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OF THE

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OF THE

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## PROCEEDINGS.

#### FALL CREEK, YADKIN CO., N. C., Thursday, October 9th. 1902.

Eighty-first Annual Session of the Brier Creek Association convened today. S. C. Owen preached the Annual Sermon.

Text: Acts 15:22. After 45 minutes refreshments the Association was called to order by D. C. Jarvis. Moderator of last year. Prayer by I. Holler.

Letters from the following churches were read, and Messengers enrolled.

Antioch-J. M. Staley, F. Staley. Bethel-C. W. Gilliam, R. C. Triplet, R. L. Gregory. Brier Creek-G. W. Sale, Jacob Smith. Bethany-J. H. Hendren, I. S. Baily, J. M. Costner. Barker Grove-Cranberry-J. A. Mathis, N. T. Jarvis, D. M. Hunnycut. Dennyville-W. D. Adams, A. M. Welborn, Fishing Creek-I. S. Call. Fall Creek-J. J. Martin, L. T. Ray, J. L. Bray. Grassy Knob-J. F. Gatton, J. W. Rash, W. G. Mitchell. Hunting Creek-J. N. Binkley. Hebron-S. C. Chappel, T. M. Pierce. Lewis-B. C. Souther, F. E. Moore, L. H. Souther. Mt. Pisgah-N. M. Felts. [Goforth Mt. Sinai-G. Johnson. Mt. Vernon-J. E. Myers, J. R Hecie, W. A. Goforth, S. T. ferman. New Hope-J. H. Estep. New Prospect-Wm. Goforth, W. J. Harmon, J. G. Weth-Oak Forest-Pleasant Grove- W. B. Mathis, C. L. Pardue, J. S. Martin. Rocky Hill-J, W. Gwaltney.

Rock Springs-J. M. Smith, C. T. W. Smith.

Swan Creek-Samuel Adams, J. G. Adams, B. L. Mathis.

Sweet home-T. E. Myers, F. Myers, T. Souther. Shady Grove-D. C. Mathis.

Shiloh-M. E. Denny, W. A. Casey, W. Jarvis, C. L. Madison. Union-J. M. Crater, J. A. Howard. Zion-E. M. Couch, E. N. Gwyn, E. M. Sale, J. P. Howard.

Officers were elected for the present year, S. C. Owen and S. D. Brown acting tellers. N. M. Felts was elected Moderator and J. M. Crater Clerk and Treasurer.

# CORRESPONDENTS INVITED.

G. M. Burcham and C. H. Utley from the Elkin Association and D. W. Poole from the Alexander Association accepted seats. S. C. Owen representing the Missionary Helper. Thos. B. Phillips of Charlotte representing the American Baptist Flag and S. D. Brown accepted seats as visitors.

# COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

W. M. Goforth, on Religious Exercises. Evils of the Day T. B. Phillips, G. W. Sale. Missions: C. H. Utley. Obituaries: J. E. Myers. Periodicals: S. C. Owen. Besolutions: J. F. Gotton, Finance: W. A. Casey. Time and Place: D. C. Jarvis. Temperance: D. W. Poole. Nominating Com. J. G. Weatherman, J. W. Rash, J. N. Binkley.

CARRESPONDENTS APPOINTED.

To the Elkin Association: E. N. Gwyn and S. S. Goforth. To the Alexander: W. T. Comer and J. N. Binkley. To the Brushy Mt. W. T. Comer and E. N. Gwyn. To the Baptist State Convention: W. A. Myers. To the Southern Baptist

On motion the Association meet at 9:30 A. M. for devotion, at 10 for business, preaching at 11. Convene at 1, and

W. A. Myers to conduct religious exercises tomorrow at 9:30 and T. B. Phillips to preach at 11. Adjourned. Prayer

# SECOND DAY.

Friday, Oct. 10th. 1902. Morning Session.

The Association met according to adjournment. Devotional services were conducted by W. A. Myers. Roll of Messengers was called. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved. On motion the reading of Constitution and Rules of Decorum was omitte l.

