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MINUTES

—OF THE—

Twelfth Annual Session

—OF THE—

CAROLINA

Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

THE BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH,

HENDERSON COUNTY, N. C.,

October 11, 12, 13, and 14, 1888.

COMPILED BY

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

REV. D. B. NELSON, - - - - - MODERATOR.
JOSHUA PRUITT, - - - - - CLERK.
Z. V. BREVARD, - - - - - TREASURER.

NAMES AND POSTOFFICES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Wm. B. Johnson, Grandeur, S. C.; J. L. Brookshier, W. J. Wilkie, Fruitland, N. C.; E. R. Nelson, Flat Rock, N. C.; G. W. Mace, J. M. Bryan, L. C. Hamilton, Bowman's Bluff, N. C.; D. B. Nelson, Horse Shoe, N. C.; W. M. Allen, Fletchers, N. C.; James Blythe, J. R. Rhodes, Saluda, N. C.; J. W. Anderson, Delmont, N. C.; J. B. Boone, G. S. Jones, G. W. Johnson, Hendersonville; J. A. Staton, W. S. Case, John Liverett, Blue Ridge, N. C.; R. M. Gilbert, Edneyville, N. C.; J. R. Heatherly, C. M. Phillips, M. D. Corn, Green River, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

H. G. Patton, P. Kuykendall, Green River; D. W. Revis, J. C. Capps, Splendor; M. M. Staton, Saluda; T. J. Waters, Upward; J. W. Justice, T. Brock, J. G. Stepp, Wm. Jones, J. L. Hyder, Blue Ridge; J. W. McCarson, Hendersonville; J. J. Gray, Bowman's Bluff; T. J. Ballard, Gypsy; J. J. Allen, Pink Bed; T. Gaffney, Saluda.

The next session of this Association will be held at Friendship church, two miles east of Saluda, Polk county, N. C., on Thursday before the first Lord's day in September, 1889, at 10:30 a. m.

Proceedings.

BEULAH CHURCH, HENDERSON COUNTY, N. C.,)
THURSDAY, October 11, 1888.)

THE CAROLINA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened with the Beulah Baptist church. The former moderator being absent, the clerk called the body to order, read the 109th Psalm, and the body engaged in singing the hymn: "I love thy kingdom, Lord." The body was led in prayer by Elder D. B. Nelson.

The clerk then appointed J. S. Rhodes and Joshua Pruitt reading clerks, and letters were read from the several churches, and names of the delegates enrolled.

J. S. Rhodes and J. B. Freeman were appointed to act as tellers for the election of officers. The body then proceeded to ballot. During the count by the tellers the body was led in prayer by Elder J. W. Middleton. The election resulted as follows: D. B. Nelson, Moderator; Joshua Pruitt, Clerk; Z. V. Brevard, Treasurer; D. B. Nelson, Historian.

On motion, the introductory sermon was dispensed with until to-morrow morning 10:30 o'clock. Then opened the door of the Association for the reception of churches. Riverside, a newly constituted church, presented a letter and was received, and her delegates welcomed to seats.

The moderator appointed the committee on preaching, consisting of Z. V. Brevard and James Gray, with the deacons of Beulah church. The committee reported that Elder J. L. Brookshier preach to-night.

On motion the body will meet to-morrow morning and spend 30 minutes in devotional exercises. On motion, adjourned till 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 12, 1888.

The association met according to adjournment. Sang the hymn: "We'll work till Jesus comes," and the body joined in prayer, led by Elder James Blythe.

Resumed the regular business of the Association. Minutes

of yesterday's proceedings read and adopted. Called the roll of delegates and marked absentees:

Double Springs—Elder Wm. B. Johnson, A. C. Robertson,* W. C. Ward,* L. B. Johnson.

Green Mountain—Elder J. L. Brookshier, J. A. Garren*, J. B. Freeman, Z. V. Brevard.

Shaw's Creek—Joseph McCrary, T. B. Anders,* W. R. Shipman.

Green River—J. B. F. Pace, G. C. Beddingfield, N. W. Corn.

Pleasant Hill—Elder E. R. Nelson, Elisha Mince, R. T. Drake, O. N. Howard.

Mountain Hill—E. M. Pruitt,* C. D. Lindsey, Joshua Pruitt.

Beulah—Elders J. M. Bryan, G. W. Mace, and L. C. Hamilton, R. F. Orr, H. D. Drake, W. A. Morris, J. A. Middleton, C. S. Morris.

Riverside—Elder D. B. Nelson, M. B. Burrell, J. E. Dalton.

Mud Creek—P. M. Jones, L. B. C. Brookshier, J. S. Heffner.

