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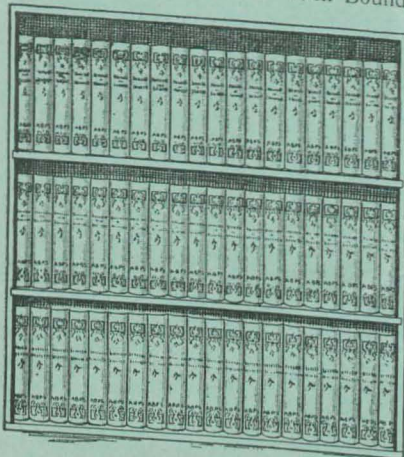
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PROCEEDINGS.

SHADY GROVE, WILKES CO., N. C.
 Thursday, Oct. 8th, 1903.

The Eighty-Second Annual Session of the Brier Creek Association met today. W. T. Comer preached the Annual Sermon, Text: John 14:16. After refreshments the Association was called to order by the Moderator, N. M. Felts. Prayer by E. N. Gwyn.

Letters from the following were read and messengers enrolled:

- Antioch—W. J. Johnson.
- Bethel—C. W. Gilliam, J. G. Gilliam.
- Brier Creek—G. W. Sale, J. F. Mastin, J. H. Foote.
- Bethany—J. H. Hendren, J. H. Moore.
- Barker Grove—J. W. Younger, F. A. Queen.
- Cranberry—J. M. Jarvis, A. Mathis, M. L. Jarvis.
- Dennyville—M. Redding.
- Fishing Creek—E. P. Glass.
- Fall Creek—L. T. Ray, S. Holcomb.
- Grassy Knob—J. F. Gatton, N. N. Rash.
- Hunting Creek—G. H. Hayse, J. N. Binkly, W. T. Hayes, J. W. Johnson.
- Holly Spring—Z. R. Tharp.
- Hebron—J. E. Hendren, S. C. Chappel.
- Lewis—H. Souther, L. J. Livingston, T. E. Redman.
- Mt. Pisgah—L. Jarvis, N. N. Privett, B. E. Felts.
- Mt. Sinai—S. Johnson, P. L. Henderson.
- Mt. Vernon—W. A. Goforth, S. T. Goforth, J. E. Myers.
- New Hope—J. W. Duncan.
- New Prospect—J. E. Privett.
- Oak Forest—
- Pleasant Grove—W. H. Byrd, F. Mathis, W. L. Walker.
- Rocky Hill—A. H. Goodin, N. E. Goodin.
- Rock Spring—J. M. Smith, Jr., W. E. Smith.
- Sweet Home—E. Mitchell, T. E. Myers, W. F. Lorange, W. F. Myers.
- Shady Grove—J. S. Henderson, N. M. Privett, M. J. Henderson.
- Shiloh—M. E. Denny, C. L. Madison, W. Jarvis, A. Speaks.
- Swan Creek—A. S. Mathis, J. B. Mathis, W. M. Hudson.

Union—Guss Myers, J. W. Robbins, W. E. Sale, E. C. Ma-berry.

Zion—W. B. York, E. N. Gwyn, A. G. Myers, T. R. Parks.

Officers were elected, S. C. Owen and D. W. Pool acting tellers. N. M. Felts, Moderator and J. M. Crater, Clerk and Treasurer.

Holly Spring Church presented a letter and messengers, on motion they were received.

Correspondents Invited.

R. W. S. Pegram from the Elkin Association, D. W. Pool from the Alexander Association accepted seats. S. C. Owen from Candler, N. C. and T. B. Philips representing the American Baptist Flag accepted seats as visitors.

Vacancies on standing committees were supplied. Religious exercises, A. G. Myers; Temperance, T. B. Phillips; Missions, S. C. Owen; Obituaries; J. P. McCarter, L. T. Ray, Resolutions, W. A. Goforth. Time and Place, G. W. Sale.

Nominating Com. W. A. Myers, S. T. Goforth, W. T. Comer.

CORRESPONDENTS REPORTED.

N. M. Felts attended the Alexander Association.

CORRESPONDENTS APPOINTED.

To the Elkin—E. N. Gwyn, W. T. Comer.

Alexander—W. A. Myers, T. E. Redman.

Brushy Mt.—W. T. Comer.

Baptist State Convention—J. G. Weatherman.

Southern Baptist Convention—E. N. Gwyn.

On motion Friday afternoon beset apart for the discussion of Missions and Saturday morning for the discussion of Pastor and Church Relation.

On motion the Association meet at 9:30 for devotion, at 10 for business, preaching at 11, convene at 1 and adjourn at will.

