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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. A. FOSTER,	- - -	Glass,	N. C.
S. S. GOFORTH,	- - -	Lovelace,	"
E. N. GWYN,	- - -	Jennings,	"
M. WALKER,	- - -	New Castle,	"
J. G. WEATHERMAN,	- - -	Jennings,	"
E. MITCHELL,	- - -	Osbornville,	"
J. M. CURRENT,	- - -	Hamptonville,	"
J. W. DUNCAN,	- - -	McCravian Falls,	"
D. I. HEGLAR,	- - -	Olin,	"
T. E. REDMAN,	- - -	New Hope,	"
N. T. JARVIS,	- - -	Roaring River,	"
T. A. CAUDLE,	- - -	Cana,	"
W. T. COMER,	- - -	New Castle,	"
R. N. GARNER,	- - -	Hunting Creek,	"
J. G. HORN,	- - -	Statesville,	"
J. N. BINKLEY,	- - -	Harmony,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

Rocky Spring Church, Iredell Co.,
October 10, 1912.

The Brier Creek Baptist Association meets in its Ninety-First Annual Session. W. R. Bradshaw preaches the introductory sermon. Text, Acts 18:19. Prayer by W. V. Brown.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Guss Myers.

The regular order of business is suspended to give W. R. Bradshaw time to discuss State Missions.

Letters from the following churches are read and messengers enrolled:

Antioch—
Brier Creek—
Bethel—Don Gilliam.
Cranberry—
Dennyville—J. A. Pinnix, Carl Redding.
Fishing Creek—J. W. Sheppard, H. F. Mastin, J. F. Mastin.
Fall Creek—J. L. Bray.
Grassy Knob—L. C. Myers, C. W. Barker.
Holly Spring—Z. R. Tharpe, G. F. Mitchell, C. C. Tharpe.
Hunting Creek—W. M. Moore.
Hebron—J. E. Hendren.
Lewis—
Mt. Pisgah—N. M. Felts, P. M. Privitt.
Mt. Vernon—S. T. Goforth, W. A. Goforth, J. T. Holland, D. J. Pharr.
Mt. Sinai—P. L. Henderson.
New Hope—E. J. Estep, J. A. Revis.
New Prospect—J. E. Privitt, J. E. Sprinkle.
Oak Forest—J. B. Ray.
Pleasant Grove—
Pleasant View—J. W. Hursey, F. S. Stroud.
Rocky Hill—M. A. Meadows, Marsh Jofdan.
Rock Spring—J. M. Smith, R. C. Shaw, S. W. Smith, W. F. Anderson.
Roaring River—
Swan Creek—Jas. Stroud.
Sweet Home—
Shady Grove—
Shiloh—
Union—J. M. Crater, A. H. Casey, Guss Myers.
Zion—W. B. York.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

S. T. Goforth is elected Moderator, and J. M. Crater Clerk and Treasurer, M. H. Privitt and W. V. Brown, acting tellers.

CORRESPONDENTS REPORT.

N. T. Jarvis attended the Elkin Association.

CORRESPONDENTS APPOINTED.

To the Alexander—S. T. Goforth.
To the Yadkin—J. M. Crater, W. B. York, and J. L. Bray.
To the Brushy Mountain—N. M. Felts, R. N. Garner.
To the Surry—J. L. Bray.
To the Elkin—N. T. Jarvis, T. J. McNeil.
To the South Yadkin—J. E. Hendren, W. A. Goforth.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

Periodicals—Gus Myers.
Orphanage—A. H. Casey, M. H. Privitt.
Duties to the Poor—J. M. Smith, C. C. Tharpe.
Woman's Work—N. M. Felts, J. B. Ray.
Foreign Missions—C. C. Tharpe, W. V. Brown.
Obituaries—E. H. Smith, N. T. Jarvis.
Home Missions—N. T. Jarvis, J. E. Privitt.
Finance—J. L. Bray.
Resolutions—J. T. Holland.
Time and Place—L. C. Myers.
Nominating Committee—N. M. Felts, W. A. Goforth, Z. R. Tharpe.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

M. A. Meadows to conduct prayer meeting tomorrow at 9:30 and N. T. Jarvis to preach at 11.
Adjourned with prayer by J. E. Privitt.

FRIDAY—Morning Session.

The Association meets according to adjournment. Prayer service is conducted as arranged yesterday. Roll is called. Minutes of yesterday are read, amended and approved.

CORRESPONDENTS INVITED.

N. H. Comer, W. V. Brown, C. G. Bryant accepted seats.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Since its establishment, twenty-six years ago, it has grown in numbers and service, until now about four hundred fatherless ones are receiving protection and training under the favor of God and man.

Children without homes will, if unaided and uninstructed, in most cases cast their lives on the side of evil. When we supply, as far as possible, what they have lost, afford them parental care, declare unto them the way of life and help to equip them for service to God and man, the most of them are a great blessing in their day and generation.

Our churches are already enlisted in behalf of the Orphanage. We briefly mention a few ways in which our churches can do even more for this great cause. 1st. At least once during the year hold a special service, one feature being a liberal, God-gloryfying collection. 2d. Lead all our Sunday schools in the wise method of making a monthly offering for this cause. 3d. "Charity and Children" can be had by Sunday schools for 60 cents a year; to single individuals at \$1.00 a year.

