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HISTORICAL

Our first Association was organized at Shiloh Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C., in 1867. Rev. Samuel Fox was the first Moderator. In 1887 the Association consolidated with the Mecklenburg County Association, still bearing the name SHILOH. After one year our brethren became dissatisfied and called a meeting for 1889 which was held at Ebenezer Church. The Rev. A. Johnson had the honor of naming the new Association for the host church; thus the Ebenezer Association had its birth in 1889. The first session selected to carry on Rev. A. Ellis, Moderator; Bro. Mumble Harris, secretary; Deacon Philip Wilson, treasurer. The following have been the Moderators: A. Ellis, W. A. Roberts, and F. L. Howell. The Rev. F. L. Howell fell on sleep October 29. Of him, we say: "Servant of God, Well Done." Rev. P. B. Barnett is the Vice-Moderator.

This Association, along with the Mt. Peace, Gold Hill and Friendship Association compose The Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention of Western North Carolina and Northern South Carolina.

OFFICERS

Moderator—Rev. F. L. Howell, R. 2, Cherryville, N. C.

Vice-Moderator—Rev. P. B. Barnett, P. O. Box 44, Rock Hill, S. C.

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 Mountain View—
 Mt. Calvary—John Durden, Mrs. Gertrude Degree.
 Mt. Olive—George Crosby.
 Mt. Pisgah—Albert Guthrie.
 Mt. Pleasant—David Smith, James A. Swann.
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 Mt. Zion—Mrs. Mapple Owens.
 New Zion—Miss Addie Sue Logan.
 Palmer Grove—
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 Providence—Mrs. Vera Williamson, Mrs. C. L. McRavin.
 St. James—E. L. Brooks.
 St. Peter—G. W. Smith, Horace Jefferson.
 Shiloh—John Corry.
 Shoal Creek—Amos B. McCluney, C. Z. Accor.
 Tabernacle—Robert McCullough, A. L. Garvin.
 Washington—J. C. Roberts.
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CONSTITUTION (as revised Sept. 1946)

We, the Missionary Baptist of Western North Carolina and Northern South Carolina, being convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to promote the cause of Christ and to maintain and keep the rules of the association, we therefore agree to the following:

Article I: Section 1. This body shall be called the **EBENEZER MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**.

ARTICLE II. Section 1. The membership of this Association shall consist of Messengers elected by the churches and their pastors. The Messengers must have their membership in the bounds of this Association.

Section 2. The enrollment fee shall be \$1.00 for ordained ministers, 75 cents for licentiate preachers, 50 cents for messengers.

Section 3. Each church shall be entitled to send to the Association, two messengers for the first two hundred (200) members on roll, and one extra messenger for every fifty members above two hundred.

Section 4. All ordained ministers, who are not too old, except the founders, who fail to attend the Association, their names shall not be put on roll. Licentiates subject to the same rule.

Section 5. No one shall be eligible for life membership in this body who has not attained the age of sixty-five, having been a member of this Associational field for thirty years.

ARTICLE III. Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Historian, Field Worker, and Executive Board.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall act when necessity calls in the absence of the Association and report the same to the Association.

Section 3. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Association, and sign all orders drawn upon the Treasurer. The Vice-Moderator shall assume the same in the absence of the Moderator.

Section 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate account of all the proceedings, prepare the minutes for the press and send the same to various organizations.

Section 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall do all the corresponding with other organizations.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall give complete security for all money entrusted to his care.

ARTICLE IV. Section 1. Every church shall support Missions, education, church extension, et cetera. Therefore this Association shall require such of them.

Section 2. The Association shall have no right to infringe upon the sovereignty of the Church rights as a body.

Section 3. This Association will hold no church as a member which licenses a brother to preach who cannot read, spell and write reasonably well, and who has not a fair knowledge of the Bible and English language.

Section 4. Any Church becoming disorderly, the executive board shall investigate and if possible settle the matter or report the church to the Association. No complaint shall be heard from the church except through a committee.

ARTICLE V. Section 1. This Association shall meet Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September of each year.

