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HELD WITH THE CHURCHES AT

WHITEVILLE AND NEW HOPE,

COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

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COLUMBUS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

WHITEVILLE, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.,

NOVEMBER 22. 23, 24, 1889.

Rev. B. H. PHILLIPS, MODERATOR. ELD. HAYNES LENNON, CLERK.

Third session will be held with the Church at New Hope, commencing on Friday, November 21, 1890.

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Ordained Ministers and Post-Offices.

LENNON, HAYNES,	100 - 10	-	Orton,
RAY, D. J.,	·** (- ()	-	Whiteville.
STOCKS, O. G., -	1.4 - 1.		Bug Hill.

PROCEEDINGS.

WHITEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 22nd 1889.

Introductory sermon was delivered from Acts xiv, 22 : "Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter the Kingdom of God."

After the lapse of ten minutes Dr. G. H. Macon occupied the chair as temporary chairman, Elder B. H. Phillips invoking the Divine direction.. Elder Haynes Lennon acted as secretary.

The chair appointed brethren A. F. Toon and John B. Singletary a Committee of Finance.

On motion, called for and read the letters, enrolling names of messengers from the following churches:

NEW HOPE--Edward White. H. S. White, J. B. Singletary. SEVEN CREEKS.-S. T. Stephens, S. H. Faulk, N. M. Ward. UNION GROVE. -D. J. Hinson, Kenneth Sellers, A. M. Hinson. WHITEVILLE.-Eld. Haynes Lennon, Thomas Thompson, A. F. Toon.

Then elected permanent officers: Eld. B. H. Phillips, Moderator; Eld. Haynes Lennon, Clerk and Treasurer.

Visiting brethren Thomas Barefoot, Dr. J. F. Harrell, J. W. Gore, and George Flynn, from Cape Fear Association were cordially invited to seats in the body.

Dr. G. H. Macon, and A. F. Toon, were appointed a committee on order of business.

Took a recess of one hour.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Resumed business—Eld. D. J. Ray, leading in prayer. Committee on order of business reported—Report made the order of the day.

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- HOME MISSIONS.-D. J. Ray.
 TEMPERANCE.-G. H. Macon, not reported.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS.-By Resolution.
 PERIODICALS.-J. L. Memory.
 PASTORAL SUPPORT.-T. S. Memory.
 STATE MISSIONS.-Haynes Lennon.
 MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.-R. H Powell.
 SUNDAY SCHOOLS.-J. F. Harrell.
 ORPHANAGE.-B. H. Phillips.

10. MISCELLANY.-

The churches at Seven Creeks, Union Grove, and Union Valley asked for letters dismissal which were ordered, limited to twelve months.

The Deacons of this church were requested to arrange the order of Divine service during this session of the Association.

Agreed to hold the next session of this body with the church at New Hope, commenceing Friday, November 22, 1890, at 11 o'clock, a. m. Elder B. H. Phillips, to preach the introductory sermon; Elder D. J. Ray, alternate.

Appointed to sister associations, viz: Robeson Association. Elder Haynes Lennon : South Atlantic, Elder D. J. Ray ; Cape Fear, John B. Singletary ; Waccamaw, T. S. Memory.

Adjourned to 7:30 o'clock this evening.

7:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Moderator in the chair. Sang "I love thy Kingdom Lord." Prayer by Elder Haynes Lennon.

Adjourned to 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, MOREING NOV. 23rd, 1889.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Elder B. H. Phillips, in the chair. Sang, "Am I a soldier of the Cross?"

Prayer by Elder D. J. Ray,

Elder J. A. Speight, was invited to a seat.

Report on State Missions was read by Eld. H. Lennon, and

after remarks by writer and Eld. Speight, was adopted. See Appendix.

Report on Home Missions was read, and after some remarks by Elders Ray and Speight was adopted. On motion Elder Speight offered special prayer for that particular department of Christian labor.

Called off one hour. Eld. D. J. Ray, invoked divine blessings on the work of our hands.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Sang "Children of the heavenly King." Elder Speight led in prayer.

Moderator called for Sunday-school report and on motion was made the order for Sunday morning's consideration in mass-meeting.

Report on Periodicals was read and footed up by urgent remarks from brethren Lennon, Memory and Speight with subscriptions for "Biblical Recorder," "Charity and Children."

