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OFFICERS :

Elder A. C. FARTHING, Moderator, . . . Sweetwater, N. C.  
J. J. T. REESE, Clerk and Treasurer, . . Sweetwater, N. C.  
Elder E. F. JONES, Colporteur, . . . . . Zionville, N. C.

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MINISTERS OF ASSOCIATION WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

Brown, Asa.....	Rutherwood, N. C.
Canter, Wm. H.....	Key Station, N. C.
Campbell, Neal.....	Mit, Tenn.
<i>*Davis, J. F.</i> .....	Vilas, N. C.
Duncan, T. M.....	Beaver Creek, N. C.
Farthing, J. H.....	Sweetwater, N. C.
Farthing, R. P.....	Watauga Falls, N. C.
Farthing, A. C.....	Sweetwater, N. C.
Farthing, J. A., (died Jan. 6, 1887.)	Sweetwater, N. C.
Green, David.....	Norris, N. C.
Green, Solomon.....	Rutherwood, N. C.
<i>Green, Jacob</i> .....	Sugar Grove, N. C.
<i>Green, Wiseman</i> .....	Sugar Grove, N. C.
<i>Holsclaw, T. C.</i> .....	Elk Park, N. C.
Hagaman, J. G.....	Sweetwater, N. C.
Harman, A. J.....	Watauga Falls, N. C.
Harman, E. G.....	Watauga Falls, N. C.
Harman, J. M.....	Watauga Falls, N. C.
Johnson, J. C.....	Sweetwater, N. C.
Jones, E. F.....	Zionville, N. C.
<i>Fones, W. L.</i> .....	Wake Forest, N. C.
Knight, W. F.....	Blowing Rock, N. C.
<i>McGinnis, Geo. W.</i> .....	Vilas, N. C.
<i>McBride, John F.</i> .....	Beech Creek, N. C.
McGinnis, I. J.....	Penley, N. C.
Palmer, R. L.....	Beech Creek, N. C.
Payne, J. M.....	Penley, N. C.
Sherwood, J. J. L.....	Sugar Grove, N. C.
Thomas, I. W.....	Boone, N. C.
<i>Wilson, L. A.</i> .....	Sutherland, N. C.
Wilcoxon, Wm.....	Gap Creek, Ashe Co., N. C.
Younce, Jacob.....	Beech Creek, N. C.

*\*Names in italics are Licentiates.*

The Clerk of the Southern Baptist Convention re-

quests the Clerks of the Associations to arrange ministers names alphabetically and give post office. Not only does the S. B. C. desire Minutes of our Association, but many other Conventions and Societies of Baptists in the United States, for statistical information. To give the required information, I request the churches in the future to use printed blanks for their Association letters. In filling, their attention will, at the proper places, be called to all needed information. A great many things are omitted in the written letters, and the Clerks have no way, very often, of supplying the lack—as in case of South Fork Church. The letter reports one ordained minister, but omits his name. We are stronger numerically and financially than our statistics show. While I trust we would prefer meekness to vanity, yet it is due the denomination that it be presented in its true colors. In regard to numbers, I would say that most of the churches, if not all, do not report in their Association letters those lettered from their churches, which I think should be done as long as they hold such letters, for they are certainly under the discipline of that church till joined to another. Then it becomes the duty of the latter church to notify the former of the act. In the last year's Minutes we see—Dismissed by letter 125; received by letter 68—a discrepancy of 57 holding their letters and not reported. Likewise our financial table does not report perhaps more than one-half the means contributed to the cause. But I would apologize for these suggestions, fearing there may be objections.

CLERK.

## MINUTES.

THE THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST convened in its forty-seventh anniversary in Beaverdam Church house, Watauga county, N. C., September 13, 1887.

The annual sermon was delivered by Elder J. M. Harmon, from 2nd Cor. 10 chapter 4 verse.

After an intermission of half an hour, the Messengers were called to order by Elder A. C. Farthing, Moderator of last year.

Prayer was offered by Elder E. F. Jones. Appointed I. W. Thomas and W. W. Presnell to read the letters from the churches, and enroll the names of messengers. (See statistical table.)

Officers were chosen for the ensuing year by ballot, viz: Elder A. C. Farthing, Moderator; J. J. T. Reese, Clerk; S. M. Callis and D. W. Thomason, acting as tellers.

