



MINUTES
OF THE
((Henderson County Baptist))
ASSOCIATION
OF
NORTH CAROLINA.
SECOND ANNUAL SESSION.
1883.

MINUTES
OF THE
SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE
HENDERSON COUNTY
Baptist Association,

HELD WITH
HENDERSONVILLE CHURCH, HENDERSON
COUNTY, N. C.,

OCTOBER 11TH, 12TH AND 13TH, 1883.

COMPILED BY
F. D. McCARTHY, CLERK, HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.

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NAMES AND POST OFFICES OF ORDAINED
MINISTERS.

D. B. NELSON, Hendersonville, N. C.	T. BRIGHT, Hendersonville, N. C.
W. C. McCARTHY, " " "	S. C. OWEN, " " "
F. M. JORDAN, " " "	W. J. WILKIE, Bear Wallow, N. C.
G. S. JONES, " " "	J. W. ANDERSON, Crab Creek, " "
J. E. CARTER, " " "	

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

D. B. NELSON, MODERATOR,	Hendersonville,	N. C.
F. D. McCARTHY, CLERK,	"	" "
J. WILLIAMS, TREASURER,	"	" "
J. E. CARTER, HISTORIAN,	"	" "

The next session will be held with the Pleasant Hill church, commencing on Thursday, October 9th, 1884. Rev. F. M. Jordan will preach the Introductory Sermon.

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, October 11th, 1883.

THE HENDERSON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its second session with Hendersonville church, at 10 a. m.: Elder G. S. Jones preached the Introductory Sermon from the text: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." Rev. 12: 15.

The body was called to order by the former Moderator, Elder D. B. Nelson. F. D. McCarthy was appointed Clerk *pro tem.* After which, adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association re-assembled, and engaged in prayer with Elder F. M. Jordan.

Letters from the churches of the Association were read and delegates enrolled, as follows:

Hendersonville.—Elders J. E. Carter, G. S. Jones and T. Bright, and brethren John Jordan, J. Williams, Prof. W. A. G. Brown, J. S. Barnett, John P. Morgan.

Mills' River.—W. M. Rickman and A. Hix.

Salem.—J. R. Garren and J. T. Sales.

Ebenezer.—J. H. Fletcher, J. R. Allen and T. J. Shipman.

Mud Creek.—T. H. Painter and Jacob Hefner.

Pleasant Hill.—Richard Drake, E. R. Nelson and John Brown.

French Broad.—Elders S. C. Owen, F. M. Jordan, J. Miller, D. B. Nelson and brethren E. L. Allen, Richard Taylor and John D. Nelson.

Boilston.—F. M. Nicholson, J. J. Orr and J. M. Banning.

Pleasant Grove.—John Rickman.

The following churches were admitted into membership upon the reading of their letters:

Crab Creek.—Elder J. W. Anderson, J. L. Evans, N. Corn and A. L. Patterson.

Bear Wallow.—Elder W. J. Wilkie and brethren F. M. Freeman, J. W. Freeman, R. A. Freeman, R. M. Prior and F. M. Hamrick.

Mt. Gilead.—A newly organized Church,—J. S. Rhodes and S. Whitaker.

Broad River church, of McDowell county, represented by D. L. Clement, requested membership. After some discussion the application was referred to a committee of three, consisting of Elders S. C. Owen, J. E. Carter and brother J. S. Rhodes.

A letter purporting to be from Beulah church was challenged by E. R. Nelson and declared to represent only a faction of that

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church. A lengthy discussion ensued, resulting in referring the letter to the following committee :

Elders J. E. Carter, W. J. Wilkie, G. S. Jones and brethren S. Whitaker, J. S. Rhodes and R. A. Freeman.

An election was held for permanent organization; brethren R. A. Freeman and E. L. Allen acting as tellers, resulting as follows : Moderator, Elder D. B. Nelson; Clerk, F. D. McCarthy; Treasurer, J. Williams; Historian, Elder J. E. Carter.

On motion, the order of business of last session was adopted, to be followed until the committee on Order of Business reported.

