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OF THE
FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION
OF THE
Liberty and Ducktown Association

HELD WITH THE

FAIRVIEW CHURCH
(Eight miles west of Murphy)

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Liberty and Ducktown Association, held with the Fairview Church, Eight miles west of Murphy, Cherokee County, N. C.

FIRST DAY--Thursday, Sept. 28, 1890.

The Liberty and Ducktown Association met with th Church at Fairview, eight miles west of Murphy, N. C., in its forty-eighth annual session. Introductory sermon preached by Elder J. F. McGee, from John 10 and 11, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." Followed by remarks and prayer by Elder B. M. Ledford. Then took a recess. Re-assembled, body called to order by the Moderator. The Clerk being absent, J. T. L. Hartness was appointed temporary Clerk. A. K. Dickey and W. L. Voyles were appointed Reading Clerks, and proceeded to read letters from the various churches comprising this association. On motion an invitation was then given for the reception of new Churches, Ebenezer came forward, motion to receive prevailed. Then proceeded to election of Moderator and Clerk, resulting in the election of Elder J. F. McGee, Moderator and J. T. L. Hartness, Clerk. An invitation was then given to visiting ministers, members and correspondents; received Elder A. E. Brown, assistant corresponding secretary of the State Convention, Elder J. W. Lawing, correspondent from the Western North Carolina Association, Elder R. A. Sentell, visitor, from the Haywood County Association. Elder S. C. Owen presented himself as editor of the Southern Baptist, and by motion and vote of the body, rejected. Accepted, W. H. Rymer, as visitor from the Estanala Association. The following committees were then appointed:

Preaching—A. Rice, L. D. McNabb, A. K. Dickey, Elder B. M. Ledford and G. W. Akin.

Deceased Members—E. A. Deweese, Thomas Payne.

Sunday Schools—W. L. Voyles, R. A. Sentell, M. A. Hembree.

Home and State Missions—B. M. Ledford, A. E. Brown, J. F. McGee and M. A. Hembree.

Education—A. K. Dickey, J. W. Lawing, J. W. Hembree and R. A. Sentell.

Temperance—W. D. Hogsed, L. D. McNabb, E. D. Cole and M. C. Higdon.

Finance—R. A. Cline, E. M. Coleman.

State of the Churches—E. D. Cole, J. A. Craig, J. T. Dockery, W. N. Lovingood and J. H. Rymer.

Pastoral Support—W. W. Colling, J. T. Payne, G. I. Carroll and E. Montgomery.

Querries—E. A. Deweese, G. F. Burger, A. F. Mull and Joseph Coleman.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. Prayer by Elder M. C. Higdon.

SECOND DAY--Friday, Sept. 29.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. T. Bright. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted. Paper read from the Estanala Association commending Elder M. C. Higdon as a minister of the gospel in high standing, having been Moderator of said Association.

Renewed call for visitors and correspondents. Received Rev. T. Bright as correspondent from the W. N. C. Association, also representative of the Biblical Recorder, Rev. C. M. Ledford, correspondent from the W. N. C. Association, Rev. C. F. Martin, correspondent from the W. N. C. Association. Finished appointment of Committees:

State of Ministry—L. D. McNabb, J. L. Center, J. W. Hembree and G. W. Morgan.

Foreign Missions—E. A. Deweese, R. A. Sentell, T. Bright and J. W. Lawing.

Nominations—E. D. Cole, A. Rice, W. W. Collins and M. P. Sneed.

Religious Literature—G. W. Morgan, J. R. Green, M. C. Higdon and A. K. Dickey.

Report on Temperance read. Motion for adoption discussed by W. D. Hogsed, T. Bright, A. K. Dickey and others. Then adopted. See report. The hour for preaching having arrived, the stand was occupied by Rev. R. A. Sentell, who delivered an instructive sermon. After which recess was taken for refreshments.

