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Carolina Baptist Association

In Its Twenty-third Annual Session,

—HELD WITH THE—

SALUDA BAPTIST CHURCH, OCT. 5-6-7, 1899.

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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Twenty-third Annual Session



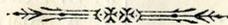
Carolina Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH THE—

Saluda Baptist Church, Oct. 5, 6 and 7, 1899.



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HENDERSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA:

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R. T. Jones, “	J. S. Staton, Dana.
J. B. Middleton, “	J. A. Staton, “

The next session of the Carolina Baptist Association will be held with the Green Mountain Baptist Church, beginning on Thursday, before the Second Sunday in August, 1900, Rev. W. L. Richards to preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 o'clock, a. m.: Rev. W. H. Jones, alternate.

PROCEEDINGS.

SALUDA BAPTIST CHURCH,
Polk County, N. C.,
Thursday, Oct. 5, 1899. }

The Carolina Baptist Association met this day in its twenty-third annual session with Saluda Baptist Church, at 11 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. A. I. Justice. Congregation sang, "How Firm a Foundation," after which a divine blessing was invoked by Rev. W. L. Richards, followed with singing "Amazing Grace."

The Introductory Sermon was then preached by Rev. J. L. Brookshire. Text: "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding; for the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.—Prov. 3:13-14.

Prayer by Rev. A. I. Justice followed with singing, "Come Holy Spirit," etc.

Upon motion of Elder J. L. Brookshire, the work of organization was deferred until the afternoon session. An adjournment was taken to 2:30 p. m. Benediction by Rev. W. H. Jones.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled at 2:30 p. m., by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and prayer by Rev. T. B. Justice. The office of Clerk having been made vacant by the death of Elder J. W. Anderson, upon the request of the Moderator, M. L. Shipman acted as Clerk pro tem.

The Moderator appointed brethren J. B. Freeman and F. A. Brown to act as reading clerks.

The following churches presented letters and delegates were enrolled as follows:

Bethel—W. F. Johnson, Luther Pace, T. T. Capps.

Beulah—Reverends J. J. Gray, L. C. Hamilton, and W. A. Mor-

ris; Brethren W. T. Drake, C. E. Moore, J. B. F. Revis, G. C. Orr, J. C. Clouse, H. D. Drake, J. W. Blythe.

Broad River—J. F. Gilliam, T. B. Ledbetter, J. Ledbetter, T. J. Owenby.

Cedar Springs—J. P. Corn, J. C. Capps, J. H. Capps, R. L. Capps. Ebenezer—J. A. Collins, C. T. Allen, C. T. Brevard, Jos. Newman. Green Mountain—Rev. A. I. Justice, J. B. Freeman, F. A. Brown, W. F. Powell, Freno Pitillo, Jay W. Freeman.

Green River—G. C. Beddingfield, J. B. F. Pace, H. W. Vernon, W. F. Pace.

Hooper's Creek—W. M. Maxwell, R. M. Prior, Hampton Souther, James Barnwell, J. D. Wilkie, N. B. Youngblood.

Hendersonville—M. L. Shipman, A. B. Freeman, J. P. Hyder, J. M. Justice, G. F. Stradley, J. M. Waldrop, S. J. Justice, J. Williams, J. E. Shipman, J. A. Bryan.

Liberty—J. O. Wall, J. W. Lyda, W. P. Maxwell.

Mountain Page—J. T. Staton, D. W. Pace, D. W. Robertson, W. T. Davis, J. M. Bell, A. F. Pace, O. B. Kelly.

Mud Creek—P. M. Jones, J. B. Justus, J. H. Beck, W. E. Jackson.

Mills River—S. C. Sitton, W. E. Field, G. M. Underwood.

Middle Fork—J. M. Wilson, J. W. Wilson.

Oak Grove—H. P. Kuykendall, J. F. Brookshire, William Anders.

Pleasant Hill—No letter. W. A. Merrell, R. B. Evans, recognized.

Refuge—B. A. Staton, J. P. Capps, R. P. Corn, J. L. Ward, J. W. Staton, B. Williams, H. P. Maxwell, Major Justus, P. T. Ward.

Riverside—W. B. Case, T. N. Redden, W. N. Corn.

Salem—W. J. Baldwin, J. N. Suttles, W. H. Young, W. J. Towe, C. S. Lance, J. G. Wolfe, Lonnie Young, D. M. Towe.

Bear Wallow—T. M. Maxwell, Thos. Hudgins, G. S. Wall.

Double Springs—J. W. Ward, G. B. Hudson, W. A. Wilson.

Locust Grove—A. J. McMinn, J. B. Middleton. This church made application for membership in the Association and was received by unanimous consent.

Macedonia—A. M. Revis, H. C. Guice, R. W. Fletcher.

Mount Moriah—A. T. Hart, J. H. Justice, H. P. Hill, C. M. Dalton, S. B. Nannie, Wm. Sinclair.

Saluda—S. D. Staton, J. I. Davis, R. W. Pace.

Rev. T. B. Justice was received as representative from the Green River Association and welcomed to a seat in the body.

A. T. Hart and J. I. Davis were appointed tellers and the Association went into the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result: Moderator, A. I. Justice; Clerk, M. L. Shipman; Treasurer, W. J. Baldwin. The election of Historian was postponed until to-morrow, pending report of present incumbent, Rev. W. S. Huntley.

The order of business for last year was accepted as a basis for the government of this session.

The following committee on "Obituaries" was appointed to draft suitable resolutions regarding the death of Rev. J. W. Anderson and make report to the body: J. B. Freeman, W. A. Merrell, C. T. Allen. Upon motion a collection was taken for the purpose of liquidating the debt due Mr. Anderson for compiling the minutes of last session. The amount of \$10.60 was received and forwarded to surviving members of his family.

Leave of absence was granted as follows: To A. T. Hart, on account of sickness in his family. To P. T. Ward to attend funeral. To C. T. Allen, on account of business affairs.

Upon motion it was decided to separate the items of Home and Conventional Missions, making two distinct committees, to be designated as "State" and "Home" Missions.

The Moderator announced the following Committees, with the request that the one on Education report at 10:30 a. m., to-morrow.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. I. Davis, J. W. Wilson, R. T. Jones.
ON OBITUARIES—J. B. Freeman, W. A. Merrell, C. T. Allen.
STATE OF RELIGION—W. H. Jones, Wesley Clark, R. P. Corn.
UNION MEETINGS—J. L. Brookshire, Johnson Ledbetter, W. S. Huntley.

FINANCE—W. J. Baldwin, W. B. Case, B. A. Staton.
TIME AND PLACE—T. B. Ledbetter, G. S. Wall, G. B. Hudson.
EDUCATION—W. L. Richards, J. B. Freeman, M. L. Shipman.
On Motion, the Moderator was added to this Committee.

