

MINUTES
OF THE
Three ❀ Forks ❀ Association
—OF—
BAPTISTS,
HELD IN
Boone, Watauga County, N. C.
SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1888.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY.

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*Names in *italics* are Licentiates.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THE THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST convened in its forty-eighth session in Boone Church house, Boone, Watauga Co., N. C., Sept 11, 1888.

Elder E. F. Jones being providentially hindered, did not arrive in time, and Elder J. H. Farthing, alternate, preached the annual sermon from 2nd Thess. 1st Chap. 9th verse.

After an intermission of one hour and fifteen minutes, the Messengers were reassembled at the ringing of the bell and called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder I. W. Thomas.

Letters from twenty-two churches were presented and read by brethren W. W. Presnell and J. F. Spainhour, the Clerk enrolling the names of Messengers as follows:

ANTIOCH—E. M. Greer, J. C. Greer.
 BETHEL—L. W. Farthing, W. S. Farthing, C. S. Farthing.
 BEAVERDAM—G. P. Sherrill, Hugh Hagaman, J. J. T. Reese.
 BEECH MOUNTAIN—W. M. Cannon.
 BIG LAUREL—Alexander Hagaman, John Eggers.
 BOONE—J. F. Spainhour, W. W. Presnell, W. L. Bryan.
 BRUSHY FORK—J. F. Davis, J. L. Hays.
 COVE CREEK—J. J. Glenn, J. J. Mast, J. S. Mast.
 COOL SPRING—J. M. Hartley, T. L. C. Hartley.
 ELK KNOB—L. A. Wilson, W. L. Michael, J. H. Canter.
 ELK VALLEY—S. L. Marshall, J. C. Bailiff.
 FLAT TOP—William Elrod, Andrew Cornish.
 FALL CREEK—G. W. Brown, G. H. Norris.
 GAP CREEK—John Church, J. B. Hopkins, Z. T. Fletcher.
 HOWARD'S CREEK—E. J. Norris, John Norris.
 LAUREL SPRING—Manley Green, Joseph Brown, J. R. Norris.
 MEAT CAMP—R. G. Ragan, J. C. Ragan, L. A. Green.
 MT. CALVARY—J. C. Chapell.
 MT. GILEAD—Ervin Green.
 MT. PLEASANT—Leonard Goodman.
 MT. ZION—Solomon Younce, A. Roten, J. C. Jones,

SOUTH FORK—J. T. McGuire, W. H. McGuire, J. T. Stephens.
 SAMPSON—J. T. Robbins, Jesse Adams, Elbert Adams.
 SHULL'S MILLS—J. P. Robbins, J. C. Shull, M. F. Presnell.
 THREE FORKS—Robert Shearer, G. L. Vandyke, T. D. Cook.
 ZION HILL—E. G. Harman, J. A. Harman, E. T. Presnell.

Organized by electing officers by ballot, which resulted in the election of Elder A. C. Farthing, Moderator, and J. J. T. Reese, Clerk and Treasurer. Brethren E. M. Gragg and S. Carrell being tellers. The Association then declared itself ready for business.

On motion invited newly constituted Churches and received Shull's Mills as such and read the petitionary letter. Received the same and J. P. Robbins and J. C. Shull, the Messengers, were invited to seats in the body.

Invited Correspondents and Ministers from sister associations to seats. Brethren E. M. Gragg and S. D. Carroll presented themselves from Stoney Fork Association and were received.

On motion the Moderator was empowered to appoint the usual Committees:

Finance—T. D. Cook, J. F. Spainhour.
Education—Abraham Roten, I. W. Thomas.
Sunday Schools—Jac. Younce, C. S. Farthing.
Foreign Missions—J. J. L. Sherwood, J. F. Spainhour.
Home and State Missions—J. J. L. Sherwood, I. W. Thomas.
Temperance—C. S. Farthing, W. W. Presnell.
Periodicals—J. F. Spainhour, J. H. Mills.
Correspondence—John Mast, J. P. Robbins.
Resolutions—G. P. Sherrill, J. J. T. Reese.
Religious Exercise—Pastor and Delegates of Boone Church.
Arrangements—Jos. Brown, J. J. L. Sherwood, J. P. Robbins.
Baptist Orphanage—Asa Brown, J. H. Farthing.
Digest of Letters—David Green, W. S. Farthing.
Relation of Church to Pastor—L. W. Farthing, E. F. Jones.