Re-assembled at 1 o'clock. By motion Brother's C. M. Campbell and Gay Bryant were given seats as honorary members. Report on Sunday schools read. Motion for adoption, and made special order for 9 o'clock Sunday morning. Read report on education. Discussed by A. K. Dickey and others and adopted. Then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning. Benediction by Rev. T. Bright.

THIRD DAY--Saturday, Sept. 30.

Met according to agreement, Moderator in chair. Scripture lesson by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. C. M. Ledford. Minutes of previous day read and adopted. By motion the name of G. F. Burger was entered as delegate from Friendship, also the name of William Johnson from Macedonia.

Report on the State of Churches read. Motion for adoption. Discussed by E. D. Cole and others and adopted. See report.

Report on State of the Ministry read. Motion for adoption. Discussed by J. W. Hembree and others and adopted. See report.

Report on Foreign Missions read. Motion for adoption. The hour for preaching having arrived, it was agreed that Rev. E. A. Deweese discuss this important subject in the sermon, which was ably done in a plain manner. After which collection was taken for Foreign Missions amounting to \$10.42. Then took a recess for half an hour.

Re-assembled, House called to order by the Moderator. Adopted the report on Foreign Missions. See report.

Report on Religious Literature read and adopted.

Report on Home and State Missions read. Motion for adoption. Discussed by Rev. A. E. Brown and others and adopted. See report.

Report on Finance read and adopted, amount \$20.39.

Report on Pastoral Support read. Discussed by L. D. McNabb and others and adopted.

Report of Missionary submitted. See report.

Report on Deceased Members read and adopted. Being incomplete on account of the required information, motion that the Chairman of the committee with the Clerk, complete said report as near as possible.

Report on Nominations read and adopted. See report.

By motion elected Rev. E. D. Cole Missionary for the coming year by acclamation. Motion that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he have \$5 for his services.

Resolution by J. W. Lawing commending the Church and people of Fairview for their generosity and hospitality during the sessions of this Association. See resolutions.

Appointed delegates to the State Convention, viz: Revs. E. D. Cole, E. A. Deweese and J. F. McGee. Committee appointed, Resolution on Temperance, to-wit: J. W. Lawing, A. Rice and A. K. Dickey.

Committee consisting of one delegate from each church to look after the welfare of our Missionary, in his support. Then adjourned to meet Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Lawing.

FOURTH DAY--Sunday, Oct. 1st.

Met according to adjournment. Scripture reading by Moderator. Prayer by J. R. Green.

Report on Sunday schools re-read, discussed by W. L. Voyles and others and adopted. See report.

Resolution in favor of the Orphanage at Thomasville, offered. See resolutions.

Report of Committee on Resolutions on Temperance read and adopted. See resolutions.

By motion and vote of the Association Cyrus Deaver was recommended to the faculty of Mars Hill College, as a worthy young man, who is trying to prepare himself for the ministry. The hour for preaching being up, the stand was occupied by Rev. A. E. Brown, who delivered an eloquent and interesting sermon to a large and attentive congregation. Text, Matthew 25, part of 45th verse, "Inasmuch as ye did it not." Subject omission. After which took up a collection for State Missions, amount \$6.55. Then took a recess for one hour.

Re-assembled. Sermon by Rev. J. W. Lawing, Subject: "The Christ of the New Testament." Then took collection for the Missionary, Rev. E. D. Cole, amount \$9.43. After which adjourned to meet at time and place. Prayer by Rev. R. A. Sentell.

J. T. L. HARTNESS, Clerk.

J. F. MCGEE, Moderator.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Sunday Schools.

Sunday schools are important for the welfare of the churches. There is not that interest taken in Sunday schools that there should be. From some cause we have lost sight of our Sunday school convention. The cause seems to be retrograding. We are of the opinion that our pastors do not take the interest in the Sunday schools that they should. They do not encourage it as they should. Now let us rally to the cause with one concentrated effort, and try to remove all cause for hinderances to the work, and make it what it should be.

W. L. VOYLES, Chm.

Temperance.