STATE MISSIONS—T. B. Justice, J. F. Brookshire, C. M. Dalton,
HOME MISSIONS—S. D. Staton, H. P. Maxwell, O. B. Kelly.
PERIODICALS—W. L. Richards, T. B. Justice, R. W. Pace.
ORPHANAGE—W. S. Huntley, John T. Staton, F. A. Brown.
TEMPERANCE—J. L. Brookshire, D. W. Towe, Wm. Anders.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—F. A. Brown, W. H. Jones, T. B. Justice.
RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—Pastor and Deacons of Saluda Church

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Friday, Oct. 6.

Association convened at 9:30 a. m. Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. W. H. Jones.

At 10 a. m. the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and approved. An opportunity to present additional church letters was given and Mills River, Hooper's Creek and Mountain Valley responded with letters. Brother G. W. Allen was given permission to represent his church, Mount Gilead, with outcredentials.

Rev. A. E. Brown, representing the State Mission Board, was recognized by the Moderator and welcomed to a seat in the body. Brother Brown responded in a brief speech and asked that the question of State Missions be brought up to-day.

Reports of committees was called for and Rev. W. L. Richards offered the report on Education, which, after being discussed by brother Richards, Prof. W. F. Powell, Rev. T. B. Justice and Rev. A. E. Brown, was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is a training. It is giving information as to the best way, to use the heart tools, the head tools and the hand tools God has given us. If the hand is to act rightly the mind, which is its master, must somehow learn the way to direct it in the right; and if the mind is to think rightly, the heart, its master, must somehow learn to influence it toward right thoughts.

Schools and Colleges and Universities deal more in "characters" than in "books." Teachers are "unpacking" brains more than they are in packing facts. Brains and hearts are like water in a vessel, they increase in circumference according to the thing submerged in

them. No fact ever sunk into a boys mind that did not increase the dimensions of his thought.

Teachers are people who act as bows to the strings of youth, to push their heads and hearts and hands into the future.

Our schools teach reading and writing and arithmetic, and our colleges teach latin and greek and calculus, because these things are strings, the arrows of success must play from. Not to be able to read now is to be an ignoramus, of causes to a million every day effects. Not to be thought something of higher mathematics in youth means a waste of life and of good brains in after years.

Brother Solomon Jones made roads, but a greater than Solomon is here. It is the teacher that knows and will teach the young engineer all the principles Bro. Jones acted upon, and more besides.

Watt projected the locomotive, but not to know and be thought something of a train of cars to day, is needlessly to go back of where Watt was. The teacher seeks to project a boys thoughts into the future and save him the time and trouble of beginning with Adam or Noah.

And that man is sinning against his boy, who is forcing the child to live behind what has already been found out and can be taught him.

Schools and teachers simply offer to a boy or girl, what he may or can take of what has been found out and formulated. And to keep a child from school is to deny him a chance beginning his real life with the things which other men are willing and capable of giving him. Education is an acquaintance with fundamentals, from which to build a structure.

There are schools all over our land. There are colleges that are bidding for our influence. But this committee feels that it can find no better schools to recommend to our people than Fruitland High School, Mars Hill Preparatory school and Wake Forest College. And especially do we call attention to the report, following this, or the committee appointed by this Association establishing the High School at Fruitland.

Respectfully,

W. L. RICHARDS,
J. B. FREEMAN,
M. L. SHIPMAN.

Committee.

The report of the Committee on High School, read by brother Jay W. Freeman, was appended to the report just adopted. Remarks upon this motion were made by Rev. A. I. Justice and Elder J. L. Brookshire.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We, Your committee, appointed by the last year's session, for the purpose of establishing a high school in the bounds of The Carolina Association, beg leave to submit the following report:

"After looking the county over and carefully considering all the advantages offered by the different localities, we decided to locate at Fruitland and opened a school for a term of five months, on the 2nd day of January, with Prof. F. A. Brown and Miss May Justice as teachers. We were so much encouraged by the success of said term that early in the fall we began with Prof. W. F. Powell, A. B., of Wake Forest College, F. A. Brown and Miss May Justice, with Bro. A. I. Justice, Principal. There is an enrollment of 150 students in this school, at present.

We have secured a lot of three acres of land upon which to build a

new house and the deed to this property has been made to The Carolina Association. The building is now in process of construction and well under way. We hope to have it ready for use by Christmas, with five large school rooms and auditorium 32x64 feet. The building is estimated to cost from \$1500 to \$2000. We have more than half the cost provided for; the remainder we have to secure as the work goes on.

Respectfully submitted.

JAY. W. FREEMAN, Sec'ty.

A. I. JUSTICE, Chm'n.

A motion prevailed authorizing the appointment of a committee to draft articles amendatory to the constitution and to recommend a Board of Directors for Fruitland Institute. The following were appointed: T. B. Justice, J. B. Freeman, M. L. Shipman.

Upon motion the body adjourned one hour and thirty minutes for dinner. Benediction by Rev. Adam Corn.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled at 2:15 p. m. by singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and prayer by Rev. A. E. Brown.

The special committee on resolutions of respect to Rev. J. W. Anderson made report and after remarks by Rev. Adam Corn and others the report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote. The following resolution offered by Elder T. B. Justice, after remarks by brethren J. B. Freeman, A. I. Justice, J. L. Brookshire, A. E. Brown was also adopted:

Resolved, That five pages of the minutes of this Association be set apart to the memory of the following: James Blythe, W. J. Wilkie, D. B. Nelson, G. W. Mace and J. W. Anderson, and that a cut of each be used in the same if they can be secured.

The committee on religious exercises made the following announcement: "Rev. Adam Corn will preach this evening at 7:30; Rev. A. I. Justice to-morrow evening, at the same hour, and Rev. W. L. Richards at 11:30 a. m. on Sunday."

The report of the committee on State Missions was then read and discussed by Rev. T. B. Justice, followed with a most excellent address by Elder A. E. Brown and remarks by Elder J. L. Brookshire. A collection for State Missions was taken, amounting to \$3.57, and pledges from churches as viz:

PLEDGES FOR STATE MISSIONS.

Bear Wallow.....	\$ 2 50
Broad River.....	2 50
Ebenezer.....	2 50
Green Mountain.....	10 00
B. Y. P. U., Green Mountain.....	5 00
Hendersonville.....	25 00
Hooper's Creek.....	2 50
Liberty.....	2 50
Macedonia.....	2 00
Mills River.....	5 00
Middle Fork.....	2 50
Saluda.....	5 00
Mount Gilead.....	5 00
Mount Moriah.....	5 00
Mud Creek.....	2 00
Mount Valley.....	2 00
Salem.....	5 00

Oak Grove.....	3 00
Pleasant Hill.....	2 50
Riverside.....	3 00
Refuge.....	5 00
Mountain Page.....	1 00
Locust Grove.....	1 00

Total..... \$103 50

Report of Committee on Union Meetings was then read and adopted, without discussion.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was presented and discussed by Elder J. L. Brookshire. After authorizing a few minor changes, this report was also adopted.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 a. m. Benediction by Rev. T. C. King.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday, October 7.

