

MINUTES

OF THE

Ninety-First Annual Session

OF THE

French Broad Association

HELD WITH

CALIFORNIA CHURCH,

AUG. 23, 24, 25, 1898.

OFFICERS:

J. F. TILSON, Moderator..... Grapevine, N. C.
W. P. JERVIS, Clerk..... Mars Hill, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

T. L. BROWN, California Creek, N. C.
J. F. TILSON. W. P. JERVIS.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS:

French Broad Association, Wednesday before fourth Sunday in August, 1899, Big Laurel Church, N. C.

Mountain Chautauqua, Tuesday night before the first Sunday in August, 1899, at Mars Hill, N. C.

Sunday School Convention, Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1899, Flag Pond, Tenn.

First Session Minister's Institute, Friday night before fifth Sunday in October, 1899, East Fork Church, N. C.

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MINISTERIAL REGISTRY.

Ammons, John	Outlook, N. C.
- Baley, L. J.	Walnut Run, "
- Bradley, J. A.	Sexton, "
Briggs, W. K.	Briggsville, "
- Briggs, J. W.	Mars Hill, "
Clubb, Clayton	Sexton, "
Carn, N. P. M.	Outlook, "
Demeese, Levi	" "
Hall, S. W.	Mars Hill, "
Honeycutt, T. M.	" "
- Lewis, Joseph	Gage, "
Lewis, J. L.	Laurelton, "
McDevett, P.	Mars Hill, "
- Metcalf, C. C.	Paint Fork, "
Pinner, R.	Faust, "
Ponder, W. M.	" "
Ramsey, Garrett	Marshall, "
Roberts, L. C.	Sexton, "
- Sprinkle, A. J.	Jupiter, "
- Wallin, S.	Big Laurel, "
Wallin, Jesse	Marshall, "
- Wild, J. M.	Walnut Run, "

Rev. J. M. Ammons, whose name appeared in this list last year, having connected himself with the Christain Church, his name by request of his former church is dropped.

PROCEEDINGS.

CALIFORNIA CREEK, N. C., Aug. 24, 1898.

The French Broad Baptist Association met in its Ninety-first Annual Session with California church at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. S. W. Hall being absent the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. F. Sams. Subject, Charity: Text 1 Cor. 13, 13. The sermon was an earnest plea for more brotherly love and old-time religion. Prayer by Elder L. J. Baley.

Intermission one hour for dinner.

At 1 P. M. the Association re-assembled.

Song—"Jesus lover of my soul." Prayer by Elder J. A. Bradley.

The clerk being absent W. P. Jervis was asked to fill the vacancy until the permanent organization was effected.

J. W. Briggs and J. R. Sams were appointed reading clerks, and letters were read from the following churches and their delegates enrolled, to-wit:

MARS HILL—Elders T. M. Honeycutt, and Prof. R. L. Moore, J. R. Sams, Alison Honeycutt, Wm. Bryan, R. R. Gibbs, L. C. Huff.

FLAG POND—W. E. Tilson, J. R. Sams, S. S. Hensley, L. S. Tilson, J. E. Tilson, Lewis Crain and M. E. Runnion.

GRAPEVINE—J. F. Tilson, R. B. Sams, J. K. Wilson, S. S. Coats, J. V. Cargile, G. D. Edwards and V. V. Tilson.

BULL CREEK—Joel Calahan, H. D. Smith and Wm. Edwards.

GABRIEL'S CREEK—Elders John Ammons, J. W. Briggs, A. W. Arrowood and H. H. Buckner, L. A. Reese, W. P. Jervis, J. R. Buckner, R. H. Buckner and J. Henry Buckner.

LITTLE IVY—S. E. Edwards, J. D. Ramsey, Wm. George and J. P. Sams.

EAST FORK—B. V. Peek.

WALNUT CREEK—Elders L. J. Baley, R. P. Wild, James Buckner, and J. M. Wallin.

LOWER WALNUT CREEK—S. M. Davis.

SEMINARY—W. H. McLain, R. N. Branson and J. N. Jones.

BIG LAUREL—Z. Sams and James Rice.

UPPER LAUREL—W. M. Ponder and G. W. Buckner.

UNION VALLEY—T. J. Wallen and Simeon Gasnell.

LOCUST GROVE—Elder A. J. Sprinkle, S. E. Arrowood, E. J. Roberts, E. Rice and Philip Buckner.

