

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Brier Creek Association,

CONVENED WITH THE

CHURCH AT OAK GROVE,

YADKIN COUNTY, N. C.,

Commencing on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in September,

1878.

L. P. GWALTNEY,  
MODERATOR.

E. N. GWYN,  
CLERK.

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SEPTEMBER 21, 1878.

Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Paris, from 1st Cor., iii chap. and 9th verse. After refreshment of 45 minutes the Association convened—Prayer by Elder Wooten.

Letters from the Churches were received and read.

On motion, the Association proceeded to the election of officers for the present year. Elder L. P. Gwaltney was elected Moderator, and E. N. Gwyn, ~~Long~~ Clerk.

On motion, the door was opened for the reception of Churches, and newly constituted Churches were received, called Macedonia, Pleasant Home and Creek.

On motion Correspondents invited to seats. From the Yadkin, Elders F. T. Shore, and W. G. and S. D. Brown. From the Brushy Mountain, Elder L. T. Privett and brothers J. H. Foote and D. W. Pool. Elder C. T. Bailey, Editor Biblical Recorder, was present, and accepted a seat.

On motion, regular Baptist ministers were invited to seats: Elders Wooten, Dowell, Gray, Myers, Paris, Goforth, Comer and C. C. Brown accepted seats. Committees appointed:

Finance—E. B. Hendren and J. Jennings.

Arrangement—I. Hollar, A Parks, W. Goforth, J. Jennings, with the Moderator, Clerk and Correspondents.

Religious Exercises—W. F. Gray, E. M. Couch, with the delegates of this Church.

Missions—C. T. Bailey and J. H. Foote.

Sunday Schools—W. G. Brown and D. Williams.

Periodicals—C. T. Bailey and W. A. Myers.

Education—S. D. Brown and D. W. Pool.

Obituaries—I. T. Privett and H. Hayes.

Temperance—E. N. Gwyn and F. T. Shore.

Resolutions—T. W. Paris and F. T. Shore.

On motion, Correspondents reported. Brother W. T. Ray attended the Yadkin; Elder S. S. Goforth and brother D. Williams the Brushy Mountain.

On motion, appointed Correspondents: To the Yadkin, Elders L. P. Gwaltney, J. K. Franklin and E. N. Gwyn; to the Brushy Mountain, Elders L. P. Gwaltney, W. A. Myers, S. S. Goforth and bro. B. P. Johnson; to the Baptist State Convention, Elders Hollar, Barker and Gwyn.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported, that Elder Privett preach to-night. (See Sabbath.)

On motion, adjourned until Monday morning, 9 a. m. Prayer by Elder W. G. Brown.

## SABBATH.

L. P. Gwaltney preached at 10 a. m., from Daniel, 2nd chap. and 44th v. Then Elder C. T. Bailey preached from Romans, 8th chap. and 28th verse.—Owing to rain, no collection was taken. Refreshment for one hour, when Elder Hollar preached the evening sermon, and Elder F. T. Shore at night.

Prayer by Elder Myers.

MONDAY, 9 A. M.

The Committee of Arrangements offered their Report, which was received and committee discharged.

Preceding Minutes read and approved.

The names of Delegates called, and Constitution and Rules of Decorum read.

The Committee on Missions submitted their Report, and after an interesting address from Elder Bailey, showing the importance and condition of the various Missions, and explaining fully the transportation of moneys sent to these Missions, the Report was adopted.

The Baptist of the South have their work of Missions divided into four departments, as follows: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, and Associational Missions. The Foreign Missions include our Missions in China, Japan, Rome, Africa, and some others. In China we have about eight Missionaries; in Africa, one; in Rome, five or six, and one or two in other places. Our work in Rome has greatly prospered. We now have a splendid house and a good church in sight of the Pope's palace. Three or four native preachers are preaching the Gospel in Italy, and teaching the children the religion of the New Testament.

In China the work has been somewhat retarded by sickness among the Missionaries, and a famine that swept off over a million of the people.

The work in Africa has remained normal for years, but on one of the fields 4,000 persons have been baptized within a few months. Burmah has become a christian country. Japan has adopted many of the usual customs of christian countries.