An invitation to Messengers from sister Associations to seats with the body was accepted by Elders J. B. Boone, of South Yadkin, N. B. Williams, of Transylvania; J. Mitchell and T. K. Brown, of Buncombe Association.

The Moderator appointed the following committees :

Foreign Missions.—Elders N. B. Williams and S. C. Owen.

Home Missions.—Elder F. M. Jordan and S. Whitaker.

Education.—Elder J. E. Carter and William Rickman.

Periodicals.—J. R. Garren and John Jordan.

Sunday Schools.—Elder G. S. Jones and R. A. Freeman.

Temperance.—Elder J. Mitchell and T. Bright.

Finance.—J. S. Rhodes and Jay Freeman.

Preaching.—Pastor and Deacons of Hendersonville church.

Time, Place and Annual Sermon.—R. T. Drake, W. J. Wilkie and J. S. Rhodes.

The Moderator appointed Elder J. Mitchell to conduct devotional exercises in the morning.

Adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Prayer by Elder N. B. Williams.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 12.

In the absence of Elder J. Mitchell, devotional exercises were conducted by Elder T. Bright.

At 9:30 Moderator called the Association to order.

Minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

The letter of Salem church read and delegates received.

Invitation to Messengers and visitors repeated, and accepted by brother J. S. Huggins, of Green River Association.

Committee on Order of Business reported.

On motion, report was re-committed with instructions to draft a permanent order of business. Elders N. B. Williams and J. Mitchell were added to the committee.

On motion, the appointment of a committee on State of the Churches was omitted for the present session.

Committee on Home Missions reported as follows :

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission work is progressing slowly but steadily. The Home

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Mission Boards are occupying many important fields in Western North Carolina. Neat and comfortable houses of worship are now in process of completion at Jefferson, in Ashe, and Sparta, in Alleghany counties. But these mission points are in great need of funds to complete their houses, and maintain regular preaching of the Gospel. These two counties are more destitute of the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ, probably, than any others west of the Blue Ridge, while there are many waste places in our western Zion which should be looked after and built up. Your committee recommend the building of a comfortable meeting house at every needed point, and preaching the unadulterated Gospel of Christ at every available point. Then let the Henderson County Association inscribe upon her banner : "Western North Carolina for Jesus," and then spare neither time nor money to accomplish this glorious object.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. JORDAN, }
S. WHITAKER. } Com.

After much interesting discussion the following amendment was offered by Elder T. Bright.

RESOLVED, That we instruct the Executive Board of this Association to call a meeting as early as convenient, and set on foot some plan to execute the work in our county.

The report and amendment were adopted.

Committee on Order of Business submitted the following report, which was adopted and ordered to be printed in the minutes :

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Your committee on drafting a permanent Order of Business beg leave to submit the following :

I. Introductory Sermon.

II. Organization.

(1.) Reading church Letters and enrolling delegates.

(2.) Electing officers.

III. Invitation to Correspondents and visitors.

IV. Admission of new churches.

V. Appointment of Committees.

(1.) Preaching.

(2.) Home Missions.

(3.) Foreign Missions.

(4.) Education.

(5.) Sunday Schools,

(6.) Temperance.

(7.) Periodicals.

(8.) State of the Churches.

(9.) Finance.

(10.) Sermon for next Session.

VI. Report of Committees.

VII. Historian's Report.

VIII. Treasurer's Report.

IX. Miscellaneous business.

X. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FLETCHER, }
J. MITCHELL, } Com.
N. B. WILLIAMS. }

S. V. Pickens, Esq., and Dr. J. G. Waldrop, of the Methodist church of Hendersonville, together with other members of other denominations present, were cordially invited to seats.

The regular order of business was suspended to receive the report of special Committee, on the admission of Beulah church. The Committee submitted the following

REPORT.

Your Committee to whom was referred the application of the Beulah church for membership in this body, respectfully report as follows :

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That this Association deem it inexpedient to accord associational membership to either a majority or minority of a church constituency at variance among themselves.