The cause of Temperance moves on steadily. We are encouraged to say that many Baptists who formerly engaged in the use of intoxicants, are leaving it off. But with shame to our denomination and disgrace to themselves and families, some still use or encourage the use of strong drinks. Men who oppose whisky and brandy and perhaps would not drink it themselves, will with the appetite of a drunkard turn wine to their lips and declare it to be very good. Now, they, who drink wine are as bad as they who drink whisky or brandy, and the wine seller as bad as they who sell whisky or brandy. God pity a member of the church or any one who will use or encourage others to use intoxicants.

W. D. HOGSED, Chm.

L. D. McNABB.

Education.

Your Committee on Education feel that no subject is of more importance to our people than education. The cause of Christ will suffer in our hands if we do not educate. The public demand it. Denominations are giving attention to it. As Baptists we must educate our children or others will educate some of them, and proselyte many more. Therefore we recommend the building of a strong Baptist school in reach of our people, and in order to effect this we propose to accept the proposition of the Western North Carolina Association, and unite with them in locating and building a school, retaining equal rights for ourselves and granting them the same. The Western North Carolina Association having appointed a committee of twelve to meet at Bellview on Friday before the first Sabbath in November to meet in joint session with like committee of our body, your committee recommend that the following brethren be and are appointed to meet with Western North Carolina Committee as above stated, viz: P. E. Nelson, Rev. B. M. Ledford, L. D. McNabb, Dr. ——— Casteel, Harvey Berong, Rev. J. F. McGee, A. Rice, W. K. Johnson, J. T. L. Hartness, Wm. Collins, Thomas Payne and W. G. Sparks, and in joint session to locate said place and accept whatever proposition they may think best. And while in joint session, that the two committees elect a board of trustees and other officers necessary for the due management of the work. We would further recommend that each church in our bounds, meet as soon as convenient, and determine the amount they are willing to pay to the building of said school and send a statement to the above named meeting.

A. K. DICKEY,

J. W. LAWING.

J. W. HEMBREE,

R. A. SENTELL.

State of the Ministry.

The State of the Ministry according to reports has not been very successful for the last year, for which we are sorry. We find no fault in the moral standing of the ministry. We find in part a lack of sufficient education of the ministry. We find in part also that the Ministry is not supported as it should be. It is also the opinion of the committee that the world is more steeped in sin than formerly. Therefore we recommend a greater consecration on the part of the Ministry.

Foreign Missions.

The churches of the south have 82 missionaries in the foreign field who are under the supervision of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Convention located at Richmond, Va. Also 128 native helpers, making a total of 210. For the support of these and others the sum of \$136,600 is required. Of this amount North Carolina was asked to raise \$9,000; to July 15, only \$202.14 had been raised. We believe the Baptists of North Carolina will give this amount this year. There has been in the field above named 845 Baptisms this year up to July 15. Number of churches 100, with a membership of 5,347.

E. A. DEWEESE.
R. A. SENTELL.
T. BRIGHT.
J. W. LAWING.

On State of the Churches.

We find the churches are not in as good condition as they should be. Conversions are few. Pastoral support is wanting. Mission contributions are small. We fear the Sunday school is neglected. There are also false doctrines in our country. We suggest that all the churches look well to the hindrances, and effect more the coming year. E. D. COLE, Chm.

On Religious Literature.

There are not in the homes of our people that amount of good literature that there ought to be. The importance of good literature cannot be over estimated. People will think, talk and act in main as they read. We therefore recommend to the churches: first of all the Bible, as the standard; the Biblical Recorder, published at Raleigh, N. C.; the Skyland Baptist, published at Mars Hill, N. C.; the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., the Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga., and Charity and Children, published at Thomasville, N. C., in the interest of the North Carolina Baptist Orphanage. We heartily commend all the above papers as good sound publications, loyal to all the interests of the Baptists in the south and in the state.

G. W. MORGAN.
M. C. HIGDON.
J. R. GREEN.
A. K. DICKEY.

Pastoral Support.