On motion the Sunday School Report of last year was referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

On motion the Association agreed to meet to-morrow morning at 9.30 A. M., and spend thirty minutes in devotional exercises.

The Committee on Religious Exercise reported preach-

ing to-night at the Baptist Church by Elder John Mitchell.

Adjourned to meet at the hour designated. Asa Brown led in prayer.

Before adjournment the following brethren came in and were made welcome: J. H. Mills, Superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville, N. C.; C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention; Dr. John Mitchell, Agent Board of Education, Wake Forest. W. A. Pool and C. J. Powell, correspondents from Caldwell county Association.

MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 12th.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder J. J. L. Sherwood.

Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

Received David Farthing, correspondent from Watauga Association.

Received J. C. Woodson, correspondent from Caldwell county Association.

After an amendment by appointing delegates to the State Convention, then adopted the following report on

ARRANGEMENTS.

1. Call the Roll and mark absentees.
2. Read and correct minutes of yesterday.
3. Read Rules of Decorum.
4. Report of Committee on Education.
5. Report on Sunday Schools.
6. Report of Committee on Temperance.
7. Report on Baptist Orphanage.
8. Colporteur's Report.
9. Appoint Colporteur.
10. Committee on Duties of Church to Pastor.
11. Report of Committee on Correspondence and Union Meetings.
12. Committee on Periodicals.
13. Report of Committee on Home and State Missions.
14. Committee on Foreign Missions.
15. Committee on Finance.
16. Committee on Digest of Letters.

17. Propriety of inviting the Stoney Fork Association to consolidate with us.
18. Report of Committee on Resolutions.
19. Appoint time, place, and preacher for next Association.
20. Appoint some one to superintend the printing and distribution of minutes.
21. Report of Treasurer.
22. Appoint Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention to meet at Memphis.
23. Miscellaneous business.

A. C. FARTHING,
JOS. BROWN,
J. J. L. SHERWOOD,
J. P. ROBBINS,
J. J. T. REESE,
Committee.

On motion, dispensed with the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

The report on Education was deferred till 1:30 P. M.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended and the report on State Missions was read by C. Durham. Report received and Bro. Durham made an able speech on same. Then adopted the report on

STATE MISSIONS.

Activity is life, stagnation is death. Missions is life, anti-missions or omissions is death. The Dead Sea is properly named—always receiving and never giving. He who having authority, gives a command, expects it to be obeyed. The Lord Jesus has commanded us to give the Gospel to every creature, and He expects it to be obeyed. Shall we meet or disappoint this expectation. Our faith is the limit of God's power to help us. Our God-given work is the test of our faith. We live in a wonderful age. Every new development makes it the more important that we should be fully alive to our opportunities. God guides. Shall we not follow? The people who are gone, and those who now live on these mountains and in these beautiful valleys have been given the Gospel by the toils and sacrifices of our fathers. Shall we not now give it to every town and county neighborhood in our State? The board of Missions and Sunday Schools of the Baptist State Convention is

struggling hard to do this work. Since our Convention in Nov. last it has commissioned 87 Missionaries and 13 Colporteurs. These are located in the destitute sections, from Ashe and Alleghany to the Sea. They have this year done a good work, and have been greatly blessed of the Lord. The Board publishes "The Gospel Herald," a monthly Mission paper, which it thinks is worthy, and will be helpful to all the Pastors and churches, where it is taken. Can we not, in the strength of the Lord, arise and do more to give the Gospel to all of our people than ever before?

Took a collection for State Missions amounting to \$16.86.

And the following pledges for same:

Antioch, \$5; Bethel, \$5; Beaverdam, \$5; Beech Mountain, 50c; Big Laurel, \$2; Boone, \$8; Brushy Fork, \$5; Cove Creek, \$5; Cool Spring, \$2; Elk Knob, 50c; Elk Valley, \$2; Flat Top, \$3; Fall Creek, \$1; Gap Creek, \$1; Howard's Creek, \$2; Laurel Spring, \$5; Meat Camp, \$5; Mt. Calvary, \$1; Mt. Gilead, \$1; Mt. Pleasant, 50c; Mt. Zion, \$10; South Fork, \$3; Sampson, \$1; Three Forks, \$10; Zion Hill, \$1; Shull's Mills, \$2. Total \$86.50.

