

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Brier Creek Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

SWAN CREEK CHURCH, YADKIN CO., N. C.,

September 22d, 23d and 24th, 1887.

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PROCEEDINGS.

SWAN CREEK, September 23d, 1887.

Introductory sermon preached by Rev. J. P. Gwaltney. Refreshments thirty minutes. Convened. Prayer by Rev. L. P. Gwaltney. Church letters received and read. Officers elected. Rev. W. A. Myers chosen Moderator, and E. N. Gwyn Clerk. Correspondents invited to seats. From the Yadkin, Revs. W. G. Brown, J. H. Martin, with H. L. Brown, S. L. Reece; Elkin, J. Lyon; Liberty, J. T. Parris. Door opened for the reception of churches. Rock Spring, with a letter from Yadkin Association, was received with delegates.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Arrangements—L. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool, with correspondents and officers.

Religious Exercises—W. A. Goforth, with pastor and delegates of this church.

State Missions—E. N. Gwyn, J. P. Williams.

Periodicals—W. G. Brown, I. N. Haynes.

Sabbath Schools—T. W. Paris, I. Hollar.

Temperance—J. P. Gwaltney, W. M. Goforth.

Education—D. W. Pool, Y. Jordan.

Home and Foreign Missions—L. P. Gwaltney, J. T. Paris.

Time and Place—Z. R. Tharp, J. N. Holland.

Obituaries—J. F. Adams, G. A. Baity.

Finance—E. B. Hendren, E. C. Sloan.

Resolutions—R. W. Wooten, J. Choplin.

Correspondents reported: T. W. Paris, R. W. Wooten and F. B. Parks attended the Brushy Mountain; I. N. Haynes, F. B. Parks, the Elkin.

Correspondents appointed: Elkin, E. N. Gwyn; Yadkin, T. W. Paris, Y. Jordan, I. Hollar, G. A. Baity; South Yadkin, E. C. Sloan, T. W. Paris, E. N. Gwyn; Brushy Mountain, R. W. Wooten, J. G. Weatherman, J. O. Moore.

Religious Exercises reported: I. Hollar preach to-night.

Adjourned till to-morrow, 9 a. m. Prayer by I. Hollar.

SECOND DAY—9 A. M.

Convened. Prayer by Y. Jordan. Rev. C. F. Fields, from Elkin, present. Committee on Arrangement reported. Names of delegates announced. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Constitution and rules of decorum read.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported:

The making of all the nations of the earth the disciples of Christ, should be the object of all christians. We, in this work, should labor differently, as the Lord calls us. There are now several hundred christians in American schools and colleges who feel it their duty to preach the gospel in foreign lands. The Baptists claim to teach the truths of the gospel in purity and simplicity. They should occupy the front in carrying the gospel to those who have it not. Our Foreign Mission

Board, who has the supervision of this work, has not the means necessary to employ the missionaries needed. This Association has not done its duty in contributing to the support of Home and Foreign Missions.

The question comes to us to-day: When will the gospel be given to the heathen while we neglect to do our duty? Are not the pastors of this Association in fault for this neglect of duty? We say they are, in a great measure. Let us give, now, liberally of the means with which God has blessed us this year, and let us never again in our history make the small record of one half cent per member for Home and Foreign Missions.

L. P. GWALTNEY,
J. T. PARIS.

Remarks submitted by J. T. Paris, L. P. Gwaltney and W. G. Brown Report adopted.

Collection for this work to-day, \$9.39.
Liberty sent up \$1.00, Pisgah \$1.00. Damascus sent this year \$10.00 for this work.

The Associational Missionary gave a verbal report of his work. The following paper was read and adopted by the Association:

WHEREAS, We have learned that Bro. J. H. Foote of our Association has written a reply to a book called "The Methodist Armor," written by H. T. Hudson, D. D., of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, in which work our principles as Baptists are assailed; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of three members of this body be appointed to examine Bro. Foote's manuscript as to the advisability of encouraging the same for publication.

L. P. GWALTNEY.

T. W. Paris and D. W. Pool appointed Committee.
Adjourned for preaching. Sermon by D. W. Pool.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1 O'CLOCK.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported:

We are encouraged to see the growing interest manifested in the Sabbath Schools. Although much has been done, the work has not yet reached its climax. Let the pastors take fast hold of this work. The Sabbath School work is the work of the Church. In these schools the gifts and talents of the Church may be developed. Your S. S. Evangelist has received during the past Associational Year the sum of \$40.00 for his services. It is for you to consider, brethren, whether or not the best interests of the Church will be promoted by continuing an Evangelist.

T. W. PARIS,
I. HOLLAR.

Speeches by T. W. Paris, I. Hollar, J. H. Martin. Report adopted.
Committee on Periodicals reported:

The press is one of the most potent engines of the age. We recommend to the patronage of the members of this Association "The Biblical Recorder," "Kind Words" and "The Baptist Teacher" as papers worthy of our support.

