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STONY HILL CHURCH

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PROCEEDINGS.

STONY HILL CHURCH, Thursday, August 25, 1904.

The Brushy Mountain Baptist Association met to-day in its thirty-first annual session. At 12 M. the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W H Eller, of Greensboro, N. C. After the introductory sermon the Association was called to order by J L Hemphill, Moderator, and the letters from the churches were read by Rev. A T Pardue and J O McNeil. The following delegates were enrolled:

CUB CREEK: E C Foster, E J Leach, J B Hall.
BEAVER CREEK: John Eller, J M Haire, W F Barlow.
MORAVIAN FALLS: J B Leach, C T Critcher, S G Stout, F J Alexander.
MOUNT PLEASANT: J O McNeil, U G Foster, J T Summerlin.
MOUNT ZION: T J Watson, G F Hendrix, R Z Robinett.
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LITTLE ROCK: F G Carlton, W C Andrews, J W Livingston.
LEWIS FORK: Cicero Triplett, A J Eller, William West.
NEW HOPE: J M Eller, T J McNeill, D V Nicholls.
PILGRIM: G V Church, A L Foster, J S Davis.
WALNUT GROVE: W A Brown, W L Wiles, L C Jennings.
STONY HILL: G W Walsh, Jacob Dillard, J M Parsons.
ZION HILL: J A Carlton, J L Carlton, J E German.
SHADY GROVE: A C Steelman, Jeter Pardue, D J Pardue.
WILKESBORO: J M Welborn, D R Edwards, J D Smith.
NORTH WILKESBORO: E F Stafford.
EDGEWOOD: A G Hendren, Richard Moore, C C Wright.
SOUTH FORK: A J Eller, W F Rector, J M Joines, F O Staley.
HARMONY: H C Kilby, T J Broyhill, J O Pardue.
PLEASANT GROVE: John Foster, Treely Billings.

The usual method of electing officers was dispensed with and on motion J L Hemphill was elected Moderator and John Crouch Clerk by acclamation.

The moderator called for visitors and Rev. W H Eller, of the Piedmont Association, presented himself.

The moderator announced the following committees:

Devotional Exercises: The pastor and delegates of Stony Hill church.

Orphanage: Rev. A T Pardue, Rev. W H Eller, J M Welborn.

Temperance: Rev. W H Eller, J M Eller, J O Pardue.

The appointment of further committees was deferred until to-morrow.

The committee on Devotional Exercises report Rev. A T Pardue to conduct devotional exercises to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock and Rev. C C Moore to preach at 11:30. On motion adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 a. m.

AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY

SECOND DAY.

Friday, Aug. 26th, 1904.

At 9:30 A. M. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. T. Pardue, at 10 a. m. the moderator called the association to order and called upon Rev. W H Eller to lead in prayer. The minutes of the previous day were read and approved. The moderator called for visitors and messengers when Rev Hight C Moore of the Central Association and Rev. J S Farmer of the Biblical Recorder presented themselves. The moderator announced the following committees:

State Missions: Rev. H C Moore, E J Leach, E F Stafford.

Periodicals: Rev. J S Farmer, J M Haire, F J Alexander.

Foreign Missions: A G Hendren, Rev. W R Bradshaw, J M Wellborn.

Sunday School: Rev. Hight C Moore, Rev. W F Carlton, J B Leach

Time & Place: Rev. A T Pardue, Benj Huffman E J Leach.

Ministerial Relief: Rev. W H Eller, Lawrence Carlton, D R Edwards.

The report of the committee on Temperance was read by Rev. W H Eller.

Temperance.

The word temperance as here used is defined to be the rightful use of nutritious foods and drinks, and this rightful use is limited to the Necessary wants of our bodies. The New Testament is our guide upon this important feature of our liberties and we are advised therein to consult the mind of our Master who by his servants have spoken the words "touch not, taste not, handle not," also "let your moderation be known to all men." and "abstain from all appearance of evil." We therefore condemn the saloon evil, the single package evil, and the distillery evil of this land whether licensed or unlicensed and advise our brethren that they admonish every brother that walks disorderly and we further advise the churches composing this body to admonish every brother who is in sympathy with disorder and aids and abets the traffic by furnishing produce to be used in the manufacture of stimulants whether it be fruits from the orchard grain from the field (or crib) or whether it be in paid labor, or in aiding or abetting the violation of the law, and that they withdraw the right hand of fellowship from every brother who refuses to heed the admonition. We advise our brethren to teach their children the baneful effects of all narcotics including whiskey and tobacco. Respectfully submitted

W. H ELLER, }
J. M ELLER, } Committee.
J. O PARDUE, }

The report was discussed by Rev. W H Eller, Rev. J S Farmer, Rev. A T Pardue and Rev. W R Bradshaw. The report was unanimously adopted.