ARTICLE VI. Section 1. The constitution may be altered or amended by a two-third vote of the members present at a regular session.

ARTICLE VII. Section 1. Each Church shall pay 15 cents per capita annually as representing fees to the Association.

Section 2. Superannuated ministers and life members shall receive ten percent of all money raised.

RULES OF ORDER

1. The Moderator shall preside and decide all questions of order subject

to appeal. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered. When two or more rise to speak at the same time, he shall name the one to speak previous to any discussion thereof.

2. When a member is about to speak or command any information he shall arise and address the Moderator and continue his remarks to the subject under consideration.

3. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave from the body.

4. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave from the body.

5. Brethren invited to seats shall have privilege to debate but not to vote.

6. A fine of five cents shall be paid by messengers or ministers who are tardy coming into the meetings of the Association, except a legal excuse is given.

7. A motion for adjournment shall be in order except when voting, or when a member is speaking and shall be decided without debate.

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MEMORIAL PAGE



Sacred to the Memory of Our Fellow-Workers
Who Have Fallen Asleep.



represent our state work. First, Mr. Hamme, superintendent of the Colored Orphanage of Oxford, presented his work and gave a verbal picture of the orphanage. He made us feel that what we do for the least we do for Christ. Then Rev. Thos. Kilgore, executive secretary of the State Convention, greeted the Association and laid the claims of our state work before the body. He said he sees mission interest growing in the Ebenezer Association. He made announcements and urged that our vision and our services be expanded. Our hearts glowed as the men of God talked to us by the way.

The Association lifted an offering of \$60.00 to be equally divided between the Baptist State work and the Orphanage. A motion prevailed to supplement the offering with \$20 so that each might have \$40.00.

The report of committee on appropriation was submitted and adopted with the correction that corresponding messengers receive money for expenses. By motion, Rev. R. J. Davidson's resolution was adopted. Many committee reports were submitted and adopted. A committee was appointed to consider the expenses of the ordaining council. Just here memorial services was observed. Benediction and intermission.

During the intermission the Ordaining Council met and examined Bros. B. T. Sanders and Philip Roberts.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Devotions were led by Bros. Robert McCullough and J. H. Burson. Final committee reports were submitted and adopted.

The Committee on Place recommended that the next session convene with Hopewell Church. The report was adopted.

The Ministry made ready to ordain Bros. Philip Roberts and B. T. Sanders to the gospel ministry.

"A Charge to Keep I Have," was sung. Rev. H. Gray offered the ordination prayer. The Rev. R. J. Davidson gave the ordination charge. Rev. L. R. Barber presented the Bible; Rev. W. M. Ellis, the hymn book. While the congregation sang a hymn the right hand of fellowship was extended welcoming the new ministers to the brotherhood. Mrs. J. T. Duke made a plea for aid in carrying on mission work through the National Baptist Convention. Rev. R. J. Davidson made a motion to donate \$10.00 for the above cause. The motion prevailed.

Just here Rev. W. L. Johnson was presented to preach the annual sermon. Dr. W. H. Davidson read from Acts 10, after which Rev. T. C. Sanders led to a throne of grace and then led in singing "He Will Understand and Say Well Done." Rev. Johnson based his sermon upon Acts 10: 4. He put his soul into the sermon as he stressed the need of the Holy Ghost. The Association sang a spiritual. Then Dr. R. J. Davidson gave remarks and asked the body to sing "Come Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove." Rev. W. M. Murry and Bros. John Corry and A. L. Garvin made a call for the educational rally which amounted to \$74.77. Rev. R. J. Davidson called the Association to prayer for Mrs. W. L. Johnson who had been ill for some time. Then the Association gave a collection of \$25.09 for Mrs. Johnson. The Rev. W. L. Johnson expressed thanks for the appreciative contribution.

A heartfelt and profound vote of thanks was extended to the host church and pastor and community by Rev. L. R. Barber, who asked the Association to give a standing vote.

