

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY

ZION CHURCH, Iredell County, N. C.

The Brier Creek Association met in its Eighty-seventh Annual Session, Thursday, September 24th, 1908, at Zion Church, Iredell county, N. C. The next Annual sermon was preached by W. T. Comer. Text, Acts 19:9-10.

After refreshment the Association met and was called to order by the Moderator, Z. R. Tharpe. Prayer by I. Holler

Letters from the following churches were read and Messengers enrolled:

- Antioch.—R. W. S. Pegram, Eli Johnson
Brier Creek—Worth Sale.
Bethel—J. F. Gilliam.
Bethany—E. E. Pool.
Cranberry—A. Mathis, N. T. Jarvis, Robert Sale.
Dennyville—I. Byrd, T. E. Johnson, J. A. Pinnix
Fishing Creek—H. F. Mastin, Jno. Shepherd.
Fall Creek—J. L. Bray, L. T. Ray, W. L. Finney
Grassy Knob—W. G. Mitchell, S. K. Myers.
Holly Spring—Z. R. Tharpe, J. T. Tharpe, J. P. Tharpe,
C. C. Tharpe.
Hunting Creek—R. N. Garner.
Hebron—J. E. Henderson.
Lewis—Wm. Speece, Pink Gregory.
Mt. Pisgah—J. P. McCarter, P. M. Privett.
Mt. Vernon—S. T. Goforth, L. R. Sloan, T. J. Madison,
T. G. Shaver.
Mt. Sinai—H. M. Anderson, P. L. Henderson.
New Hope—D. B. Estep, J. W. Duncan.
New Prospect—T. M. Snow, H. L. Jordan, J. E. Privett.
Oak Forest—
Pleasant Grove—E. R. Felts, W. H. Martin.
Rocky Hill—J. Z. Gwaltney, D. W. Woody.
Swan Creek—B. L. Mathis.

Rocky Spring—J. Z. Gwaltney, D. W. Woody.
 Sweet Home—W. F. Lorance, H. M. Gregory.
 Shady Grove—J. S. Henderson, D. C. Jarvis, N. P. Goforth.
 Shiloh—M. E. Denny, W. Jarvis.
 Union—J. M. Crater, J. W. Casey.
 Zion—E. M. Couch, R. W. Crater, J. A. Hoots, Wm. Mullis.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Z. R. Tharpe was elected Moderator and J. M. Crater (Clerk and Treasurer), S. D. Brown and V. M. Swaim acting tellers.

CORRESPONDENTS INVITED

J. H. Martin and S. D. Brown from the Yadkin, and V. M. Swaim from the South Yadkin, accepted seats.

CORRESPONDENTS REPORTED.

W. A. Myers, W. T. Comer, and J. M. Crater attended the Yadkin.

CORRESPONDENTS APPOINTED.

To the Alexander, J. Z. Gwaltney, T. E. Redman; to the Yadkin, W. T. Comer, E. N. Gwyn; to the South Yadkin, W. B. York, J. M. Smith; to the Elkin, R. W. S. Pegram.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

Resolutions:—R. N. Garner, J. M. Smith. Finance—J. E. Hendren. Nominating Committee—E. N. Gwyn, E. M. Sale, J. F. Gilliam.

On motion, Foreign Mission was made special order for tomorrow at 11 A. M.

On motion, the Association meet at 9:30 for devotions, at 10:00 for business; convene at 1:00 and adjourn at will.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report, V. M. Swaim to conduct prayer service tomorrow at 9:30. Adjourned. Prayer by S. S. Goforth.

SECOND DAY.

V. M. Swaim led in the devotional service. Roll of messengers was called. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

CORRESPONDENTS INVITED.

J. P. and L. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool and W. E. Linney from the Alexander, C. G. Bryant and W. V. Brown from the Yadkin, and Frank Tharpe from the Surry, accepted seats.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

When we take a retrospective view of the state of mankind, we find written in the Bible, from Exodus to James blessings upon all who assist the orphans and great curse pronounced upon all who abuse or ill treat them. Knowing the magnitude of this great work enjoined on us as Christians in supporting them, we have built an Orphanage at Thomasville for this purpose. It we have a large number of these helpless ones there from was founded in 1885 and has grown in proportion until all over the State, looking to us for help. Who can refuse to contribute liberally to their support when the matter is properly explained to them? We urge upon our Pastors that they devote at least one day in the year to a talk upon this subject, urging their members to contribute to this cause, as the Lord has blessed them. We advise that all the churches hold services on the last Thursday in November and take collections for the Orphanage.

R. W. S. PEGRAM,
 N. T. JARVIS.

Remarks were submitted by R. W. S. Pegram, N. T. Jarvis, W. V. Brown, E. N. Gwyn, Frank Tharpe, S. D. Brown and the report was adopted.

Collection for Orphanage, \$11.00.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

As our Heavenly Father has so abundantly blessed our efforts and the labors of those sent to foreign fields, should

we not be encouraged to renewed efforts in the evangelization of the world?