On motion invited correspondents and visiting ministers to seats, whereupon Elder S. M. Callis and John A. Miller from the Mitchell County Association, accepted.

From New River Association, Rev. T. J. Woodson, correspondent.

From Brushy Mountain, T. C. Land, correspondent.

From Catawba Association, Rev. M. V. Makemson, correspondent.

From Alleghany Association, Rev. D. W. Thomason, visitor.

On motion, agreed that visiting ministers and brethren hereafter be invited to seats by the Moderator.

On motion, appointed the following committees: On *Finance*—W. W. Presnell, I. W. Thomas.

*Education*—J. J. L. Sherwood, C. J. Woodson.

*Sunday-Schools*—Asa Brown, D. W. Thomason.

*Foreign Missions*—I. W. Thomas, W. S. Farthing.

*Honne and State Missions*—J. G. Hagaman, W. S. Farthing.

*Temperance*—W. S. Farthing, S. M. Callis.

*Periodicals*—E. F. Jones, Asa Brown.  
*Correspondence*—D. D. Woodruff, I. W. Thomas.  
*Resolutions*—Hugh Hagaman, J. H. Farthing.  
*Religious Exercise*—Pastor and Messengers of Beaver-dam church.

*Arrangements*—Joseph Brown, I. W. Thomas.  
 On motion, a committee of two was appointed on the Baptist Orphanage, viz: T. J. Woodson and D. W. Thomason.

On motion, Clingman Capel and Jacob Younce were appointed a committee on Digest of Letters.

On motion, a committee was appointed on pastor and church relationship, viz: S. M. Callis, W. W. Presnell.

On motion, a committee on obituaries was appointed, viz: J. J. L. Sherwood, G. W. Brown.

On motion, correspondence with Ashe and Alleghany Associations was accepted, and T. M. Dungan came forward and was received as a correspondent from same.

Called for newly constituted churches; Elk Valley and Cool Spring churches presented petitions with confessions of faith and constitution, which were referred to the committee on arrangements.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported Elders D. W. Thomason at 11 o'clock and S. M. Callis at 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, and spend half an hour in devotional exercises, to be conducted by I. W. Thomas.

Benediction by the Moderator.

### MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The hour for devotional exercises having arrived and Elder I. W. Thomas not being in the house, the services were conducted by Elder S. M. Callis.

Called the roll and erased absentees.  
 Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

Read Rules of Decorum.  
 Invited Elder W. A. Pool, correspondent from Caldwell County Association to a seat.  
 By request of S. M. Callis, on motion, substituted W.

A. Pool in lieu of Callis, on the committee on Pastor and Church Relationship.

On motion, called on the committee on Arrangements to report, when the following report was read and adopted:

### ARRANGEMENTS.

1. Consider the propriety of receiving the two newly constituted churches, viz: Cool Spring and Elk Valley.
2. Consider the propriety of withdrawing fellowship from Mt. Zion church No. 2.
3. Consider the propriety of co-operating with the Baptist State Convention.
4. Call on Committee on Education to report.
5. Call on Committee on Sunday-Schools to report.
6. Call on Committee on Temperance to report.
7. Call on Committee on Baptist Orphanage to report.
8. Call on Committee on Pastor and Church Relationship to report.
9. Call on brethren appointed to attend sister Associations and Union Meetings to report.
10. Call on Committee on Correspondence and Union Meetings to report.
11. Call on Committee on Periodicals to report.
12. Call on Committee on Home and State Missions to report.
13. Call on Committee on Foreign Missions to report.
14. Call on Financial Committee to report.
15. Call on Committee on Digest of Church Letters to report.
16. Call on Committee on Obituaries to report.
17. Call on Committee on Resolutions to report.
18. Appoint time, place and preacher, for next Association.
19. Appoint some one to superintend the printing and distribution of Minutes.

A. C. FARTHING,  
 JOS. BROWN,  
 A. J. MCBRIDE,  
 D. W. THOMAS,  
 Committee.

The Committee on Arrangements to which the papers of newly constituted Churches were referred having

reported favorably, on motion, received Cool Spring and Elk Valley churches into this Association, and invited Messengers to seats in the body.

