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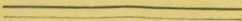
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LIST OF MINISTERS.

✓ J. P. ADAMS,	Jonesville,	✓ N. C.
✓ A. N. BARKER,	New Hope,	✓ "
✓ C. C. BROWN,	Sourwood,	✓ "
✓ W. DOWEL,	.....	Jennings' Mill,	✓ "
✓ A. GILREATH,	.....	Cedar Run,	✓ "
✓ S. S. GOFORTH,	.....	Lovelace,	✓ "
✓ A. GOODEN,	.....	Sweet Home,	✓ "
✓ L. P. GWALTNEY,	.....	Cedar Run,	✓ "
✓ J. P. GWALTNEY,	.....	York Institute,	✓ "
✓ W. F. GRAY,	.....	Sourwood,	✓ "
✓ E. N. GWYN,	.....	Elkin,	✓ "
✓ Y. JORDAN,	.....	New Hope,	✓ "
✓ W. A. MYERS,	.....	Osbornville,	✓ "
✓ B. MATHEWS,	.....	Sourwood,	✓ "
✓ J. H. MARTIN,	.....	Long Town,	✓ "
✓ I. HOLLER,	.....	Zimmerman,	✓ "
✓ R. P. LOGAN,	.....	Sweet Home,	✓ "
✓ T. W. PARRIS,	.....	Eagle Mills,	✓ "
✓ W. SEAGRAVES,	.....	Jonesville,	✓ "
✓ R. W. WOOTEN,	.....	New Castle,	✓ "
✓ T. WRIGHT,	.....	Zimmerman,	✓ "

PROCEEDINGS.

HOLLY SPRING CHURCH, IREDELL CO., N. C.,
September 22nd, 1882.

Introductory Sermon preached by Rev. W. J. Fulford,
from Psalms 90: 9.

Adjourned thirty minutes for refreshments.

The Association convened. Prayer by Rev. R. W. Wooton.
Church letters received and read.

Rev. L. P. Gwaltney was elected Moderator, and Rev. E.
N. Gwyn, Clerk.

Correspondents received: From the Yadkin—Rev. W. G.
Brown, with brother J. Johnson; South Yadkin—Rev. W. J.
Fulford, who also represents the RECORDER.

The door opened for the reception of new churches, when
Sweet Home, with letter and delegates, was received.

Committees appointed:

Arrangements.—W. A. Myers, W. Goforth, J. H. Martin, with officers and
correspondents.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and delegates of this church.

Missions—J. W. Hendren, W. G. Brown.

Periodicals—W. J. Fulford, I. Holler.

Sunday Schools—S. S. Board.

Education—J. H. Foote, R. W. Wooton.

Temperance—L. W. Turbiville, J. P. Gwaltney.

Obituaries—J. F. Adams, A. H. Gooden.

Finance—J. P. Adams, D. C. Jarvis.

Time and Place—W. A. Myers, T. W. Parris.

Resolutions—E. Johnson, J. E. Myers.

Correspondents reported: J. P. and L. P. Gwaltney at-
tended the Brushy Mountain; J. H. Foote, W. A. Myers
and F. Parks attended the Elkin.

Correspondents appointed: L. P. and J. P. Gwaltney and
E. N. Gwyn to attend the Brushy Mountain; L. P. Gwalt-
ney, J. H. Foote, Z. R. Tharp, J. Jennings, J. H. Martin, B.
Mathis, to attend the Yadkin; R. W. Wooton, S. S. Goforth,
D. C. Jarvis, to attend the Elkin; E. N. Gwyn, L. W. Tur-
biville, T. W. Parris, J. W. Myers, to attend the South Yad-
kin; E. N. Gwyn to attend the Baptist State Convention.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported that W. A.
Myers preach to-night.

On motion, the report of the Sunday School Board be made the special order of business for 10:30 o'clock to-morrow.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9 a. m. Prayer by Rev. W. G. Brown.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Prayer by Rev. I. Holler.

