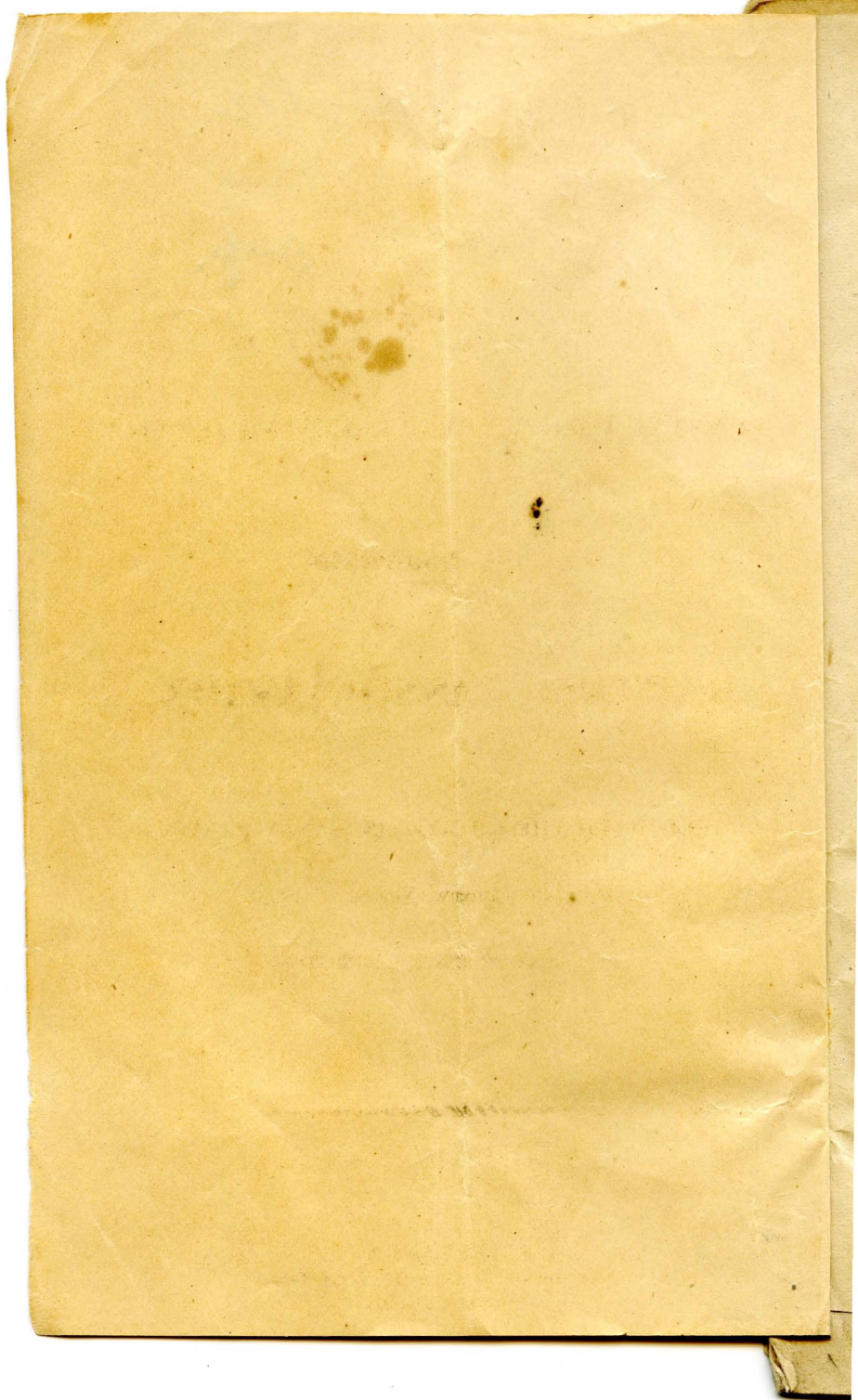


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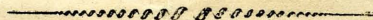
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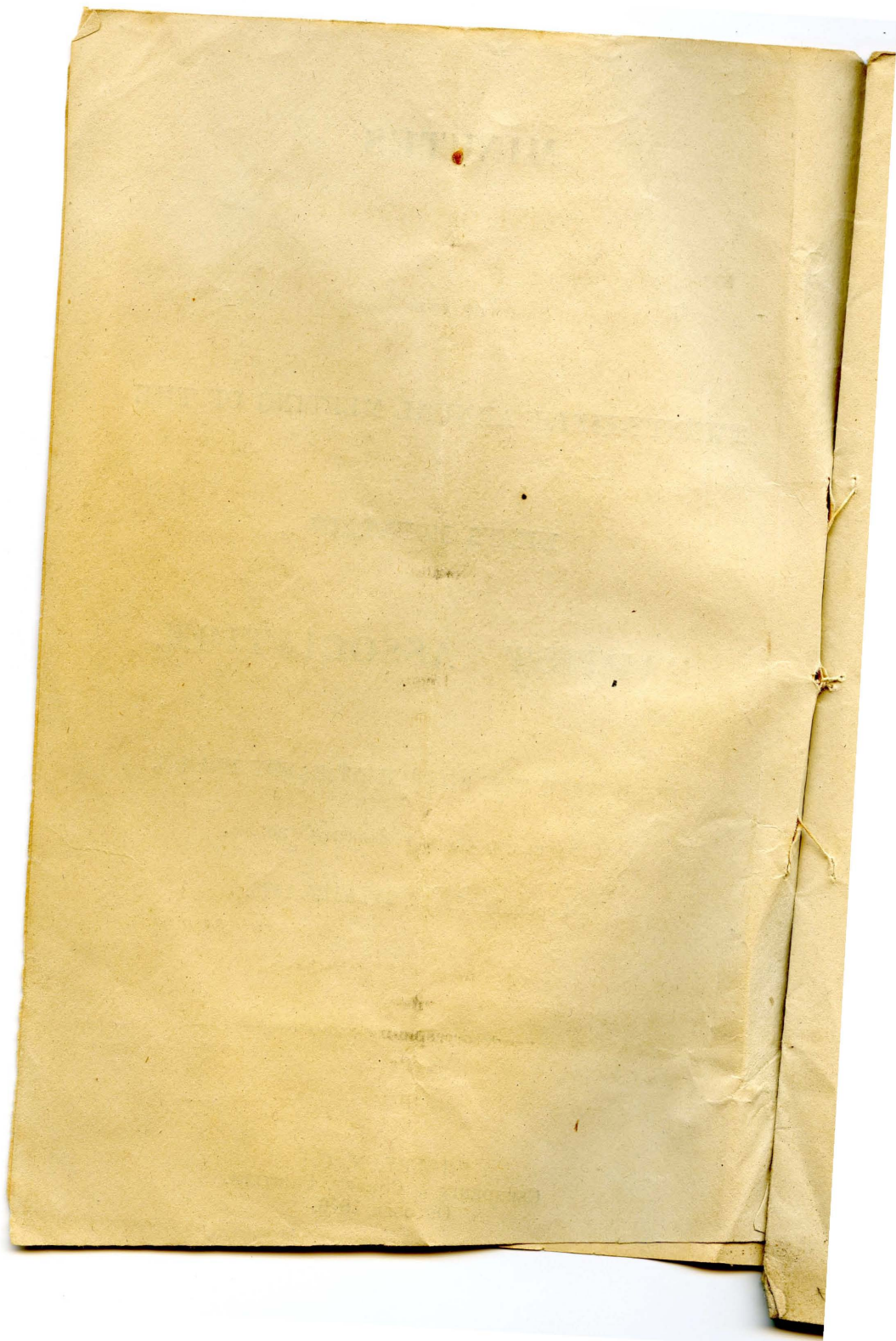
HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT SANDY PLAINS,

CLEVELAND COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,

September 22, 23, 24 and 25, 1876.