On motion, this Association unanimously withdrew fellowship from Mt. Zion Church No. 2, because it declared non-fellowship with us by going off to the Anti-missionaries.

Invited Rev. E. D. Wells from the Eastern Association to a seat.

The propriety of the Association attaching itself to the State <sup>Connection</sup> Constitution referred to the churches last year, was now considered. A motion to attach this Association with same, prevailed.

Adjourned till 1 o'clock for refreshments and to hear the sermon at the stand.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Met at the hour of adjournment.

Adopted the following report on

#### EDUCATION :

We your committee would say that all people should feel an interest on the subject of education, which in this age of progress and enlightenment is indispensable to the highest measure of success in any laudable pursuit or occupation of life. Education in the true acceptation of the term means the development of the intellectual powers, and this object can be best subserved by patronizing schools of high grade. We would especially advise our Baptist brethren to give their children the best mental training possible, that they may be qualified for positions of usefulness and honor. We would also urge upon our young ministers the importance of securing an education that they may be prepared to advocate, maintain and defend our distinctive doctrines against a gainsaying world, and make themselves "workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly divining the word of truth."

C. J. WOODSON,

J. J. L. SHERWOOD,

Committee.

On motion, the first speech on all subjects was limited to fifteen minutes, the others to five minutes.

Adopted the following report on

#### SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We find that most of the churches report good Sunday-schools. We are glad to see that this great enterprise is advancing so rapidly in our Association, and we hope in the near future all the churches will have evergreen Sunday-schools. We recommend all our schools to use good sound literature.

Our next Sunday-school Convention will be held with Boone Church, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in April, 1888. We ask the Association to assign the Sunday-school work over to the Sunday-school Convention.

ASA BROWN,

D. W. THOMASON,

Committee.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported, M. V. Makemson to-night at 7 o'clock at the church, to-morrow E. D. Wells at 11 o'clock at the stand, and W. A. Pool at 1 o'clock.

On motion, postponed the report on Temperance till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The report on the

#### BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

was read, and a motion to receive, when the following collection was taken for same, viz: E. F. Jones, \$1; J. J. T. Reese, \$1; J. J. L. Sherwood, \$1; C. S. Farthing, \$1; J. A. Duval, \$1; L. W. Farthing, \$1; Mt. Gilead, 50c.; W. S. Farthing, 50c.; S. Younce, 5c.; Cove Creek, \$1; J. C. Green, 25c.; total paid, \$8.40.

Pledges for Orphanage :

Flat Top, \$2; Gap Creek, \$1; Fall Creek, \$1; W. F. Knight, \$1; Mt. Zion, \$5; Laurel Springs, \$2; Bethel, \$2; Three Forks, \$5; Elk Valley, \$1; Cove Creek, \$5; one dollar paid. Boone, \$5; South Fork, \$1; W. S. Upchurch, 50c.; Beaverdam, \$2; total amount of pledges \$26.50. Then adopted the report, as follows:

Your committee would call attention to the fact that the Baptist Orphanage is no longer a questionable enterprise. It is now fully established, and has been entirely endorsed by the denomination. All that it now needs

to make it a grand success and a great blessing to the orphans of the State is one persisting continuation.

Your committee would suggest to the churches comprising this Association the propriety of taking contributions regulary for this object. Contributions in money, etc., may be sent to J. H. Mills, general manager, Thomasville, N. C. We would also recommend our orphanage paper, *Charity and Children*.

D. W. THOMASON,  
Committee.

On motion, postponed the report on Pastor and Church Relationship till a suitable hour to-morrow.

Brethren who were appointed to attend sister Associations and Union Meetings, reported; most of whom attended, and had a welcome reception, excused for non-attendance, passed and report accepted.

Adopted the following report on

#### CORRESPONDENCE AND UNION MEETINGS.

We beg leave to submit the following:

To Ashe and Alleghany Association—Asa Brown, E. F. Jones, I. W. Thomas.

Brushy Mountain—J. B. Hopkins, Asa Brown.

Caldwell County Association—E. F. Jones, J. J. L. Sherwood.

Mitchell County Association—A. C. Farthing, J. M. Harman.

Catawba Association—J. J. L. Sherwood, J. H. Farthing.

New River—J. J. L. Sherwood, J. C. Johnson.

Watauga Association—Jacob Younce, C. S. Farthing.