Report for Foreign Missions not being ready, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved. That the subject of Foreign Missions demand our undivided support and that our pastors lay the same before their several churches at an early day and solicit funds for the annual session of Southern Baptist Convention in May 1890. Adjourned to 7 o'clock to-night. Prayer by brother Lennon.

SATURDAY NIGHT, 7 O'CLOCK NOV. 23rd, 1889.

Moderator in the chair.

Sang "The Lord is my defense," etc.

Prayer by the pastor.

Elder B. H. Phillips read report on Orphanage, and after remarks by himself and Elder Speight a collection of \$6.14 was taken up and the report adopted. The money was forthwith forwarded.

Report on Ministerial Education by brother R. H. Powell,

was read, and after being discussed by brethren Phillips and Speight was adopted.

Adjourned to 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. Benediction by Elder J. A. Speight.

SUNDAY MORNING 9:30 O'CLOCK Nov. 24th, 1889.

Elder Phillips in the chair. Sang "All hail the power of Jesus' name."

Prayer by Elder Lennon.

Sunday-school report was on motion, taken up received and ably discussed by Elder Speight and then adopted.

On motion all unfinished business was referred to an executive committee of brethren B. H. Phillips, Haynes Lennon, T. S. Memory, Thomas Thompson and E. H. White.

On motion a collection was taken up for Rev. C. L. Powell, amounting to \$10.50 which was forwarded to brother I. M. Powell, at Fair Bluff. N. C.

A vote of thanks was then given the church in Whiteville, and entire community for the very hospitable entertainment given the messengers and congregation in attendance at the Association.

The session then gave way for Divine service and Elder J. A. Speight addressed a full house from Joshua, sixth chapter, on besieging Jericho, entertaining the audience in a highly satisfactory manner.

Thus closed the second session of Columbus Association. B. H. PHILLIPS, Moderator.

HAYNES LENNON, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptised,	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dled-	Nümber of Males,	Number of Females.	Total Membership.	Minute Fund.		State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions,	Pastor's Salary.	
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HOME MISSIONS.

This is one of the departments of Missions under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention and embraces desolate and isolated places in the Southern States with Mexico, Cuba and Brazil, in South America. In these several departments of labor a great and effectual door is now opened and the Great Head of the church is preparing them to march in union with the nations of the earth to realize the glory of God in taking the heathen for His inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession.

Submitted,

D. J. RAY.

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PERIODICALS.

The "Biblical Recorder" is the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina. It is sound in doctrine, progressive in spirit, and elevating in tone. No Baptist man or woman can hope to be useful and effecient, who does not read his or her church paper. We urge all our people to subscribe for and read the "Biblical Recorder."

Submitted,

J. L. MEMORY.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

There is nothing more plainly taught in the Word of God, than that the minister should be supported financially while he gives his time to the preaching of the gospel. "The servant is worthy of his hire," and such like passages of Scripture plainly teach this truth. Are the churches of this Association coming up to their full measure of duty on this subject? And if not, why not? We respectfully suggest that we make an effort to do better along this line. And to this end we suggest that the pastors preach on the subject as they would on any other Chritian duty.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. MEMORY.

STATE MISSIONS.

This subject constitutes the local department of Bible Missions within the territory of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and is now more actively operated than at any period in the history of this State. Every possible development of Bible truth is now made to bear upon the human mind to bring it to Christ. God is the first great mover in this heavenly work to take out of this local field a people for himself as set forth in Acts, chapter xv.

Respectfully submitted,

HAYNES LENNON.

EDUCATION.

Education is power. How important then that the young and rising generation be properly educated. We are glad that so many opportunities are afforded the people for education. As Baptists we have Wake Forest College and many first class academies for our boys, and Oxford, High Point, Thomasville and others for our girls. But we call special attention to the need of a better educated ministry that the churches may have men mentally as well as spiritually qualified to lead them to greater and nobler things for God. Wake Forest College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., offer opportunities for the education of young men called to preach. And we recommend that the churches of this Association take up regular collections for the Board of Education.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. H. PHILLIPS, for Committee.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

In this wonderfully progressive age Sunday-schools assert their claims to a national work in training the rising generation for glory and for God. With the Bible for our text-book —its crucified Saviour for our Redeemer—its holy truths for our directory, we are armed for efficiently conducting this mighty auxiliary of the Christian religion in the suppression of evil amonsgt our children as well as training them in the way they should go.