I. Holler to conduct prayer services tomorrow at 9:30 A. M., and E. N. Gwyn to preach at 11. Adjourned. Benediction by D. W. Pool.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCT. 9th, 1903.

The Association met according to adjournment. Devotions were conducted by I. Holler. Roll of messengers was called. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion the reading of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum was omitted.

N. H. Comer and S. S. May accepted seats as visitors.

DUTIES TO THE POOR.

There is perhaps no other christian duty more plainly commanded than our duty to the poor, Gal. 2:9, 10, neither is any other duty attended with greater promise for more blessed results, Prov. 19:17. Who has not seen the blessed results of helping the poor in our Churches and communities, and do we not know that the care of the little children at Thomasville has been one of the greatest blessings to the cause of Christ in the state and can always do good to the poor when we will and may the Lord help us all to do our duty to the poor.

AMENDMENT.

We would advise each of the churches of this Association to hold a Thanksgiving service the last Thursday in Nov. 1903, and take a collection for the Orphanage at Thomasville,

I. Holler,
S. Goforth,

Com.

Remarks were submitted by I. Holler, S. C. Owen, E. N. Gwyn, W. T. Comer, and D. W. Pool. After which the report was adopted and \$10.40 was raised for the Orphanage. Sermon by E. N. Gwyn, Text: "Be of one mind."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

MISSIONS.

It was just before he took his final leave of this world that our Lord commanded his churches to "Go," "Teach," or make disciples, of all nations, baptize them, teach them to observe all things, with the promise that he would be with them to the end of the world. This has been appropriately called our marching orders till Jesus comes again. They were to begin at Jerusalem and go to the uttermost parts of the earth Mat. 28: 18, 19. Acts 1:8. Luke 24: 46, 48.

This obligation is as binding on the churches now as it was upon the Jerusalem church. The disciples carried the gospel to the then civilized world in about 30 years. Gal. 1:23. The question that confronts us now is, why are we not as intensely missionary as were the early churches? When we consider the fact that God has thrown open the doors of the world to us and the obligation is as binding on us to go as when just given to the early churches, we ask, why, oh why are we so slow to go?

We note with pleasure that several of the churches continue to contribute to the support of Bro. D. W. Herring of China. The letters reported about \$77.50. We hope more than this was given to him. It would not be a burden for the churches in this Association to support Bro. Herring. We hope the time will come when this will be done.

S. C. Owen,
D. W. Pool,
Com.

After remarks by S. C. Owen, D. W. Pool, J. H. Foote, T. E. Redman, W. A. Myers, T. B. Philips, W. T. Comer and J. E. Myers, the report was adopted. On motion a collection for Missions be raised on Sunday.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The reading of Religious Literature improves the mind, and imparts instruction beneficial to the morals, and the characters of all, both old and young, especially the young. Much of the Literature of the present day is debasing rather than elevating. The dime novels and trashy newspapers should be avoided as we would shun a viper, as they are not in keeping with the word of Divine truth.

The Bible is the greatest religious book in the world, and should be read and re-read, until we become familiar with its teachings and commands. No one will go astray in this world, nor be lost in the world to come, who obeys its precepts.

E. N. GWYN,
J. E. HENDREN,
Com.

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

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

A. H. Goodwin to preach tonight, and T. E. Redman to follow in exhortation. W. A. Myers to conduct prayer meeting tomorrow at 9:30 A. M., and S. S. May to preach at 11. Adjourned. Prayer by W. A. Myers.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SAT. OCT. 10th, 1903.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer services were conducted by W. A. Myers. The Moderator called the Association to order. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee appointed to visit Oak Forest Church said that this church had not been holding regular meetings. On motion the report was received.

PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATION.

1. That the pastor is divinely appointed may be clearly seen from the following scriptures: Isaiah 62:6; Acts 26:16; Matthew 10:5.
2. That the responsibility of his position is very heavy is put in a very forcible way in Ezekiel 33:1-7.
3. The pastor's duties are: (a) To devote himself to his calling. Our attention is called to this in I Tim. 4:15.

(b) To faithfully preach the word. This is plainly taught in Acts. 20:26, 27.

(c) To refute error, reprove errorists and transgressors. This is taught in Isaiah 58:1, II Tim. 4:2 and I Sam. 13:12.

We think that the divinely appointed pastor under this heavy responsibility, will be faithful in declaring the whole counsel of God. If so he will teach his people the importance of giving to the cause of missions.

CHURCH TO PASTORS.

