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MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BRIER CREEK

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Bethel Church, Alexander Co., N. C.,

*Commencing on Friday before the Fourth Sabbath in  
September, 1881.*

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L. P. GWALTNEY, ..... MODERATOR.  
E. B. HENDREN, ..... CLERK.  
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W. SEGRAVES.....	Jonesville,	"
R. W. WOOTEN.....	New Castle,	"
T. WRIGHT.....	Zimmerman,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

SEPTEMBER 23d, 1881.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. T. W. Paris, from Philippians 2: 5-9.

Refreshments thirty minutes.

The Association convened. Prayer by Rev. W. J. Fulford. Church letters were received and read.

On motion, the Association proceeded to elect officers. Rev. L. P. Gwaltney was elected Moderator, and E. B. Hendren, Clerk.

The door was opened for the reception of churches, and received Oak Forest, which presented a letter of dismissal from the Brushy Mountain Association.

On motion, correspondents were invited to seats. From Brushy Mountain, Rev. I. T. Privett, Rev. J. S. Gwaltney, and Brethren E. Tritt, S. J. Stout, John Pharr, J. M. Jones and Jas. Campbell; South Yadkin, Rev. W. J. Fulford was present, representing the interests of the Recorder; Yadkin, Rev. W. G. Brown; Elkin, Rev. E. N. Gwyn; Raleigh, Rev. W. R. Gwaltney was present, and presented the claims of the State Mission Board.

The following committees were appointed:

Arrangements—W. A. Myers, J. Jenings, D. W. Pool, W. Goforth, with the Moderator, Clerk and Correspondents.

Finance—D. C. Jarvis and J. Jenings.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and delegates of this church.

Missions—I. Holler and W. R. Gwaltney.

Periodicals—W. J. Fulford and R. W. Wooten.

Education—J. H. Foot and W. F. Gray.

Obituaries—J. F. Adams and A. H. Goodin.

Temperance—T. W. Paris and W. G. Brown.

Resolutions—Z. R. Tharp and A. N. Barker.

Sabbath Schools—W. F. Gray and E. N. Gwyn.

Time and Place—W. Goforth, I. Holler and A. H. Goodin.

Called on correspondents to report: T. W. Paris, L. P. Gwaltney, J. P. Gwaltney, A. N. Barker and E. B. Hendren, attended the Brushy Mountain Association; J. H. Martin attended the Yadkin; W. A. Myers and J. Jenings went to Elkin.

Correspondents were appointed as follows:

To Brushy Mountain—A. N. Barker, W. F. Gray, T. W. Paris and L. P. Gwaltney.

To South Yadkin—J. H. Foot, T. W. Paris and L. P. Gwaltney.

To Yadkin—J. P. Gwaltney and Z. R. Tharp.

To Elkin—W. A. Myers, L. P. Gwaltney, J. H. Foot, W. Dowell and I. Holler.

To Baptist State Convention—T. W. Paris, J. P. Gwaltney, L. P. Gwaltney and J. H. Martin.

The committee on Religious Exercises report W. F. Gray to preach to-night. A. H. Goodin to conduct prayer meeting in the morning, W. J. Fulford to preach at 11 a. m.



The Treasurer reported. Report received.

Received at last Association :

Collection on Saturday, .....	\$14 30
Collection on Sabbath, .....	11 69
From the church at Bethel, .....	18 05
From Pleasant Grove, .....	1 40
From Brier Creek, .....	1 20

Total, .....

Paid out :

Foreign Missions, .....	\$ 2 60
State Missions, .....	43 05
Sabbath Schools, .....	1 00

Total, .....

Received from committee on Finance, .....

In Treasury, .....

Total, .....

Expended for printing minutes, .....

Postage on minutes, .....

My own fees, .....

Paper, .....

In Treasury, .....

Total, .....

ENOCH N. GWYNN, Treasurer.