We rejoice to know that the first effort in Sunday-school work in this region of our State was made by Deacon George Lennon, of Cross Roads church, in this county, about the year 1800, since which time it has engaged the attention of all America and Europe, and can with truth be said to be a prolific factor in filling the world with light and knowledge to the overthrow of the works of his satanic majesty.

Submitted,

J. F. HARRELL.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Five years ago the Baptists of North Carolina thought the time had come for them to organize some agency for the caring for the orphans of the State. Some good brethren thought the time had not come for such a movement. But time has proven the wisdom of this step. And to-day the Baptist Orphange is a grand agency for good. About 120 orphans ap-

peal to us for the means to feed, clothe and educate them. And your committee suggest that the churches of this Association take regular collections for their support. And further, that the matter be thoroughly canvassed in the Sundayschools, and enlist the sympathies and efforts of the children. Respectfully submitted,

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B. H. PHILLIPS.

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COLUMBUS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

NEW HOPE, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.,

NOVEMBER 21, 22. 23, 1890.

A. F. POWELL, MODERATOR. HAYNES LENNON, CLERK.

Fourth session will be held with the Church at Seven Creeks, comnencing on Friday before 1st Sunday in November, 1891.

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PROCEEDINGS.

NEW HOPE, N. C., Nov. 21, 1890.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. D. J. Ray, founded on II. Corinthians, vi: 1. "We then as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."

After thirty minutes intermission the delegates assembled in the house, read John xvii, and Elder Ray invoked the Divine direction.

On motion, brethren A. F. Toon, H. L. White and Ed. Ward were announced as a Committee of Finance. Brother A. F. Powell aiding former secretary in reading letters from the churches.

NEW HOPE.-H. L. White, Ed. White and J. Evans.

SEVEN CREEKS.—N. J. Stephens, J. O. Storks, T. J. Stanly. UNION GROVE.—Not represented.

WHITEVILLE.—A. F. Toon, A. F. Powell, Thomas Thompson.

Then proceeded to the election of permanent officers, viz: A. F. Powell, Moderator; Haynes Lennon, Clerk and Treasurer.

Inviting Elders G. W. Hill and J. W. Gore from Cape Fear Association, and brethren James Jolly and W. S. Frink from South Atlantic Association to seats with us.

Announced as Committe of arrangements, A. F. Powell and Haynes Lennon.

Raised committees on the following subjects :

1. HOME MISSIONS.-G. H. Hill.

Counting County, M. C.

2. TEMPERANCE.—Thomas Thompson.

3. FOREIGN MISSIONS.-W. J. Dyson.

4. PERIODICALS .- W. S. Frink.

5. PASTORAL SUPPORT.-A. F. Toon.

6. STATE MISSIONS .- D. J. Ray.

7. MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.-T. S. Memory.

8. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.-H. L. White.

9. ORPHANAGE. -Haynes Lennon.

On motion, corresponding messengers were called for.

Agreed that brother A. J. Orr be appointed to visit the South Atlantic, and brethren A. F. Toon and M. J. Thompson the Waccamaw Association. To Cape Fear, J. O. Storks, B. White and D. J. Ray; to Robeson Association, H. Lennon, D. H. Thompson and Thomas Thompson.

10. Committee to Supply Stand-Deacons of this church and T. Thompson.

11. Committees on Duty of Pastors to the Churches.

12. Committees on Duty of Churches to their Pastors

13. Committee on Asso Missions-T. S. Memory, A F. Toon and Ed. White.

Committee No. 10 reported and discharged.

The location and time of holding our session in 1891, on motion was referred to brethren, E. White, A. F. Toon and M. J. Stephens, who shall report to-morrow morning 11 o'clock.

Adjourned to 9;30 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder Ray.

SATURDAY MORNING 9:30 A. M. Nov. 22nd, 1890.

Moderator in the chair. Prayer by the Clerk.

