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HELD WITH

Bethel Baptist Church

Watauga Co., N. C.

August 27, 28, and 29

1901

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## PROCEEDINGS.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, WATAUGA CO., N. G., Tuesday, August 27, 1901.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its Sixty-first Annual Session with Bethel Church.

After a servis of song conducted by E. F. Jones, J. M. Payne, the appointed to preach the introductory sermon, read from the 6th. chapter of John. After prayer he announces as a text,—"Labor not for the meat which perisheth; but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life"—John 6;27.

The Mod. requests I. C. Miller of Stony Fork Association to preach in the grove near the church, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Benediction by T. M. Duncan of Ashe County Association.

After an intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the house.

W. Swift led in singing:—"Have we come in the name of Jesus" etc. After which by request of the Moderator the Association was led in prayer by L. A. Greene of Mitchell Co. Association. The Moderator delivered a short address of welcome.

By request the letters from the different churches were presented.

The Moderator appointed R. M. Farthing to assist the Clerk in reading the letters.

During the reading of the letters the Moderator requests David Greene to repair to the pulpit in the grove to preach to the congregation there assembled.

Letters were received from 29 churches. The term of office of the present officers having expired, E. F. Jones moved that the present incumbents W. S. Farthing, Mod. and Smith Hagaman, Clerk, be elected for the present session.

D. C. Harmon moved to extend an invitation to visitors and correspondents from sister associations. The following announced themselves:—

L. H. Greene, J. C. Blaylock, W. R. Prichard, S. A. Hughs and David Greene from Mitchell Co. Association. R. H. Pipes, T. C. Robbins from Stony Fork Association.

D. C. Harmon moved that the Mod. announce the usual committees.

The following were named; Baptist Orphanage—J. J. T. Reese and J. F. Eller; Temperance—D. C. Harmon and John Crisp; Pastoral support—G. P. Sherrill and Wm. Elrod; Education—E. F. Jones and R. M. Farthing; Periodicals—David Greene and Lewis W. Farthing; Foreign Missions—L. H. Greene and Solomon Yancey; Sunday School—A. Roten and D. C. Wilson; Home Missions—J. F. Eller and C. S. Farthing; Correspondents—Larkin Michael and L. W. Farthing; Resolutions—W. L. Bryan and E. F. Jones; Finance—W. T. Vandike, W. W. Presnell and J. W. Hodges; Digest of Letters—L. C. Wilson and L. H. Trivett; Ministers Relief—J. C. Blaylock and R. H. Pipes; Religious Exercise—pastor J. F. Eller, Lewis W. Farthing, J. L. Gryder and G. P. Sherrill.

J. F. Crisp moved to invite visitors from Watauga Association. also C. C. Greene from Christian Co Association, Mo. to seats in this Association.

T. M. Duncan announces correspondent from Ashe Co. Association. Frank Dougherty and J. C. Dugger visitors from Watauga Association.

C. S. Farthing moved to adopt the Order of Business of last session—being the Order for session of 1897. D. C. Harmon moved to adjourn to 8.30 to-morrow morning and spend half an hour in Devotional Exercises.

The Moderator read the report of the Com. of Bethel church on hospitality.



The Com. on Religious Exercises submit the following partial report; L. H. Greene of Mitchell Co. Association to preach at 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

J. C. Blaylock of Mitchell Co. Association to preach at 2 P. M. J. W. Richardson of Watauga Association to follow.

The Association arose and sung "Am I a Soldier of the Cross" etc.

Benediction by S. A. Hughes.

WEDNESDAY, August 28.

—Morning Session.—

By request L. H. Greene of Mitchell Co. Association, conducted devotional exercises. After reading and commenting on the 23rd. Psalm led in prayer.

After spending half an hour in devotional exercise, the Mod. called the Association to order at 9 o'clock A. M.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Roll of messengers called and absentees stricken out.

J. W. Richardson announces himself as Correspondent from Watauga Association also I. C. Miller from Stony Fork Association.

The following Brethren report having done the Associational Missionary work in the past year indicated:— C. S. Farthing supplied for Clark's Creek church during the year. J. F. Eller ten days at Meadows schoolhouse in Tennessee. J. H. Farthing some work here and there. D. C. Harmon some work.

C. S. Farthing requests the Ministers of the Association to give Clark's Creek church one appointment during the year.

R. M. Farthing read the following

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We your committee are pleased to report considerable progress in our public schools. We had thought that the demand for a higher grade of scholarship and lowering the salaries of the teachers would force our best teachers to enter other callings more rapidly than they used to do. We find, however, that the people in the several districts are taking the matter up and are supplementing the salaries of their teachers and taking more interest than ever before, so that the next year's work bids fair to be the best we have ever done.

In the matter of high schools, we are pleased to inform our young people that while we have no distinctively Baptist schools, we have a goodly number of teachers at work in the high schools in our midst. We heartily recommend you to their care believing that both you and they will work faithfully for your preparation for the work to which God is calling you.