RESOLVED, 2nd. That we extend to the brethren now present, from said church, the courtesies of this body, tendering them such privileges as are usually accorded to visiting brethren.

RESOLVED, 3rd. That we advise the parties at variance in Beulah church to use all diligence in the effort to settle their troubles among themselves, and if they cannot adjust their own difficulties then we recommend that they call a council of judicious brethren to give them advice.

J. E. CARTER	} Com.
G. S. JONES,	
W. J. WILKIE,	
S. WHITAKER,	
J. S. RHODES,	
R. A. FREEMAN.	

A lengthy and spirited discussion ensued; Elders G. S. Jones and J. E. Carter favoring, and F. M. Jordan, S. C. Owen, and others, opposing its adoption. Discussion interrupted by the hour for adjournment.

Adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met. Resumed consideration of report, limiting speeches to 5 minutes. Discussion finally resulted in its adoption, thus confirming the principle that an Association has no jurisdiction in church difficulties.

Elder J. H. Duckworth, of Transylvania Association, was invited to a seat with the body.

Delegates Elder J. W. Anderson, of Crab Creek, and John H. Timley, of Bear Wallow, reported.

Elder T. Bright offered the following amendment to the Constitution :

RESOLVED, That we amend Art. 2nd of our Constitution so as to make it read: "Composed of the ministers and churches of this county. Others may be admitted for convenience only."

Amendment adopted.

Special committee on application of Broad River Baptist church of McDowell county reported, recommending its admission.

Report adopted.

Committee on Foreign Missions submitted the following :

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report :

Whatever may be said of spiritual dearth in sections where there were once manifestations of Christian activity, it cannot be denied that the obligation upon christians to give the Gospel to the benighted of earth is more fully recognized than at any time since the Apostles ceased work. Nor can it be denied that the Gospel itself, directly and indirectly, is gaining unparalleled conquests over an ever widening area. The candlestick taken out of its place here is more than compensated for by the hundreds of new churches ever springing up. The worldly spirit sapping the churches in given sections, however large, is offset by the general progress of spiritual truth. Southern Baptists, along with others, are increasing their efforts toward the evangelization of the heathen. They are not doing more than a tithe of what they ought to do, but there is improvement in this regard, and for the measure of progress made, we thank God and take courage.

A step forward was taken at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, at Columbus, Mississipi, in 1881, when the question of "eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the denomination" was discussed, and experimental measures were adopted to this end.

It has been the endeavor of the Convention, since that time, to get nearer the churches composing its constituency.

The enlarged duties of the Vice Presidents of the two Boards of the Convention in the several states; the appointment of men in each Association, and in each church, to represent the work; the distribution of Mission Tracts, the enlargement of the Foreign Mission Journal, and employment of an editor for its columns; the reinforcement of old, and the opening of new mission stations, all show a disposition to reach the great brotherhood of Christ, and to "elicit, combine, and direct" their energies for the world's salvation.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is located at Richmond, Virginia. Dr. H. A. Tupper is corresponding Secretary. The Southern Baptists are doing Foreign Mission work as follows :

	Missionaries.	Membership.
In Mexico.	5	65
" Brazil	4	50
" China,	19	587
" Africa.	7	100
" Italy,	4	220
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Besides these, there are valuable native assistants—sometimes more efficient than the Missionaries themselves. This is especially true of some of the cultivated men who are assisting in the work in Italy.

Southern Baptists, last year, gave to Foreign Missions, \$56,804.71, more by far than they have been accustomed to give. This year the Foreign Mission Board asks the churches to increase their contributions to \$100,000. Of this amount, North Carolina is asked to give \$8,000, and Henderson Connty Association is requested to contribute \$100.

Your committee would recommend that the Association endeavor to raise its pro-rata of the amount asked from Southern Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

N. B. WILLIAMS, Chm'n.

A stirring address was delivered by the chairman of the committee, followed by an earnest appeal by Elder J. E. Carter, who had

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been requested by the Foreign Mission Board to raise the amount assigned the Association. The following amount in pledges and cash was listed :

PLEDGES.

