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NAMES AND POST OFFICES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. E. Carter, G. S. Jones, J. B. Boone, S. C. Owen, E. R. Nelson,
Hendersonville, N. C.; D. B. Nelson, Horse Shoe; W. J. Wilkie,
F. C. Hamrick, Fruitland; John Leverett, Edneyville.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

R. A. Freeman, Moderator; S. C. Owen, Clerk; J. S. Rhodes,
Treasurer; G. S. Jones, Historian.

ORDER OF BUSINESS ADOPTED BY THE ASSOCIATION IN 1885.

- I. Introductory Sermon.
- II. Organization.
 - (1.) Reading church letters and enrolling delegates.
 - (2.) Election of officers.
- III. Invitation to correspondents and visitors.
- IV. Admission of new churches.
- V. Appointment of committees.
 - (1) Preaching.
 - (2) Home Missions.
 - (3) Foreign Missions.
 - (4) Education.
 - (5) Sunday-schools.
 - (6) Temperance.
 - (7) Periodicals.
 - (8) Finance.
 - (9) Time, Place, Introductory Sermon for next session.
- VI. Report of committees.
- VII. Historian's Report.
- VIII. Treasurer's Report.
- IX. Miscellaneous business.
- X. Adjournment.

The next Association will be held with the Hooper's Creek church, commencing on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1886.

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, September 24, 1885.

THE HENDERSON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its fourth annual session, with the Mt. Gilead Baptist church. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. B. Boone, from Heb. 12:2. Prayer by Elder G. S. Jones; then adjourned twenty minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met according to adjournment, and Elder J. E. Carter, the former Moderator, was absent, Dr. R. A. Freeman was appointed Moderator, *pro tem*.

J. B. Boone and T. J. Rickman read letters from the Churches and delegates enrolled, as follows:

Hendersonville.—Elders G. S. Jones, J. B. Boone, J. E. Carter, and brethren T. J. Rickman, J. P. Morgan, N. Buckner and G. C. Briggs.

Salem.—J. A. Gallamore, W. J. Baldwin and J. T. Sales.

Mt. Gilead.—J. M. Ballard, J. M. Gilbert and J. S. Rhodes.

Mud Creek.—Eld. E. R. Nelson and W. F. Robinson.

Pleasant Grove.—T. M. Stuart, John Rickman and M. C. Whitaker.

Bear Wallow.—J. W. Freeman and R. A. Freeman.

Boilston.—A. C. McKinna, J. M. Banning and W. C. Reese.

Ebenezer.—D. C. Allen and John Holbert.

Mills River.—A. E. Brown and M. D. Barnett.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Dr. R. A. Freeman was elected Moderator; S. C. Owen, Clerk; J. S. Rhodes, Treasurer, and G. S. Jones, Historian.

Then called for new churches and a letter was presented and read from Mt. Moriah church, with the following delegates: Eld. John Leverett, J. H. Justice, M. S. Justus and M. E. Gilliam. The letter, with the bearers, was received into the body.

An invitation was extended to messengers from other Associa-

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tions and Elder T. F. Nelson, from the Carolina Association, was invited to a seat with the body.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On Preaching.—The pastor and deacons of Mt. Gilead church.
Home Missions.—Thos. J. Rickman, John Leverett and W. S. Huntley.

Foreign Missions.—A. E. Brown, J. S. Rhodes and N. Buckner.

Education.—S. C. Owen, J. W. Freeman and J. A. Gallamore.

Sunday Schools.—W. F. Robinson, T. F. Nelson and J. T. Sales.

Temperance.—John Justice, M. C. Whitaker and G. S. Jones.

Periodicals.—M. S. Justus and D. C. Allen.

Finance.—T. J. Rickman and M. D. Barnett.

Time, Place and Introductory Sermon.—J. E. Carter, J. N. Youngblood and J. W. Freeman.

State of the Churches.—E. R. Nelson, J. M. Ballard and W. F. Robinson.

As Elder J. E. Carter could not be present for the remaining part of the session, he was given time to make some statements concerning his paper, the *Blue Ridge Baptist*.

On motion, the Association unanimously endorsed the change in the price and the enlargement of the paper.

J. M. Banning, J. E. Carter and J. W. Baldwin, were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Then adjourned to 9:30, Friday morning. Prayer by J. E. Carter.

FRIDAY, Sept. 25.

The Association met according to adjournment. Religious exercises conducted by S. C. Owen.

