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MINISTERS AND OFFICERS.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

ASA BROWN,	JACOB HAGAMAN,
WILLIAM H. CANTER,	E. F. JONES,
J. A. FARTHING,	W. F. KNIGHT,
A. C. FARTHING,	JAMES PRESNELL,
R. P. FARTHING,	J. J. L. SHERWOOD,
D. C. HARMAN,	A. J. MCBRIDE,
A. J. HARMAN,	J. C. JOHNSON,
J. M. HARMAN,	WARREN MOORE,
A. S. CHURCH,	NEAL CAMPBELL,
WILLIAM WILCOXON,	I. W. THOMAS,
JACOB YONCE,	DAVID GREEN.

LICENTIATES.

E. G. HARMAN,	THOMAS SWIFT,
W. A. HARMAN,	HARRISON FARTHING.

OFFICERS.

MODERATOR:

A. C. FARTHING, Sweet Water, N. C.

CLERK AND TREASURER:

D. C. HARMAN, Sugar Grove, N. C.

COLPORTEUR:

E. F. JONES, Trade, Tenn.

PROCEEDINGS.

THREE FORKS CHURCH, Sept. 15th, 1885.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met with this church to-day in its forty-fifth annual session.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. J. L. Sherwood. Text: "Do good to all men." Galatians 6: 10.

After a suitable intermission the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder D. C. Harman. Appointed J. J. T. Reece Reading Clerk.

Called for letters from the churches, which was brought forward by the delegates and read from all the churches composing this Union but Bethany and Sampson.

Organized for the session by electing Elder A. C. Farthing Moderator, and Elder D. C. Harman Clerk; Brethren N. G. Young and ——— Curtis, tellers.

The Moderator announced that the body was ready for business.

A majority of the churches having reported in favor of the proposed amendment to the Constitution it was adopted.

Invited corresponding messengers to seats. Accepted by N. G. Walker, from Brushy Mountain Association, and N. G. Young, from New River.

Invited visiting ministers to seats. Accepted by Elder Larkin Hodges, from Stony Fork Association.

On motion, called for petitionary letters.

Bro. George Brown presented a letter from a newly constituted church at Fall Creek, together with confession of faith and constitution.

On motion of Elder J. A. Farthing, referred to committee on Arrangements and invited delegates to seats.

On motion, appointed brethren J. J. S. Reece and A. Roten and Elder J. J. L. Sherwood, with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee of Arrangements.

On motion of Elder J. A. Farthing, instructed the Moderator to make all temporary appointments for the session. The following were announced:

On Finance—Elder I. W. Thomas and Bro. G. A. Corpening.

On Education—Elders E. F. Jones and J. C. Johnson.

On Sunday Schools—Bro. A. Roten and Elder I. W. Thomas.

On Foreign Missions—Bro. Reuben Estes and Elder J. J. L. Sherwood.

On Temperance—Elders A. J. McBride and Jacob Yonce.
On Periodicals—Elder J. M. Harman and Bro. J. J. S. Reece.
On Correspondence—Elder J. A. Farthing and Bro. Wiley Church.
On Resolutions—Bro. George Sherrell and Elder E. F. Jones.
State Missions—Elder J. J. L. Sherwood and W. W. Presnell.
Devotional Exercises—Bro. Hugh Hagaman and H. R. Estes, with the pastor and delegates of this church.

Application being made by the following named churches, viz: John's River, Globe, Mulberry, Yadkin and Pisgah for letters of dismission to join with other regular Baptist churches, to organize a new Association,

On motion of Elder J. A. Farthing, their request was granted and the Clerk ordered to write their letters.

The committee on Preaching report that Elder A. C. Farthing preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9½ o'clock a. m., and spend 30 minutes in devotional exercises. Prayer by Elder I. W. Thomas. Benediction by the Moderator.

MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 16th, 1885.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Spent 30 minutes in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder J. J. L. Sherwood. Called the roll and marked absentees.

Read Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.

Elder E. F. Jones announced that Elder J. E. Carter, representing the Blue Ridge Baptist, Bro. C. L. Smith, representing the BIBLICAL RECORDER, Bro. J. E. Ray, representing State Missions, and Bro. W. B. Clement, from Chowan, representing the Baptist Orphan Association, were present, all of whom were invited to seats. It was also announced that Elders Harvey West and William Pool, correspondents from the Brushy Mountain Association, were present, who were also welcomed to seats.