Hendersonville, \$25.00; Boilston and Salem, \$20.000; Ebenezer, French Broad, Mt. Gilead and Beulah, \$20.00; Pleasant Grove, \$5.00; Mills' River, \$5.00; Bear Wallow, \$5.00; Broad River, \$2.50; Mud Creek, \$4.00; Hooper's Creek, \$5.00; Pleasant Hill, \$2.00; Crab Creek, \$7.00. Cash paid : S. V. Pickens, \$1.00; Mrs. Gage, \$1.00; General collection, \$5.57. Total, \$108.07.

On motion, a committee consisting of Elder T. Bright, J. S. Rhodes and R. A. Freeman, were appointed to nominate a Board of Associational Missions.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. Prayer by Elder J. B. Boone.

SATURDAY, Oct. 13th, 1883.

Association met according to adjournment. Engaged in prayer with Elder W. J. Wilkie.

Minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

Special Committee on Board of Associational Missions reported as follows :

Hendersonville, Elder G. S. Jones; Ebenezer, J. H. Fletcher; Pleasant Grove, W. R. Whitaker; Mills' River, M. L. Underwood; Boilston, J. J. Orr; Mt. Gilead, S. Whitaker; Pleasant Hill, W. F. Robinson; Mud Creek, Jacob Hefner; Crab Creek, J. W. Anderson; Bear Wallow, J. W. Freeman; Broad River, David Clements; Salem, J. T. Sales; French Broad, Elder D. B. Nelson.

Leave of absence was granted Prof. W. A. G. Brown and Elder J. W. Anderson.

The reading of the roll of delegates was postponed, to be called just previous to adjournment.

Committee on Time, Place, Annual Sermon, etc., submitted the following :

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE, ETC.

TIME:—Thursday before second Sabbath in October 1884.

PLACE:—Pleasant Hill Church, 4 miles West of Hendersonville.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON:—Elder F. M. Jordan.

ALTERNATE : " T. Bright.

MISSIONARY SERMON : " J. E. Carter.

ALTERNATE : " D. B. Nelson.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. RHODES, Chm'n.

Committee on Education presented the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee beg leave to report that the cause of Education, under the fostering influences of our religion, is on the increase, all through the bounds of our Association and of Western North Carolina. Judson College has begun,

In reviewing the letters presented to this body we find the following status of Sunday-school interest noted in the church correspondence :
Hendersonville Sunday-school is in good moving order. Members, 75; vols. in library, 100; collected for school and other objects, \$67.73; twenty-five church

REPORT.

Committee on Sunday-schools submitted the following

for others.

were limited to 10 minutes for the chairman and 5 minutes each

fund amounting to \$12.00.

T. Bright and J. E. Carter raised a collection for the beneficiary

after which report was adopted.

Association re-assembled. Resumed discussion of report on Education. Further remarks by Elders J. Mitchell and T. Bright.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

Jordan, and others.

Chairman of committee, Pres. J. B. Boone, of Judson College, John

W. RICKMAN.

J. E. CARTER, Chm'n.

advantages which education can give.

then, see to it that the promising youth of the present generation have those

oping the brightest intellects and strongest minds in our broad land. Let us,

dien upon an even footing with the rest of the world, we ask no odds in devel-

those whose sparkling eyes gleam in our pure mountain air. With our chil-

swallowed up by the incoming tide. No nobler boys and girls breathe, than

watch-word of which is "EDUCATION." We must educate our children or be

Western North Carolina is now passing through a transition period, the

we shall soon have an institution of great power in our midst.

daughters there, the College cannot live. With the patronage of our people,

should rally around Judson College. Unless our brethren send their sons and

We are earnest in saying that the Baptists of Western North Carolina

incumbrance.

soon as possible, put such a man in the field and set the College free from this

would here ask leave to express the hope that the Board of Directors will, as

efficient Agent in the field we are sure this debt can be paid at once. We

that lies as an incubus upon our institution. We are glad to say that with an

in the form of a judgment confessed, bearing 8 per cent. interest, is the debt

the building be paid at the earliest opportunity. Twenty-two hundred dollars

It is all important for the well being of the College that the present debt on

College, from Graham almost to McDowell counties.

