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J. A. Foster	New Hope	.N. C.
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I. Holler	Lovelace	. 64
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G. W. Brown	New Hope	66
W. A. Holleman	Jonesville	66
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## PROCEEDINGS.

CRANBERRY CHURCH, WILKES Co., N. C. Thursday, October 5th, 1899.

The Seventy-eighth Annual Session of the Brier Creek Association convened. G. W. Brown preached the Annual Sermon. Text: Luke 10:20.

After dinner the delegates assembled and was called to order by D. C. Jarvis. Prayer by W. A. Myers.

#### READING CHURCH LETTERS.

Letters from the following churches were read and del egates enrolled:

ANTIOCH-F. Staly, E. Staly, W. T. Johnson, J. M.

BETHEL-R. C. Triplet, N. E. Burchett, C. W. Gilliam. BRIER CREEK-G. W. Sale, C. F. Walker, J. B. Martin,

J. Smith. Bethany-J. Hendren, E. C. Moore, A. E. Hendren, J.

A. Campbell.
BARKER GROVE—J. Daniels, J. E. Marlow.
CRANBERRY—M. Sale, E. Mathis, W. M. A. Sparks, N.

T. Jarvis.

DAMASCUS—J. P. Stout, G. S. Martin.

DENNYVILLE—M. Redding, W. D. Adams, M. Walker.

FISHING CREEK—I. S. Call, E. H. Glass, W. R. Anderson,

E. J. Masten.
FALL CREEK—L. T. Ray, D. K. Woodruff.
GRASSY KNOB—J. W. Rash.
HOLLY SPRING—Z. R. Tharp, G. A. Baity.
HUNTING CREEK—G. H. Hayes, P. C. Johnson, W. A.

Baity.

Hebron—S. C. Chappel.
Lewis—L. J. Livingston, H. F. Moore, I. Holler, J. W.

MT. PISGAH—J. P. McCarter, W. H. McCarter.
MT. SINAI—S. R. Hendren, J. Johnson.
MT. VERNON—J. R. Huie, S. T. Goforth, J. E. Myers.

New Prospect-Wm. Goforth, G. W. Brown, D. I. Heglar, J. G. Wetherman.

New Hope—L. C. Anderson, T. J. Tedder.

OAK FOREST-C. C. Parks.

PLEASANT GROVE-M. H. Martin, S. B. Hemrick, W.

H. Byrd, E. L. Martin.

ROCKY HILL-U. C. Goodin.

Rock Spring-M. P. Richardson, J. A. Chafin, J. M. Smith, T. F. Powell.

SWAN CREEK-W. A. Holleman, W. F. Reece, W. V.

SWEET HOME—F. Myers, T. Souther, T. Myers.

SHADY GROVE—J. S. Henderson.

Shiloh-M. E. Denny, W. R. Sparks.

TAYLOR SPRING—S. A. Godfrey, T. H. Williams. Union-W. E. Sale, W. D. Howard, J. M. Crater.

Zion-C. T. Holcomb, T. R. Parks.

# ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion the officers were elected for the present year and L. P. Gwaltney and D. W. Pool acted as tellers. D. C. Jarvis was elected Moderator, and J. M. Crater, Clerk

# CORRESPONDENTS INVITED.

L.P. Gwaltney and D.W. Pool from the Alexander Association, G. M. Burcham from the Elkin Association and S. D. Brown, as a visitor, accepted seats.

# COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

On motion the Finance Committee was empowered to receive all funds belonging to the Association and report the same. Vacancies were supplied on Standing Committees: Finance, S. T. Goforth, J. S. Henderson, J. M. Smith and Z. R. Tharp; Education, D. W. Pool; Temperance, L. P. Gwaltney; Periodicals, C. T. Holcomb; Nominating Committee, S. S. Goforth, G. W. Brown and J. E. Myers.

# CORRESPONDENTS REPORTED.

W. A. Myers, I. Holler, S. S. Goforth and Wm. Goforth attended the Alexander Association.

#### CORRESPONDENTS APPOINTED.

To the Elkin Association: E. N. Gwyn. To the Alexander Association: G. W. Brown and W. T. Comer.