Hooper's Creek—James Garren, J. P. Wilkie,* V. B. Russell,* J. E. Garren.*

French Broad—Richard Taylor,* J. Calhoun Morgan, Wm. Bowen.*

Mount Gilead—J. L. Wolf, J. S. Rhodes, P. I. Taylor, J. H. Jackson.*

Pleasant Grove (No. 1)—James Gray, J. C. Orr, J. G. Lawrence,* M. L. Scott.

Salem—Elder W. M. Allen,* R. T. Tow, John Suttle, J. J. Allen.

Middle Fork—J. W. Wilson,* W. S. Grant, W. V. Wilson.

Ebenezer—J. H. Fletcher,* Joseph Holbert, T. J. Shipman,* J. J. Blythe.

Cross Roads—H. C. Ward, P. Kuykendall, D. A. Kuykendall.

Mount Olivet—H. C. Ward,* Clark Blackwell, A. Barbrey.

Pleasant Grove (No. 2)—T. J. Allen, W. R. Whitaker.

Mills River—John Rickman, Philip Allen, M. D. Barnett.

Bear Wallow—L. H. Freeman, W. S. Freeman,* F. M. Freeman, W. L. Huntley.

Liberty—T. A. Rhodes, J. W. Wilson, M. P. Case.

Refuge—Joseph Taylor, T. F. Pace, Reuben Brock, S. J. Justice, P. T. Ward.

Saluda—Elder James Blythe, J. S. Johnson,* J. I. Davis, T. B. Gaffney.*

Cedar Springs—Perry McDowell, A. M. Capps, W. B. Redden.*

Boilston—A. C. McKinna, J. M. Banning, F. M. Nicholson.

Oak Grove—C. A. Hill, H. G. Patton, L. L. Tabor.

Crab Creek—J. L. Evans, W. C. Raines, Elijah Osteen, J. B. Patterson, J. J. Osteen, Samuel Sentell, Elder J. W. Anderson.

Mountain Page—Elder J. R. Rhodes, P. J. Hart, A. T. Hart, J. T. Staton, W. F. Davis, A. F. Pace.

Friendship—G. W. Rhodes, M. V. Edward, Joseph Johnson.

Hendersonville—N. Buckner, James Banning, J. Williams,

J. A. Gallamore, Elder J. B. Boone.

Mountain Valley—A. E. Jones, Joseph Newman.

Mount Moriah—Not represented.

South River—Granted a letter of dismissal.

Those marked thus * were absent.

The churches which were not present yesterday were called, and letters were presented by Ebenezer, Cross Roads, Boilston, Oak Grove, Crab Creek, Mountain Page, and Friendship.

The door of the association was then opened for the reception of new churches, and Mountain Valley, a newly constituted church, presented a letter, was received, and her delegates welcomed to seats in the body.

Called for correspondents, and received Elder M. V. Macomson, of the Catawba association, and Elder J. W. Middleton, of North Greenville association.

The following committees were then appointed:

On Finance—Z. V. Brevard, H. D. Drake and J. L. Evans.

Revision of the Constitution—J. B. Freeman, J. R. Rhodes, A. C. McKinna.

Obituaries—J. S. Rhodes, J. A. Staton, Joseph McCrary.

Religious Periodicals—J. J. Blythe, N. W. Corn, P. M. Jones.

On Temperance—J. L. Brookshier, W. B. Johnson, C. A. Hill.

Church Letters—L. H. Freeman, A. E. Jones, J. B. F. Pace.

State of Religion—N. Buckner, J. W. Middleton, W. S. Grant.

Union Meetings—James Blythe, C. S. Morris, G. W. Rhodes, James Garren.

Time and Place—J. T. Staton, H. G. Patton, John Suttle.

Committee added to Sunday-school committee, by motion: J. M. Bryan, J. W. Anderson.

The time having arrived for the regular order of business, the congregation sang: "Beautiful Land." Prayer by Elder J. B. Boone. The Introductory sermon was then preached by the appointee, Elder W. B. Johnson, from Psalms 109:1: "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Then the association joined in prayer, led by Elder J. E. Carter.

Letters were read from Mount Olivet, Pleasant Grove, Mills River, Bear Wallow, Liberty and Refuge.

On motion received Elder J. E. Carter from New Found association, and also as representative of the *Biblical Recorder*. Also received brother John Justice as a visitor.

Renewed the invitation for new churches, and Saluda, a

newly constituted church, presented a letter, was received, and her delegates welcomed to seats.

On motion, appointed a committee to appoint ministers to preach next introductory and missionary sermons. Committee: W. B. Johnson, J. I. Davis, and L. B. C. Brookshier.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment. Resumed business. Called for reports of committees.

On motion, after the reading of the report on Education, it was set for 2:30 o'clock p. m.

The report on Home Missions was read. Remarks by Elders W. B. Johnson, J. L. Brookshier, J. E. Carter, J. B. Boone, and G. W. Mace. At this point, by request of Elder G. W. Mace, prayer was offered in behalf of the old French Broad church, led by Elder James Blythe. Then, on motion, the report on Home Missions was adopted. (See report.)