Did ever a people occupy a more responsible position than we now occupy? The Macedonian cry is coming to us continually from our beloved workers in dark China and other benighted lands. Shall we turn a deaf ear to the call, fold our hands in slumber and withhold the offering the Lord requires of us? God forbid. If true religion be not presented the false will necessarily be embraced.

Then let us awake from our slumbering, bring in our offerings unto the Lord and see if he will not pour us out a blessing.

The field is large, the destitution and our Saviour is calling aloud for us to go up and possess the lands. And lo! I am with you alway even to the end of the world.

J. W. WETHERMAN.
GUSS MYERS.

After remarks by J. G. Wetherman, Guss Myers, Frank Tharpe, N. T. Jarvis the Association adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The subject of Missions was further discussed by D. W. Pool, L. P. Gwaltney, W. A. Myers, E. N. Gwyn, J. N. Binkley and S. D. Brown. The report was adopted.

Collection for Missions, \$11.74.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Perhaps there is no other one thing that is shaping the minds and morals of the youth of our land more than the news papers they read. Therefore, we would recommend to our people that they read as many of the following papers as they can:

"Charity and Children," "Missionary Helper," "Arkansas Baptist," and the "American Baptist Flag." Especially would we insist that more of our people read the "Missionary Helper," as it is a medium through which we can learn more of our missionaries.

S. T. GOFORTH.
J. P. McCARTER.

After remarks by S. T. Goforth, N. T. Jarvis, W. V. Brown, Guss Myers the report was adopted.

OBITUARIES.

A. G. Myers departed this life December, 1907, in the 66th year of his age. He was a consistent member of New Prospect church for some years, when, by letter he transferred his membership to Zion 7 years ago. He was a deacon of same at the time of his death.

A wife and two daughters are left to mourn a husband and father.

May our last hours be those of peace as we trust his were.

C. T. Holcomb was born August 23rd, 1869. In his youth, he joined the church at Zion. He soon evinced a working spirit for the Redeemer and became a Sunday School Superintendent, and conducted a Sunday School and taught singing schools in different parts of the country. He was dutiful to his parents, kind to his brothers and sisters, and to his wife and children. A few years ago he was licensed by the church to hold meetings for exhortation and prayer. During his sickness he was well attended by medical aid and loved ones, but to no avail. On the 10th of February, 1908, he died, after singing and praising the Lord saying, "Jesus, take me".

He leaves a father and mother, brothers and sisters, a dear wife and with four children to mourn his death. His funeral was preached by E. N. Gwyn, at Zion, and his body buried by the Junior Fraternity, there to await the resurrection.

W. B. YORK,
D. C. JARVIS.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Received for printing.....	\$23.74
Orphanage	8.00
Missions	119.35
Total	\$151.09

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

W. E. Linney to preach tonight, T. E. Redman to conduct prayer meeting tomorrow at 9:30, and J. P. Gwaltney to preach at 11:00.

Adjourned. Prayer by J. P. Gwaltney.

THIRD DAY.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. T. E. Redman conducted devotional service. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Report on Evidences of a call to the Ministry.

The evidences of a call to the Gospel Ministry are many and varied.

1st. He must be a converted and regenerated man and as such would require like Paul, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

2nd. Being impressed for the salvation of man and feeling that, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel," he enters the Lord's work with fear and trembling as did Moses and Jonah and others, whom the Lord called.

3rd. He must feel that the Holy Spirit leads and guides him. The Saviour promised his disciples that He would send the Holy Ghost and would guide men into all truth. Man would seek honor, fame and wealth but Christ says "he that would be my disciple, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." Led by the spirit, he goes into the field where the Lord blesses his labors as he did Philip and Peter.

W. A. MYERS,
T. E. REDMAN.

The report was discussed by W. A. Myers, T. E. Redman. The discussion was left open till after dinner. Sermon by J. P. Gwaltney. Text, Numbers 32:23. Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The discussion was resumed. W. T. Comer, J. H. Martin, L. P. Gwaltney, S. D. Brown, R. W. S. Pegram, and E. N. Gwyn spoke to the report and it was adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

T. E. Redman to preach tonight, S. D. Brown to conduct prayer service tomorrow at 10, D. W. Pool to preach at 11 and L. P. Gwaltney to follow.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved:—That the churches be advised to take quarterly collections for Missions and send to Wade D. Bostick in China.

Resolved:—That this body tender its thanks to Zion church and community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have so bountifully supported and entertained the Association.

R. N. GARNER,
J. M. SMITH.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Religious Exercises—R. M. Jarvis, with Pastor and Messengers.

Orphanage—W. T. Comer, J. G. Wetherman.

Periodicals—R. W. S. Pegram, D. C. Jarvis.

Missions—S. T. Goforth, W. B. York.

Are the Preaches studying to show themselves approved unto God?—N. T. Jarvis, Guss Myers.