To the Brushy Mountain Association: E. N. Gwyn. To the Stone Mountain Association: Z. R. Tharp. To the South Yadkin Association: E. N. Gwyn. On motion, adjourned. Prayer by L. P. Gwaltney.

#### SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, October 6th, 1899.

#### MORNING SESSION.

The Association met according to adjournment. Devotional services were conducted by G. M. Burcham.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Roll of delegates was called. Minutes of vesterday were read and approved. Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read.

On motion the Association withdrew fellowship from Liberty church for disorderly conduct, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we advise the good brethren and sisters belonging to Liberty church to join other churches by application.

#### Report on Periodicals

The printing press is a great power for good or it is a great power for evil. Is it not best to use it for the salvation of the human race and for the glory of our Heavenly Father in extending His Kingdom in the world? In promoting this, we should only read good literature that tends only to elevate, inspire and instruct the mind. Much of the literature of the present age has a debasing influence which ruins the minds and morals of our people. We would urge the ne-

cessity of parents to observe the books and papers read by their children.

We ask our people to subscribe for the Biblical Recorder. It is well filled with good reading and instructive matter for old and young. We, as Baptists, cannot afford to do without it. If this paper was read by more we would give more to Missions to the orphans and to our pastors. We also recommend The North Carolina Baptist as a good paper. We further recommend the Foreign Mission Journal for information relative to Foreign Missions.

We cheerfully ask the churches to use the Lesson Helps in their Sunday schools for the better understanding of God's Word, and the picture cards for Respectfully submitted, E. N. GWYN, C. T. HOLCOMB. the infant classes.

Remarks by E. N. Gwyn, J. H. Foote, W. A. Myers and D. C. Jarvis, after which the report was adopted.

#### BRIER CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Report on Church and Pastor Relation.

So much has been written and said on this very important subject that we deem it unnecessary to write much now. The New Testament is our rule of faith and practice. In it we may find any data. The Hall Spirit separates of deem it unnecessary to write much now. The New Testament is our rule of faith and practice. In it we may find our duty. The Holy Spirit separates or calls the man to the gospel ministry. By the same Spirit the flock is called to being called by the same Spirit are one in Christ in the great work of saving souls.

Percentfully submitted. Respectfully submitted.

J. A. FOSTER, W. A. MYERS.

After remarks by W. A. Myers, J. A. Foster and E. N. Gwyn, the report was adopted.

Adjourned for preaching. Sermon by S. D. Brown. Text: St. John, 13:17. At refreshments one hour.

# AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 1 P. M. for business. W. J. Laffoon, from the Elkin Association, accepted a seat as correspondent.

# Report on Duties to the Poor.

We would be glad to start an ever green wave in the minds of our people on the line of our duties to the poor that the Lord has a way of placing the little duties in the placed in our midst. The Lord has a way of placing these little duties in our way that we may do note Himself. The teaching of the dothers things He will take them as done unto Himself. The teachings of the Scriptures are, that these duties were early taught the people and practiced by the early Church.

We believe it to be a Christian grace worthy of our attention and it is just as

We believe it to be a Christian grace worthy of our attention and it is just as binding on us at this time as on any people or at any time. You need only to We would call attention to one of these little responsibilities at Thomas from all over the country. These vocaries pleased in our midst to try our faithwille, N. C. The Lord has quite a family of the innocent poor there, gathered from all over the country. These poor are placed in our midst to try our faithyou will you may do them good." "For the poor shall never cease out of the thy brother, to thy poor and to thy needy in the land." Deut. 15:11.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. SMITH.

M. SMITH,

Remarks by J. E. Myers, W. A. Myers and S. D. Brown after which a collection was taken for Sister Nancy Myers which amounted to \$3.32. On motion the report adopted.

#### Report on Temperance.

Temperance means moderation and sobriety. We earnestly advise our brethren to adhere to the principles of temperance in all things necessary and to Respectfully submitted,
R. C. TRIPLET,
L. P. GWALTNEY.