The following visiting brethren were announced: Elder N. B. Cobb, from Hickory, N. C., Brothers Elijah Crouch, from Missouri, and Thomas Gallaway, from Tennessee. They were invited to seats, which they accepted.

Read and approved the minutes of yesterday.

The committee to whom the letter and other papers from the church at Fall Creek was referred, reported favorably.

On motion, the church was received into our union and the delegates welcomed to seats.

Called on the Treasurer to report, who submitted the following report, which, on motion, was approved:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

D. C. HARMAN, *in account with* THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION.

1884			
Sept. 5	Received from the finance committee	\$ 59	90
6	By public collection on Sunday	41	80
	Total received	\$101	70
1884			
	DISBURSEMENTS.		
Sept. 23	Sent to Bro. Tupper for Foreign Missions	\$20	50
26	Sent to Bro. Montague for Indian Missions	41	80
	Sent to Sunday Schools	1	00
Nov. 17	Paid for printing of and postage on minutes	25	50
Sept. 6	Credit by paid Clerk for services	7	32
	To registering three letters at 13 cents	39	
	Total	96	51
1885			
Sept. 15	Balance in Treasurer's hands	\$ 5	19

Called on the committee on State Missions to report, which was read by Elder J. J. L. Sherwood. Motion to adopt. Remarks by Elder J. E. Carter, Bro. J. E. Ray, J. J. L. Sherwood, and I. W. Thomas.

The hour for preaching having arrived, adjourned to hear a sermon from Elder Wm. Pool, who, by request of Elder A. C. Farthing, was appointed to preach in his place.

Assembled in the grove. Elder Pool preached to an attentive congregation. Text, "What think you of Christ?" Matthew 22: 42.

Recess 40 minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by singing. Moderator in the chair.

The question being State Missions, a motion was made by Wm. Elrod to amend by striking out that part recommending co-operation with the State Board. Remarks by J. E. Carter, J. J. L. Sherwood and William Elrod. The report was then adopted as amended.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions signifies mission work within the limits of the State, supplying the vast destitution of the State with the gospel of Jesus. Every Bap-

tist in the State should feel a deep interest in this work. Their motto should be a Baptist church in every town and community in the State. The good work is being carried forward with great success. God is signally blessing this work. The Boards of the State and Western Baptist Conventions now have seventy men in the field laboring in almost every portion of the State that is not already occupied. We want Ashe and Alleghany counties cultivated. The State Board should put a good man in these counties at once. We have every reason to believe they will do so as soon as practicable.

All of which we respectfully submit,

J. J. L. SHERWOOD, *Chairman.*

A collection was taken, upon the adoption of the above report, for State Missions, amounting to \$16.98, which was turned over to J. E. Ray, and pledges were taken, to be paid by next session of this body, as follows:

Antioch church, \$3.00; Bethel, \$5.00; Brushy Fork, \$5.00; Beaver Dam, \$5.00; Beech Mountain, No. 1, \$1.00; Boone, \$5.00; Big Laurel, \$1.00; Beech Mountain, No. 2, \$2.00; Cove Creek, \$5.00; Gap Creek, \$5.00; Howard's Creek, \$2.00; John's River, \$1.00; Meat Camp, 50 cents; Mt. Pleasant, \$1.00; Mt. Zion, No. 2, \$1.00; Mt. Zion, No. 1, \$6.00; Mt. Gilead, \$1.00; Mulberry, \$2.00; Three Forks, \$2.00. Total amount of pledges, \$53.50.

The committee on preaching reported that Elder N. B. Cobb preach at the stand in the grove to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 o'clock a. m. Prayer, Elder N. B. Cobb leading. Benediction by the Moderator.

MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, Sept. 17th, 1885.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Singing conducted by the Moderator. Hymn, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, &c. Prayer by A. Roten.

Read and approved the minutes of yesterday.

A motion prevailed to limit first speeches on each question to fifteen minutes, others to five minutes.