The minutes of previous day read and approved.

The Treasurer offered the following report, which was read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HENDERSON COUNTY, N. C., Sept. 24, 1885.

To the Henderson County Association:

DEAR BRETHREN:—I submit the following as my report for all funds which have come into my hands as Treasurer of the Association:

Received of Finance Committee, - - - - -	\$16.77
" " Former Treasurer - - - - -	3.23
Total, - - - - -	\$20.00

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November 29, 1884, Paid S. C. Owen for services as clerk, - - \$ 5.00
February 23, 1885, Paid James D. Davis for printing Minutes, - 15.00

Total, - - - - - \$20.00

J. P. MORGAN, Treasurer.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read and speeches by J. B. Boone, A. E. Brown, S. C. Owen and T. F. Nelson, then adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to submit the following: From the reading of the letters from the churches, our hearts were made to rejoice over the good work going on in our churches. But there remains much to be done. Let us, as lovers of the Lord, redouble our energies and gather up all who are out of Sabbath School, both old and young, and teach them the ways of the Lord. We recommend that this Association endorse the combination of the Ministers' and Sabbath School Institutes, entered into some months ago, at Bear Wallow church, and, further recommend, that the churches send delegates to represent their schools in those Institutes.

W. F. ROBINSON, Chm'n.

THE REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND INTRODUCTORY SERMON

Was read and adopted.

Your committee on Time, Place and Introductory Sermon submit the following:

- 1st. That the Introductory Sermon be preached by J. E. Carter; W. J. Wilkie, alternate.
- 2nd. Place: Hooper's Creek
- 3rd. Time: Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in September 1886.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. CARTER,
J. N. YOUNGBLOOD, } Com.
J. W. FREEMAN.

The following report on Foreign Missions was read by A. E. Brown.

Your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following:

We are glad to know, and to be able to report that our work in Foreign lands is meeting with great success. The Lord is rewarding our missionaries with a great harvest of souls. We are also glad to report that the Churches within our bounds are responding very liberally to the calls for means to carry on this branch of our Christian work. But we must note that as the work enlarges the demand for means increases. We now have missionary stations in South America, China, Africa, Italy and Mexico. We recommend that every pastor, and church, make an effort to take one collection during the year for Foreign Missions; and, brethren, while we give of our means, let us not forget to pray earnestly for the success of our work in Foreign lands.

A. E. BROWN, }
J. S. RHODES, } Com.
N. BUCKNER.

Speeches by A. E. Brown and J. B. Boone. While the motion for the adoption of the report was pending, the body adjourned for one hour.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report on Foreign Missions was resumed and delegates made the following pledges for their Churches to be paid during the year :

Hendersonville, \$30 00; Boilston, \$5 00; Salem, \$10 00; Mt. Gilead, \$5 00; Mills' River, \$5 00; Pleasant Grove, \$5 00; Hooper's Creek, \$5 00; Bear Wallow, \$5 00; Mt. Moriah, (cash by delegates), \$5 00; Dr. R. A. Freeman, \$2 50; Miss Eliza Taylor, \$2 50; Mud Creek, \$2 50. Total, \$82 50.

The report was then adopted.

Dr. A. C. Carson and Wm. Graves, Presbyterian ministers, and Rev. Wampler, of the M. E. Church, were invited to seats with the body.

The report on Home Missions was read, and after speeches by T. J. Rickman, A. E. Brown, T. F. Nelson and S. C. Owen, that part of the report which suggests the appointment of a Missionary in our Association was referred to a committee of five, viz: S. C. Owen, A. E. Brown, J. S. Rhodes, W. S. Huntley and J. H. Justice. The remainder of the report was referred till the above committee reported.

The following report on Finance was read and adopted :

Your committee on Finance submit the following :

Received for printing Minutes, \$14.15.

T. J. RICKMAN, }
M. D. BARNETT, } Com.

NOTE.—A collection was taken and raised the above amount to \$18.20.

The report on Periodicals was read and made a special order for Saturday 10 o'clock.

Then adjourned to 9½ Saturday morning. Prayer by J. B. Boone.

SATURDAY, September 26.

The Association met according to adjournment. Religious exercises conducted by T. F. Nelson. The minutes of previous day were read and approved.

An invitation was extended to Corresponding Messengers, and Eld. J. E. Morgan, and brother G. B. Carter, were invited to seats from the Buncombe County Association. A. T. Robinson was invited to a seat with the body, as a visitor, from the South Yadkin Association.

