

Smith
Deaf
Wilson

MINUTES

OF THE

THREE * FORKS * ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

GAP CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, WATAUGA COUNTY, N. C.,

AUGUST 28, 29 and 30, 1894.

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY.

The next Session to be held with Cove Creek Church, seven miles west
of Boone, beginning Tuesday after fourth Sunday in August, 1895.

Rev. L. A. Wilson to preach the Introductory Sermon

RALEIGH :

EDWARDS & BROUGHTON, PRINTERS AND BINDERS.

1894.

MINUTES

OF THE

THREE * FORKS * ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

GAP CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, WATAUGA COUNTY, N. C.,

AUGUST 28, 29 and 30, 1894.

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY.

The next Session to be held with Cove Creek Church, seven miles west
of Boone, beginning Tuesday after fourth Sunday in August, 1895.
Rev. L. A. Wilson to preach the Introductory Sermon

RALEIGH :
EDWARDS & BROUGHTON, PRINTERS AND BINDERS.
1894.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

J. F. SPAINHOUR, Moderator and Treasurer.....	Boone, N. C.
JACOB YOUNCE, Clerk.....	Dark Ridge, N. C.
W. S. FARTHING, Colporter.....	Hattie, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

ASA BROWN.....	Riverside, N. C.
NEAL CAMPBELL.....	Grayson, N. C.
S. T. CARROLL.....	Stony Fork, N. C.
JOHN CRISP.....	Norris, N. C.
J. F. DAVIS.....	Vilas, N. C.
A. C. FARTHING.....	Hattie, N. C.
J. H. FARTHING.....	Hattie, N. C.
C. S. FARTHING.....	Hattie, N. C.
DAVID GREENE.....	Norris, N. C.
SOLOMON GREENE.....	Stony Fork, N. C.
EDMUND GREENE.....	Norris, N. C.
J. G. HAGAMAN.....	Butler, Tenn.
D. C. HARMAN.....	Sugar Grove, N. C.
A. J. HARMAN.....	Harman, N. C.
J. M. HARMAN.....	Sugar Grove, N. C.
J. C. JOHNSON.....	Reese, N. C.
W. F. KNIGHT.....	Blowing Rock, N. C.
I. J. MCGINNIS.....	Banners Elk, N. C.
JOHN NORRIS.....	Sweet Water, N. C.
R. L. PALMER.....	Leander, N. C.
J. M. PAYNE.....	Deck Hill, N. C.
JONATHAN PHILLIPS.....	Beech Creek, N. C.
J. J. L. SHERWOOD.....	Vilas, N. C.
W. J. POTTER.....	Dark Ridge, N. C.
J. W. TRIVETT.....	Dark Ridge, N. C.
L. A. WILSON.....	Sutherland, N. C.
WILLIAM WILCOXON.....	Todd, N. C.
JACOB YOUNCE.....	Dark Ridge, N. C.
R. F. SHEERER (colored.).....	Sweet Water, N. C.

LICENTIATE MINISTERS.

W. M. CANNON.....	Dark Ridge, N. C.
WISEMAN GREEN.....	Vilas, N. C.
JACOB GREEN.....	Sugar Grove, N. C.
E. F. HARMAN.....	Harman, N. C.
E. G. HARMAN.....	Harman, N. C.
J. S. JACKSON.....	Sutherland, N. C.
W. H. MIKELS.....	Sutherland, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

GAP CREEK CHURCH, August 28, 1894.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met in its Fifty-fourth Session this day with Gap Creek Church at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. C. Durham. Text, Romans viii: 18. After the sermon, adjourned till 1:15 P. M.

Reassembled at the time appointed and sang,
 "Jesus lover of my soul,
 Let me to thy bosom fly."

The Moderator being absent, the Association was called to order by the Clerk, with Elder David Green leading in prayer.

The letters from the different Churches were called for and received. J. J. T. Reese and L. C. Wilson were appointed Reading Clerks, by whom the letters were read.

The terms of the officers having expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk, with C. Durham and J. C. Caddell acting as Tellers.

The ballot resulted in the election of Hon. J. F. Spainhour Moderator, and Jacob Younce Clerk.

The Association was then declared ready for further business.