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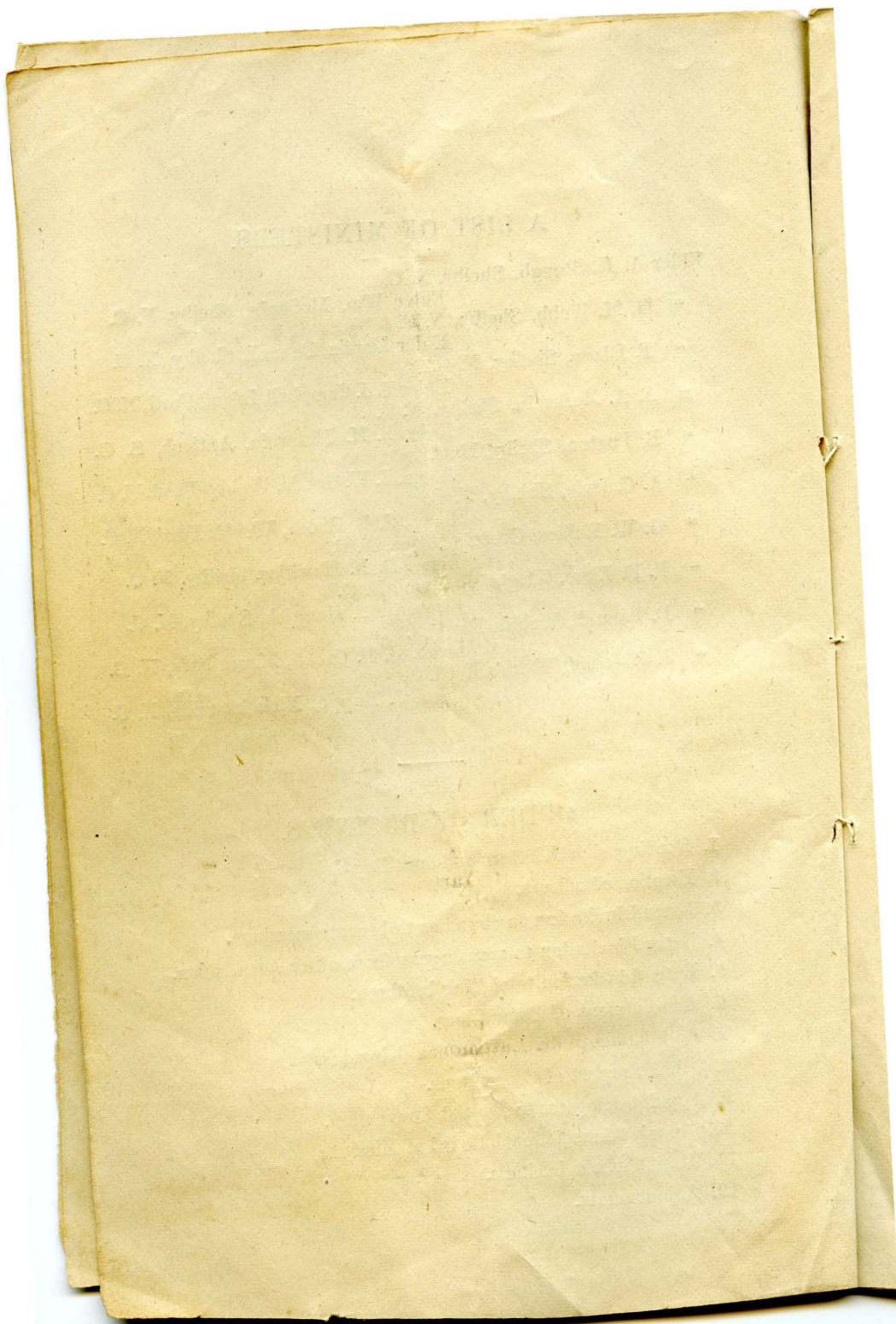


A LIST OF MINISTERS.