The Association assembled at 10 a. m. by singing 'Jesus Lover.' Reading of scripture and prayer by Rev. T. C. King. Called to order by the Moderator.

Minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and approved.

Roll call of churches dispensed with. By motion, permission was given the Clerk to receive and incorporate the statistics of Bat Cave church in the minutes, the letter having been unavoidably delayed in reaching the Association.

Upon motion the body proceeded to elect a Historian for the ensuing year. Prof. F. A. Brown was selected to compile this work and Rev. G. S. Jones and brother George Underwood were chosen as assistants in collecting such data, as may be obtainable, for this purpose.

Report of the committee on revision of the constitution was presented by Elder T. B. Justice and adopted by a rising vote. And upon the recommendation of this committee, the following were elected Trustees of Fruitland Institute for the terms indicated :

FOR ONE YEAR.—Z. V. Brevard, W. A. Smith, J. T. Staton, J. Williams, Samuel Nanny.

FOR TWO YEARS.—L. P. Pittillo, W. J. Baldwin, R. M. Prior, J. S. Rhodes, J. T. Pace.

FOR THREE YEARS.—Erwin Maxwell, W. L. Richards, Brownlow Jackson, Jay W. Freeman, A. I. Justice.

Rev. T. C. King, of the Buncombe county association, was recognized and welcomed to a seat in the body.

Committee on Time and Place reported as follows : "We, your committee on Time and Place, beg leave to report that the next meeting of the Association will be held with the church at Green Mountain, beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in October 1900. Introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. W. L. Richards with Rev. W. H. Jones as alternate.

T. B. LEDBETTER,
G. S. WALL,
G. B. HUDSON.
Committee.

Prof. F. A. Brown moved to amend by sub-tituting the word August in place of October, and after discussion by Rev. T. C. King, W. B. Case, R. M. Prior and J. B. Freeman, the report as amended, was adopted.

Prof. F. A. Brown offered the report on Foreign Missions which was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The last command of our ascending Lord, was ; "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

The Southern Baptist Convention, in order to do this, has established missions in China, Japan, Italy, Mexico, Africa, South America and the Islands of the Sea.

The progress, which has been made on these fields, is very encouraging. From the latest report of The Foreign Mission Board, we get the following: In China we have 40 missionaries, 55 native helpers, 22 churches. There have been baptised within the past year—present year—(1899) 427, and the present indications are that this number will be increased to nearly 1000. The membership now is 1802.

The number of baptisms in the other fields are, for the same period, Africa, 37; Italy, 38; Mexico, 45; Brazil, 285; Japan, 13. The total number of missionaries in the field 82.

In obedience to the command, and, with a faith firmly fixed upon the promise, "And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world," these consecrated men and women have gone forth to carry the story of love. But the number of reapers is inadequate to the harvest. The Macedonian cry is still being made, and there are many consecrated men and women ready to heed the command. But, "How shall they go, unless they be sent," and how shall they remain, unless they be supported ?

There are a thousand million of the world's inhabitants without the gospel, and there are 33,000,000 of the benighted souls sent into eternity annually with no promises beyond the judgement.

Surely there must be something wrong with those churches, which give so little to this cause. We recommend the reading of the Foreign Mission Journal.

F. A. BROWN,
Chairman.

PLEDGES FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The following pledges were secured for the advancement of the Foreign Mission cause :

Bear Wallow.....	\$ 2 00	Saluda.....	5 00
Bat Cave.....	5 00	Mount Gilead.....	5 00
Broad River.....	2 00	Mount Moriah.....	2 00
Cedar Springs.....	1 00	Mountain Page.....	1 00
Green Mountain.....	10 00	Mountain Valley.....	2 00
Green River.....	2 00	Salem.....	5 00
Hendersonville.....	50 00	Oak Grove.....	2 00
Hooper's Creek.....	2 50	Pleasant Hill.....	2 50
Liberty.....	2 50	River Side.....	5 00
Macedonia.....	2 00	Refuge.....	5 00
Middle Fork.....	2 50	Locust Grove.....	1 00
Mills River.....	10 00		
		Total.....	\$ 127 50

Adjourned one hour and thirty minutes for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 2:30 p. m. Prayer by Prof. W. F. Powell. Read letters from Mills River, Mount Gilead and Cedar Springs churches.

Brother N. B. Hampton, of the Green River Association, was invited to participate in the deliberations of the body and made an appropriate response.

The report on Sunday-schools was introduced by J. B. Freeman, and an interesting discussion followed, in which the following brethren participated: W. L. Richards, W. B. Case, T. B. Justice, R. T. Jones, R. M. Prior, R. P. Corn and J. W. Wilson. The report was adopted without change.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We believe there is a healthful improvement in the Sunday School work this year, especially, where the pastors are properly enlisted in the work.

We find an enrollment of 1004 scholars reported in the church letters, notwithstanding, many of the letters fail to report their work in this line. We believe there is 2000 scholars enrolled in the bounds of our Association. What an army! And yet we fear, not more than one-half of our children are in attendance.

Therefore, we especially urge, that pastors make special efforts to have their respective churches look after their different localities.

The days of questioning literature have passed, but we fear that in the introduction of literature we are growing careless in regard to the use of the Bible in the Schools. We should have the Bible in the Schools, it matters not how much literature is used.

We feel constrained to suggest, that much more good may be done, if the Superintendents and teachers will, in connection with religious training, teach the children the importance of secular schools, because we recognize the fact, that many of the children attend the Sunday School better than the free schools. And if their parents can, and will not, see the propriety of making their children attend the secular schools, through the instrumentality of the Sunday School, much good may be done in this direction.

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. DAVIS,
JOHN WILSON,
ROBERT T. JONES,
Committee.

The report on State of Religion was read and adopted without discussion.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

We, the committee on State of Religion, find that there have been great improvements made during the past year.

Whereas, 83 were baptised last year, 131 new baptisms are reported to the Association this year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. JONES.
G. W. CLARK,
R. P. CORN,
Committee.

Report of Finance Committee was then read and approved. Likewise the report on Home Missions.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee on Finance report:

Collected from the various churches, for printing the minutes, \$23.73.

W. J. BALDWIN,
W. B. CASE,
B. A. STATON,
Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Mission Board is only one branch of the great, and under God's blessing, the successful work of the great body of Southern Baptists, for the enlightenment of humanity on the subject of soul saving.

Its work is not confined to North Carolina, though it has aided greatly in the furtherance of the cause of Christ within the limit of our beloved state. Neither is it confined to the American continent.