Rev. B. W. Logan, the assistant pastor of the host church, made remarks and said the church had been helped and inspired by entertaining this session of the Association.

The finance committee reported that all money raised in this session amounts to \$722.31.

The Association sang "God Be With You 'Till We Meet." Thus adjourned the Association to meet with the Hopewell Church, Rt. 5, Shelby,

N. C., September 23 and 24, 1948. Benediction by the Moderator.

The following persons paid \$1.00 in the educational rally: Revs. W. M. Murry, J. T. Duke, P. B. Barnett, S. T. Gillespie, E. D. Wray, F. L. Howell, W. M. Ellis, G. Knox, H. Gray, W. L. Johnson, R. J. Davidson, F. T. Williamson, R. L. Garvin, B. W. Logan, S. A. Raper, L. R. Barber, D. A. Costner, Brothers Robt. McCullough, John Corry, J. H. Burson, D. C. Gill, T. M. Strong, Ralph Cabiness, M. J. Burke, H. Poston, D. A. Cornwell, V. K. Thompson, J. C. Roberts, C. Z. Accor, T. J. Jefferies, John Wilkins, E. L. Moye, A. L. Garvin, S. M. Davis, James Logan, G. W. Smith, H. Jefferies, B. M. Hambright, John Lee, U. S. Johnson, John Durden, Lee Reed, Roosevelt Lee, J. C. Camp, E. D. Evans, Banks, J. F. Howell, Mesdames Jennie Lee Poston, Janie Hamilton, Rebecca Camp, Mapple Owens, C. L. McRavin, Miss Jeanette Surratte \$1.25, Mrs. Gertrude Degree \$1.25, Mrs. Cleo Boswell 50c, Miss Beatrice Thompson, 50c. Total, \$74.77.

Rev. Fred L. Howell, Moderator.

Rev. Dwight A. Costner, B. D., Rec. Secretary.

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CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This is to certify that the Ordination Council of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association, at a call in Cherryville, N. C., June 10, 1947, publicly ordained to the gospel ministry, Brother James S. Davidson of Charlotte, N. C. We further certify that at the sitting of the Association in Henrietta, N. C., Sept. 26, 1947, the Ordaining Council ordained Brothers Philip Roberts and B. T. Sanders to the gospel ministry.

Rev. F. L. Howell, Mod. of Council.

Rev. D. A. Costner, Clerk.

MODERATOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

Bro. Vice-Moderator, Officers, Messengers, Ministers and friends of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association:

I am very grateful to have the privilege to deliver another annual address. I bow in humble submission to our kind Heavenly Father who has kept His watchful eyes and tender hands of protection over us, and has blessed us to reassemble ourselves together at this church, a community where we have never been before. We are thankful to meet with you and your beloved pastor. As we came in sight and placed our feet upon this soil, we felt the fervor of the Holy Spirit, which bespeaks to us that you are God's people. May God bless you for opening your doors to accept us as guests of honor. I assure you that we, the Missionary Baptist of the Ebenezer Association, shall in a most civil manner conduct ourselves as to reflect credit that shall live everlastingly in your hearts.

Our coming together here has made a forward step in brotherhood. Therefore our leading thought shall be based on BROTHERHOOD. Our text is "Behold How Good and How Pleasant It Is For Brothers to Dwell Together in Unity," Psa. 133:1. We notice the importance of brotherhood in every pursuit of life. We note how essential it is to be linked together in secular affairs with brotherhood. Brotherhood may be compared to the propeller on ships, or to the drive wheels on the locomotive, or to the drive shaft on the automobile. If either of these be absent the machinery will not move satisfactorily. Without brotherhood no success can be achieved. Brotherhood is defined thus—the quality of being a brother, a fraternity. Fraternity is a society. Fraternize means to associate as brothers.