Then the letter, with delegates, from Cedar Springs, was received, after which took up the report on education. Remarks by Elder J. B. Boone.

At this point a subscription was taken for Judson College as follows, (paid): John H. Justice, \$1.00; J. S. Rhodes, \$2.00; E. Osteen, 25 cents; J. B. Freeman, \$1.00; P. J. Hart, \$1.00; W. B. Johnson, \$1.00; H. W. Vernon, 50 cents; Z. V. Brevard, \$1.00; T. J. Brock, \$1.00; S. J. Justice, \$1.00; J. B. F. Pace, \$1.00; O. V. F. Blythe, 50 cents; B. B. Middleton, 50 cents; J. N. Suttle, 25 cents; F. M. Nicholson, 25 cents. Total, \$12.25. Collected from congregation, \$1.36. Total, \$13.61.

Then, on motion, the report on Education was received and adopted. (See report.)

The committee on preaching report that Elder J. A. Staton will preach to-night, Elder M. V. Macomson to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

Sang the hymn, "Jesus, lover of my soul." Prayer by Elder M. V. Macomson. Adjourned till 9:30 a. m. to-morrow, at which time will meet and spend half hour in devotional exercises, to be conducted by Elder E. R. Nelson.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 13, 1888.

Met according to adjournment. Spent 30 minutes in devotional services, conducted by Elder E. R. Nelson. Sang the

hymn, "Oh, home, sweet home." Prayer by Elder E. R. Nelson.

Resumed the regular business of the association. Called the roll of delegates. Read the minutes of yesterday's proceedings, which, on motion, were adopted.

On motion, the order of business of last session was adopted for this session. Called for reports of committees.

On motion, all speeches were limited to ten minutes, except the chairmen of committees, who were allowed fifteen minutes.

Brother T. H. Plemmons was, by motion, invited to a seat in the body.

On motion, it was decided that the collection on to-morrow be applied to associational missions.

The committee on obituaries reported, which, on motion, was adopted.

The report of the committee on religious periodicals was read and amended so as to recommend the *Biblical Recorder*. Remarks by Elders J. E. Carter, J. B. Boone, D. B. Nelson, G. W. Mace, and J. B. Freeman.

Eleven o'clock, the hour for preaching having arrived, Elder M. V. Macomson preached to the congregation. Prayer by Elder J. A. Staton. At the close of the sermon the congregation was led in prayer by Elder J. R. Rhodes. A collection was taken for Elder Macomson, amounting to \$10.03.

On motion, adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment, and resumed the regular order of business. Took up the report on the amendment of the report on periodicals, which, by motion, was tabled.

On motion, brother G. W. Rhodes was granted a leave of absence.

On motion, Elders A. W. Beck and G. W. Brooks, of Transylvania association, were received as corresponding messengers.

On motion, took up the report on periodicals as amended. Addresses by Elders J. E. Carter, J. B. Boone, J. L. Brookshier, brother John Williams, and the moderator. Report adopted.

The report of the committee on Sunday Schools was read, which, on motion, was laid over until 10 a. m. to-morrow, at which time there will be a Sunday-school mass-meeting.

The report of the committee on Temperance was read. Addresses by Elder J. L. Brookshier, J. B. Freeman, and L. B. Johnson. Report adopted.

The report of the committee on nominations was read, and on motion, was adopted,

The report of the committee on State of Religion was read and adopted.

Report of committee on Time and Place of next association was read and adopted.

Then, on motion, the time of meeting of this association was changed to Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1889 (instead of October).

The report of the committee on Finance was read and, on motion, adopted.

Addresses were made for aid in behalf of the new church at Saluda, by Elder James Blythe, brother John Williams, Elder J. B. Boone, J. S. Rhodes, after which a subscription was taken for the same, as follows: P. M. Jones, \$1.00; R. I. Taylor, \$1.00; A. E. Jones, \$1.00; Joseph McCrary, \$1.00; Z. V. Brevard, \$1.00; M. F. Nichols, \$1.00; C. S. Morris, \$1.00; P. T. Ward, \$1.00; J. W. C. Blythe, \$1.00; J. R. Rhodes, \$1.00; Elijah Osteen, \$1.00, paid; J. B. Boone, \$5.00; J. A. Staton, \$1.00; James Ward, \$1.00, paid; J. S. Rhodes, \$1.00. Total, \$19.00.

The report of the former treasurer, G. B. Hudson, was read and adopted.

Report of the Historian was read, and by motion adopted.

The report of the committee to appoint ministers to preach next introductory and missionary sermons was read, and on motion adopted.

A resolution was introduced by Joshua Pruitt, which, on motion, was adopted as follows:

RESOLVED, That the thanks and heartfelt sympathies of this association are due, and are hereby tendered, the good sisters and brethren, and people of this vicinity, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during the present session.

