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MINUTES

OF THE

Seventeenth Annual Session

OF THE

Brushy Mountain Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

WALNUT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, WILKES Co., N. C.

August 23, 24, 25 and 26, 1888.

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W. P. LAWS, CLERK.....Maple Springs, N. C.

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Next Session to be held with Mt. Pleasant Church, Wilkes County, N. C., Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October 1889.

PROCEEDINGS.

Walnut Grove, N. C.
August 23rd. 1888.

The Association met according to the appointment of last year.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11:30 by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney. Text, Mark 20 5.

At 1 p. m. the Association was called to order by the Moderator of last year, W. P. Laws acting as temporary Clerk. W. R. Hendren and Milton McNeil read the letters, and the following delegates were enrolled:

BEAVER CREEK—Z. T. Ferguson, J. H. Andrews, Sidney Triplett. LEWIS FORK—Lindsey Triplett, J. R. Triplett, W. P. Laws. LITTLE ROCK—W. C. Andrews, Vance McGhinnis, J. W. Earp. MT. CARMEL—J. A. Oliver, C. G. Frazier, J. C. Eller. MT. PLEASANT—J. O. McNeil, J. M. Watson. MT. ZION—T. C. Land, J. H. West, A. L. Barnett. MORAVIAN FALLS—W. M. Duncan, A. C. McRary, R. I. D. Steelman. NEW HOPE—W. C. Fletcher, H. Church. PLEASANT HOME—J. A. McNeil, T. J. McNeil, G. A. Nicholls. WALNUT GROVE—Eli. Tredaway, R. M. Edsill, L. C. Jennings. WILKESBORO—S. J. Jinnings, J. D. Smith, Cleve Hedgwood. ZION HILL—Charlie Chitcher, T. A. Carlton, J. C. Hubbard.

On motion proceeded to elect officers.—Tellers Bros. W. F. Watson and W. R. Gwaltney. Bro. R. A. Spainhour was elected Moderator and W. P. Laws Clerk. On motion the delegates of Crob Creek were given seats with the Association.—The following corresponding brethren accepted seats with the Association:—J. B. Hopkins, Three Fork Association.—W. E. White, J. P. Gwaltney and W. M. Deal, Alexander Association.—A. T. Pardew and R. F. Jarvis Elkin Association.

Visiting brethren:—W. R. Gwaltney, Bulah Association.
—W. F. Watson, Thomasville Female College.—R. D. Carroll, Atlantic Association.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

ARRANGEMENTS.

W. C. Meadows, T. C. Land, Milton McNeil, J. F. Eller and Lindsey Triplett

DEVOTIONAL.

W. C. Meadows, G. W. Greene and pastor and delegates of this Church.

FINANCE.

T. C. Land, J. O. McNeil and T. P. Parlier.

TEMPERANCE.

Milton McNeil, T. B. Hester, W. C. Fletcher.

On motion set apart tomorrow 11:30 a. m. for Brother J. H. Mills to address the Association on The Baptist Campaign.

On motion agreed to have a sermon at 3:30 each day.

On motion received Bro. White's report.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Milton McNeil

Friday 9 30 A. M. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. F. Watson. Minutes of yesterday read approved.

The following corresponding brethren accepted seats with the Association:

Wesley Laws, D. W. Pool Alexander Association, J. W. Oliver, Baptist Orphanage.

CORRESPONDENCE:—T. C. Land attended Three Forks Association Milton McNeil, Elkin.

Lindsey Triplett, G. W. Greene, Caldwell, I. T. Pevette Ashe and Alleghany.

The Moderators appointed to attend Elkin Association, W. W. White, I. T. Pevette, Milton McNeil, H. C. Marley, Alexander—W. C. Meadows, R. A. Spainhour. Three Forks W. P. Laws, J. F. Eller, Milton McNeil. Caldwell County

G. W. Greene. Ashe and Alleghany I. T. Pevette Brier Creek M. McNeil, W. C. Meadows, J. D. Smith, J. T. Pevette G. W. Greene.

State Convention, G. W. Greene.

Rev. G. W. Greene read the report on EDUCATION.

Love to our children demands their education, that they may not be left behind by their generation. Love to our country demands it, that they may be useful citizens. Love to God demands it that they may be efficient workers in his cause. The schools are easily found. Let us take advantage of them.

We would also impress upon the churches the duty of contributing to the education of the young ministers now at Wake Forest College. God has called them to the ministry and calls upon us to help educate them.

I. T. Pevette.

G. W. Greene.

Committee.

Remarks by brethren W. F. Watson and W. R. Gwaltney.

Rev. Milton McNeil read the report on Temperance.

Temperance is strictly speaking a total abstain from all things that would be to our injury, and a moderate use of all things that would be to our benefit.