- Elder A. L. Stough, Shelby, N. C.
Elder Wm. McSwain, Shelby, N. C.
“ G. M. Webb, Shelby, N. C.
Elder Martin Pannell, Shelby, N. C.
“ T. Dixon, Shelby, N. C.
Elder T. J. Campbell, Island Ford, N. C.
“ A. A. McSwain, Shelby, N. C.
Elder L. H. McSwain, Antioch, S. C.
“ R. Poston, Shelby, N. C.
Licen. J. W. Goode, Webb's Ford, N. C.
“ A. C. Irvin, Shelby, N. C.
Licen. J. B. Green, Webb's Ford, N. C.
“ G. W. Rollins, Green's Grove, N. C.
Licen. R. N. Hawkins, Shelby, N. C.
“ P. R. Elam, King's Mountain, N. C.
Licen. G. P. Hamrick, Shelby, N. C.
“ D. Pannell, Webb's Ford, N. C.
Licen. B. P. Green, Mooresboro, N. C.
“ J. J. Jones, Webb's Ford, N. C.
Licen. J. Ruppe, Nicholsonville, N. C.
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading church letters and enrolling delegates.
2. Election of officers.
3. Extend invitation to churches to become members.
4. Extend invitation to messengers from other Association.
5. Extend invitation to visiting brethren.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Appointment of corresponding delegates.
8. Call for report of Committees.
9. Appoint delegates to Baptist Convention.
10. Appoint Associational Board of Missions.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Adjournment.



PROCEEDINGS.

SANDY PLAINS, Cleaveland county, Sept. 22, 1876.

The King's Mountain Association met according to adjournment.

The introductory sermon was preached by G. W. Rollins from Luke 24, 46-47.

After an intermission of half an hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator T. Dixon. Prayer by J. B. Richardson.

A. A. McSwain and B. H. Bridges were appointed as reading Clerks.

The churches were called and their letters read, and the delegates were enrolled as follows:

Sandy Run—G. W. Rollins, B. B. Harris, W. B. Stroud, W. B. Lovelace and M. D. Padgett.

Zion—A. C. Irvin, R. Posten, A. J. Irvin and J. D. Weathers.

Zoar—M. O. McEntire, A. R. Putnam, and A. R. Henry.

Double Springs—J. H. Yarboro, J. M. Bridges, D. A. F. Hamrick and C. B. Suttle.

New Bethel—W. A. Thompson, T. J. Dixon, J. M. London and J. Z. Falls.

Pleasant Hill—J. A. Roberts, W. A. J. Hamrick and M. L. Putnam.

Mt. Vernon—S. J. Weaver and J. A. Gladden.

Big Spring—J. C. Lattimore, Wm. Chitwood, and W. P. Witherow.

Bethlehem—P. R. Elam, L. M. Logan, Wm. Dixon and W. D. Patterson.

Olivet—Not represented.

Concord—W. H. Martin, Wm. Harrill and G. T. Bostie.

Thessalonica—Not represented.

Bethel—George Hamrick.

Mt. Sinai—L. H. McSwain and Starlin Weaver.

Mt. Pleasant—John Beason.

Beaverdam—N. S. Harrill, B. Hamrick and G. C. McSwain.

Watts—Jas. Robbins, C. Yelton and C. B. Walker.

Sandy Plains—A. Crowder, John Beam, Mc. Crowder and Jess. Walker.

High Shoals—J. M. Goode, J. B. Green, Wm. Walker and J. P. Burgess.

Mt. Paran—Columbus Wilson.

Mt. Harmony—J. A. Murray, W. J. Toney and J. W. Melton.

Boiling Springs—A. A. McSwain, R. N. Hawkins, B. H. Bridges and D. S. Lovelace.

Shelby—G. M. Webb, F. J. Lovelace and T. D. Lattimore.

Capernaum—Lewis Gardner and Martin Moss.

New Prospect—T. Dixon, J. L. Ledford, J. C. Hoyle, A. Beam and L. M. Ledford.

Mt. Zion—N. H. Moss and E. R. Wellman.

Antioch—W. C. Ethers and J. R. Dixon.

New Hope—J. R. Logan, R. E. Harrill, A. I. Borders and James Rippy.