Called for the report on Sunday schools, which was read by I. W. Thomas. Motion to adopt. Remarks by Elder I. W. Thomas and Bro. J. E. Ray. Question taken and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday schools, report that we are glad to mark increased interest in the great Sunday school work in our churches. We recom-

mend that the delegates return to their churches and try to have Sunday schools all the year, and teach the people God's word in winter as well as in summer. More zeal, more heartfelt interest is what we need.

Our next Sunday school Convention meets at Cove creek church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in April next. Let all the churches send delegates to the Convention, and let us have a glorious year's work for the Master in this department of his glorious work.

I. W. THOMAS,
A. ROTEN,
Committee.

Called on the committee on Temperance to report. Read by Elder A. J. McBride. Motion to adopt. Remarks by Elder A. J. McBride. Motion by Elder E. F. Jones to amend by adding, "that this Association will, in the future, withdraw from any church which allows her members to make, use or sell intoxicating liquors. Remarks by Elders A. J. McBride, E. F. Jones, J. J. L. Sherwood, and the Moderator. Question taken and the report adopted as amended.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

From observation and general information, your committee feel justified in reporting favorably in regard to the cause of temperance. We think christians should unite in their efforts to eradicate this great evil, and every church ought to be a temperance society, and we believe it is wrong for church members to drink, buy or sell, or engage in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, either directly or indirectly. Dear brethren, "touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing." This Association will, in the future, withdraw from any church which allows her members to make, use or sell intoxicating liquors.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. MCBRIDE, *Chairman.*

Called on the committee on Periodicals to report, which was read by Elder J. M. Harman. Motion to adopt. Remarks by Elder J. E. Carter.

The hour for preaching having arrived, on motion, adjourned to the grove to hear a sermon by Elder N. B. Cobb, who preached to a well ordered and attentive congregation. Text, "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." John 1: 14.

Recess 40 minutes.

After partaking of an excellent dinner of good things provided on the grounds by the kind brothers, sisters and friends, as they had done the two previous days, re-assembled in the house at one o'clock p. m. Called to order by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The question being the report on Periodicals, it was further discussed by Elders J. A. Farthing and J. J. L. Sherwood, and adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee believe that the reading of religious papers that are sound in faith and doctrine, is a duty very closely assimilated to the reading of the Holy Scriptures, and hearing of the Word from the pulpit. We therefore recommend that all who can, take the *Blue Ridge Baptist*. The paper is sound, and its editor, Elder J. E. Carter, is devoting his entire time to make it equal to any. Also, the *BIBLICAL RECORDER* is a splendid paper, and worthy the support of Baptists throughout the State.

There are also other papers which are sound, such as the *Foreign Mission Journal*, the *Home Mission Journal*, &c., that should be patronized.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. HARMAN, *Chairman*.

Called on correspondents of last year to report, who reported satisfactorily.

Called on committee on Correspondence and Union Meetings to report, who submitted their report. On motion approved.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We recommend as correspondents to the Brushy Mountain Association, Elders A. C. Farthing, D. C. Harman, E. F. Jones and I. W. Thomas. Catawba River Association, Elders John Crisp, J. J. L. Sherwood and J. C. Johnson and Bro. I. N. Corpening.

UNION MEETINGS.

A Union Meeting at Flat Top church on Friday before the 3d Sunday in June next, Elders J. A. Farthing, David Green and J. C. Johnson to attend.

J. A. FARTHING, *Chairman*.

Called on committee on Education to report. Read by Elder E. F. Jones. A motion being made to adopt, it was discussed by Bro. J. Spainhour, Elders William Pool, J. E. Carter, N. B. Cobb and I. W. Thomas, and Bro. J. E. Ray. Question called and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education report the following: Again we call the attention of our people to the common schools of our country, that they work together to make our common schools of a better grade, and more efficient in their work, and whenever suitable, build schools of higher grade, and not depend upon the free schools of our State alone. We call attention to Globe Academy as a school well worthy our patronage, having good, efficient Baptist teachers, and well located in a good community of christian people. We are glad that the people of our county are patronizing the Globe school liberally.

We recommend Wake Forest College to young men who want to go to College, especially young men who are preparing for the ministry and are ready to enter College, believing that the advantages at Wake Forest are equal to any in the South. We say educate by all means, but in good, sound, moral schools.

E. F. JONES,

J. C. JOHNSON,

Committee.