Obituary—T. E. Redman, R. N. Garner.

Resolutions—J. E. Privett, I. Holler.

Time and Place—J. P. McCarter, S. S. Goforth.

Finance—E. M. Sale, L. W. Lonsford.

TIME AND PLACE.

The next session will convene with Mt Pisgah church, 4 miles east of Willsboro, on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in September, 189.

S. S. GOFORTH,
P. M. PRIVETT.

T. E. Redman to preach the Annual Sermon and N. T. Jarvis, alternate.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received for all objects	\$182.46
Paid out as follows:	
Foreign Missions.....	\$144.30
Orphanage	8.11
Printing	16.00
Clerks Fees	8.00
Incidental Expences	1.36
Last year's indebtedness	4.69

Total \$182.46

J. M. CRATER, Treas.

BRIER CREEK SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

NEW PROSPECT CHURCH, Iredell Co., N. C.

The Brier Creek Sunday School Convention met at New Prospect Church, Iredell County, N. C., July 25th, 1908.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder I. Holler. Letters from the different schools was handed in and read by S. T. Goforth and T. H. Williams.

Elder I. Holler was elected Chairman, and S. T. Goforth, Secretary.

At 12 M. The Convention took a refreshment till 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1st Query. What is the best method of creating and holding interest in Sunday School work?" Debated by T. E. Redman and T. H. Williams.

2nd "Duty of Parents to Children in Sunday School work." Speeches by D. M. Pool and W. J. Swaim.

3rd. "What are the results of the Sunday School in a community." By J. P. McCarter, D. I. Hegler, S. F. White.

Committee on Queries and Speakers. J. P. McCarter, J. E. Privett and L. R. Sloan

On Time and Place. R. N. Garner, C. C. Walker and L. M. Jarvis.

Adjourned until tomorrow. Benediction by Elder D. W. Pool.

SUNDAY, 10 A. M.

Convention met. Sunday School Mass Meeting was conducted by J. P. McCarter and T. H. Williams.

11 o'clock A. M. Sermon by Elders I. Holler and T. E. Redman.

Adjourned until time and place of next Convention.

S. T. GOFORTH, Secretary.

I. HOLLER, Chairman.

R. F. D. No. 1. Olin, N. C.

BRIER CREEK S. S. ASSOCIATION.

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Next Convention will be held at Hunting Creek church, 9 miles Southeast of Wilkesboro, commencing on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in July, 1909.

Following is the Program:

PROGRAMME.

10:30 A. M.—Devotional Exercises by Elder W. A. Myers.

11:00 A. M.—Query: "Why is the interest of our Sunday School Convention Dieing out, and how best rewarded." Speakers, R. N. Garner, E. N. Gwyn, S. K. Myers,

12:00 M.—Refreshments.

1:00 P. M. "What is the leading object of the Sunday School, and how best brought about." Speakers: Elder S. S. Goforth, N. M. Felts.

2:00 P. M.—"Can a man live a true Christian life without supporting the Sunday School, and at the same time be loyal to his church?" Elder W. T. Comer, L. G. Weisner.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

School.	Superintendent.	Secretary.	Messengers.	Enrolled.	Average.
Antioch	R. W. S. Pegram	Mollie Staley	R. L. Staley	46	30
Brier Creek	Worth Sale	Nora Wooten	R. L. Staley, Proxy	52	29
Cranberry	A. Mathis	M. M. Jarvis	L. M. Jarvis	64	48
Dennyville	M. Walker	J. C. Byrd	J. F. Walker, J. C. Byrd	70	52
Hunting Creek	G. H. Hayes	Pantha Moore	G. H. Hayes, R. N. Garner	109	45
Lewis	W. M. Speece	N. Livingston	W. M. Speece	41	21
Mt. Pisgah	N. M. Felts	M. M. Lewis	J. P. McCarter	76	40
Mt. Vernon	L. R. Sloan	R. C. Sloan	T. J. Madison, L. R. Sloan	92	50
Meadow View	S. F. White	W. J. Swain	I. Holler, S. F. White	88	30
New Prospect	T. L. Williams	C. W. Sprinkle	J. E. Privett, C. W. Sprinkle	85	43
Rock Springs	D. J. Brown	W. E. Smith	By Letter	66	35
Shady Grove	D. C. Jarvis	H. H. Walker	H. C. Lonstford, C. C. Walker	108	54
Shiloh	W. L. Johnson	C. R. Robbins	W. Henderson, C. R. Robbins	57	40
Sweet Home	W. Mitchell	J. H. Hepler	E. Mitchell, J. H. Hepler	122	62
Trinity S. H.	D. I. Heglar	Amy Jurney	D. I. Heglar	73	41
Zion	W. B. York	J. R. Johnson	G. B. Hemrick, J. R. Johnson	70	45
Grassy Knob	L. C. Myers	L. W. Nicholson	By Letter	99	48