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OF THE
Brier Creek
Baptist Association

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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

The Brier Creek Association met in its Eighty-sixth Annual Session, Thursday, October 10, 1907. G. P. Bostick preached the annual sermon, text Ex. 14:15.

After refreshment the Association met and was called to order by N. M. Felts, Moderator of last year. Prayer by E. N. Gwyn.

Letters from the following churches were read and messengers enrolled.

- Antioch—E. Staley, J. Glass, J. M. Johnson, Wm. Curry.
- Brier Creek—G. W. Sale, J. F. Mastin, Walter Walker, Worth Sale.
- Bethel—N. E. Burchett, D. Hamby, J. C. Gilliam.
- Bethany—Wm. Moore, W. E. Hendren.
- Cranberry—I. T. Mathis, L. M. Jarvis, A. Mathis.
- Dennyville—J. F. Walker, J. C. Byrd.
- Fishing Creek—I. P. Call, N. A. Williams, I. S. Call.
- Fall Creek—J. L. Bray, G. B. Vestal.
- Grassy Knob—S. K. Myers, Cornie Myers.
- Holly Spring—Z. R. Tharpe, J. T. Tharpe.
- Hunting Creek—R. N. Garner, J. M. Johnston.
- Hebron—W. P. Jenkins.
- Lewis—T. E. Redman.
- Mt. Pisgah—J. P. McCarter, Wm. McCarter.
- Mt. Vernon—L. L. Campbell, T. G. Shaver, W. A. Goforth, S. T. Goforth.
- Mt. Sinai—J. P. Johnson.
- New Hope—J. W. Duncan, M. L. Hayse, W. H. Barnett.
- New Prospect—J. E. Prett, T. M. Snow, H. L. Jordan.
- Oak Forest—Matt Privitt.
- Pleasant Grove—W. B. Mathis, L. B. Mathis, W. L. Walker.
- Rocky Hill—J. Z. Gwaltney, D. W. Goodin, M. A. Meadows.
- Rock Spring—E. H. Smith, J. M. Smith, Jr.
- Swan Creek—Jno. Martin, D. F. Adams.
- Sweet Home—H. M. Gregory, Rufus Gregory.
- Shady Grove—J. S. Henderson, R. W. Goforth.
- Shiloh—Wiley Jarvis, R. P. Madison.
- Union—F. L. Myers, B. Welborn, Guss Myers, J. M. Crater.
- Zion—W. B. York, E. N. Gwyn, W. M. Parks, T. M. Saie.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Z. R. Tharpe was elected Moderator and J. M. Crater Clerk and Treasurer, D. W. Pool and G. P. Bostick acted as tellers.

On motion the Association tendered its thanks to N. M. Felts for his faithful services as Moderator.

CORRESPONDENTS INVITED.

D. W. Pool from the Alexander Association, W. V. Brown and S. Pardue from the Yadkin Association, G. P. Bostick, Missionary from China and S. S. May, as visitors, accepted seats.

CORRESPONDENTS APPOINTED.

To the Alexander, E. N. Gwyn and W. A. Myers; to the Yadkin, E. N. Gwyn and J. M. Crater; to the Brushy Mountain, E. N. Gwyn and J. P. McCarter; to the South Yadkin, Z. R. Tharpe and J. G. Wetherman; to the Elkin, G. W. Sale and N. T. Jarvis.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

Religious Exercises—W. A. Goforth. Pastor and Church Relations—J. G. Wetherman. Periodicals—D. W. Pool. Missions—G. P. Bostick. Resolutions—J. E. Prevett and J. S. Henderson. Time and Place—J. L. Bray. Finance—L. M. Jarvis. Nominating Committee—E. N. Gwyn, N. M. Felts and B. Welborn.

On motion, the Association meet at 9:30 for devotions, at 10 for business; convene at 1 and adjourn at will.

The committee on Religious Exercises report: W. A. Myers to conduct prayer services at 9:30 tomorrow. S. S. May to preach at 11. Adjourned. Prayer by N. T. Jarvis.

SECOND DAY.

The Association met for devotions. W. A. Myers conducted the services. Roll of messengers was called.

Minutes of yesterday were read, amended and approved.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Knowing as we do the proportions the Orphanage has assumed since its organization in 1885, thereby increasing its needs and our responsibilities, we therefore urge our pastors and deacons to lay special stress on the duty we owe the dear orphans and all the poor. We advise the churches to hold Thanksgiving services and raise collections for the Orphanage.