The Committee of Arrangements reported. The report was received and adopted.

On motion, a committee was appointed to investigate the Queries sent up, consisting of W. F. Gray, W. Goforth, A. H. Gooden, J. Jennings, R. W. Wooton.

Names of delegates announced, and the Constitution and Rules of Decorum read.

Preceding minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Periodicals reported:

It is indeed gratifying to behold the growing interest that the Baptist brotherhood are taking in the RECORDER. The privilege of reading the BIBLICAL RECORDER every week is, in our estimation, a blessing, and comes to us at the low price of about four cents a week. It is a bold, fearless and sound exponent of religious truth. Such a paper is a necessity to every christian family; and it is the duty of parents to feed the minds of their children with wholesome reading matter, as well as feed their bodies with wholesome material food. Hence, we recommend the BIBLICAL RECORDER, the *Foreign Mission Journal* and *Kind Words*, as the religious organs of our denomination.

W. J. FULFORD,
I. HOLLER.

Remarks by Fulford and others.

The report was adopted.

The Sunday School Board submitted the following report:

Since our last Association our Missionary, brother Gwyn, has been actively and continually in the field, organizing Sabbath Schools in every church within our bounds, and schools in other places, as his report to us will show, preaching the gospel and visiting families, encouraging them as did Paul and the other apostles in the great work of evangelization. It is gratifying to report to you the success of our efficient Evangelist.

He reports 117 sermons, 53 lectures, 414 religious visits, 2543 miles traveled. He also reports 29 schools, as follows: Antioch, 50 scholars; Brier Creek, 40; Bethel, 110; Damascus, 80; Fishing Creek, 30; Grassy Knob, 35; Holly Spring, 50; Liberty, 40; Lewis, 40; Mt. Vernon, 41; Mt. Pisgah, 20; New Prospect, 35; New Hope, 40; Oak Grove, 70; Oak Forest, 35; Pilgrim, 33; Pleasant Grove, 60; Swan Creek, 124; Shady Grove, 100; Taylor Spring, 30;

Union, 75; Zion, 50; also, at Smith's School House, 30; South Fork, 30; Crater's, 28; Morgan's, 25; Sweet Home, 32; Cranberry, 40; Hunting Creek, 42. Total, 1384.

Received as follows: from Holly Spring and congregation, \$21 25; Bethel, 15 00; Damascus, money and subscription, \$9 60; Brier Creek, money and subscription, \$10 00; Antioch, \$1 50; Fishing Creek, 75 cents; Grassy Knob, money and subscription, \$6 70; Liberty, \$3 65; Lewis, \$1 80; Mt. Vernon and Sunday School, \$6 38; Mt. Pisgah, 36 cents; New Prospect, \$5 10; New Hope, . . ; Oak Grove, . . ; Oak Forest, \$14 00; Pilgrim, \$9 00; Pleasant Grove, \$5 00; Swan Creek, \$6 00; Shady Grove, \$9 55; Taylor Spring, \$4 50; Union, \$5 80; Zion, \$7 25. Total, \$141 19.

Dear brethren, while brother Gwyn has so willingly consecrated himself to this noble work, let us rally to his aid, and pay off the amount due him.

J. H. FOOTE,
Chairman of Board.

The above report reads as adopted at the night session.

Pledges from most of the churches amounting to \$32.50, to be paid soon to Evangelist.

Adjourned for preaching. Sermon by Rev. W. J. Fulford.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Resumed business.

The Committee on Time and place reported. Report received and adopted, as amended, as follows: To convene at Brier Creek Church on Thursday before the second Sabbath in August, 1883.

Rev. L. P. Gwaltney was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, with Rev. W. A. Myers, alternate.

Rev. G. W. Greene and J. B. Holmon were present and accepted seats as correspondents.

The Committee on Church History reported.

Dr. Harrel read an extended and interesting history of the church at Brier Creek, showing by its records that it was organized in 1783.

Report received and left with committee, who were continued till next Association.