As we think of our present day problems on a small or larger scale, we observe the lack of brotherhood in community, in state, in nation, and in the world. It is true we have many societies, but name one that has the quality of brotherhood. In the early days there were two brothers known as Cain and Abel. You remember Cain was a tiller of the soil and Abel a keeper of flocks. Each brought up a sacrifice to God of their goods. Cain offered his worst goods, Abel his best. God was pleased with Abel's

offering but displeased with Cain's. Then Cain's heart was filled with envy and he killed his brother Abel, which proved the result of not having the quality of brotherhood. If Cain had cherished love rather than hatred, he would have had a spirit of brotherhood. Alas, how the community, state, nation and the world stand in need of love instead of hatred to form the quality of brotherhood.

The power or the work of love was given to us in the text by the psalmist David. David wanted us to understand the benefit of the communion of saints. When we think of saints we believe he referred to the righteous family of God. It seems that if we are to have better homes, a better community, a better country or a better world, or if there is to be true brotherhood, it must exist among the saints. As I see it the world is torn asunder, void of goodness and pleasantness, which indicates a lack of brotherhood. The governments through various agencies are trying many solutions and practicing many devices trying to solve the problems and difficulties of the world. They hope to establish peace and good will with the families of the earth. Their efforts so far seem futile. There will be no satisfactory achievement until we, as a whole, accept God as our Heavenly Father. When we all become saints, making prayers and supplications to Him instead of using carnal weapons and other tactics of wars—then, and not until then, shall we enjoy the peace of brotherhood. To form brotherhood we must pray the same prayer as Jesus taught His disciples, when He said: "Our Father, which art in heaven," he gave the fact a brotherhood must have one Father. God is the Father, not only of the Jews, but also of the Gentiles. There must be unity among all nations upon the globe. Therefore, before we can cherish brotherhood, the love of God must predominate each of our hearts, so much so that we will love one another and do unto others as we would have them do unto us. Love to our neighbor and love to God are the only solution to cure the ills of the present world. Now, to build a better home, a better community, a better country or a better world, each individual must play his part. Each of us is responsible to God. It is required of each to set his house in order. Each should ask himself "Lord what wilt thou have me do?" You need not seek to know the duty of somebody else. The Lord has a definite work for you. Will you hear His voice and obey Him? If you do, I assure you brotherhood will abound.

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Recommendations

I recommend that we, the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association, choose a representative to go to the Educational and Missionary Convention and recommend that a worthy objective be worked out so that we might be aroused to continue to foster Christian education. 2. I further recommend that we give hearty support to any other worthy institution which fosters Missionary Baptist education. 3. In 1946, our Constitution was changed to read as follows:

This body shall be called the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association. I urge that we, the members of said body, practice missions in every respect, not only at home, but in foreign lands, by contributing something each year to carry out the Great Commission that Jesus gave to us. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28: 19-20.

Faithfully submitted,

Fred L. Howell, Moderator.

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HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Mr. Moderator, Officers and Members of the Ebenezer Baptist Association:

With great delight I read this report. God has been gracious to us. To Him belongs all honor and glory. We belong to Him, we are the sheep of His pasture; so let us in all that we do, do it to the glory of God.

In September, 1946, the Association was held with Eskridge Grove Church. The Vice-Moderator, Rev. P. B. Barnett, conducted the opening prayer service, basing his discussion on Isaiah 6:1. The Association was enrolled. Introductory sermon was by Rev. T. H. Grier. Rev. S. A. Raper was elected corresponding secretary. Among our visitors were Rev. Bridges of Oklahoma, Rev. W. R. Douglas, Rev. Edwards. Thursday afternoon, Rev. J. A. Everett of Gastonia, discussed the fundamental doctrines of the church, which he did in a brief but impressive way. He kept our hearts burning as he discussed the topic. All the churches and every minister that was booked for the program responded.