Adjourned till 1:15 P. M. to meet at the Methodist Church house, its seating capacity being much greater.

Prayer by Elder John Mitchell.

EVENING SESSION.

Met at the hour of adjournment.

Prayer by J. F. Davis.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended and agreed to make 11 o'clock to-morrow a special hour for the report on the Baptist Orphanage.

Received the report on Education. Speech by Dr. John Mitchell—remarks by C. Durham and C. J. Woodson.

Received J. F. Eller, correspondent from Brushy Mountain Association. Then took the following subscriptions for education. Bethel, \$1; Beaverdam, \$1; Boone, \$5; Cove Creek, \$2; Gap Creek, \$1; Mt. Zion, \$5; John Stephens, \$1; Three Forks, \$3; I. W. Thomas, \$5; Robert Shearer, \$1; paid. Total \$25.00.

Adopted the following report on

EDUCATION.

Education is receiving more attention than formerly, but we are satisfied our people generally have not risen to the great importance of this subject. It should be the aim of parents to give as far as practicable, a good thorough practical education to all their children. And the facilities for giving it were never better than now. All over our State there are now good academies and high schools and colleges, where our boys and our girls may be educated, and many of them under the control of our own people. Wake Forest College has taken a high stand among the very foremost of the institutions of the South, and the Baptist have great reason to be proud of their College. The number of students last session received were 213; and it is hoped that the number will be equally large or larger this session. The opening is encouraging; 113 registered the first day of the session; 39 young ministers were received by the Board of Education last session and 32 have already been received for the present session. Others are asking for aid and it is to be hoped that the contributions from the brethren and from the churches will soon be sufficient to enable the Board to extend aid to all worthy young ministers who are in need and who may make applications for help. Brethren for Christ's sake let us help the young ministers in their effort to prepare themselves for the work to which the Lord has called them.

I. W. THOMAS,

A. ROTEN,

Committee.

Gap Creek came in with her letter which was read, and messengers enrolled.

Adopted the following report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are glad to say the Sunday School work is increasing and improving in our bounds, yet there is great room for more improvement. We should use our influence to bring all the children in the Sunday School. If

we expect the prosperity of our churches in the future we must teach the children the word of God, the instrument used by the Spirit to show them the need of a Saviour and to lead them to a knowledge of the truth, that they may know the law of the Lord which in the 19th Psalm, is perfect, converting the soul; that they may be trained for stations of usefulness in the work of the Lord in general. We find by observation that children converted and trained while young, are much better qualified to fill important stations in life than those who have grown up in vice and immorality. Therefore it is the duty of every Church to maintain Sunday Schools, that all the children may have an opportunity to study the Bible.

JACOB YOUNCE,
C. S. FARTHING,
Committee.

At this time the three other Churches, detained by the high water, are in with their letters and Messengers enrolled.

Adopted the following report on

TEMPERANCE.

Notwithstanding the progress the cause of Temperance has made here in the past, we are sorry to say in the last year intemperance has been spreading its vile influence among our young people. There has been more whiskey made and used in the bounds of the Three Forks Association the past year than any previous year for many. Therefore it is the duty of our Baptist brethren to arise in the power of their might and stand for the right—working and fighting with a renewed energy and a double diligence against the great enemy and destroyer of our people, praying the Lord to help in the warfare till the curse be removed from our land and country. With our present surroundings we advise our Churches to consider the necessity of strict Church discipline against the evil habit of dram drinking. In the face of so much evidence of the evils arising from this dangerous practice, if our members will not forsake it, that they at once be excluded.

The Bible teaches to be temperate in all things, thus

it is obligatory on us to warn the young against the evil, foolish and filthy practice of the use of tobacco.

C. S. FARTHING,
W. W. PRESNELL,
Committee.

The next Association will be held at Mt. Zion Church, commencing on Tuesday after the second Sunday in September, 1889. Elder David Green to preach the annual sermon, I. W. Thomas alternate.

Adopted the following report of

COLPORTEUR.

Your Colporteur has bought and sold about thirty-five dollars worth of books within the year past. Books on hand at present about twenty-five dollars. Cash on hand \$35.18. Total, \$60.18.

E. F. JONES,
Colporteur.

Appointed J. F. Davis Colporteur of the Association.