The Association tendered its thanks to Rev. E. N. Gwyn for his faithful service as Clerk and Treasurer of the Brier Creek Association for the last seven years.

Revs. W. R. Gwaltney and Fulford were called out to address the body, which they did with beautiful and timely remarks on the general work of the church and ministry.

On motion, adjourned until Saturday 9 a. m.

Prayer by W. G. Brown.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Called on the committee of Arrangements to report. The report was received and adopted.

Called names of delegates.

Preceding minutes read and approved.

Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

The committee on Periodicals submitted the following :

The subject of Periodicals has become one of no small importance in the business arrangement of the Associations. And we are glad to be able to report that many more of our brethren are manifesting greater interest in our State organ than heretofore. We are convinced that there is a growing demand for newspapers, and hence a greater need for a wider circulation of a sound religious literature; and unless this demand is supplied with sound religious reading matter, the appetite for reading will

be gratified with a class of literature, both pernicious and poisonous to the mind. Therefore we would recommend the *Biblical Recorder* as a good and suitable paper for all to read, and especially for Baptist fathers and mothers to put in the hands of their children.

We also recommend *Kind Words* as a good Sunday School paper.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. FULFORD,  
R. W. WOOTEN,  
Committee.

After remarks by W. J. Fulford, W. R. Gwaltney and W. G. Brown the report was adopted.

Extended an invitation to correspondents.

Present from the Brushy Mountain—Rev. C. C. Pool, Rev. G. W. Greene, Rev. W. A. Pool, Rev. J. B. Pool, Rev. W. J. Bumgarner, and Rev. E. David, with Brethren B. F. Steel and J. C. Bell.

From South Yadkin—Brother J. C. Turner.

The Committee on Missions reported as follows :

The spirit of missions is the spirit of Jesus. He went about doing good, ever dispensing his gifts and his blessings. He is our pattern and our example. Saved by him, we must be like him, and made partakers of the divine nature, are to be merciful as he is merciful. Our strongest evidence of regeneration is the spirit of obedience. "If ye love me keep my commandments." "He that loveth me will keep my sayings." His command is, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The world is the field. And now the whole world is open to the gospel. From every quarter of the globe comes the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." Our foreign missionaries, wherever they have gone, are rejoicing in seeing the pleasure of the Lord prospering in their hands. All things considered, their success is far more signal than that of any minister in this country. Every Christian should pray and give, that the millions of heathen might have the gospel.

#### STATE MISSIONS.

There are scores of square miles in our own State that are without the gospel as we hold it, and many portions that are destitute of preaching by any evangelical denomination.

We have in the employment of the State Mission Board this year 26 missionaries. Four more than ever engaged at any time before in the history of the State. The reports of our missionaries were never so encouraging as they are this year. The great destitution is being rapidly occupied by those faithful men. Several hundred dollars are needed to pay the salaries of those self-denying men. The Board asks a collection from all. Let us all come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

I. HOLLER,  
W. R. GWALTNEY,  
Committee.

Remarks were made by Rev. G. W. Greene and W. R. Gwaltney, and the report adopted.

Collection for State Missions to-day, \$16.35. Bethel paid since last Association \$7, and has now on hand \$9.51. Holly Spring sends up for Missions \$5.26; Shady Grove \$3.40; Mt. Vernon \$1.12; Zion \$1.61; New Prospect \$1.75.

On motion, adjourned for preaching. Sermon by Rev. W. J. Fulford.



1 O'CLOCK P. M.

The committee on Sabbath Schools submitted the following :

The Sunday School is only secondary to the gospel as a system of evangelization. It is the Bible school, where the little ones are trained for the service of the Master, and educated in the great things of salvation. We have carefully examined the reports sent to this Association for the present year, and are obliged to say that they are meagre. According to the figures on the reports, only 241 precious little immortals were registered. However, we have noticed one encouraging feature, a desire on the part of the churches to make the Sunday School a flourishing evergreen. The education of the immortal mind is the next thing to salvation, the religious training of our children the hope of the Baptists of North Carolina. It is with us as a denomination a desideratum. Brethren, one and all, let us rally for this children's home; let us make it for the little folks the most attractive place they can find, then shall it be what God designed, a heaven on earth begun. Let us hoist our banners on every church steeple within our bounds, and gather the dear little innocents from the coves and valleys of these mountains, and make the welkin ring with the praise and glory of God.