W. G. BROWN,
I. N. HAYNES.

Remarks by committee and Moderator. Report adopted.
Bro. J. T. Paris raised a subscription for the RECORDER.
The Committee on Church Discipline reported:

The Church has God for its Author, Christ for its Redeemer and the Holy Spirit for its Instructor. It also has the Bible as its way bill and

discipline. Ephesians 4th. Christ said to Peter, in Matt. 16th: "I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven. Whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven." If you wrong any one you are instructed what to do to be reconciled. Matt. 5th chapter, 24th and 25th verses. If thy brother trespass against thee go and tell him his fault, if he hear thee thou hast gained thy brother, but if he hear thee not take then with thee one or two more, so that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he should neglect to hear them, tell it unto the Church, but if he neglect to hear the Church let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican.—Matt. 18th ch., 15th, 16th and 17th verses. We must forgive those who trespass against us. If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.—Matt. 6th ch., 14th and 15th verses. It is also the duty of the Church to correct the erring and to restore them, if possible. We should always let the offending brother or sister know that we rebuke them in love, for their good and salvation and for the glory of God. The Church should see that the pure gospel is preached in her midst, and send it to those who have it not. She should see that the Word of God is truthfully taught on the Sabbath day. She should not forsake the assembling of her members together nor refuse to support the living ministry. If any be overtaken in a fault let him be restored.—Gal. 6th ch., 1st verse. Rebuke not an Elder, receive not an accusation against him.—1st Timothy, 5th ch., 19th verse.

T. W. PARIS,
L. P. GWALTNEY.

Remarks by T. W. Paris, L. P. Gwaltney, W. A. Myers, I. Hollar. Report adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises report that E. N. Gwyn and J. Hughes preach to-night.

Adjourned till to-morrow, 9 a. m. Prayer by E. N. Gwyn.

THIRD DAY—9 A. M.

Convened. Prayer by J. P. Gwaltney.

Prof. J. J. Watkins from the Yadkin Association, and Bro. Samuel Jennings from Brushy Mountain, accepted seats.

The Associational Mission Board reported as follows:

We employed Bro. J. P. Gwaltney as missionary, one-fourth of his time in a part of the Catawba Mission field, and have paid him for his services \$37.21.

I. HOLLAR,
D. C. JARVIS,
Z. R. THARP,
E. B. HENDREN,
W. M. GOFORTH.

On motion, the report received and committee discharged.

The following brethren were appointed as the Associational Board for the next year: E. C. Sloan, D. C. Jarvis, Z. R. Tharp, W. M. Goforth, W. A. Myers.

The Committee on State Missions reported:

The State Mission work is really the foundation work of missions at home and abroad.

The Baptist State Convention appoints a committee of good men to supervise the work, and these men organized constitute the Board of Missions. This noble working body is effecting wonders all over our

Carolina in supplying destitute places with the gospel of Jesus. The men employed in this blessed work are the most sacrificing and cross-bearing of men. We know not the privations they endure, nor the trials and persecutions they bear in the arduous work for the Master.

Many do not understand why this Board does so much for the towns. It is because the towns have been destitute of Baptist churches, and, as a general thing, the few Baptists in these towns are poor and unable to build houses of worship and support the preacher in their midst.

This Board is also doing a vast work in the different parts of the country. Brethren, let us all work and pray for the success of the State work. Not a dollar will be lost when given to this work. We urge the propriety of raising a collection to-day and to-morrow for this cause.

E. N. GWYN,
J. P. WILLIAMS.

Remarks submitted by E. N. Gwyn, Y. Jordan, W. G. Brown and J. H. Foote. Report adopted. (Collection \$7.90.)

The Clerk was instructed to publish the name of a brother in each church with whom Bro. McManaway of Charlotte may correspond on the Home Mission work.

The Committee on Temperance reported:

DEAR BRETHREN—The evils of intemperance are still on the increase. Much has been written, many have been the speeches. Plans have been devised and resolutions have been offered by this body, but still this monster evil moves on, bidding defiance to all such efforts. While we may admit that ardent spirits is a *good*, yet it is a negative good, and as such a positive evil. The terrible consequences resulting from the curse of this traffic are fully seen and admitted. Yet many members of the church are engaged in this as a means of gain. Shall this continue? Should not the churches, in some way, write their disapprobation on such a course?

J. P. GWALTNEY,
W. M. GOFORTH.

Remarks by J. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool and Y. Jordan. Report adopted.

Committee on Time and Place reported Fishing Creek. I. Hollar to preach the Introductory Sermon; J. G. Weatherman, Alternate.

