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# MECKLENBURG AND CABARRUS 

Baptist Association

HELD WITH

CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH.

CABARRUS OOUNTY,

October 17-19, 1895.


## PROCEEDINGS.

CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH,<br>Concord, N. C., Oct. 17, 1895.

The Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Baptist Association assembled in its Tenth Annual Session with the above named church, and was called to order by Dr. T. H. Pritchard, in the absence of Moderator Gresham. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Newton. Hymn, "Come thou fount of every blessing." On motion, committee consisting of Pastor and Deacons of this church, and Rev. A. W. Crabtree and Rev. W. J. W yatt were appointed on religious exercises. Also following committee was appointed on order of business, W. J. Wyatt, C. S. Davis and F. T. Beaty.

Roll of churches called and reported as follows:
Arlington-E. H. Williams, W. M. Connell, E. H. Hinson.
Tryon Street-Dr. T. H. Pritchard, I. W. Durham.
Clear Creek-L. A. Ferguson, T. L. Ferguson.
Cold Water-J. D. Smith, C. F. Faggot.
Concord-J. D. McLester, Jno. Clayton, J. H. Welch, W. S. Kimery, R. P. Lentz.

Chaney's Hill-No letter.
Hopewell--Barnet, Jno. Winecoff, W. H. McCoy.
Howell's-A. L. Howell, W. A. McCurdy, H. T. Stowe.
Independence Hill-E. N. Hinson, S. L. Davis, H. L. Helms.

Matthews-E. J. Funderburk.
Olivet-Rev. L. R. Pruett.
Wilson's Grove-A L. Pigg, W. H. Mullis.
Oak Grove-W. H. Lee, H. M. Monson, Andrew Neal.
Long Creek-M. W. Sanford, F. T. Beaty.
Pıne Hill-No letter.
Friendship-R. M. Walker, J. J. Payseur.
Committee on religious exercises reported as follows: Meet at $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m} .$, adjourn at will, and meet again at $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Report adopted. Committee continued. On motion adjourned till $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

FIRST DAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.
Opened by singing "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."
Committee on Order of Business reported as follows:
Thursday, 2 p. m.-Orphanage.
Thursday, $3 \mu$. m.-Ministers Relief Board.
Friday, 10:00 a. m.-Periodicals.
Friday, 11:00 a. m.-Ministerial Education.
Friday, 2 p. m.-State Missions.
Saturday, 10:00 a. m.-Foreign Missions.
Saturday, 11:90 a. m.-Home Missions.
Saturday, 2 p. m.-Sunday Schools.
Sermon at night during meeting of Association. Report adopted.

The following officers were elected: Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Moderator; I. W. Durham, Clerk; A. N. Hilson, Treasurer.

## REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Since our last Session the officers who manage our Orphanage have been changed. Our dear Bro. J. H. Mills, who is the founder and father of Orphanages in North Carolina, has been superceded by Rev. J. B. Boone, and the old Treasurer, Rev. W. S. Hall, by Bro. Ivy Allen. The organ of the Orphanage, "Charity and Children," has also passed into new hands, Bro. A. Johnson having been elected editor of the paper, and canvasser for it and the institution. The Orphanage is somewhat in debt, owing however, less than a thousand dollars, and the present managers express the hope that they will be able at no distant day to relieve it of this embarrassment. The farm andgardens have been productive the past season, the children have kept healthy generally. There are the usual number, between 123 and 130. The weather will soon be cold and these little unfortunates will need shoes and and thicker clothing to make them comfortable. This body begs leave to urge every Sunday School within its bounds to take up a collection for the Orphanage at least once a month. It gives your Committee pleasure to say that there is a church at the Orphanage for the benefit of the children and officers, and teachers, and that its spiritual condition is highly prosperous, 34 having been baptized during the year, with several others converted.
T. H. PRITCHARD.

Discussed by Dr. Pritchard, J. D. Newton, J. M. Ballard and J. O, Alderman, On motion, adopted.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS RELIEF.
This Board is located at Darham, N. C., and Rev. W. C. Tyree is president. Contributions to this object may be sent to him. There are thirteen of these worthy brethren who have worn themselves out in preaching the gospel, and also three widows of some of our dead preachers are being aided. There is no regularly organized home for these brethren, but they live in the home of friends or relatives, and receive from the Board $\$ 4$ to $\$ 5$ per month. Brethren let us take one collection for this purpose in our churches this year.

## J. D. NEWTON.

Discussed by J. C. Codell and Dr. Pritchard. On motion, adopted.

Chair welcomed visiting brethren J. M. Ballard and E. D. Teeter from other Associations; also Rev. T. W. Smith of the Methodist Church to the privileges of the Association.