The report of the committee on periodicals was read by Rev. J S Farmer:

Periodicals.

Baptists have ever believed in the training of the mind as well as the heart, and have striven to provide proper information. The fathers created the Biblical Recorder for this purpose. We therefore recommend to all of our people the Recorder, the organ of our Baptist State Convention. It has served our people for more than seventy years and is now in the vigor of youth and is better able to serve the Baptist people than ever before.

Charity and Children should be read by all for the sake of the Orphanage and

also for its own real worth. The N C Baptist, the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field will also be found worthy.

F J Alexander, }
J M Haire, } Committee.
J S Farmer, }

The report was discussed by Rev. J S Farmer, and Rev. W H Eller, and was unanimously adopted.

The report of the committee on State Missions was read by Rev. Hight C Moore.

State Missions.

The primitive christians were not only bidden to "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," (Mark 16:15,) but they were also told where to go: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem (their home city) and in all Judea, (their home country) and in Samaria, (their neighboring country), and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8. As our Jerusalem is our community and Association, so our Judea is North Carolina and witnessing in it is what we call State Missions.

Notwithstanding the fact that our Baptist army in North Carolina is a mighty host, there is yet large sections of the State that are denominationally destitute and numbers of weak and struggling churches must have liberal and immediate aid or decline and disband. In these needy fields we have more than a hundred missionaries and their labors are being blessed by the Lord in the upbuilding of our Baptist cause throughout the State. Last year we Baptist spent \$25,000 in State Missions and this year it is projected on a basis of \$30,000. And yet the need is far from being adequately supplied. "Forward" is the watchword. It is desired and urged that all our churches make an advance in their pledges for State Missions.

Hight C. Moore, }
E. F. Stafford, } Comm.
E. J. Leach, }

At 11:30 A. M. Rev. Hight C. Moore preached a sermon on Home Missions from the text, "As my father hath sent me, even so send I you," (John 20:21.) explaining in detail the field and work of the State Mission board. The report was adopted, and the association adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report of the committee on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. W R Bradshaw.

Foreign Missions.

Under the authority of the Great Commission we Baptist of the South are sending the Gospel to seven foreign countries in the five continents of the world: China and Japan in Asia; Italy in Europe; Africa; Mexico in North America; Brazil and Argentina in South America. We are spending now \$200,000 a year for the support of the Missionaries on the field and 36 new missionaries are under appointment and will soon take their place as heralds of the cross in pagan or papal countries. During recent years there has been among us a remarkable advance in missionary enthusiasm and contribution, and now there is special need not only that we should give largely but also that we should pray the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth more laborers.

W. R. Bradshaw, }
A. G. Hendren, } Comm.
J. M. Wellborn, }

The report was discussed by Rev. W R Bradshaw and Rev. W H Eller and was unanimously adopted.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Hight C Moore.

Sunday Schools.

The Sunday school is the church engaged in the study and teaching of the Scriptures. It is a popular and powerful agency for the dissemination of truth, the winning of souls, and the training of christians. As such it is entitled to our endorsement, our prayers and our co-operation. The Baptist of North Carolina are setting their hands afresh to our Sunday School work. We have 1300 schools in charge of about 9000 officers and teachers with a total enrollment of 96,000. A fine army, and yet we have 1792 churches with a membership of more than 182,000. So we need more and larger Sunday Schools, and certainly better equipment for the highest efficiency and widest usefulness. This work is biblical and basal; it is a great work, yet backward; and it is Baptist. The churches of our Association are urged to renewed interest and endeavor in the teaching work committed to them.

The organization of the Brushy Mountain Sunday-school convention is commended and encouraged in its proposed work of establishing and stimulating the Sunday schools in our lands.