are being baptized, under the labors of these self-sacrificing students of Judson

distributed; religious meetings are increased in interest, and scores of converts

Sunday-schools are organized; good books are sold, Bibles and Testaments are

ties of our Western Convention—which is truly a subject of great rejoicing.

ing a showing in the work of our benefactors, still laboring in different coun-

of profound gratification. The past summer, and the present time, are mak-

eral education, the work of educating our ministers, in the mean time, is a source

Beside the great good done by the College, in the past year, by way of gen-

forward to enlarged success and a bright future.

Boone, and the efficiency of his present most excellent Faculty, we are looking

we hope, a new career of prosperity. Under the Presidency of Brother J. B.

Foreign Mission Board, published at Richmond, Va., for 50 cts. per annum. Also, the "Biblical Recorder," published at Raleigh, N. C., under the editorship of brother T. C. Baily.

Report as amended was unanimously adopted.

The regular order of business was suspended to give opportunity for securing subscriptions for the BLUE RIDGE BAPTIST.

Committee on Finance presented the following :

Received for minutes : Ebenezer, \$1.10; Mills' River, \$1.10; Bear Wallow, 60 cts.; Salem, \$2.05; French Broad, \$2.00; Pleasant Grove, 55 cts.; Boilston, \$2.00; Mud Creek, \$1.75; Broad River, 80 cents. Total, \$11.95. Other pledges were made raising the amount to \$20.00.

Leave of absence was granted brother J. S. Rhodes.

The Historian reported as follows :

HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

Your historian begs leave to report that during the Spring of this year the Board of Education of the Western Baptist Convention appointed Elder T. Bright, of Hendersonville, agent to raise funds to aid in support of our ministerial students at Judson College. Up to this time brother Bright's success has been encouraging.

On the fifth Sunday in April a Ministers' Institute was organized at Mud Creek church. Most of our ministers of the county were present. There has been one since, at Mills' River church. It is hoped that much good will grow out of these Institutes to the ministers of our Association.

There was a meeting of more than common interest at Mills' River church, of which Elder T. Bright is pastor, where about forty were baptized. It was in the month of August.

A new church was organized at the school-house in the Smoky Hollow section on the 29th of September. There were forty-eight persons who went into the organization, the larger number of these having been baptized by Elder F. M. Jordan a short time before. Elders D. B. Nelson, F. M. Jordan, T. Bright, S. C. Owen and J. E. Carter were present, and took part in the exercises.

The organization of this church was the result of an uncommonly extensive revival which was conducted by Elders F. M. Jordan and S. C. Owen a short time before the organization took place.

In the latter part of the Spring of this year the Board of Directors of Judson College elected Elder J. B. Boone to the Presidency of this Institution. He accepted and reached Hendersonville with his family on the 11th of September, and opened school on the 17th. The faculty is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Boone, Professors Brown and Morris, of the old faculty, G. C. Briggs, of Madison county, Miss S. R. Darden, of Hertford county, and Miss Zollie Montague, of Wake Forest. The session opened most encouragingly, with 115 students, including 26 in the boarding department. Since then others have entered, and others still are writing that they will soon come.

There have been revival meetings, and a fair amount of gatherings from them, in the county, during the past associational year. There have been but few pastoral changes. Elder T. Bright took charge of Mills' River and Pleasant Grove, and Elder S. C. Owen of Beulah and Ebenezer churches, and also of Mt. Gilead, the church newly organized.

A gentleman of wealth presented the editor of the BLUE RIDGE BAPTIST with \$50.00, in the month of July, and requested that it be used in sending the paper to the poor.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. CARTER.

Report was adopted.

members engaged in the work, four conversions in the Sunday school.

J. WILLIAMS, Sup't.
French Broad Sunday-school numbers 37 members; uses Intermediate Lessons; volumes in library, 50; collection for Sunday-school purposes, \$9.25; will continue the school during winter.
D. B. NELSON, Sup't.