A motion prevailed to invite newly constituted Churches, under which the petitions of Pleasant Valley, N. C., and Pleasant Valley, Tenn., were read, the former Church received into the Association, and the latter referred to the Committee of Arrangements, and the delegates from them seated.

The Moderator then gave an invitation to Correspondents and Visiting Messengers.

The following Visiting and Corresponding Messengers recognized:

J. C. Caddell, representing *Biblical Recorder*.

C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention.

W. R. Gwaltney, representing the Educational Board Wake Forest College.

B. F. Sledd, representing Wake Forest College.

B. S. Petterson, representing the *North Carolina Baptist*.

From Stony Fork Association (Correspondents), J. F. Eller, William Lee, U. C. Miller, C. Tucker.

From Ashe and All-ghany, T. M. Dunkin.

The Moderator then announced the usual committees.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.—J. J. T. Reese, L. C. Wilson, J. J. L. Sherwood.

TEMPERANCE.—C. S. Farthing, Smith Hagaman.

PASTORAL SUPPORT.—D. C. Harman, A. C. Farthing.

EDUCATION.—David Green, B. F. Sledd.

PERIODICALS.—W. W. Presnell, J. C. Caddell.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—J. J. L. Sherwood, T. P. Adams.

STATE MISSIONS.—Solomon Younce, C. Durham.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—J. C. Horton, A. Roten.

HOME MISSIONS.—J. B. Hopkins, W. R. Gwaltney.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.—J. H. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, J. J. T. Reese.

CORRESPONDENCE.—Alexander Hagaman, J. H. Mast.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.—J. F. Davis, George Roten.

RESOLUTIONS.—L. W. Farthing, G. P. Sherrill.

FINANCE.—T. P. Adams, J. J. T. Reese.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.—Pastor and Delegates of Gap Creek Church.

ARRANGEMENTS.—C. J. Cotrell, C. S. Farthing and A. C. Farthing, with Moderator and Clerk.

OBITUARIES.—Smith Hagaman, W. H. Farthing.

A motion prevailed to let the basis of delegation stand as it is.

On motion, appointed delegates to the State and Southern Baptist Conventions:

To State Convention, J. F. Davis, J. J. L. Sherwood, W. C. Coffey, F. M. Holsclaw, J. B. Hopkins and J. F. Spainhour.

To Southern Baptist Convention, L. C. Wilson, W. C. Coffey, alternate. Committee on Religious Exercises report W. R. Gwaltney to preach at the stand at 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

A motion was carried to adjourn until 9 A. M. to-morrow and spend half an hour in devotional exercise; was then led in prayer by W. R. Gwaltney.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 9 A. M. Religious exercises was led by C. Durham. Called to order by the Moderator. Read and corrected minutes of yesterday.

Called on Committee of Arrangements to report. Report read and made favorable for the new Church (Pleasant Valley, Tenn.) On motion, the report received, and the committee discharged.

Called the roll and the absentees marked.

On motion, adopted the following

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Your committee submit the following report, viz.: We learn through the reports made to the Association that our pastors are poorly supported. We, therefore, urge our Churches to a better support, feeling that while it is their duty to contribute of their means to other objects, their obligations to their pastors should first be met.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. HARMAN,
A. C. FARTHING,
Committee.

Called for report on Education. Report read and very ably discussed by C. Durham and others.

The following is the

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, The amount of money devoted to the public free schools gives a session of only about three months in each school district, and pays the teacher a monthly salary of only about twenty-two dollars; and

WHEREAS, The taxes of the people drawn from the State Treasury in 1893 and 1894 amounted to \$148,000 devoted to higher education; therefore,

Resolved 1. That the Legislature soon to be elected by the people ought to provide for a session of four months in each school district in each county of the State.

Resolved 2. That the taxes of the people ought NOT to be appropriated by the Legislature to higher education.

Resolved 3. That, in our opinion, the appropriation of the taxes of the people to higher education hinders rather than helps the educational interests of North Carolina.

