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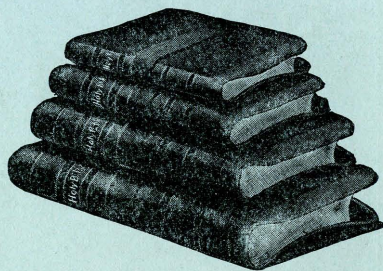
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Proceedings.

Cub Creek Church, Wilkes Co., N. C., Aug. 22, 1901.

THE Brushy Mountain Baptist Association met this day in its twenty eighth annual session. At 11 A. M. the Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. A. T. Pardew. Intermission for one hour. At 1:30 P. M. the delegates assembled in the house. The moderator being absent the Association was called to order by the clerk. Prayer by Rev. L. P. Gwaltney. After the singing of a hymn, brethren Hemphill and Bradshaw read the letters from the different churches and the following delegates were enrolled:

- Beaver creek—J. M. Hair.
- Moravian Falls—F. G. Holman, J. B. Leach, W. O. Hendren.
- Mount Pleasant—A. M. Walsh, J. F. McGee, J. M. Watson.
- Pleasant Home—W. T. Kilby, L. B. Pierce, G. T. McNeil.
- Mount Zion—T. H. West, A. L. Barnett, G. F. Hendrix.
- Mount Carmel—W. J. Robinson, S. G. Stout, Rufus McNeil.
- Little Rock—J. C. Pennell, J. W. Livingston.
- Lewis Fork—Lindsay Triplet
- New Hope—R. C. Eller, T. C. Eller.
- Pilgrim—A. L. Foster, Z. V. Church, J. A. Parsons.
- Walnut Grove—E. A. Treadaway.
- Stony Hill—G. W. Walsh, W. H. Powell, J. R. Whittington.
- Zion Hill—J. M. German, Robert Wellborn, J. A. Carlton.
- Shady Grove—J. L. Pardew, Smith Joiner, Caney Steelman.
- wilkesboro—F. B. Hendren, J. D. Smith, E. M. Blackburn.
- North Wilkesboro—A. M. Church, R. P. Johnson.
- Edgewood—w. R. Hendren, John Fletcher, Carter Hendren.
- South Fork—
- Harmony—T. J. Broyhill, James Lanckford.

On motion the Association went into permanent organization by electing J. L. Hemphill Moderator, and re-electing V. McGhinnis Clerk—election by ballot, W. R. Bradshaw acting as teller. The moderator extended an invitation to correspondents and visitors whereupon Rev. L. P. Gwaltney, of Alexander County Association, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat in the body. The moderator announced the following committees:

Order of Business—J. J. Beach, W. R. Bradshaw, J. B. Leach, E. M. Blackburn.

Devotional Exercises—W. R. Bradshaw with pastor and delegates of Cub Creek church.

Orphanage—A. T. Pardew, J. M. German, A. M. Church.

Temperance—F. B. Hendren, Lindsay Triplet, R. A. Spain hour.

Ministerial Relief—W. C. Meadows, S. J. Ginnings, W. J. Robinson.

State of the Church—W. R. Bradshaw, J. J. Beach, L. P. Gwaltney, F. B. Hendren, S. J. Ginnings.

State and Associational Missions—L. Johnson, A. T. Pardew, J. M. Hair.

Education—F. B. Hendren, J. B. Hall, T. J. Broyhill.
Foreign Missions—J. J. Beach, J. D. Smith, W. R. Hendren.
Periodicals—E. J. Leach, Allen Brown, Milton McNeil.
Home Missions—W. R. Bradshaw, F. G. Holman, W. O. Hendren.

Finance—R. A. Spainhour, W. C. Meadows, F. B. Hendren.
Time and Place—T. P. Parlier, F. G. Holman, J. Lankford.
Executive—W. R. Bradshaw, S. J. Ginnings, R. A. Spainhour, A. M. McGee, F. B. Hendren, R. P. Yates, J. A. Carlton.

The same committee on all the above subjects were continued for the ensuing year and will be expected to prepare reports on each topic and hand them in at the next session of the Association. An invitation was extended to newly constituted churches that might wish to join the Association whereupon Harmony church presented a letter for admission. A committee was appointed to examine the Covenant and Articles of Faith of said church. The committee reported the church orthodox and on motion the church was received and the delegates welcomed to seats in the body. On motion it was decided to have one sermon each day at 11 A. M. An invitation was again extended to visitors. Rev. J. M. Bennett, representing the North Carolina Baptist, reported and was welcomed to a seat in the body. Committee on devotion reported Rev. W. C. Meadows to conduct devotional exercises tomorrow morning and Rev. L. P. Gwaltney to preach tomorrow at 11 A. M. On motion adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9:30 A. M.