E. N. GWYN.

The report was discussed by E. N. Gwyn, W. A. Myers, G. P. Bostick and J. G. Wetherman, and adopted.

REPORTS ON PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS.

We believe this to be a very tender and vital relation, much like that of parents and children, 2nd Cor. 12:14 and if severed is painful if not injurious to pastor, or church, or both.

We believe a man is first called of God to preach, Mark 3:13 and Luke 10:1, and then by the church placed as a watchman to warn the people of approaching danger, Ezekiel 33, Hebrews 13:17. The pastor must feed the flock, John 21:15 and 1st Peter 5:12, and be an example of the flock in words, conversation, charity, spirit, faith and purity, 1st Tim. 4:12. The church must esteem the highly for the work's sake, 1st Thes. 5:13. If we have sown unto spiritual things, it is a great thing that we should reap your carnal things, 1st Cor. 9:11.

J. G. WETHERMAN,
N. T. JARVIS.

After remarks by N. T. Jarvis, J. G. Wetherman, J. B. Ray, G. P. Bostick, Guss Myers, E. N. Gwyn, the report was adopted. Adjourned for preaching. Sermon by S. S. May, text, James 4:3. At refreshment one hour.

L. D. Burcham and W. S. Edwards, from the Elkin Association, accepted seats.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

"All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," Matt. 28:18-20. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

These are the marching orders to all, everywhere, who have been saved by Jesus' power and recognize Him as Lord and Master. Not to believe in missions is not to believe in Christ, and not to practice missions is to disobey Him who is head over all to His church.

We would earnestly urge upon our pastors and messengers that they begin at once to get their churches up to system. Encourage first of all, prayer, and then system and regularity in contributing.

Do not forget to pray for your missionaries in China.

G. P. BOSTICK,
E. N. GWYN,
GUSS MYERS.

The report was spoken to by G. P. Bostick, W. A. Myers, J. H. Foote, E. N. Gwyn, N. T. Jarvis, J. B. Ray, and was adopted.

TIME AND PLACE.

The next session will convene with Zion church, 16 miles south of Elkin, on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1908.

J. L. BRAY,
W. B. YORK.

W. S. Edwards to preach tonight, J. G. Wetherman to conduct prayer meeting tomorrow at 9:30 and D. W. Pool to preach at 11. Adjourned. Benediction by G. P. Bostick.

THIRD DAY.

The Association assembled. Prayer meeting was conducted by J. G. Wetherman. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Perhaps no other department of our educational life is shaping the minds of the people for good or evil more than the newspapers, hence the importance of having in our homes, papers that are uplifting—religious literature, papers that are sound exponents of Bible doctrine and practice. We earnestly recommend to our people the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, and the Missionary Helper, as worthy of our patronage. Especially would we emphasize the im-

portance now of taking the Missionary Helper as it is the only means of communication between Gospel Missioners and enables us to hear from all our missionaries.

W. A. MYERS,
D. W. POOL.

The report was discussed by D. W. Pool, G. P. Bostick, W. A. Myers, E. N. Gwyn and Guss Myers and adopted.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Religious Exercises—J. E. Prevette with Pastor and Messengers.
Orphanage—R. W. Pegram, N. T. Jarvis.
Periodicals—S. T. Goforth, J. P. McCarter.
Missions—Guss Myers, J. G. Wetherman.
Obituaries—W. B. York, D. C. Jarvis.
Evidences of a Call to the Ministry—W. A. Myers, T. E. Redman.
Resolutions—G. W. Sale, R. P. Madison.
Time and Place—C. M. Prevett, S. S. Goforth.
Finance—E. M. Sale, L. M. Jarvis.

E. N. GWYN,
B. WELBORN.

Adjourned for preaching. Sermon by D. W. Pool. Text, John 11:38.

Resolved, That this Association tender its thanks to Antioch church and community for their kind hospitality in so bountifully supporting this Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received for all objects \$150.91

Paid out as follows:

Foreign Missions	110.29
Orphanage	15.30
Printing	16.00
Incidental Expenses	1.25
Clerk received	4.48
Last year's indebtedness	3.59

Total \$150.91
The Association owes the Clerk \$4.69. J. M. CRATER, Treas.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Received for Printing Minutes	\$ 23.75
Orphanage	8.11
Missions	124.05
Total	\$155.91

L. M. JARVIS,
S. T. GOFORTH.

On motion the Clerk be paid his usual fees and the amount the Association owes him and apply the balance of the funds to printing minutes.