We further recommend that our Sunday-schools make at least one offering during the coming year for our Baptist Sunday-school work in North Carolina.

Hight C Moore, }
W F Carlton, } Committee,
J B Leach, }

The report was discussed by Rev. Hight C Moore and adopted.

The committee on time and place of the next association reports, Time Beginning on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August 1905 and continuing until Sunday. Place Walnut Grove church. To preach introductory sermon Rev. W F Carlton, alternate, Rev. W R Bradshaw.

The committee on devotional exercises reports Rev. W H Eller to conduct devotional exercises to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock and Rev. A T Pardue to preach at 11 o'clock. On motion adjourned until to-morrow at 9:30 a m.

THIRD DAY.

Aug. 27th, 1904.

Devotional exercises at 9:30 a m by Rev. W H Eller at 10 a m the moderator called the association to order and called upon Rev. W F Carlton to lead in prayer. The minutes of the previous day were read and corrected. The moderator appointed the following as an Executive Committee, J M Wellborn, Lindsay Triplett and E M Blackburn.

The report on Ministerial Relief was read by Rev. W H Eller.

Ministerial Relief.

The term Ministerial relief is applied to that voluntary system adopted among Baptist churches providing for the relief of aged Ministers of the gospel and their aged companions who are in want of assistance in the matter of necessary means of support. If only applied to the worn out and aged pastors now disabled from serving the churches and otherwise earning or making a livelihood. We have not sufficient means to meet all these wants and commend the cause of Ministerial relief to the churches. We also recommend a collection for the poor saints this morning.

W H Eller, }
Lawrence Carlton, } Committee.
D R Edwards, }

The report was discussed, by Rev. W H Eller and adopted. A collection was taken for this object.

Rev. W H Eller read the report on Orphanage.

Orphanage.

The Lord seems to call rich men to build houses for the orphans and the common people, and especially the Baptists, to feed and clothe them. There are about 300 children at Thomasville, only three in every hundred in the State and Baptists. Each Baptist in the State may spend one cent each week and do four times as much as we are doing. Let us do it brethren. Do we have Bible faith or do we not?

J. M. WELLBORN, }
A. T. PARDUE, } Committee.
W. H. ELLER, }

The report was discussed by Revs. W H Eller and A T Pardue and adopted

The clerk read the report of the Executive Committee.

Report of Executive Committee.

We executive Committee beg leave to submit the following report, viz: We find that Bro. A T Pardue has worked 25 days and that Bro. G H Hamby had began a good work and that Bro. Pardue continued his work by giving 22 days and by the request of Bro. Pardue we set apart the 22 days to his widow. Bro Pardue reports 66 baptisms.

J M Wellborn, }
Lindsay Triplett, } Committee.
E M Blackburn, }

The report was discussed by Rev. A T Pardue and was adopted. The Treasurer was ordered to pay to Rev. A T Pardue \$25 and to the widow of the late Geo. Hamby \$22 out of the State Mission funds.

Rev. W H Eller offered the following resolutions:

Whereas the Stony Hill Baptist church where we are now assembled is located in the immediate vicinity of the former home and church of our departed pioneer brother and father in Israel, Elder George McNeill, and

Whereas no suitable monument has ever been erected to his memory, Therefore be it resolved, that a committee of five be appointed by this Association, out of respects to his memory, whose duty it shall be to solicit and receive funds for the purpose of putting a suitable and inexpensive monument at his grave with an inscription containing in substance the following:

Sacred to the memory of Elder George McNeill, one of the pioneer Baptist preachers and organizers of the Yadkin and later of the Mountain District Baptist Associations, and who was a patriotic citizen and companion of the American army in the war of the Revolution, and who was born in or near Glasgow, Scotland, in or about the year 1720 and who departed this life June the 7th, 1805

And be it further resolved that the committee have this work done, if possible, by the 7th day of June, 1905, and that the day be observed by all who wish to attend as a memorial day with such suitable religious services at his grave as said committee may deem compatible with the cause of that great Shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Jesus Christ.

We suggest that descendants of Elder McNeill compose the committee including the names of Elder Milton McNeill, Irvin McNeill, Oliver McNeill and Brethren James M. Eller and George W. Walsh.