The report on the revision of the Constitution was read and referred to the same committee.

The time having arrived for the report on Periodicals, which

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was read, and speeches by J. B. Boone, G. C. Briggs and T. F. Nelson. The report was then adopted.

Preaching at 11 o'clock, by T. F. Nelson. Prayer by E. J. Morgan.

Then the report on Temperance was read, and remarks by G. S. Jones, then adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

This Association stands firmly committed, by an oft-repeated declaration, to the doctrine of temperate living. Eating and drinking natural food to excess is a species of intemperance to be avoided. To use poisonous and unnatural food and drink, such as alcoholic beverages, and all narcotics and stupifying drugs, is not simply an intemperate act, but a down-right suicidal indulgence and worthy of our unreserved condemnation. It is not known to your committee that any of our Churches are afflicted with the sin of drunkenness unrebuked.

JOHN H. JUSTICE, }
M. C. WHITAKER } Com.
G. S. JONES. }

Then the Historian's report was read and adopted.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

This Association held its last session at Pleasant Hill church, 4 miles west of Hendersonville, beginning October 9, 1884. Elder J. E. Carter was elected Moderator; Elder S. C. Owen, Secretary; Elder F. M. Jordan preached the opening sermon.

There were eleven churches represented. The meeting was well conducted under the management of its efficient chairman, whose rulings were in harmony with Dr. Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

The interests of Judson College were brought prominently before the body. President Boone made one of his strong, telling speeches on the Educational Report. Attorney T. J. Rickman, editor of the "Blue Ridge Baptist," was present in the interest of that periodical. Moderator Carter preached the Missionary Sermon, on Sabbath. The meeting-house being too small, the congregation assembled in the church-yard grove.

Elder Carter's pastorate of the Hendersonville Baptist church closed about the first of April, 1885. Since that date the church has had no pastor. A good Sunday School, however, under the Superintendency of brother J. Williams, aided by the Faculty of Judson College.

French Broad church has been without a pastor for several months. Here, too, a good Sunday School is kept up through the punctuality and efficiency of Elder D. B. Nelson.

This Association was well represented in the Western Baptist Convention, held at Waynesville, last October.

The National and State elections, in November 1884, passed off quietly in town and county. Our Baptist brethren have credit for their part of the commendable. Thanksgiving day, November 27th, was not observed, religiously, by our churches, generally.

About the 1st. of November, Elder D. B. Nelson retired from the post of assistant Editor of the "Blue Ridge Baptist."

The year 1885 opened with about 125 students at Judson College. The "Bib-

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lical Recorder" says: "Pres. Boone is making great progress in infusing the spirit of Education into the Baptist hosts beyond the mountains—the outlook of the college is hopeful."

A Sunday School Institute was held at Mills' River church, Friday, March 6th. This convention was much indebted to Elder W. W. Wells and brother A. E. Brown, for the interest manifested. Bro. Brown was ordained Deacon. February 12th thermometer six degrees below zero.

February 22nd Elder Carter preached on Temperance, at Hendersonville. About the 1st of March, 1885, work was resumed on the Spartanburg & Asheville Railroad, connecting Hendersonville and Asheville.

March 16th Bro. J. N. Morgan began to move his Book Store to Asheville. March 19th editor Rickman retired from the control of the "Blue Ridge Baptist," and on March 31st Elder J. E. Carter became Editor and Proprietor of the paper.

Several of our county churches are associated with the Carolina and Transylvania annual meetings.

Elder James Blythe is, perhaps, the oldest active minister in the county. He is pastor of Refuge and Mt. Moriah—walks 14 miles to his appointments.

Ministers' Institute held at Ebenezer, March 28, discussed some interesting questions. Carter, Boone, J. J. Blythe and Prof. Briggs participating.

Similar meetings have been held at Bear Wallow and Hooper's Creek churches. Mt. Gilead church building is well located, near what was formerly known as Smoky Hollow, and, when completed, will be another pleasing exponent of what willing hands can accomplish.

Mud Creek church house has lately received the carpenter's attention; made more comfortable within, and attractive without.

The Commencement Exercises at Judson College, last June, were pronounced by competent judges, as a step or two in advance of previous occasions of the kind. Elder J. L. Carroll, of Asheville, preached the Annual Sermon; Elder R. T. Vann, of Wake Forest, made the Literary Address. Diplomas in the Business Department of the college were presented to four graduates.