We feel that the churches are living in a crisis at this time, and that they are not what they would have been had our pastors been supported as they should have been. The ministry is hurt by not having time to study and do pastoral work. Our lack of support has driven many strong men from us to other fields. We recommend that the delegates of this Association make an earnest effort as soon as they meet their churches to raise the pastors' support, and that they endeavor to enlist all the members of our churches to aid in the support of the pastor. We also recommend that the churches require their pastors to teach on this line of duty.

W. W. COLLINS, Chm.

Home and State Missions.

We are co-laborers with God in evangelizing the world. The great command of our Lord to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" applies to missions at home as well as abroad. The order given by our Savior in Acts i, 1-8, is to begin in Jerusalem, then in Judea, then in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. No unbiased christian heart can review the work of our Home and State Boards for the past year and not be filled with the profoundest gratitude. Notwithstanding the paralyzing influence of war and devastating effects of yellow fever, our Home Board reports an increase in results over last year. The following is a partial summary of last year's work: We had under employ last year 653 Missionaries, who baptised 6,552 converts. Constituted 194 churches,

built 92 houses of worship besides improving 252 others, organized 512 new Sunday Schools in which were gathered 14,768 pupils. This work has been accomplished at a cost of \$65,818.81. Our work in Cuba, which had been interrupted by the war, has been resumed with almost pentecostal encouragement. There is still a cry for increase of laborers, especially Cuba, this can only be done by an increase of contributions. State Missions. We had on the different Mission fields in our state last year, 103 Missionaries, who baptized 1,466 converts, constituted 29 new churches, built 25 houses of worship and organized 73 Sunday schools. The work was planned this year on a basis of \$20,000. In order to be free from debt when our convention meets in Asheville December the 6th, we must raise \$12,000. It has been the custom in our state to contribute to this work of the Home and Foreign Boards during the first part of the year and then at the close of the year to press the collections for State Missions. This may be unwise, however, the condition confronts us, and it is a small thing for 175,000 Baptists to raise \$20,000 if they put forth only a small effort. Let the churches of this Association show by their contributions that they are interested in giving the Gospel to every inhabitant in our state. The Baptists of North Carolina have made great progress in the last years. They have grown from about 25,000 to 175,000 members. The history of this progress is largely the history of our Mission Board. Let us give the work entrusted to them our sympathies, our prayers and our contributions. B. M. LEDFORD, Chm.

Deceased Members.

Persimmon has lost one, Delie Carroll, wife of S. A. Carroll, aged 28 years. Professed a hope in Christ, in 1889, lived a devoted Christian life, faithful wife and loving mother to the last.

Shady Grove has lost Georgie Iowa Arp, born February 8, 1886, departed this life June 27, 1899. Joined the church August 1897, lived a faithful, pious Christian, met death with a Christian fortitude, called the family together to sing with her the song, "Angels Sweet Home," and sang while dying, "when the trumpet sounds I'll be there."

Bethlehem has lost Sister Octavie Binnie, born August 9, 1866, died February 23, 1899, aged 32 years, six months, 14 days, joined the church in 1893. Lived a consistent member, she leaves a husband and four children to mourn their loss.

Hiawasee has lost Sister Matilda Voyles, wife of James Voyles. She joined the church at the age of 15 years, lived a consistent Christian life until death, which occurred March 20, 1899, aged 64 years.

Ogreeta has lost two, Rev. G. Y. Burgess, born 1823, died March, 1899. A member of the church 58 years, Minister of the Gospel upwards of 50 years. One who preached the Gospel without money or price. One of the old pioneer preachers of Western North Carolina, in the constitution of the Liberty and Ducktown Association. Also Sister Frances E. Griffin, who lived to a ripe old age, wife of the late John C. Griffin. She was among the best of Christian mothers, whom we all miss.

Pleasant Hill, 2nd, has lost two, Brother William Olvey, died in the faith. Also Sister Susan Grant, wife of Brother Alex. Grant. She received death as the path to heaven.