W. H. ELLER, J. S. FARMER, A. T. PARDUE.

The resolution were discussed by Rev. A T Pardue and S J Ginnings and were adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

At 11 a m Rev A T Pardue preached a sermon from the text, "I seek not yours but you."

The Treasurer submitted his report which was adopted and the treasurer reelected for the next year.

PLEDGES

CONTRIBUTIONS

CHURCH	PLEDGES					CONTRIBUTIONS						
	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage.	Ministerial Relief	Total	State Missions	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Relief	Minute Fund	Total for all Objects
Beaver Creek	1 50	1 00	5 00	1 00	8 50	5 00	1 54	2 66	30 00		30	
Cub Creek	3 00	10 00	8 00	1 00	22 00	3 00	7 00	8 00	75 00	1 00	1 05	97 00
Edgewood	6 00	4 00	6 00	1 00	17 00	5 00	3 05	6 00	50 00	2 00	1 00	74 52
Harmony	5 00	3 00	4 00	1 00	13 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	54 02	1 53	50	85 56
Lewis Fork	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	45 00	2 00	1 25	80 40
Little Rock		1 00	2 00	1 00	4 00						75	
Moravian Falls	12 00	15 00	20 00	5 00	52 00	12 00	18 00	20 00	76 00	3 10	1 00	156 15
Mt. Carmel	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	7 00	8 44	2 00	2 21	30 00		50	
Mt. Pleasant		1 00	10 00	1 00	12 00	12 20	1 25	8 40	24 15		1 15	135 02
Mt. Zion	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	1 13		1 00	95	
New Hope			1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	34 33		1 25	53 10
N. Wilkesboro	55 00	50 00	60 00	5 00	170 00	50 00	50 00	60 00	325 00		1 50	884 92
Pleasant Grove			1 00	1 00	2 00						75	
Pleasant Home			5 00	1 00	6 00	2 00	1 00	5 00		1 00		9 00
Pilgrim			1 00	1 00	2 00						1 05	
Shady Grove	50 00	10 00	20 00	1 00	81 00	4 47		7 58	35 27		30	49 89
South Fork		5 00	1 00	1 00	2 50						50	
Sony Hill	1 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	8 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	22 19		75	25 74
Walnut Grove	1 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	9 00	1 00	2 30	5 00			65	
Wilkesboro	55 00	50 00	60 00	5 00	170 00	50 00	50 00	67 00	300 00	5 00	1 00	1001 80
Zion Hill	10 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	21 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	76 00	1 00	1 00	96 00
Total	204 50	157 50	224 00	33 00	619 00	173 11	148 14	204 98	1176 96	16 63	17 18	2749 05

On motion the clerk was allowed five dollars out of the minute funds for his services and the balance of the funds to pay for printing and distributing the minutes. The business of the association having been transacted the moderator asked Rev. W. H. Eller to pronounce the benediction and the association was adjourned.

At 2 p. m. a sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Eller.

On Sunday at 10 o'clock Sunday School Massmeeting. At 11 a. m. sermon by Rev. W. H. Eller.

Names of ordained ministers:—Wesley Church, S D Barnes, B F Eller, J T Nicholls, W R Bradshaw, J S Forester, A T Pardue, W C Meadows, M McNeil.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCH	SUPTS. AND ADDRESS.	Teachers & Officers					
		Teachers	Scholars	Total	Vols. in Library	Quartermen and Papers	Mos. Kept Open
Beaver Creek							
Cub Creek							
Edgewood	C C Wright, Hunting Creek, N. C.	6	74	80	75	200	40
Harmony							
Lewis Fork							
Little Rock	Marcus Earp, Boomer, N. C.	4	40	44			8
Moravian Falls	A A Leach, Moravian Falls, N. C.	8	70	78		90	12
Mt. Carmel	W J Robinson, Moravian Falls, N. C.	7	47	54		50	9
Mt. Pleasant	B. Huffman, Champion, N. C.	7	150	157		75	12
Mt. Zion	S J Barnett, Mt. Zion, N. C.	7	53	60			6
New Hope	D V Nichols, Millers Creek, N. C.	9	120	129		50	12
N. Wilkesboro	W H Church, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.	7	143	150		308	12
Pleasant Grove	John Foster, Buck, N. C.	5	35	40		24	4
Pleasant Home		10				6	
Pilgrim	Z V Church, Congo, N. C.	6	74	80		48	
Shady Grove							
South Fork							
Stony Hill							
Walnut Grove		6	75	81			
Wilkesboro							
Zion Hill	J A Bolden, Boomer, N. C.	6	84	90		50	12