W. F. GRAY,  
E. N. GWYN,  
*Committee.*

After remarks by Elders W. A. Myers, W. G. Brown and Brother J. H. Foot, the report was adopted.

On motion, Rev. E. N. Gwyn was appointed Sunday School missionary, to travel within the bounds of this Association for the next year. The Association agrees to pay \$100, with the expectation of the State Board paying \$100. The appointment was accepted.

Rev. W. F. Gray was appointed to aid Brother Gwyn in the Sunday School work. He also accepted the appointment.

J. H. Foot, W. Goforth and E. B. Hendren were appointed a Sunday School Board, to aid Brother Gwyn in his work.

The committee on Temperance reported as follows :

We find temperance is one of the christian graces commended in the word of God, and an inspired apostle, while addressing a heathen governor, reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come; and whereas, we consider the making, vending and using of alcoholic liquors for the purpose of common beverages, as constituting one of the greatest evils that has ever blighted any nation.

*Resolved, therefore,* That we advise the churches composing this body to use all lawful and scriptural means within their power to induce their members to desist from the practices above indicated, as being derogatory to christian character.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. PARIS,  
W. G. BROWN,  
*Committee.*

Interesting remarks were made by T. W. Paris, W. G. Brown, W. R. Gwaltney and E. David. Then the report was adopted. The committee on Education submitted the following :

Fifty years ago education in North Carolina was at a very low ebb. It is true there were academies and what were termed "old field" school

houses scattered here and there over the State, seated in the corner of which was the school-master, with his ferule and bunch of roasted hickories, which ever and anon were applied to the backs of mischievous urchins, who were sent to school to keep them out of mischief at home. It was rare then to see a young man who aspired to anything in books beyond Webster's spelling book and old Pike's arithmetic. It was then that the general idea prevailed "where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." Now survey the situation. The fifty years have rolled away and with them those old fossil ideas, and in their stead new views and grand emotions have actuated the humane heart to great enterprises and noble deeds. Colleges and high schools have sprung up from the mountains to the sea, from whose doors annually issued great moral lights, men whose minds, trained and educated, shine out with splendor and illumine this beautiful world of ours. The discoveries in science have surpassed the most unreasonable imaginations of our fathers, and the physical world revolutionized.

The moral as well as the physical world has shared in this great victory. The religious press, handled by educated men, is sending forth the Bible and good books and papers all over the world to keep pace with the movements of the age, that the gospel may be carried to every corner of the earth. Your committee would, therefore, exhort the brethren of this Association to do all in their power to push on this glorious cause, by encouraging the young to be educated so as to take the places in the ranks of those who will soon be called away to their final reward. Religion and science harmonized and united will bless any nation of people, and happiness and prosperity follow in their train.

J. H. FOOT,  
W. F. GRAY,  
*Committee.*

Committee on Religious Exercises reported W. G. Brown to preach to-night. Sabbath—W. A. Pool to preach at 10 a. m., W. R. Gwaltney at 11, and G. W. Greene, in the afternoon.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. G. Brown.

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SABBATH.

Rev. W. A. Pool preached at 10 a. m. Text: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Rev. W. R. Gwaltney preached at 11. Text: "He that winneth souls is wise." Collection for State and Foreign Missions \$15.03. Refreshments for one hour.

Rev. G. W. Greene preached the evening sermon. Text: "What doest thou here, Elijah?" Rev. R. W. Wooten preached at night.

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MONDAY, September 26th, 9 a. m.