After remarks by R. C. Triplet, L. P. Gwaltney, J. H. Foote and W. A. Myers, the report was adopted.

We received \$5.66 for State Missions; \$6.01 for Home Missions; \$6.10 for Foreign Missions; \$22.89 for Orphanage; \$22.05 Minute funds; \$21.20 previously sent to the Orphanage and \$2.50 to Home Missions. Total, \$142.91. Respectfully submitted.

S. T. GOFORTH, Z. R. THARP, J. M. SMITH, J. S. HENDERSON.

The report was adopted.

#### Report on Religious Exercises

D. W. Pool to preach to-night, W. J. Laffoon to conduct prayer meeting to morrow at 9:30 a. M., and L. P. Gwaltney to preach at 11 a. M.

Adjourned. Benediction by W. A. Myers.

#### THIRD DAY.

October 7th, 1899.

#### MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at the time appointed. E. N. Gwyn led in the prayer service. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

#### Report on Time and Place.

Next session will be held with Mt. Vernon church, 14 miles north of Statesville, commencing on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1900.

E. N. Gwyn was appointed to preach the annual sermon and M. Walker alternate.

On motion Taylor Spring church was granted a letter of dismission.

On motion the clerks of the churches were requested to take collections to erect a monument over the grave of Elder Solomon D. Swain and send the money to S. D. Brown, Jonesville, N. C.

#### Report on Obituaries.

Our beloved brother, John Madison, died May 4th, 1899. He was 91 years old. He professed religion and joined Union church in 1847, and was ordained a deacon in 1850. In 1891 he moved his membership to Shiloh church in which he served as deacon until his death. He lived a consistent Christian for more

Our brother leaves a wife and 11 children to mourn their loss Elder Thomas W. Wright died January 6th, 1899. He was 83 years of age. He professed a hope while young and joined the Church and lived a consistent Christian and was ordained to the gospel ministry in which capacity he served about 60 years. He preached Christ, the only plan of salvation. Like one of old, he fought a good fight, kept the faith and has gone to receive his crown. A loving wife and four children mourn their loss.

My loving wife don't grieve for me, Neither lament nor mourn, For you will shortly come to me Where we shall never part. My loving children, near my heart, And nature seems to bind-Oh, Lord, a father to them be And keep them from all harm.

Brother John Gilliam died in full triumph of the Christian faith, at his home near Bethel church, February 16th, 1899. He lived a long useful and exemples ry life and was a strong witness to the power of the gospel of Christ. He joined the Church at Brier Creek about 60 years ago, being then not quite 27 years old, and was ordained deacon about 45 years ago. When Bethel church was organized he moved his manhorabin 15 years ago. organized he moved his membership there. In his death the Church militant loses a faithful member and a liberal supporter, the community one of its best citizens and the family a devoted husband and an affectionate father. To the

Elder Wm. Segraves died in the 80th year of his age. He was a consistent member of Swan Creek church 51 years and an ordained minister 28 years. He leaves a wife and 17 living children to mourn their irreparable loss. May all who read these lines prepare to meet him where there is no more suffering and

'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ears" etc. These were favorite lines with the deceased.

Respectfully submitted, S. S. GOFORTH,

After remarks by E. N. Gwyn, I. Holler, S. D. Brown and D. C. Jarvis, the report was adopted.

#### Report on Missions.

Christ was on a mission from heaven to earth. Paul was the greatmission ary to the Gentiles. Christ's last commission was to preach the gospel to all the world. Now, dear brethren, as we are so highly favored with gospel privileges, let us be aroused to a sense of our duty to give the gospel to all regions beyond. Jesus is preaching to some of the heathen in the person of our missionaries. Let us help our elder brother. Christ the Lord, in this great work by giving to those who have left their native land and homes to go into the dark isles of the sea and the uttermost parts of the earth. Dear brethren, let us feel that we are in touch with them. As we can not shake their hands and join their songs we should give some of our means as an offering to the Lord, to comfort them in a far off land, and we further request that the churches do what

Respectfully submitted,

After remarks by W. A. Myers, D. W. Pool, E. N. Gwyn, S. D. Brown, D. C. Jarvis and J. M. Smith the report was adopted. A collection for State Missions was

Adjourned for preaching. Sermon by L. P. Gwaltney. Text: Phil. 3:15.

# AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association assembled for business.

#### Treasurer's Penort

Received last year: For Foreign Missions For Orphanage From Finance Committee. On hand from last year	26.68	
Total. Paid out for Foreign Missions. For Orphanage. Printing Minutes (800 copies). My own fees. Incidental. In Treasury now.	\$41.48 21.68 12.50 6.00 1.00 10.80	\$98.46
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#### Report on Education.

North Carolina is making more rapid advancement in the line of education than in any other line. There is hardly a county in the State that has not more or less high schools and academies thronged with students, while her colleges States high schools and academies thronged with students, while her colleges leges, State and denominational, are better supported and patronized than in any previous period of her history. Our own Wake Forest College has a larger number of students than ever before.

The Baptist Female University at Raleigh has just opened its first session crowded with pupils and has surprised its friends beyond expectation with such grand success. The buildings of this College are the most splendid in the Southern States. The Baptists have ever been the advocates of education as well as religious and political liberty. Our facilities for education allow no excuse in this wonderful age of the 19th century for even the humblest boy or girl to remain ignorant. We have in our midst the high schools at Ronda and Boonville, well equipped with competent teachers and cheap board so that our poorest boys and girls can here secure an education. Grit, pluck and gumption, money or no money, are all that is now required to make our young people the hope of the nation. We have at our Wake Forest College now about 40 young ministers preparing to preach the gospel and our churches are requested to aid in the support of this great work of our denomination. Finally, we see signs of progress our State is making in education so that the time is near when the stigma of being the most illiterate State in the Union will disappear, and she will take her rank among the foremost. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FOOTE. D. W. POOL.

After remarks by J. H. Foote, W. T. Comer, W. A. Myers, S. D. Brown and D. C. Jarvis, the report was adopted. On motion, the Clerk receive \$8.00 for his services, and have 800 copies of Minutes printed.

#### Resolutions.

Resolved, That the last Thursday in September, 1900, be set apart and consecrated as a day to the Lord; and that on that day every member of the Baptist churches of the Brier Creek Association, old and young, male and female. be requested to reserve every cent earned or gained on that day to be reported through their churches to our next session of the Association. That pastors are requested to lay this matter before their churches in time to accomplish

Resolved, 2nd. That the churches be advised to admonish their members who are engaged in the use and traffic of ardent spirits to abstain from it at once or be dealt with according to the scriptures.

Resolved, 3rd. That the thanks of this body be tendered to the citizens, friends and church at Cranberry for their kind hospitality in the support of this association. Respectfully submitted.

I. HOLLER, J. W. RASH.

## Report of Nominating Committee.

Religious Exercises—E. M. Sale, with pastor and delegates.
Object of Association—W. T. Comer, J. M. Smith.
Pastor and Church Relation—S. S. Goforth, J. S. Henderson.
Duties to the Poor—J. G. Wetherman, J. W. Rash.
Temperance—W. A. Myers, U. C. Goodin.
Finance—S. T. Goforth, N. G. Sloan, Z. R. Tharpe, G. W. Sale
Obituaries—M. Walker, M. E. Denny.
Missions—E. N. Gwyn, J. A. Foster.
Education—J. F. Mitchell, W. D. C. Boughton.
Resolutions—A. H. Goodin, D. I. Heglar.
Periodicals—J. H. Foote, C. C. Tharpe.
Digest of Church Letters—Gus. Myers, N. T. Jarvis.

Respectftlly submitted, S. S. GOFORTH, G. W. BROWN, J. E. MYERS.

## Report on Religious Exercises.

G. W. Brown to preach to-night, D. I. Heglar to conduct prayer meeting to-morrow at 9:30 a. M., I. Holler to preach at 10:30 and S. D. Brown to preach

Adjourned till time and place of next meeting. Benediction by W. A. Myers.