We, your Committee on Education, beg to make the following report:

Wake Forest College.—This institution represents what Baptists of North Carolina have done for higher education, and we would urge upon our people of the Three Forks Association a more active interest in the

work of the college, and a more devoted loyalty to the principles of Baptist faith upon which the college is founded. There were one hundred and ninety-seven students present during the past session. Of these some forty were ministers of the Gospel, thirty-five of whom were supported by the Board of Ministerial Education. Some twenty-nine young men were graduated in June.

We would further urge that more hearty support be given to our academies. These academies should, as far as possible be under the direct control of the Associations, and should prepare young men for Wake Forest College especially.

Female Education.—We commend most heartily to our people the Baptist Female University, now founding in Raleigh, N. C. This institution will be to our young women what Wake Forest College has been to our young men.

DAVID GREENE,
BENJAMIN F. SLEDD,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

Time having now passed for the 11 o'clock sermon by W. R. Gwaltney, the same was deferred till 2 P. M. at the stand.

A motion prevailed to adjourn until 1 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

At the appointed time the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

At this juncture the Moderator extended an invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren.

Lidsey Triplett was recognized as a Correspondent from the Brushy Mountain Association.

E. F. Jones, visitor from South Fork Association.

I. S. Watson, from Stony Fork.

W. W. Presnell submitted the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

At no time in our history as a denomination has the necessity for our people to be informed on all departments of our work been as great as at present. And saying that much of this needed information must come through the religious press, we recommend that our people take and read as much literature as possible. We especially urge that all of our people who can do so take the *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of the Baptist State Convention, and which for the last sixty years has been the exponent of Baptist principles and Baptist progress in North Carolina. We also recommend the *North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children*, the *Home Field*, the *Foreign Mission Journal*, the *Watchman*, published by R. L. Patton; Literature published by the Southern Baptist at Nashville, Tenn., as worthy the patronage of our people.

W. W. PRESNELL,
J. C. CADDELL,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

Smith Hagaman read the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

While it is gratifying to us to know that the cause of Temperance has steadily advanced in the bounds of this Association, and while the establishments for the making and vending of intoxicating liquors have

greatly decreased in number, yet we are not by any means rid of the evil. We believe that a total abstinence from the use of intoxicating drinks is the only safe attitude towards intemperance. We would, therefore, ask that each member of this Association feel an individual responsibility in the suppression of this evil—by our own example as well as precept, also by seeing that the laws are enforced against this traffic. We would further invoke the enactment of just and sufficient laws to aid in the entire abolition of the liquor traffic from our beloved land.

C. S. FARTHING,
SMITH HAGAMAN,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

Called for report on State Missions. Same read by C. Durham, who also addressed the Association on the report.

The following is the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions has been defined by the Convention to include all practical efforts to give the Gospel to the destitute places in the State. Our fathers wisely determined to give the Gospel to all our people. We are now building on this foundation. This year there are eighty-seven missionaries under appointment of the Board preaching at more than three hundred destitute places. Among these are some of the most successful and consecrated preachers in the State. They have been greatly prospered by the Lord in this work this year. If the Board had the means and could send the men six hundred destitute places could be given the Gospel next year. This is foundation work. It aids all other departments. From it comes largely our pastors and our missionaries. We recommend that all of our Churches undertake to do more for State Missions than ever before in their history. Our Lord's command to give the Gospel to every creature should certainly stimulate and guide us in giving the Gospel to the people of our State.

Respectfully,
SOLOMON YOUNCE,
C. DURHAM,
Committee.

J. B. Hopkins offered the report on Home Missions, when C. Durham made a most excellent speech on the same.

The following is the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located in Atlanta, Ga., is doing a large and successful work in many special departments.

1. The work among the Indians. There are now about one hundred Indian Baptist preachers, fourteen Associations and about 15,000 members.

2. Foreign population. In many of the States the foreign population is large, and the work is important and successful.

3. Negroes. The work among the Negroes is being successfully done in the States further south.

4. The native white people in Texas and the States west should have the Gospel as rapidly as the country is filled up by them.

5. In Cuba the work has been greatly prospered. There are now more than 2,000 Baptist believers on the island of Cuba, and the prospects were never more hopeful. What the State Mission work is to North Carolina, the Home Mission work is to all the destitute sections of the South.

Resolved, That each pastor and Church in this Association be urged to inform themselves about the history and the needs of this work, and to take at least one collection during this year for it.