We note that in the history of all our States they think it necessary to have a safe-guard in the shape of Universities. We believe that our denominational institutions serve a better purpose in the advancement of Christ's Cause and for checking scepticism and higher Criticism and cordially recommend them to our people. We cordially recommend Wake Forest to young men seeking an education and urge them to go as soon as they are prepared. We are also glad that we can recommend The Baptist Female University to young women seeking an education. We urge that our people give their daughters equal advantages with their sons.

E. F. Jones. } Committee.

Lewis W. Farthing moved to adopt the report.

E. F. Jones spoke with objection to present plans of higher education contrasted with the education of the masses. R. M. Farthing follows with reference to the report of general education. Report adopted.

The committee on Religious Exercises report that David Greene of Mitchell Co. Association will preach in the grove at 10 o'clock A. M.

R. M. Farthing read for the committee the following

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The chief point of note in the work of Home Missions now is that the responsibility of the work rests on the churches. The weight of the work was too much for one man, and F. H. Curfoot who had labored acceptedly in other departments of our work, and had been chosen to carry on this work fell just after the Convention, the life almost literally crushed by the great work he had undertaken.

We think our churches ought to work with increased energy for the great Work.

The reports of some churches seem to indicate that they only believe in Foreign Missions. It is supposed that they look upon the U. S. as a Christian Nation.

What Baptist ever acknowledged there was ever a Christian Nation?

To those who study the work carefully the need of some Western States for Mission work is as great if not greater than that of the heathen themselves.

For statistics and plans of work we refer you to the report of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Respectfully Submitted,

J. F. Eller, } Committee.  
C. S. Farthing, }

E. F. Jones spoke to the report with especial reference of the needs of the Negro of the South. J. W. Farthing spoke further of our obligation to give the gospel to the Negroes and Indians. J. C. Blaylock spoke of the needs of Cuba and Portorico. R. M. Farthing spoke of the opportunity of giving the gospel to the foreign fields by christianizing the foreign population in the U. S. that they may return to their native countries to give them the gospel.

Report adopted

E. F. Jones moved to adjourn to 1 o'clock P. M. to hear a sermon from L. H. Greene of Mitchell Co. Association.

After a song "Standing on the promises of God" etc. Bro. Greene announces his subject— Does it pay to serve God? Text— "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Matt. 6:24.

EVENING SESSION, AUGUST 28.

Prayer by David Greene.

At the suggestion of J. F. Eller the roll of churches was called to give an opportunity to indicate the amount that the churches try to raise for Home Missions within the coming year.

Bethel \$10. Beaver Dam 10. Beach Mountain 2. Boone 5. Brushy Fork 5. Cove Creek 3-for Jennie Edwards of Cuba. Cool Springs 2. Clark's Creek 1. Elk Valley 1. Fall Creek 1. Forest Grove 5. Flat Top 2. Gap Creek 1. Laurel Springs 3. Mt. Calvary 2. Mt. Lebanon 1. Pleasant Grove 2. Pleasant Valley (N. C.) 1. Three Forks 3. Union 1. Zionville 3. Shulls Mills 1.

T. Neil Johnson of Raleigh, announces himself as a representative of the Sunday School work of the State and was welcomed to a seat in the Asso.

Solomon Yaunce read the following—

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.



The command, - Preach the Gospel to every creature, is binding upon each individual Christian. And in our beloved State there are large destitutions where the gospel is not preached. notwithstanding over one hundred Missionaries sent out by the Board, we recommend that each church and individual Christian clear their conscience toward God in the matter either through the State Board or Gospel Mission plan.

Solomon Yaunce } Committee.  
L. H. Greene, }

T. Neil Johnson spoke to the report at some length.

Report on State missions adopted.

By permission called roll of churches to obtain names and addresses of some one in each church with whom the Sec'y of State missions may correspond.

R. H. Pipes submits the following—

#### REPORT ON MINISTERS RELIEF.

God has sent his servants to labor in the Vineyard and those that have worn out their lives in His service here below should be fed, clothed and cared for by those where and for whom they have labored till God shall see fit in His eternal wisdom to lead them to living fountains in His eternal home prepared for all of His servants.

J. C. Blaylock, } Committee.  
R. H. Pipes, }

E. F. Jones spoke to the report asking the churches to take at least one collection for this object at some time during the year.

R. M. Farthing and I. C. Miller added some remarks.

By motion of W. Y. Perry the above report is adopted.

R. M. Farthing moved to make the report on Sunday School a special order for first report in the morning. W. C. Coffey sends the following—

#### REPORT ON DEPOSITORY AGENT.

The following is a statement of books and money on hand. The same having been turned over to me by David Greene Ex. Colporteur.

Cash on hand \$39.66. Books on hand \$16.23. Total \$58.89.