CALIFORNIA—J. B. Sprinkle, James Briggs, T. L. Brown, J. B.

Calahan, James Chandler, J. N. Carter, W. R. Boone, M. L. Calaway.

PAINT FORK—Elder C. C. Metcalf and J. M. Brown.

IVY RIDGE—S. R. Buckner and S. M. Robertson.

PLEASANT HILL—Elder W. C. Nelson and C. P. McHorgue.

LAUREL SEMINARY—Elder S. Wallen and Thos. Rice.

FRENCH BROAD—Elder W. H. Hooker.

LAUREL BRANCH—Elder L. C. Roberts, Jesse Fisher, Henry Fisher, J. P. Fisher and W. R. White.

TERRY'S FORK—L. B. Metcalf.

LITTLE CREEK—J. F. Justice.

Received Laurel Seminary, a newly constituted church, into the Association and enrolled delegates as above.

On motion J. F. Tilson was elected Moderator, W. P. Jervis, Clerk, and John W. Briggs, Historian. All unanimously by acclamation.

Received the following correspondents, viz: From Buncombe County Association, Elder W. T. Bradley and J. N. Morgan and J. F. Cheek.

Appointed the following committees, viz:

Periodicals—Elder John Ammons, Jesse Fisher and J. B. Sprinkle.

Education—Prof. R. L. Moore, Rev. J. A. Bradley, J. E. Tilson and J. F. Cheek.

Sunday-schools—Elder W. T. Bradley, S. E. Arrowood and R. P. Wild.

Home Missions—Elder L. J. Baley, S. M. Davis and S. S. Coats.

State Missions—Rev. T. M. Honeycutt, T. C. Brown and R. N. Branson.

Orphanage—Elders J. W. Briggs, L. C. Roberts and J. N. Jones.

Foreign Missions—L. S. Tilson, Alison Honeycutt and J. Henry Buckner.

Finance—E. J. Roberts, J. R. Buckner and L. E. Metcalf.

Time and Place—S. E. Edmonds, J. P. Sams and William McLain.

Temperance—L. A. Reese, J. F. Sams and J. N. Morgan.

Nominations—J. B. Sams, William Bryan and Joel Calahan.

Religious Services—W. E. Tilson, with pastor and delegates of California church.

On Ministers' Institute and Elders—T. M. Honeycutt, W. C. Nelson, A. J. Sprinkle, L. B. Brown and B. V. Peck.

Adjourned till 9.30 A. M. to-morrow.

Congregation sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Benediction by Elder John Ammons.

THURSDAY, 24th, 1898.

The Association met agreeable to adjournment. Song, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound." Elder L. J. Baley read part of the 2d chapter of Eph., and prayer was offered by Elder S. Wallin.

Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

The report on periodicals was read by Elder John Ammons:

A religious paper is necessary as a means of improvement and progress. It serves as a means of intercommunication, by which the denomination, though widely scattered, may be unified; i. e. brought together as one family of one heart and mind, and joined together in the same judgment. We, therefore, advise our people to read the Biblical Recorder, the Foreign Mission Journal, Charity and Children, and the W. N. C. Baptist, as papers well directed to their needs.

JNO. AMMONS,

J. B. SPRINKLE,

JESSE FISHER.

Bro. Ammons felt that we needed a good religious paper to help us preach the gospel. Nothing save the gospel had done so much for religious progress as the papers. Baptists, through the means of a paper, throughout the world can meet on one common ground and learn of a common progress everywhere. It gives an impetus that nothing else can. Read the Recorder for your church and children, but let the Bible be your guide in all things.

Prof. Moore thought the Recorder had been worth more to Madison county and North Carolina during the past year than we could ever repay. No equal amount, spent for tuition in any school, was worth half so much as the Recorder. It makes us better men, better women and better church members.

Report was then adopted.

Prof. Moore read the following report on education:

The education of our boys and girls under the present christian influences should be our first concern. Christian training will result in christian working. We do not realize what a priceless heritage is ours. The Lord in his wisdom gave this section almost entirely to the Baptists. What are we doing to develop it? A great opportunity is before the Baptists of the French Broad Association, an awful responsibility. Namely the education of the boys and girls in our bounds. Don't say we are not able. We are able. Seldom has God favored any land with such resources, and while we sleep tares are being sown. Presbyterians are establishing schools wherever they can get a footing. Why are they so active? Because this is a good land; because they have great hopes of its becoming a powerful section; because they want it, and the quickest and sur-

est method to get it is to educate our children. And they are spending money by the thousands right around us, and our own people are sending to them. Let us awake, brethren.