J. W. Bowles of the Elkin Association accepted a seat.

REPORT ON PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATION.

It is the duty of the pastor to preach the whole gospel to the churches to lay the doctrine of Missions upon their hearts and exhort them to send the word of life to all nations. It is then the duty of the churches to heartily co-operate in this blessed work and extend Christ's Kingdom in all the world. Missions mean the extension of Christ's Kingdom in the world. W. A. MYERS.

I. HOLLER.

Remarks were submitted by W. A. Myers, I. Holler, S. C. Owen, C. H. Utley, D. W. Pool, J. W. Bowles. On motion the discussion was left open till after dinner.

Sermon by Thos. B. Phillips. Text: Haggai 2:4.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

A. S. Jones of Mt. Zion Association accepted a seat. The discussion of Pastor and Church Relation was resum-

ed. After remarks by S. D. Brown and J. M. Smith the report was adopted.

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR.

We would all feel greatly honored if we could render direct service to the Lord and yet we are apt to overlook the important fact that service rendered to the least of his followers he accepts as done to Himself. Mat. 25: 35

The Savior said, ye have the poor with you always whensoever ye will to 40.

ye can do them good. Mark 14: 7. So they are scattered abroad throughout the length and breadth of the land and we have a collection of them at Thomasville, N. C. So that we are left without an excuse.

#### J. G. WETHERMAN. I. W. SMITH.

J. G. Wetherman , D. W. Pool, N. S. Jones, E. N. Gwyn, S. C. Owen and W. A. Myers made warm speeches on this subject, after which the report was adopted and a collection for the Orphanage was taken amounting to \$6.56.

REPORT ON GREATEST HINDRANCE TO PROGRESS OF CHURCH.

We believe that the greatest hindrance to the progress of the church is the want of submission to gospel authority among pastors and their flocks. We would suggest as a remedy that the pastors bow in submission to any

duty taught in Bible, and not only preach the word; but live the truth. We think that the pastor who does this will plainly lay before his people their duty, and be very careful to emphasize the practical side of Christianty; and so will teach his people to abstain from things unnecessary, and hurtful. He will also teach them that they must have a self sacrificing spirit in giving the gospel to the -world. Then, if the members of our churches would bow in submission to whatever the Bible teaches, and with their pastor, live their religion, we would certainly make much greater progress in

We would recommend to our pastors and brethren, a careful study of the our church work.

following scriptures: Gal. 5. Rom. 12. 1 Cor. 8: 9-13 and 1 Cor. 9. W. T. COMER, N. T. JARVIS, Committee.

After remarks by W. T. Comer, W. A. Holloman, N. T. Jarvis, C. H. Utley and J. E. Myers the report was adopted. REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

Next Session will be held with Shady Grove Church, 16 miles east of Wilkesboro, commencing on Thursday before

the 2nd, Sunday in October, 1903.

B. L. MATHIS. D. C. JARVIS.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES. J. G. Wetherman to preach to night, I. Holler to conduct

prayer meeting in the morning and D. W. Pool to preach at On motion adjourned. Prayer by E. N. Gwyn.

# THIRD DAY.

Saturday Oct. 11th. 1902.

# Morning Session.

The Association met persuant to adjournment. Prayer meeting was conducted as previously arranged. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Minutes of yes-

REPORT ON EVILS OF THE DAY.

Among the great evils of the present we call attention to the Liquor Traffic which we consider the greatest evil of the day. This Curse of the land It is stated that the great German Liquor Vat called "The Heidelburg

Tan" holds soo hhds, of wine; and has only been filled three times in 100 years. Our Vat holds 4500,000 bbls, and we keep 300,000 men with noth-Knowing as we do that more than 80,000 annually fill a drunkards grave,

Anowing as we do that more than 50,000 annuary in a drunkards grave-and realizing as we do the trouble this "Bengal Tiger" of drunkness is causing in our Churches, as well as among the world, is it not high time for us as God's Children to rise up in the interest of our Master's Cause against

We would also call the attention of our pastors and churches to the follow-

ing growing Evils: Profanity, Gambling, Dancing, Adultery, Tattling, Cigarette Smoking, and Pride and Formality in our Church work.