I haven't bought nor sold any books. Your body will please appoint some other person to take charge of the cash and books.

Respectfully Submitted. W. C. Coffey.

The report is adopted.

D. C. Harmon moved to appoint a colporteur.

E. F. Jones moved that D. R. Jones be appointed colporteur for the ensuing year. After remarks by Solomon Yaunce and David Greene, D. C. Harmon moved that a committee of two be appointed to confer with the colporteur and W. C. Coffey as to a proper discount necessary to make on books now on hand.

Committee, C. S. Farthing and David Greene.

J. W. Hodges of the committee submits the following—

#### REPORT ON FINANCE.

We your committee on finance beg leave to submit the following statement of funds for different objects received by us.

Minute fund	\$ 28 26
Orphanage	11 80
Foreign Missions	11 33
Home Missions	3 09
State Missions	1 06
Old Ministers relief	2 70
Clarks Creek Church	.55

Bethany Church

.55

Total \$59.34.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. T. Vandike,  
W. W. Presnell,  
Jno. W. Hodges,

} Committee.

Report adopted.

C. S. Farthing submits the following—

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is third in the list of Christian virtues enjoined upon us by the apostle Peter-2nd. Peter 1-6, and abundantly taught in all the scriptures; but we lack words to describe the woe produced by the use of intoxicating drinks.

See the blasted hopes of the trusting wife, the beggary, and degradation of the sweet pledges of her love. Visit the prisons of our country and behold the woeful condition of the criminals and hear their sad story. And nine times out of ten it has all been produced by the folly of dramdrinking. The drunkards' drink-bill is larger in the United States than that required for the necessities of life.

We, therefore, advise all our churches to draw a strict line of discipline and hold no member in fellowship who makes, sells, uses or in any way aids in the manufacture or selling the accursed stuff as a beverage.

We believe it to be our duty to withhold fellowship from any church that disregards the admonition of this report.

D. C. Harmon, } Committee.  
John Crisp, }

After considerable discussion by various brethren the report is adopted.

David Greene moved to adjourn to 8:30 to-morrow morning.

The committee on Religious exercises report.

W. J. Potter to open services to-morrow at 10 A. M. T. M. Duncan to follow.

T. Neil Johnson to preach at 11 A. M. Prayer by I. C. Miller.

A song— "Tis Religion that can give Sweetest pleasures while we live" etc.

Benediction by J. C. Blaylock.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29th.

#### MORNING SESSION.

After a service of song conducted by W. Swift, E. F. Jones read the 91st. Psalm. Prayer by J. C. Blaylock.

By request of E. F. Jones a number of the Brethren made short talks from topics suggested relative to our relationship to God; His love to us; Christian assurance etc.

By request, L. H. Greene led in prayer that we be enabled to love God more.

At 9:15 the Mod. called the association to order.

Minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

E. F. Jones moved that the special order—the report on S. S. be taken up.

L. C. Wilson read the following—

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to submit the following:—

We find that there are within the bounds of the Association 32 Sunday Schools, many of which are ever-green schools. There are 178 officers and teachers; 1580 scholars, with an average attendance of 1149. The reports of the different churches show



a lively interest manifested by the Sunday School in Missions and the work of the Orphanage; this we think a commendable feature of the Sunday School work and should receive special attention.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Roten, }  
L. C. Wilson, } Committee.

T. Neil Johnson, representing the Baptist Sunday School work of the State spoke to the report and the general Sunday School, with especial reference to proper methods of teaching. Report adopted.

David Greene of the committee submits the following—

#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

In these days of general education the greatest per cent of our young people can read. And there being so much cheap literature flooding the country that is not fit for mental food, it behooves us to look well to what our people read.

What a person reads becomes food for the mind and goes to form the character to a great extent. For the mind like the body grows by what it feeds upon, with the difference that the mind, more than the body, partakes of the nature of that upon which it feeds. It becomes very important, therefore, that a person read good literature.

It should be of a good sound uplifting character.

Baptist, we believe, have the purest and the noblest literature in the world, because they have the purest and noblest principles, which principles are founded on the New Testament. We think every Baptist especially should read Baptist literature so as to be posted in our principles, and thus be enabled to impart them to others.

We recommend the various publications of our Baptist people, and for information on our general work, the following; On Home Missions and state Missions, - Biblical Recorder; Foreign Missions, - Foreign Mission Journal & Helper; Orphanage, - Charity and Children; Temperance, - North Carolina Baptist.

David Greene, }  
Lewis W. Farthing, } Committee.

John Norris moved to adopt the above report. Remarks by D. C. Harmon.

David Greene spoke of the kind of literature we ought to read, and its influence on our lives. R. M. Farthing added remarks relative to the Biblical Recorder. L. R. Jones spoke of influence of literature on his life. E. F. Jones spoke to the report. D. C. Harmon moved to amend the report by inserting the name of the "American Baptist Flag," published at Fulton, Ky.