#### TO UNION MEETINGS.

Flat Top Church, Friday before the fourth Sunday in June, 1888—J. J. L. Sherwood, J. H. Farthing.

Gap Creek Church, Friday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1887—J. J. L. Sherwood, A. C. Farthing, E. F. Jones, David Green, Asa Brown, I. W. Thomas.

Antioch Church, Friday before the first Sunday in June, 1888—J. J. L. Sherwood, I. W. Thomas.

Mt. Pleasant Church, Friday before the first Sunday in December, 1887—David Green, J. H. Farthing.

Respectfully submitted,

D. D. WOODRUFF,  
I. W. THOMAS,  
Committee.

Adjourned till 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. Elder I. W. Thomas to conduct the devotional exercises for one half hour.

Prayer by A. J. McBride.

#### MORNING SESSION.

SEPTEMBER 15.

Met at the hour of adjournment.

Spent 30 minutes in religious exercises.

Received Elder W. D. McPheteridge as a correspondent from the Watauga Association.

The report on Temperance was called for. On motion, suspended the regular order of business and the committee on Finance called for the Treasurer's Report, that it may the better proceed with its financial report.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

*J. J. T. Reese, in account with Three Forks Association.*  
1886.

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Sept. 15.—To amount received from Finance Committee for	
Minutes .....	\$34 85
For State Missions .....	19 50
For Foreign Missions .....	8 00
From Treasurer .....	6 60
For T. M. Honeycut .....	1 00
For Baptist Orphanage .....	18 60

Total received .....

\$88 55

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Sept. 16.—By paid to I. W. Thomas for T. M. Honeycut .....	\$ 1 00
Sent to Baptist Orphanage by W. A. Pool .....	18 60
By printing Minutes .....	25 00
Sent to F. H. Briggs State and Foreign Missions .....	27 50
Paid Clerk for services .....	7 00
By Stationery .....	50
By postage on Minutes .....	2 11
By postage on registered letters, correspondence and manuscript .....	59
	—————\$82 30

Balance in Treasurer's hands .....

\$ 6 25

Report adopted.

Adopted the following report on

#### TEMPERANCE.

We confidently believe that the cause of temperance has made great and rapid progress in our country during the last few years, and that the liquor traffic is on the

wane. Much good has been accomplished, but much still remains to be done. There are not only open unbelievers among us, who are yet engaged in making, selling and drinking intoxicating liquors, but we fear there are some professed followers of Christ within the bounds of this Association, who are aiding and abetting in the same nefarious business. We entreat our Baptist people everywhere, earnestly to engage in the "irrepressible conflict" for the triumph of truth and soberness, and to continue to labor in the Sunday-school, in the social circle, and at the ballot box until the last vestige of intemperance shall be swept from our beloved country.

W. S. FARTHING,  
S. M. CALLIS,  
Committee.

Adopted the following amendment to the foregoing report on temperance:

RESOLVED, That we heartily favor the adoption of a Constitutional Amendment prohibiting the manufacture, sale and importation of all intoxicating liquors in the State.

On motion, appointed a committee on Queries, viz: A. J. McBride, J. M. Harman.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported that W. D. McPheteridge will follow W. A. Pool this evening at the stand.

The report of the committee on Pastor and Church Relationship was called for. The report not being ready it was by motion, postponed for a convenient time.

Adopted the following report on

#### PERIODICALS.

We regret that our people do not take an interest as they should in our denominational papers. *The Biblical Recorder* has been recommended year after year in the meetings of our Association; and also the *Western N. C. Baptist*, has been recommended in high terms to our people, and yet there is not more than one copy of these papers taken and read where there should be twenty. We recommend that the Pastors of the churches take this matter in hand at once and place a copy of the *Recorder* or *W. N. C. Baptist* in every family in our Association. This is necessary to the success of our Mission,

Sunday-school and Educational work. We cordially recommend to our Sunday-schools of this Association, the literature published by the American Baptist Publication Society; believing that the so-called union helps used by some schools as a neutralizing influence to induce those of different persuasions to attend, is doing more harm than good.

The helps furnished by Kind Words Publication, Atlanta, Georgia, under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention, are sound in doctrine and well worthy our patronage.