6. The Board publishes the *Home Field*, a monthly mission journal, for twenty-five cents per year. We urge our people to take this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HOPKINS,
W. R. GWALTNEY,
Committee.

Collection at the stand for the blind man Smith Carroll, \$3.44.
Committee on Religious Exercises report that E. F. Jones will preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M. at the stand.

The Association adjourned with prayer by E. F. Jones.

THIRD DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled at 9 A. M. L. C. Wilson read the Forty-sixth Psalm, then led the religious exercises. Then called to order by the Moderator. Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

The Moderator extended an invitation to corresponding brethren.

W. E. Green was recognized from the Stony Fork Association.

J. R. Hodges from Blue Ridge Association.

J. C. Horton then offered his report on Sunday Schools.

The following is the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee, upon examination of the Church letters, find that of the thirty-one Churches embraced in the Three Forks Association twenty-two report working Sunday Schools, leaving eight having no schools. The number of officers and teachers in these schools is 152; number of scholars, 1,261, making a total of 1,413 officers, teachers and scholars reported from all the Churches enrolled in the Association. These scholars are taking 1,005 Quarterlies and papers per quarter, which cost the schools \$80.05. These figures, we are pleased to note, show an increase of over sixteen per cent. over same report for last year, which should greatly encourage our Sunday School workers. But the same statistics show also that the membership of the Churches are not taking the interest in Sunday Schools that should be taken, from the fact that the total enrollment of the schools is less than sixty per cent. of the total church membership of the Association. Hence we see plainly that our schools are not near what they might be made if we would all take an active part in building them up. So we appeal to our people to rouse ourselves and give more attention and energy to the Sunday School work than ever before. And urge every minister of the Gospel and lay member of this Association to use his influence to make the Sunday School what it should be, the Church at work, by regular attendance and participation in the work, and active efforts to bring every soul possible within its influence.

A. ROTEN,
J. C. HORTON,
Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To Ashe and Alleghany Association: J. J. L. Sherwood, T. P. Adams, J. H. Farthing.

To Brushy Mountain Association: J. F. Spainhour, J. F. Davis, L. C. Wilson.

To New River Association: John Norris, W. S. Farthing, L. A. Wilson.
To Caldwell County Association: W. C. Coffey, John Crisp, J. F. Spainhour.

To Stony Fork Association: David Greene, John Norris, D. C. Harman.
To Watauga Association: C. S. Farthing, J. J. L. Sherwood, J. H. Farthing.

To Mitchell County Association: Jacob Younce, A. C. Farthing, R. L. Palmer.

On motion of J. H. Farthing, agreed that the next session of this body be held with Cove Creek Church, to begin on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1895, and that L. A. Wilson preach the Introductory Sermon, and J. H. Farthing be his alternate.

Notice the request from Zion Hill Church.

The following is the answer:

"We do not think that the Association can be incorporated by law, but we advise all the Churches composing this Association to petition the next Legislature of North Carolina to incorporate the Churches by law."

J. J. L. Sherwood, from the committee, offered the report on Foreign Missions, then addressed the Association in its behalf, followed by E. F. Jones and others.

The following is the

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

That we as an Association believe in the Foreign Mission work. But the Scriptures teach that faith is dead being alone, or without works. "Shew me your faith without works, and I will shew you my faith by my works." To say that we believe in Foreign Missions, and then do nothing for the work, is to say one thing and do another. If we love Jesus or love His Word, He says, "Go preach the Gospel to every creature." This is His last command. Can any one who feels that Jesus has saved him do less than He commands. Pray over this. We have twelve in the foreign field who are not backed by any board, who having faith in God's promise and in the Churches have gone forth to do the work for the Churches. Let us pray for them, and support them while they are doing the Lord's work.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J. L. SHERWOOD,
T. P. ADAMS,

Committee.