We would earnestly advise the pastors and members of the churches of the Association to come out and take a firm stand against these prevalent

THOS. B. PHILLIPS Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We have the word Temperance Seven times only in The Bible. In Acts of the Apostles 24:55. Galatians 5:25. 2nd. Peter 1:6. 1st. Corinthians 9:25. Titus 1:8, and 2:2. We find that the word Temperance means Moderation, and Moderation means Temperance, according to Webster's Dictionary. Therefore we conclude that temperance as taught in the Scriptures is perfect obedience to its teachings.

#### S. S. GOFORTH. D. W. POOL.

On motion the discussions on "Evils of the Day" and "Temperance' be blended.

After remarks by S. S. Goforth, W. T. Comer, D. W Pool, S. C. Owen and T. B. Philips the reports were adopted.

#### PERIODICALS.

The literature we read, like the company we keep, goes a long ways toward framing our characters. We therefore should exercise a great deal of care in selecting reading matter for our children. They are no more capable of selecting it than the company they should keep. Many have been wrecked for want of care here. We as church members should by all means read the papers representing our church work so as to keep posted on our doctrines and the needs of our Mission fields and on our duty toward them.

There are many good papers, but we recommend the Biblical Recorder of Raleigh, Charity and Children of Thomasville, The American Baptist Flag of Fulton, Ky., and the Missionary Helper of Ashville, N. C. This paper stands for the Gospel Mission plan of Mission work, the plan adopted by this Association.

S. C. OWEN, J. W. RASH, Committee.

After remarks by S. C. Owen, D. W. Pool and T. B. Philips, the report was adopted.

#### EVENING SESSION.

#### REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

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Total membership,			298	3							
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#### REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved that we as body offer our sincere thanks to the people of Fall Creek and surrounding community for the kind hospitality they have given

#### G. W. SALE. J. F. GATTON.

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The fields are still white for the harvest. Over 100 Missionaries are now employed by the State Board, and these are preaching and constituting churches in the destitute sections from the sea to the Mountains.

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The Apostolic churches were missionary in spirit and in practice. Mission work was one of the prominent duties Commanded by the Apostle Paul in all his writing to the churches. In view of the destitution in our own Carolina and other parts of the world let us all do our duty more fully in the future. As God loves the cheerful giver he will reward every one who does his duty. But we should not live especially for the reward, but for the salvation of others, and for the glory of God and the love of our blessed Redeemer.

#### E. N. GWYN, Com.

#### An Amendment. Gospel Missions.

Our Lord has put upon the churches the responsibility of giving the gospel to the entire world. We have 23 Missionaries on the foreign field, of these 14 are in China. 4 in Mexico, 2 in South America, and 3 in Cuha.

We have on the Home Field about 5. These are in Indian Territory, Texas and Oregon. In the year 1894, this Association recommended to the churches the Gospel Mission Plan of mission work. Since that time the churches in this Association have been contributing to Elder D. W. Herring of China. We would advise the churches to continue this plan of work, and we would suggest that each church in this Association adopt him as their missionary, and undertake a part of his support, and contribute to him quarterly.

After remarks by E. N. Gwyn, D. W. Pool, S. C. Owen, S. S. May and J.G. Wetherman the report was adopted.

A collection was taken for the completion of Hebron church house, which amounted to \$2.00

On motion the following resolution was adopted. Resolved that this Association advise each church to take at least one collection for completing Hebron church, and forward their contribution to the clerk of Hebron church by the 1st day of Jan., 1903. And \$1.15 paid in for Home Missions be also giving to said church.

#### REPORT ON FINANCE.

We received \$2.65 for State Missions; \$36.04 for Foreign Missions; \$25.10 previously sent for Foreign Missions; \$1.15 for Home Mission; \$11.81 for Orphanage; \$20.31 Minute funds; Total \$97.06.

Respectfully Submitted.