R. M. Farthing spoke with objection to the amendment. D. C. Harmon spoke in favor of amendment. The motion to amend is carried. The report as amended adopted.

J. H. Farthing read the following.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Lord's mission in this world was one of labor and suffering. He came not to condemn a sinner but to help him and save him. He finished his work on earth and went home. Just as He was going back to His Father He gave the last loving command to his few chosen ones, then around him and through them to all his loved ones who were yet to be brought into his fold. This command spoken by our risen Lord, so full of tenderness, love, and power, was so plain we cannot fail to understand it.

How careful He was in uttering it that we should understand the extent of it.

First, "Go into all the world;" Then for fear there might be some dispute over the matter He says, "Teach all nations;" Then to make it more specific and binding if possible, He says in his own loving and tender way, "Preach the gospel to every creature."

Brethren, how hard His few children who heard that command tried to carry it out. They did the work well in their day and for their generation, so much so that Paul asked the question; Have they not heard yes verily their sound went into all the earth and their words unto the ends of the world."

Shall we love His command less than they did? Shall we be less dutiful, less faithful to His last words, and to our generation than they were to theirs? The command has gone out; The nations are here without hope and without God.

Brethren, what shall we do? We can't help but fear that we have been looking too much to Boards, Conventions and all such like and have failed to see and feel that personal responsibility of every one who loves Him, to do all he or she can, just as though it all depends upon that one to carry out the Saviour's command or bring the Nations to Christ.

Oh for a more face to face and hand to hand work in our Zion.

Then, and not till then shall we feel and know the sweetness of that blessed promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

J. H. Farthing, }  
J. J. T. Reese, } Committee.

J. H. Farthing spoke of the individual responsibility of giving the gospel to those who have it not. E. F. Jones spoke of the great want of interest in the Mission work and the small amount contributed by the churches asking that methods of Mission work shall not affect any interest in the great work of giving the gospel to the world. D. C. Harmon added some remarks.

At the suggestion of L. C. Wilson, the roll of churches was called that delegates may indicate an amount that their churches try to raise for Foreign Missions the coming year. The following indicated:—

Antioch \$2. Bethel 10. Beaver Dam 25. Bethany 1. Beech Mountain 1. Boone 5. Brushy Fork 5. Cove Creek 10. Coal Springs 2. Elk Valley 2. Fall Creek 1. Forest Grove 10. Flat Top 3. Gap Creek 1. Howards Creek 1. Laurel Springs 3. Meat Camp 2. Mt. Calvary 2. Mt. Lebanon 1. Pleasant Grove 3. South Fork 1. Shulls Mills 1. Three Forks 10. Union 2. Zionville 15. Zion Hill 1.

G. P. Sherrill urges the Brethren to do more for the Mission cause, especially, that the pastors keep the matter more before the churches.

L. H. Greene continues remarks. After remarks by a number of Brethren, the report on Foreign Missions is adopted.

D. C. Harmon moved to adjourn to 1:20 P. M.

#### EVENING SESSION. August 26th.

After an intermission of one hour the Association reassembled.

Prayer by A. Roten. J. J. T. Reese read the following—

#### REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

For 200 years many of the indigent, fatherless and motherless children of our State had no permanent home. They were driven from place to place, naked and hungry and having no ability to provide for themselves, they naturally would fall in to all kinds of crime, and often thought necessity.

Sixteen years ago the Baptist—the promoters of all great and noble undertakings for God and humanity, being loyal to that injunction which says "Blessed is he that considereth the poor,"—conceived the idea of building an Orphanage at Thomasville.

About 200 children are annually being fed and clothed by these noble men and women. The Lord puts it in to the hearts of his servants, one after another whom he has bountifully blessed to make large donations to the Orphanage besides thousands of Baptist all over the State with smaller means are regularly dividing their liberality with their children.



As the existence of this institution depends upon the charity of the people there should be, as we hope has ever been the case, the strictest economy used, both in the salary of officers and teachers and in the food and clothing of these children, ever remembering that a great portion of these gifts come from the poorest of our brethren, and a reversal of this economy may lead God's spirit away from this charity. We would insist that every church in the Association take regular collections for this noble work and that the pastors keep it before their people.

J. F. Eller, }  
J. J. T. Reese, } Committee.

J. J. T. Reese spoke with reference to the report. E. F. Jones states that the average expense of feeding, clothing and educating the children at the Orphanage is about \$4.50 each per month. J. H. Farthing added further remarks.

On motion of David Greene the above report is adopted.

Wm. Elrod of the committee submits the following—

#### REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

We your committee on Pastoral Support beg leave to submit the following: From the best information that we can obtain, we think that the churches are far below what they should be in supporting their pastors.

We would earnestly insist upon every church and every member to contribute more liberally to the support of their pastors. We would further advise that the churches adopt the plan of paying their pastors monthly.

