

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
MECKLENBURG AND CABARRUS
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH
Howell's Baptist Church,
Bost Mills, N. C.

October 13, 14 and 15, 1898.

The next session to be held with Friendship Baptist Church, Lodo, Mecklenburg county, N. C., on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1899. Introductory sermon by
REV. L. R. PRUETT.



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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR—Rev. J. J. Payseur, Concord, N. C.

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Rev. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte, N. C.

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—Hunnycutt, Concord, "

W. M. Johnson, Matthews, "

J. F. Morris, Stanley Creek, "

L. R. Pruett, Charlotte, "

J. J. Payseur, Concord, "

J. L. Shinn, Moresville, "

J. S. Snider, Wingate, "

W. T. Talbirt, Concord, "

T. B. Phillips, Charlotte, "

PROCEEDINGS.

Howell's Baptist Church, October 13, 1898.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association met in the 13th annual session at Howell's Baptist Church and was opened by singing "There is a Fountain," and prayer by Rev. J. C. Caddell; after which the roll of the churches was called and delegates reported as follows :

Arlington—E. H. Hinson and L. I. Lipe.

Tryon Street—I. W. Durham, W. F. Dowd, J. A. Durham.

Clear Creek—J. D. Helms, N. J. Ferguson.

Cold Water—L. A. Talbirt, L. M. Fisher, J. D. Smith,

Concord—J. J. Payseur, J. D. McLester, J. W. Welch, W. J. Black Jessie Parker, J. R. Hinson.

Chaney's Hill—Thos. Faulk.

Hopewell—F. A. Hawkins.

Howell's—Jesse Green, Callie Dorton, J. S. Joyner.

Independence Hill—C. S. Davis, J. R. McCurdy.

Matthews—Geo. V. Renfrow, Dr. Massey, Rev. J. S. Snider.

Olivet—Rev. S. F. Conard, C. S. Holton, C. Gresham.

Wilson's Grove—W. G. Thomas, Jno. T. James.

Long Creek—Rev. J. L. Shinn.

Newells—W. C. Anstin, L. A. Barbee, Rev. J. W. Snider.

Friendship—J. T. Mitchell, Wilson Springer.

Twelfth Street—Not represented.

Phaniels—J. M. Funderburk, D. L. Eddleman.

Pleasant Plain—W. S. Paxton, J. L. Shannon, B. F. Shannon.

Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.

Rock Hill—H. L. Helms, R. A. Christenberry, Rev. A. N. Hinson, A. D. Crisco.

Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. J. Payseur, from Heb. 2:3. He preached a very stirring missionary sermon.

On motion the following officers were elected: Moderator, J. J. Payseur; Clerk, C. J. Black; Treasurer, C. S. Holton.

The moderator welcomed corresponding messengers Rev. R. H. James, of the Union Association, and Rev. E. P. Harrington, of the Stanley Association, also Bro. J. C. Caddell, of the "Recorder."

The chair then appointed a committee on order of business, consisting of Rev. S. F. Conard, W. F. Talbirt, J. S. Welch.

C. J. Black, pastor of Howell's church, in a few remarks, cordially welcomed the Association to the church and community, and especially to the heavily laden tables in the grove.

Association adjourned for dinner. Benediction by Rev. S. F. Conrad.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After partaking of the bounties prepared by the good sisters, the Association reassembled. After singing "Nearer My God to Thee" and prayer by Rev. A. N. Hinson, the order of business was then taken up.

The chair appointed the clerk to report on periodicals.

Rev. James made an encouraging report from the Union Association, stating that they were doing a grand work for the Master in the Wingate School.

The chair then called for the executive board's report, but they failed to respond, and the report was

then called for from the missionaries. Rev. Shinn arose and gave a thrilling account of his work at Mooresville, Davidson and Huntersville, and recommended the purchase of a lot at Davidson and also at Huntersville where the prospects are bright and encouraging; a lot has already been donated there and the material to build a house partially obtained. Bro. F. A. Hawkins also made some appropriate remarks in regard to the work at Davidson, showing how much they need a house at Davidson. Bro. H. L. Helms and A. N. Hinson spoke encouragingly of the work at Rock Hill. Bro. Talbirt spoke of the growth of Wilson's Grove, and Rev. S. F. Conrad made a stirring speech on State Missions and recommended that the Association manage her own affairs, but was opposed by Rev. C. S. Holton, who stated that we received more than we gave. His statement was corroborated by that of Bro. J. C. Caddell, who spoke of the judicious distribution of funds by the State board.