Adjourned until 9:30 to-morrow.
Dr. Pritchard preached at night on Foreign Missions. Collections for Orphanage $\$ 3.73$

## SECOND DAY-MORNING SESSION,

After devotional exercises conducted by Bro. W.J. Wyatt, the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Chair welcomed Bro. G. W. Gower, from Green River Association. The Chair appointed the following committee on time and place of next meeting: T. C. Wilson, H. M. Helms and H. M. Munson. Committee on Obituaries, A. W. Crabtree, W. J. Wyatt and E. J. Funderburk.

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We think that in proportion as our people are informed voncerning the objects of our denominational work, just so will their zeal be increased and their contributions enlarged. To this end we would earnestly urge that our people take and read all the good literature possible. Let every family possible take the "Biblical Recorder" which for the past sixty years has been the organ of our convention, and which for all of these years has been a faithful exponent of Baptist principles and Baptist progress. We would also recommend the North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, and the Home Journal.

Discussed by J. C. Cadell, Dr. Pritchard, G. W. Gower and A. W. Crabtree. On motion the report was adopted.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock.

SECOND DAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.
The Chair appointed the following committees to report at next meeting on the following objects:

Periodicals--3. B. Richardson.
Foreign Missions--L. R. Pruitt.
Home Missions-J. J. Payseur.
Orphanage-A. L. Betts.
Ministers' Relief Board-C. Gresham.
State Missions-J. O. Alderman.
Sunday Schools-A. N. Hinson.
Finance Committee-E. H. Williams, W. M. Connell, L. A. Fergusom.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention-Rev. J. O. Alderman. Alternate, Rev. J. J. Payseur,

Delegates to Baptist State Convention-A. N. Hinson, I. W. Durham.

Rev. J. B. Boone, Superintendent of our Orphanage, was given opportunity and made statement showing the condition of the institution, and called attention to the needs of the same at this season of the year.

Friendship Baptist Church asked to umite with this Association. On motion said church was received and right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Wake Forest College is our college. It is doing a great work for the State in preparing young men for active life. But especially is this college doing a great thing for the denomination. It secures an intelligent lay membership; but especially it fits men for the work of the ministry. The Baptists are waking up to the need of more and deeper intelligence. There are some sixty young men at Wake Forest studying for the ministry, some thirty-five of them are poor and unable to pay their expenses. They look to us for support in this preparation, God is also looking to see what use we shall make of the means entrusted to us.

J. O. ALDERMAN.

Resolved, That E. J. Funderburk, C. Gresham, W. C. Dowd, T. J. Renfrow, A. N. Hinson, Eli Hinson and L. Medlin be appointed a Board of Trustees to secure suitable groperty in fee simple to them and to their successors for an Academy of high grade for the instruction of the boys and girls in our Association; provided, they do not bring this body in debt, and that these Trustees be instructed to organize and control said school and report in writing annually to this body. After a strong speech by Dr. Durham, the above report was adopted. Adjourned until 9:30 to-morrow.

## THIRD DAY-MORNING SESSION.

At 9:30 a. m. religious exercises were conducted by Rev. J. M. Ballard. At 10 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order under the head of miscellaneous business. The Association selected Matthews as the place for next meeting. Rev. J. O. Alderman was elected to preach the introductory sermon with Rev. A. L. Betts alternate. A committee consisting of Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Rev. L. R. Pruitt and Bro. I. W. Durham was elected to confer as to the advisability of changing the time of meeting and to report at the next session.

By order of the Association the executive committee elected last year, consisting of Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Rev. D. M. Austin, Rev. L. R. Pruett and Bro. C. Gresham, was with the addition of Bro. A. N. Hinson, decreed to be the sole executive committee of this body.

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of our Southern Baptist Convention means the co-operation of the churches in trying to supply the general destitution within the bounds of the convention and Cuba. We speak of this great work under five heads or departments, as follows:

1. The Negroes. This Board has ever tried to give the negroes religious instruction, realnzing that they have souls for which our blessed Saviour died, that they are among us to stay, that they are subject to the laws of our country, as well as to the protection of its government. The North and South are to unite in their efforts to educate and evangelize the negroes of the South.
2. The Indians. This work has been confined to the Indian Territory. The work has been a success, and marvelous the results. Their dress, manner of life, occupation, customs and general governments in many sections are about the same as our own, and it has been wrought mainly by the influence of the gospel, administered by the Home Mission Board. There are now in the Indian Territory 16 Associations, 301 churches, 13,844 church members.
3. The Foreign Population. These are the strangers among us who have come from other countries. Our friendly South invites them and they are coming by the thousands. The Home Mission Board reports that they have mission points among the Germans in Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri and Texas, and among the French in Missouri and Louisiani.
4. The Native White Population. There are between 17 and 18 millions of human beings, over twe-thirds of whom
are without a saving knowledge of God. After all, this is the main work of the Board. No work of the convention is more urgent and promising.
j. Cuba. This work now entirely under the direction of Bro. A. J. Diaz. He writes that his work is prospering as never before. The native missionaries to Cuba, E. Pendleton Jones, has returned on account of failing health. The work of this Board is great and pressing. They need $\$ 500,000$ for the fields already open. J. J. PAYSEUR.