The motion to receive the Report on Education was still pending, and after remarks by W. F. Gray, D. W. Pool and the Moderator, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported \$28.70, Minute fund.



The report was received.

The Committee on Time and Place reported:

That the next Association will convene with Holly Spring church, on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1882.

Respectfully submitted,

I. HOLLER,  
W. GOFORTH,  
A. H. GOODEN,  
*Committee.*

On motion, the above report was amended by inserting Friday in place of Saturday. After remarks by J. P. Gwaltney, I. Holler and others, the report was adopted as amended.

Rev. J. P. Gwaltney was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. W. F. Gray, alternate.

The clerk was instructed to have six hundred copies of minutes printed, and be allowed eight dollars for his services.

On motion, the clerk was directed to have the Constitution and Rules of Decorum printed in the minutes.

The committee to visit Swan Creek church reported the following :

DEAR BRETHREN: Owing to a contention between some of the brethren the general work of the church was stopped, and, therefore, we did not appoint any delegates to your body. We have no unkind feeling toward the Brier Creek Association.

J. F. ADAMS, *Church Clerk.*

Report received.

The committee on Resolutions submitted the following :

WHEREAS, a number of delegates leave the Association before the close of the session.

Resolved, therefore, That the churches sending delegates require them to stay until the close of the Association.

As we have no promise of the future, and only the promise of to-day, let us as Christians work while it is day, "for the night cometh when no man can work." Let us, therefore, resolve that we will do more in the future for our great Lord and Master, than we ever have done in the past. Let us go to work in earnest and strive to win souls to God. And so let our light shine before the world that sinners may see our good works and be constrained to glorify our Father who art in Heaven.

Resolved, That this Association tender its thanks to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for their hospitality in supporting this Association.

A. N. BARKER,  
Z. R. THARP,  
*Committee.*

The above report was received and adopted.

Rev. L. P. Gwaltney resigned as Moderator of this body, and his resignation was accepted and will take place after the organization of next Association.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Rev. I. Holler.

E. B. HENDREN, *Clerk.*  
L. P. GWALTNEY, *Moderator.*

## CONSTITUTION;

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be composed of the ministers belonging to the Association, and the delegates sent up by the churches producing letters certifying their appointment, and each church shall be entitled to four delegates.

2. The delegates thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any of the internal rights of any church in our Union.

3. Every gospel church is, according to the glorious gospel, to believe and act according to that Divine rule of faith and practice.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, chosen by the suffrages of the delegates present.

6. New churches may be admitted into our Union, which shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

7. We will not receive any person as a member of this Association whose bad conduct is notorious, believing it to be our duty to withdraw from every brother that walketh disorderly.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association as may seem best to the Association.

9. The Clerk shall record the proceedings of the Association, superintend printing the Minutes, file a Minute each year, be Treasurer; and be allowed a reasonable compensation for his services.

10. This Constitution may be altered or amended by any future Association, if it deems it necessary, by concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

11. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this Union, that may become heretical in principle or corrupt in practice or that may violate this Constitution, and continue to do so.

12. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think most convenient.

13. The Association shall have power to inquire into the cause, when the churches do not at any time of its sittings represent themselves.

14. A majority of the churches being represented, shall form a quorum for the transaction of any business belonging to the Association.

15. If a quorum fails to meet, the Moderator shall have power to convene the body at any time and place he may deem necessary.

16. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside and enforce a due observance of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum; on failure, to be reproved by any member, and dealt with as the Association may think proper.



RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The letters from the churches shall be read, and the names of the delegates enrolled.
3. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.
4. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; and while speaking, shall not be interrupted by any member, except the Moderator.
5. The member speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject, and use no words calculated to irritate.
6. No member shall abruptly break off, or absent himself, without leave of the Association
7. No member shall speak more than three times upon one subject, without leave of the Association.
8. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as another member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote, unless the Association be equally divided.
13. Queries presented by the churches shall be attended to by the Association.
14. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.
15. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules, shall be reprovved by the Association as it shall think proper.