There is much reason for hope. The public schools are better attended. More of them are lengthened by private subscriptions. Mars Hill is doing better work and receiving a larger patronage than ever before in its history. The coming session promises to go far ahead of any previous year. It asks for the prayers, sympathies and support of our people. Our united efforts may build up a great school for Western North Carolina. One that will command and hold the respect of the whole State.

Again we call the attention of our people to the importance of educating our young ministers. Last year three excellent young men—Elijah Curn, A. M. Burlison and J. C. Havner—were enabled to spend the year at Mars Hill. Bro. Havner goes to Wake Forest. Brethren Carn and Burleson will return. They are worthy of your help. Their are other young ministers in our Association who ought to be in school. Your committee must doubt the call of a young man who makes no effort to prepare himself for his great work. We recommend that our churches seek out and help the young ministers in their bounds.

We urge our pastors to speak often to their people about educating their children. It is in their power to stimulate and cause our young people to aspire to better things. Ministers of other denominations are, without exceptions, agents for their schools. We look to our ministers to do more during the coming year.

R. L. MOORE,
J. F. CHEEK,
J. E. TILSON.

On motion the following report was appended as part of the report on education, viz :

The Board of Education has not done very much as a body. Bro. J. R. Sams helped Bro. J. C. Havner through the year. Grape Vine church assisted Bro. Carn. While Bro. Burleson worked his own way through. This takes too much time from study and is not best. Brothers Carn and Burleson will return this year. We hope that each church will help some one. Corn, wheat, bacon, or anything that can be used in the family, will be taken on board. Worthy young ministers are given free tuition. It is believed other young ministers ought to be in school. Will not the churches seek them out and help them? We recommend that the committee appointed last year be retained.

On motion to adopt, the report was ably discussed by Prof. Moore. He was proud to see so much improvement in the public

schools, and heartily commended this department of educational work to every citizen in the county. Mars Hill was never more prosperous. Urged the Association to rally as one man around this institution to make it the patent factor it should be to educate all the people. He called attention to the effort of the Presbyterians to build up schools in the country for the purpose of fostering their church interests.

J. F. Cheek urged the Association to place a proper estimation on its educational opportunities.

Report was then adopted.

The hour for preaching having arrived, the congregation sang, "Alas and did my Savior bleed." Bro. W. T. Bradley preached an impressive sermon from Luke 19, 10.

Intermission for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met agreeable to adjournment. Prayer by W. C. Nelson.

Report on State Missions read by Elder T. M. Honeycutt as follows :

State Missions means the missions of the State Convention, which embraces all the State of North Carolina except that portion of Western North Carolina occupied by the Western N. C. Convention. The object of the Convention is to supply every community in North Carolina with the gospel as understood and preached by the Baptists. To accomplish this our Convention has more than one hundred missionaries laboring in the destitute sections of our beloved State. For their support our churches raise \$15,000 yearly. Your committee is of the opinion that State Missions mean more to the Lord's work and the Baptist cause in North Carolina than almost any other agency employed by the denomination. State Missions is at the bottom of all our other mission enterprises. Under God our cause has been established in most of the towns in the State and many destitute neighborhoods by the Baptist State Convention. The French Broad Association ought to realize her place in the great work. We have much to do at home in our own bounds. Our churches need developig and our destitutions ought to be supplied with preaching.

We recommend Marshall, Shelton Laurel, and Jewel Hill as points that ought to be aided by the Association. We have a few members at these places, but they are wholly unable to secure pastors and support them. In each of these communities the Presbyterians have schools and are spending thousands of dollars to establish Presbyterianism among the people, and yet this field is

not a fertile one for these brethren. Brethren, what are we doing to better establish and maintain our cause at these points and throughout Madison county?