Committee on Devotional Exercise reported Elder C. Durham to preach in the Baptist Church to-night.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.
Prayer by Elder E. F. Jones.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1888.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Received the Report on Duties of Churches to Pastors. E. F. Jones made an able talk urging the duty of the brethren and Churches. Then adopted the following report:

We are taught in the Scriptures that it is the duty of the Pastor to give his whole time to the work of the ministry. But the minister cannot give his time to the work unless the churches support him. Therefore, we urge the churches to pay their pastors liberally for their services.

L. W. FARTHING, Com.

Received Rev. J. C. Scarborough, teacher in the faculty of Thomasville Female College.

Adopted the following report on
RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship, kindly offered without solicitation.

Resolved, That this Association tender their thanks to brethren, friends and citizens of Boone and surrounding country for the liberal entertainment of this body at this Association.

J. J. T. REESE,
G. P. SHERRILL,
Committee.

Called on correspondents appointed to attend Associations and Union meetings to report. The majority reported that they attended their appointments and were cordially received by the brethren. On motion the report received and correspondents discharged.

Adopted the following report on

HOME MISSIONS.

This department of Christian work is an effort on the part of the churches to give the Gospel to all the destitute sections in the Southern States, among the Indians and in Cuba. The work is done through the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Atlanta, Ga. The Board reported to the last convention 287 missionaries employed; 1,114 stations occupied; 33,868 sermons preached; 4,857 baptised, and a total amount expended in this work for the last year of \$178,953.32. The hand of the Lord has rested with wonderful favor on this work of his servants in their efforts to extend his Kingdom in the hearts of men. Wherever the Missionaries go, the people seem ready to hear the word. In fact the Holy Spirit seems to be always present, to open the hearts of the people and especially is this the case in the island of Cuba. So the observant servant of the Master who places himself in position to hear the tidings from the field can say at the close of most every day, "I have heard glorious tidings to-day." Then let us recognize the voice of the Master in these things, com-

manding us to go forward and as obedient servants rise and help.

We recommend the appointment of one brother in each church to superintend this work in his Church.

I. W. THOMAS,
J. J. L. SHERWOOD,
Committee.

As the above report advises, the following were appointed agents:

Antioch—E. M. Greer, P. O. Watauga Falls, N. C.
Bethel—C. S. Farthing, Sweetwater, N. C.
Beaverdam—J. J. T. Reese, Sweetwater, N. C.
Beech Mountain—L. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge.
Big Laurel—Hugh Hagaman, Mit, Tenn.
Boone—W. C. Coffey, Boone, N. C.
Brushy Fork—J. F. Davis, Vilas, N. C.
Cove Creek—J. J. Glenn, Sugar Grove, N. C.
Cool Spring—J. M. Payne, Blowing Rock.
Elk Knob—L. A. Wilson, Sutherland, N. C.
Elk Valley—A. M. Johnson, Banner Elk, N. C.
Flat Top—Andrew Cornish, Blowing Rock, N. C.
Fall Creek—G. W. Brown, Dark Ridge, N. C.
Gap Creek—J. B. Hopkins, Gap Creek, N. C.
Howard's Creek—John Norris, Sands, N. C.
Laurel Springs—Miss Chana E. Brown, Virgil, N. C.
Meat Camp—L. A. Green, Norris, N. C.
Mt. Calvary—J. C. Capell, Banner Elk.
Mt. Gilead—John McBride, Dark Ridge.
Mt. Pleasant—Presley Shepherd, Gap Creek.
Mt. Zion—Solomon Younce, Zionsville.
South Fork—J. T. Stephens, Elk Cross Roads.
Sampson—T. L. Jones, Penley.
Three Forks—J. C. Horton, Horton.
Zion Hill—Eli Harman, Watauga Falls.
Shull's Mills—G. W. Robbins, Shull's Mills.

Adopted the following report on

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

For one hundred years the Baptist of North Carolina made no provision for the orphan children of their dead brethren and sisters. At last they have opened an or-

phanage at Thomasville and ninety-two poor and promising children are enjoying its advantages. The question before us is, what part we will take in its support. Money is indispensable, while wool, new cloth, and feathers for pillows, as well as bacon, cheese, butter, fruit and cabbage delivered to the Railroad agent at Lenoir, are always helpful. Those who three times a day sit down to loaded tables, should show their gratitude to the Giver of every good gift by sometimes dividing with those who suffer from hunger.

We recommend a contribution for the present needs, and pledges for the future support of the children specially dependent upon us.