Renewed invitation to visiting brethren and the ministry. On motion, brethren A. F. Powell, H. Lennon, J. I. William-

son, T. S. Memory and Thomas Thompson be, and are hereby appointed an Executive Committee of Columbus County Association, N. C., any three of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Associational business for twelve months from date of appointment. to whom shall be referred the division and execution of all mission and church work contemplated in this organization of churches for the current year.

Called off for 30 minutes. Prayer by Clerk.

Business resumed 1:30 o'clock p. m. Prayer by G. W. Gore. Sundry reports called for and read in the order as numbered, viz; 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, discussed and adopted. The Committee on location of next session of this body recommend that it be held with the church at Seven Creeks, on Friday October 30, 1891. Elder Haynes Lennon, preach the introductory sermon at 11 o'clock.

Invited brother C. C. Gore, from Cape Fear Association, to a seat with us.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this body for the sessions of 1889 and 1890 be prepared for publication and that they be distributed among the churches according to their membership.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee proportion among the several churches of this body the amount of funds necessary to defray expenses for printing and distributing minutes.

Committee of Finance reported. Report received and amount of funds paid to Treasurer.

On motion, voted the thanks of this body to the Clerk for finishing the payment of printing the minutes of the session of 1888.

Voted the thanks of this Association to this church and community for the very hospitable entertainment furnished the messengers and representatives thereof.

On motion, referred all unfinished business to Executive Committee.

Adjourned to Sunday morning 9:30 o'clock. Prayer by Elder H. Lennon.

9:30 O'CLOCK SUNDAY MORNING Nov. 23rd, 1890.

Sabbath-school held an interesting session.

PULPIT SERVICE 11 O'CLOCK.

Elder Haynes Lennon delivered a discourse founded on Luke xxiv, 46, 47. "And said unto them, thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day.

"And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

A collection of \$7.81 was taken up.

Thus closed a harmomious and profitable session and the body was adjourned to time and place above specified. A. F. POWELL, Moderator.

HAYNES LENNON, Clerk.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION.

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HOME MISSIONS.

The Frome Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention embraces in its work the ten Southern States together with Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Missouri, Cuba and Indian Territory, located at Atlanta, Ga.

In 1888 the member of Missionaries reported in the employ of the Board were 287, of which twenty-two colored in Arkansas, thirty-seven in Florida, 125 in Texas, and one Cuba, and also a number in other States, 4,857 baptisms were reported, 306 churches were constituted, the value of the houses of worship built was \$54,068, cash received from May 1, 1887, to May 1, 1888, was \$48,023.07, cash expenditures \$45,768.-32.

The mantle of the great apostle of the gentiles seems to have fallen on bro. A. J. Diaz of Cuba.

He is laboring with a zeal worthy of a great and good cause among the Catholic population of Cuba; although he has been imprisoned through the opposition of the priesthood during the present year he still labors on fearlessly. Public sentiment is in his favor and at his bidding would have taken him by force out of the hands of the authorities, but he would not permit the violation of the law although he was innocent of any crime against law and justice. Since his release he still continues his labors.

This department of Christian labor demands our especial spmpathies, prayers and contributions until the man of sin shall be driven from his impious throne and a pure gospel shall take the place of error and false doctrine and the kingdom of this world become the kingdom of our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HILL.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee would respectfully say, that the subject of Temperance has been so often discussed that we do not expect to present anything new upon the matter; but would suggest that, notwithstanding its familiarity, it should continue to be canvassed until its principles are established and its beneficent influence shall prevail throughout the land.

The dreadful evils of INTEMPERANCE are clearly seen by every unprejudiced mind, and it is also unmistakably apparent that the welfare and prosperity of the churches, the country at large, with all that is near and dear to us is at stake. Let us then as lovers of our race and mankind at large arouse our energies with all our might and crush out this monster evil. We are happy to say "THE TIME IS AUSPI-CIOUS," the prospects are brightening, and let there be a movement all along the line and the victory is ours. If professed followers of Christ are faithful in their duties and will manfully meet their responsibilities, a great work may be accomplished before the close of another year. Let us then move on in solid phalanx until success shall crown our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS THOMPSON.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This evangelistic work has claimed the attention of every nation since the ascension of the Son of God. And while most nations, in the main, have labored to forget God, yet God has not forgotten them, but in His merciful dispensations demonstrates His long suffering towards them "that he may take out of them a people for himself." Of these redeemed people He chooses those whose gifts qualify them for the proper ministration of His word so as to make it the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, and commandeth them to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Now if we have been called from darkness to light, it is made our imperative duty to let that light so shine that the nations may see the good works of Christ Jesus wrought in us that they may thereby be led to the Son of God.