Great opportunities for doing good for God's Kingdom and the great brotherhood of mankind, are now open to us in the territory from which the yoke of Spanish oppression, and the chains of Popery have so lately been lifted. Also in the states and territories now being so rapidly populated by all classes of people, the necessity of disseminating gospel truth is impressed upon us. These become a part of our nation, our people, our government. If they be christainized, they will be a great factor for good, but if they be neglected they will breed lawlessness and immorality.

"All the world" and "every creature" are parts of our Master's last injunction, that should govern all bounds of State and limits of territory. We recommend that pastors and leaders of church work in this association and elsewhere familiarize themselves with the work and needs of this board and the people being enlightened by its efforts, and that we do more in this line of work that heretofore. One-tenth of the Baptist churches in N. C. have been organized under the efforts of the Home Mission Board. Let us give them our support.

S. D. STATON
H. P. MAXWELL,
O. B. KELLY,
Committee.

Other reports, to which reference has been made, as finally adopted, are:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

When the work of State Missions is mentioned to one, at all familiar with its workings, is to unroll a scroll before the mind's eye upon which is written the struggles and successes of God's people for nearly two hundred years.

Brave hearts throbbed behind bosoms bared to the missiles of death in defence of our native land, and that is patriotism—but braver souls have faced the dark prospects, and gloom of ignorance to plant the banner of the victory of Calvary in every valley, on every mountain of this land we love so dearly.

Over one third of the Baptist churches in North Carolina have

been organized through the efforts of the State Missions. In over four thousand destitute fields, in North Carolina, it has held up the light of gospel truth. God has blessed the work. It has been supported, principally, by the contributions of the common people, in the Baptist churches of this state. To this same class comes the command of our Master and the promised presence of the Comforter's guidance and wisdom. To us the board must look for means to carry on its work. Its employees receive no fancy remunerations, but most of them get less of this world's goods, than they could make at other work.

Last year, the board expended \$15,000 in State work. This year, owing to the annexation of the territory formerly belonging to the Western North Carolina Convention and the placing of additional laborers in the field, they need \$20,000. It is our privilege to do our part in this work,—to co-operate with the brethren and with Christ Jesus, too, in this noble work of saving souls.

The work is being done in about sixty-five counties in the State and at nearly four hundred different fields. God blesses the work, and the reports of encouragement fill our hearts with gratitude and joy.

This work is comparatively new to this Association. Let us remember that it is as old as the story of the bewildered disciples, who stood looking upward after our ascended Lord. There is no excuse for lethargy. There are no exceptions from the command to "go and teach." Let us do our part.

T. B. JUSTICE,
J. L. BROOKSHIRE,
C. M. DALTON,
Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee on Temperance reported as follows:

It is said by some that whiskey is good in its place, but in the opinion of your committee, it has no place in a christian community. We should war against this monster and the evils attending it, praying, ever, that the cause may be removed, which alone, can bring about the condition desired.

We are glad to find that the great cause of Temperance is making some advancement within the bounds of our Association. There are no licensed saloons in Henderson county and only two, in the entire district embracing our organization.

Blockaders, in some localities, are needing attention and if our officers and citizens will unite in an honest effort to put down this traffic, the result will be that the christian people will rejoice in the complete annihilation of this great soul destroyer.

Reformation must begin in the churches, brethren, and we should awake to the realization of the duties incumbent upon us and put forth every effort possible for the rescue of our boys and girls from the blighting effects of sin, in all its forms.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. BROOKSHIRE,
WM. ANDERS,
D. M. TOWE,
Committee.

REPORT ON UNION MEETINGS.

We, your committee on Union Meetings, beg to submit the following report:

Upon investigation, we find this work has been prosecuted with better success and greater satisfaction, during the past year, than for several years previous. However, there is room for improvement, and thinking a division of territory would result favorably to the work, we recommend the following arrangement:

Let the State road divide the Association North and South and the Mount Hebron road, East and West, thereby creating four sections in which to operate, selecting a general manager for each division. The following brethren are nominated to supervise the work in their respective sections: J. B. Freeman, A. T. Hart, J. F. Brookshire and W. B. Case.

If elected, we hope these brethren will put their hearts in this work and arrange a good program for each meeting. Let us all co-operate with them and make these Unions more interesting than ever before.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. L. BROOKSHIRE,
J. LEDBETTER,
W. S. HUNTLY,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Reports from the churches within the bounds of our association indicate that there have been twenty-eight deaths during the past year.

At the last session this body it was called upon to chronicle the death of our noble and venerable brother, Rev. James Blythe, who had labored long and faithfully in the vineyard of his Master. Now it becomes our painful duty to record the passing of another mighty man, over the Dark River, into the regions of Eternal Hush. Our dearly beloved brother, Rev. J. Wesley Anderson, died at his post, while fighting for King Emanuel.

In brother Anderson's death, the Association sustained a loss which can never be supplied. To know him, was to love him and no one dared to question his veracity in church or in State. He was a man. A lovable christian character, which all who knew him would do well to emulate in precept and example.

Our association will miss his wise counsel; our churches will miss his honest and earnest admonitions; the cause of Temperance will miss his worthy promoter; his neighbors will miss his generous acts of benevolence in times of trouble and afflictions; but most of all, his orphan children will miss the assistance and instructions of a kind and indulgent father.

Brother Anderson was a self-made man. Our young men of to-day would profit by taking his life as an example in their efforts to attain prominence in the world. He began in the humble sphere of a poor farmer's son and worked his way to a higher pinnacle of success in the ministry and became a wise counsellor in the legislative halls of his state, commanding the respect and admiration of all good men with whom he came in contact.

He was to the Baptist cause of this section, what Phillip Melancthon was to the Reformation in the thirteenth century.

Brethren, let us bow with humble submission to the will of our

Heavenly Father, in removing from our midst such noble benefactors as Wilkie, Blythe, Mace, Nelson and Anderson, knowing that He is able and willing to raise up second Joshuas to succeed them, as in the days of Moses.

J. B. FREEMAN,
J. L. BROOKSIRE,
W. A. MERRELL.

Committee.

Committee on Orphanage made report, which, after remarks by F. A. Brown, W. S. Huntly and A. I. Justice, was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The work at the Orphanage has never been so prosperous as for the past year. God has greatly blessed the Institution.

It is to be regretted that so many of our churches seem to manifest so little interest in this great work. There are hundreds of helpless children in our state, without homes, exposed to every snare that Satan can devise. We should provide for them.

We recommend that pastors take at least one collection, a year, for this object, and that every Sunday-school take a collection once a month.

W. S. HUNTLY,
F. A. BROWN.

Committee.