On motion, appointed the Clerk and Treasurer to superintend the printing and distribution of 700 copies of these minutes.

Called on the committee on Finance to report. Read by I. W. Thomas. On motion, adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Received from the churches—

For printing minutes and other expenses.....	\$38 60
For Foreign Missions	31 90
For Home Missions.....	1 25
From the treasurer.....	5 19

Total received.....\$76 94

Allowed clerk for services.....7 50

I. W. THOMAS, *Chairman*.

On motion of Elder W. F. Knight, the Association ordered that the treasurer pay to Elders J. C. Johnson and David Green \$5.00 for labor done in a destitute locality.

Called on the committee on Resolutions to report, who submitted four resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved 1st, That this Association advise the churches and ministers to be more careful and considerate before letting off members to constitute new churches, and the ministry in organizing a presbytery for the same. Our cause has suffered by little weak churches that have no territory in which to operate. We have many weak organizations that are not able to build houses and support pastors.

Resolved 2d, That we advise all the pastors and churches in the bounds of this Association to take up regular collections for the Home Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention, as well as for Foreign Missions.

Resolved 3d, That we heartily endorse the efforts of the Baptists of North Carolina to establish and maintain a Baptist Orphanage in our State.

Resolved 4th, That this Association hereby tender their thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their hospitality manifested to the delegates and visitors of this session of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE SHERRELL,

E. F. JONES,

Committee.

Called on the committee on Foreign Missions to report, which was read by William Pool. Motion to adopt. Remarks by Bro. J. E. Ray and Elder E. F. Jones. Question taken and adopted.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
Antioch	D. C. Harman, J. M. Harman, J. B. Phillips		1		11			123
Bethel	J. A. Farthing, A. C. Farthing, L. W. Farthing	4	6		1			163
Brushy Fork	David Adams, L. M. Trivett	14	2	1	4	6	1	166
Beaver Dam	J. J. T. Reece, J. C. Johnson, George Sherrill	6				7	1	123
Beech Mountain, No. 1	J. C. Chapel, B. F. Patterson	2	1			4		44
Bethany								*57
Boone	W. W. Presnell, W. L. Bryan, J. A. Gritcher					2		27
Big Laurel	Neill Campbell, Newell Stewart	4	4		2			27
Beech Mountain, No. 2	Jacob Yonce Earvin Green	1	1		4	1	2	97
Cove Creek	John McBride, J. J. Mast	18	2	1	4	8		169
Flat Top	J. M. Payne, C. C. Green, William Elrod	1	4	1	5			56
Gap Creek	J. B. Hopkins, George W. Hopkins		2			1		38
Globe	L. N. Corpening, W. Y. Todd, H. R. Estes	3	4	1	10		3	76
Howard's Creek	E. G. Norris, Edmond Green, John Green	5	5	1	4		1	43
John's River	J. B. Phillips	4	3					15
Laurel Springs	Joseph Brown, J. R. Norris, Asa Brown	9	4	1	2	1	4	62
Meat Camp	David Green, R. G. Ragan	7	2		12	2	2	107
Mt. Pleasant	Solomon Yonce	4	1			6	1	123
Mt. Zion, No. 2	E. F. Presnell	13	4	3		2		59
Mt. Zion, No. 1	A. J. McBride, E. F. Jones, Abraham Roten	9	7	1	11	10		191
Mt. Gilead	Elias Isaac, John McBride, Jr., E. S. Dugger	13	2	4	2	2		78
Mulberry	A. S. Church, N. L. Edmisten, Joel M. Crisp			1	9		1	26
Pisgah	John Crisp		2				1	25
South Fork	Wiley Church, J. Thomas McGuire	3		4	1	1	1	97
Sampson								*38
Three Forks	Eli Brown, J. M. Brown, C. J. Cottrell	9	3	4	7	4		168
Yadkin	M. C. Pennel, J. R. Moore		2			1	2	38
Fall Creek	G. W. Brown, T. A. Walsh							10
		129	62	23	79	58	20	2246