Respectfully submitted, G. P. Sherrill, }  
Wm. Elrod, } Committee.

Wm. Elrod spoke to the report. G. P. Sherrill spoke further on pastoral support. After short talks by different brethren the above report is adopted.

L. C. Wilson read the following—

#### DIGEST ON LETTERS.

We your committee on Digest of Letters beg leave to submit the following:

Received by baptism	100.	Minute fund	\$ 26.66
Received by letter	60.	Pastors Salaries	767.00
Restored	20.	Value of church property	7710.00
Dismissed by letter	62.	Incidental expenses	102.10
Excluded	50.	Old Ministers Relief	5.97
Died	18.	Poor	10.00
Net gain	49.	State Missions	14.04
No. male members	1088.	Home Missions	8.91
No. female members	1696.	Foreign Missions	113.55
Total No. members	2784.	Orphanage	40.48
		Houses of Worship	366.48

Total church expenses 1445.21

This report is for 28 churches.

Respectfully submitted, L. C. Wilson, }  
L. H. Trivett, } Committee.

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Gentlemen:- Please send me The Blue Ridge  
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Respectfully, (name)

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Correspondents to visit Sister Associations last year, report as follows:  
Wm. Elrod visited Ashe Co. Association. D. C. Harmon visited Stony  
Fork Association. J. F. Eller visited Ashe Co Association. L. W. Farthing  
visited Ashe Co. Association. W. S. Farthing visited Ashe Co. Association.  
Lewis W. Farthing moved to receive the reports as satisfactory.  
L. W. Farthing read the following—

#### REPORT ON CORRESPONDENTS.

We your committee on Correspondents beg leave to report the following  
brethren as Messengers to the different Associations viz.—

To Southern Baptist Convention—R. M. Farthing and B. B. Dougherty.  
To State Convention—J. C. Horton and W. C. Coffey.  
To Brushy Mountain Association—J. J. L. Sherwood and E. F. Jones.  
To Holsten Association—W. S. Farthing and J. H. Farthing.  
To Mitchell Co. Association—Isaac McGinnis and John Norris.  
To New River Association—David Greene and Solomon Greene.  
To Ashe Co. Association—L. C. Wilson, L. M. Farthing and L. A. Wilson.  
To Caldwell Association—J. J. L. Sherwood, D. C. Harmon and J. M. Payne.  
To Watauga Association—J. F. Eller and Solomon Yaunce.  
To Stony Fork Association—C. S. Farthing, John Crisp and Wm. Elrod.  
L. J. Michael,  
L. W. Farthing, } Committee.

Report adopted.

The Clerk read the following—

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

Moneys received at last Association	\$57.81.	Paid out	
Moneys from preceding year	5.08.	To Clerk of Association	\$ 7.50.
Received following amounts		" Edwards & Broughton	21.50.
since last Association		" J. D. Moore for Bialock	33.66.
Forest Grove church	10.73.	" Orphanage	6.68.
Pleasant Grove church	6.35.	" State Missions	4.02.
Brushy Fork church	3.18.	" Postage	.20.
		" Betheny church	.55.
Total	\$83.15.	" Clarks Creek church	.55.
		Total	74.66.

Leaving in Treasurer \$8.49.

T. P. Adams, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

C. S. Farthing moved to elect D. F. Horton Treasurer for ensuing year.  
Levi W. Farthing moved that the next session of this Association be held  
with Flat Top church, beginning on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in Au-  
gust 1902.



D.C. Harmon to preach the Introductory sermon, with Solomon Yancey, alternate.  
 E. J. Norris moved to appoint the Clerk to superintend the printing of minutes.  
 D. C. Harmon moved to allow Clerk \$7.50 for his services.

W. L. Bryan submits the following—

#### RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Association tender their thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their kindness and hospitality manifested to the delegates and visitors throughout this session of the Association.

W. L. Bryan. } Committee.  
 E. F. Jones, }

Lewis W. Farthing asked the brethren to consider some plans for protecting the Association against the traffic on the Association grounds.

Lewis W. Farthing suggest that the roll of churches be called that messengers may indicate an amount that their churches try to raise for the Orphanage the coming year.

The following designated;—

Antioch	\$ 2.	Boone	\$ 5.	Fall Creek	\$ 1.	Meat Camp	\$ 2.
Bethel	10.	Brushy Fork	2.	Forest Grove	2.	Mt. Calvary	2.
Beaver Dam	5.	Cove Creek	2.	Flat Top	1.	Mt. Gillead	2.
Bethany	1.	Cool Springs	1.	Haward creek	2.	Pleasant Grove	3.
Beach Mountain	1.	Elk Valley	1.	Laurel Springs	2.	" Valley	1.
						South Fork	1.

L. W. Farthing moved to appoint a committee to visit Pleasant Valley, Tenn. to ascertain the reason why they fail to represent in the Association.