Then, on motion, the Clerk was allowed \$5.00 out of the minute fund for his services, the remainder of the money to be applied to the printing and distribution of the minutes.

A subscription for Elder G. W. Mace, in favor of the old French Broad church, amounting to \$5.25, was taken, as follows: T. J. Brock, 25 cents; Elijah Osteen, 25 cents; J. H. Plemmons, 25 cents; O. V. F. Blythe, 25 cents; J. J. Blythe, 25 cents; J. Williams, \$2.00; P. J. Hart, 25 cents, paid; T. A. Hart, 10 cents, paid; F. M. Nichols, 10 cents, paid; Z. V. Brevard, 25 cents, paid; M. Beck, 25 cents, paid; C. A. Hill, 50 cents, paid; P. B. Ward, 25 cents, paid; N. R. Welch, 25 cents, paid; J. C. Blythe, 10 cents, paid.

On motion, a letter of dismissal was granted to South River church.

The committee on preaching report that Elder M. V. Macomson will preach to-night, followed by Elder J. R. Rhodes.

On motion, appointed correspondents as follows:

To the Transylvania county Association—J. W. Anderson, E. R. Nelson, T. H. Plemmons, and Joseph Holbert.

To Green River Association—J. R. Rhodes, A. E. Jones, J. A. Staton, M. B. Burrel.

To New Found Association—G. W. Mace, D. B. Nelson.

To Buncombe County Association—J. L. Brookshier, T. J. Brock.

To North Greenville Association—W. B. Johnson, Joshua Pruitt, L. B. Johnson.

On motion, adjourned until 9:30 a. m. to-morrow, at which time the association will spend half hour in devotional exercises, to be conducted by brother Vernon.

FOURTH DAY.

SUNDAY MORNING, October 14, 1888.

The association met according to adjournment, and spent 30 minutes in devotional exercises, conducted by brother Vernon. Prayer by J. W. Middleton. Sang the hymn, "Oh, home, sweet home." Prayer by J. W. Anderson. Sang "Beautiful Land." and joined in prayer, led by Elder James McCall.

The moderator *pro tem.*, Elder James Blythe, called the body to order according to the regular order of business yesterday. The report of the committee on Sunday-schools was read, and after remarks by Elder J. E. Carter, J. B. Freeman, and L. B. Johnson, adopted.

Adjourned in order to hear the missionary sermon, which was preached by the appointee, Elder James Blythe, to a large and attentive audience. Text: Matthew 24:14. After which a collection was taken, amounting to \$13.30. The stand was occupied in the afternoon by A. W. Beck, who preached from Matthew 2:13.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Friendship church, on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1889, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

JOSHUA PRUITT,
Clerk.

D. B. NELSON,
Moderator.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

REPORT ON ARRANGEMENTS.

Meet at 9:30 a. m.; spend 30 minutes in devotional exercises; adjourn at 11 o'clock for sermon; recess for dinner; resume labor at 1:30 p. m., and adjourn at pleasure. Call for reports of committees, viz: Arrangements; Preaching one Sermon each day; Time and Place; Annual Sermons; Church Letters; State of Religion; Temperance; Home Missions; Education; Foreign Missions; Religious Periodicals; Sunday-schools; Obituaries; Revision of the Constitution; Nominations; Union Meetings; Appoint Correspondents and elect Historian; Motions and Resolutions.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is one of the great principles of the Christian religion. Whenever and wherever God's ministers preach the word, they, as did Paul, should preach righteousness, temperance, and judgments to come. We are proud to say, at this time, that there are but few pastors who are not working up their churches to meet this great question, prohibition, that is now before the people, yet we are sorry to say that there are still some pastors that fail to cry aloud against this great evil, and the world sees it, and the people talk about it. While, in 1884, St. John, the Prohibition candidate, received one hundred and fifty thousand votes, we believe that Fisk, the present candidate, will receive one million in 1888, and we believe that in 1892 the prayers of God's people will be answered, and the people will be freed from the great curse of intoxicating drink, and we also believe that the time is just dawning when Christians will vote as they pray.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. BROOKSHIER, Chairman.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee report, that while we have been so wonderfully blessed the past associational year, and that the Spirit of the Lord has been manifested among us as a denomination, that we have many reasons to thank God for his goodness and unbounding mercies, yet it is a lamentable fact that the strong hand of death is abroad in the land. Thirty-two of our members, who were with us last year, are now numbered with the saints who have gone before.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. RHODES, Chairman.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations submit the following names for Associational Board: D. B. Nelson, J. L. Brookshier, L. B. Johnson, L. W. Anderson. Sunday-school Board: J. B. Freeman, Z. V. Brevard, J. C. Morgan, W. B. Johnson, J. S. Sales, J. A. Staton.