The 1946 session moved along nicely. It was considered one of the best sessions we have held. The association is steadily growing. At the last session, a new church, Gethsemane, was admitted. The association has on roll 17 annual members, 8 officers, executive board members 9, ordaining council members 12, program committee members 10, appointed committee members 75, ordained ministers represented 37, licentiate ministers 2, messengers 47, visitors 26, life members 8. The Association still grows by leaps and bounds, so much so that it still retains its good field-worker in person of Dr. R. J. Davidson. The association fosters religious education by helping individuals and by donations to the various institutions. In 1946, it donated Shaw University, \$75; Friendship College, \$40.66; to the Union treasure, \$260.00. 32 churches represented in the Association in 1946. Our state program was represented by Rev. Thomas Kilgore. Dr. W. H. Davidson brought greetings from Lott Carey F. M. Convention.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. William M. Ellis.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Money raised at the 1946 sessions:

By enrollment	\$126.25
By church letters	435.12
By public collections	60.52
For Friendship College	51.69
For Shaw University	25.26
By fines	.15
By educational rally	71.60

Total raised ----- \$770.59

Paid out:

By appropriations	\$280.00
To Friendship College	51.69
To Shaw University	25.26
To Committee on meals for State Bapt. Conv.	50.00
To Rev. W. H. Davidson (donation)	6.50
To Rev. S. N. Davidson	10.00
Delegate expenses	10.00
Delegate expenses to Mt. Peace Asso.	10.00
Delegate to General Baptist State Conv.	40.00
To life members	45.00
To Union treasure	235.00

MINUETS EBENEZR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

To reimburse an overdraft -----	5.75
Total paid out -----	\$769.20
Balance -----	\$1.39

J. F. Howell, Treasurer,
R. F. D. 1, Box 100, Shelby, N. C.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

The auditor begs to make his report. I have examined the Treasurer's books and receipts and find them correct.

Your auditor,
M. J. Burke, Blacksburg, S. C.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Committee on Election. We, your committee on Elections, recommend for Moderator, Rev. F. L. Howell; Vice-Moderator, Rev. P. B. Barnett; recording secretary, Rev. D. A. Costner; Cor. Sec. Rev. S. A. Raper; treasurer, Bro. J. F. Howell; Auditor, Bro. M. J. Burke; Historian, Rev. W. M. Ellis; Field Worker, Rev. R. J. Davidson. For Executive Board, Rev. R. J. Davidson, S. N. Davidson, F. L. Howell, D. A. Costner, W. G. Boyce, Mr. John Corry, D. A. Cornwell, J. F. Howell, J. C. Camp. For Ordaining Council, Revs. S. N. Davidson, H. Gray, F. L. Howell, L. J. Westbrook, D. A. Costner, R. J. Davidson, W. M. Neely, R. F. Kilgore, J. H. McKissick, J. A. White, J. C. Mitchell, W. L. Johnson. For Program Committee, F. L. Howell, W. L. Johnson, J. C. Mitchell, R. E. Lindsay, J. F. Howell, D. A. Costner, John Gaston, P. B. Barnett, L. R. Barber, and S. A. Raper.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. A. White, B. M. Hambright, C. R. Baxter, L.
M. Reid, J. C. Camp, John Corry, Robt. McCullough.

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COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES

We, your Committee on New Churches, wish to report. We find that there are no new churches seeking admission to the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association.

Your committee,
Rev. W. M. Ellis, D. A. Cornwell, Amos McCluney,
Dock Evans, Jake Hamrick, John H. Burson.

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COMMITTEE ON LIFE MEMBERS

Bro. Moderator: We, the Committee on Life Members, beg to report. We find three members in our Association that are eligible for life membership. Bro. Lee Costner has been a member of the Association for more than 35 years. Bro. D. A. Cornwell has been a member for years and a faithful worker for perhaps 50 years. And Bro. J. W. Watkins for about 50 years.

The committee,
Rev. P. B. Barnett, Chm., Bro. Bishop Hambright,
and Rev. S. A. Raper, Sec.

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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, your Committee, knowing the great need of education in all walks of life, we recommend that we do all we can for the training of our young ministers to the end they might be good leaders. 2. We recommend the reading of good literature and wholesome training. 3. We recommend

the continuance of our affiliation with the W. U. Academy project, Friendship College, and Shaw University.

Your committee,

Revs. L. R. Barber, D. A. Davidson, B. W. Logan,
W. H. Davidson, and Bro. S. M. Davis.