Mount Pleasant has lost three, Brother G. G. Gladson, died last March in his 86th year, also Sister Hannah Gladson, wife of said G. G. Gladson, died two days before her husband. Also Nancy Hawkins, died in October last. All of whom we trust are gone to rest with Jesus.

Hopewell has lost two, Sister Nancy Newman, departed this life in her 64th year, on December 7, 1898. Brother John Bryant, died in his 83rd year on September 3, 1899. Fannie Carter departed this life October 24, 1898, at the age of 94 years. A member of the church 65 years, lived a consistent pious life loved and respected by all who knew her. Farewell mother and grandmama for a while. Also Sister Bain, a consistent member of the

church for many years, glad to know she died as she lived, died February 27, 1899.

Pleasant Grove has lost three, Brother Alfred Panther, born 1820, departed this life August 13, 1899, a consistent member of the church 37 years, died as he lived. M. C. Decker, born 1840, died February 1, 1899, a good man gone. Also Martha Hogsed, born August 19, 1830, a member of the church 35 years, a pious Christian, a good mother and wife. She died shouting, November, 1898.

Fairview has lost Sister Minerva Akin, wife of E. B. Akin. Farewell loved ones until we shall meet again.

Zion Hill has lost Adaline Fau, consort of Thomas Fau, born April 10, 1864, departed from children and church September 7, 1899. She lived as a true Christian and mother.
E. A. DEWEESE, Chm.

OBITUARIES.

Dicy Evaline Hensley, daughter of William and Mary Dale, consort of C. L. Hensley, was born March 7, 1832, died January 21, 1898; aged 66 years 10 months and 14 days. She leaves ten children, seven sons and three daughters to mourn her loss. She was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, at Zion Hill 53 years, she was an exemplary Christian, whose life and energies were devoted to the cause of Christ, as a wife she was good and true, as a mother she was affectionate and set good examples before her children, who now deeply mourn her irreparable loss. She met death without a struggle conscious up to the last moment. Her last words were: "Farewell, farewell for a little while," and then passed away with a smile of ineffable sweetness lighting up her features with the evidence of a Christian hope in the life beyond. Her request was don't grieve for me, meet me in heaven. We deeply regret the loss of this good mother, but point with pride to her life as a monument of the past and encourage the young to emulate her example.

Sister Matilda Voyles, of Hiawassee, was born March 6, 1835, professed religion, joined the church at the age of 15 years, lived a consistent member of the church until her death, which occurred March 20, 1899. She was down sick for 19 months, during which time her suffering could not be expressed. She leaves a husband and four children and three sisters to mourn her loss, all of them members of the church but two, the husband and one son; may her prayers for those two be as bread cast upon the waters. As she neared the end her prospect for heaven seemed brighter; she called her husband and children and friends to her bed, asking them to meet her in heaven. She was often singing, "Oh heaven, sweet heaven, I long for thee; oh when shall I get there," and changing the words to: "If I get there before you do, I'll look for you; wont you come too." She did love to go to church, always wanted to go on Saturday, if she could not go both days. She took great delight in her children and when she was raising them she was always telling them how to do, that they might be respected, and have a home in heaven. Her sweet counsel to her children will never be forgotten by them in life. She was patient through all her sickness, never murmuring, she said she was just waiting the Lord's will to take her and wondered why it was she had to suffer so long, and would say, "If I only knew what it was the Lord wanted me to do before I go, I would do it at once. She was calling her departed friends a little while before she died, and seemed to be talking to them. Mother has gone, can we give her up, can we lay her away to see her no more on earth? Pray for us that we may meet her on the brighter shores of heaven. Gone, gone! dead and gone to the home of joy on high! The battle is fought and won, lay thy faithful armor by, farewell mother until we meet again.

Finance.

Report \$20.39 for minutes.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That this association ask the churches to carefully examine the reports and act on them in their conferences. M. A. HEMBREE.

Resolved, That this association in session do advise all churches constituting this council, not to make any malt liquors, buy nor sell, furnish nor cause to be furnished, any material out of which whiskies or brandies are made, aid or abet in any way, or use as a beverage any intoxicant. We further advise that wines be made only for medical and church purposes.