E. F. JONES,  
ASA BROWN,  
Committee.

The regular order of business was suspended, and the report on

#### FINANCE

was heard through its chairman, and adopted, viz:

We your committee, beg leave to submit to following:

Received from Treasurer.....	\$ 6 25
Minute fund .....	32 50
For State Missions.....	26 75
For Home Missions .....	10 75
For Foreign Missions .....	35 35
For T. M. Honeycut.....	6 00
For Baptist Orphanage .....	5 70

Total amount.....\$123 30  
Paid Clerk for services.....\$6 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. PRESNELL,  
I. W. THOMAS,  
Committee.

Antioch \$1 on last year's pledge for Home and State Missions, paid to Clerk.

A motion to adjourn and to meet at the stand in one half hour, and transact the evening business.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Adopted the following report on

#### PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONSHIP.

The relation existing between the pastors and the churches is reciprocal. It is the duty of the pastor to feed the flock of God and preach the Gospel to sinners,

visit the sick and comfort the dying. In fact we do not think a pastor can fully discharge his duty to the church without visiting every family in his church at least once in every year. We believe it to be his duty to preach occasional sermons on the distinctive principles which separate us from other denominations; say once a year. To do all this he should give himself entirely to the work.

The church should esteem its pastor very highly for his work's sake. All the members of the church should contribute liberally of their means, for their pastor's support. They should always be ready to join him in every good word or work for the advancement of Christ's cause. And they should be very careful of his reputation and be always ready to defend his character against any and all reproaches that might injure the cause of Christ.

W. W. PRESNELL,  
W. A. POOL,  
Committee.

Adopted the following report on

#### HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

We are glad to note the increasing success of the Home and State Mission work.

The Baptist State Convention was organized in 1830; since then the work has been wonderfully blessed. From a small beginning it has grown and extended until now, with a few exceptions, the Missionary Baptist preach the Gospel in every settlement in the State. But the work is not finished, and we should do our duty in this part of our Lord's vineyard with more energy and zeal than we have ever done.

The Home Mission Board has been at work something more than forty years, and has accomplished much good.

We feel that the work is an important one, and that we should freely encourage and push it with all possible speed, inasmuch as the territory embraces some of the largest cities that are almost in heathen darkness.

J. G. HAGAMAN,  
W. S. FARTHING,  
Committee.

Adopted the following report on

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We are glad to report that the blessings of Almighty

God are unmistakably resting upon the Foreign Mission work, and that the good work is prospering in all the fields of labor in foreign lands beyond our most hopeful expectations. North Carolina has five Missionaries, with their wives in foreign lands: Brethren Yates, Bryen and Herring, with their wives in China, and Brethren Baldwin and Powell, with their wives in Algiers, Northern Africa. We would tenderly and lovingly urge every church, and every brother and sister in the Three Forks Association, to contribute liberally to the support of our Missionaries in foreign fields.

We do not claim that money ever has, or ever will convert a soul. We ask for money that the Missionaries may be clothed and fed while they preach Jesus and him crucified to the heathen.

The heathen must be converted just as we have been, by the agency of the Holy Spirit and the word of God. Paul says, Romans x. 13-15, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed; and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?" Again says the same apostle, I. Cor. ix. 14, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel, shall live of the gospel." Missions are either right or wrong. If wrong we sin by engaging in the work; if right we sin by not engaging in the work.

Jesus was a Missionary sent from Heaven to this sin-cursed earth and went about doing good, and received precious and costly gifts from the wise men who came to worship him in the manger, and Paul says, Romans viii. 9, "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

The last words that fell from the lips of our glorified and ascending Saviour, were: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel unto *every* creature." If we cannot go ourselves, have we not grace and religion enough, and do not our poor hearts burn for the salvation of the souls of all men enough to prompt us to help with the means God has given us those whom God has called to go?

How can we think of meeting in the great Judgment

Day the heathen whom we have refused the bread of life? Let us beware of covetousness, for says the apostle Paul, in Col. iii. 5, "That covetousness is idolatry." Paul says, "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," and "The liberal soul shall be made fat." Jesus said in Luke vi. 38, "Give, and it shall be given unto you." Paul says, "Remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, how he said 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

I. W. THOMAS,  
W. S. FARTHING,  
Committee.

The churches made the following pledges, to be paid within a year, for Foreign, Home and State Missions: Bethel, \$10; Beaverdam, \$5; Boone, \$10; Elk Knob, \$1; Flat Top, \$4; Fall Creek, \$1; Gap Creek, \$5; Laurel Spring, \$2; Mt. Calvary, \$2.50; Mt. Gilead, \$1; Mt. Zion, \$15; Three Forks, \$10. Total amount, \$66.50.