The chair noticed Rev. Stringfield and A. Johnson, of "Charity and Children," and invited them to seats in the Association. Rev. Stringfield replied by stating that he was the happiest man alive and that he was more than glad to be here.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Rev. Talbirt arose and sadly stated that there were many reports being circulated relative to A. W. Crabtree's character, and that the church was taking no action. On motion the following committee was appointed to report to the Association to-morrow: S. F. Conrad, C. S. Davis, A. Johnson. The chair appointed brethren J. T. Mitchell, J. D. McLester and S. F. Conrad committee on time and place; J. L. Shinn, C. J. Black and I. W. Durham nominating committee; J. R. McCurdy, H. L. Helms and C. Gresham, finance committee.

SECOND DAY.

Opened with devotional exercises conducted by Bro. Stringfield, who made a nice little talk on "Yoke Wearing," after which the moderator called the Association to order and read the full report on order of business.

On motion it was adopted.

REPORT OF ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage has just closed a year of great prosperity. A gracious Providence has cared for the health of the officers and children. Though a severe epidemic of measles has prevailed, only one child died from the disease. One has died from heart disease and one from dropsy.

Since the last session of this body many valuable improvements have been made. The central or school building has been completed, at a cost of more than \$5,000. During the past year this has been occupied and found admirably suited to the purpose for which it was erected. By means of this building the superintendent has been enabled to grade the school properly, and thus to have the children more thoroughly taught. And, too, the congregating of the children into this building for instruction, has opened for sleeping rooms the rooms heretofore used for school rooms. The trustees have thus found themselves in a position to admit a larger number of orphans than the original plan of buildings permitted.

A home for the general manager—certainly an urgent need—is in process of erection. He and his wife have heretofore been housed in the infirmary, an inconvenient arrangement, especially in case of epidemic disease raging. The treasurer's report shows that the sum of \$800 has been contributed for this building, though twelve hundred dollars were sub.

scribed at the last session of the Baptist State Convention.

A new printing press and general outfit for "Charity and Children" have been secured at a cost of several hundred dollars. A marked improvement in the general make-up—the mechanical part—of the paper has been observed by all. It is carefully edited, and is in all respects admirably filling its sphere. The treasurer's report shows that the receipts from subscriptions and advertising have exceeded the expenses by \$450.

The Orphanage owns a farm of over three hundred acres of fairly valuable land. The products of this farm for the last year are estimated to be worth \$1,282. The total expenses of making the crop were \$649.45, leaving a net profit of \$632.55.

The total receipts in money and in kind for the past year reached the magnificent sum of \$13,871.05—the largest of any year in the history of the Orphanage. A part of this was used to pay off the debt on central building—a part, \$1,000, was legacy from Dr. R. D. Fleming's estate—and \$9,016 were used to clothe, feed and teach one hundred and sixty children—making the average cost per head \$56.00. And your committee begs to assure this body that this sum wisely used has been found sufficient to maintain in a very comfortable style the orphan children under the care of this institution.

COMMITTEE.

Report on Orphanage was discussed by Rev. A. Johnson in a strong and effectual address, after which a cash collection was taken, amounting to \$8.59. On motion the report was adopted.

The chair at this time welcomed Rev. J. S. Snider, of the Union Association.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

No longer can we disregard the education of our

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children. "Ignorance is the mother of vice," while education is the hand-maid of Christianity. We earnestly urge the people to make greater use of the public schools by securing more efficient teachers. We hope that the day will soon come when the money now appropriated for higher education may be turned into the public schools. We heartily commend the establishment of an Associational High School to be located at some central point within this Association, and that a committee be appointed at this session of the Association to make suitable arrangements for its establishment. We heartily endorse Wake Forest, the grandest institution in North Carolina.