OBITUARIES.

Bro. C. F. Sprinkle was born Feb. 12th, 1874, and died April 24th, 1907. He joined New Prospect church early in life and served as deacon thirteen years. His modesty and actual worth made him a leader in the church and Sunday school work.

Resolved, 1st, That though we miss him and deeply feel our loss, we do rejoice that our loss is his gain.

Resolved, 2nd, That we extend our sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends, hoping that they may be comforted by looking unto Him who doeth all things well.

Bro. Harold Moore and wife, deacon and deaconess of Lewis church, died in the year 1907. Their faithfulness in church work, their open doors to the people of Christ and the poor are commendable to all. The bereaved family have our warmest sympathy.

Bro. John E. Myers, deacon and preacher, died June 19, 1907, in his 46th year. He joined the church at Union in 1876, and was ordained deacon in 1883. The deceased had been a member at Mt. Vernon church sixteen years when he died. "Johnie," as he was usually called, was faithful to his church, his pastor and the Sunday school cause, contributing liberally of his means to church work at home and in the foreign lands. He leaves a wife and two children, a sainted father and mother, besides a host of other relatives, to mourn their loss, who hope to meet him where sad partings never can come.

J. P. McCARTER,
R. N. GARNER.

W. T. Comer was appointed to preach the Annual Sermon and T. E. Redman, alternate.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

G. P. Bostick to lecture on China tonight. T. E. Redman to conduct prayer meeting tomorrow at 10:30 and G. P. Bostick to preach at 11.

Collection for G. P. Bostick, \$6.65. Adjourned to time and place next year. Prayer by D. W. Pool.

J. M. CRATER,
Clerk.

Z. R. THARPE,
Moderator.

SABBATH.

Prayer service was conducted by S. S. Goforth. Sermon by G. P. Bostick, text, 1st Cor. 1:29. Collection for Foreign Missions, \$20.25.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. A. Foster	Glass, N. C.
S. S. Goforth	Lovelace, "
I. Holler	Olin, "
A. H. Goodin	New Hope, "
E. N. Gwyn	Roby, "
W. A. Myers	New Castle, "
W. T. Comer	Windy Gap, "
M. Walker	Swan Creek, "
J. G. Wetherman	Jennings, "
E. Mitchell	Osbornville, "
J. M. Current	Roby, "
T. L. Jennings	Jennings, "
J. W. Duacan	Moravian Falls, "
D. I. Heglar	Olin, "
T. E. Redman	New Hope, "
N. T. Jarvis	Jarvis, "
J. N. Binkley	Net, "