Second Day.

Friday, August 23, 9:30 A. M.

The Association met according to appointment. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. C. Meadows. The moderator called the Association to order. Read, corrected and approved minutes of previous day. The moderator extended another invitation to visitors and correspondents, to which brethren Joe and Maynard Beach, of Caldwell County Association, responded and were welcomed to seats in the body.

F. B. Hendren read the report on

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee thinks it unwise to recommend to your body any action relative to the liquor evil. So long as resolutions and recommendations of the Association meet with no response from the churches, it were better were they not spread upon the minutes. We cannot afford to dally with this question; for if we do those engaged in the evil will take all the more courage from our lack of steadfastness. It would seem mere repetition to say to the churches that it is an evil from which every Christian should refrain. The world outside of the church is candid enough to admit that. If it be a sin for a man to in the relentless clutches of an impetuous passion to get drunk to appease that consuming passion, then surely it is none the less a sin for another man to deliberately make him drunk for the money there is in it. Yet we turn the poor drunkard out of the church but keep in the man who made him drunk. There is frailty in the one, but money in the other. Christ one time excused frailty in a poor woman but he drove the money changers out of the temple and branded them as thieves.

R. A. Spainhour, }
 Lindsay Triplett, } Committee,
 F. B. Hendren, }

The report was discussed by F. B. Hendren, Lindsay Triplett, J. J. Beach and L. P. Gwaltney. The report was adopted. W. C. Meadows read the report on

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

We believe that the board of Ministerial Relief is a Christian organization and we believe it to be the best method for the care of those who have worn themselves out preaching the gospel. We further believe the Bible means what it says when it says, "They that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel," and the laborer is worthy of his hire. Therefore we earnestly urge the churches to take up at first one collection each year for this object, and to be faithful in feeding those who have almost worn themselves out preaching the gospel of Christ,

W. C. Meadows, }
 S. J. Ginnings, } Committee.
 W. J. Rolinson, }

After addresses by a number of the brethren the report was adopted. The report of the committee on Order of Business was read and approved. At 11:15 sermon by Rev. J. M. Bennett.

Afternoon Session.

Met at 1:30 P. M. After the singing of a hymn the body was called to order by the moderator.

J. J. Beach read the report on

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We find with a few exceptions that the churches in this Association are in peace and are working in harmony together. Your committee thinks that the great lack of our churches is a general awakening along the line of our Associational work; and we think that the reason our churches and people are not aroused is lack of information. We think that the Baptist of this Association would be willing to work if they were just informed as to their obligation and opportunities. So we would make the following statements:

I. We find that some of our churches have pastors who are not in full sympathy with the work of a Missionary Baptist people, and of course do not inform their people along these lines.

II. We find only a very few copies of any Baptist paper in the homes of our people and so the people have given themselves no chance to learn of our work.

III. We deplore the fact that the making and selling of liquor is so firmly fixed in some of our churches and the pastors in the association will take no stand against the making and selling of the same; and we hope and pray that the Lord will open some way for our churches to rid themselves of this curse, for we think that it is a stain on the honor and purity of our churches. We make these suggestions with the hope that we may work along these lines and make a gain of general improvement among our churches.

W. R. Bradshaw, }
 J. J. Beach, } Committee.
 L. P. Gwaltney, }
 F. B. Hendren, }
 S. J. Ginnings, }

Remarks by J. J. Beach, F. B. Hendren, W. R. Bradshaw. The report was adopted. Rev. J. M. Bennett read the report on

PERIODICALS.

This object of our work is one most worthy of our support. We would always give the Bible the first place and urge everyone to read the word of God, first, last and all the time. We heartily recommend the Biblical Recorder as our church organ. The North Carolina Baptist is also one of our best religious papers for charity and children, our orphanage paper, recommends itself and should be in every home. The Foreign Mission Journal will keep us posted as to the work in foreign fields. It is important for every Christian to take our religious papers and encourage their circulation. We always feel sad to find a Christian family without any religious paper and yet there is only a small per cent of our people who take our papers. We would also recommend the Blue Ridge Baptist, a religious paper published in North Wilkesboro, as a good religious paper and ask the Baptists of the Brushy Mountain Association to take and read the paper.