Submitted,

W. J. Dyson, Com.

PERIODICALS.

We believe the circulation of a sound religious periodical to be the most powerful agency ever devised for the accomplishment of all the great works of the church. The "Biblical Recorder" is such a paper and upon its success depends, in a great measure, the success of every one of our State and denominational enterprises. If we are correct in this, or even in part, then it is true that no other paper can take the place of the "Recorder" to North Carolina Baptists.

"Kind Words" and "Foreign Mission Journal" we would also recommend.

W. S. FRINK.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The faithful minister of the Gospel is as much entitled to his support as the laborer is to his hire. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel." The apostle further appends, "That if we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" It is the duty of the church to contribute to their pastor a decent support according to their ability. To pray for him, and be a co-worker with him in hisallotted work, as well as give all possible encouragement in his field of labor, and thus aid him in bearing his burdens.

Submitted,

A. F. Toon, Com.

STATE MISSIONS.

This is a work in which the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has been engaged regularly for sixty years under a system of evangelical prosecution, and has attained a growth annually of such magnitude as to astonish those engaged in it. while there is yet room for an increased interest in our bounds, and the practical application of the means in sending the Gospel in every nook and corner of our beloved State, to the conversion to Christ of our entire population.

Respectfully,

D. J. RAY.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Great Teacher sent from God uttered the following language: "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." We have epitomized in this declaration the work of the ministry, their qualification and fitness for preaching the gospel, and unless such truth is clothed with a correct presentation of facts the hearers must eternally die for the want of divine knowledge.

Respectfully,

T. S. MEMORY.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN :---

We are taught in the word of truth that we should bring our children up in the way that they should go, and to do

this, we should implant in their hearts while young and tender, the truths of the Gospel; and as we are accountable beings to God for our stewardship here below, for both our own conduct and in the way we train our children and those under our care, I do earnestly recommend that each church in this Association awake to a sense of its duty in this direction, and strive with the whole soul, mind and strength to keep an evergreen Sunday-school in progress.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. WHITE, Com.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

No enterprise of beneficence undertaken by the Baptists of North Carolina has met with less opposition, nor yet with a more hearty approval than the caring for orphan children of our beloved State. The sympathies of our people draw forth the means necessary to sustain the work, and the prudent management of the directors guarantee its success. Other denominations are taking hold of this work with an energy that knows no failure, and under a smiling Providence with the blessing of our Heavenly Father will work for national as well as individual good.

Submitted,

HAYNES LENNON.

DUTY OF CHURCHES TO PASTORS.

Your committee begs to suggest :

1. That they show profound reverence for their Divine calling.

2. That they manifest affectionate kindness and brotherly love.

3. Cause them to feel that we are at all times ready and willing to hold up their hands in every good word and work, so that they be not hindered in their work of lifting up fallen man.

4. That they through their DEACONS see in advance that their temporal needs are fully provided for.

5. They should show a disposition to urge their frequent presence at their homes, their firesides and their tables.

6. That their pastors "shun not to declare the whole counsel of God," so as "to clear their skirts of the blood of all men."

Fraternally submitted,

T. S. MEMORY, A. F. POWELL, Com.

DUTY OF PASTORS TO THE CHURCHES.

Preach the word—the pure unadulterated word of God.
 Oppose error in all its diversified forms with the spirit and love of Christ.

3. "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.—Pet. v: 2, 3.

4. He should give his whole attention to the people of his charge, and ln proportion as he is sustained he should devote himself to the work, and "show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS THOMPSON, Com.

ASSOCIATION MISSIONS.

From the general neglect of mission work in our bounds for several years by the Missionary Baptists it becomes indispensably necessary that some step be taken to occupy the field. We recommend that one or more ministers be employed to itinerate in the interest of general mission work during the ensuing year and that this body sustain the work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. MEMORY, A. F TOON, E. WHITE, Com.