Respectfully submitted, R. T. Tow, Chairman.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

Your committee on Time and Place of next meeting, submit the following: The next association will convene with Friendship church, two miles east of Saluda, Polk county, N. C., on Thursday before the first Lord's day in September, 1889, at 10:30 a. m.

J. T. STATON, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from the churches the following amounts:

For Home Missions.....	\$ 6 85
For Foreign Missions.....	27 07
For Associational Missions.....	12 60
For Sunday-school Missions.....	6 60
From committee on Finance.....	32 35
Error, in favor of Treasurer.....	25
Total.....	\$85 72

Disbursed as follows:

Paid J. B. Freeman, Home Missions.....	\$ 7 10
" " " Foreign Missions.....	27 07
" " " Sunday-school Missions.....	6 60
" " " Associational Missions.....	12 60
" Clerk for Minutes, and salary.....	32 35
Total.....	\$85 72

Respectfully submitted, G. B. HUDSON, Treasurer.

REPORT ON INTRODUCTORY AND MISSIONARY SERMONS.

Your committee appoint to preach the next Introductory Sermon: J. L. Brookshier; alternate, J. R. Rhodes. To preach the Missionary Sermon, J. W. Anderson; alternate, J. A. Staton.

Respectfully submitted, W. B. JOHNSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON UNION MEETINGS.

Your committee report that the churches east of the State road shall constitute the first district, and those west of the State road the second district. We recommend that a Union be held in the first district, at Refuge church, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in December next, and that this Union meeting appoint the next meetings, and that the next meeting in the second district be held with the Green River church, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in December next. We also recommend that a committee be appointed in the first district to get up a programme for the meeting at Refuge. Committee: P. T. Ward, S. J. Justice, and J. A. Staton. The committee to get up programme for second district, at Green River: N. W. Corn, J. B. F. Pace, J. W. Anderson.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES BLYTHE, Chairman.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following: Sent up by the churches for printing the Minutes, \$32.69. Friendship church, for Foreign Missions, \$3.00. Total, \$35.69. (For amount sent by each church, see statistical table.)

Z. V. BREVARD, Chairman.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS.

Your committee have no means of ascertaining how many families in our bounds are reading religious newspapers, but we fear the number is small, yet every family should take at least one religious weekly. This is an age of periodical reading, and next to the pulpit the newspaper is the great educator. We recommend that a Baptist

religious weekly be established within the bounds of the Western Convention, and we are of opinion that such a paper, conducted by a judicious editor, at a reasonable price, would be supported by our people. We also recommend the "Biblical Recorder," published at Raleigh, N. C., as a good paper. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. BLYTHE, Chairman.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

There are some encouraging features to be observed in the awakening interest among our people on the general subject of education. Some of our citizens show a growing desire for the liberal culture of their children, and many of our young women, and young men, are becoming deeply concerned for education. We recognize this with pleasure, but we have to deplore that there is still a great want of interest on this subject among our people generally. We are fortunate in having located in our midst a College which acts as a great stimulus to the great subject of education. We ought to show our appreciation of this institution by giving to it our support. And we recommend Judson College to the liberal support and patronage of this association. Respectfully submitted,

J. B. BOONE, Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Your committee submit the following: If we are to judge from the amount of work done, and the number of conversions in the bounds of our association, the state of religion in the past year does not come up to that of the year before. If we judge by the number of new churches organized in our bounds, we are ahead of last year. While we would not discourage our brethren of the churches, yet we are inclined to think there is room to do more than we have in the past, and hope all will take courage, and press forward. We heartily recommend a weekly prayer meeting in every church in our bounds, and the giving of more of our means for the carrying on of every good work as a means of raising the standard of religion.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. MIDDLETON, Chairman.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We, your committee, are glad to say that all the churches in this association have Sunday-schools, with the exception of four or five, and they are nearly all Baptist. The reports of Sunday-schools in the church letters do not give the statistics correctly, but it is believed that there is at least 1,700 scholars in the bounds of this association. Many of the schools are evergreen. Nearly all the pastors are becoming enthusiastic Sunday-school workers. However, we find that some pastors take little or no interest in Sunday-schools. Twelve or fifteen years ago not one half of the churches had Sunday-schools. We have made great gains; the good work is progressing; hundreds of little missionaries are being educated by the Sunday-school for the great work of evangelizing the nations. We have now over 750,000 teachers, and more than 6,000,000 scholars in this country. Robert Raikes organized the first Sunday-school in London in 1769, one hundred and nineteen years ago. Queen Charlotte sent for him, gave him audience, and encouraged him, and so the good work goes bravely on. Humphrey Posey was the first missionary sent out by the State Board, west of the Blue Ridge, backed by the old Philadelphia association. Then there were no Sunday-schools here—perhaps Sunday-schools had not been heard of by many of our old Baptists—but to-day behold the vast army of Sunday-school scholars, and, from the signs of the times, when we say to the watchman, tell us of the night, may we not hear the clarion notes that there is vic-

tory ahead, and we believe that God will raise up men from the little bare-footed army who will stand for Sunday-schools, temperance, and the Christian religion. Respectfully submitted,