Committee on Finance reported \$28.30.

On motion, adjourned for preaching. Sermon by L. P. Gwaltney. Refreshment.

Treasurer reported:

Received at last Association—	
For State Missions.....	\$36 04
For Foreign Missions.....	3 71
Total.....	\$39 75
Paid out—	
For State Missions.....	\$36 04
For Foreign Missions.....	3 71
Total.....	\$39 75
Received from Committee on Finance.....	
On hand.....	\$30 00
	6 43
Total.....	\$36 43

Expended for printing Minutes.....	\$22 00
My own fees.....	8 00
Incidental expenses.....	1 00
On hand.....	5 43
Total.....	\$36 43

E. N. GWYN, *Treasurer.*

The Committee appointed to examine the manuscript of Bro. Foote do respectfully and earnestly recommend its immediate publication.
L. P. GWALTNEY,
T. W. PARIS,
D. W. POOL.

Report adopted.

The Associational Board reported:

We have appointed Bro. Gwyn as Evangelist to labor one-fourth of his time in the South-eastern boundary of our Association.
W. A. MYERS, *Chairman.*
D. C. JARVIS, *Sec'y.*

Committee on Education reported:

The necessity of education is perhaps no longer a debatable question. The common schools and schools of higher grade, with the almost universal interest manifested in it, prove the truth of this assertion. If the youth of the present day is not educated, the fault is absolutely their own. Of course it takes time, labor and money to educate. Hence we would exhort the young to exercise patience and perseverance in this great work. To use and not abuse this great blessing, we must ever keep before our minds the idea of *usefulness* and not an *easy* life. This principle involves the greatest caution, not only in the education of the masses but especially that of the ministry. Let us aim, then, at sanctified education, and shun those evils of which we are so faithfully warned, both in history and in Scripture.

Your Committee respectfully recommend Marion Falls and Cedar Run Academies and Wake Forest College as worthy of our support.

Remarks by Brown, Hollar, Myers and J. T. Paris. Report adopted. On motion, the churches at Pilgrim and Bethel were, by request, granted letters of dismission to organize a new Association with the churches in Alexander county.

Committee on Religious Exercises report that W. A. Myers preaches to-night.

Committee on Resolutions reported:

Resolved 1st. That we cheerfully recommend the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, as worthy of the patronage of our Association.

2d. To live more devoted to our religious duties toward our Heavenly Father in the future than in the past.

3d. That we tender our thanks to the brethren and sisters and citizens of this community for their hospitality in supporting this Association.
R. W. WOOTEN,
JOHN CHOPLIN.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next session, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1888. Prayer by Rev. W. G. Brown.

E. N. GWYN, *Clerk.*

W. A. MYERS, *Moderator.*

SABBATH.

Prayer meeting by the Moderator. Eleven o'clock sermon preached by L. P. Gwaltney. Collection raised for State Missions, \$9.00. Refreshment, one hour. W. G. Brown preached the evening sermon. It was thought that about 2,500 people were present to-day.

CLERK.

The S. S. Convention is requested to send a written report from all the schools in this Association to the next session of this body.

Names of those whom Bro. A. G. McManaway of Charlotte may address on Home Missions:

J. R. JOHNSON	Dellaplane,	N. C.
G. W. SALE	Brier Creek,	"
J. W. HENDREN	Cedar Run,	"
E. C. SLOAN	Sweet Home,	"
C. A. COOPER	Elkin,	"
J. M. RAY	Wilkesboro,	"
J. CASS	Evelyn,	"
C. A. HEATH	Williamsburg,	"
W. MOORE	Felts,	"
I. HOLLAR	Felts,	"
H. HAYES	Brushy Mountain,	"
J. M. SHAVER	Olin,	"
J. R. WRIGHT	Felts,	"
J. G. WEATHERMAN	Jennings' Mill,	"
J. H. PERLIER	Wilkesboro,	"
J. C. PENIX	Hamptonville,	"
F. B. PARKS	Dellaplane,	"
D. W. MAYBERRY	Grade,	"
J. T. MARTIN	Clingman,	"
J. F. ADAMS	Jonesville,	"
D. C. JARVIS	Lovelace,	"
L. W. NICHOLSON	Osbornville,	"
U. S. GOODIN	McCurdy,	"
J. P. WILLIAMS	Grade,	"
W. C. ROUGHTON	Osbornville,	"
J. M. CRATER	Zion,	"