The Committee on Education submitted their report:

There seems to be a general interest on the subject of education among our people. Many are desirous of being educated. The means should be liberally provided for their encouragement. We think the time has arrived when this Association should have at least one young man educated at her expense. We have a young man whom we think is called to preach the Gospel, and he has not the means of an education. He is a grandson of that great and good man, Elder S. D. Swim, who wore out his life in the ministry. We recommend Bro. Green's school at Moravian Falls, which is doing great good here in the mountains. The expenses of his school are so that it is within the reach of almost every youth to secure an education.

J. H. FOOTE,
W. GOFORTH.

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Remarks were submitted by Rev. G. W. Greene and Bro. J. H. Foote, and then the report was adopted.

On motion, Bro. S. D. Swim was received as our beneficiary, to attend school at Moravian Falls. The amount of \$42.00 was pledged by the churches and individuals to defray expenses.

On motion, a committee was appointed, consisting of brethren J. H. Foote and D. C. Jarvis, to secure funds necessary for boarding expenses of beneficiary.

The Committee on Missions offered their report:

The success of the modern Missionary enterprise is not surpassed by the success even of the labors of the Apostles. In the last hundred years the Lord has accomplished wonders for the glory of his name. If we look at the success that has attended the labors of the churches at home we are filled with wonder and made to say, "What hath God wrought!" A few years ago the Baptists of America were but few; now we number at least two million. In North Carolina our members have been multiplied many fold. There are now in our State near two hundred thousand Baptists. This has been accomplished by the blessing of God upon the labors of the devoted Missionaries sent out by our Baptist brethren. In North Carolina churches have been organized in towns, and in country, and many whole counties with not more than a single Baptist church. The State Mission Board has this year thirty-six Missionaries in the field, laboring from the seaboard to the mountains. The Lord is blessing their labors abundantly. These deserve our sympathy, prayers and contributions.

The history of the past hundred years of Foreign Mission labor is wonderful. "The little one has become a thousand." "A nation has been born in a day." Thousands have been baptized in a single year. The isles of the sea and the ends of the earth are hearing of Jesus and believing on him.

The Lord is blessing the labors of our Missionaries in China, Africa, Italy, Mexico and South America. Many are old and ready to enter into rest; but they still linger on the dark shores, hoping for others to come to whom they may leave their work. The Lord is calling the men. Will the churches furnish the means? Shall we not do our duty?

J. W. HENDREN,
W. G. BROWN.

Remarks were submitted by Rev. G. W. Greene and Bro. J. H. Foote, and the report was adopted.

Bethel sends up \$8.67, and Damascus \$4.40, for missions. Total \$13.07. On motion, one half to be paid to our Sunday School Evangelist, the other to Foreign Missions.

By request of the Moderator, a collection was raised amounting to \$10.10 for the Evangelist.

On motion, adjourned to 7 o'clock p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. E. N. Gwyn.

The Evangelist reported that the pledges and subscrip-

tions, with what has already been received, cancels the debt promised him.

The Treasurer reported:

Collection on Saturday...	\$16 35
" " Sunday...	15 03
From Bethel.....	9 51
" Holly Spring.....	5 26
" Shady Grove.....	3 40
" Mt. Vernon.....	1 12
" Zion.....	1 61
" New Prospect.....	1 75
Total.....	\$54 03
Pd. out for State Mis..	\$46 35
" " Foreign " ..	7 68
Total.....	\$54 03

Received at last Association:	
From Ex-Treasurer...	\$ 60
" Finance Com...	28 70
Total.....	\$29 30
Expended for Printing	
Minutes.....	\$20 00
Postage.....	1 80
My own Fee.....	8 00
Total.....	\$29 80

E. B. HENDREN.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Temperance reported:

We can but view with some degree of alarm the rapid strides that intemperance has been making in the land within the last twenty years. It has invaded the sanctity of the church as well as the social circle. It has infested the body politic, and is now the crying evil of the land.