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COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

We, your Committee on Religious Literature, beg to submit the following report. We recommend that each Baptist Sunday school be careful in selecting Sunday school literature. We believe that the Baptists ought to patronize our own publishing house. We further recommend that we be careful in buying so-called religious literature from peddlers.

Your committee,

Bro. George Crosby, J. L. Miller, David Smith,
Naithboth Oglesby, Miss Addie S. Logan, Rev. J.
H. Butler, Chm.

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COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Bro. Moderator: We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report. Whereas the Bible teaches that in all things we should be temperate as becomes Christians, let us condemn anything that tends to weaken or hurt morals and character; and refrain from drunkenness, wrong use of smoking, eating, chewing, use of money, and other evils.

Yours in Christ,

Revs. R. L. Garvin, F. E. McDowell, Bros. John Lee,
J. C. Roberts, J. W. Watkins, Miss Lissie Hopper.

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COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

We, your Committee on Corresponding Messengers, wish to recommend that Rev. S. A. Raper be the messenger to the Women's Auxiliary, which will be held with the Ebenezer Church, Kings Mountain, N. C., Oct. 2-3. 2. We recommend that we send Rev. P. B. Barnett to the General Baptist State Convention. 3. We recommend that we send R. E. Lindsay as a messenger to the Mt. Peace Association. 4. We recommend that all the expense of the messengers be paid from the Association treasure.

Your committee,

Robert McCullough, G. W. Smith, Roy Bell, Eddie
Evans, Horace Jeffers, Mrs. Cleo Boswell.

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COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, recommend that the Moderator's address and recommendations be couched in the minutes; and that his recommendations be carried out.

Your committee,

Rev. W. G. Boyce, Rev. R. E. Lindsay, Bro. U. S.
Johnson, Bro. A. L. Garvin, Rev. L. J. Westbrooks,
Chm., Mrs. C. L. McRavin, Secretary.

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A RESOLUTION BY DR. R. J. DAVIDSON

Whereas due to the system used by this Association in giving its financial support to the State Convention, be it resolved that hereafter our delegate to the state convention will take up to the state convention our representation fees. If such fees have been reported to our Missionary and Educational Convention, our delegate from this association will receive

from the convention an equal share along with the other associations of whatever amount the convention gives to the State Convention, and take the same in person.

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COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

We your Committee on Missions, beg to submit the following report:
1. We recommend that the Ebenezer Association support Home Missions and Foreign Missions. 2. We also recommend that each church send to the association a designated amount to support the same.

Rev. T. H. Grier, Chm., Rev. E. D. Wray, Rev. J. T. Duke, Mrs. Laura Strong, Mrs. J. T. Duke, Miss Addie Sue Logan.

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COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY

We, your Committee on Obituary, submit the following report: We find that forty one of our co-workers have deceased since our last session. Be it resolved, that God doeth all things well. Let us therefore work while it is day; night comes when no man can work. We recommend that ten minutes be dedicated to memorialize our crowned co-laborers.

Your committee,

D. C. Gill, Z. A. Accor, John H. Smith, Rev. W. M. Murry, Horace Degree, A. G. Logan, Mrs. C. L. McRavin, Rev. S. T. Gillespie.

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COMMITTEE ON EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We do hereby recommend that each member of the Ordaining Council be paid two dollars each, at this setting, and hereafter when the council is called during the session of the Association that the Association pay the expenses of the council.