Statistical Table of Brier Creek Association.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismis'd.	Exclud'd.	Deceas'd.	Fellowship.	Minute Fund.	Zabath.
Antioch.....	Dellaplane.....	R. W. Wooten.....	R. N. Garner, J. M. Johnson, W. Ward.....	2	2	1	1	1	1	44	\$ 20	1st
Brier Creek.....	Brier Creek.....	R. W. Wooten.....	J. Foster, J. Gilliam.....	2	2	1	1	1	1	63	1 40	4th
Damascus.....	S Cedar Run.....	J. P. Gwaltney.....	E. B. Hendren, M. L. Stephenson, J. Hendren, D. A. D. Gooden, C. A. Gooden, J. Stone, J. E. Broth.....	2	6	1	1	1	1	163	2 65	4th
Fishing Creek.....	Sweet Home.....	W. G. Brown.....	J. A. Glass, Peter More.....	11	2	1	1	1	1	121	1 85	3rd
Grassy Knob.....	Jenning's Mill.....	T. W. Paris.....	James Cass.....	11	2	1	1	1	1	139	1 25	4th
Holly Spring.....	Eagle Mills.....	T. W. Paris.....	Z. R. Tharp, W. W. Maden, T. Heath, W. L. Messie.....	4	1	1	1	1	1	123	1 70	1st
Lewis.....	Zimmerman.....	Israel Holler.....	H. Holter, J. L. Livingston, E. C. Southern, N. C. Lewis.....	6	1	1	1	1	1	92	1 65	3rd
Liberty.....	Brushy Mountain.....	W. C. Meadows.....	H. Hayes, J. G. Thornburg, E. C. More, J. G. Hayes.....	6	1	1	1	1	1	123	1 55	2nd
Mt. Vernon.....	Olin.....	W. A. Myers.....	R. M. Mason, J. R. Shaver, J. N. Holland, W. A. Wright, J. McArthur.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	52	80	4th
New Prospect.....	Zimmerman.....	C. C. Brown.....	T. P. Faget, W. Goforth, J. Ruppard, W. Pharr.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	106	1 00	2nd
New Hope.....	New Hope.....	Israel Holler.....	W. P. Penix, N. Johnson, J. O. More.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	72	55	1st
Oak Grove.....	Wilkeshoro.....	B. Mathews.....	J. H. Martin, W. F. Gray, J. A. Vambooy, J. C. Penix.....	7	1	1	1	1	1	96	80	3rd
Oak Forest.....	Sourwood.....	J. P. Gwaltney.....	J. H. Foot.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	19	40	3rd
Pilgrim.....	Dellaplane.....	L. W. Wooten.....	J. Millsop, H. J. Gwaltney, J. D. Mayberry, R. M. 10.....	10	1	1	1	1	1	63	70	2nd
Pleasant Grove.....	Chingman.....	R. W. Adams.....	T. Padden, J. W. Martin, W. F. Reace, J. C. Adams, 20.....	20	2	2	2	2	2	234	1 85	1st
Shady Grove.....	Jonesville.....	J. P. Adams.....	D. C. Jarvis, R. M. Jarvis, J. P. Wooten, M. F. Much- 18.....	18	1	1	1	1	1	223	2 45	1st
Taylor's Spring.....	Lovelace.....	W. A. Myers.....	A. N. Barker, M. O. Williams, R. D. Williams, [cal, 18.....	18	1	1	1	1	1	65	1 10	3rd
Union.....	New Hope.....	Y. Jordan.....	John Jennings.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	119	1 85	2nd
Zion.....	Osbornville.....	E. N. Gwyn.....	W. A. Casy, W. Wright, R. W. Crater, E. A. John- 5.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	124	2 10	3rd
	Zion.....	W. A. Myers.....	W. A. Casy, W. Wright, R. W. Crater, E. A. John- 5.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	124	2 10	3rd
										\$28	70	

