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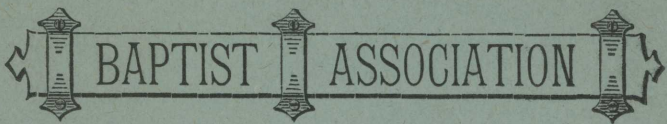
MINUTES

—OF THE—

Twenty-fifth Annual Session

—OF THE—

MOUNTAIN UNION



COMPOSED OF DELEGATES FROM THE REGULAR BAPTIST
CHURCHES IN OUR UNION.

—CONVENED WITH THREE TOP CHURCH—

Ashe County, N. C.,

OCTOBER 9TH AND 10TH, 1891.

{ M. CHURCH, - Moderator. }
{ ISAAC W. LANDRETH, Clerk. }

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THREE TOP CHURCH, Friday, Oct. 9, 1891.

1. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Jesse Bare ; text, Jude 3d ver., "Earnestly contend," &c.
2. After a short intermission, the delegates met in the church and came to order with singing and prayer by Elder Isaac W. Landreth.
3. On motion, Eld. David Eller was called to the chair.
4. Then called for Associational letters, when 22 were handed in and read by the Clerk.
5. On motion, called on Eld. Wm. M. Lee and Bro. Wm. Gregory to act as tellers, who report Elder M. Church Moderator, and Elder I. W. Landreth Clerk.
6. On motion, invited correspondents, when Elds. W. M. Lee, J. F. Eller and W. N. Church, from the Stony Fork, and Bros. W. Gregory and E. A. Waddell, from the Primitive Association, accepted seats.
7. On motion, invited transients, of our faith and order, when Eld. Asa Brown, of Three Forks, Eld. W. W. White, of Brushy Mountain, Eld. P. B. Bunting, of the Watauga, and Eld. W. H. Glenn, of Ashe & Alleghany, accepted seats.
8. On motion, invited visiting brethren, when Elders J. J. L. Church, Wade Darnall, W. A. Brown, and W. D. Johnson accepted seats.
9. Appointed J. T. Reedy, H. R. Wagoner and Elder R. C. Parsons on Obituaries.
10. Appointed Elder J. Blevins, R. Bauguss and Fields Osborn on Destitution.
11. On Temperance—Elder Wm. M. Brooks, A. Powers and E. E. Wyatt.
12. On Sabbath Schools—Elder R. C. Parsons, J. W. Kegley and Rob. Blevins.
13. On Finance—Bros. W. F. Church, W. B. Wyatt and T. N. Deboard.
14. On the Ministry—Bros. H. Lewis, J. Burchett and A. Richardson, with the delegates of this church.
15. Committee of Arrangements—Elds. J. Blevins, D. Eller, A. McKnight and Bros. H. Lewis and R. Bauguss, with Mod., Clerk, corresponding and visiting brethren.
16. Appointed Eld. Jesse Bare and J. F. Reedy to write corresponding letters to Primitive and Stony Fork Asso's.
17. Appointed on Resolutions—Elders Wade Darnall, A. Powers and W. M. Brooks.
18. Com. on Ministry report, for tomorrow : 1st, W. H. Glenn ; 2d, W. M. Lee ; 3d, A. Powers.
19. On motion, adjourned to to-morrow 10 A. M. Prayer by Eld. W. M. Lee ; benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 10, 1891.

Services opened by Elder Jackson Blevins reading 103d Psalm, and prayer by Elder D. Eller.

1. Called the Roll of Delegates and marked absentees.
2. Clerk read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.
3. Com. of Arrangements reported and were discharged.
4. On motion, minutes of yesterday read and adopted.
5. On motion, Moderator appointed Eld. J. Blevins, H. R. Wagoner and W. Elliott to answer Elkin Association, who report, viz :
 - “In answer to the Elkin Association. We decline to take up a correspondence at present, but request you to visit the Mountain Union Association and you will be invited to seats with us, and we will treat you as Christian friends, and we will return the compliment.”
6. The corresponding brethren report, viz :
 - “Elds. I. W. Landreth, A. McKnight, and Bros. H. R. Wagoner and J. Burchett visited the Primitive and were received kindly. Those appointed to visit Stony Fork failed.”
7. On motion, the brethren who wrote corresponding letters handed them in and were discharged.
8. On motion, abandoned writing corresponding letters.
9. On motion, appointed correspondents to Stony Fork : Elds. D. Eller, J. Bare, I. W. Landreth, Bro. T. Jones ; to Primitive : Elders M. Church, W. M. Brooks, and Bros. J. Burchett and E. E. Wyatt.
10. On motion, Committee on Obituaries report, viz :
 - “Bros. Wesley Thompson, C. Richardson, and Sisters Mary E. Heath, D. C. Jones and Mary Dixon,” which was adopted.
11. On motion, Com. on Temperance report adopted.
12. On motion, appointed Elds. M. Church, J. Blevins, D. Eller, R. C. Parsons and W. M. Brooks to labor with Zion Hill church on the communion question.
13. Finance Committee report, viz : From the churches, \$18.65 ; in hands of Treas., .70—Total, \$19.35. Adopted.
14. Com. on Ministry report, for Sabbath, 1st, C. M. Mikel ; 2d, W. H. Glenn ; 3d, I. W. Landreth.
15. Committee on Sabbath Schools report. Adopted.
16. The Committee on Destitution report. Adopted.
17. On motion, appointed our next Association to convene with Mt. Pleasant Chapel, Ashe Co., N. C., north of Jefferson, on Friday before the 2d Lord's day in Oct., 1892, Elder M. Church to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder W. M. Brooks alternate.
18. The Committee on Resolutions report. Adopted.
19. Eld J. P. Waters report : Sermons, 31 ; miles, 260 ; received, 75c. ; collection for orphanage by Clerk, \$1.65.
20. On motion, we heartily endorse Trap Hill Institute as a Baptist school worthy of our patronage.
21. On motion, we return our thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for their kind hospitality to us.