Buffalo—R. E. Porter, I. W. Moore, W. D. Gaston and Jonathan Moore.

The Moderator appointed J. R. Logan, R. E. Harrill and B. H. Bridges as Tellers of the election of officers.

A motion was made that the Tellers retire to make up the ballot and that the body engage in religious exercises. Prayer by A. L. Stough.

The Tellers reported L. M. Logan elected Clerk and that T. Dixon had received a plurality of votes for Moderator, whereupon a motion was made to elect him by acclamation, which carried.

An invitation was extended to churches to become members of this body, but none presented.

A. L. Stough of York Association, S. C., and J. B. Richardson Cor. Sec. of Baptist Convention of N. C., were received as visiting ministers.

The Moderator announced the following committees.

Order of Business—G. M. Webb, G. W. Rollins, P. B. Elam and on motion Moderator and Clerk were added.

Religious Exercises—J. C. Lattimore, J. R. Logan, E. J. Lovelace and Pastor and Deacons of this church.

Missions—R. Poston, Jno. Beam and T. D. Lattimore.

Periodicals—A. A. McSwain, G. W. Rollins and J. M. Bridges.

Education—J. A. Roberts, J. R. Logan and J. L. Ledford.

On motion adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9½ a. m.
Prayer by P. R. Elam.

SATURDAY, 9½ a. m.

The Association met. Prayer by J. H. Yarboro.

A call was made for churches not represented yesterday and New Bethel responded.

The report of the committee on order of business was adopted.

The roll was called.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Clerk read Constitution, rules of Decorum and abstract of principles.

The Moderator announced that P. R. Elam and A. C. Irvin would preach at the stand.

A call was made for correspondents from Sister Associations and Elder H. D. Harrill was received from Green River.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator:

Finance—B. B. Harris, J. R. Dixon and W. A. J. Hamrick.

Union Meetings—N. S. Harrill, A. A. McSwain and J. P. Burgess.

Sabbath Schools—L. M. Logan, W. B. Stroud and G. T. B. sue.

Temperance—G. W. Rollins, W. P. Withrow, and M. L. Putnam.

Obituaries—P. R. Elam, A. Beam and M. Moss.

Time and place of next Meeting and Preachers to Preach stated Sermons—R. E. Porter, B. H. Bridges and J. C. Hoyie.

The Association agreed to elect preachers for to-morrow, and the Tellers retired to make up the ballot, and while they were, out religious exercises were conducted by H. D. Harrill.

The Tellers reported that J. B. Richardson was elected

to preach in the forenoon and A. L. Stough in the afternoon.

Committee on Missions reported as follows :

MISSIONS.

To be a christian is to have the spirit of missions, to follow Christ is to be a missionary. The first promptings of the regenerated heart indicate it, the love of Christ in our hearts constrains us to it, the life of our Lord enforces, and the Scriptures command it. Our State Convention is laboring for both State and Foreign missions.

STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board has now 9 missionaries employed at important points in North Carolina. One of these, brother Elam, is laboring $\frac{1}{2}$ of his time within the bounds of our Association.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board has, (beside many native heathen missionaries), in Africa two, in China at different points fourteen, in Italy two with several native preachers.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed all our missionary efforts. We are bound to go forward with this great work. We earnestly recommend to this Association to do more for missions than we have been doing—we can easily raise \$500 a year for missions, though we don't raise more than one-fifth of this amount now.

INDIAN MISSIONS.

We also commend the Indian mission to our churches—the Southern Convention has missionaries among the Indians, who are doing a great work among the red-men of the forest, who soon must become extinct, though the original owners of this country—should we not give them the Gospel—shall this race of the human family be destroyed by the white man, and that too without us giving them the Gospel? Funds contributed to any of these objects may safely be forwarded to John G. Williams of Raleigh, N. C., who is the Treasurer of our State Convention.

R. POSTEN, Chairman.

On motion adjourned for three-fourth hour.

AFTERNOON.

The Moderator announced that A. L. Stough and H. D. Harrill would preach at the stand this evening.