Adopted the following report on

#### DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Received by baptism, 95; received by letter, 45; received by restoration, 7. Total additions, 147.

Dismissed by letter, 47. Excluded, 48. Deceased, 22. Total decrease, 117. Net gain in year, 30. Eight churches report Pastor's salary, \$433.24. Thirteen churches report sending to Foreign Missions, \$48.35. Nine churches report sending to Home and State Missions, \$51.91. Three churches report sending to Baptist Orphanage, \$17.00. Three churches report evergreen Sunday-schools. Six churches report Sunday-schools Spring and Summer. Fourteen churches make no report on Sunday-schools.

JACOB YOUNCE,  
Committee.

Adopted the following report on

#### OBITUARIES.

It is with sadness, yet humble submission to the kind providence of our Heavenly Father that we note the death of Elder J. A. Farthing, which occurred January 6, 1887. He was born in Wake county, North Carolina, July 22, 1809; moved to this county November, 1826; in which he lived till his death. He professed religion about the year 1832; joined the Cove Creek Baptist

church, where he was ordained as a minister of the Gospel, by Elders B. McBride and L. Hodges, about the year 1851, at the request of the church, where he remained a member until the constitution of Bethel church, when he was constituted into this church where his membership remained until Jesus said come up to the Church Triumphant.

He preached the Gospel of Jesus for thirty-seven years. His labors were abundantly blessed of God in the salvation of many souls, and the upbuilding of many churches. As a pastor he was faithful; always at his post of duty. He was Moderator of this Association twenty-one years, but he is gone from us now, to the far off home of the soul, to welcome his friends into glory as they come, one by one. Still he liveth in the hearts of his brethren. May we also live as to meet him again in that great Association above.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. J. SHERWOOD,  
G. W. BROWN,  
Committee.

Your committee on Resolutions submit the following :

WHEREAS, There is a class of ministers who term themselves Primitive Baptist, traveling in the bounds of this Association, and not only preaching doctrines which we believe to be contrary to the truth, but sowing the seeds of discord generally. Then be it

RESOLVED, By this Association, that the churches composing the same, be advised to refuse such men the use of their houses.

RESOLVED, That this Association tender its most sincere thanks to the large congregation that attended it, for their good behavior; and also for the cordial reception and entertainment the brethren, sisters and friends have given it and the visitors at this session.

HUGH HAGAMAN,  
J. H. FARTHING,  
Committee.

#### NEXT ASSOCIATION

of this body will be held at Boone, Watauga county, North Carolina, commencing on Tuesday after the second

Sunday in September, 1888. The annual sermon to be delivered by Elder E. F. Jones; Elder J. H. Farthing, alternate.

On motion, the Clerk was authorized to superintend the printing and distribution of a sufficient number of Minutes of this Association.

Adopted the following report of

COLPORTEUR.

Books on hand at last Association, \$34.00. Cash on hand at last Association, \$26.18. Total, \$60.18. Bought and sold \$20.00, since last Association. Books now on hand, \$33.35. Cash on hand, \$26.73.

E. F. JONES,  
Colporteur.

On motion, continued E. F. Jones, Colporteur for the next year.

Called on committee on

QUERIES

to report, when the following were submitted. Does this Association endorse ministers who advocate the making, vending and drinking, of ardent spirits? Answer, no. See report of committee on Temperance, for past and present years.

Query No. 2. In what way should the churches of this Association receive members that belonged to Mt. Zion Church No. 2, that wish to leave that body, and become members of any of our churches? Answer. By application, where they are known to be orderly.

A. J. MCBRIDE,  
J. M. HARMAN,  
Committee.

On motion, the Moderator was requested to appoint three delegates to the State Convention to meet at Durham in November next, whereupon he and the brethren appointed Elder J. J. L. Sherwood, Elder E. F. Jones, Elder J. H. Farthing, Elder I. W. Thomas, Elder A. C. Farthing.