Ebenezer Sunday-school has 56 members, using International Lessons; collected for school purposes \$2.40.
J. H. FLETCHER, Sup't.

Salem Sunday-school has 28 members; conversions, 2; collected for Sunday-school purposes \$6.70; other objects \$———
JOHN GALIMORE, Sup't.

Bear Wallow Sunday-school numbers 126; conversions, 2; sixty-one church members engaged in the school; collections for school support, \$9.63; other objects, \$18.50.
J. H. FREEMAN, Sup't.

Boilston Sunday-school has 57 members; conversions, 6; use 45 copies Quarterly Lesson papers; collected for school purposes, \$6.59; for other objects, \$15.
J. J. ORR, Sup't.

Pleasant Hill Sunday-school reports regular sessions all the year up to August; 25 books in library; amount expended for school support, \$3.50.
R. T. DRAKE, Sup't.

Broad River Sunday-school uses the International Lessons; members, 85; a live working school.
W. B. SEARCY, Sup't.

Total number of Sunday-school members reported 462. We trust that all our churches will report at our next annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. JONES, }
R. A. FREEMAN, } Com.

Pending its adoption remarks by Elders S. C. Owen, J. Mitchell, F. M. Jordan, and brethren R. A. Freeman, John Jordan and others.

Report adopted.

Committee on Temperance reported as follows :

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is the moderate use of things beneficial and the total abstinence from things injurious. Intoxicating drinks, used as a beverage, are injurious. There is no greater evil in our land than that resulting from intoxicating drink, and we would earnestly recommend that our brethren, and churches, do what they can, in every lawful way, to save our country and people from so great an evil, and so fearful a death.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MITCHELL, }
T. BRIGHT, } Com.

Report was unanimously adopted after stirring remarks by chairman, and others.

The committee on Periodicals submitted the following report :

Your committee would respectfully recommend to the Baptists of Henderson county the BLUE RIDGE BAPTIST, a paper ably edited by brother D. B. Nelson, sound in every particular, and well calculated to meet the demands of our people. It is not a question who can afford to take it, but who can afford to do without it?

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. GARREN, }
JOHN JORDAN, } Com.

Report was amended by inserting the following :

We also recommend the "Foreign Mission Journal," the organ of our For-

SEC. 2. The duties of Moderator and Clerk shall be such as those prescribed for those officers in Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to this body, and pay them out by order of the same.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Historian to keep such an historical record as the Association may direct.

ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the object of this body to prosecute within its bounds, and to cooperate with the Western Baptist Convention in so doing, the cause of Home and Foreign Missions, Education, Temperance and Sabbath Schools.

ARTICLE V.

This body shall meet annually according to adjournment.

ARTICLE VI.

Whenever the Minutes of any meeting of the Association are printed, a copy of the Constitution shall be printed with them.

ARTICLE VII.

The standing committees of this body shall consist of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools and State of the Churches, which shall be appointed by the Moderator at each annual session with instructions to make reports at the present session. The Moderator shall appoint for the benefit of each session, committees on Finance, Order of Business, Preaching, and Time, Place and stated Services of the next meeting, with such other committees as the body may direct.

ARTICLE VIII.

The form of church letter shall be as follows: Name of church and date of organization, name of members delegated to the Association; time of meeting; name of pastor, and if any change of pastors during the year by death or otherwise, to be noted; name of clerk and his postoffice; names and postoffice address of ordained ministers in membership; number baptized; received by letter; restored; dismissed by letter; excluded; dead; number and sex of members; time of prayer-meeting; amount paid for pastor's salary; home missions; foreign missions; education, and the amount contributed for any other benevolent object.

Sunday school statistics shall be as follows: State whether the school is Baptist or Union; number of volumes in library; number of officers, teachers, and scholars; number of scholars converted during the year; number of church members engaged in Sunday school; amount paid for support of school; amount paid for Sunday school missions; amount contributed for other benevolent objects.

ARTICLE IX.

This body shall be governed by the rules of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

ARTICLE X.

This constitution may be altered or amended by a two-third vote at any regular meeting.