Rev. W. L. Richards read report from committee on Periodicals and made a strong speech upon the same. He was followed by T. C. King, T. B. Justice, the Moderator, John Justice and R. T. Jones. The Report as read was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

A man becomes, in character, what he thinks about and nothing feeds his thoughts like the things he reads. In these times, the book and paper stimulate the mind and elevate or degrade character, second only to a personal companion. And the printed page can approach us when and where no other teacher or tempter can.

In this day of books and periodicals, it is reading that brings us to our mental worst or best; and lays before us the worst or best of other minds, stronger and more gifted, it may be, than our own. And it is as dangerous to read promiscuously as it is to make confidants of every passer-by.

No wine can quicken the blood, like a suggestive book can stimulate the brain. No noble acquaintance can arouse the heart-strength as an evil book can fan the passions. No teacher can touch the depth for good in a man like poisoned print can befoul the springs of his inner being. And so our homes are often made or marred by the reading matter on our table, or by the absence of it.

The boy or girl is ready to receive the best or worst in personal friendships according to the latch his printed friends have lifted in his heart. For read, they will and must, for every road and street and store window is a signboard of letters. Every dawn is a shower of newspapers and every evening brings its dews of pamphlets.

What a responsibility rests upon parent, teacher, and pastor to filter the vast cataract of literature that is sweeping our country.

Your committee feels that this association needs to endorse more strongly the papers of our denomination and to beg the guardians of

our youth and future civilization, to put into their homes, and urge their wards to read, at least one if not all of the papers, the concentrated wisdom of our leaders suggest.

The "Biblical Recorder" is the conventional organ of our denomination. Its circumference sweeps the State for religious news; and its doctrines finds their centers in the "Old Book." Take it, brethren, into your home. "Charity and Children" is as a hand that would rear heart-flowers in our gardens. It nurtures sympathy and cultivates tenderness, while it tells of the success of our orphanage in transmuting the lead of despair in the heart of lonely children, into the iron of manhood and the golden graces of womanhood.

The Skyland Baptist and The North Carolina Baptist, The Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field are all worthy of our recommendation for they are "fruitful boughs by a well, whose branches run over our wall."

Respectfully Submitted,

W. L. RICHARDS.
T. B. JUSTICE
R. W. PACE.

Committee.

WHAT THE WOMEN HAVE DONE THIS YEAR.

Raleigh, N. C., June 26, 1899.

TO THE CAROLINA ASSOCIATION:

Since the last meeting of this body it has given the Woman's Central Committee of Missions of North Carolina great pleasure to welcome the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Western Convention to its work. We trust and believe that this union will be a blessing to the Woman's Mission work of our whole State.

The Woman's Central Committee was appointed by the State Board of Missions in 1896. At that time there were but fourteen Woman's Societies connected with the churches of the State. After thirteen years of work we can report about 350 societies, which contributed last year \$6,893. Since the organization of the Committee (1886) the total amount reported by the societies has been \$44,664. But though the work has attained this growth, there is still much to do, the aim of the committee being, A Woman's Missionary Society in every church and every Woman a Member of it. We solicit the aid and encouragement of every minister, and will be pleased to have inquiries as to the nature of the work. The universal testimony is that a Woman's Missionary Society is a help to every department of church work, and that the faithful members grow in the grace of God and in the knowledge of his word.

The Vice President of this Association is Miss Lida Carter, Mills River, who will gladly give any information in regard to the work.

In the thirty-three churches of this Association there are only five Woman's Missionary Societies. These are Hendersonville, Refuge, Salem, Mt. Gilead and Green Mountain.

Respectfully Submitted,

FANNIE E. L. HECK,
President State Central Committee.

WOMAN'S MEETING.

At ten o'clock Friday morning, the Woman's Missionary Societies

of the Carolina Association met in the Presbyterian church at Saluda. Devotional exercises conducted by the president, Miss Lyda Carter. There were but two Societies represented, Fruitland and Mt. Gilead.

Some of the ladies of Saluda church were present. We had a very pleasant meeting. The following contributions for all objects, were reported; Fruitland, \$20.25; Mt Gilead. \$9.25.

We hope the coming years will be attended with better results.

Respectfully,

MISS MAY JUSTICE,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I have received from Finance Committee \$17.77, which was paid the French Broad Hustler, by order of the Clerk, Rev. J. W. Anderson, for printing minutes of 1898. Also received from Conventional Missions: Salem church, \$2.00; Ebenezer, \$2.00. Paid same to Rev. C. S. Caswell, representing Mission Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. J. DAVIS,
Treasurer.

John H. Justice was selected to represent the Association in the approaching session of the State Covention, with J. B. Freeman alternate.

The Association then went into the election of a representative on State Mission Board. Brother T. J. Rickman was the choice of the body and will be recommended as the choice of the organization for this position.

Rev. W. L. Richards was unanimously chosen to represent the Association in the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention and Rev. A. I Justice, as alternate.

The following resolution, offered by Prof. F. A. Brown, was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and hereby tendered, the members of this church and community for their generous hospitality.

There being no further business, the association adjourned to meet with the Green Mountain Baptist Church on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1900. Sang "Doxology." Benediction by the Moderator.

M. L. SHIPMAN, Clerk.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

There was no business transacted on Sunday, the last day of the session. It had been previously announced that Rev. W. L. Richards, of Hendersonville, would preach at 11 a. m., and a large crowd assembled to hear this distinguished divine. He spoke with great force and power and was listened to with marked interest.

M. L. SHIPMAN, Clerk.

Constitution.

ART. 1 This Association shall be known as the Carolina Baptist Association and shall be composed of such representatives as the churches constituting this body may select and send as delegates to its meetings, together with all ordained ministers, who are members of said churches, and each church shall report by letter to each annual session, the number of its membership, additions, and losses from whatever causes, with statistics, contributions, finances, etc.

Each church shall be entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for each fifty members in excess of one hundred, and the name of no delegate shall appear in the minutes except such as are in actual attendance during the session of the body.

ART. 2 The organization of the body shall be preceded by the preaching of an introductory sermon and shall then be organized by the moderator of the former session, calling the body to order, and the enrolling of delegates from the various churches, who shall compose the body and proceed, by ballot, to the election of a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Historian, who shall hold their offices until their successors shall be elected at the opening of the next annual session.

ART. 3. The Association may adopt such rules of order as may from time to time be deemed advisable.

ART. 4. Any church holding the principles of the doctrines of Christ, and the ordinances of his house as accepted by missionary Baptist churches, may become a member by application at any regular session of the Association, and acceptance by a majority vote of the same.

ART. 5. A majority vote shall be sufficient to pass any motion, resolution or other action of the body, except to amend the Constitution, which shall only be done by a vote of two thirds of the members for such amendment.

ART 6. The Association may at any meeting withdraw from any church that abandons the principles of this organization.