Adjourned to meet at the time and place designated. J. J. L. Sherwood led in prayer.

ELDER A. C. FARTHING, Moderator.

J. J. T. REESE, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	ADDED BY				DIMINISHED BY			
		Appt'n	Baptism	Letter.	Rest'n	Letter.	Exclus'n	Deaths.	Total
Antioch .....	J. M. Walker, L. W. Farthing, J. C. Greer.....	2	5	4	1	1	1	110	
Bethel .....	L. W. Farthing, C. S. Farthing, W. S. Farthing.....	7	1	1	8	5	152		
Beaverdam .....	Hugh Haganan, G. P. Sherrill, J. J. T. Reese.....	2	1	5	3	118			
Beech Mountain .....	L. W. McGuire, Phillip Church, W. M. Cannon.....	2	1	5	2	1	95		
Big Laurel.....	N. Stewart, John Eggers, Hugh Haganan, W. Glenn.....	1	1	1	1	24			
Boone .....	W. L. Bryan, W. W. Presnell, J. F. Perkie.....	24	1	2	4	6	176		
Brushy Fork.....	James F. Davis.....	1	1	2	7	4	159		
Cove Creek.....	D. Farthing, J. J. Mast, John McBride.....	1	1	3	5	1	11		
*Cool Spring.....	J. M. Payne, W. F. Knight, J. M. Hartly.....	11	6	1	1	41			
Elk Knob .....	J. J. L. Church, L. A. Wilson, J. H. Canter.....	1	1	1	1	21			
*Elk Valley .....	T. E. Brotherton, J. M. Hyatt.....	1	21	8	12	1	74		
Flat Top.....	William Elrod.....	1	5	2	1	1	20		
Fall Creek.....	G. W. Brown, W. B. Norris, J. E. Perlier.....	2	2	3	1	36			
Gap Creek.....	J. B. Hopkins.....	1	7	1	6	1	41		
Howard's Creek.....	E. J. Norris, John Norris, D. N. Trivette.....	1	4	1	1	1	80		
Laurel Spring.....	Joseph Brown, Bartlett Brown.....	1	2	1	1	2	100		
Meat Camp.....	William Green.....	1	1	33	2	32			
Mt. Calvary .....	J. C. Chapel, B. F. Patterson.....	1	5	10	5	61			
Mt. Gilead.....	Joseph Palmer, John Meadows, Tho. Stanberry.....	1	1	5	1	100			
Mt. Pleasant.....	D. D. Woodruff.....	21	1	1	2	188			
Mt. Zion.....	Phillip Greer, R. W. Cehorn, Abraham Younce.....	1	1	2	3	81			
South Fork.....	J. T. McGinnis, Sherman Brown.....	1	1	3	6	23			
Sampson.....	John P. Robins, W. S. Upchurch.....	1	1	1	3	171			
Three Forks.....	L. N. Bingham, J. M. Brown, E. G. Harman.....	1	1	8	3	37			
Zion Hill.....	J. A. Harman.....	1	1	1	1	39			
Mt. Zion, No. 2.....	[Mt. Zion No. 2, dissolved.]	3,955	58	9	107,52	24	2017		

\* New Churches admitted.