J. B. FREEMAN, Chairman.

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

As the statistical table includes each item contained in the report of the committee on Church Letters, signed by L. H. Freeman, chairman, we deem it unnecessary to print the report in the body of the minute.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Home Missions, submit the following: The work of Home Missions has been greatly blessed the present year, 1888. God has crowned the labors of our missionaries with abundant success, and the churches have responded with unusual liberality to the calls of the work. The number of missionaries in the field are as follows: Arkansas, 22; Cuba, 17; District of Columbia, 1; Florida, 37; Georgia, 5; Indian Territory, 15; Louisiana, 21; Maryland, 2; Missouri, 4; Mississippi, 3; Texas, 125; Virginia, 1; Western Arkansas and Indian Territory, 15; Western North Carolina, 18; West Virginia, 1. Total missionaries, 287. Work done by the missionaries in the field: Churches and stations, 1,114; weeks of labor, 10,739; sermons preached, 33,868; prayer meetings held, 7,390; Baptisms, 4,857; received by letter, 2,639; total additions, 7,496; Sunday-schools organized, 431; teachers and pupils, 17,240; religious visits, 47,610; churches constituted, 306; houses of worship built, 64; cost of houses of worship, \$54,068; pages of tracts distributed, 442,352; Bibles and Testaments, 1,779; total Sunday-school publications, 4,754,000.

Your committee is glad to say that in Western North Carolina the Baptists outnumber all other denominations. It has been said that three-fourths of the land in Western North Carolina belongs to members of Baptist churches. This country, so rich in many of the resources of wealth, so beautiful in its scenery, so healthful—the Switzerland of America, the "Land of the Sky,"—ought to be held by our Baptist people. To do this we must liberalize and elevate the masses of the people.

W. B. JOHNSON, Chairman.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

The union of the Henderson County and the Carolina Associations, under the name of the Carolina, which took place two years ago, had a good effect in bringing the churches into closer union, and in promoting the general advancement of our cause. At our last meeting most of our churches which are located in South Carolina, obtained letters of dismission, and will unite with an association in their own State. So that now our associational limits are almost conformable to the boundary lines of Henderson county.

NEW CHURCHES.

Three new churches have been organized during the year: Mountain Valley, in the Green River cove, in Polk county; Saluda, at a station of that name on the Asheville & Spartanburg R. R.; and Riverside, near Johnson's bridge, on the French Broad. Saluda was organized on the 15th of June, with 27 members, and Riverside on the 16th of September, with 29 members. Hendersonville church is building a new house of worship. It is a handsome brick edifice, the walls and tower of which are completed. The old brick church, at the lower end of town, has been sold and taken down. It was the first church house erected in the town, and after standing 40 or 50

years, it gives place to the new building half way up town, on Academy street. Our venerable brother, David Garren, a member of Salem church, donated the lot, valued at \$300.00, upon which the new church is erected, and is to be honored with a memorial Window. Several churches have enjoyed revivals. Notably Hooper's Creek, under the pastoral care of Elder J. L. Brookshier, which recently had 38 baptisms at one time. Elder G. W. Mace has labored successfully as missionary under appointment of our Mission and Sunday-school Board. He assisted in the organization of two of the new churches, organized several Sunday-schools, and has held successful protracted meetings with several feeble churches. The total number of baptisms, as reported in the letters from the churches to this meeting, is 148. Our people need stimulating upon the subject of education. Judson College is not receiving the patronage which our interests demand, but most of our churches have made commendable progress.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. NELSON, Historian.

Constitution.

WE, the members of the Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, who have, on profession of our faith in Him, been immersed, believing that the Holy Scriptures are the only standard of faith and duty for Christians, enjoining as they do zeal and continued effort in promoting the cause of our blessed Lord, do now unite in this Association under this Constitution, for the advancement of the objects therein stated.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called the CAROLINA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, and shall be composed of representatives chosen by each church in the Union, from among the number of its own members, who shall carry to each meeting of the body, certificates of their election, with a statement of the membership, conditions, and prospects of the church they represent, the names of its licensed and ordained ministers, and such contributions as have been made for benevolent objects, which shall be appropriated only as the donors may direct.

II. This Association shall meet annually, and shall be organized as soon as the names of the representatives are enrolled, by the election of a Moderator, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and a Historian, by ballot, who shall hold offices until the next annual meeting.

III. Each church shall be entitled to a representation of three delegates, and an additional one for every fifty members in excess of one hundred, and all ordained ministers shall have seats as delegates.