The discovery of a gold mine in Boilston settlement may, or may not, have a tendency to increase systematic benevolence among our churches—the same is involved in the production of tobacco in this county.

The past year has been one of unusual productiveness in field and garden. May the offerings to the Lord's cause be commensurate, is the prayer of your Historian,

G. S. JONES.

Adjourned 45 minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by D. B. Nelson.

The report on Education was read, and after speeches by S. C. Owen, J. B. Boone, G. S. Jones and G. C. Briggs, the following pledges were made by the delegates for their churches, and individual pledges were taken, to be paid during the year:

Hendersonville, \$30 00; Boilston, \$5 00; Salem, \$5 00; Mt. Gilead, \$5 00; Hooper's Creek, \$5 00; Mt. Moriah, (cash by John H. Justice), \$1 00; Bear Wallow, \$5 00; Mrs. Harrison Graves, cash,

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\$1 50; J. P. Holbert, 50 cts.; Miss L. A. Taylor, 50 cts.; Jno. Rickman, D. C. Allen, J. M. Gilbert, S. A. Jones, W. B. Bishop, R. Taylor and M. E. Taylor, \$1 00 each.

The report was then adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

To say that the facilities for education are on the increase, is but to mention a fact which every public-spirited man knows. Under the judicious management of Prof. Brown, our county Superintendent of Public Instruction, in holding Teachers' Institutes, etc., the teachers are becoming more efficient and the schools steadily growing in interest. But we would make special mention of Judson College, our own institution, situated at Hendersonville. Under the judicious management of its President, Elder J. B. Boone, with his splendid selection of teachers, it affords facilities for education not equalled anywhere in Western North Carolina. Brethren, it is our College, and we should sustain it by our patronage. We ought to sustain it for the sake of our denomination; for the sake of our children, whose well-being depend on the education we give them; for the sake of the old veterans of the cross who have stood the storm in rearing its granite walls, many of whom have fallen and are no more.

Again: We would call special attention to the advantages offered ministerial students. Prof. Boone gives all who come well recommended from their churches their tuition, and we have a Board of Education, located at Hendersonville, who look after the interest of beneficiaries. We believe that the hope of our denomination depends on the efficiency of preachers. Therefore, we would recommend that the delegates, now present, make pledges for their churches to be paid during the year.

S. C. OWEN,
J. W. FREEMAN,
J. A. GALLAMORE. } Com.

The report on State of the Churches was read and adopted.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We believe that all the Churches represented in this Association are generally in good working order. Nearly all have good Sabbath Schools, and are generally contributing to Home and Foreign Missions, and Education. Several churches in this Association have no pastors, and a great many in this county have not yet joined our Association; but we hope the time is not far distant when they will fall in ranks; remembering that in unity there is strength.

E. R. NELSON,
W. F. ROBINSON,
J. M. BALLARD. } Com.

The second report on Home Missions was read and rejected. Then the former report was read and after speeches by D. B. Nelson and J. B. Boone, it was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions beg leave to report that so far as they are able to learn, but little has been done within the bounds of this Association during this year for the cause of Home Missions. We are glad, however, that within the bounds of the west, a number of missionaries have been employed in the home work. We are of the opinion that an active missionary could do a great work within the bounds of this Association in building up waste and

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destitute places. It appears that many of the Churches are even without pastors, and there seems to be a great want of interest in the Lord's cause. Let our prayers be: "Preach the Gospel to every creature."

T. J. RICKMAN,
JOHN LEVERETT, } Com.
W. S. HUNTLY.

The committee on the revision of the Constitution reported. Report rejected.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Five Dollars was given to the Clerk for his services, and he was instructed to use the remainder in the Treasury for printing Minutes.

The following resolutions were adopted :

RESOLVED, That we strike out that part of the Constitution which requires a committee on "State of the Churches."

RESOLVED, That the Henderson County Association appoint five messengers of correspondence and fraternal greetings to the Carolina Association, and through them express a willingness to co-operate in the matter of uniting the Churches in this county in one Association. Committee are as follows : D. B. Nelson, G. S. Jones, S. G. Owen, J. H. Justice and J. M. Ballard.

RESOLVED, That this body tender a vote of thanks to the brethren and friends of Mt. Gilead church for their hospitable entertainment of the Association.

Then adjourned to time and place.