E. J. Leach, }
 Allen Brown, } Committee.
 Milton McNeil, }

After remarks by a number of brethren the report was adopted. W. R. Bradshaw read the report on

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention has five departments, viz: To give the gospel to the colored people within its bounds, also the foreign population; to the Indians; to our own people and also in Cuba. There seems to be a wide open door in all these fields, especially in Cuba.

W. R. Bradshaw, }
 F. G. Holman, } Committee.
 W. O. Hendren, }

The report was spoken to by W. R. Bradshaw and others and adopted. The report on Orphanage was taken up but for want of time was deferred until tomorrow morning. Committee on Devotion made the following report: O. A. Keller to conduct devotional exercises tomorrow morning and Rev. L. Johnson to preach tomorrow at 11 A. M. On motion adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9:30.

Third Day.

Saturday morning, Aug. 24, 1901.—The Association reassembled at 9:30 A. M. Devotional exercises were conducted by O. A. Keller. The moderator and clerk being absent R. A. Spainhour was made moderator pro. tem. and O. A. Keller clerk pro. tem. The body was called to order and the report on Orphanage was taken up. A. M. Church read the report on

ORPHANAGE.

To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction is a Bible injunction, and we think this duty is sadly overlooked. Let us rally to the support of the orphans.

A. T. Pardew, }
A. M. Church, } Committee.
J. M. German, }

Remarks by A. T. Pardew, L. Johnson and W. R. Bradshaw. The report was adopted. Rev. L. Johnson read report on

STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

State Missions lie at the base of all our work. It is the reservoir upon which we must draw for all our other work. In Eastern North Carolina there is great destitution. There are few churches, few preachers and few Baptist people in all that important field. The great need is evangelization. Middle North Carolina is in a transition state. Cotton mills are springing up all over the Piedmont section. People are moving from the country to the cotton mills. As the Baptists have had their strength in the country, it follows that most of those who go from the country to the cotton mills are Baptists. They are poor people, unable to employ preachers and build churches. The Board is endeavoring to furnish preaching to the cotton mills in the hope that they will build houses of worship and that in course of time, the churches will become self-sustaining. In the west we have the people, the churches and the preaching but are not developed. There has been awakened in the west an interest in education unknown in any other section of the State. The educational interests in the mountains are the hope of the west. The Mission Board is trying in every way to encourage the institutions.

L. Johnson, }
A. T. Pardew, } Committee.
J. M. Hair, }

At 11 A. M. sermon by Rev. L. Johnson; text, Luke 6:48. On motion State and Home Missions were blended and pledges were made amounting to \$144 50.

Afternoon Session.

Met at 1:30 P. M. The moderator called the Association to order. J. J. Beach read the report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission funds of this Association have been given heretofore to Bro. Hudson, of China. He decided to not return on the direct plan, and through the advice of Bro. D. W. Herring some of the churches have sent their funds to Bro. and Sister Blalock, and we advise that the funds on hand which have been contributed on the direct plan be sent to them as they are in need of the amount. Your committee asks that the churches do not diminish their contributions because of the seeming discouragement that we have been meeting. The Lord's

hand is in the work of Missions and "God standeth in the shadow."

J. J. Beach, }
W. R. Hendren, } Committee.
J. D. Smith, }

The report was discussed by a number of the brethren and adopted. Took pledges for Foreign Missions amounting to \$125. F. B. Hendren read the report on

EDUCATION.

We read in 1st chap. of Gen. that God created all things else in the world and pronounced them good and finally created man in his own image. To man He gave dominion over everything else in the world. Thus we see that God created the world and all things therein contained for the comfort or pleasure of man, but man He created for his own glorification. To this end He endowed him with reason and made him a free agent. Thus if he fails to employ the highest reason of which he is capable, he of his own free will, fails of the ends of his own creation, and is responsible to his Creator for his failure. All things else with unerring fidelity fulfill the condition of their creation. Man alone of all God's creatures falls short of the full possibilities of his nature, and to that extent is a failure in the sight of God. Your committee therefore can not escape the conviction that God intends every man to educate himself so far as he reasonably can do so. It would seem that God has signalized his blessings to his people during the century that has just closed, especially along educational lines. Hence it is proposed by the Baptists of North Carolina during this first year of the new century to consecrate to Him one hundred thousand dollars for educational purposes. This Association is asked for \$1000 of this sum. Your committee believes this amount can be raised in the Association leaving no man poorer in dollars but many richer in grace. We would remind our people that the public schools remain the hope of the masses and merit the interest of every patriotic citizen. Wake Forest College and the Baptist Female University belong to our denomination and are worthy of our pride and patronage. We would specially commend to our people the Blue Ridge Institute, located in our midst and designed and well equipped to fit our boys and girls for college or for the intelligent discharge of the duties of Christian citizenship.