On motion, the above report adopted.
Then taken up pledges as follows:

Antioch	\$ 5 00	Meat Camp	\$ 5 00
Bethel	5 00	Mount Calvary	2 00
Beaver Dam	10 00	Mount Gilead	3 00
Boone	5 00	South Fork	2 00
Brushy Fork	10 00	Three Forks	10 00
Cove Creek	10 00	Zionville	10 00
Cool Spring	2 00	J. B. Hopkins	2 00
Elk Valley	2 00	L. P. Watson	2 00
Fall Creek	2 00	Alex. Hagaman	2 00
Flat Top	10 00	D. W. Hagaman	2 00
Forest Grove	2 00	E. H. Daughert	2 00
Howard's Creek	2 00	Charles Walker	50
Laurel Spring	2 00		

A motion prevailed to have the Articles of Faith printed in the Minutes.
A motion was carried to have a historical statistical sketch printed in the Minutes.

L. C. Wilson submitted the report on the Baptist Orphanage, then spoke on the subject.

The following is the

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

We all know by this time something about the Orphanage and its work. Jesus said, "the poor ye have always with you." Yes, brethren the Lord has put these objects before His people to try their faith in His Word. He wants living witnesses before the world, and we rejoice to say that the Baptists of the State are supporting the Orphanage as well, or better, than any of the departments of our work. We would recommend that every Church of this Association take a liberal collection once a year, at least, especially for this object

J. J. T. REESE,
J. J. L. SHERWOOD,
L. C. WILSON,
Committee.

On motion, appointed standing committees for next Association as follows:

EDUCATION.—J. C. Horton.
FOREIGN MISSIONS.—J. H. Farthing.
STATE MISSIONS.—J. B. Hopkins.
TEMPERANCE.—D. C. Harman.
PASTORAL SUPPORT.—J. J. T. Reese.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—A. Roten.
HOME MISSIONS.—J. J. L. Sherwood.
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.—W. S. Farthing.
PERIODICALS.—William Elrod.
OBITUARIES.—David Greene.
ORPHANAGE.—T. P. Adams.

Called on brethren appointed last year to visit sister Associations to report. Reports made.

On motion, agreed to receive the same as satisfactory.

Committee on Devotional Exercises announce that J. J. L. Sherwood will preach at the stand in the afternoon.

On motion, adjourned one hour.

At 1 P. M. the Moderator called the Association to order.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minute Fund	\$35 91
Foreign Missions	20 10
Orphanage	7 25
State Missions	35
Total	\$63 61

All of which has been turned over to the Treasurer.

T. P. ADAMS,
Chairman.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Received by baptism, 180; by letter, 126; restored, 30; dismissed by letter, 123; excluded, 51; deaths, 10. Membership: males, 965; females, 1,418; total, 2,378.

The letters show contributions:

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 99 58
Home Missions.....	2 55
State Missions.....	10 35
Baptist Orphanage.....	36 20
Poor.....	45 90
Minute Fund.....	35 91
Repairs.....	872 10
Other Objects.....	28 50
Incidental Expenses.....	146 95
Sunday Schools.....	77 97
Total Amount paid Pastors.....	645 58
Total of all amounts.....	\$2,008.49

The letters show an increase of 87 in membership, and a difference of \$1,008.04 in money paid for all objects.

J. F. DAVIS,
GEORGE ROTEN,
Committee.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Brethren, after all the efforts put forth by our Baptist Churches to give the Gospel to all our people in our bounds, there are some places destitute of the Gospel, as we believe it. Therefore we urge our ministers to look after these places. Also, we beg the Churches to help them preach the Gospel at these places during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FARTHING,
J. J. T. REESE,
L. C. WILSON,
Committee.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That this Association tender its most sincere thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their hospitality and entertainment given this Association during this session.

L. W. FARTHING,
G. P. SHERRILL,
Committee.

The Colporter, not being able to make his report, sends a verbal report as selling some books through the year.

On motion, continued W. S. Farthing as Colporter the next year.

On motion, agreed to pay the Clerk \$7.50 for his services, and that he superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

A motion to adjourn until time and place above mentioned. Prayer was offered by E. F. Jones.

JACOB YOUNCE, Clerk.