J. M. CRATER, Clerk. D. C. JARVIS, Moderator.

#### SABBATH.

M. Walker conducted prayer meeting at 10 A. M., and sermon by S. D. Brown at 11 A. M. Text: Jude 3rd. Collection for the Orphanage amounted to \$1.50. CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE

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# **PROCEEDINGS**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION,

# ROCK SPRING CHURCH.

August 25th and 26th, 1899.

The Convention met according to appointment at 11 A. M., and was called to order by the chairman.

After devotional exercises reports from different schools were read by D. C. Jarvis and S. T. Goforth. E. N. Gwyn was elected chairman and S. T. Goforth secretary.

E. F. Hinson, N. Horn, T. M. George and W. D. Martin from the Yadkin Association accepted seats. Speech of welcome by T. S. Richardson.

Committees appointed as follows: Time and Place-J. E. Myers, J. B. Mathis and C. F. Holcomb. Queries— W. T. Comer, D. C. Jarvis and W. D. Martin. Queries were discussed:

1st: Who should attend Sunday School and why? Speeches by E. N. Gwyn and W. D. Martin. Adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

2nd. What should be taught in Sunday School? Speeches by J. E. Myers and others.

3rd. How shall we manage to get the aged interested? Speeches by D. C. Jarvis and T. M. George.

4th. What are the three greatest obstacles now hindering the work? Speeches by N. S. C. May and W. T.

5th. What are the duties of parents toward their children in regard to the Sunday School? Speeches by W. D. Martin, C. T. Holcomb and others.

Next Convention will be held with Zion church on Friday before the 5th Sunday in July, 1900. W. A. Myers was appointed to preach the introductory

The Convention adjourned till to-morrow at 10 A. M.

Sabbath.—The Convention met at 10 A. M. according to adjournment. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

#### Report on Queries.

1st. What should be the qualifications of a Superintendent and teachers? Speaker E. F. Hinson.

2nd. Would the interest of our Sunday Schools be promoted by the use of Sunday School Literature? Speaker, J. E. Myers.

3rd. When is the Sunday School complete? Speaker, E. N. Gwyn.

4th. Should not the Sunday Schools discourage the use of tobacco among the young people and why? Speaker, W. D. Martin.

5th. Should not the young ladies of our Sunday Schools be given more work? Speaker, T. M. George.

6th. Does not the liquor traffic injure the interest of our Sunday Schools? Speaker, J. F. Mitchell.

7th. What are the best methods of conducting a successful Sunday School? Speaker, D. C. Jarvis.

T. M. George was appointed to deliver a lecture on Sunday School work at 11 A. M. Saturday.

#### Resolutions.

WHEREAS. That we advise the schools of this Convention to send as delegates none except persons of irreproachable moral character.

Resolved, 2nd. That this body tender its thanks to Rock Spring church and neighborhood for their kind hospitality.

3rd. Whereas, The Sunday School at Mt. Sinai has sent as a delegate to this body a messenger who stands excluded from a church in this Association for immoral conduct. Therefore be it Resolved, That this Convention refuse to admit said school to representation in this body.

On motion adjourned till time and place of next meet-E. N. GWYN, ing. Chairman. S. T. GOFORTH,

Secretary.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

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SUPERINTENDENTS.	N T Jarvis R P Patterson E A Glass E A Glass I T Sharpe J P McCarter J F Myers J F Myers J F Myers J Myers O S Richardson O C Jarvis M Catter M Catter T Holounb T Martin W Rash
MESSENGERS.	I. T. Mathis, J. A. Mathis. T. H. Sloan, N. C. Stout J. I. Glass, H. M. Call. D. D. Sharpe S. T. Goforth S. T. Goforth T. M. Snow, L. J. Lambert J. H. Marow, L. J. Lambert J. H. Marow, J. J. S. H. Smith J. E. Powell, E. H. Smith J. C. Jarvis, J. S. Henderson J. M. D. Howard, W. E. Sale C. T. Holcomb
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