22. On motion, adjourn to time and place appointed.
Prayer by the Moderator ; benediction by the Clerk.
ELDER MARTIN CHURCH,
Elder ISAAC W. LANDRETH, *Clerk.*] *Moderator.*

SABBATH.

First Sermon, C. M. Mikel, text Gen. 8:9 ; 2d, W. H. Glenn ; 3d, I. W. Landreth followed with a short exhortation. There appeared to be good feelings generally.

Report on Obituaries.

BRO. WESLEY THOMPSON was born May 3, 1831, and died Oct. 6, 1891—age 60 years, 5 mos. and 3 days. He professed a hope in Christ and joined the church Mar. 18, 1880. He lived a consistent christian life, and when about to depart this life he left bright testimony that he had a building of God, a house not made with hands eternally in the heavens. He was much beloved by brethren, sisters, and all who knew him. He leaves a dear wife and children to mourn his loss. Our loss, no doubt, is his great gain.

BRO. CLABORN RICHARDSON was born April 15, 1817, and died April 2, 1891. He professed religion in 1848, and was baptized by Elder Tobias C. Long. He was ordained Deacon 1855, and was much loved by the brethren, sisters, and all around him. He retained his mind to the last moments. He leaves four children.

SISTER MARY DIXON died March 11, 1889, aged 84. She was a member of Poplar Cove church. She had been a member of the church about 60 years, and a good woman who is greatly missed by the brethren and sisters.

SISTER MARY E. HEATH, wife of Deacon Wm. R. Heath, was born in Ashe Co., N. C., Dec. 30, 1827, and died May 2, 1888, aged 60 years, 4 months and 3 days. She was the mother of 7 children, all of them now living. She joined the Baptist Chapel church 1843, and was baptized by Eld. Richard Jacks. She adorned the profession she had made, and all who knew her could say of a truth, "She loved the Lord !" She counseled her children in the way of all truth. She was conscioius to the last, and bore her affliction with great patience ; she expressed herself, "I thank the Lord there is room enough in Paradise for me a home in Heaven." We have lost a good woman in her death. Husband and children, try and meet her in Heaven.

DRUCILLA CAROLINE JONES was born 1850, and died November 21 1890. She had been a member of the Baptist church about 21 years and served as Deaconess about

18 years. She was the mother of ten children—three of whom have crossed the River of Death. She leaves a husband with 7 children and many relatives to mourn her loss.

J. T. REEDY, Chm'n.

Temperance Report.

It is said that one million souls are destroyed annually by strong drink, and we as a Baptist denomination should take decisive steps against this demon. The Bible says: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." The churches of the great Baptist denomination cannot afford to allow their members to make, buy and sell intoxicating liquors as a beverage; and your committee would advise strict discipline in such cases. Parents, talk Temperance to your children; Pastors, preach Temperance more to your churches; also, we advise all to be temperate in all things, especially to govern the tongues.

ELDER W. M. BROOKS, Chm'n.

Sabbath Schools Report.

We find a great many churches destitute of Sabbath Schools; we advise the churches to organize Schools in all the churches, for we believe them a good thing to moralize the youths of the land and to lead them to the Lamb of God.

ELDER R. C. PARSONS, Chm'n.

Destitution Report.

We, the Committee on Destitution, after an investigation, would say there is great need of more active service in the ministry, especially in the Eastern part of this Association, as the ministers are scarce and the territory large; we will further say that the Association, if possible, should enable our ministers to spend more time in the ministry, all of which is hereby submitted.

R. BAUGUESS, for Com.

Resolutions Report.

Resolved, That we ask our churches to hold prayer and experience meetings and pray for each other. Resp'y,

ELDER WADE DARNALL, Chm'n.