J. F. SPAINHOUR, Moderator.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

ANTIOCH—L. W. Farthing, E. M. Greer, Henry Glenn.
BETHEL—Lewis W. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, W. H. Farthing.
BEAVER DAM—G. P. Sherrill, J. J. T. Reese.
BEECH MOUNTAIN—W. M. Cannon, W. E. Trivett.
BIG LAUREL—Letter, but no delegate.
BOONE—W. C. Coffey, J. F. Spainhour.
BETHANY—Letter, but no delegate.
BRUSHY FORK—J. P. Hagaman, A. M. Trivett, W. W. Presnell.
COVE CREEK—F. M. Holtsclaw, T. P. Adams, J. J. Glenn.
COOL SPRING—T. L. C. Hartley, J. M. Hartley.
ELK KNOB—J. M. South, H. C. South.
ELK VALLEY—J. C. Bailiff.
FALL CREEK—G. W. Brown, J. H. Evans, W. B. Norris.
FLAT TOP—William Elrod, I. N. Corpening.
FOREST GROVE—Smith Hagaman, E. Gragg, J. M. Johnson.
GAP CREEK—J. B. Hopkins, L. P. Watson, J. W. Church.
HOWARD'S CREEK—E. J. Norris, J. W. McGhee.
LAUREL SPRING—R. W. Walker, W. R. Moore, L. B. McNeal.
LITTLE ZION (Col.)—Letter, but no delegate.
MEAT CAMP—L. A. Greene, Manley Greene, R. G. Ragan.
MOUNT CALVARY—R. T. Shomaker.
MOUNT GILEAD—G. W. Younce, J. W. Meadows.
PLEASANT GROVE—Zac. Adams, Alexander Hagaman, J. H. Mast.
PLEASANT VALLEY, N. C.—W. M. Hampton, David Hix, R. D. Gwynn.
PLEASANT VALLEY, TENN.—James Wheatly, Thomas Stout.
SOUTH FORK—John L. Tatum, W. H. McGuire.
SHULL'S MILLS—Harley Brown, J. D. Brown, J. C. Shull.
THREE FORKS—J. H. Brown, C. J. Cotrell, J. C. Horton.
ZIONVILLE—Solomon Vounce, A. Roten, George Roten.
ZION HILL—D. W. Hagaman, Elbert Stines.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God—Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by Grace.
4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will and ability.
5. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
6. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and all who are thus regenerated are born again by the Holy Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.
7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects of these ordinances, and that no action is baptism but immersion.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the torments of the wicked will both be eternal.

We believe that no minister has a right to administer these ordinances except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

HISTORICAL STATISTICAL SKETCH.

DATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.	MODERATORS.	SECRETARIES.	INTRODUCTORY PREACHERS.
1841	Three Forks	Isaiah Wilcoxon	Richard Gentry	
1842	Beaver Creek	Isaiah Wilcoxon	Richard Gentry	B. McBride.
1843	Roan's Creek	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	Richard Gentry.
1844	South Fork	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	B. McBride.
1845	Three Forks of the North Fork	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	R. P. Farthing.
1846	Bear Creek	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	Richard Gentry.
1847	Ebenezer	B. McBride	John Cook	Joseph Harrison.
1848	Three Forks, S. F.	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	B. McBride.
1849	North Fork	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	Richard Gentry.
1850	Gap Creek	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	B. McBride.
1851	Pine Grova	B. McBride	John Cook	Joseph Harrison.
1852	Cove Creek	B. McBride	John Cook	L. Hodges.
1853	Horse Creek	B. McBride	John Cook	J. A. Farthing.
1854	Old Fields	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	Jesse Farmer.
1855	Roan's Creek	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	A. C. Farthing.
1856	Antioch	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	L. Hodges.
1857	Meat Camp	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	J. A. Farthing.
1858	South Fork	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	John Cook.
1859	Three Forks, N. F.	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	Joseph Harrison.
1860	Bethel	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	Wm. Wilcoxon.
1861	Three Forks, S. F.	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	D. C. Harman.
1862	Gap Creek	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	A. C. Farthing.
1863	Ebenezer	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	J. A. Farthing.
1864	Cove Creek	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	R. P. Farthing.
1865	Mulberry	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	S. J. Farthing.
1866	Meat Camp	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	A. C. Farthing.
1867	Brushy Fork	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	D. C. Harman.
1868	Globe	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	L. L. Maples.

Three Forks Baptist Association.

HISTORICAL STATISTICAL SKETCH.—CONTINUED.

DATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.	MODERATORS.	SECRETARIES.	INTRODUCTORY PREACHERS.
1869	Bethel	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	Job Moore.
1870	Three Forks	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	D. C. Harman.
1871	Head of Yadkin	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	R. P. Farthing.
1872	Antioch	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	R. H. Moody.
1873	Meat Camp	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	T. F. Nelson.
1874	Mulberry	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	A. C. Farthing.
1875	Mount Zion	D. C. Harman	L. L. Green	D. C. Harman.
1876	Mount Pleasant	D. C. Harman	L. L. Green	J. W. Hall.
1877	Globe	D. C. Harman	L. L. Green	J. A. Farthing.
1878	Cove Creek	A. C. Farthing	Hiram McBride	D. B. Brown.
1879	South Fork	A. C. Farthing	Hiram McBride	S. J. Farthing.
1880	Pisgah	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	D. C. Harman.
1881	Brushy Fork	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	E. F. Jones.
1882	Flat Top	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	D. C. Harman.
1883	Mulberry	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	A. C. Farthing.
1884	Bethel	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	E. F. Jones.
1885	Three Forks	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	J. J. L. Sherwood.
1886	Laurel Spring	A. C. Farthing	J. J. T. Reese	I. W. Thomas.
1887	Beaver Dam	A. C. Farthing	J. J. T. Reese	J. M. Harman.
1888	Boone	A. C. Farthing	J. J. T. Reese	J. H. Farthing.
1889	Zionville	A. C. Farthing	Jacob Younce	David Greene.
1890	Three Forks	A. C. Farthing	Jacob Younce	C. E. Taylor.
1891	Mount Gilead	A. C. Farthing	Jacob Younce	J. J. L. Sherwood.
1892	Meat Camp	W. S. Farthing	Jacob Younce	J. F. Davis.
1893	Antioch	W. S. Farthing	Jacob Younce	J. H. Farthing.
1894	Gap Creek	J. F. Spainhour	Jacob Younce	C. Durham.