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES,	PASTORS,	POSTOFFICE,	DELEGATES,	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Fellowship.	Minute Fund.	Sabbath.
Antioch	J. Weatherman	Wilkesboro	N. I. Johnson, W. R. Johnson, E. Glass	9			2	4	4	54	\$1 20	1st
Brier Creek	R. W. Wooten	Brier Creek	G. W. Sale, C. L. Parks, F. Gilliam, J. Gilliam	2			4	1	2	52	80	4th
Danascus	W. G. Brown	Sweet Home	V. Jordan, J. Barkley, E. C. Sloan	2			2	2	2	132	2	00
Elkin Valley	J. N. Gregory	Elkin Valley	E. N. Gwyn, C. A. Cooper	4	3		4			25	60	4th
Fishing Creek	I. Hollar	Wilkesboro	J. A. Foster, J. E. Baily	3			1	1	1	1124	85	4th
Grassy Knob	J. G. Weatherman	Jennings' Mill	J. Cass, J. A. Reed, A. Mabery, J. Privat	1	3	6	4	1	1	4121	1	00
Holly Spring	E. N. Gwyn	Eagle Mills	Z. R. Tharp, W. D. Tharp, J. T. Tharp, G. A. Baily	12	6		4	1	1	136	1	10
Hunting Creek	J. G. Weatherman	Hunting Creek	W. Moore, J. O. Moore	3			1	1	1	60	1	15
Lewis	I. Hollar	Felts	I. Hollar, J. Souther, H. Souther	11			1	1	1	106	85	3rd
Liberty	J. G. Weatherman	Brushy M'n	J. Ball, J. E. Hayes, E. B. Hayes	3			4	2	2	132	1	50
Mt. Vernon	L. P. Gwaltney	Brushy M'n	W. A. Goforth, S. T. Goforth, J. N. Holland, J. M. Shaver	1			2	2	2	66	70	4th
Mt. Pisgah	J. G. Weatherman	Felts	I. McCarter, J. Souther	14			1	1	1	59	1	05
New Prospect	I. Hollar	Evelyn	W. M. Goforth, W. Dowell, J. Weatherman	7	3	2	8	2	2	2137	95	2d
New Hope	E. Hollar	Brushy M'n	J. M. Ray, W. P. Penix, J. F. Tudder	21	2	6	2			83	50	1st
Oak Grove	J. P. Adams	Buck Shoal	W. Inscore, J. C. Penix, A. Mathis, J. H. Mathus	5			2	1	1	45	75	3rd
Oak Forest	D. W. Pool	Dellaplane	F. B. Parks, I. N. Hayes	2			3	1	1	45	1	05
Pleasant Grove	R. W. Wooten	Clingman	T. M. Greene, W. M. Walker, E. R. Felts, J. T. Martin	2	3		3	1	1	97	1	05
Swan Creek	J. P. Adams	Jonesville	W. F. Reese, J. B. Greene, E. D. Swain, J. F. Adams	11			2	2	2	6222	1	40
Shady Grove	L. P. Gwaltney	Lovelace	D. C. Jarvis, M. A. Mitchell, J. M. Howard, W. A. Souther	7			7			143	1	10
Sweet Home	I. Hollar	Osbornville	W. W. Howard	4			6	1	1	35	55	1st
Rocky Hill	A. H. Goodin	McCurdy	W. F. Millsaps	2			2			30	30	3rd
Rock Spring	W. A. Myers	Settle	J. M. Smith, S. Marlow	3			3			22	65	4th
Taylor Spring	J. P. Gwaltney	Evelyn	J. P. Williams	6	1		1	1	1	2	73	1
Union	E. N. Gwyn	Osbornville	W. L. Howard, W. E. Sale, W. L. Roughton, J. Choplin	3			1	2	2	103	90	2d
Zion	W. A. Myers	Zion	W. W. right, M. E. Deney, R. P. Crater, E. A. Johnson	15	2		6	2	1	1154	2	35

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LIST OF MINISTERS.

J. P. ADAMS	Jonesville,	N. C.
A. N. BARKER	Grade,	"
J. W. BURCHETT	Dellaplane,	"
N. S. CHAFFIN	Callahan,	"
W. DOWELL	Jennings' Mill,	"
A. GILREATH	Cedar Run,	"
S. S. GOFORTH	Lovelace,	"
A. GOODEN	Sweet Home,	"
W. F. GRAY	Buck Shoal,	"
E. N. GWYN	Elkin,	"
J. S. FORESTER	Brier Creek,	"
I. N. HAYNES	Dellaplane,	"
I. HOLLAR	Felts,	"
E. HOLLAR	Felts,	"
Y. JORDAN	New Hope,	"
W. A. MYERS	Osbornville,	"
B. MATHUS	Buck Shoal,	"
T. W. PARIS	Brier Creek,	"
D. W. POOL	Cedar Run,	"
S. F. SIMMONS	Jonesville,	"
W. C. SEGRAVES	Jonesville,	"
R. W. WOOTEN	Clingman,	"
J. G. WEATHERMAN	Jennings' Mill,	"
T. WRIGHT	Felts,	"