Resolved, That this association will refuse a seat in her council to any church who retain a member or members who in any way live in violation of the advice of the former resolution.

J. W. LAWING.
A. K. DICKEY.
A. RICE.

Whereas, The Baptists of North Carolina have a well equipped orphanage at Thomasville, in which we have 200 orphan children being cared for physically, mentally and morally; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the delegates of this association will present this work to our churches this year and ask them for a contribution for it.

B. M. LEDFORD.

Whereas, Rev. M. C. Higdon has been a faithful soldier of the Lord and has of late moved from the bounds of the Estanala Association, we hereby certify his ministerial standing as regular and of high esteem among us. He was also Moderator of this association for a number of years. Adopted by this body in session this Sept. 16th, 1899.

T. J. CATE, Clerk,
N. B. GOFORTH, Mod.

Resolved, That this body tender their thanks to the church and community at Fairview for their kind hospitality during this session.

J. W. LAWING.

Treasurer's Report.

Received from Liberty & Ducktown	Bethlehem,	"	2 14
Association at last session,	\$7 50		
Shady Grove, Foreign Missions,	1 98	Total.....	\$33 63
Shoal Creek, " " "	2 00	By am't sent J. M. Stone,	\$7 50
Zion Hill, " " "	1 15	" " " "	6 38
Macedonia, " " "	1 33		
Boiling Springs, State " "	1 05		13 88
Pleasant Hill, 1st, Foreign " "	40		
Present session collection, " "	10 82	By balance on hand,	\$19 75
Fairview, " "	5 26	A. K. DICKEY, Treasurer.	

Recapitulation of Finances.

By Treasurer.....	\$33 63	Collectson on Sunday.....	6 50
" Pleasant Hill, 1st.....	5 00	For Missionary.....	9 43
" Zion Hill.....	5 00	For Minutes.....	20 39
" Culberson.....	2 50		
" Hopewell.....	2 00	Total.....	\$84 45

Missionary's Report.

Sermons, 245; added to church by letter, 27; Sunday schools organized, 12; religious visits, 280; conversions, 33; over two-thirds of time in field; miles traveled, about 1900. The following churches contributed to my services:

Liberty,	\$3 80	Union, ..	1 35	Ogreeta,	5 15
Zion Hill,	6 35	Persimmon,	3 25	Ebenezer,	75
Friendship,	21 00	Mine City,	1 25	Hiawassee,	3 60
Pleasant Hill, 1st, ..	8 20	Pleasant Grove,	5 95	Miscellaneous,	5 00
Hopewell,	6 10	Shady Grove,	30	Associational Col.,	10 00
Solem,	4 00	Macedonia,	2 50		
Bethlehem,	9 25	Culberson,	1 15	Total.....	\$100 00