J. L. SHINN.

Discussed by J. C. Caddell, for ministerial education, and Rev. Stringfield for female education. Bro. J. S. Snider, of the Wingate School, and C. J. Black, of Big Lick Academy.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Associational school question was brought up at this point and was discussed with much interest by Rev. Stringfield, J. S. Shinn and W. C. Dowd.

The following motion was made :

Resolved, That a board of trustees, consisting of five members, be appointed; whose duty will be to purchase a lot and build a house for an Associational High School. Also, that they shall be empowered to employ teachers and take the general oversight of said school.

J. S. SHINN.

On motion it was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This department is to give the Gospel to the destitute portions of the territory within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention and the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico. The conclusion of the war with

Spain opens up new fields. Let us realize what this new opportunity is and hasten to occupy this new territory by sending men and money to this new field full of such great possibilities. COMMITTEE.

Discussed by J. C. Caddell. On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Every person engaged in the Lord's work ought to read religious literature, no one can attain any great degree of success without reading. As church members, we ought to read the Biblical Recorder and North Carolina Baptist; as Sunday-schools, we ought to read Charity and Children and Foreign Mission, Home Mission and Sunday-school journals. Without such we are exposed to the various heresies our country is now being filled with. Discussed by C. J. Black, S. F. Conrad; (C. J. Black giving mormonism a black eye)—and J. J. Payseur.

The report of the committee on the Arlington case was called for but did not respond on account of Rev. Johnson being absent. The committee asked for another man and Rev. Shinn was appointed.

The nominating committee made the following report: We recommend the Association to keep the same executive board with the addition of Rev. W. A. Morgan.

The report on finance was called for and read by Rev. J. R. McCurdy. Association adjourned. Benediction by Rev. W. T. Talbirt.

THIRD DAY.

Opened by singing a song and reading the 14th chapter of John, and a short talk by moderator.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

There is now about thirty aged and wornout servants of God depending on this Board for their daily

bread. The Board is now calling upon the Baptists of North Carolina for funds with which to care for these needy ones. Brethren, let us heed the call and respond at once.

—W. T. Talbirt.

Discussed by W. T. Talbirt and R. H. James. Pledges were called for and promptly responded to. On motion, report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Master said: The field, when the word of truth is sown is the world. In his great command, Mark 6: 16, He said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." In Matt. 28: 19, 20, He says, "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth; go ye, therefore, and teach all nations." From these facts, we see that there is unity in missions. The work at home and abroad has the same great end in view; namely: The evangelization of the world, and the bringing of all classes and conditions of men to the acceptance of Christ.

To say we do not believe in Foreign Missions is practically saying we not believe Christ meant all mankind in the great command which we have quoted.

—S. F. Conrad.

Discussed by S. F. Conrad, J. J. Payseur, Joel S. Snider and R. H. James. Pledges were taken and on motion the report was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The majority of the active and most useful members in our churches to-day were in the Sunday-school fifteen to twenty years ago. The future church is in the Sunday-school to-day, to a very great extent, hence the importance of the work. If you love your churches you are compelled to love and labor for the Sunday-school. It is the hope of the future church.

Committee.

Discussed by C. J. Black, H. L. Helms and F. A. Hawkins. On motion the report was adopted.

The minutes of the Association were read and adopted, after which the moderator read the following appointments to report at next Association:

State Mission—J. L. Shinn.

Home Mission—Cary Dowd.

Orphanage—A. C. Barron.

Education—C. Gresham.

Sunday School—L. R. Pruett.

Minister's Relief—S. F. Conrad.

Periodicals—I. W. Durham.

Moderator appointed the following delegates to the State Convention: L. R. Pruett, C. J. Black, J. L. Shinn, W. T. Talbirt, J. S. Snider and J. A. Durham.

On motion the place of meeting was changed from Independence Hill to Friendship.

REPORT ON ARLINGTON CASE.

Your committee would respectfully submit the following report and recommendations:

First, That there has been a long agitation in the Arlington church for four or five years, of which A. W. Crabtree has been the cause.