Home Missions include our work of sending the Gospel to the Indian tribes on our borders, and the supplying of the waste and destitute sections among our own people. This work, with that of Foreign Missions, is under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention. Brother Buckner has been the means of the conversion of thousands of Indians.

State Missions is the effort of the Baptist of North Carolina to preach the Gospel and establish churches in the destitute sections within the limits of our own State.

Then we have what we term Associational Missions. These are the special efforts of the different Associations to supply the destitute within their own bounds. In each of these departments of special work much has been done, God has prospered the labor of His servants in all the fields occupied; and the prospect is hopeful in the highest degree. The one hindrance in the way of still grander results, is the want of christian liberality in giving of their means for the spread of the Gospel. Every Christian should esteem it a privilege, as well as a duty, to aid in the establishment of Christ's Kingdom. They should labor and give as God prospers them in every good word and work. We are laborers together with God. We are His servants, bought with the precious blood of Christ; we are not our own—our time and talents and money all belong to Him. The fields are white with the harvest and the command is, 'Go work to-day in my vineyard; Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.' We must either go, or aid others in

going. We should not expect to go to heaven "on flowery beds of ease, while others fought to win the prize, and sailed through bloody seas."

C. T. BAILEY,  
J. H. FOOTE.

Collected for Foreign Missions, \$9.58.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools presented their Report:

Dear Brethren: We have examined the written reports sent to the Association, and have received some verbal reports, making fifteen schools in all. In order to the better and more extensive prosecution of the Sabbath School work, we recommend the appointment of five brethren, that shall constitute a Sabbath School Board, and to organize a Sabbath School Convention, to meet at such times and places as the Board shall designate.

W. G. BROWN,  
D. WILLIAMS.

Remarks on the above report were submitted by bro. Foote, Elders Hollar, Gray, Brown, Privett and Gwyn. Elders Gwyn, Myers, Paris and Gray, with bro. B. P. Johnson, were appointed said Sabbath School Board.

The Committee on Education offered the following Report:

The Baptists in the United States have about fifty Colleges; about twenty Theological schools, and a great many flourishing schools, male and female. Other denominations have a great number of institutions of learning. Other schools, entirely undenominational, are located in almost every nook and corner of the country, and notwithstanding this, the great body of our people, especially in this section, are comparatively illiterate. This state of affairs we greatly deplore. Education is not religion, but a more thoroughly educated ministry in our own section is a glaring necessity. Ignorance is the Mother of Evil, but Education is the hand-maid of Religion. A man who is opposed to education is to be pitied, and yet he is responsible for his ignorance. We call upon the brethren of this Association, to awake to the importance of this subject. We must educate. We ought to patronize the good men of our church who are building up schools in our midst. While we need an educated ministry, our farmers and mechanics should be educated also. To this end let us go to work, and send our boys and girls to school, and bequeath to them a legacy that cannot take the wings of the morning and fly away.

D. W. POOL,  
S. D. BROWN.

Remarks on the above report were made by Elders Shore, Brown and Bailey.

The Committee on Temperance reported:

Dear Brethren: The word Temperance means moderation. The Apostle says, "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The day is at hand." The church of the living God, the ground and pillar of the truth, should be: Temperate in eating; temperate in walking; temperate in dressing; temperate in talking. But, especially, the church should be very temperate in the use of ardent spirits. And we, as an Association, should demonstrate to the world that we do not tolerate drunkenness in our churches.

E. N. GWYN,  
F. T. SHORE.

The Committee on Periodicals reported the following:

Next to the preaching of the Gospel of Christ comes the circulation of religious literature, as a means of spreading the truth, and establishing the churches in the faith. In this enlightened age, the press is a potent and convenient means of conveying information. All interests, both secular and religious, use it. In our denominational work it has become a necessity. It aids largely in the education of the people, the development of the churches, the cultivation of christian beneficence and the support of the Gospel ministry.

To the Baptist families of this Association we recommend the "Biblical Recorder," of Raleigh, N. C., the organ of the Baptists of our State, as a paper published in their interests and worthy of their most hearty support. It

should find a place in every Baptist family. We also recommend "Kind Words," of Macon, Ga., as a paper suited for our Sabbath Schools.