The Treasurer presented the following report:

To the Henderson County Association:—DEAR BRETHREN:—

As Treasurer of the Association I beg leave to report collected as follows:

Oct. 29, 1882,	Received of Finance Committee,	- - - -	\$15.75.
" " " "	" " Henderson County Association,	- - - -	8.73.
Jan. 1 1883,	" " Ebenezer church,	- - - -	3.40.
June 1 " "	" " Salem " "	- - - -	2.80.

\$30.88.

July 4, 1883.

Cr. by cash to Davis Bros. for printing Minutes, - - - - \$18.75.

11.93.

October 14, 1883, - - - - - 20.00.

Finance Committee, on hand, - - - - - \$31.93.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WILLIAMS, Treas.

Report adopted.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed \$5.00 for his services, and was to use the balance of funds in the Treasury for printing Minutes.

On motion, the usual vote of thanks to residents for their hospitality was rendered. Also, the thanks of the body were extended to the Methodist brethren for kindly offering the use of their house for services.

Adjourned to meet with Pleasant Hill church, on Thursday, Oct. 11, 1884.

Prayer by Elder J. Mitchell.

D. B. NELSON, Moderator.

F. D. MCCARTHY, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This body shall be known as the Henderson County Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II.

This body shall consist of the ordained ministers and churches of this county. Others may be admitted for convenience only. Two delegates to represent each church containing twenty-five members or less, and two additional delegates for every other twenty-five members, to be appointed annually by the churches. And in the Minutes there shall not appear in the list of delegates the name of any member who absents himself from the session of the Association without leave of the body.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The officers of this body shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Historian. The Moderator shall be elected annually by ballot, and the other officers as the Association may direct, the election to take place immediately after the reading of church letters and enrolling of delegates.

CHURCH STATISTICS

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Statistics												
				Date of Organizat'n	Baptisms.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	No. Male Members	No. Female Memb's	Total No. Members	Prayer Meetings	Pastors' Salary.	Cont'd F. Missions
Hendersonville	J. E. Carter,	T. J. Rickman,	Hendersonville,	1844	5	8	18	3	1	48	70	118	1	21	88	05
Ebenezer,	S. C. Owen,	D. C. Allen,	Hendersonville,	1817	16	2	2	1	2	40	58	98	1	00	20	44
Mills' River,	T. Bright,	H. W. Gillespie,	Pink Bed,	1835	38	12	3	19	8	27	53	80	1	00	40	69
Beur Wallow,	W. J. Wilkie,	Jay W. Freeman,	Pump,	1868			10	10	2	63	47	110	1	69	5	05
Salem,	E. J. Morgan,	John T. Sales,	Shufordville	1838			3	12	2	26	62	88	1	20	8	20
Crab Creek,	J. W. Anderson,	J. L. Evans,	Delmont,		11	2	1	6	2	130		130		39	20	
French Broad,	S. C. Owen,			1789	26	25	31	2	1	18	15	33	50	25	2	85
Pleasant Grove,	T. Bright,			1879	4	5	3	3	1	18	15	33	40	00		
Pleasant Hill,	A. B. Thomas,	J. L. Whitaker,	Pink Bed,	1882	18	10	10	1	3	16	20	42	1	00	2	85
Bolston,	E. J. Morgan,	R. T. Drake,	Hendersonville,	1861	10	4	10	1	10	16	20	42	1	25	00	11
Mud Creek,	S. C. Owen,	J. M. Banning,	Bolston,		3	3	1	1	1	45	72	117	1	00	00	75
Mt. Gilcaid,	S. C. Owen,	J. H. Beck,	Hendersonville,	1883			1	2	1	16	28	44	13	00	00	
Broad River,	F. C. Hamrick,	J. S. Rhodes,	Mills' River,	1866	6	4	1	3	2	21	27	48	1	00	00	
		Uriah Owenly,	Bat Cave,							70		70				

Hendersonville church contributed for incidental expenses, \$34.50; other benevolent objects, \$85.90. French Broad church contributed for incidental expenses, \$38.00; other benevolent objects, \$7.50.