**FINANCIAL TABLE.**

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Foreign, Home & State Missions	Baptist Orphanage.	Sunday School Literature	Receipts for Foreign Missions 1887.	Receipts for State & Home Missions 1887.	Pastor's Salary.	Current Church Expenses	Baptist Orphanage.	Total for 1887.	Pledges to be paid in 1888.
Antioch	\$ 1 50				\$ 5 00	\$ 1 00				\$ 2 50	
Bethel	2 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 2 00		3 00	13 90	\$ 40 87	\$ 21 50		83 27	\$ 12 00
Beaverdam	2 00	5 00	2 00	\$ 7 00	3 00	5 00	29 05			46 05	7 00
Beech Mountain											
Big Laurel	70									70	
Boone	1 25	10 00	5 00		3 00	5 00	75 00			84 25	15 00
Brushy Fork	2 50									2 50	
Cove Creek	2 00		5 00		3 60	5 00				10 60	5 00
Cool Spring	60									60	
Elk Knob	35	1 00				1 00	11 00			12 35	1 00
Elk Valley	1 00		1 00		2 00					3 00	1 00
Flat Top	2 05	4 00	2 00		3 25	2 45	50 00			57 75	6 00
Fall Creek	60	1 00	1 00	86	1 00		15 32	68 00		85 72	2 00
Gap Creek	1 00	5 00	1 00		5 00	2 00	40 00	5 00		53 00	6 00
Howard's Creek	1 00				1 00					2 00	
Laurel Spring	2 00	2 00	2 00		2 50					4 50	4 00
Meat Camp	1 00									1 00	
Mt. Calvary	1 00	2 50								1 00	2 50
Mt. Gilead	1 00	1 00			25					1 25	1 00
Mt. Pleasant											
Mt. Zion	2 00	15 00	5 00	24 00	10 00	10 00	100 00	7 00	6 30	165 60	20 00
South Fork	1 00		1 00			2 00				3 00	1 00
Sampson	50									50	
Three Forks	2 00	10 00	5 00		10 00	5 00	85 00		5 70	107 70	15 00
Zion Hill	1 00									1 00	
	\$30 05	\$ 66 50	\$32 00	\$31 80	\$49 00	\$52 35	\$446 24	101 50	\$12 00	\$529 84	\$68 50

NOTE—The discrepancy in some of the above columns and the report on Finance shows that some of the Church Clerks have failed to comply with the Resolution on both parts of last year's Minutes. It will be seen that not one-half of the Churches report Pastor's Salaries. Many have not reported their pledges of last year. We presume they are paid, but have no way by which we can give them credit. This failure makes our table very incomplete.  
CLERK.

**CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND ADDRESS.**

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND ADDRESS.	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates.	Time of meeting, Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch	J. H. Farthing	Jones C. Greer, Sugar Grove, N. C.	4	1	1st.
Bethel	A. C. Farthing	W. H. Farthing, Sweetwater, N. C.	2		4th.
Beaverdam	J. C. Johnson	Hugh Hagaman, Sweetwater, N. C.			2d.
Beech Mountain	R. L. Palmer	L. W. McQuire, Dark Ridge, N. C.			1st.
Big Laurel	Neill Campbell	Hugh Hagaman, Jr., Mt. Tenn.	1		4th.
Boone	E. F. Jones	W. L. Bryan, Boone, N. C.	1	3	1st.
Brushy Fork	J. J. L. Sherwood	L. M. Trivette, Boone, N. C.	1	2	2d.
Cove Creek	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. J. Mast, Sugar Grove, N. C.	2		3d.
Cool Spring	I. J. McGinnis, J. M. Payne	L. M. Cannon, Blowing Rock, N. C.		1	1st.
Elk Knob	David Green	L. A. Wilson, Sutherland, N. C.			4th.
Elk Valley	Jacob Younce	A. M. Johnson, Banner Elk, N. C.			4th.
Flat Top	I. W. Thomas	William Elrod, Blowing Rock, N. C.	1		1st.
Fall Creek	Jacob Younce	G. W. Brown, Dark Ridge, N. C.			3d.
Gap Creek	T. M. Duncan	J. B. Hopkins, Beaver Creek, N. C.			3d.
Howard's Creek	W. F. Knight	E. J. Norris, Sands, N. C.	2		4th.
Laurel Spring	W. H. Canter	Larkin Green, Rutherford, N. C.	1		2d.
Meat Camp	A. C. Farthing	L. A. Green, Norris, N. C.			3d.
Mt. Calvary	J. C. Johnson	B. F. Patterson, Banner Elk, N. C.	1	1	3d.
Mt. Gilead	R. L. Palmer	John F. McBride, Beech Creek, N. C.			4th.
Mt. Pleasant	William Wilcoxon	Presley Shepherd, Gap Creek, N. C.	1	1	4th.
Mt. Zion	E. F. Jones	J. C. Jones, Zionville, N. C.	1		1st.
South Fork	I. W. Thomas	J. S. Stanberry, Elk X Roads, N. C.			4th.
Sampson	I. J. McGinnis, J. M. Payne	Elbert Adams, Penley, N. C.			3d.
Three Forks	I. W. Thomas	L. N. Bingham, Horton, N. C.			2d.
Zion Hill	J. H. Farthing, A. J. Harmon	D. W. Hagaman, Watauga Falls, N. C.	1		