Finally, pray for the cause continually. Pure religion before God and the Father is this: "To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."—Jas., 1:27.

A. H. CASEY,
M. H. PRIVITT.

After talks by A. H. Casey, M. H. Privitt, J. B. Ray and N. T. Jarvis, the report is adopted.

PERIODICALS.

It is an axiomatic fact that the masses of the great American people are doing more reading now than at any time in the history of the nation. It is also a fact that there is being printed and circulated more obscene and trashy literature now than ever before. By the reading of which the minds of our young people are being poisoned. It behooves every Christian father and mother to look well to the kind of literature their children read. Therefore, we recommend such as "Charity and Children," "Missionary Helper," and "Biblical Recorder," and that we all read our Bibles more.

GUSS MYERS,
J. E. HENDREN.

The report is spoken to by Guss Myers, J. B. Ray, C. G. Bryant, J. M. Smith and N. T. Jarvis, and is adopted.

ADJOURNMENT FOR PREACHING.

Sermon by N. T. Jarvis. Text, Jas. 4:8.
Benediction by W. V. Brown.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by J. N. Binkley.

CORRESPONDENTS INVITED.

T. S. Crutchfield from the South Yadkin Association accepted a seat as visitor.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel; and we entreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which labor with us in the gospel, to-wit: Miss Altie Bostick, China, Mrs. Jennie Lamar, Cuba, and Mrs. C. E. Kerr, Decatur, Ga.

N. M. FELTS,
J. B. RAY.

Remarks are submitted by N. M. Felts, J. B. Ray, N. T. Jarvis and Guss Myers and the report is adopted.

DUTIES TO THE POOR.

Christ said the poor ye have always with you. Whosoever you will you may do them good. If we would please our Master, let us not neglect to look after the poor in our midst. The churches should not fail to look after our worn-out ministers, so when the Lord calls us to give an account of our stewardship we may hear it said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

J. M. SMITH,
C. C. THARPE.

The report is discussed by J. M. Smith and J. N. Binkley, and adopted.

TIME AND PLACE.

Next session to be held at Hebron church, 11 miles north of Statesville, commencing on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1913. R. N. Garner is to preach the annual sermon and T. E. Redman, alternate.

REPORT ON THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

The word "theology" is not used in the Bible. Its nearest equivalent is found in such phrases as "Sound Doctrine."—Titus, 1:9. We have also in Scripture the words in which the term is compounded, as, "The oracles of God."—Heb., 5:12. 1 Peter, 4:10. What are the oracles of God? The source of theology is regarded as two-fold, natural and supernatural. Natural theology is that which is revealed to man by the light of nature, and teaches the existence of God and leads us to believe that He governs the

world. Supernatural theology is that which comes by special revelation embracing what we have learned from natural theology, and establishing it by additional evidences. Practical theology is found in 1 Samuel, 19: 18-23. The school of the prophets was succeeded by the synagogues. We find in Acts, 19: 8-9 Paul in the synagogue disputing in the school of Tyrannus, daily for two years.

After a careful investigation and a prayerful consideration of this wonderful institution we find the Scripture teaches us "to study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."—2 Tim., 2:15.

There have been two sessions. The next session will be held at New Prospect church December 23, 1912.

We advise the churches to send contributions to N. M. Felts, Treasurer, to defray expenses. We insist on all our young preachers to attend this school.

Z. R. THARPE,
GUSS MYERS,
N. M. FELTS,

Remarks by N. M. Felts, N. T. Jarvis, Guss Myers, J. N. Binkley. The discussion is left open till tomorrow.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

M. H. Privitt to preach tonight, N. H. Comer to conduct prayer service tomorrow at 9:30 and T. S. Crutchfield to preach at 11.

Adjournment. Prayer by T. S. Crutchfield.

SATURDAY—Morning Session.

Prayermeeting is conducted according to previous arrangement.

The Association convenes for business.

Minutes of Friday are read and approved.

The discussion on Theological School is resumed. After the report was amended it was adopted.

CORRESPONDENTS INVITED.

F. M. Hendrix from the Yadkin Association accepted a seat as visitor.

HOME MISSIONS.

"Return to thine own house and show how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him." The evangelization of the world depends on the efficient work done

at home. "He first findeth his own brother Simon and bringeth him unto the Lord." There are said to be 1,234,941 unconverted people in North Carolina. In this number is included the children. One hundred thousand foreigners are coming to our country every year. Of this number fifty thousand are Catholics and fifty thousand are bringing to us all kinds of false doctrines. "Lord what will thou have me to do?" "The Spirit and the bride say come and let him that heareth say come." Let us heed the command, "Preach the gospel to every creature beginning at Jerusalem."

N. T. JARVIS,
J. E. PRIVITT.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We believe the command, "to go preach," is as binding now as ever before if not more. The opportunities are greater and the Lord has said, "go into all the world and preach the gospel." It is said there are about eight hundred millions of people on the earth who have never heard of Jesus.