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Pastors and Postoffices	Clerks and Postoffices	Restored	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Time of Service	Foreign Mission	Foreign Mts. Previously Sent	Orphanage	Minute Fund
Antioch	N. T. Jarvis, Jarvis, N. C.	J. M. Staley, Bellplane N. C.	7	3	1	2	109	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Brier Creek	N. T. Jarvis, Jarvis, N. C.	G. W. Sale, Brier Creek	1	1	1	1	43	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bethel	J. W. Briant, Jonesville	C. W. Gilliam, Ronda	5	5	1	1	77	2	2	2	2	3	3	3
Bethany	J. P. Gwaltney, Hiddenite	E. F. Pool, Gilreath	3	7	2	2	122	4	4	4	4	5	5	5
Cranberry	S. S. Goforth, Lovelace	M. M. Jarvis, Jarvis	4	4	1	1	90	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Dennyville	W. A. Myers, New Castle	M. Redding, New Castle	7	1	2	2	137	4	4	4	4	5	5	5
Fishing Creek	W. S. Edwards, Roaring River	I. P. Call, Call	4	6	1	1	174	4	4	4	4	3	3	3
Fall Creek	G. M. Burcham, Elkin	J. L. Bray, Jonesville	9	3	2	2	175	4	4	4	4	7	7	7
Grassy Knob	J. N. Binkley, Harmony	Z. R. Tharpe, Net	2	1	2	2	83	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Holly Spring	J. G. Wetherman, Jennings	G. H. Hayes, Hunting Creek	4	2	1	1	183	1	1	1	1	3	3	3
Hunting Creek	J. G. Wetherman, Jennings	J. H. Hendren, Turnersburg	1	7	1	1	77	3	3	3	3	4	4	4
Hebron	J. G. Wetherman, Jennings	J. S. Souther, Turnersburg	1	2	2	2	68	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
Mt. Pisgah	J. G. Wetherman, Jennings	H. S. Souther, Turnersburg	1	2	2	2	88	4	4	4	4	2	2	2
Mt. Sinai	M. Walker, New Castle	J. A. Mathis, Top	1	1	1	1	91	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mt. Vernon	D. W. Pool, Vashiti	S. T. Goforth, Olin	6	3	1	1	128	2	2	2	2	3	3	3
New Hope	T. E. Redman, New Hope	E. J. Estep, Gilreath	7	5	1	1	161	2	2	2	2	3	3	3
New Prospect	N. T. Jarvis, Jarvis	J. E. Privett, Olin	1	1	1	1	128	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
Oak Forest	A. T. Fardue, New Hope	J. T. Martin, St. Ronda	1	3	3	3	128	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Rocky Hill	A. H. Goodin, New Hope	H. A. Foster, North Wilkesboro	4	4	1	1	62	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Rock Spring	T. A. Cau lle, Yaddinville	N. F. Goodin, New Hope	6	6	2	2	69	4	4	4	4	5	5	5
Swan Creek	W. T. Comer, Windy Gap	K. A. Bialock, Harmony	1	1	1	1	285	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sweet Home	T. E. Redman, New Hope	J. F. Adams, Swan Creek	1	2	3	3	285	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Shady Grove	D. W. Pool, Vashiti	J. H. Hepler, Jennings	1	5	1	1	111	4	4	4	4	1	1	1
Shiloh	E. N. Gwyn, Jennings	J. S. Henderson, Lovelace	1	1	1	1	235	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Union	N. T. Jarvis, Jarvis	R. P. Madison, Jennings	10	4	5	5	175	2	2	2	2	4	4	4
Zion	W. A. Myers, New Castle	W. B. York, Jennings	11	4	4	4	197	3	3	3	3	6	6	6

BRIER CREEK SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

BRIER CREEK CHURCH, Wilkes Co., N. C.

The Sunday School Convention of the Brier Creek Association met with the S. S. at Old Brier Creek, Saturday, July 27, 1907, at 10:30 A. M.

Sermon by Rev. Height C. Moore.

Reports from the following schools were read and messengers enrolled :

- Antioch—J. M. Staley and Miss Carrie Staley.
- Brier Creek—Worth Sale, Walter Walker.
- Bethel—N. E. Burchette, J. C. Gilliam.
- Cranberry—J. L. Martin, R. L. Sale.
- Call B. S.—Simon Curry, John McCarter.
- Dennyville—J. F. Walk, J. C. Byrd.
- Fall Creek—Sanford Vestal, Daniel Vestal.
- New Prospect—T. M. Snow, J. E. Sprinkle.
- Meadow View—
- Mt. Sinai—H. M. Anderson, J. P. Johnson.
- Mt. View—J. E. Robinett, C. C. Walker.
- Mt. Pisgah—J. P. McCarter, N. M. Felts.
- Mt. Vernon—L. R. Sloan.
- Oak Forest—J. F. Mastin, J. B. Ray, Miss Ida Parks.
- Pleasant Grove—W. B. Redding, E. L. Martin.
- Shiloh—R. P. Madison, Wiley Jarvis.
- Shady Grove—C. F. Henderson.
- Swan Creek—Samuel Adams, D. F. Adams.
- Union—A. H. Casey, S. G. Crater.
- Zion—E. N. Gwyn, Fred W. York.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Elder E. N. Gwyn was elected chairman, and W. T. Comer, secretary,

Rev. Height C. Moore and P. H. Pardue accepted seats as visitors.

Vacancies were supplied as follows : Second Query, Dr. Pegram ; Third Query, Maj. Jas. H. Foote ; Fourth Query, Rev. Height C. Moore.

11:30 A. M. Query : "Relation of Sunday School Work to Church Work" was discussed by Elders W. A. Myers and Height C. Moore.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

Finance—G. W. Sale, C. E. Sprinkle.

Queries—Dr. Pegram, W. A. Myers.

Time and Place—L. M. Jarvis, Sherman Crater, and Fred York.