- The duties of the church toward her pastor are:
1. To honor the dignity of his office. This we can plainly see from I Chron. 16:22; I Thes. 5:12, 13, and Heb. 13:7, 17.
 2. To co-operate with him in his work and give him a support. This duty is plainly taught in I Cor. 9 and Heb. 13:16.

W. T. COMER,
J. E. MYERS,
Com.

Remarks by W. T. Comer, S. C. Owen, W. A. Myers and T. B. Philips, after which the report was adopted.
Sermon by S. S. May. Text: I. Peter 1:3, 4, 5.

EVENING SESSION.

TIME AND PLACE.

We your committee on Time and Place report that the next session of Brier Creek Association be held with Brier Creek church, 14 miles east of Wilkesboro on the Wilkesboro and Jonesville road commencing on Thursday before the second Sunday in October 1904.

G. W. SALE,
N. N. RASH.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following:
First; If alcoholic drinks are evils within themselves we should strive with all the powers that be to put these evils from among us. If they are not, and the evils are in man, then, how important, that we guard our lives, and strive against the appetites and lusts of the flesh. For alas, it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.
Behold; I set before you this day a blessing and a curse, Dew. 11-26. He that overcometh shall inherit eternal life.

The rising generation is the hope of our country. Then, how important that our preachers proclaim, our teachers instruct and our parents teach the statutes and commandments of the Almighty diligently. Then let us not look to the laws of the land to do the work that God has ordained to be done through the churches and his people. The church is to fight against principalities, powers and spiritual wickedness in high places. He that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. If we observe this rule, we do well.

W. A. MYERS,
T. B. PHILLIPS,
Com.

Remarks by W. A. Myers, T. B. Philips, W. T. Comer and S. C. Owen, after which the report was adopted.

OBITUARIES.

Departed this life on the 7th day of Nov. 1902, our beloved Brother L. B. Mathis, in the 78th year of his age, he had been a consistent member of Swan Creek church 46 years and served as deacon 34 years, he leaves a wife and three children to mourn their irreparable loss. May we all be prepared to meet him in the glory land where there will be no more parting of friends, but joy forever more.

Wilborn Wright departed this life Sept. 1903. age about 90 years. He was a consistent member of Zion church for 65 years and a deacon of the same for near 50 years. His life was a model Christian life, was a dear lover of Sunday school and died in the full triumph of faith and entered into that rest in the beyond.

May it be ours to meet these dear Brethren in that glory land is the prayer of your committee.

J. P. McCARTER,
L. T. RAY,
Com.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We received \$84.69 for Foreign Missions. \$6.56 for Orphanage. \$18.75 for Minutes. Previously sent for Foreign Missions \$14.56.

L. W. Lonsford,
S. T. Goforth,
E. M. Sale,
Committee.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

There are 28 churches represented in this Association they have received members as follows: Received by baptism 128, by letter 42, by restoration 8, by application 2. Total 180. Dismissed by letter 48, Excluded 27, Deceased 36. Total 111. Total Membership, 3116.

S. T. Goforth,
Guss Myers,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas the Elkin Association has asked this body to send a committee to sit with it in a special session to adjust a difficulty now existing between Pleasant Hill church and Elkin Church:

Resolved 1st. That it is the sense of this body that an Association is not an Ecclesiastical body to settle church difficulties.

Resolved 2nd. That this Association as a body advise the church which has received Rev. G. M. Burcham by application to call a council from sister churches to sit with the said church and the Elkin Church for the purpose of adjusting the difficulty existing between the two churches.

Resolved 3rd. That the messengers and officers of this Association offer our most sincere thanks to the members of the Shady Grove church and the surrounding community for their kind hospitality in so bountifully supporting this Association

W. A. Goforth for Com.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Religious Exercises—M. J. Henderson with pastor and messengers.
Pastor and Church Relation—Rev. E. Holler, J. P. McCarter, and J. N. Binkley.

Evils of the day—E. N. Gwyn, N. T. Jarvis.

Duties to the poor—J. G. Weatherman, I. Holler.

Obituaries—G. W. Sale, J. S. Henderson.

What are the Fundamental Doctrines of the Bible?—W. A. Myers, A. H. Goodin.

Missions—G. T. Goforth, J. W. Bash.

Periodicals—D. C. Jarvis, T. E. Redman.

Resolutions—M. Walker, L. W. Lonsford.

Finance—E. M. Sale, Z. B. Tharp.

Digest of Church Letters—J. M. Smith, A. G. Myers.

Time and Place—Emmet Denny, J. F. Gotton.

S. T. Goforth,
W. A. Myers,
W. T. Goforth,
Committee.

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

T. B. Phillips to preach to-night. N. T. Jarvis to conduct prayer meeting at 10 A. M. to-morrow and preaching at 11 by S. C. Owen.