W. Hill was received as a visiting minister.

The committee on Periodicals reported and was adopted as follows:

1st. We recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, to the consideration of the brethren of the churches, composing the King's Mountain Association. In view of the large amount of invaluable reading matter contained in its columns, and the religious information it imparts to its readers; we would urge the importance of its reaching every family, for no Baptist should be without it. He who does not read the *Recorder* knows but little about what the Baptists are doing for the upbuilding of the cause of Christ, and the progress of Baptist principles in the State. In its different sections there may be gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit of which he has no knowledge.

2nd. We recommend to the Sabbath Schools *Kind Words* an invaluable little sheet for children. We would also recommend the *Orphan's Friend*, as a most excellent little paper for the little ones.

A. A. McSWAIN, Chairman.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet Monday at 9 a. m. Prayer by W. Hill.

SUNDAY.

J. B. Richardson preached at 10 a. m. Text, "The jailors conversion," 16th Acts.

After which G. M. Webb preached a mission sermon under an appointment of last year. There was a contribution made to be equally divided between State and Foreign missions amounting to \$52.51.

RECESS FOR ONE HOUR.

When the recess had expired A. L. Stough preached from 107 Psalm and 7 verse.

The word of truth was preached with power and demonstration of the Spirit by all the ministers, to a very large audience. Sinners were made to cry 'what shall I do to be saved,' and christians were made to feel that their afflictions, bereavements, &c., were brought upon them to keep them in the right way.

MONDAY.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by J. M. Bridges.

L. H. McSwain and N. H. Moss were announced as the preachers at the stand.

The roll was called.

The following committees reported and their reports were adopted.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING AND PREACHERS
TO PREACH STATED SERMONS.

That the next meeting of this Association be held with the church at Pleasant Hill 5 miles South East of Shelby, Cleveland county, N. C., on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1877, and that J. H. Yarboro preach the introductory sermon, A. C. Irvin alternate, P. R. Elam the missionary sermon, R. Poston alternate.

R. E. PORTER, Chairman.

EDUCATION.

The attention of the brethren has so often been called to this subject, that we scarcely know how to begin. Education we think should be encouraged by all Baptists—upon it depends to some extent the success of Baptist principles, and the spread of the Gospel. Education should receive more attention in our churches and neighborhoods, and higher schools under the care of Baptist teachers should be encouraged and patronized by the denomination—and brethren let us not forget Wake Forest, that college we believe has done more in extending and defending Baptist principles and for the spread of the Gospel, than perhaps all the other institutions in the State, let us then encourage and support that noble institution in every way we can. We would also call the attention of the brethren to the Boiling Springs Academy under the management of brother B H Bridges, he is known to us all, and merits our encouragement and support. We would specially recommend, that an effort be made to establish a female college, within our bounds, for we need educated women as well as men.

J A ROBERTS, Chairman.

On motion of G M Webb a committee of one from each church was appointed to make an effort to establish a female

college within the bounds of this association, and that the committee meet with the church at Shelby, N. C., on the 2nd Tuesday in December, 1876, to consider the matter. The committee is as follows :

W B Strout, Albert Weathers, Jacob Hogue, B B Blanton, W A Thompson, J A Roberts, J C Lattimore, P R H m, G T Bostic, George Hamrick, S Weaver, T D Scruggs, B Hamrick, J C Smart, M Crowder, Thomas Wilkins, P Sapoch, W J Toney, B H Bridges, C C Durham, John Wray, J L Ledford, E R Wellman, Hugh Borders, J R Logan, W D Gaston and S J Weaver.

The following committees reported and their reports approved.

UNION MEETING.

That the next Union meeting be held with the church at Boiling Spring commencing on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in Aug. 1877. N S HARRILL, Chairman.

A A McSwain, R Poston, J H Yarboro, G W Rollins, and T Dixon were appointed to attend above meeting.

OBITUARIES.

We feel thankful to God that amidst the reign of the King of terrors, He has been merciful to so many of us in sparing our lives, and taking so few of our brethren and sisters from us. Though we have to weep over the graves of some we once loved on earth, yet our loss is their gain. P R ELAM, Chairman.

ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD.

In consideration of the great destination of Baptist preaching in Gascon county, we recommended to the State Board of missions that preaching should be commenced at Dallas and Gastonia, two thriving towns, the first on the Chester and Lenoir R. R., and the second at the junction of said R. R. and the Air Line R. R. We also recommended to the Board, P R Elam, who agreed to preach one-fourth of his time for \$100. He was commissioned by them and commenced his work in March, 1876, and up to this time reports 21 sermons preached, 12 religious visits, 4 prayer meetings held, 274 miles traveled, also large congregations, good attention and interesting meetings. J JENKINS, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

Brethren we had almost concluded that the cause of temperance was on safe ground, our own observation and the report on this subject at our last annual meeting had encouraged us to believe

that we as Baptist were done with the trouble of distillers and venders in our churches, but alas! we learn this is not entirely true, but that the old enemy still lurks among us. Brethren this should not be so. in all earnestness we would recommend a continued reformation, let us not retrograde, but go on until we can say with assurance, that we neither make, buy, sell nor use as a beverage, intoxicating liquors—then and only then can we claim to be Temperance Baptist.

G. W. ROLLINS, Chairman.

FINANCE.

Minute fund,	\$49.50
State missions,	65.52½
Foreign missions,	45.52½
Education,	14.00

Total, \$174.55

B B HARRIS, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

There are only six schools reported this year, the committee on Sabbath Schools last year appealed to the churches, to organize and report this year to this Association. Is it true that there are so few of our churches that are imparting religious instruction to the rising generation, or have they schools, and have failed to report them? If so, we would again urge the importance of organizing schools in all of our churches. There has been a Sunday School Convention organized within the bounds of our Association and we would recommend that all the schools of the churches send delegates to its next session which meets with Bethlehem school, 10 miles south east of Shelby, on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in October, 1876.

L. M. LOGAN, Chairman.

On motion the clerk was authorized to pay P R Elam \$45, for a portion of his services rendered as missionary, and to apply all moneys coming into his hands, as sent up by the churches. Also the amount in hands as an error from last year (\$7.50) be applied to State missions.

Appointed the following as correspondents to Sister Associations :

Broad River—P R Elam and W B Lovelace.

Green River—J H Yarboro, A A McSwain, J M Bridges and G M Webb.

Catawba River—P R Elam.

York—L H McSwain, A A McSwain and P R Elam.

The following were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention :

G M Webb, T Dixon, G P Hamrick, James Y Hamrick, A M Lovelace, A C Dixon, W B Lovelace, E J Lovelace, B H Bridges, G

W Rollins, J H Yarbboro, W A Thompson, P R Elam, A C Irvin, A L Stough and A A McSwain.

On motion the old Associational Board was relieved, and the following were appointed to constitute the new Board: J R Logan, J Jenkins, R E Porter, T Dixon and L M Logan.

On motion the churches were instructed to pay any moneys they may contribute during the coming year to the Associational Board.

On motion the Queries from Zoar church were answered: 1st. Who are the Eldership of the church? The Ministers. 2nd. How long ought a church to bear with a member who obtains a letter and keeps it in his pocket and does not present it to another church? Not more than 12 months.

On motion the resolution of W A Thompson was adopted as follows: *Resolved*, That we earnestly solicit the representatives of the churches which compose this body, to lay the cause of missions before their respective churches monthly, and make a united effort during the next Associational year, for all the objects of the denomination, that a more powerful impetus be given them, than in days past. Let this information come up in your Associational letters.

On motion of A A McSwain the following was adopted: *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered the brethren, sisters and friends of this neighborhood for their self-sacrificing efforts, and their great success, in entertaining the delegates and visitors of this body.

On motion the clerk was authorized to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and retain \$10 of the minute fund for compensation.

On motion adjourned to meet with the church at Pleasant Hill, 5 miles South East of Shelby, N. C., on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1877.