J. B. Hall, }
F. B. Hendren, } Committee.
F. J. Broyles, }

After a very interesting discussion by F. B. Hendren, L. Johnson, W. R. Bradshaw, R. P. Johnson and Gus Boldin the report was adopted. The moderator appointed the following correspondents, to Southern Baptist Convention, J. J. Beach; to Baptist State Convention, W. R. Bradshaw, J. J. Beach and A. T. Pardew. On motion of W. R. Bradshaw, any member of this Association attending sister Associations be a correspondent. The committee on Time and Place of next meeting of the Association reported: Time, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1902; Place, Wilkesboro church, J. J. Beach to preach introductory sermon, George Hamby alternate. Treasurer turned over to the clerk minute fund to the amount of \$14.96. Last year's treasurer turned over to clerk \$15.44. Last year paid for printing minutes \$8; postage and stationery \$1.25; clerk's fee \$5; total amount expended for minutes \$14.25; balance on hand 99 cents. On motion the clerk was allowed \$5 for his services, the remainder of the minute fund to be used for printing and distributing minutes. S. J. Ginnings was re-elected treasurer. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved that the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered this church and the good people of this community for their generous hospitality and unflinching kindness to us during our stay among them.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported Rev. J. M. Bennett to conduct Sunday School mass meeting at 10:15 tomorrow morning and Rev. L. Johnson to preach at 11 A. M. On motion adjourned to meet tomorrow at 10:15.

V. McGHINNIS, Clerk.

J. L. HEMPHILL, Moderator.

Sunday.

Met as per adjournment. Sunday School mass meeting conducted by Rev. J. M. Bennett. At 11 A. M. sermon by Rev. Livingston Johnson; text, Rom. 8:3—"For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh." Took collection for State Missions amounting to \$9 87. CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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BRUSHY MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Pastors and their Addresses.	Clerks and their Addresses.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Preaching	Ministers	Licentiates
Cub Creek	L. P. Gwaltney, Vashti,	N. C. W. A. Foster, Oakwoods,	15	3	2	1	4	29	43	71	2			
Beaver Creek	A. T. Pardew, Adley,	" Z. T. Ferguson, Barlow,	1	3	4	1	25	41	66	1				
Moravian Falls	J. J. Beach, Moravian Falls,	" F. G. Holman, Moravian Falls,	10	2	3	2	59	124	183	2	1	2		
Mount Pleasant	Finley Carlton, Wilbar,	" M. E. Watson, Champion		1	6	3	31	61	92					
Pleasant Home	A. T. Pardew, Adley,	" W. T. Kilby, Millers Creek,	5		6		31	43	74	4				
Mount Zion	Asa Brown, Riverside,	" G. F. Hendrix, Mt. Zion,				1	14	20	34	4				
Mount Carmel	O. A. Keller, Moravian Falls,	" W. J. Robinson, Moravian Falls,				2	26	28	54	1	1			
Little Rock	A. M. Peanell, Avilla,	" J. W. Livingston, Meadow Hill,	4	1	13	1	42	94	136	1	1	1		
Lewis Fork	W. F. Carlton, Wilbar,	" T. F. Cox, Maple Springs,	24	1	5	3	79	149	228	2	1	1		
New Hope	W. F. Carlton, Wilbar,	" R. C. Elder, Millers Creek,			1	11	23	52	75	3				
Pilgrim	J. J. Beach, Moravian Falls,	" Z. V. Church, Congo,	11	2	1	1	79	149	228	2	1	3		
Walnut Grove	L. P. Gwaltney, Vashti,	" W. A. Brown, Poors Knob,			1	1	9	15	24	3	3			
Stony Hill	George Hamby, Champion,	" G. W. Walsh, Parsonville,	3		3	2	37	65	102	3				1
Zion Hill	W. J. Bumgarner, Swanner,	" R. F. Russell, Boomer,	13		2	2	15	29	44	1	1			
Shady Grove		" D. J. Pardew, Adley,	1	2	1		36	52	88	4	2			
Wilkesboro	W. R. Bradshaw, N. Wilkesboro,	" S. J. Ginnings, Wilkesboro,	13	10	1	2	16	27	43	3				
North Wilkesboro	"	" H. W. Horton, N. Wilkesboro,			2		16	27	43	3				
Edgewood	J. J. Beach, Moravian Falls,	" J. H. Ellis, Moravian Falls,		9			14	28	42	1	1			
South Fork	"	" E. Y. Johnson, Reddies River,												
Harmony	J. J. Beach, Moravian Falls,	" T. J. Broyhill, Millers Creek,												
Total			110	27	2	52	22	21	513	910	1423	13	6	