Committee,

Revs. W. L. Johnson, L. R. Barber, H. Gray, L. J. Westbrook, J. C. Mitchell, Dr. R. J. Davidson

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The Committee on Time and Place recommend that the next session of the Association be held with the Hopewell Church, September 23-24, 1948

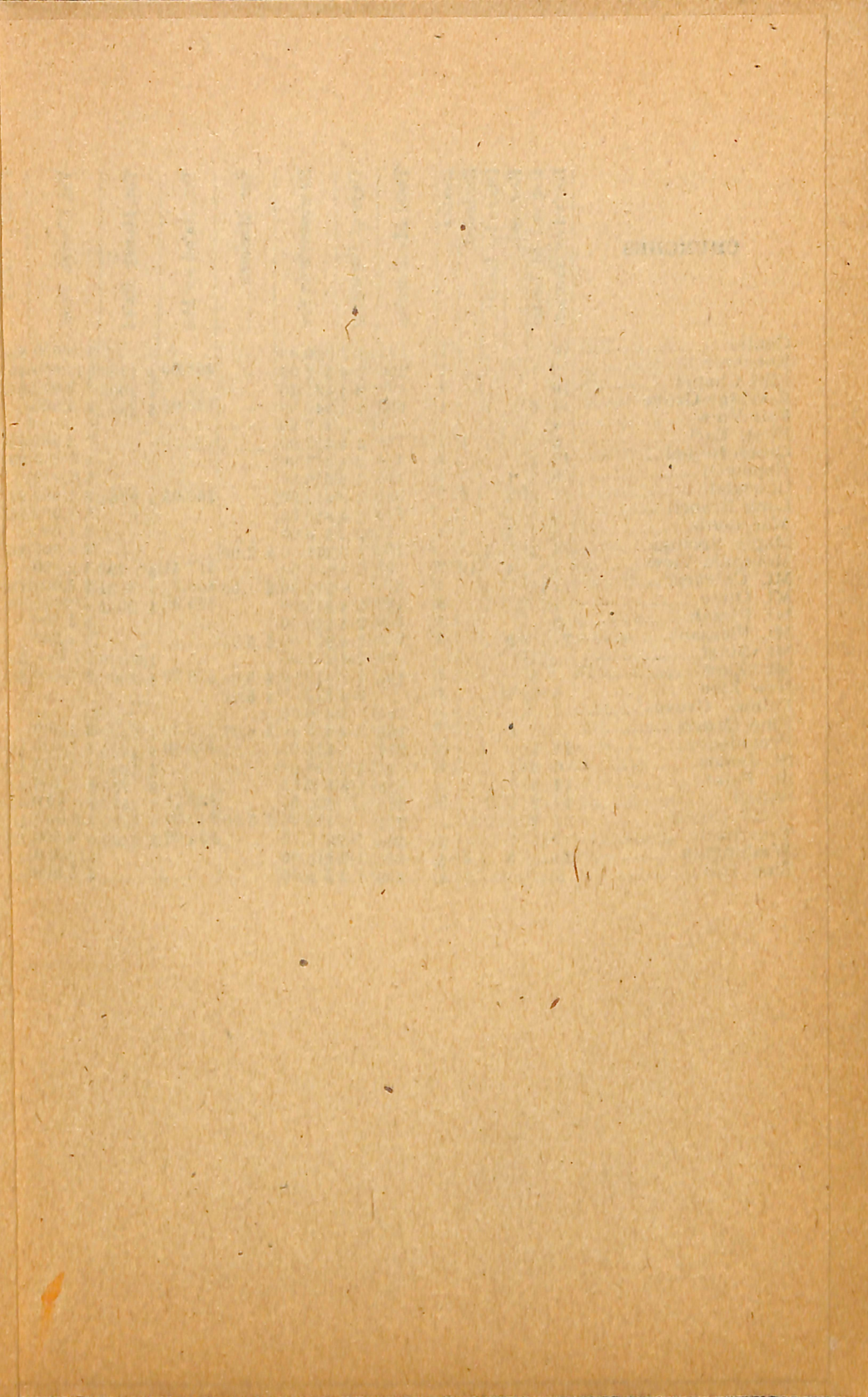
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THE ORDAINING COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Ordaining Council met at Mt. Olive Church, in January. The candidate, B. T. Sanders, was asked to study more as he was not prepared at the time. The Council met at Fair View Baptist Church, Cherryville, N. C., June 10, where it examined and ordained Brother James S. Davidson to the gospel ministry.

Rev. F. L. Howell, Moderator,
Rev. W. M. Ellis, Reporter.