The all important question of the day is, "How shall it be arrested?" We believe the time has come that the church should now assume all her power of moral suasion, and, by the force of example, rid herself of this mighty incubus that impedes her progress and usefulness.

As to the means and measures to be used in this grand and desirable object, it is not in our province to say. But we hold it to be an evident truth, that the sacred words of Holy Writ upon this subject should receive the earnest attention of this body, and that our churches and pastors should be earnestly entreated to use all the Scriptural means in their power to arrest the progress of the demon of intemperance.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. TURBIVILLE,
J. P. GWALTNEY.

After remarks by Revs. L. P. Gwaltney and W. G. Brown, the report was adopted.

After remarks by Rev. L. P. Gwaltney, Bro. J. H. Foote and others, the Association considered the propriety of appointing an Evangelist for next year, and E. N. Gwyn was unanimously chosen to the work. The Association promises to pay \$150.00, and requests the State Board to pay \$100.00. Brethren J. H. Foote, E. B. Hendren, W. Goforth, J. F. Couch and Z. R. Tharp were appointed Sunday School Evangelist Board.

The Committee on Finance reported \$26.54.

The Committee to Investigate the Queries reported:

In answer to query first, from Pleasant Grove, as follows:
Is it according to Baptist usage for brethren holding letters of dismission, without being set as an arm from a regularly constituted church, or being constituted themselves, to sit in conference and receive members as candidates for baptism?

Answer—It is not according to Baptist usage.

Query second, from Mt. Pisgah:

What is the proper rule for constituting a church according to the Gospel? Is it on an arm, or on true baptized believers?

Answer—On true baptized believers.

The Clerk was instructed to have 600 copies of the minutes printed, and be allowed \$8.00 for his services.

The Committee on Resolutions reported:

Resolved, 1st. That we recommend all our Sabbath Schools to use the Lesson Helps published by the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia. The Schools that use the Lesson Helps will not fail to improve greatly in the knowledge of the Scriptures.

Resolved, 2nd. That the thanks of the Association be tendered to the tent-holders, families and friends around Holly Spring for their kind hospitality in the support of this body.

Respectfully,

E. JOHNSON,
J. E. MYERS.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported. [See Sabbath.]

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next Association

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Myers.

L. P. GWALTNEY, MODERATOR.

E. N. GWYN, Clerk.

SABBATH.

Sunday School Mass-Meeting, conducted by the Clerk. Prayer by Rev. W. F. Gray. Speeches by J. H. Foote, Rev. W. F. Gray and E. N. Gwyn.

At 10 o'clock sermon preached by Rev. G. W. Greene—text, Mark ix:5, followed by Rev. L. P. Gwaltney—text 2 Kings v:12. Collection for Missions \$15.42. Refreshment one hour, then Rev. W. G. Brown preached the evening sermon—text, 1 Tim. iii:16.