C. T. BAILEY,  
W. A. MYERS.

Remarks were submitted by bro. Foote and Elders Gray and Bailey on the above report.

Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

Bro. Samuel Mathis, son of Alfred Mathis, departed this life Sept. 25, 1877. He connected himself with the church at Oak Grove, Oct. 25th, 1873. He was set apart as a public speaker on the 15th day of April, 1876. In the death of this brother the Church sustained a loss, the wife an affectionate husband, and the country a useful citizen. We do believe that our loss is his eternal gain; for as we beheld his pious walk and conversation we saw in his zeal for the Master the evidences of future usefulness. "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." May we that survive him hear his warning voice, as it rings in poetry:

Farewell dear friends on earth below,  
My body to the tomb must go;  
And with the Lord I hope to be—  
Prepare for death, and follow me.

I. T. PRIVETT,  
H. HAYES.

The Committee on Finance reported \$30.82.

The Treasurer reported thus:

Received at last Association the collection on Sabbath,	\$9 00
Collection on Monday,	5 40
From the Church at Bethel,	3 70
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$18 10</b>

Paid as directed by the Association:

To Foreign Missions,	\$11 75
" State "	6 35
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$18 10</b>

Received from Committee on Finance,	\$33 13
In Treasury,	2 85
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$35 98</b>

Expended as follows: Printing Minutes,	\$20 00
" Blanks,	1 00
My own fees,	8 00
Paper and postage,	50
In Treasury,	6 48
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$35 98</b>

ENOCH N. GWYN, Treasurer.

In answer to the request from the church at Center, respecting a mutual division of this Association, we say to the churches on the north side of the river, that if they wish to form a new Association, to petition for Letters of Dismission for that purpose.

Appointed the next Session of this body to convene with the church at Shady Grove. E. N. Gwyn was appointed to preach the introductory, and A. H. Goolen, alternate.

The Clerk was instructed to have 1000 copies of the Minutes printed, and allowed \$8.00 for his services.

The brethren are requested to refer to the Minutes of 1854 for the Rules of Decorum, and to those of 1862 for the Constitution, and to those of 1877 for the Articles of Faith, of this Association.—CLERK.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following Report:

*Resolved*, That we advise each church in this Association to run at least one Sabbath School. That we advise the churches to give their pastors a liberal support, that they may give themselves to study and preaching the Word.

*Resolved*, That this body change its time of meeting to Friday before the 4th Sabbath of September.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the kind sisters, brethren, and friends of this community for their hospitality during the present session.

T. W. PARIS,  
F. T. SHORE.

The Association adjourned to convene on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1879. Prayer by Elder C. T. Bailey.

L. P. GWALTNEY, Moderator.

E. N. GWYN, Clerk.

## MINISTERS.

W. F. Adams,  
J. P. Adams,  
A. N. Barker,  
G. M. Burcham,  
C. C. Brown,  
J. Q. Comer,  
H. Cheek,  
W. Dowell,  
J. K. Franklin,  
A. Gilreath,  
S. S. Goforth,  
A. H. Gooden,  
L. P. Gwaltney,  
W. F. Gray,  
E. N. Gwyn,  
J. Hughes,  
I. Hollar,  
W. Harris,  
Y. Jordan,  
W. A. Myers,  
R. P. Logan,  
W. H. Pardew,  
F. Parker, colored,  
S. F. Simmons,  
T. W. Paris,  
D. J. Roberts,  
W. Segraves,  
A. Redman,  
R. W. Wooten,  
F. Wright,

B. Matthews

Roaring River, N. C.  
Jonesville, "  
New Hope, "  
Elkin, "  
Sour Wood, "  
Hamptonville, "  
Trap Hill, "  
Jennings' Mill, "  
Judesville, "  
York Institute, "  
Zimmerman, "  
Sweet Home, "  
Cedar Run, "  
Sour Wood, "  
Elkin, "  
"  
Zimmerman, "  
Judesville, "  
New Hope, "  
Zion, "  
Sweet Home, "  
Jonesville, "  
Elkin, "  
"  
Eagle Mills, "  
Laurel Spring, "  
Jonesville, "  
New Hope, "  
New Castle, "  
Zimmerman, "

Lowwood, N.C.

CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICE.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.	Sabbath,	Minute Fund,	Fellowship,	Deceased,	Excluded,	Dismissed,	Restored,	Letter,	Experience,
Antioch,	Dellaplaine,	R W Wooten,	T Johnson, J Johnson, E Johnson, B P Johnson,	1	381	00	1	3	3	2	2	2
Brice Creek,	Brice Creek,	W F Adams,	F Foster, J Gillem, J Dingle, G Sade,	4	691	50	2	5	2	2	1	4
Bedell,	Cedar Run,	L P Gwaltney,	E B Hendren, D Williams, S Bales, L P Gwaltney,	4	157	26	1	6	6	1	1	4
Center,	Elkin,	J Hughes,	A Parks, J R McCann, J Hughes, D J Roberts,	4	521	10	4	1	1	1	1	4
Cool Springs,	do	W A Myers,	N J Wall, D L Lomax,	2	250	1	4	4	4	4	4	2
Dannas,	Sweet Home,	L P Gwaltney,	W G Hendren, J E Brotherton,	1	128	1	2	3	2	2	1	1
Fishing Creek,	Hunting Creek	S S Goforth,	J W Williams, N Williams,	2	115	86	1	2	2	2	2	4
Gunn Orchard,	Judenville,	G M Burcham,	J K Franklin, J F Smith,	4	144	75	2	4	4	4	4	1
Grassy Knob,	Judenville,	T W Paris,	I Privett,	1	28	85	1	1	1	1	1	4
Holly Springs,	Engle Mills,	do	Z R Tharp, T Heath, W L Missick,	4	169	80	4	4	4	4	4	1
Lewis,	Zimmerman,	I Holzar,	I Holzar, J T Southern, G W Hayes,	3	108	1	1	4	4	4	4	4
Mc. Vernon,	Judenville,	J Hughes,	G Bird, A J Thompson, J M Leftman,	4	18	80	1	1	1	1	1	4
Macedonia,	Elkin,	Y Jordan,	D L McHargue, J H Madison, J M Mason, F M Abernathy,	4	21	80	2	2	2	2	2	4
New Prospect,	Elkin,	E N Gwyn,	G C Poplin, S Poplin, I Burdick, J Mastin,	4	57	80	1	1	1	1	1	4
New Hope,	New Hope,	I Holzar,	W Goforth, L Rupard, J Padgett, J Welheman,	2	18	65	1	1	1	1	1	2
Oak Grove,	Wilkesboro,	do	H E Moore, J W Duncan,	3	60	65	1	2	2	2	2	1
Pleasant,	Sourwood,	J P Adams,	D Grier, W Pardew, J Shore, B Mathis,	6	68	65	1	2	2	2	2	5
Platsam Grove,	New Castle,	W A Myers,	J T Martin, S Gray, T M Green, E R Fells,	3	77	85	1	1	1	1	1	3
Platsam Home,	Elkin,	G M Burcham,	T Bird, W F Bird, J R Byrd, L D Burcham,	4	33	10	2	4	4	4	4	4
R. Creek,	R. River,	R N Haynes,	L L Stone,	4	49	25	1	1	1	1	1	4
S. Creek,	Jonesville,	J K Rose,	J F Adams, L B Mathis, W Walker,	1	204	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Salten,	do	do	J Henderson, J Howard, W Jarvis,	2	201	50	1	1	1	1	1	1
Shady Grove,	Zimmerman,	W A Myers,	A N Barker, W H George, M C Williams, E N Gwyn,	5	85	05	4	4	4	4	4	5
Taylor Spring,	New Hope,	E N Gwyn,	J Jennings, A Myers, W R Sparks, W C Myers,	3	138	00	1	1	1	1	1	5
Union,	New Castle,	do	D R Edwards, D L Tharp,	2	115	55	2	2	2	2	2	3
White Plain,	R. River,	G M Burcham,	R W Crater, E M Conch, R H Cook, W A Casey,	5	123	65	1	1	1	1	1	4
Zion,	Zion,	W F Brown,	H Hayes, E E Hendren, E Moore, A E Hendren,	4	123	65	1	1	1	1	1	4
Liberty,	Wilkesboro,	L P Gwaltney,		2	113	10	1	1	1	1	1	2