Committee;— L. W. Farthing and L. C. Wilson.

After remarks by the moderator, asking that the brethren earnestly pray for an old time revival of religion in the Association; by request of the moderator D. C. Harmon conducted the closing exercises. Prayer by John Crisp.

After remarks by Bro. Harmon, engaged in singing- "Lord revive us." etc.

The messengers extended to each other the parting hand.

Benediction by C. S. Farthing.

W. S. Farthing, Moderator,  
 Smith Hagaman, Clerk.

#### OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

W. S. Farthing, Moderator, Hattie, N. C. Smith Hagaman, Clerk, Sweet Water, N. C.  
 D. F. Horton, Treas., Vilas, N. C. L. R. Jones, Colporter, Reese, N. C.  
 J. C. Horton, Historian, Boone, N. C.

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Asa Brown	Riverside, N. C.	S. T. Carroll	Virgil, N. C.	W. M. Cannon	Dark Ridge, N. C.
John Crisp	Norris;	J. F. Eller	Sweetwater, "	J. H. Farthing	Hattie, "
C. S. Farthing	Hattie, "	R. M. Farthing	Hattie, "	S. L. Fox	Vilas, "
David Greene	Norris, "	Solomon Greene	Virgil, "	J. G. Hagaman	Sweetwater, "
D. C. Harmon	Sugar Grove, "	A. J. Harmon	Harmon, "	J. Harmon	Sugar Grove, "
J. C. Johnson	Reese, "	I. J. McGinnis	Banner Elk, "	W. H. Michael	Sutherland, "
E. F. Jones	Zionville, "	John Norris	Sweetwater, "	R. L. Palmer	Leander, "
J. M. Payne	Blowing Rock, "	J. J. L. Sherwood	Yerger, "	W. J. Potter	Elk Park, "
J. W. Trivett	Dark Ridge, "	L. A. Wilson	Sutherland, "	L. C. Wilson	Hattie, "
Wm. Wilcoxon	Todd, "	Solomon Yancey Norris, Tenn.			

#### UNORDAINED MINISTERS.

Jacob Greene	Dark Ridge, N. C.	Wiseman Greene	Vilas, N. C.	E. G. Harmon	Harmon, N. C.
S. J. Jackson	Sutherland, "	G. W. McGinnis	Vilas, "	J. P. Hagaman	Hagaman, "
D. M. Lethco	Reese, "	James Robinson	Reese, "	T. J. Tugman	Norris, "
Willie Foster	Blowing Rock, N. C.	L. W. Farthing	Watauga Falls, N. C.		

#### ROLL OF MESSENGERS.

Antioch— L. W. Farthing, R. L. Greer and John Ward.  
 Bethel— Lewis W. Farthing, J. L. Gryder and W. S. Farthing.  
 Beaver Dam— J. J. T. Reese, G. P. Sherrill and W. Swift.  
 Bethany— L. J. Michael, J. F. Triplett and W. W. Bass.  
 Beech Mt.— G. W. McGuire, J. D. York and J. R. Greene.  
 Boone— W. L. Bryan.  
 Brushy Fork— J. c. Hodges and W. w. Presnell.  
 Cove Creek— D. F. Horton, J. J. Glenn and W. Y. Perry.  
 Cool Springs— T. L. C. Hartley.  
 clarks creek— G. W. Byrd and H. M. Byrd.  
 Elk Valley— A. E. Norman, J. R. triplet and H. L. Laurance.  
 Fall creek— J. R. Gryder, Joel Evans.  
 Forest Grove— Smith Hagaman, w. h. Eller and B. c. Hagaman.  
 Flat Top— Wm. Elrod.  
 Gap creek— Jerry Watson.  
 Howards creek— E. J. Norris and James cornell.  
 Laurel Springs— Solomon Greene and Thomas Greer.  
 Meat camp— T. A. Greene and D. L. Greene.  
 Mt. calvary— J. c. Blair and B. F. Patterson.  
 Mt. Gillead— A. J. Tester and J. W. Meadows.  
 Mt. Lebanon— L. H. Trivett.  
 Pleasant Grove— J. H. Mast, Andrew Greer and Larkin Pennell.  
 Pleasant Valley(N. C.)— David Hicks.  
 South fork— J. Q. Wilson.  
 Shulls Mills— J. c. Shull.  
 Three forks— John W. Hodges and W. T. Vandike.  
 Union— Solomon Yancey and G. c. Greer.  
 Zion Hill— E. G. Harmon and A. J. Harmon.  
 Zionville— A. Roten, Henry Grogan, M. W. Eller.



CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Incidental Expenses	Poor	minutes	Repair	Other Objects	Sta. Miss	Home Miss	Foreign Miss	Orphanage	Old Ministers R	House of Wor	Total
Antioch		15.35		1.12									16.47
Bethel	75.00	7.25		2.25			10.25	5.00	5.00	14.65	1.51	6.50	127.41
Beaver Dam	65.00	5.00		.94					36.49	4.70		11.00	123.13
Bethany				.50									.50
Beech Mountain	21.55			1.25									22.80
Boone				1.00		1.32	1.00	2.55	2.21		1.76	3.23	13.07
Brushy Fork	37.50		10.00	1.25					5.03	1.44		5.28	60.50
Cove Creek	33.15	1.25		1.00					8.55				43.95
Cool Springs	11.00			1.10					1.20				13.30
Clarks Creek				.40									.40
Elk Valley	24.00			1.00					1.00	2.00			28.00
Fall Creek	7.05			.75						2.00			9.80
Forest Grove	25.00	3.00		1.00					10.47	2.65			41.12
Flat Top	25.00			1.00									00%
Gap Creek	15.00	30.00		.75					.75	.75			00%
Howards Creek	10.00	12.00		.75									00%
Laurel Springs	50.00	6.00		1.50				1.36	13.27	1.00		1.5	00%
Meat Camp	34.80	1.50		1.10			1.73			1.10			00%
Mt. Calvary	60.00			1.25		8.10			3.11	2.13			00%
Mt. Gillead	15.00			.65						2.00			00%
Mt. Lebanon	10.12	5.00		.75						1.55		28.0	00%
Pleasant Grove	32.00	9.00		1.07					4.00	2.75		1.2	00%
pleasantvalley N.C.	13.56	1.50		.90	25.00								00%
South Fork	40.00			1.12			1.06					300.0	00%
Shulls Mills	13.50			.55					2.00				00%
Three Forks	58.80	22.00		1.30					10.30			4.5	00%
Union	28.47	10.20		.35					2.67			2.2	00%
Zionville	68.75	10.00		1.10					17.50		2.70	2.1	00%
Zion Hill	8.00			.50									00%
29	775.25	139.05	10.00	28.20	25.00	9.42	14.04	8.91	123.55	38.72	5.97	365.48	123.55

# SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

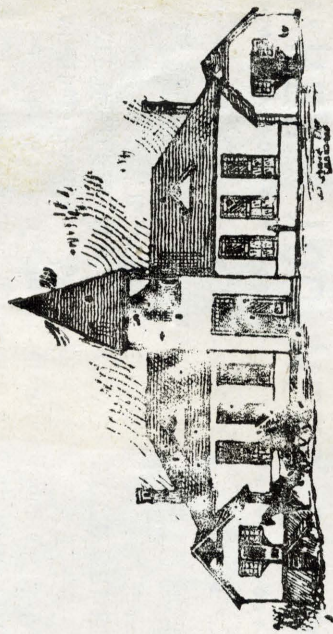
CHURCHES	SUPT. and Post Offices.	No. Officers & Teachers	No. scholars	School Expenses	No. Quarterlies & Papers	Volumes in Library	Orphanage	Baptism from school	Foreign Missions	Colportage
Antioch.		4	40	2.00				2	265	
Bethel	Lewis W. Farthing, W. B. Gambill, S. W. & Le	12	131	10.66			5.64			
Beaver Dam	G. P. Sherrill, Reese, N. O.	8	70	4.40	50	43				
Bethany	W. W. Bass, Mattney,	5	35	1.50	59					
Beech Mountain	G. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge,	6	45	1.10	30					
Boone	D. D. Dougherty, Boone,	4	30	3.25	45		9.00			1.50
Brushy Fork	Finley Moody, Vilas,			4.58			1.44			
Cove Creek	W. Y. Perry, Yerger,	10	87	.54						
Cool Springs	Lee Cook, Blowing Rock,	5	30	1.00	40					
Clarks Creek	G. W. Rowe, Valley Crucis,	6	48	1.70						
Elk Valley	A. E. Norman, Hale,	5	40	.90						
Fall Creek	L. M. Hodges, Dark Ridge,	3	30							
Forest Grove	Smith Hagaman, Sweet Water,	7	78	3.00	40					
Gap Creek	A. R. Yates, Stony Fork,	6	113	2.17	117					
Howards Creek	Newton Barnes, Sands,	6	53	.65						
Laurel Springs	Solomon Greene, Virgil,	6	100	3.18	140			10		
Meat Camp	T. J. Tugman,	6	46	.50	17					
Mt. Calvary	B. F. Patterson, Banner's Elk,	12	97	7.04	172		2.27			
Mt. Gillead	G. W. Phillips, Beech Creek, G. W. Yancey, Nor. Tenn.	11	60	4.40	45					
Mt. Lebanon	Paul E. Herman, Hagaman, N. C.	5	42	1.32						
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Mast, Mast,	12	100	6.60	260			5		
pleasantvalley N.C.	W. J. Potter, Elk Park,	5	65	1.35	50					
South Fork	Q. E. Duncan, Todd,	11	62	4.45	18					
Three Forks	C. J. Cottrell, Deer Field,	7	51	1.60	65					
Union	Solomon Yancey, Zionville,	7	103	2.00	48	30				
Zionville	George Roten, Trade, Tenn.	9	85	10.00	75					
Zion Hill	A. J. Harmon, Leander,	6	45	.95	45					