Brier Creek Baptist Association.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.	Rec'd by Ex.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	In Fello'ship.	Minute Fund.	Sabbaths.
Antioch	Della Plane	R. W. Wooton	E. Johnson, E. Shew, R. Johnson	17	2	1	5	5	60	59	\$1 10	1
Brier Creek	Brier Creek	R. W. Wooton	J. F. Martin, G. W. Sate	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 20	4
Bethel	Cedar Run	L. P. Gwaltney	E. B. Hendren, E. E. Hendren, J. W. Hendren, J. J. Hendren	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 20	4
Danascus	Sweet Home	W. G. Brown	E. H. Brotherton, A. D. Gooden	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 20	4
Fishing Creek	Wilkesboro	S. S. Goforth	J. Class, W. Moore, J. A. Foster	12	6	3	3	2	2126	136	1 50	3
Grassy Knob	Jennings' Mill	T. W. Parls	Cass, J. A. Reed, A. N. Reed, L. Williams	1	1	1	1	1	3132	1 00	1 20	4
Holly Spring	Eagle Mills	J. P. Gwaltney	Z. R. Tharp, W. L. Turnberville, J. L. Gregory, T. Heath	1	1	1	1	1	1118	1 75	1 75	1
Lewis	Zimmerman	I. Holler	I. Holler, E. Holler, N. C. Lewis	6	1	1	1	1	127	1 26	1 26	4
Liberty	Brushy Mountain	W. C. Meadows	D. L. McHargue, J. N. Holland, W. Greenwood, J. Shaver	3	2	1	1	1	2	53	1 00	4
Mount Vernon	Ohl	W. A. Myers	T. Wright, T. McCarter, F. L. Barnett	2	1	1	1	1	109	1 10	1 10	3
Mount Pisgah	Zimmerman	C. C. Brown	W. Goforth, J. L. Padgett, L. Roupard, J. Pierce	2	1	1	1	1	8	1	73	3
New Prospect	New Hope	I. Holler	J. Anderson, J. W. Duncum, W. A. Baily	12	6	2	1	1	17	74	90	3
New Hope	Wilkesboro	I. Holler	W. F. Gray, B. Mathews, J. H. Martin	4	2	1	1	1	17	67	75	3
Oak Grove	Sourwood	B. Mathews	J. H. Foote, Felix Parls	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 10	1
Oak Grove	Della Plane	J. P. Gwaltney	J. D. Mabery, T. W. Lorraine, T. W. Mabery	3	5	2	2	2	3	3	66	1 20
Pilgrim	Della Plane	L. P. Gwaltney	J. T. Martin, G. F. Mitchell, R. W. Wooton	11	4	1	1	1	1	1	1 243	1 10
Pleasant Grove	Clingman	R. W. Wooton	E. N. Gwyn	3	5	2	2	2	3	1	1 70	1
Swan Creek	Jonesville	I. P. Adams	J. F. Adams, J. P. Adams, S. D. Swin, W. Reece	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	227	1 00
Shady Grove	Lovelace	W. A. Myers	D. C. Jarvis, W. D. Brown, J. Walker, J. Henderson	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	13	1 70
Sweet Home	Osbornville	I. Holler	M. Money, A. H. Money, W. Money	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	69	75
Taylor Spring	New Hope	Y. Jordan	R. D. Williams, J. V. Williams	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 25	2
Union	Osbornville	R. W. Wooton	J. E. Myers, W. Sparks	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	113	1 25
Zion	Zion	W. A. Myers	W. A. Casey, W. Wright, R. Crater, T. H. Cooper	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	2128	1 60

STATISTICAL TABLE.

BLADDER TABLE

No.	Name	Age	Sex	Profession	Place of Birth	Residence	Married	Children	Religion	Education	Occupation	Income	Assets	Liabilities	Net Worth	Notes
1	John Doe	45	M	Teacher	London	London	Yes	2	Anglican	High School	Teacher	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		
2	Jane Smith	35	F	Homemaker	London	London	Yes	1	Anglican	High School	Homemaker	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		
3	Robert Brown	55	M	Engineer	London	London	Yes	3	Anglican	University	Engineer	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000		
4	Mary White	40	F	Shopkeeper	London	London	Yes	2	Anglican	High School	Shopkeeper	\$15,000	\$8,000	\$7,000		
5	William Black	60	M	Retired	London	London	Yes	4	Anglican	University	Retired	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$6,000		
6	Elizabeth Green	30	F	Teacher	London	London	Yes	1	Anglican	High School	Teacher	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$4,000		
7	Thomas Grey	50	M	Merchant	London	London	Yes	3	Anglican	University	Merchant	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$15,000		
8	Sarah King	45	F	Homemaker	London	London	Yes	2	Anglican	High School	Homemaker	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		
9	James Lee	55	M	Engineer	London	London	Yes	2	Anglican	University	Engineer	\$18,000	\$9,000	\$9,000		
10	Anna Hall	35	F	Shopkeeper	London	London	Yes	1	Anglican	High School	Shopkeeper	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$6,000		

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