S. C. OWEN, Cl'k.

R. A. FREEMAN, Mod.

Sunday morning the Association met in a Sabbath School mass-meeting, and had several interesting speeches. At 11 o'clock J. B. Boone preached a Missionary Sermon, after which a collection was taken for Missions amounting to \$6 22. G. S. Jones preached at 2 o'clock.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

This body shall be known as the Henderson County Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II.

This body shall consist of the ordained ministers and churches of this county. Others may be admitted for convenience only. Two delegates to represent each church containing twenty-five members or less, and two additional delegates for every other twenty-five members, to be appointed annually by the churches. And in the Minutes there shall not appear in the list of delegates the name of any member who absents himself from the session of the Association without leave of the body.

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ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The officers of this body shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Historian. The Moderator shall be elected annually by ballot, and the other officers as the Association may direct, the election to take place immediately after the reading of church letters and enrolling of delegates.

SEC. 2. The duties of Moderator and Clerk shall be such as those prescribed for those officers in Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to this body, and pay them out by order of the same.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Historian to keep such an historical record as the Association may direct.

ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the object of this body to prosecute within its bounds, and to cooperate with the Western Baptist Convention in so doing, the cause of Home and Foreign Missions, Education, Temperance and Sabbath Schools.

ARTICLE V.

This body shall meet annually according to adjournment.

ARTICLE VI.

Whenever the Minutes of any meeting of the Association are printed a copy of the Constitution shall be printed with them.

ARTICLE VII.

The standing committees of this body shall consist of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Periodicals and Sabbath Schools, which shall be appointed by the Moderator at each annual session with instructions to make reports at the present session. The Moderator shall appoint for the benefit of each session, committees on Finance, Order of Business, Preaching, and Time, Place and stated Services of the next meeting, with such other committees as the body may direct.

ARTICLE VIII.

The form of church letter shall be as follows: Name of church and date of organization; name of members delegated to the Association; time of meeting; name of pastor, and if any change of pastors during the year by death or otherwise, to be noted; name of clerk and his postoffice; names and postoffice addresses of ordained ministers in membership; number baptized; received by letter; restored; dismissed by letter; excluded; dead; number and sex of members; time of prayer-meeting; amount paid for pastor's salary; home missions; foreign missions; education, and the amount contributed for any other benevolent object.

Sunday-school statistics shall be as follows: State whether the school is Baptist or Union; number of volumes in library; number of officers, teachers, and scholars; number of scholars converted during the year; number of church members engaged in Sunday-school; amount paid for support of school; amount paid for Sunday-school missions; amount contributed for other benevolent objects.

ARTICLE IX.

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

ARTICLE X.

This constitution may be altered or amended by a two-third vote at any regular meeting.

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STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR THE YEAR 1885.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	P. OFFICES.	Baptized.	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Membership.	Pastors' Salary.	Minute Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Church Building.	Other Expenses.	When Constituted
Hendersonville,	E. J. Morgan,	G. C. Briggs,	Hendersonville,	6	3	14				127	\$	\$2 00	\$29 00	\$22 51	\$25 00		\$40 67	1844
Salem,	S. C. Owen,	J. T. Sales,	Shufordville,	17	8	1	1			89	60 00	2 00	10 00	5 00	5 00		49 00	1838
Mt. Gilead,	T. F. Nelson,	J. S. Rhodes,	Mill's River,	11	2	2	2			76	83 00	1 20	4 50		6 47	4 60	5 00	1883
Mud Creek,	S. C. Owen,	J. W. Beck,	Hendersonville,	1	1	4	2	1		62	38 60	1 50			5 00	60	5 00	
Pleasant Grove,	W. J. Wilkie,	J. L. Whitaker,	Pink Bed,	13	4	5	2	2		115	60 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		7 50	1879
Bear Wallow,	S. C. Owen,	W. J. Freeman,	Pump,	17	3	7	3	3		69	50 00	1 50				2 50	5 00	1835
Mill's River,	S. C. Owen,	J. M. Banning,	Pink Bed,	5	1	1				65		1 00	1 65	1 65			9 50	1861
Boilston,	John Leverett,	J. N. Youngbl'd	Shufordville,							140								
Hooper's Creek,	James Blythe,	S. M. Nanney,	Edneyville,							91			2 25		2 50			
Mt. Moriah,	W. J. Wilkie,	J. J. Blythe,	Hendersonville,					1	1	51								
Ebenezer,		J. D. Nelson,	Horse Shoe,															1789
French Broad,*																		

*Not represented.