*Total of last year.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	Ministerial Education.	Sunday School.	Sunday School Literature.	Receipts for Foreign Missions, 1885.	State Missions.	Other Objects.	Total for the year 1885.	Pledges to be paid within the year.
Antioch	\$ 1 50	\$ 4 75								\$ 6 25	\$ 3 00
Bethel	3 00						20 00			23 00	5 00
Brushy Fork	3 00	7 85	75 00							10 85	5 00
Beaver Dam	2 00		20 00							22 00	5 00
Beech Mountain, No. 1	1 00	2 25	20 00				23 25				1 00
Bethany											
Boone	2 00		40 00				5 00			47 00	5 00
Big Laurel	1 00				1 25					2 25	1 00
Beech Mountain, No. 2	1 35	5 00	15 00							6 35	2 00
Cove Creek	2 00		100 00				10 00			112 00	5 00
Flat Top	90									90	
Gap Creek	1 00	1 00	40 00				1 00			43 00	5 00
Globe	2 00		100 00	4 00			37 74	10 67	29 13	183 54	
Howard's Creek	1 25									1 25	2 00
John's River	60									60	1 00
Laurel Springs	1 50									1 50	
Meat Camp	2 00	2 00								4 00	50
Mt. Pleasant	1 00									1 00	1 00
Mt. Zion, No. 2	1 00									1 00	1 00
Mt. Zion, No. 1	2 25		100 00			10 00	14 00	4 00		112 00	6 00
Mt. Gilead	1 50	2 50									1 00
Mulberry	1 00									1 00	2 00
Pisgah	50	*50								1 00	
South Fork	1 50	2 00								3 50	
Sampson											
Three Forks	2 60		100 00			4 70	10 00			117 30	2 00
Yadkin	1 00	1 55								2 55	
Fall Creek	50									50	
	\$38 60	\$29 40	\$ 610 00	\$ 4 00	\$1 25	\$14 70	\$119 99	\$14 67	\$29 13	\$ 564 09	\$ 53 50

*Paid by J. A. Crisp.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS, WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	STATE AND POST OFFICES.	Ordained Ministers.	Licen- tates.	Time of meeting Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch	J. M. Harman	Watauga Falls, N. C.	2	1	1st.
Bethel	A. C. Farthing	Sweet Water, N. C.	3	1	4th.
Brushy Fork	J. J. L. Sherwood	Sugar Grove, N. C.		3	2d.
Beaver Dam	J. A. Farthing	Sweet Water, N. C.	2		2d.
Beech Mountain, No. 1	J. C. Johnson	Sweet Water, N. C.			3d.
Bethany					
Boone	I. W. Thomas	Boone, N. C.	1		2d and 4th.
Big Laurel	Neill Campbell	Grayson, N. C.	1	1	4th.
Beech Mountain, No. 2	Jacob Yonce	Dark Ridge, N. C.	1		1st.
Cove Creek	J. J. L. Sherwood	Sugar Grove, N. C.	1	1	3d.
Flat Top	I. W. Thomas	Boone, N. C.	1	1	3d.
Gap Creek	T. M. Duncan	Beaver Creek, N. C.			3d.
Globe	J. J. L. Sherwood	Sugar Grove, N. C.			4th.
Howard's Creek	David Green	Sands, N. C.			3d.
John's River	Isaac Smith	Globe, N. C.			2d.
Laurel Springs	William Wilcoxon	Rutherford, N. C.	1		4th.
Meat Camp	William Wilcoxon	Norris, N. C.	1		1st.
Mt. Pleasant	J. F. Eller	Gap Creek, N. C.	1	1	1st.
Mt. Zion, No. 2	Jas. Presnell and A. J. Harman	Watauga Falls, N. C.	1		3d.
Mt. Zion, No. 1	E. F. Jones	Zionville, N. C.	2	1	4th.
Mt. Gilead	J. C. Johnson	Beech Creek, N. C.	1	1	2d.
Mulberry	A. S. Church and W. Moore	Ridsen, N. C.	2		1st.
Pisgah	I. Smith and J. Crisp	Lenoir, N. C.	2	1	1st.
South Fork	William Wilcoxon	Elk X Roads, N. C.	1		2d.
Sampson					
Three Forks	E. F. Jones	Boone, N. C.			2d.
Yadkin	J. H. West	Patterson, N. C.			3d.
Fall Creek	Jacob Yonce	Dark Ridge, N. C.			3d.