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W. T. Comer was appointed to preach the Annual Sermon and S. S. Goforth Alternate. G. W. Sale and J. T. Martin were appointed to visit Oak Forest church and inquire into the cause of her failure to represent her-

On motion the Clerk have 800 copies of minutes printed. and be allowed \$8.00 for his services.

On motion the treasurer pay to Foreign Missions any sur-

## plus left in the Treasury from printing minutes. REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Religious exercises—J. R. Hine, with pastor and messengers. Pastor and Church Relation,—J. E. Myers, W. T. Comer. Duties to the Poor,—I. Holler S. S. Goforth. Temperance, -W. A. Myers, J.M. Smith. Missions, -J. M. Current and D. C. Jarvis. Missions, -J. M. Current and D. C. Jarvis.
Orbituaries, -D. I. Hegger, L. T. Ray.
Religious Literature, -E. N. Gwyn, J. E. Hendren,
Resolutions, -W. G. Mitchell, W. M. Goforth.
Finance, -E. N. Sale, L. W. Lonsford, W. A. Goforth.
Time and place - W A. Holoman, J. F. Gatton, Jack Hayes.
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# REPORT ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

S. C. Owen to preach tomorrow at 11 A. M. and D. W. Pool On motion the Association adjourned till time and place to preach at 1 P. M.

next year.

N. M. FELTS, Moderator. J. M. CRATER, Clerk,

#### SABBATH.

Sermon at 11 o'clock A. M. by S.C. Owen, Text: 1 Cor. 15, 58. At 1 o'clock P. M., C. H. Utley preached, Text; Mat. 11 29-30. A collection for Foreign Missions was taken a-

mounting to \$7.90.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

Paid out this year: For State Missions, \$2.65: for Foreign Missions \$53.53; for Hebron church, \$3.15; for Orphanage, \$11. 81; Printing Minutes, \$11.00; Clerk fees, \$8.00; Inci-

cidental expenses \$1.25, Total \$91.39. J. M. Crater. Treasurer.

# ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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# PROCEEDINGS. OF THE Sunday School Convention HELD WITH MOUNT PISGAH CHURCH.

SATURDAY, AUG.30, 1902. Religious exercises were conducted by J. W. Rash. The Convention was

called to order by E. N. Gwyn.

Reports from schools were read.

E. N. Gwyn was elected Chairman and J. E. Myers Sec.

On motion the following Committees were appointed. Arrangments; N.

On motion the following Committees were appointed. Arrangments; N. M. Felts J. R. Wright, J. P. McCarter, D. C. Jarvis and M. A. Mitchel Queries: M. A. Mitchel, J.W. Rash, Gus Myers and E. Holler. Time and place, N. M. Felts, C. L. Madison and S. T. Goforth.

Queries as follows were discussed. Should a pastor superintend his own Sunday School; Speaker Gus Myers. Why are so many of the aged not in the Sunday School? Speaker, C. Williams. Is it best to have Sunday School? Speaker, W.T. Comer, Is the pillow with the sunday School entertainments? Speaker, C. Williams. 18 it best to have Sunday School entertainments? Speaker, W. T. Comer. Is the Bible a sufficient text book for the S. S. Speaker, J. W. Rash. Is a branch school not or-ganized by the church scriptural? Speaker, I. Holler.

REPORT ON QUERIES.

1st. Name three of the most essential qualifications of a successful Su-

perintendent, how to have good music, and the best general methods of S. S. management; Speakers, J W. Rash and Carter Williams. 2nd; What are week-day duties of a Supt., how can he keep his school out of ruts and how maintain interest and attendance scon after the beginning; Speakers, Stephin Goforth and J. P. McCarter.

3rd; What scriptural authority have we for a S. S. Convention? Speak-

ers; D. C. Joines, W. A. Myers and S. S. Goforth. 4th; What are some of the errors made by Sunday School teachers and should they have weekly meetings; Speakers, J. M. Crater T. W. Comer

5th, What is the duty of a minister in regard to his S. S., how can we best inculcate christianity in Sunday School, and what can we do to benefit

the primary classes more; Speakers, E. Holler and E. N. Gwyn. 6th; How to secure more general reference Bible study; Speakers, J. F.