ART. 7. This Association regards each Baptist church as an independent body and this organization as a co-operative body having for its object the furtherance of the cause of Christ, the betterment of humanity, and the enlightenment of mankind the world over, by the preaching of the gospel and the furtherance of christian education.

ART. 8. Any church in good standing in this association, may upon its own request be dismissed by letter from membership

ART. 9. The Moderator shall appoint such committees as may be necessary for the transaction of the business and these shall report at such times as may be directed by the body

ART. 10. The minutes of the previous day shall be read at the opening of each day and corrected if necessary, and approved, and the minutes of the entire session shall be read and approved previous to final adjournment.

ART. 11. No member shall absent himself from any session of the body, without leave of the same.

ART. 12. The Association shall, before its final adjournment, fix a time and place for the next annual meeting and select one of the ministers of the body to preach the introductory sermon

ART. 13. This body shall at each annual session appoint an executive board of three efficient and active brethren, whose duty it shall be to advise and co-operate with the Board of State Missions in regard to

supplying or aiding any fields within our bounds, in preaching the gospel or other such work as may be necessary.

ART. 14. That this Association shall at the present session appoint a Board of Trustees consisting of fifteen members, five of whom shall hold their office for twelve months, five for two years and five of them for three years. Terms of office of the first five members named on said committee shall expire at the end of one year from this session, and their places shall be filled by appointment of this body, and each session of this body shall fill the vacancies occurring by expiring terms, or from death, resignation or otherwise, at its regular annual meeting.

That said Board of Trustees shall constitute the Board of Education of the Carolina Association and shall be empowered to receive donations and hold property, both real and personal for educational purposes, to procure the necessary charters for educational institutions and that any legal action necessary for the advancement and interest of education in the bounds of this Association.

Said Board shall also take control, possession and the general supervision of all school property belonging to the Association, shall establish and direct the management of schools and report their proceedings and recommendations to each annual session of this body for ratification. Said body shall have no power to purchase property or contract debts, but by the authority of a two-thirds vote of the Association at its annual meeting. The officers of said Board shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive board, whose duties shall be those usually performed by such officers and such further duties as the Board may designate. The said Board may fix time and place for meeting and adjournment, provided, nevertheless, that the President and three other members of the Board may call a meeting at such times, and places as the business of the same may require, and seven members present at any meeting shall be a quorum, for the transaction of business.

ART. 15. This body shall be governed by the rules of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

ART. 16. This Constitution shall be printed in the minutes of each annual session of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE CHURCHES FOR 1899.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Meeting Days.....	Baptised.....	Received by Letter.....	Dismissed by Letter.....	Restored.....	Excluded.....	Died.....	Male Members.....	Female Members.....	Total Membership..	When Constituted..	Conventional Missions	Home Missions.....	Foreign Missions..	Orphanage.....	Minute Fund.....	The Poor.....	Pastor's Salary....	Other Objects.....	Value of Church Property	Church Expenses...
Bethel.....	Rob't Springfield	J. T. Johnson.....	Grandeur, S. C....	4	10	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	1897	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beulah.....	J. J. Gray.....	W. T. Drake.....	Bowman's Bluff..	1	5	4	11	1	1	82	144	226	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 500	.....
Bear Wallow..	Richard Hudgins	G. S. Wall.....	Bear Ballow.....	4	1	1	7	1	1	25	30	55	.....	.....	.....	\$ 5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bat Cave.....	T. C. King.....	A. E. Hudgins....	Bat Cave.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Broad River..	J. L. Brookshire	M. L. Searcey....	Broad River.....	.....	21	.....	.....	1	.....	2	37	71	108	.....	.....	\$ 2.50	2.56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cedar Springs	W. H. Jones.....	J. C. Capps.....	Lead.....	.....	.....	4	2	1	3	2	58	53	111	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Double Springs	Robert Hamilton	G. B. Hudson.....	Splendor.....	3	1	.....	2	.....	3	1	35	42	77	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ebenezer.....	A. I. Justice.....	C. T. Brevard....	Hendersonville..	2	.....	31	.....	2	.....	.....	29	45	74	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Green Mountain	A. I. Justice.....	J. L. Freeman....	Fruitland.....	3	11	8	20	2	2	66	100	166	.....	.....	6.00	10.00	\$ 5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	800	13.00
Green River..	R. F. Hamilton...	J. L. L. Pace.....	Lead.....	2	6	1	6	1	4	4	.....	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hoopers Creek	W. S. Huntley...	R. M. Prior.....	Fletcher.....	1	9	2	.....	1	1	2	36	59	95	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hendersonville	W. L. Richards..	A. B. Freeman....	Hendersonville..	Reg	2	17	10	.....	.....	.....	153	86	241	.....	\$ 33.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty.....	W. S. Huntley...	W. P. Maxwell...	Maxwell.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	55	83	1840	.....	1.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Locust Grove..	W. H. Jones.....	A. J. McMinn....	Fruitland.....	.....	11	1	1	.....	3	1	22	24	46	1898	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia....	W. H. Jones.....	T. H. Williams..	Saluda.....	3	9	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mud Creek....	W. B. Johnson...	J. H. Beck.....	Hendersonville..	4	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	4	25	53	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mountain Page	J. T. Singleton...	R. W. I. Pace....	Saluda.....	1	.....	3	5	7	4	118	133	251	.....	.....	1.95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mills River..	A. I. Justice.....	P. J. Sitton.....	Sitton.....	1	.....	2	6	1	.....	46	66	112	.....	.....	8.02	13.25	13.57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middle Fork..	W. S. Huntley...	W. F. Huntley...	Bear Wallow.....	2	5	.....	2	5	2	15	40	55	.....	.....	.....	.87	1.30	.53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Moriah	J. L. Brookshire	G. W. Ledbetter..	Edneyville.....	4	.....	3	5	.....	4	2	85	128	213	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Gilead	A. I. Justice.....	J. S. Rhodes....	Mills River.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mountain Valley	W. H. Jones.....	T. E. Pace.....	Fish Top.....	3	.....	11	12	1	6	.....	26	34	60	1887	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oak Grove....	W. L. Kuykendal	Chas. Shepard...	Flat Rock.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	42	66	1875	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	J. L. Brookshire	Willard Wilkie..	Delmont.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	140	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Refuge.....	W. H. Jones.....	P. T. Ward.....	Dana.....	2	71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	157	201	358	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Riverside....	R. M. Gilbert...	W. N. Corn.....	Horse Shoe.....	1	.....	4	2	1	.....	.....	32	47	79	1888	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem.....	T. C. King.....	W. J. Baldwin...	Fletcher.....	3	32	4	6	1	.....	2	82	103	185	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Saluda.....	T. B. Justice...	R. T. Jones.....	Saluda.....	4	2	1	8	.....	2	1	27	41	68	.....	10.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

The churches not represented are: Crab Creek, Mt. Olivet, Mt. Gilead, French Broad, Shaws Creek, Pleasant Grove No. 1, and No. 2.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1899.