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CHURCHES

CHURCHES	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Died by Letter	Excluded	Deaths	Total Membership	Days of Preaching	Representation Fee	For Missions	Tot. Rat'd for Mis	Tot. Money Rat'd	Val. Church Prop.	Pastor's Salary	Rev.
Center	19					1	193	1-3	\$20.00				\$ 4000	\$850	Rev. H.
Ebenezer	9	1		5		1	266	2-4	\$12.00		\$61.00	\$ 1400	\$40,000	\$500	Rev. D.
Ellis Chapel	10					4	400	2-4	\$21.25			\$ 2000	\$ 3,000	\$425	Rev. L.
Eskridge Grove	14	5		1		1	639	1-3	\$45.00		130.00	\$ 2500	\$ 6,500		Rev. J. C.
Fair View	4						75		\$ 6.90						Rev. F.
First, Earl	8	2		1	1	1	129	2-4	\$12.00				\$ 4,500	\$500	Rev. R.
Green Bethel	13	1				1	404	2-4	\$12.00				\$ 7,000	\$900	Rev. W.
Hopewell	30	5	1			1	485	1-3	\$10.00				\$ 8,000		Dr. R. J.
Lawndale	18	6	7		6	2	385	1-3	\$12.00		\$50.05	\$ 3764	\$ 1,500	\$840	Rev. W.
Long Branch	3	3					119	2-4	\$10.00				\$ 3,000	\$652	Rev. J.
Macedonia	8	1	4		4	1	80	2-4	\$ 8.00				\$ 1,000		Rev. F.
Maple Springs	14	3		1			150	1-3	\$11.00	\$ 2.00			\$ 5,000	\$650	Rev. S.
Mountain View	1		4		10	2	91	2-4	\$ 7.00		\$17.41	\$ 793	\$ 2,000		Rev. E.
Mt. Calvary	11	11		1		4	377	E	\$12.00	\$ 1.00	\$46.20	\$ 5121	\$ 5,000	1380	Rev. J.
Mt. Olive	7			1		1	180	2-4	\$15.00		\$20.00	\$ 2005	\$10000	\$900	Rev. J.
Mt. Pisgah	9					1	100	2-4	\$10.00				\$ 2,500		Rev. L.
Mt. Pleasant	27		9			4	320	2-4	\$17.00	\$ 5.00			\$ 4,500		Rev. W.
Mt. Sinai		1					29	2-4	\$ 7.00			150879	\$2 500	\$450	Rev. T.
Mt. Zion		3				1	190	1-3	\$10.00	\$ 5.00	\$26.20	\$ 2000	\$ 6,000	\$657	Rev. R.
New Zion	6	3	1			4		2-4	\$20.00	\$ 5.00					Rev. J.
Palmer Grove	7					1	91	1-3	\$ 6.00						Rev. E.
Pine Grove			6			3	165	2-4	\$ 9.00	\$ 6.09	\$15.29	\$ 2500	\$ 3,000		Rev. J.
Providence	11	5				3	212	E	\$15.00		\$75.00	\$ 1275	\$ 1,000	1200	Rev. L.
St. James	8	2	1			1	72	1-3	\$48.00			\$ 1200	\$ 3,500	\$550	Rev. D.
St. Peter	14	5	1				123	1-3	\$ 9.00			\$ 750	\$ 3,500	\$450	Rev. R.
Shiloh	17	2	3	2		5	315	E	\$22.50		\$22.70	\$ 7500	\$4000 0	\$120	Dr. R. J.
Shoal Creek	27	7		2			221	1-3	\$15.00	\$ 3.00	\$40.00	\$ 3000	\$ 5,000	1000	Rev. J.
Tabernacle	7	18	2			2	155	1-3	\$15.00		\$54 00	\$ 2400	\$ 6,000	1200	Rev. P.
Washington	13		5		2	5	550	1-3	\$15.00				\$1200 0		Rev. S.
Zion Hill	9					1	400	1-3	\$ 8.00				\$ 5,000		Rev. J.

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