\$5.78 was raised for S. C. Owen.

The Association was dismissed till time and place next year. Prayer by W. A. Myres.

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

SABBATH.

Prayer meeting was conducted by N. T. Jarvis, sermon by S. C. Owen, Text Rev. 3:21. Collection for Foreign Missions was \$7.43.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Paid out this year, for Foreign Missions \$92.09, for Orphanage \$16.96, printing Minutes \$10.00, Clerk fees \$8.00, Incidental expenses \$1.25. The Association due the Clerk 50 cents. Total, 129.05.
J. M. CRATER, Treas.

Proceedings of the S. S. Convention.

MT. VERNON CHURCH, N. C.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 1903.

Religious exercises were conducted by I. Holler.

The convention was called to order by E. N. Gwyn.

E. N. Gwyn was elected Pres. and S. T. Goforth Secretary. On motion the following committees were appointed: Arrangements, J. R. Huie, W. A. Goforth and J. E. Myers. Queries, J. M. Crater, W. T. Comer, Edie Sale, J. P. McCarter and N. M. Felts.

QUERIES DISCUSSED.

What are week-day duties of a Supt.—Speeches by J. P. McCarter and others.

Name three of the most essential qualifications of a successful Superintendent; Debated by W. T. Comer, I. Holler and other.

What Scriptural authority have we for a S. S. Convention. By J. A. Stikelether, N. M. Felts and others.

What are some of the errors made by Sunday School Teachers and should they have weekly meetings, by J. M. Crater, Frank Moor and others.

What is the duty of a Minister in regard to his Sunday School. Discussed by E. Holler and E. N. Gwyn.

SUNDAY MORNING, 10 A. M.

The Convention met prayer by T. A. Smith of Yadkin, N. C. Minutes of Yesterday read and approved.

Next Convention is to convene New Prospect Church, Eva- lin, N. C., Saturday before the 5th Sunday in July 1904.

PROGRAMME.

10:30 A. M.—Introductory sermon by Rev. I. Holler.

11 A. M.—Organization.

11:30.—What is the object of a S. S. Convention. Speeches by T. E. Moore and W. G. Myers.

12:00.—Refreshments.
 1:20 P. M.—Should Baptist S. S. engage in Union S. S. Conventions. Speeches by S. S. Goforth and W. A. Myers.
 2 P. M.—Is it best to use S. S. Literature? Speeches by J. P. McCarter and J. M. Crater.
 3:00—Address on Sunday School work by Rev. E. N. Gwyn.

SUNDAY.

10 A. M.—To what extent should mission work be encouraged in the S. S. Speeches by N. M. Felts and J. E. Myers.
 10:30.—Reading essays by Bertha Crater and Minnie Myers.
 11:00.—Mission Sermon by W. T. Comer.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolve that this Convention offer our thanks to the people of Mt. Vernon Church and surrounding community for their kind hospitality in supporting this Convention.
 Rev. W. T. Comer preached at 11 A. M. followed by Rev. I. Holler and at 2 P. M. A general address by Jno. A. Butler.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. A. Foster,	-	-	-	Glass, N. C.
S. S. Goforth,	-	-	-	Lovelace, "
I. Holler,	-	-	-	Eupeptic Springs, "
A. H. Goodin,	-	-	-	Bryantville, "
E. N. Gwyn,	-	-	-	Gwyn, "
E. Holler,	-	-	-	Felts, "
Y. Jordon,	-	-	-	New Hope, "
W. A. Myers,	-	-	-	New Castle, "
W. T. Comer,	-	-	-	Lovelace, "
M. Walker,	-	-	-	Swan Creek, "
J. G. Wetherman,	-	-	-	Jennings, "
E. Mitchel,	-	-	-	Osbornville, "
J. M. Current,	-	-	-	Buck Shoal, "
D. Hunnycut,	-	-	-	Clingman, "
T. L. Jennings,	-	-	-	Jennings, "
D. I. Heglar,	-	-	-	Eupeptic Springs, "
J. W. Duncan,	-	-	-	Moravian Falls, "
G. W. Brown,	-	-	-	New Hope, "
T. E. Redman,	-	-	-	Spurgeon, "
N. T. Jarvis,	-	-	-	Jarvis, "
G. H. Weaver,	-	-	-	Harmony, "
J. N. Binkley,	-	-	-	Net, "