The following brethren spoke to the report. Revs. J. J. Payseur, C. E. Gower, J. M. Ballard, J. O. Alderman. Pledges were made. The report was adopted.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" is the marching order of the Lord to his children. This takes in every nation on the globe. Acting under these instructions, the Baptists of England began this work over a hundred years ago, and ever since its organization the Southern Baptist Convention has been sending forth missionaries into China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico, Reports from these fields show that the Lord is with us in this work, and we have every reason to be encouraged and to devote more men and money to the prosecution of this the greatest enterprise ever projected by God or man. The fields are open and ripe unto the harvest; the laborers are ready and saying, send us, but alas, we have not the means to sustain them. It looks almost as though God had made it the specific work of North Carolina Baptists to educate and send out men and women to preach the gospel to the heathen-as we were the first denomination to send missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Yates, so we now have twice as many laborers in the foreign field as any other, though we regret to say that we are not contributing to this cause as liberally as our privileges demand. Over two millions of human souls have been won by the efforts of missionaries from the domain of heathenism to the domain of Christianity. More has been done within the past twenty-five years than in all the previous part of the century, and the outlook for the future is still more encouraging. We ought to thank God and take courage and to give more of faith and prayer, and time and money to this most glorious and beneficent cause.
T. H. PRITCHARD.

Discussed by Dr. Pritchard and Rev. J. D. Newton. Pledges were made and the report adopted.

Rev. J. J. Payseur called attention to the fact that the Adventists were trying to get possession of the Wilson Grove church house by buying a note for some $\$ 65.00$ against it. His effort to raise $\$ 50.00$ of this amount just here was successful. Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

## THIRD DAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convened at 2:30 o'clock.

## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Dr. Yates said the hope of the heathen world is in well organized and well trained churches at home. The number of new churches constituted in last conventional year were 48; number baptized by the missionaries, 1.542 ; and the number of missionaries 95 . God has graciously blessed the small contributions of His people to this department of our work. It is hoped that during the present year, the gospel of Christ will be preached in more than 600 destitute places and communities in our State. We should honor the men and their wives who are going into malarial districts of the East, the mountain sides and valleys of the West, toiling, suffering, and often dying, in order that the destitute families may hear the gospel. We should give our money and pray God's blessings upon the labors of our brethren who are standing at their posts, amid dangers, trials, sickness and persecutions, for the salvation of lost souls.
J. D. NEWTON.

Discussed by Dr. Durham in a very strong address, giving an encouraging repcrt of the work of the Sate Mission Board.

The subject having been previously discussed, pledges made and report adopted.

The Finance Commit'ee submitted its report which was adopted.

Dr. Pritchard submitted the following resolution which was, after discussion by himself, adopted:
"Resolved, That the good women, members of the churches of this Association. are urged to develop their usefulness by the formation of Women's Missionary Societies."

Dr. Pritchard read also the tollowing resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association here express its grateful appreciation of the long, valuable and very successfal services of Bro. J.H. Mills, as the founder of Orphanages in North Carolina, and the general manager of our Orphanage at Thomasville since its establishment.

T. H. PRITCHARD.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. J. O. Alderman.

## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath School is doing a wonderful work for the young people and the old people two, of this day. Therefore, we beg that the delegates will return to their churches and give their labors and their prayers to the upbuilding of this enterprise, as it develops the brain and cultivates the Christian spirit of the rising generation and is an efficient means of bringing many converts into the churches of Christ.
A. W. CRABTREE.

Discussed by Rev. J. J. Payseur, Rev. C. E. Gower, Dr. J. B. Richardson and Dr. T. H. Pritchard. Report ádopted.

Rev. J. D. Newton offered the following report which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered this church and community for the very kind hospitality which has been extended during this session.

Respectfully,

## J. D. NEWTON.

On motion of Rev. J. B. Richardson, any brother visiting a sister Association is authorized to report himself a messenger from this Association.

Dr. J. B. Richardson called attention to the Matthews High School and the importonce of education and the importance of patronizing our own schools. Dr. Pritchard spoke in commendation of Matthews High School.

God be with you till we meet again, was sung, while a general hand shaking lead by Dr. Pritchard was indulged in.

Adjourned to meet at Matthews.
I. W. DURHAM.

Clerk.
T. H. PRITCHARD, D. D., Moderator.
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