Three Forks Baptist Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST-OFFICES.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Sunday School Expenses.	Number of Quarterlies.	Contributions Baptist Orphanage.	Foreign Missions.
Antioch	L. W. Farthing, Watauga Falls	6	40	\$ 1 60	29		
Bethel	J. L. Grider and W. S. Farthing, Hattie	16	107	10 45	98	16 00	
Beaver Dam	W. J. Hagaman, Reese	7	50	5 10	75		
Beech Mountain	Jacob Younce, Dark Ridge	6	40	2 52	44		
Boone	W. C. Coffey, Boone		20				
Bethany	W. J. Farthing, Watauga Falls	4	30				
Brushy Fork	J. P. Hagaman, Vilas	6	35	5 00	75		
Cove Creek	Wiley Sherwood, Vilas	10	93	9 64	100		
Elk Valley	A. E. Norman, Hale	6	49	3 93	144		
Fall Creek	J. W. Trivett, Dark Ridge	6	50	1 60	30		
Flat Top	I. N. Corpening, Blowing Rock	3	20			1 50	13 00
Forest Grove	Hugh Hagaman, Sweet Water	5	50	1 75	20		
Howard's Creek	E. J. Norris, Sands	5	30	1 10	22		
Laurel Spring	Solomon Green, Virgil	9	101	1 45	45		
Little Zion (colored)	J. W. Moore, Sweet Water	3	85	80	15		
Meat Camp	L. A. Green, Norris	12	102	1 11			
Mount Calvary	J. C. Chapell, Banners Elk	6	41	2 00	39		
Mount Gilead	Solomon Younce, Beech Creek	9	76	5 92	51		
Pleasant Grove	Robert Perry, Silverstone	10	77	3 00	50		
Three Forks	W. M. Francum, Horton	8	50	2 00	60		
Zionville	A. Roten, Zionville	6	80	18 00	65		
Zion Hill	M. P. Edmison, Harman	4	35	5 00	80		
		152	1,261	\$ 81 97	1,042	\$ 17 50	\$ 13 00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST-OFFICES.	Ordained Ministers.	ADDED.			DISMISSED			MEMBERSHIP.			Licentiates.	Time of meeting Saturday and Sunday before.	
				Baptism.	Letter.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Males.	Females.	Total.			
Antioch	J. H. Farthing	W. D. Farthing, Watauga Falls		14	2	2	2	3	1	55	80	135		First.	
Bethel	A. C. Farthing	W. S. Farthing, Hattie	4	19	6		17		2	62	86	148		Fourth.	
Beaver Creek	David Greene	W. F. Reese, Reese	1		2		6		2	42	61	103		Second.	
Beech Mountain	R. L. Palmer	L. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge	2	16	3	2		8	1	45	75	120	1	First.	
Bethany	A. J. Harman	W. J. Farthing, Watauga Falls		1	2					4	7	11		Fourth.	
Big Laurel	Franklin Stanley	Hugh Hagaman, Grigsby	1				1	1		7	8	13		Fourth.	
Boone		W. L. Bryan, Boone										13			
Brushy Fork	E. M. Gragg	J. H. Presnell, Vilas	2	1	3	3		1	1	46	67	113		First.	
Cove Creek	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. J. Mast, Vilas	2	3	6	1	7		3	61	80	141		Third.	
Cool Spring	J. F. Eller	T. L. C. Hartley, Deck Hill	2		4	1	5	1		31	36	67		Second.	
Elk Knob	J. F. Dotson	J. M. South, Sutherland	1	7	1	2	3	10		17	26	43	2	Fourth.	
Elk Valley	R. L. Palmer	A. M. Johnson, Hale		1	2	1	4	2		26	37	63		Fourth.	
Fall Creek	J. W. Trivett	W. B. Norris, Hale	1	1	2					13	19	32		Second.	
Flat Top	David Greene	J. A. Edmiston		15	10	3		1	1	13	61	74		Third.	
Forest Grove	J. H. Farthing	Smith Hagaman, Sweet Water	1				3	1		21	38	59		Third.	
Gap Creek	I. C. Miller	J. B. Hopkins, Gap Creek					1			22	35	57		Second.	
Howard's Creek	J. H. Farthing	E. J. Norris, Sands			1	1	22	1	1	14	35	49		Fourth.	
Laurel Spring	S. T. Carroll	J. J. Brown, Virgil	2	35	11		7		1	67	88	155		Fourth.	
Little Zion (col.)	C. S. Farthing	J. W. Moore, Sweet Water	1	4	14					11	22	33		First.	
Meat Camp	David Greene	L. A. Green, Norris	2	8	3	1	1		2	42	86	128		First.	
Mount Gilead	J. F. Eller	J. W. Meadows, Norris, Tenn	1	5	4		9	6		45	54	99		Third.	
Mount Calvary	E. M. Gragg	B. F. Patterson, Banners Elk	1	2	1	1	3			12	16	28		Third.	
Mount Lebanon*	Edmond Green	J. D. Bryan, Valley Crucis								17	24	41		First.	
Pleasant Grove	David Greene	Robert Perry, Silverstone		11	8			3	1	60	43	103		Fourth.	
Pleasant Val'y, N.C.	W. J. Potter	D. C. Hicks, Elk Park		8	27					12	23	35		Fourth.	
Pleasant Val'y, Tenn	L. A. Wilson	John F. Reese, Osborn, Tenn								5	19	24		Second.	
South Fork	Wm. Wilcoxon	J. S. Stanbery, Todd, N. C.	1		2	1	2	6	1	39	62	101		Second.	
Shull's Mills	C. S. Farthing	J. D. Brown, Kelsey			2		5	2		9	8	17		Second.	
Three Forks	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. C. Brown, Sands		19	5	3	8			79	113	192		Second.	
Zionville	C. S. Farthing	A. Roten, Zionville		6	1	8	10	2	2	64	77	141		Fourth.	
Zion Hill	R. L. Palmer	D. W. Hagaman		2	4	4	3	5		38	54	92	3	Second.	
				27	180	126	30	123	53	19	979	1,439	2,430	6	

*Last year.

FINANCIAL

Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.
\$ 1 50	\$-----	\$ 1 00	\$-----	\$-----
2 25	10 00	-----	-----	-----
45	-----	-----	-----	-----
50	-----	-----	-----	-----
50	-----	-----	-----	-----