ASA BROWN,
J. H. FARTHING,
Committee.

Took the following pledges for the Orphanage: Antioch, \$4; Bethel, \$10; Beaverdam, \$2; Beech Mountain, 50c; Big Laurel, \$2; Boone, \$10; Brushy Fork, \$2; Cove Creek, \$5; Cool Spring, \$1; Elk Knob \$1; Elk Valley, \$2; Flat Top, \$2; Fall Creek, \$1; G. W. Brown, \$1; Gap Creek, \$2; Howard's Creek, \$2; Laurel Spring, \$5; Meat Camp, \$5; Mt. Calvary, \$2; Mt. Gilead, \$1; Mt. Zion, \$10; South Fork, \$2; Sampson, \$1; Three Forks, \$10; Shull's Mills, \$2; W. F. Knight, \$1; total, \$86.50. And took a collection for same amounting to \$24.88.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock, p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Met at the hour of adjournment.

Prayer by E. F. Jones.

Adopted the following on

PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals most heartily recommend to all of our churches the *Biblical Recorder*. This is the Baptist paper of this State and should be taken by every family connected with our churches.

We recommend also *The Foreign Mission Journal*, *The*

Gospel Herald, *Charity and Children*, and the Sunday School publications of the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Ga., and of the American Baptist Pub. Society of Philadelphia. Our people should read more and they should read the best.

J. F. SPAINHOUR,
Committee.

Adopted the report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

With the body of M. T. Yates sleeping in Shanghai, Mrs. M. T. Yates, D. W. Herring and wife, R. T. Bryan and wife in China, E. F. Baldwin, wife, and two daughters in Morocco, C. L. Powell and wife in Africa, representing the Baptist churches of North Carolina in these heathen lands, and T. C. Britten, E. F. Tatum, and L. M. Chappell and wife under appointment to sail for China in November, and Miss Lillian Wright under appointment to go to Mexico in this month, and others impressed to obey the Great Command of our risen Lord, we should thank God and take courage. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has in Pagan and Papal lands 54 representatives of our Churches and 60 natives—114 in all—struggling as best they can to give the Gospel, as we believe it, to the people of China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, and Mexico. Let us most earnestly seek information about this great work.

We recommend, therefore, that our people read a book, "Crisis of Missions," costing in paper 35 cents, and in cloth, \$1.25; the Foreign Mission Journal and the Gospel Herald; that the Pastors tell the churches more about this work, that we all most earnestly pray God to bless the Gospel as preached to the heathen, and that we all make larger contributions to sustain these devoted men—our brethren who have gone, as the messengers of our churches to do this blessed work for Christ and humanity.

J. J. L. SHERWOOD,
J. F. SPAINHOUR,
Committee.

On the reception of the above report, took the following pledges for same:

Bethel, \$5; Beaverdam, \$2; Boone, \$5; Brushy

Fork, \$3, Cove Creek, \$2.50; Flat Top, \$2; Fall Creek, \$1; Gap Creek, \$3; Howard's Creek, \$1; Laurel Spring, \$3; Meat Camp, \$2; J. C. Chapell, 50c. paid; Mt. Gilead, \$1; Mt. Zion, \$10; South Fork, \$1; Sampson, \$1; Three Forks, \$5; Shull's Mills, \$1; Total \$49.00.

Adopted the following report on

FINANCE.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Received for Minute fund.....	\$34 90
Received for State Missions.....	15 00
Received for Orphanage.....	9 50
Received for Foreign Missions.....	18 40
Received for Home Missions.....	9 20
Total amount.....	\$87 00

The above amounts have been turned over to Treasurer of Association.

THOMAS COOK,
J. F. SPAINHOUR,
Committee.

Adopted the following report on

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Received by Baptism, 139; received by letter, 122; Restored, 150. Total additions, 276. Dismissed by letter, 120; Excluded, 71; Deceased, 25. Total decrease, 216. Net gain in the year 60.

Fifteen churches report Pastor's Salaries. Total amount \$738.01. Twelve churches report sending to Foreign Missions, \$55.00. Seven churches report sending to Home and State Missions, \$54.83. Twelve churches report sending to Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, \$110.30.

DAVID GREEN,
W. S. FARTHING,
Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

(Ending September, 1888.)