T. M. HONEYCUTT,
R. N. BRANSON,
T. L. BROWN.

On motion the report of the Executive Board was read and made part of the report, viz:

DEAR BRETHREN: During the associational year now closing, we have had under employment Rev. T. M. Honeycutt, who has given his entire time to work in the bounds of the Association. It has been the object of the committee to have him preach at destitute points and also to labor in connection with pastors, especially in weak churches. His report, which is herewith appended, shows the amount and character of the work performed and also the amount collected by him. We feel that the Lord has bountifully blessed his labors. Not only in strengthening and arousing the churches to action and giving the gospel to the destitute, but also in aggressively defending our faith from encroachments on our borders from others who were making inroads into our fields. We earnestly believe his continuance in this work is an imperative necessity.

T. L. BROWN,
J. F. TILSON,
W. P. JERVIS.

Missionary's Report:

Sermons preached	147
Addresses	26
Conversions witnessed	95
Baptisms in connection with my work	97
Miles travelled	936
Families visited	169
Collected for foreign missions	\$ 15.15
Collected for orphanage	3.59
Collected from churches and individuals	185.94

Prof. R. L. Moore being by far the largest contributor, having paid \$45.00 of this amount. T. M. HONEYCUTT, Missionary.

The report on State Missions, with the appendages thereto, was then discussed by Elder T. M. Honeycutt, who made a powerful plea for State and Home Mission work. He appealed to delegates to have denominational pride. He felt that we would never make the advancement we should till we took more interest in our own work.

J. R. Sams introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, that this Association recommend that each church be asked to contribute to State Missions to the amount of ten cents per member for the ensuing year.

The report was then adopted.

Report of Sunday-schools read by Elder W. T. Bradley, viz:

Sunday-school work is the work of the church. Your committee would recommend that Sunday-schools be taught in the churches by members of the churches. The pastor of the church is the pastor of the Sunday-school, he ought therefore to give it his hearty support. Parents ought to see that their children are in Sunday-school every Lord's day. Teachers ought to supply themselves with good helps to teach the lesson. We would recommend the papers published by the Baptist publication house, Nashville, Tenn., as great helps in the Sunday-school.

Your committee would further recommend the Sunday-schools and churches to give attention to the Chautauqua which is to be held annually at Mars Hill.

W. T. BRADLEY,
S. E. ARROWOOD,
R. P. WILD.

Bro. Bradley discussed the report. Thought the Sunday-school work was the church's work, and that it ought to be conducted in the church and by the church members. Objected to holding Sunday-schools in school houses because it divided congregations. Did not believe in unconverted men and women teaching in the Sunday-school, because the carnal mind is enmity to God. Church members should go to Sunday-school and take their children. Pastors ought to take more interest in the Sunday-school. Believed in good help. Nothing gave more impetus to the work.

Prof. Moore presented the great benefits of the Chautauqua. Appealed to all the churches and Sunday-schools to attend next year.

Report adopted.

L. A. Reese read the report on temperance, viz:

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. These were the words of a man who thoroughly understood human nature, and they are as true to-day as they were when spoken, nearly three thousand years ago. The effect of strong drink of the people of this age cannot be described in a paper like this. It affects every class of society. It has dethroned some of the most gifted intellects. It is a sweeping evil that every christian in this fair land of ours should seek to eradicate. Through the instrumentality of God's people alone can this giant

evil, that is sweeping millions of the best talents of this country into eternity, be eradicated. To the rising generation we must look for the needed reformation. Let us strive, in the fear of God, to implant in the minds of the young true temperance ideas.

The public school is a powerful factor in the propagation of temperance if properly used. Let us insist that the children be committed to the tutorage of no man who in any manner tipples with intoxicating drinks. The teacher should enforce temperance both by precept and example. It is impossible to calculate the effects of an evil example on the part of those who are entrusted with the care of the young.

The dram carelessly taken by one who claims to be a child of God, in the presence of our confiding boys, sets in motion an influence for evil which does more to perpetuate drunkenness than the unfortunate wretch who lies in the ditch. Let us as professors of religion avoid every appearance of evil; and let every true christian resolve himself into a committee of one to enforce the principle of "Touch not, taste not, handle not the accursed stuff." Then, and not till then, will its baneful influence be eliminated from the land.

L. A. REESE,
J. N. MORGAN,
J. F. SAMS.

Motion to adopt.

Bro. Reese earnestly discussed the report. He regarded the dram drinker as the most dangerous factor in promoting intemperance. Insisted on church members living up to the principle of total abstinence.

Bro. Honeycutt spoke of the great importance of temperate teachers in our schools. He would never patronize any school where the teacher was in any way addicted to the habit of intoxicating drinks.