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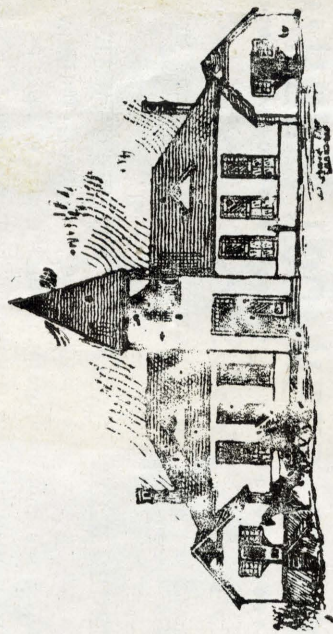
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				Bapt'sm	Letter	rest'r'd.	Letter	Exclud'd.	Died	Ma-les	Fem-ales			To-tal
Antioch		John Ward, Watauga Falls, N. C.		15	2		1		1	74	81	155	1	
Bethel	J. F. Eller	W. S. Farthing, Sweet Water, "	6		4		2		2	60	93	153	4	500.00
Beaver Dam	J. H. Farthing	Lee Swift, Reese, "	1	3	1		3	3	2	34	60	94	2	400.00
Bethany	L. C. Wilson	H. M. Bumgarner, Banner Elk, "			8		6			8	13	21	2	150.00
Beech Mountain	R. L. Palmer	L. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge, "	1	4	2	4	6	3	1	44	93	137	1	
Boone	E. F. Jones	W. L. Bryan, Boone, "					1			5	11	16	3	500.00
Brushy Fork	David Greene	Jas. H. Presnell, Hagaman, "	2	3		1	3	3	1	78	101	179	2	500.00
Cove Creek		W. M. Sherwood, Amantha, "	2		1	1	1			54	84	138	3	1000.00
Cool Springs	J. M. Payne	T. L. C. Hartley, Blowing Rock, "	1		5			1		34	41	75	4	200.00
Clarks Creek	C. S. Farthing	G. W. Rowe, Valley Crucis, "						1		8	18	26	4	60.00
Elk Knob*		J. M. South, Sutherland, "	2							16	42	58	3	200.00
Elk Valley	Solomon Yaunce	A. M. Johnson, Hale, "		7			2			20	40	60	4	
Fall Creek	I. J. McGinnis	J. R. Gryder, Dark Ridge, "	1	1					1	15	20	35	2	300.00
Forest Grove	J. F. Eller	Smith Hagaman, Sweet Water, "	2			1	3	2		31	61	92	3	500.00
Flat Top	C. S. Farthing	Wm. Elrod, Blowing Rock, "			2	1	2	4	3	12	61	73	1	100.00
Gap Creek	P. H. Haire	A. J. Wellborn, Stony Fork, "		4	4					23	37	60	1	300.00
Howards Creek	David Greene	E. J. Norris, Sands, "		1	2			1	2	23	42	65	3	
Laurel Springs	L. C. Wilson	J. J. Brown, Virgil, "	3	11	5	1	1	4		64	112	176	4	800.00
Meat Camp	L. A. Wilson	L. A. Greene, Norris, "	1	3				2		41	81	122	1	
Mt. Calvary	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. C. Blair, Banner Elk, "	1	16	1	1	3	3		29	45	74	3	
Mt. Gillead	Solomon Yaunce	J. W. Meadows, Norris, Tenn. "	2	2	3	6	9	1		36	47	83	2	
Mt. Lebanon	G. W. Trivett	L. H. Trivett, Hagaman, N. C. "	1		2	1	4			20	24	44	1	250.00
Pleasant Grove	David Greene	Enoch Perry, Silver Stone, "		8	1			2		66	84	150	4	300.00
pleasant valley, N. C.	W. J. Potter	F. P. Guinn, Elk Park, "	1	12	1	1	5		1	18	55	73	4	300.00
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Sampson*		S. E. Harrison, Penley, "								31	38	69		
Three Forks	E. F. Jones	W. T. Vandyke, Bamboo, "			3		5	2	1	55	80	135	2	500.00
Union	Solomon Yaunce	H. O. Johnson, Mabel, "		5	5					42	67	109	1	350.00
Zionville	E. F. Jones	D. L. Jenkins, Trade, Tenn. "	2	4	4	1	5	4	1	59	88	147	4	800.00
Zion Hill	Solomon Yancee	A. J. Harmon, Jr., Leander, N. C. "	2			1	1	4		25	42	67	3	200.00
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