#### Myers and Ncah Jarvis.

### RESSOLUTIONS.

1st. Resolved that it is the sense of this Convention that all the schools should be reported in order to show our work complete.

2nd; Resolved that the Con. tenders its thanks to this Church and country for its sumptuous and liberal entertainment of the Convention.

3rd; Resolved that we thank the singing quire for its rendition of such soul inspiring music during this session.

# REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

The next Convention is to convene with Mt. Vernon Church, 15 miles north of Statesville, Saturday before the 5th Sunday in Aug. 1903-

# Essays Read Before the S. S. Convention.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL INFLUENCE.

Any one would hardly notice how much influence the S. S. has over children. When trained up from a child they will 'never depart, but attend

This is the place where children are taught to love the people; First, the teacher, second, the Supeintendent; then all the school. It is very natural on Sunday morning that the little ones will falter around their mother's knee, saying, "Oh; mama to-day is S. S. and I am so glad." If she says one of them cant go it will almost break the poor childs heart.

To see these bright eyed and rosy cheeked little ones pattering along with card in hand, is one of the sweetest and most innocent sights a man ever saw. It aught to bring joy and gladness to every man and woman's sad heart. These little things we call toe broaches" will keep stepping round by round until they will reach the top. We older students should use our utmost influence to help them reach that place.

There is a great work to be done to make one's influenc felt. 'If we had such workers as Dwight L. Moody there would be thousands of souls saved

Here is the place where boys learn their marks. A S. S. boy, well trained will not have a reproachful character. Boys, if one is a good thing and the other bad, then choose the good. If both are good, then take the best. If both are bad, then take neither. Real success thas its foundation just It both are bad, then take network basis of success is good character. As like the house we five in and every basis of success is good character. As sure as the constitution follows the flag, so good character must lead the way in all successful undertakings. If you would succeed, be a gentleman, kindness and courtsey cost but little, but they are companions of good fellowship and furnish a store house for friends, and you will need them in life's battle. Avoid all games of chance. They destroy all your taste for honest toil, just as yellow back novels destroy taste for useful knowledge.

We girls do not use our S. S. influence as we should. We seldom think how much influence we have over young men. A sweet tempered and a prayerful young lady who reads her bible, has more power over the reckless

Young men and women stick to the bible of your mother, and the God of your father, it is religion that must give isolid icomfort when we die. Read your bible every day, kneel down morning and night and pray to God. Observe these things and you will succeed in your callings.

GERTIE MITCHELL.

## THE LIBERAL SOUL.

Carry the radience of your soul in your face; let the world have the benefit of it. Let your cheerfulness be felt for good wherever you are and let your smiles be scattered like sunbeams on the just as well as on the un-Just." Such a disposition will give you rich reward for its happy effects will come home to you and brighten your moments of thought. Smiles are the higher and better responses of nature to the emotion of the soul. Let the children have the benefit of them, these little cnes (who need the sunshine of the heart to educate them, and would find a level for their buoyant nature in the cheerful, loving faces of those who lead them. Let them not be kept from the middleaged who need the encouragement they bring. Give your smiles also to the aged, they come to them like the quiet rain of summer, making fresh and verdant the long weary path of life. Be gentle and indulgent to all; love the true, and the just, the holy. If you stand upon the mountain you may see the sun shining long after it is dark in the valley. Try to live up high; escape, if 'you can, the malarious damps of the low lands, make upward path for your feet. Though your spirit may be destined to live isolated you cannot be alone, for good is there. Your best strivings of soul are there. Your standard ground

Live upward; the cedar is always developing its branches toward the top,

while the lower ones are drooping away. Let your soul life be so. Upward; Upward; a child of God had rather ten thousand times suffer for Christ than Christ child of God had rather ten thousand times suffer for Christ than Christ should suffer for them. There are other people in the world besides, although we may not see them. As plants without sunlight grow pale, so our lives if our heart's window towards heaven is closed and the sun of righteousness shut out, will become dwarfed and useless.



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