Bro. J. R. Sams charged the responsibility of intemperance in the land largely to the man who furnished the material for making intoxicating liquors. It was a powerful responsibility they could not hope to escape.

Bro. J. F. Sams denied that intoxicating liquors could be used temperately. The divine injunction being, "Touch not, taste not, handle not."

Brethren J. A. Bradley and J. W. Briggs argued that we must vote as we prayed before this evil would be driven from the land.

Bro. W. C. Nelson earnestly appealed to church members to live consistent lives along this line.

Report adopted.

The committee on time, place and preachers reported through W. H. McLain as follows:

We, your committee, would respectfully recommend Big Laurel church as the place for our next Association, and Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1899, as the time, and that Elder J. W. Briggs preach the introductory sermon, with Elder J. A. Bradley as alternate.

J. F. SAMS,
S. E. EDWARDS,
W. H. MCLAIN.

Report adopted.

Motion to adjourn adopted.

Song, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Benediction by Elder C. C. Metcalf.

FRIDAY, Aug. 25th, 1898.

The Association met according to adjournment. Songs, "Jesus lover of my soul," and "Come thou fount." Rev. W. H. Hooker read part of the 4th chapter 1st Epistle of John. Prayer by Bro. A. W. Arrowood.

Read and approved record of yesterday. Called roll and erased absentees.

Received Wm. Calahan and P. P. Erwin as correspondents from Holston Association.

The following report on foreign missions was read by Dr. L. S. Tilson:

Our Lord's last words were in the form of a command to the disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This is just as binding on the churches to-day as upon the apostles when spoken by the Master. Though, perhaps, not more than one in ten of our Southern Baptists understand and obey this command.

The great need of our people is to learn that without Christ the whole world is lost. When they fully learn this truth, as taught in the Bible, they will arise to the full measure of their duty. Your committee believes the pastors ought to preach on the subject of the lost condition of the world. Teaching them at the same time that only those who hear the word and believe it can be saved. There are more than eight hundred millions of people in the world who never heard of Christ. It is our privilege and duty to take part in giving them the word of life.

It is painful to hear the letters read from our churches with so little reported for the Lord's work in foreign lands. Statistics show that evangelical christians paid last year \$58,000,000 for tobacco and only \$5,500,000 for foreign missions. How does this look in the eyes of God? This only shows a little of our inconsistency. There

are more than two hundred missionaries, including native workers. To support these it requires a large sum of money, and we ought to gladly do our part in their support.

L. S. TILSON,
ALISON HONEYCUTT.

The report was ably and earnestly discussed by Elder T. M. Honeycutt. He showed how ready our American people were to rally around our flag for the cause of humanity in Cuba, and yet a greater cause is treated with silent indifference. He argued that our inconsistency was a plea used by infidels in denying the truth of the Bible. He appealed to God to stir up the churches in this great work.

Bro. W. T. Bradley thought pastors greatly to blame for our do-nothing policy in the mission work. He could not preach a sermon without preaching missions. We as pastors have a great opportunity to do something the coming year. Take collections every time you preach. Presbyterians in Western North Carolina gave \$11 per head, while we as Baptists did not give fifty cents per head. This was not because we were too poor, for the land is ours and we are as able as they are.

Took a collection for foreign missions and received \$3.81.

The report was then adopted.

Report on home missions read by Bro. Baley as follows :

The Home Mission Board, at Atlanta, Ga., is doing a great work in preaching the gospel and building houses of worship in all the Southern States. Millions of lost men among the negroes, Indians and the foreign population, both in the Southern States and in Cuba, are perishing for the bread of life, while the board is striving to preach the gospel to them. We urge our people to do all in their power to aid them in doing this work.

L. J. BALEY,
S. M. DAVIS,
S. S. COATS.

Bro. Baley spoke to the report defining home missions as distinct from State and foreign missions. He said the Spanish war had opened great opportunities for our people in Cuba and Porto Rico.

Report adopted.

Elder T. M. Honeycutt submitted the following report on Ministers' Institutes and Fifth Sunday meeting :

We recommend the perpetuation of the Ministers' Institute as provided for at our last Association, and that the next institute be held with East Fork church, beginning on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in October next, and that Prof. Moore and Elder John

Ammons be a committee on programme, and that J. F. Tilson, L. J. Baley and C. C. Metcalf be a committee to arrange for the next missionary meeting.