It takes about \$600 a year to support a missionary on the foreign field. We believe a man being impressed or called of God to foreign mission work will go and risk the consequences, whether there be any money furnished or not. If this be true upon whose shoulders does the responsibility rest?

We would urge the brethren of this Association to pray that the Lord may direct in the great work of foreign missions and when directed then follow.

C. C. THARPE,
W. V. BROWN.

The reports on Missions are discussed in part by N. T. Jarvis, Guss Myers and W. V. Brown.

The discussion is left open until after dinner.

Adjourned for preaching. Sermon by T. S. Crutchfield. Text, Mark 16:15.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convenes for business. Prayer by J. C. Styers.

CORRESPONDENTS INVITED.

J. C. Styers from the Yadkin and W. C. and H. H. Blaylock from the South Yadkin, accepted seats as visitors.

The discussion on missions is resumed.

The report on Foreign Missions is amended and after being further spoken to by N. H. Comer and M. H. Privitt, both reports are adopted.

H. A. Roshto, Aloha, La., is adpoted as Home Missionary.

FINANCE.

Collected for Orphanage	\$ 30.57
Foreign Missions	41.62
Home Missions	15.19
Minute fund	30.00
Total	\$117.38

W. B. YORK,
J. L. BRAY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received for all purposes	\$114.60
Paid out as follows:	
Foreign Missions	85.60
Orphanage	32.15
Printing	9.50
Clerk fees	8.00
Incidental Expenses	1.00
Minute fund in Treasury	8.50
Total	\$144.80

J. M. CRATER, Treas.

OBITUARIES.

WILSON MOORE died October 24, 1911, in his 88th year. He joined Liberty church at the age of 24 years. Later he moved his membership to Lewis church, where he was ordained Deacon and served as such till death. He was in the organization of Hunting Creek church and was one of its leading members. He was always faithful to his Saturday meetings, his white hair being an ornament to the church. His seat in the church will be hard to fill. His home was known by many as the "Preachers' Home." In his last will and testament he willed a bed to his youngest daughter, who lives at the old home, to be kept and used for the preachers as he had always kept it. Five sons and four daughters mourn their loss.

ELDER W. A. MYERS died June 24, 1912, in his 79th year. At the age of about 22, he professed faith in Christ and joined the Baptist Church at Zion and remained a member of the same till death. In 1868, he was ordained to the ministry, in which service he labored faithfully until called to his reward. In 1884, he was elected Moderator of the Brier Creek Association and served twelve successive years. As a presiding officer, he was surpassed by none. His zeal and energy were always inspiring to the work. "Uncle Billie," as he was pleased to be called, was a successful pastor, having served many churches of the Brier Creek and adjoining Associations. As Paul was to Timothy, so was he to the young preachers of his day, his admonition was, "Be faith-

ful." In his last years he was much devoted to children, often making special addresses to them and by his kind words won their affections. His last text was, "It is finished." John 19:30.

His wife and four children preceeded him to the better world. He leaves one son and six daughters to mourn their loss. The bereaved have our heart felt sympathies.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

"Servant of God well done,
The glorious warfare's past,
The battle's over, the victory's won,
And thou art crowned at last."

W. E. SMITH,
N. T. JARVIS.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the members and citizens of Rock Spring church and community for their kind hospitality in so bountifully supporting this Association.

J. T. HOLLAND.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Religious Exercises—W. A. Goforth with pastor and messengers.

Orphanage—J. N. Binkley, A. H. Casey.

Periodicals—J. E. Privitt, J. E. Hendren.

Temperance—J. M. Crater, R. W. S. Pegram.

Woman's Work—N. T. Jarvis, J. B. Ray.

Foreign Missions—Guss Myers, W. T. Comer.

Home Missions—T. E. Redman, D. C. Jarvis.

Obituaries—J. G. Weatherman, G. W. Sale.

Resolutions—J. T. McNeil, Z. R. Tharpe.

Finance—W. B. York, L. W. Lonsford.

Time and Place—J. P. McCarter, P. M. Privitt.

Theological School—R. N. Garner, N. M. Felts, and R. T. Weatherman.

N. M. FELTS,
Z. R. THARPE,
W. A. GOFORTH.

The Clerk is instructed to have 600 copies of minutes printed and be allowed \$8.00 for his services.

On motion a collection for the Orphanage be taken tomorrow.

List of contributions for monument for Elder I. Holler, deceased:

Churches—Cranberry, \$1.50; Fishing Creek, \$5.73; Grassy Knob, \$2.10; Hunting Creek, \$1.17; Lewis, \$1.81; Mt. Sinai, \$2.97; New Hope, \$5.12; Union, \$2.00; Zion, \$1.50. Total: \$23.90; individuals, \$21.00. Making a grand total of \$44.90.

REPORT OF RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

J. C. Styers to preach tonight, song service tomorrow at 10,
M. H. Privitt to preach at 11.

Adjournment till time and place next year.

SABBATH.

Sermon by M. H. Privitt. Text, Judges 7:21.
Collection for Orphanage, \$5.75.

S. T. GOFORTH, Moderator.

J. M. CRATER, Clerk.

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