,	Sparta,	N. C. W C Fields,	Hermitage,	"					40 00	40	1
Threeton,	Report not received,			Sparta,	"					40 00	40	1
Zion Hill,	E F Anderson	Mulberry,	N. C. W H Sheats,	Wagoner,	N. C.	5 00						

## CONSTITUTION OF THE ASHE AND ALLEGHANY ASSOCIATION.

ART. 1. This body shall be called "The Ashe and Alleghany Association."

2. The object of this Association shall be an organized effort to unite the churches in more efficient work for the spread of the gospel in our bounds, and in all the world, and in this work the association will co-operate with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

3. The members of this body shall be all the ordained ministers of the churches composing the association, and three delegates from each, who shall bring a letter certifying their appointment and giving statistics of the membership and work of the churches.

4. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer. in such way as the association may direct. The last two offices may be held by the same brother.

5. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, appoint committees and perform such other duties as are usually required of presiding officers.

6. The clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend printing and distributing to the churches these proceedings.

7. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds sent up to the association, pay them out as the association may direct, and make report at each annual session.

8. The association shall hold annual meetings at such times and places as may be agreed upon.

9. At each annual meeting there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren who shall look after the destitution in the bounds of this association and co-operate with the State Mission Board of the Baptist State convention, making to the next session a report of the work done, and of the general state of mission work.

10. At each annual session there shall be appointed committees to make reports at the subsequent session on the following subjects: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Education, Baptist Orphanage, Periodicals and Temperance.

11. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

12. The association will not receive or retain in permanent fellowship any church that retains in its fellowship any member who is disorderly in doctrine or practice, or who makes, sells or in any way deals in ardent spirits as a beverage,

13. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual session,

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### ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

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1. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the God head, the Father Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one,

2. We believe that the Bible—the Old and New Testament—is the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the impotency of man and the sovereignty of God.

4. We believe that salvation is by Grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ, to be practiced only by believers in their scriptural order.

6. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator. And that only those who are thus baptized are in fellowship with the Church in feeling and doctrine should take the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe in final preservative of the Saints in Grace to Glory.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a General judgment.

9. We believe that the existence of the righteous and of the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.



# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NEAREST P. O.	ADDED.		Dismissed.		Membership.			
		By Baptism.....	By Letter, Application and Restoration.....	By Letter.....	Deceased.....	Excluded.....	Males.....	Females.....	Total.....
Apple Grove,	Weasel, Ashe, N. C.	6		1	2		45	70	115
Baptist Home,	Solitude, Ashe, ..	11	5	1	1	1	13	25	38
Belle View,	Olney, ..		1	2			6	10	16
Bethel,	Nettle Knob, ..			4		1	43	54	97
Big Laurel,	Thaxton, ..	4	6	1		1	11	11	22
Beaver Creek,	Beaver Creek, ..						10	10	20
Bristol,	Jefferson, ..		1	2			12	19	31
Brushy Fork,	Wheeler, ..			2	2	3	27	40	67
Buffalo,	Tree Top, ..			2		1	29	60	89
Calloway's Ch.	Amelia, ..		11			1	6	14	20
Clifton,	Clifton, ..			3			11	10	21
Chestn't Grove,	Hooker, ..	2	2				5	7	12
Forest Home,	Berlin, ..					2	19	17	36
Friendship,	Idol, ..	5		1		2	15	35	50
Heal'g Springs,	Crumpler, ..					2	35	44	79
Jefferson,	Jefferson, ..	2	2	1			16	13	29
Landmark,	Bud, ..			6			43	63	106
Laurel Springs,	Laurel Springs, ..		2				6	8	14
Liberty. (Aile.)	Whitehead, ..	2	1				18	23	41
Liberty. (Ashe.)	Silas Creek, ..	4	2				16	17	33
Long Branch,	Ashley, ..	2	4	1			16	11	27
Mission Home,	Gap Creek, ..	6	11	3		1	25	32	57
M't. View,	Grigsby, ..	10		10		1	25	39	64
Meadow View,	No report (last y's re.)						15	11	26
New Hope,	Prather's Creek, N.C.	1				1	24	36	60
New River,	Weaver's Ford, ..	15	5	1			27	30	57
Obids,	Obids, (no report) ..						2	6	8
Peak Valley,	Sutherland, ..	2	6			1	12	19	31
Pleasant Home,	Crumpler, ..	1		1		1	15	27	42
Pleasant Hill,	Hermitage, ..	5	8			2	29	41	70
Sparta,	Sparta, ..	2	8				7	17	24
Three Top,	L't'r not rec'd by Asso.								
Zion Hill,	Wagoner, N. C.		1	1			3	12	15
Total.....		80	76	43	12	20	589	831	1412

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Enrollment of delegates.
3. Election of officers.
4. Reception of new churches.
5. Reading Constitution. Rules of Order, Abstract of Principles.
6. Appointment of committees.
7. Report of Executive Committee.
8. Report of Treasurer.
9. Report of committees.
10. Miscellaneous.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER FROM CHURCH TO THE ASSOCIATION.

Clerks of the churches will please write their letters by this form.  
 THE.....BAPTIST CHURCH.

To the Ashe and Alleghany Association—Greeting:

We send as Messengers, Brethren.....

Alternates.....

STATISTICS.

ADDED.	LOST.	MEMBERSHIP.
Baptized.....	Dismissed by Letter...	Males.....
Rec'd by Letter...	Excluded .....	Females.....
Restored .....	Died.....	
Total.....	Total .....	Total.....

CHURCH EXPENSES.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Pastor's Salary..... \$....	State Missions..... \$....
Incidental Expenses.....	Home Missions.....
Poor.....	Foreign Missions.....
Minute Fund.....	Education.....
Repairs .....	Colportage.....
	Sunday School.....
Total.....	Orphanage.....
Other Objects.....	Total.....

Grand Total.....

Pastor.....Post Office .....

Clerk of Church.....Post Office .....

Time of Preaching.....

Ordained ministers, (Give number and names and post offices)

Remarks.....

Read and approved by the church in conference the.....day of

..... 189 .....

Moderator.

.....Church Clerk.