T. M. HONEYCUTT,
B. V. PEEK.

Report adopted without discussion.

J. B. Sams read the report of the committee on nominations which was adopted without remarks, viz :

Your committee nominate and recommend the present Mission Board, to-wit : J. F. Tilson, W. P. Jarvis, T. L. Brown as the board for the coming year.
J. B. SAMS, Chairman.

Received W. H. Sparks as a correspondent from Yancy County Association.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, viz : Elders T. M. Honeycutt and C. C. Metcalf ; and the following to the North Carolina State Convention, viz : W. P. Jarvis, Elders L. J. Baley, A. J. Sprinkle and J. B. Sams and T. L. Brown.

On motion of Elder T. M. Honeycutt the following brethren were appointed as chairmen of the committees for the respective subjects assigned them for next Association, to-wit :

Sunday-schools—A. W. Arrowood.

Home Missions—C. C. Metcalf.

Foreign Missions—J. W. Briggs.

Temperance—L. S. Tilson.

State Missions—R. L. Moore.

Orphanage—R. B. Sams.

Education—W. P. Jarvis.

Periodicals—W. C. Sprinkle.

Report on finance by L. B. Metcalf, viz :

Received from churches for minutes - - \$23.58

Elder J. W. Briggs read the report on Orphanage, viz :

The North Carolina State Convention, while in session, Oct. 10, 1884, in the First Church, Raleigh, after a spirited discussion, and no little opposition, but without harshness, organized a Baptist Orphanage Association apart from the Convention, which association should have for its objects the establishment and support of an orphanage for the care and training of indigent orphan children.

Two committees were appointed ; one to procure a charter from the Legislature, which was to meet in January, 1885 ; the other to procure a site for the proposed orphanage. The site near Thomasville was procured and paid for before the end of the year 1884. The charter was procured from the Legislature of 1885 for the North Carolina Baptist Orphanage Association. Some years later it was

changed to the Board of Trustees of the Thomasville Orphanage, composed of eighteen members, with powers of self-perpetuation.

The first orphan was registered at the orphanage Nov. 11, 1885. All opposition ceased immediately on the beginning of the active work of caring for the orphan children. The sympathies of our people went out to the institution and their contributions were sent in liberal measure for the support of the children.

Since the establishment of the orphanage 480 children have been enrolled from 69 counties in North Carolina. There were 164 present last year, of which eight are from Madison county. There are now on the grounds 16 brick buildings. Five of these are occupied by the orphans as homes or dormitories. The central school building was completed and equipped June 7, 1897, at a cost of \$6,000. Every dollar of its cost has been raised and paid. The institution is in excellent condition and practically out of debt for current expenses. The contributions are from a much larger scope than ever before and the outlook is hopeful. But the orphanage is not yet complete. There is a pressing need now for a home for the general manager. The orphans must be clothed and fed. The claims of the institution demand of us increased contributions for its support.

There has been reported for this year by the 31 churches of this Association \$33.36, all of which was paid by only three of the churches. We recommend that each church during the coming year try to raise at least five cents per member for this object.

J. W. BRIGGS,
L. C. ROBERTS,
J. N. JONES.

The report was discussed by J. F. Cheek, who urged this department of our work as especially adapted to the Sunday-schools. Donations were not limited to money, but clothing and anything else that could be used, was equally acceptable.

Bro. J. W. Briggs urged that sympathy was characteristic of Jesus Christ in this noble work.

Further remarks by Elders L. C. Roberts and T. M. Honeycutt.
Report adopted.

Resolution adopted instructing the Clerk to supervise the printing and distributing of the minutes and retaining ten dollars for his services.

Resolution of thanks to brethren and friends of California church for generous kindness in so bountifully entertaining the Association. Unanimously adopted.

Song, "Jesus lover of my soul." Bro. Honeycutt read 1st Tim.

3d chap. Prayer by Bro. A. J. Sprinkle. He then delivered a soul-stirring sermon from the 13th verse of said chapter.

The sermon made a deep impression on the audience, and at its conclusion the Association joined in singing the old hymn, "How firm a foundation," while the brethren gave each other the parting hand till we meet again.

Adjourned to meet as before mentioned.

J. F. TILSON, Moderator.

W. P. JERVIS, Clerk.



ROYAL ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL

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