IV. The Association shall be governed by such rules of order as it may from time to time adopt.

V. Any church holding the principles of the doctrines of Christ, and the order of His house, as generally held by those denominated Baptists, may connect itself with this association at any meeting of the same.

VI. The decisions of the association shall, in all cases, except in the matter of amendments to the constitution, be made by a majority vote, but amendments to the constitution must be adopted by a two-thirds vote. Amendments may be adopted at any meeting of the association.

VII. The association reserves the inalienable right to withdraw from any church that abandons the principles of this organization.

VIII. This association holds that the churches of Christ, though not possessed of any sovereign authority, are, nevertheless, in their government, independent of each other, and of all other ecclesiastical organizations, and accountable to no tribunal, but to Christ only, and holds that while it is the duty of all churches, in temporal matters, to be obedient to the laws of the land, in spiritual matters, they should be obedient alone to Jesus Christ, their only head and law-giver.

IX. While this association holds that each church of Christ is an independent body, as above stated, it rather regards itself as an advisory council, but will not presume to dictate for the churches, but will give counsel, which the churches may receive or reject; but the association is of opinion that the best mode of settling differences between churches, is to take the same scriptural steps as are prescribed for the settling of difficulties between members; that the church that feels aggrieved should send a statement of the cause of grievance to the sister church which gave the offence, and if it will not give Christian satisfaction, then call upon one or two sister churches to assist in a settlement, and if the offending church will not listen then, then report the same to this body, which will not pay any attention to such complaints unless the above course of procedure has been complied with.

X. This association will not admit, or receive, any church into membership in the union, that is known to be in disorder, or composed of members excluded from another church of the same order of this association.

XI. Any church in good standing in this association shall at any time be allowed the privilege of withdrawing from the same by letter.

XII. This association may correspond and form a brotherly union with any Baptist organization holding similar views of doctrines and duty with those held by this body.

XIII. This association may appoint as many boards, or committees, as may be necessary for carrying on the business and accomplishing the objects of its organization. These, when so appointed, shall make reports at the times appointed by the association.

XIV. The minutes shall be read and corrected, if necessary, in the morning of each day of the session, and at the close of the last day.

XV. As the business of the association must be finished before its adjournment, no member shall be allowed to depart from any of its sessions without leave.

XVI. The objects of the association shall be the circulation of the Scriptures in destitute places, the encouragement and aid of Foreign, Home, Conventional, and Associational Missions, Education, Sunday-schools, and Temperance.

XVII. The association shall keep a book in which this Constitution, and a minute of each session, shall be recorded, which book shall be present at every meeting of the Association.

Rules of Order.

1. The annual meetings of the Association shall open by singing and prayer, at half-past ten o'clock, on the Thursday before the first Lord's day in September in each year. At this hour the Moderator, or in his absence the Clerk, shall call the members to order, when the certificates will be presented, and the names of the members enrolled. This body will then be organized by