CHURCH.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars....	Av. Attendance...	Contributed for Support of School.	Contributed for Other Purposes.
Bethel.....			40			
Beulah.....	H. D. Drake.....			45		
Beulah Branch S.	T. A. Drake Jr.....			50		
Bear Wallow.....	T. M. Merrell.....	7	62		\$ 3 00	92
Broad River.....	D. L. Clements.....	7		20	3 76	
Green Mountain		8	80		12 00	\$ 5 00
Hoopers Creek..	R. M. Prior.....	3	75			
Hendersonville..	J. A. Maddrey.....	12	200	118	25 00	60 00
Liberty.....	W. E. Maxwell.....	3				
Macedonia.....	R. W. Fletcher.....	8	57	38		
Mud Creek.....	P. M. Jones.....	4		40	6 00	
Mills River.....	S. C. Sitton.....	5	60	38	5 00	
Middle Fork....				25		
Mount Gilead....	J. A. Hooper.....		60	45	4 00	
Oak Grove.....	H. P. Kuykendall.....	4	40	28		
Refuge.....	P. T. Ward.....	8	197	75		
Riverside.....	W. B. Case.....		52	35	4 50	
Salem.....	W. J. Baldwin.....	6	40	35	5 50	
Saluda.....	R. T. Jones.....	5	137		19 45	

☛ The letters from Cedar Springs, Double Springs, Ebenezer, Green River, Locust Grove, Mountain Page, Mount Moriah, Mountain Valley and Pleasant Hill churches, contained no report of Sunday Schools.



MR. JOHN H. JUSTICE,
Associational Delegate to Baptist State
Convention.

IN MEMORIAM.

MEMOIRS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

Rev. J. Wesley Anderson.

(French Broad Hustler, Aug., 10, 1899.)

Rev. J. Wesley Anderson died at his home near Delmont in the valley of the Ochlawaha on Thursday morning, Aug. 3, 1899, after an illness of three weeks. He was buried on the day following at Pleasant Hill cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends.

The subject of this sketch was born in Henderson county in the year 1845 and was therefore 55 years of age at the time of his death. He was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, who are so favorably known throughout this section. The remaining members of the family, eleven in number, are still living. Two of the brothers, William and Enoch, are engaged in the ministry, the former being pastor of a large church in Chickasha, Ind. Ter., and the latter at some point in South Carolina. Hon. H. S. Anderson, of Hendersonville, and former State Senator, who was recently appointed a Referee in Bankruptcy by Judge Ewart is also a brother of the deceased.

Mr. Anderson was married in 1872 to Miss Matilda McCrary, and to them were born fifteen children, thirteen now living. He has held many positions of honor in his native county and was its representative in the Legislature of 1890. But his life work was in the Christian ministry and few men have accomplished more successful results. His first work in this connection was the organization of Sunday Schools and conducting religious services in the most destitute parts of the county. Many of these feeble organizations at first, have under his fostering care, grown into flourishing churches and the Baptist denomination owes a debt of gratitude to this noble and consecrated man. At one time he was engaged in the public school work and this writer remembers him as one among his first tutors, in the seventies.

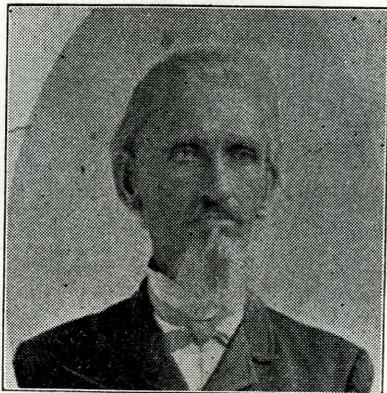
"A noble life has drawn to a close. Duty was his watch-word. In him the noblest sentiment of religion, of purest patriotism and of humanity were found. In all the relations of life he measured up to the high standard of true manhood."

Rev. G. W. Mace.

Rev. G. W. Mace was born in Yancey, now Mitchell county, N. C., on the 20th day of March, 1825. His father died when he was quite young, leaving the care of a helpless family to a widowed mother. She being in moderate circumstances could give her children only a limited education, but while she was poor in this world's goods, she was rich towards God. By her prayer and christian training early led her son to the Saviour. At about sixteen years of age he united with the

Missionary Baptist church of which he remained a faithful and consistent member until his death. He was married to Miss Mira Wright when about 18 years old, with whom he lived happily for 56 years. The fruits of this union was ten children, five girls and five boys, of whom seven are still living and are highly respectable citizens in the communities in which they live.

Soon after his marriage, Brother Mace felt himself called to work in the gospel ministry to which call he was not disobedient. Although confronted by many difficulties he had the help of the blessed Master who said, "I will be with you always, even unto the end of the world." After his ordination to the ministry he labored in Mitchell and adjoining counties, ten or twelve years. He then came to Henderson county, making it his permanent home until his death. For more than fifty years he stood in the very front rank of gospel ministers. He traveled through heat and cold, crossed rivers and mountains and carried the good news of the gospel to many of the destitute in the mountains of Tennessee, Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia.



REV. G. W. MACE.

He served many churches successfully as pastor, but as an evangelist he attained the greatest success. He baptised nearly four thousand persons, who under his labors had professed faith in Christ. Many of the leading men and several of the ministers of the gospel can point with delight to the time when they were led into the watery grave by Brother Mace.

He preached his last sermon at Mt. Olivet Union meeting, when all the fire of youth seemed to return and he preached with unusual power.

He was summoned to his final reward from Piedmont, S. C., where he had gone to visit his two daughters and son, S. M. Mace, who live at that place. He died as had lived, in the faith of the gospel which

he so successfully preached, on the 17th day of June, 1899; aged 74 years, 2 month and 27 days. His remains were brought home and interred in the cemetery at Beulah church, June 19th. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Anderson. The unusual large attendance attested to the general sadness occasioned by the death of this man. The bereaved widow and children have the sympathy of the entire community.

J. W. ANDERSON.

Rev. James Blythe.