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	Restored.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Memberships.	Time of Service	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Minute Fund.
Antioch.	N. T. Jarvis.	Jarvis.	J. M. Staley.	Dellaplane.							97	1	2.00		.65
Brier Creek.	" "	" "	J. W. Sale.	Brier Creek.							41	4	3.41		.50
Bethel.	J. M. Current.	Buck Shoal.	C. W. Gilliam.	Lucile.		8	3		3	1	57	2			.45
Barker Grove.	J. P. Gwaltney.	Hiddenite.	J. H. Hendren.	Cline.		3	1			1	38	2			.60
Cranberry.	I. Holler.	Eupeptic Spring.	J. W. Younger.	Evelin.			4		2		83	4	4.00		.60
Dennyville.	M. Walker.	Swan Creek.	J. H. Mathis.	Brier Creek.			1			1	57	4	1.50		.75
Fishing Creek.	" "	" "	M. Redding.	Swan Creek.		3	5		1	2	125	4	2.35		.65
Fall creek.	M. McNeal.	Wilkesboro.	J. S. Call.	Call.		7	7	3	2	1	182	4			.75
Grassy Knob.	G. M. Burcham.	Elkin.	L. T. Ray.	Jonesville.	2	8	5		3	3	167	4	6.45		1.40
Holly Spring.	L. P. Gwaltney.	Vashti.	J. F. Gotton.	Jennings.		2	2	2		2	82	1	3.40		.50
Hunting Creek.	J. N. Binkley.	Net.	Jas. Trivitt.	Net.		12	1	4	2	2	156	1	4.00	.74	.95
Hebron.	" "	Jennings.	G. H. Hayes.	Hunting Creek.		6	3	2	5	2	99	3	1.55		.45
Lewis.	J. G. Wetherman.	Gwyn.	J. E. Hendren.	Turnersburg.			5			2	75	2	6.70		.75
Mt. Pisgah.	E. N. Gwyn.	Net.	F. E. More.	Spurgeon.		6	1	4		1	46	3			.45
Mt. Sinai.	J. N. Binkley.	Swan Creek.	J. B. Wright.	Felts.		4	1	4		2	86	4	2.15		.40
Mt. Vernon.	M. Walker.	Gwyn.	E. H. Johnston.	Eupeptic Spring	1		1	2		3	84	3	1.30	1.55	.50
New Hope.	E. N. Gwyn.	Felts.	S. T. Goforth.	Gilreath.		4			1	4	156	2	1.71		1.20
New Prospect.	W. H. Myers.	New Castle.	L. C. Anderson.	Jennings.		2	1			1	184	3	15.39		.80
Pleasant Grove.	A. H. Goodin.	McCurdy.	J. E. Privitt.	Clingman.		6				1	66	3			.30
Rocky Hill.	W. T. Comer.	Windy Gap.	E. L. Martin.	McCurby.		2	5	1		1	67	4	7.80	1.02	.40
Rock Spring.	W. T. Comer.	" "	U. C. Goodin.	Settle.						1	261	1	3.21		.85
Swan Creek.	E. Holler.	Felts.	W. E. Smith.	Swan Creek.	1			8			2	261	1		.68
Sweet Home.	D. W. Pool.	Vashti.	J. F. Adams.	Osbornville.		15		5			1	88	4	9.55	1.12
Shady Grove.	E. N. Gwyn.	Gwyn.	R. S. Putnam.	Lovelace.		13		3	6	5	4	240	1		.80
Shiloh.	W. T. Comer.	Windy Gap.	J. S. Henderson.	Osbornville.		1	2	1		1	2	72	1		.85
Union.	" "	" "	C. L. Madison.	New Castle.		10					148	2	10.00	2.25	.85
Zion.	" "	" "	J. M. Crater.	Gwyn.		13		1		1	2196	3	10.50	1.00	1.00

12:00.—Refreshments.
 1:20 P. M.—Should Baptist S. S. engage in Union S. S. Conventions. Speeches by S. S. Goforth and W. A. Myers

S. S. STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOLS.	SUPTS.	SECRETARIES.	POSTOFFICES.	MESSENGERS.	Officers and Teachers.	On Roll.	Average.
Mt. Pisgah.	J. P. McCarter,	Gertie Mitchell,	Felts.	J. P. McCarter,	5	121	58
New Prospect.	W. J. Harmon,	B. F. Williams,	Evelin.	H. L. Jordan, A. P. Sprinkle,	5	88	35
Zion.	A. G. Myers,	J. A. Sale,	Gwyn.	J. A. Sale, J. P. Howard,	6	78	40
New Hope.	J. H. Estep,	L. A. Bobbitt,	Gilreath.	J. W. Duncan,	6	125	65
Mt. Vernon.	J. E. Myers,	W. A. Goforth,	Eupeptic Spring	W. A. Goforth, S. F. White,	7	90	55
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