PARTIAL STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR 1888.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Meeting Day.	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Membership	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Miss'ns	Value church property.	Sunday - school Missions.	Pastors' Salary
Mountain Page.	J. R. Rhodes	A. T. Hart	Saluda	1	5	2	13	1	2	296	\$1 80	\$5 00					\$ 9 40	
Oak Grove.	J. R. Rhodes	T. E. Waters	Upward	3	9	4	7	1	1	88	1 65							
Double Springs	J. T. Singleton	W. C. Ward	Splendor	4	9	6	4	1	1	114	1 15							
Green Mountain	J. L. Brookshier	J. Y. W. Freeman	Fruitland.	2	1	4	3	3	2	124	1 65	5 00						\$100 00
Shaws Creek	G. W. Mace	Joseph McCary	Hendersonville.	2	1	4	2	17	3	80	82							21 00
Friendship	James Blythe	T. H. Williams	Saluda.	2	1	2	1	5	2	284	1 40							
Green River	J. R. Rhodes	P. T. Ward	Green River	1	1	1	1	1	1	69	70							60 00
Refuge	James Blythe	R. T. Drake	Blue Ridge	3	1	1	1	2	2	81	65							
Pleasant Hill	G. W. Mace	D. N. Osleen	Flat Rock	4	5	3	4	1	1	108	1 15	3 90						20 00
Mount Olivet	J. W. Anderson	H. D. Drake.	Highland, S. C.	4	3	4	1	4	2	108	1 30							15 00
Mountain Hill	J. R. Rhodes	Joshua Pruitt.	Bowman's Bluff	4	3	4	1	1	2	82	1 35	2 15						50 00
Beulah	B. P. Robertson	J. N. Youngblood	Fletcher's	1	38	4	2	12	26	90	1 30							50 00
Hoopers Creek	J. L. Brookshier	J. S. Rhodes	Bear Wallow	8	10	4	1	13	8	75	1 05	7 00						100 00
Mount Gilgud	D. B. Nelson	W. F. Huntly	Angelina	4	1	2	1	6	2	99	2 82	6 80						13 00
Middle Fork	Richard Hudgins	J. H. Beck	Hendersonville.	1	3	1	1	8	1	86	1 45							50 00
Mud Creek	J. L. Brookshier	J. T. Sales	Fletchers	1	3	1	2	4	1	104	1 65							100 00
Salem	D. B. Nelson	W. A. Smith	Hendersonville.	2	1	1	3	4	1	84	1 55							
Hendersonville	D. B. Nelson	M. L. Underwood	Sutton.	1	1	1	2	1	1	154	55							100 00
Mills River	J. W. Anderson	J. L. Evans	Delmont.	2	1	1	1	1	1	79	60							
Crab Creek	W. J. Wilkie	L. H. Freeman	Pump.	4	8	4	1	1	1	60	1 00							
Bear Wallow	W. J. Wilkie	W. A. Fortune	Green River	4	8	4	1	1	1	60	1 00							
Cross Roads.	J. R. Rhodes																	
Mount Moriah	(not represented)																	
Cedar Springs	J. W. Anderson	J. C. Capps	Splendor	1	5	2	8	1	1	96	65							
Liberty	R. M. Gilbert	Chas. Shephard	Pump.	3	14	1	1	1	1	70	90							50 00
Ebenezer	W. J. Wilkie	J. J. Blythe	Hendersonville.	3	5	3	1	1	1	95	90	7 65						45 00
Pl'snt Grove (1)	Jas. Plemons	M. C. Whitaker	Pink Bed.	3	5	3	2	2	2	39	65	1 20						13 00
Pl'snt Grove (2)	L. C. Hamilton	James Gray	Bowman's Bluff.	4						65	85							16 55
French Broad	T. H. Plemons	J. C. Morgan	Bowman's Bluff.	4						27	27							50 00
Bolston	E. J. Morgan	A. C. McKinnan.	Bolston	2	14	3	1	8	3	134	60							
Riverside	D. B. Nelson	D. B. Nelson	Horse Shoe	3	10	6	7	3	3	38	1 20							
Mountain Valley	James Blythe	T. E. Pace	Fish Top	3	10	6	7	3	3	40	1 00							
Saluda	James Blythe	J. I. Davis	Saluda.	3	10	6	7	3	3	28	80							

the election of officers, and thus organized, attend upon the introductory discourse, at the close of which the Association will take recess or proceed to business.

2. The order of business is to open the door—1. For membership. 2. For correspondence. 3. For any business coming up regularly.

3. The Association shall on each day open and close with prayer by the Moderator, or a brother, at his request. The title of "brother" shall be used in all the meetings of this body.

4. The Moderator shall preside in the meetings of the body, keep and decide questions of order, subject to appeal from members.

5. Questions shall be decided by "aye" or "no;" doubtful cases by the rising of the members to their feet until they are counted.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, except those ordered by ballot.

7. In all cases by ballot, the Moderator may vote: in other cases he may not, unless the body be equally divided, or unless his vote, if given to the minority, will make the division equal, and in that case the question shall be lost.

8. A member may, on motion, submit any subject to the consideration of the Association that relates to its design or objects, and if seconded, it shall receive due consideration, except it be withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the body.

9. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the Moderator shall decide the priority of right.

10. If a member shall violate any of these rules, any member may, but the Moderator shall, call him to order.

11. No member shall speak on the same subject oftener than twice, without leave of the Association, except to explain.

12. A member, in making a motion, speaking, or in debate, shall rise and address the Moderator respectfully.

13. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator before debate.

14. When the Moderator is putting the question, or addressing the body, no member shall walk out of or across the house; nor, when a member is speaking, enter into private conversation, or pass between the speaker and the Moderator, but all are required to pay strict attention.

15. No member shall leave the house without leave of absence from the Moderator.

16. When a question is under debate, no motion will be received, except to amend; to postpone to a given day or indefinitely; to lay on the table, or to adjourn, which is always in order, and decided without debate.

17. One member only shall speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted, unless he depart from the subject under consideration, use words of personal reflection, or is called to order.

18. The Clerk shall keep a fair record of the proceedings of each meeting, prepare them for the press, keep a regular file of them, and bring or send it to each meeting, and on going out of office, put it in the hands of his successor.

19. The Treasurer shall receive and have charge of all monies and specialties of the Association; pay out money to order of the body only, and at each meeting present a statement of his department.

20. The Association shall appoint at each meeting two of her ministering brethren, with alternates—one to preach the Introductory Sermon on the first day of the next meeting, directly after the organization of the body, and the other to preach the Associational Sermon on the Lord's day, directly after the morning sermon. At the close of the Association sermon, a collection will be taken up from the audience in support of one or more of the benevolent objects sustained by the Association.

21. The Association may have an address to the Churches prepared and published with the Minutes whenever she may think proper.