J. J. T. Reese, in account with Three Forks Association.

1887.	TO AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE.	\$ 6 25
Sept. 15.—	From Treasurer.....	32 50
	For Minutes.....	26 75
	For State Missions.....	10 75
	For Home Missions.....	35 35
	For Foreign Missions.....	6 00
	For T. M. Honeycut.....	5 70
	For Baptist Orphanage.....	123 30
	Total.....	

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sept. 17.—	Paid Clerk for services.....	\$ 6 00
	Sent to F. H. Briggs, Treasurer for State Missions	26 75
	For Home Missions	10 75
	For Foreign Missions.....	33 35
	For T. M. Honeycut.....	6 00
	For Baptist Orphanage.....	5 70
	For Printing Minutes.....	29 00
	For Postage on Minutes.....	3 36
	For Postage on Manuscript.....	19
	For Postage on Correspondence.....	22
	Total.....	121 32
	For Foreign Missions, after.....	2 00
		\$123 32

As per item on Bill of Arrangements, on motion, a Committee, viz: A. C. Farthing, David Green, W. F. Knight, was appointed to visit the Stoney Fork Association at its next session, to ascertain what they ask, that a union may be effected.

Elected Elder E. F. Jones as a member to the Southern Baptist Convention; Elder I. W. Thomas, alternate. Appointed E. F. Jones, I. W. Thomas, J. F. Spainhour,

A. C. Farthing, A. J. Critcher, J. J. T. Reese, W. F. Shull, J. B. Hopkins, delegates to the State Convention.

The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of 600 Minutes, and allowed \$7.50.

The Clerk was instructed to buy and distribute among the churches, "printed blanks" for Association letters.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To Watauga Association—C. S. Farthing, J. J. T. Reese, E. F. Jones, W. F. Shull.

To Ashe and Alleghany—Elder J. H. Farthing and I. W. Thomas.

To Mitchell County Association—Asa Brown and J. C. Shull.

To Caldwell County Association—Elders I. W. Thomas, J. J. L. Sherwood, A. C. Farthing and C. S. Farthing.

To Brushy Mountain—T. D. Cook and J. P. Robbins.

To Catawba—J. F. Spainhour and Asa Brown.

To New River—J. C. Johnson and J. J. L. Sherwood.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. MAST,
J. P. ROBBINS,
Committee.

The above report was amended, "That any Minister of this Association may be a Corresponding Messenger to Sister Associations."

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at Mt. Zion church. A hymn was sung; the brethren gave the parting hand.

Prayer by Elder C. Durham.

ELDER A. C. FARTHING, Moderator.

J. J. T. REESE, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND P. O.	Ordained Ministers.	Application	Baptism.	Letter.	Restored.	Letter.	ADDED BY	DEMINISHED BY	Time of Meet- ing, Sun. and Sat. before.
Antioch	J. H. Farthing	Jones C. Greer, Sugar Grove, N. C.	4	1	1	2	2	2	104	1	1
Bethel	A. C. Farthing	H. H. Farthing, Sweetwater, N. C.	2	4	1	1	1	1	145	4	4
Beaverdam	J. H. Farthing	Hugh Hagaman, Sweetwater, N. C.	1	4	1	1	1	1	113	2	2
Beech Mountain	R. L. Palmer	L. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge, N. C.	1	10	1	2	2	2	88	1	1
Big Laurel	Neill Campbell	Hugh Hagaman, Jr., Mt. Tenn.	1	1	1	2	2	2	18	4	4
Boone	E. F. Jones	W. L. Bryan, Boone, N. C.	1	1	1	2	2	2	25	1	1
Brushy Fork	J. J. L. Sherwood	L. M. Trivette, Vilas, N. C.	1	4	4	4	4	4	168	3	3
Cove Creek	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. J. Mast, Vilas, N. C.	1	15	11	11	11	11	175	2	2
Cool Spring	J. M. Payne, Dean Crisp	F. L. C. Hartley, Boone, N. C.	2	4	14	2	2	2	29	3	3
Elk Knob	J. C. Johnson	L. A. Wilson, Sutherland, N. C.	1	6	2	2	2	2	33	1	1
Elk Valley	Jacob Younce	A. M. Johnson, Banner Elk, N. C.	1	9	9	9	9	9	40	2	2
Flat Top	I. W. Thomas	William Elrod, Blowing Rock, N. C.	1	9	2	2	2	2	64	4	4
Fall Creek	Jac. Younce, J. McBride	G. W. Brown, Dark Ridge, N. C.	1	15	8	8	8	8	31	1	1
Gap Creek	H. A. Blankenship	J. W. Church, Virgil, N. C.	1	15	3	3	3	3	60	1	1
Howard's Creek	W. F. Knight	E. J. Norris, Sands, N. C.	1	7	5	5	5	5	81	3	3
Laurel Spring	W. H. Canter	Larkin Green, Rutherford, N. C.	2	1	4	1	1	1	105	4	4
Meat Camp	W. H. Canter	L. A. Green, Norris, N. C.	1	1	9	3	3	3	40	2	2
Mt. Calvary	I. J. McGinnis	B. F. Patterson, Banner Elk, N. C.	1	5	7	7	7	7	63	1	1
Mt. Gilead	J. C. Johnson	J. F. McBride, Beech Creek, N. C.	1	22	13	13	13	13	80	3	3
Mt. Pleasant	Wm. Wilcoxson	Presley Shepherd, Gap Creek, N. C.	1	2	2	2	2	2	191	4	4
Mt. Zion	E. F. Jones	W. M. Jones, Zionville, N. C.	3	2	13	2	2	2	82	1	1
South Fork	I. W. Thomas	J. S. Stanberry, Elk X Roads, N. C.	1	2	2	2	2	2	23	4	4
Sampson	J. M. Payne	Elbert Adams, Penley, N. C.	1	4	1	1	1	1	155	2	2
*Shull's Mills	J. C. Johnson	G. W. Robbins, Shull's Mills, N. C.	1	4	4	4	4	4	155	4	4
Three Forks	E. F. Jones	J. B. Horton, Horton, N. C.	1	2	2	2	2	2	46	2	2
Zion Hill	A. J. Harman	D. W. Harman, Watauga Falls, N. C.	1	7	7	7	7	7	2032	10	10
			23	1	140	106	14	120	61	25	82