Second, That the peace and prosperity has been very greatly damaged and retarded as a result of this agitation and trouble.

Third, That the facts as brought before the committee are of such a nature as to justify us in saying that Rev. A. W. Crabtree's conduct and deportment has been unbecoming that of a minister of the Gospel, and that he is unworthy of the confidence and fellowship of his brethren; we, therefore, recommend that the Association withdraw their fellowship from him as a gospel minister, and that Arlington church, of which he is a member, ask for his credentials and withdraw their fellowship from him. That a committee be appointed to lay this report before the church and report their action at the next session of the Association.

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Committee on same:

C. S. Holton, J. S. Snider, L. A. Talbirt, S. F. Conrad, J. L. Shinn and C. S. Davis.

On motion a copy of same was to be placed in the Recorder and North Carolina Baptist.

Song and benediction by S. F. Conrad.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by moderator.

Report of nominating committee on trustees for Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Associational School—W. C. Dowd, L. R. Pruett, J. A. Durham, J. R. McCurdy and J. L. Shinn.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Never, before, has there been such an opening for great work for the Lord in North Carolina as to-day. Our Association is the greatest mission field in all North Carolina. The State Mission Board has helped our Association at Charlotte, Friendship, Long Creek, Concord, Huntersville, Davidson and other places. At all of these places there has opened great work, and they are very encouraging. Our Association should rally to the work. The Board gives to our Association more than twice as much as we give to State missions.

—J. J. Payseur.

Discussed by J. J. Payseur, J. L. Shinn and S. F. Conrad, giving mormonism her dues, after which a cash collection was taken, amounting to \$3.20. On motion the report was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Resolution of thanks by moderator:

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to this church and community for their kind treatment and entertainment of this body. On motion it was adopted.

After the report of the treasurer it was announced that Rev. Conrad would preach on the morrow.

Benediction by Rev. Conrad, and adjournment.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