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PLEDGES.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

MINUTES OF THE

Churches.	State and Assoc'n Mis's	Foreign Mis's	Orphan age	Total	State Mis-sions,	Orphan age	Foreign Mis-sions.	Pastor Salary	Home Mis-sions	Min ute Fund	Total for all objec's
Cub Creek	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$ 5.08	\$10.00	\$ 5.00	\$100.00		\$1.30	\$121.30
Beaver Creek						4.29			1.17	.75	6.21
Moravian Falls	30.00	25.00	25.00	80.00	30.00	25.00	25.00	70.00	25.00	1.00	185.00
Mount Pleasant					6.00	1.00	1.00			1.00	9.00
Pleasant Home						2.70				.75	3.45
Mount Zion					1.00	1.25	1.00			.75	4.00
Mount Carmel	2.00	1.00		3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00			.35	4.35
Little Rock	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	1.00				.75	2.75
Lewis Fork			1.00	1.00	.73	1.50	.73			1.50	4.46
New Hope	1.00		1.00	2.00						1.00	1.00
Pilgrim	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.00		.70	1.00			.70	8.50
Walnut Grove	4.50	2.00	2.00	8.50	4.00	3.00	.60	45.00	.50	.60	53.70
Stony Hill			1.00	1.00	.50		.50			.30	1.30
Zion Hill	10.00	5.00	2.00	17.00	4.00	1.21	2.00		4.00	.70	11.91
Shady Grove							30.27			.35	30.62
Wilkesboro	60.00	50.00	50.00	160.00	55.00	53.00	50.00	250.00		1.00	409.00
North Wilkesboro	30.00	25.00	50.00	105.00	30.86	23.46	20.00	300.00		1.00	493.97
Edgewood					8.47	1.50	4.36	45.00	2.41	.60	61.74
South Fork											
Harmony		1.00	1.00	2.00						.60	

	144.50	116.00	145.00	405.50	143.56	131.61	142.46	810.00	33.08	14.96	1412.26

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches.	Superintendents and Addresses.	No. of Scholars.	Officers & Teach's	Av. Attendance.	Mos. kept open.	Contributions.	Quarterlies & pa's	Charity & Ch'ldr'n
Cub Creek								
Beaver Creek								
Moravian Falls	F. G. Holman, Moravian Falls, N. C.	50	8	40	12	\$10	100	
Mount Pleasant	J. O. McNeil, Champion,	75	6	50	12			
Pleasant Home	L. B. Pierce, Millers Creek	131	12	83	6	1		
Mount Zion	T. H. West, Mt Zion,	45	4					
Mount Carmel	W. J. Robinson, Moravian Falls,	30	2	20				
Little Rock	William Pratt, Boomer,	50	3	30	8	1	25	1
Lewis Fork								
New Hope	D. V. Nicholls, Purlar,	68	45					
Pilgrim	Z. V. Church, Congo,	83	5					
Walnut Grove	L. C. Jennings, Poors Knob,	109	65					
Stony Hill	W. S. Hall, Parsonville,	114	4	75				
Zion Hill	R. F. Russell, Boomer,	40	5		6			
Shady Grove	D. J. Pardew, Adley,	60	5	25				
Wilkesboro	R. A. Spainhour, Wilkesboro,	75	8	50	12	30	100	24
North Wilkesboro	W. P. Horton, North Wilkesboro,	150	10	50	12	94	266	40
Edgewood								
Harmony								

Officers of the Association.

MODERATOR:

J. L. HEMPHILL, Moravian Falls, N. C.

CLERK:

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S. D. Barnes, Boomer, "

M. McNeil, Wilkesboro, "

J. F. Jarvis, Adley, "

J. J. Beach, Moravian Falls, "

O. A. Keller, Moravian Falls, "

The Next Session.

The next session will be held at Wilkesboro church, Wilkes county, N. C., convening on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1902.

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