Therefore, we, your committee, recommend that all the members of our churches be total abstainers from the manufacture or sale, or the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, in any way, and that we as brethren and sisters use all our influence to remove this great evil of intemperance from our midst.

Milton McNeil,

W. C. Fletcher,

T. B. Hester.

Committee.

Remarks by Milton McNeil, I. T. Pevette, Lindsey Triplett and W. R. Gwaltney.

2 p. m.
T. C. Land read the report on FINANCE. On motion the report was adopted.
FINANCE REPORT.

Churches	Minute Fund	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Baptist Orphanage	Home Miss'n	Associat'n'l Missions	Ministerial Education.
Beav'r Crk	\$1.05						
Crook Creek	\$2.00			\$1.50			
Lewis Fork	\$1.60						
Little Rock	80c				55c		
Mt. Carmel	75c	\$1.00	56c				
Mt. Pleas't	\$1.65		42c				
Mt. Zion	\$1.25	\$1.50	\$1.50				
Mor'vn Fis	\$1.25						
New Hope	\$1.20		\$2.00				
Ples. Home	85c						
Pilgrim	\$1.25						\$1.00
Wal. Gr'ye	\$1.05						
Wilkesbo'r	\$1.10						
Zion Hill	\$1.35	\$4.40	\$1.51			\$1.51	
TOTAL	\$17.15	\$6.90	\$5.99	\$1.50	55c.	\$1.51	\$1.00

Brethren Z. V. Church, A. L. Foster, M. S. Church delegates from Pilgrim Church with letter, were seated as members of the Association.

W. C. Meadows read the report on ORPHANAGE.

We believe that the Baptists of N. C. are doing a good work in the establishment and successful operation of The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, under the judicious management of Bro. J. H. Mills. And therefore do recommend it to the consideration and hearty support of the Denomination.

W. C. Meadows.
Charlie Critcher.

Committee.

Remarks by brethren J. W. Oliver, G. W. Greene, W. R. Gwaltney and R. D. Carroll.

Collection taken up amounting to \$16.15.

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Rev. G. W. Greene, read the report on STATE MISSIONS.

As Baptist we believe that the Bible teaches a definite system of religion. It is our duty to preach these truths wherever they are not known. They are important truths.

God has committed them to us. They are whole counties in N. C. where Baptist truths are scarcely known. In our borders every man, woman, and child can hear the gospel if he will do so. But in other parts of the State many are not taught even the truths necessary to salvation.

Supplying this destitution is called State Missions. Of ten a little help rendered in supporting preachers in these destitute sections will result in the establishment of strong self supporting churches, and these churches become important helps in sending the gospel to get other sections. If our people are informed of the needs of this work and have an opportunity, they will contribute of their means to the further end of this good cause. Tell the people of this work, ask them to do their duty, take frequent collections, and the people will not fail. The people are willing to do their duty when it is shown to them. Let us tell them of it.

G. W. Greene.

E. A. Treadaway.

Committee.

Discussed by W. R. Gwaltney and G. W. Greene, then adopted. Taken pledges amounting to \$31.50, of which \$2.00 was paid to the Treasurer.

On motion Bro. S. J. Jinnings, of Wilkesboro, N. C., was made Treasurer of the Association.

On motion adjourned.

Sermon at 3:30 by Elder J. P. Gwaltney, Text Heb. 11-24

SATURDAY 10:15 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Richard Jarvis.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Crob Creek letter read and received.

J. W. Hendren, of Alexander Association, accepted a seat with the Association.

The Committee on the propriety of dissolving this and forming a new Association, reported, Recommending that the Association be not dissolved, but to remain as the Brushy Mountain Association.

Lindsey Triplett, I. T. Prevett and J. O. McNeil were appointed as committee on time and place of next Association.

The Clerk read the report on HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Missions board has been at work more than forty years, and much good has been accomplished.

We feel that the Home Mission work is a great and a grand work, and that we should freely encourage and push this work, with our prayers and with our means that we may be the means and the instruments in the hands of God in saving many precious souls.

Milton M. McNeil.

Lindsey Triplett.

Committee.

Spoken on by W. R. Gwaltney and adopted.

J. E. Brollis read the report on FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Lift up your eyes and behold the fields are ripe already to the harvest," and the laborers are so few. There are millions now living in heathen darkness, and many passing away each day without having any one to point them to Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. How sad it is for us who live in the sunshine of the glorious gospel, to know that we are partly to blame for this state of affairs, this brethren should move us to a double diligence of our duty as christians. Let us from this time forward, redouble our diligence in aiding in propagating the gospel in heathen lands. Let us aid with our means

and unitedly pray the "God of the harvest to send forth more laborers into His harvest."