PAID IN THIS YEAR

PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR

CHURCHES,	PAID IN THIS YEAR				PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR				Total.						
	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions:	Education.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Relief.	Minutes.	Total.		Orphanage.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Ministers Relief.
Arlington	2 00	1 50	1 50				1 30	6 30		3 75	50	75	75	25	6 00
Tryon Street	50 00	2 15	90 90	20 00	67 65		3 00	446 55		3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	11 00
Clear Creek	3 00	3 00	3 00				85	9 85	1 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	22 00
Cold Water	7 00	3 00	3 00		3 00	1 00	1 00	18 00	3 50	7 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	22 00
Concord	25 00	13 00	10 00		41 00	11 00	2 00	114 00	36 00	25 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	101 01
Chaney's Hill	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00		1 00	5 00	50	1 00	1 00	50	50		3 50
Hopewell	4 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	8 44	3 50	1 00	25 87	5 00	4 00	3 00	3 50	3 50	3 50	22 50
Howell	3 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	2 50	1 00	50	14 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	1 50	1 00	13 50
Independence Hill	4 00	1 75	1 75		1 00		85	9 35	5 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	17 00
Matthews	15 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 60	45 60	5 00	15 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	44 00
Olivet	25 00	25 00	8 75		4 90		1 41	65 06	10 00	25 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	60 00
Wilson Grove	2 00	1 10						3 10	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	6 00
Long Creek									5 00	6 00	2 00	3 00	2 00		18 00
Nervells									2 60			1 00		1 00	4 50
Friendship	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	2 00		50	9 50	5 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	18 00
12th Street	10 00	5 50	5 00					20 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	2 50		22 50
Phaniels						1 00	65	4 65	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	8 00
Rock Hill	2 50	2 00	2 50	1 50	1 00		1 00	10 50	2 50	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	9 50
Pleasant Plains	2 00	2 00	2 00	69	50	50	1 00	8 69	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	6 50
Mt. Pleasant	1 00	25	50	25				2 00	50	50	50	50	50	50	3 00
Davidson									5 00	2 00			1 00		8 00
Huntersville									5 00	2 00			1 00		8 00
E H, Hinson									1 00	1 00			1 00		3 00
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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES,	SUPT'S. AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Number Scholars	No. Officers & Teachers	Total	Quar- terlies Taken	Contri- butions	Months Open	Vol's in Library
Arlington	F. M. Hirson, Arlington	40	5	45	10	5 00	12	
Tryon Street	I. W. Durham, Charlotte	150	22	172	1640	144 35	12	300
Clear Creek	H. W. Pigg, Brief	57	8	65	372	1 17	12	
Cold Water	L. A. Talbirt, Concord	40	6	46	36	2 00		
Concord	L. C. Wilson, Concord	298	24	322	239	1 80	12	
Chaney's Hill								
Hopewell	B. F. Rollins, Huntersville	35	6	41	50	6 00	12	50
Howell	A. L. Howell, Furr's	75	6	81	75	8 00	12	
Independence Hill	J. L. Cashion, Croft	20	5	25	20	1 80	12	
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	100	9	109	150	11 50	12	
Olivet	T. S. Faulkin, Charlotte	42	8	50	50	60 00	22	
Wilson Grove	W. G. Thomas, Hornett	24	2	26		75		
Loug Creek								
Nervells								
Friendship	B. J. Mitchell, Lodo	45	7	52	75	6 00	12	
12th Street	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	150	16	166	100	50 00	12	
Phanels	J. L. Yost, Yost	102	15	117		76		
Rock Hill	J. R. Atkins, Concord	45	8	53	108	3 00	12	
Pleasant Plains	W. T. Paxton, Matthews	30	6	36	65	6 00	12	
Mt. Pleasant								
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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES,	Pastors and Their Post Offices.	Pastor's Salary.	Clerks and Their Post Offices.	Added.			Decreased.			Present Membership
				Baptisms.	By Letter.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Total.	
Arlington	J. M. Ballard Deolite			6	2	8	7	3	2	151
Tryon Street	A. C. Barron, Charlotte	2 000	A. W. Crabtree, Arlington	21	30	51	22	2	24	451
Clear Creek	R. H. James, Reuben	50 L.	A. Durham, Charlotte					3	1	85
Cold Water	J. J. Payseur, Concord	60 L.	A. Talbirt, Concord	3	2	5	2		2	69
Concord	J. J. Payseur, "		C. W. Hopkins, Concord	30	41	71	12	6	2	298
Chaney's Hill	E. L. Teeter, Loust		S. Faulk, Brief							48
Hopewell	W. J. Wyott	150		1	10	1	12	1	1	128
Howell	C. J. Black, Big Jack	45 D.	W. Garmon, Furrus	12	2	14	1	12	2	84
Independence Hill	J. L. Shinn, Mooresville	50 J.	R. McCurdy, Eastfield	200	1	201	5	5	10	54
Matthews	J. L. Snider, Wingate	200 T.	J. Renfrow, Matthews	14	4	22	2	3	5	144
Olivet	F. S. Conrad, Charlotte	600 T.	S. Faulklin, Charlotte	9	13	22	33	1	1	149
Wilson Grove	W. T. Talbirt, Concord	25 J.	T. Griffin, Matthews	2	1	3	2	2	4	56
Long Creek	J. L. Shinn, Mooresville									
Nervells	J. W. Snider, Matthews									
Friendship	A. M. Ross, King Mt	60 J.	T. Mitchell, Lodo							43
12th Street	L. R. Pruett, Charlotte	300 W.	M. Lyles, Charlotte	12	47	59	15	1	1	151
Phaniels	W. T. Talbirt, Concord	35 J.	M. Funderbark, Rimer					4	4	37
Rock Hill	*A. N. Hinson, Croft	12 A.	C. Chisco, Conc. rd	19	7	2	38	1	4	80
Mt. Pleasant	J. J. Payseur, Concord	12 H.	T. Johnson, Mt. Pleasant					7	7	7
Davidson	J. L. Shinn, Mooresville									
Huntersville	J. L. Shinn, "									
Pleasant Plains	J. J. Morris, Stanly Creek	75 L.	D. McLeod, Matthews	9	2	11			1	87

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