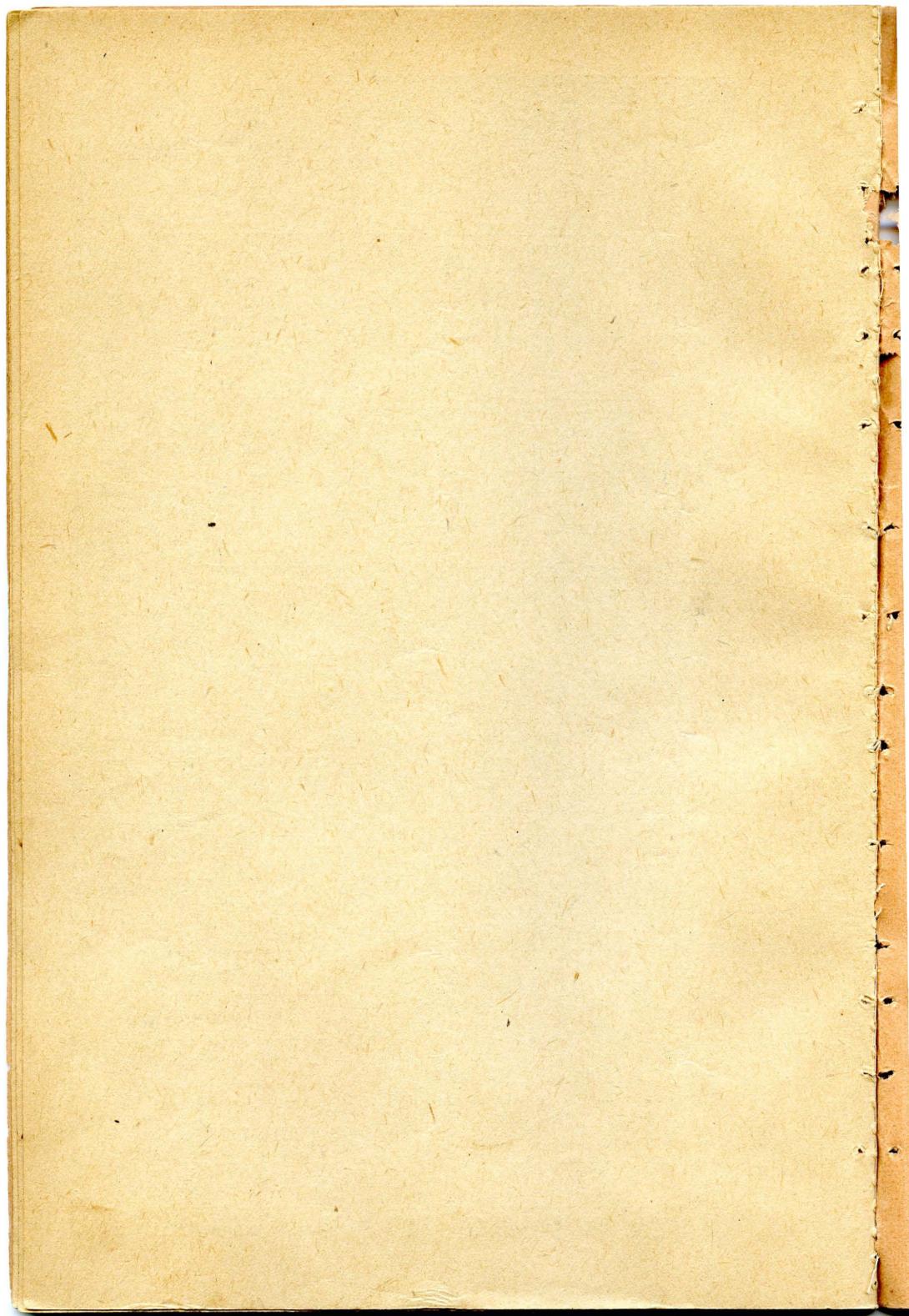
E. D. COLE, Missionary.

Nominations.

We recommend that the next session of this body be held with the church at Friendship, 15 miles west of Murphy, N. C., to begin on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1900, and that Rev. W. S. Kimsey preach the introductory sermon, alternate, Rev. Allen Craig; also that the first 5th Sunday meeting be held with the church at Macedonia, beginning on Friday before, at 10 o'clock a. m. Introductory sermon by Cyrus Corn. Second at Liberty, third at Grape Creek, fourth at Culberson. E. D. COLE, Chm.

Names of Delegates.

Beaverdam—J. T. Dockery, J. K. Bryson.
 Boiling Springs—W. N. Lovingood, Z. B. Lovingood.
 Bethlehem—G. W. Morgan, J. A. Craig, S. M. Reese.
 Culberson—J. M. Collins, A. F. Mull, L. R. Casteel.
 Ebenezer—M. P. Sneed.
 Fairview—A. K. Dickey, G. W. Akin, Eli Akin, J. E. Graham. Rev. B. M. Ledford.
 Friendship—W. W. Collins, E. W. Taylor, L. M. Martin, E. D. Mason, G. F. Burger, T. D. Hickey.
 Grape Creek—M. A. Hembree, W. N. Mashburn.
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