Brethren, while we are surrounded with peace and plenty and have the privilege of hearing the glorious gospel on each Sabbath day, or oftener. Let us not forget the poor heathen who is groveling on in darkness, with not one ray of light divine, to light them on their way.

W. W. White.
J. E. Brollis.
Committee.

Discussion participated in by Elders I. T. Prevett, Milton McNeil, J. P. Gwaltney, James Davis, D. W. Pool and W. R. Gwaltney. The report was adopted
Collection taken amounting to \$7.12.

2 p. m.

On motion appointed Brethren R. A. Spainhour, Milton McNeil, L. A. Abernathy, J. E. Brollis and J. O. McNeil, as committee to arrange for the organization of a Sunday School Association at some time in the Spring, to which the Sunday School work in our borders shall be committed.

The committee on time and place of next Association reported. Time—Thursday before the fourth Lord's Day in October 1889. Place—Mt. Pleasant church, twelve miles west of Wilkesboro. Elder Milton McNeil to preach the introductory sermon, W. C. Meadows Alternate.

On motion appointed G. W. Greene, I. T. Prevette, S. J. Jinnings as a committee to select a Colporteur for the Association.

On motion ordered that the clerk print 300 copies of minutes and be allowed \$6.00 for his services.

On motion adopted the report on resolutions. Whereas seeing the alarming state of affairs caused by intemperance Resolved, That we earnestly urge the churches of this Association to use all honorable means to prevent the cause

of intemperance.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren and citizens of this community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the people who were in attendance.

T. C. Land.

R. A. Spainhour, Moderator. W. P. Laws, Clerk.

Adjourned for a sermon at 2:30 by Rev. J. F. Eller, Text Rom. 8-18.

SABBATH.

Sermons by Elders Gwaltney and Wright. After preaching collection was taken for Foreign Missions amounting to \$12.63.

Query from Little Rock Church:—Is it according to Baptist discipline for one church to refuse to hear the evidence of a member of another church of the same faith and order the member being in good standing in his own church? Answer, NO.

Beaver Creek church, Pastor, A. S. Church, post office, Ridsen. clk. Z. T. Furguson, p. o. Yellow Hill, Bap'ted 2, dis'd letter 2, died 1, males 13, females 36, total 49. Time of preaching 3, minister 1, licentiates 2.

Crob Creek pas. G. W. Greene, p. o. Moravian Falls, clk. J. L. Hemphill, Moravian Falls, dis'd letter 4, died 2, males 26, females 36, total 62, time of preaching 1, minister 1, licentiates 1.

Lewis Fork, pas. J. F. Eller, Stony Fork, clk. J. R. Triplett, Maple Springs, bapt'd 8, rec by let. 10, dis let 7, excluded 3, died 3, males 45, females 106, total 151, time of preaching 1, ministers 2, licentiates 2.

Little Rock, pas. H. C. Marley, Boomer, clk. L. L. Walker, Meadow Hill, rec by let 1, excluded 1, died 1, males 18 females 36, total 54, time preaching 1, minister 1.

•Mt. Carmel, pas. A. T. Pardue, Wilkesboro, clk. T. B.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

	No. Schol'rs	No. Teach'rs	Total	Aver'ge Att'ce	Vols in Lib'ry	Contrib'tns	
Lewis Fork	60	5	65	40			Superintendent.
Little Rock	25	5	30	20			J. H. Andrews.
Mt. Carmel	48	6	54	35			Vance McGhinnis.
Mt. Pleasant	75	5	80	35			N. F. Hester.
Mt. Zion	59	6	65	28			J. O. McNiell
Moravian Falls	75	7	82	42		\$27.91	T. H. West
New Hope	78	9	87				R. A. Spainhour.
Pleasant Home	47	7	54	40			A. Eller
Pilgrim	68	5	73	30			Simeon Eller.
Walnut Grove	37	2	39				Vance Church
Wilkesboro	80	7	87	45	52		J. D. Smith.

Statment of Treaurer.

FOREIGN MISSIONS,

Received of Finance Committee, \$16.98. Public collection, \$12.03. total \$29.01
 Paid F. H. Briggs, Treasurer State Convention \$29.01. State Missions. Rcd. of
 Finance Committee \$8.48—Public collection \$8.47—total \$17.22—paid W. A. Pool
 \$17.22. Baptist Orphanage, received of Finance Committee \$1.05, Paid J. H. Mills
 \$1.05. Minute Fund. Rcd. of Finance Committee \$21.53—Balance due Treasurer
 \$2.32—Total \$23.85—Paid for printing Minutes and Postage \$13.00. Clerk's fees
 \$6.00, Due from last year \$5.85 total 24.85. W. E. White Treas. Ex. Officio