*Newly Constituted.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Paid to State Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Paid to Foreign Missions.	Paid to Home Missions.	Cuba.	Pastor's Salary.	Current Church Expenses.	Total reported for 1888.
Antioch	\$ 1 50	\$ 10 00	.....	\$ 5 00	\$ 3 90	.....	37 12	22 30	80 32
Bethel	12 00	.....	2 00	12 00	3 00	.....	54 00	20 00	83 00
Beaverdam	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 88	18 88	30 76
Beech Mountain	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	.....	9 50
Big Laurel.....	1 50	.....	5 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 50
Boone	2 00	.....	6 20	.....	.....	2 20	50 00	5 75	66 15
Brushy Fork.....	2 00	.....	48 00	.....	.....	2 00	100 00	.....	152 00
Cove Creek.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Cool Spring.....	50	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	14 00	.....	15 00
Elk Knob.....	1 15	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	11 00	.....	13 15
Elk Valley.....	1 30	2 93	2 80	4 35	.....	.....	40 00	.....	51 38
Flat Top.....	75	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	24 76	54 76	82 27
Fall Creek	1 25	.....	2 00	3 05	.....	.....	25 00	.....	31 30
Gap Creek	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Howard's Creek	1 50	.....	13 50	2 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 10
Laurel Spring..	1 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 30
Meat Camp	1 00	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50
Mt. Calvary.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	11 75	43 96	48 71
Mt. Gilead.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Mt. Pleasant.....	3 00	5 00	6 00	10 00	10 00	.....	125 00	.....	159 00
Mt. Zion.....	1 25	1 50	.....	1 50	1 50	.....	30 00	.....	35 75
South Fork	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
Sampson	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Shull's Mills...	2 40	5 00	15 00	10 00	.....	.....	200 00	.....	232 40
Three Forks	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Zion Hill .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$35 15	\$24 43	\$105 00	\$50 00	\$19 40	\$4 20	\$742 51	\$165 65	\$1136 84

The Three Forks Sunday-school sends \$10 to the Orphanage and \$5 to Foreign Missions; also Cove Creek Sunday-school sent \$43 to Orphanage. These amounts are added to the church contributions. I give a column for Cuba separate from Home Missions, as the letters specified it and amount. It may give better satisfaction. The Sunday-school means reported for literature and a few other items are added to "Current Church Expenses." For Pledges for 1889, see reports on Orphanage, Home, State and Foreign Missions, Education, &c. Pledges aggregate to \$247.00. Collected besides for different objects, \$41.74.