CHURCH	PASTORS AND ADDRESS	CLERKS AND ADDRESS	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Ministers	Licentiates	Preaching
Beaver Creek	A T Pardue, Adley, N. C.	Z T Ferguson, Bartow, N. C.	1			3		20	42	62				3
Cub Creek	D W Pool, Vashit, N. C.	W A Foster, Wilkesboro, N. C.		1		1		30	48	78				2
Edgewood	W R Bradshaw, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.	C C Wright, Hunting Creek, N. C.						27	36	57				3
Harmony	A T Pardue, Adley, N. C.	I O Pardue, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.	7	6	2	8		46	118	164	1			1
Lewis Fork	W F Carlton, Wilbar, N. C.	T F Cox, Maple Springs, N. C.				1		27	32	52	1			1
Little Rock	G Z Bumgarner, Waltoo, N. C.	J W Livingston, Boomer, N. C.	16	4	1	5		14	19	33				1
Moravian Falls	W R Bradshaw, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.	A A Leach, Moravian Falls, N. C.				4		1	14	19	33			1
Mt. Pleasant	A T Pardue, Adley, N. C.	W J Robinson, Moravian Falls, N. C.				4		2	70	141	211			4
Mt. Zion	J F Eller, Stony Fork, N. C.	L V Cardwell, Champion, N. C.	5	9	1	4		36	47	83				2
New Hope	Asa Brown, Riverside, N. C.	F G Yates, Stanton, N. C.	14	7	1	3		60	105	165	2			4
N. Wilkesboro	W F Carlton, Wilbar, N. C.	H W Horton, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.	6	9		3		3	60	105	165	2		2
Pleasant Grove	J T Nichols, Purlear, N. C.	John Foster, Buck, N. C.	3			4		11	41	52				2
Pleasant Home	M McNeill, Wilkesboro, N. C.	W T Kirby, Millers Creek, N. C.	8	10		5		39	64	103				2
Shady Grove	W F Carlton, Wilbar, N. C.	Z V Church, Congo, N. C.				2		10	48	70				1
Stony Fork	A T Pardue, Adley, N. C.	D J Pardue, Adley, N. C.	2			2		2	31	47	78			1
Stony Hill	A J Eller, Wilbar, N. C.	Philip Eller, Reddies River, N. C.		1		2		7	15	20	23			2
Walnut Grove	I G Weatherman, Jennings, N. C.	G W Walsh, Parsonsville, N. C.	8	2		10		1	7	16	23			1
Wilkesboro	W R Bradshaw, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.	L C Jennings, Poors Knob, N. C.	2			1		1	21	33	54			3
Zion Hill	W J Bumgarner, Swanner, N. C.	J H German, Boomer, N. C.				1		2	78	117				1
Totals			74	43	14	58	20	18	704	1133	1878	9	3	9

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IS IT WISE?

WE HAVE been informed that there are Baptist Sunday schools which have yielded to the solicitations, personal and otherwise, of an undenominational publishing house, and which are taking, in whole or in part, the literature of that house in preference to the literature of their own Publication Society. In view of this information we desire to put the question, *Is it wise?* to pastors, Sunday school officers and teachers who may have been thus influenced.

Is it wise to put into the hands of Baptist children and youth a literature which in some parts is largely sensational, in other parts directly opposed to Baptist teaching, and in no part clearly and positively declarative of our distinctive denominational views? What sort of Baptists will the next generation be if the youth of this generation are brought up on a merely negative or an essentially Pedobaptist literature, and are never taught in the Sunday school the truths for which our fathers were ready to suffer and which form the only ground for our denominational existence? And how are young people to be brought to Christ and developed into stalwart Christians, if the aim in the literature employed is mainly to gratify a craving for the sensational and not to instruct and fortify against errors in doctrine and life?

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