12 M. Refreshments.

1 P. M. Duty of Pastors, Sunday School Association, discussed by Dr. Pegram, W. T. Comer, W. A. Myers, Maj. Foote, E. N. Gwyn.

2 P. M. "Work of Sunday School Convention," discussed by Maj. James H. Foote.

2:45 P. M. "What may we Expect from the Sunday School," discussed by Height C. Moore, W. A. Myers, E. N. Gwyn.

Committee on Time and Place report next meeting to be held with the Sunday School at New Prospect on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1908.

Finance Committee report \$5 paid in for minutes.

Committee on Queries report.

SUNDAY MORNING, 10:00 A. M.

Sunday School Mass Meeting led by Elder E. N. Gwyn.

11:00 A. M. Rev. Height C. Moore preached from Matthew 25:24.

2:45 P. M. "Is There not a Greater Responsibility Resting upon the Fathers than upon the Mothers in the Negligence of Children who are not Attending the Sunday School?"

Speakers for the Affirmative: W. A. Myers, N. T. Jarvis, and E. N. Gwyn. Speakers for the Negative: W. T. Comer, Maj. J. H. Foote, and Dr. Pegram.

SUNDAY MORNING.

10:00 A. M. S. S. Mass Meeting led by W. A. Myers.

11:00 A. M. Sermon by E. N. Gwyn.

PROGRAMME.

10:30 A. M. Devotional Exercises by Elder W. A. Myers.

11:00 A. M. Organization.

11:30 A. M. "Duty of Parents to Children in Sunday School Work." Speakers E. N. Gwyn, W. A. Myers.

12:00 M. Refreshments.

1:00 P. M. "Best Method of Creating and Holding Interest in Sunday School Work." Speakers, N. T. Jarvis, W. T. Comer.

2:00 P. M. "Results of Sabbath School in a Community." Speakers, J. H. Foote, Dr. Pegram, J. P. McCarter.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted :

First, That this Body advise its S. S. superintendents and pastors to make an honest effort to enlist every member of our churches in the Sunday school.

Second, That this Body tender its thanks to the members of Brier Creek church Sunday school and community for their kind hospitality in entertaining this convention.

W. T. COMER,
Secretary.

E. N. GWYN,
Chairman.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Schools	Superintendents and Postoffices	Secretaries and Postoffices	Officers and Teachers	Enrolled	Av. Attendance	Mission Fund
Antioch	Dr. R. W. S. Pegram, Dellaplane, N. C.	J. M. Johnson, Dellaplane, N. C.	5	61	45	.50
Brier Creek	W. T. Finley, Ronda	Nora G. Wooten, Brier Creek	6	42	21	.25
Bethel	J. F. Gilliam, Ronda	H. A. Burchette, Ronda	5	47	21	.25
Cranberry	L. T. Mathis, Jarvis	R. L. Sale, Ronda, K. F. D. No. 2	5	103	45	.50
Call, B. S.	Rev. J. A. Foster, Glass	Simon Curry, Glass	4	116	95	.60
Dennyville	T. E. Johnson, New Castle	J. C. Byrd, New Castle, R. F. D. No. 1	5	60	43	.50
Fall Creek	W. H. Bray, Jonesville	Bettie Lovelace, Jonesville	5	50	36	.30
New Prospect	J. E. Sprinkle, New Hope	Emma Weisner	6	65	35	.50
Meadow View	I. Holler, Olin, R. F. D. No. 1	J. H. Robins, R. F. D. No. 1	6	82	43	.25
Mt. Sinai	H. M. Anderson, Top	Bessie Anderson, Top	6	78	58	.25
Mt. View	R. M. Johnson, Windy Gap	H. H. Walker, Windy Gap	5	81	42	.25
Mt. Pisgah	N. M. Felts, Lovelace	P. M. Privette, Windy Gap	90	55	35	.25
Mt. Vernon	L. R. Sloan	S. T. Goforth	51	30	35	.30
Oak Forest	R. M. Privette, Dellaplane	Miss Ida J. Parks, Dellaplane	7	40	46	.35
Pleasant Grove	R. S. Gray	M. W. Green	8	40	30	.35
Shiloh	W. L. Johnson, Buck Shoals	R. P. Madison	125	74	74	.33
Shady Grove	D. C. Jarvis, Lovelace	H. H. Walker, Windy Gap	6	96	55	.33
Swan Creek	J. F. Adams, Swan Creek	T. L. Swaim, Swan Creek	9	145	77	.50
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