Rev. James Blythe was born Nov 28, 1808 on Big Willow, then in Buncombe county, on the homestead of his father, Jesse Blythe. Married Martha Nelson, daughter of Abraham Nelson, before he was twenty years old, with whom he lived till the time of her death, Feb. 18, 1888. He professed faith in Christ, joined the old Beulah Baptist Church, in the year 1835 and was baptised in the French Broad River, near what is now known as the Widow Henry place, in Henderson county, by Rev. Joseph Jordan. The year following he entered the ministry, preaching his first sermon at Crab Creek Church, and soon after was ordained to the ministry at the old Baptist Camp Ground, two miles south west of what is now Hendersonville. In the second year of His ministry, 1837, assisted in the organization of Little River Baptist church. In 1841 moved to Gilmer county, Ga, thence to Union county, Ga. In 1843 returned to North Carolina, settling on a part of his old home place. In 1845 assisted in the organization of the Hendersonville Baptist church, and assisted in the organization of many other churches in Western North Carolina. He was Clerk of the Superior Court of Henderson county for several years. Published "The Carolina Baptist" in 1857. Assisted in founding and building Judson College. While not a politician, he was a republican, and was elected representative for Henderson county in 1866 and State Senate for the district including Henderson county in 1868 and was elected Representative of Henderson county again in 1873; removed to Saluda, Polk county and was elected Representative of that county in 1881. He was a close student of the Bible and an enthusiastic speaker. Preached throughout Western N. C., and upper South Carolina, preaching his last sermon sitting in a chair in the Saluda Baptist church in the year 1895, being the first sermon preached in the last church organized by him. In 1890 he married Martha Williams, who survives him. He died December 14th, 1897, and was buried in Refuge cemetery. His funeral sermon, preached by Rev. A. I. Justice, was from a text selected by himself, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

"He sought no private sect or way, but looked to Nature and to Nature's God." And to his Memory this article is most affectionately written.

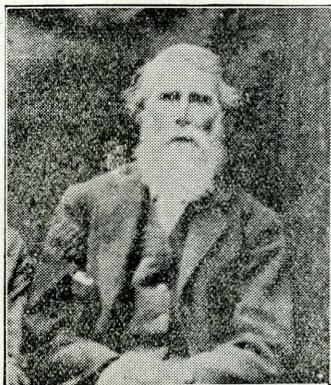
Rev. W. J. Wilkie.

The Bible, our only sufficient guide from earth to heaven, is full of a glorious truth, namely that if we train up our

children in the fear of God, the permanent effect will be that though a providently prolonged because of obedient life, they will not, nay, restrained and strenghtened by Divine grace, they cannot depart from it

Scattered over the counties of Rutherford and Henderson, are a large family—mostly Christians—who are an honor to the community in which they live, in many cases the principal supporters of the churches they attend. We have rested and been entertained at several of their excellent homes, cheered in our work of faith and labor of love—and really surprised at the far advanced and yet liberal thought, common even to daily practical uses.

The family we refer especially to, are the honest descendants of Joab and George Wilkie—brethren in the flesh as they were in Christ, warriors for the truth of no mean renown, they were old time, aggressive Baptist preachers. They each labored long and successfully up and down this beautiful skyland section, gathering in an harvest of



REV. W. J. WILKIE.

souls, all of which in the great day, shall be in their crown of rejoicing, while these spiritual trophies of battles fought, with their descendants, vividly illustrates the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who, though He was rich, for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich.

But we here hasten to Joab's son William Job Wilkie born in Rutherford county and died in 1891 at Hooper's Creek, Henderson county, full of faith and the Holy Ghost.

Long ago at Shiloh Church, Rutherford county, he professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, at the age of 18. About 4 years after at the same place he was set apart by a presbytery to special work as pastor etc., and for full forty years labored until he slept, awaiting the resurrection of the just, full of honor at 52 years of age.

His long and prosperous chronicle of labor, will be found in the

local traditions of Rutherford, Polk, Henderson, Buncombe and McDowell counties etc., where are many churches, (some wholly founded by him,) that gathered inspiration and durability by his wise builder-ship. His methods were evenly divided betwixt pastoral, moderator-ship and evangelical methods many-sided and beautiful illustrating as evergreen, the whole year round, and through the fruits of the spirit, which is love.

His pastoral work can be seen in Broad River, Mount Moriah, Long Hollow, Fairview, Crooked Creek, Bear Wallow and the two Salems. His wise counsel, New Testament doctrine, wonderful sympathy faithful discipline, in all of which he declared faithfully the whole counsel of God.

A notable phase was his persistency. Wind and weather did not prevent his prompt appearance at almost every appointment, the mean forced travel, self denial, absence from home and some persecution, yet well and nobly done was his often humble, out-of-sight toil. Others might hold back when the sky was dark—and the rain heavy—but his cheerful song in the house of his pilgrimage—heard by many—has wooed and won quite an army to be on the Lord's side.

More than a thousand have been buried by him in baptism, many of whom are now with Christ, but many are now battling with temptation, and will meet him joyfully where sin and sorrow are past and gone.

Fraternally,

WILLIAM WARD.

Rev. D. B. Nelson,

Reverend Daniel B. Nelson was a native of Tennessee, having been born at Knoxville, in that State, in the year 1831. He obtained an education at Mossey Creek college, and in the year 1851 married Miss Sarah Vance, of Strawberry Plains, Jefferson county, Tenn., at which place he resided until the beginning of the war of '61. In 1864 he came to Western North Carolina to take charge of the Confederate government's saltpeter works and at the close of hostilities in 1865, moved his family to this State, locating on Pigeon River, in Haywood county, where for a time he was engaged in the conduct of the district school. His intervals of business had been devoted to the study of the law, his intention at that time being to adopt that profession as a life work, but possessing very strong natural religious tendencies he finally gave himself to the work of the ministry in which capacity he labored with marked success until his death, which occurred at his home on French Broad river, in Henderson county, August 28th, 1895, at the age of 64 years.

Although well qualified by natural endowments and education to assume the duties of his calling in more pretentious fields, his love was given to the people of Western Carolina, no outside inducement ever having been offered strong enough to alienate this devotion, and it is safe to say that no one ever possessed, to a greater extent, the confidence and esteem of the Mountain Baptists.

His abilities in the ministry were varied, and received befitting recognition at the hands of his church and people. As an organizer he had few superiors, and this led to his appointment as Sunday-school Missionary, which position he held for a period of ten years. As an



REV. D. B. NELSON.

authority in parliamentary practice, he was chosen president of the Western Baptist Convention for quite a number of consecutive terms. As a writer of pleasing facility and a reasoner of strong and safe convictions, he was for a number of years editor of the organ of the Western Convention—the "Blue Ridge Baptist," published at Hendersonville and afterwards the "Western North Carolina Baptist," at Asheville. As pastor, he served the church at Hendersonville for six years and for several years was pastor of Fern Hill church, at Biltmore.

He was a zealous Mason. He was elected Master of the Biltmore lodge at its organization, and instituted the first lodge ever organized in Haywood county. He had also held the office of Grand Lecturer and Grand Chaplain of the grand lodge of North Carolina.

He was an ardent prohibitionist, and was a candidate for State Auditor on the Prohibition ticket in 1892.

He was in all respects an excellent man, one whom men knew but to love.

NOTE.—The publication of the minutes was delayed more than a month with the hope of getting cuts of Rev. J. W. Anderson and Rev. James Blythe, but no photograph of either could be found.

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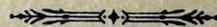
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