T. DIXON, Moderator.

L. M. LOGAN, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Sabbath of Preaching.	Recd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Total.	Amount for Minutes.	Amount for State Missions.	Amount for For- eign Missions.	Amount for Education.
Fandy Run,	Moresboro,	G. W. Rollins,	W. B. Lovelace,	3rd,	6	2	6	2	6	217	3 00	5 00	
Zion,	Shelby,	A. C. Irvin,	A. J. Irvin,	1st,	9	2	2	3	1	159	2 43		
Zoar,	"	G. M. Webb,	Jacob Horne,	3rd,	1		11		117	2 00	5 00	8 00	
Double Springs,	"	W. Hill,	W. W. Bridges	2nd,	7	1	8		153	1 50	1 27½	1 27½	
New Bethel,	Gardner's Ford,	T. Dixon,	R. T. Ford,	3rd,	31	10	1	2	2	213	2 00	6 75	
Pleasant Hill,	She by,	G. M. Webb,	J. A. Roberts,	1st,	24			2	1	190	1 45	3 10	3 10
Mt. Vernon,	Hull's X R'ds Lincoln co.	G. J. Wilkie,	S. J. Weaver,	3rd,	4	1			58		83	1 00	
Big Spring,	Duncan's creek,	G. W. Rollins,	J. O. Gettys,	2nd,	2	3	3	1	99	1 50	5 50	5 50	
Bethlehem,	King's Mountain,	P. E. Egan,	P. M. Gardner,	2nd,	3	7	1		195	2 10	10 00	7 00	
Olivet,													
Concord,	Webb's Ford,	G. W. Rollins,	A. L. Smart,	1st,	8	4	2	1	1	106	2 00	5 00	5 00
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Bethel,	Webb's Ford,	J. J. Jones,	D. N. Hamrick,	2nd,	3		7	1	73	1 00			
Mt. Sinai,	Fewsville,	L. H. McSwain,	Sylvie,	3rd,	11	2	3	6	1	78	1 00		
Mt. Pleasant,	Nicholsonville,	J. M. Bridges,	J. D. Starnans	2nd,	8	2	11	1	161	1 00			
Beaver-dam,	Shelby,	G. M. Webb,	J. T. Harrell,	4th,	19	8	1	7	1	182	2 20	1 60	1 60
Walls,	Oak Springs,	R. Posten,	Jno Smart,	4th,	2	3	3	3	130	1 30			
Sandy Plains,	New House,	R. P. Stan,	J. Bean,	3rd,	8	7	1	3	1	171	1 45		
High Shoal,	Webb's Ford,	G. W. Rollins,	J. P. Burgess,	4th,	11	5	2	1	3	214	1 65	2 50	2 50
Mt. Paran,	Whitaker's Station,	S. C. A. A. McSwain,	G. Wilson,	3rd,			2	1	8	5	4	98	1 00
Mt. Harmony,	Rutherford,	J. M. Bridges,	J. W. Murray,		4		13	5	5	108			
Bohaz Springs,	She by,	W. Hill,	D. S. Lovelace,	1st,						2 00	3 50	1 60	
Shelby,	"	A. L. Slough,	T. K. Barnett,	*	8	15	2	7	2	1	138	2 30	6 25

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Mt. Zion,
Antioch,
New Hope,
Buffalo,

Buffalo Paper Mills,
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Caryville,
Antioch, S. C.
Shelby,
Black Station, S. C.

G. M. Webb,
T. Dixon,
A. C. Irwin,
J. G. Carter,
T. Dixon,
T. Dixon,

Thos. Kendrick, 2nd,	40	8	4	5	4	133	1 80	3 30	3 30	5 00
J. C. Doyle, 1st,	1	2	8	2	3	303	2 50	5 75		
J. L. Moss, 4th,	12	4	1	3	77	1 75			1 75	
J. R. Dickson, 1st,	11	4	7	2	2	263	2 15			
J. R. Logan, 2nd,	25	8				195	3 05			4 00
Wm. Hambrick, 4th,	38	7	4	2	3	344	3 50			
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* Preaching every Sabbath.

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