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Tally Ho, Granville County, N. C.,

August 16th, 17th and 18th, 1881.

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CLERK,....B. V. HOWARD.
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PROCEEDINGS.

TALLY Ho, Granville County, N. C. August 16th, 1881.

The Flat River Baptist Association, in its eighty-eighth annual session, met with the church at this place to-day.

Elder James S. Purefoy preached the introductory sermon

from 1st Peter, 1st chapter, 3rd, 4th and 5th verses.

After intermission for refreshments, in the absence of the former Moderator and Clerk, upon motion, Elder James S. Purefoy was made temporary Moderator and B. D. Howard, Clerk.

On motion, Brethren John E. Ray and A. C. Parham were appointed to read the letters from the churches, and the

names of the delegates were enrolled.

On motion, the Association proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of Bro. A. M. Veazey, as Moderator, B. D. Howard, Clerk, and A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

The Moderator invited visiting brethren to seats, which was accepted by Bro. John E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Convention, and Elder J. S. Purefoy, agent Wake Forest College.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Tallo Ho church.
State Missions—John E. Ray, R. T. Clam and H. C. Sweany.
Education—L. R. Mills, A. C. Parham and Lawson Knott.
Periodicals—John J. Meadows, John G. Morgan and T. R. Averett.
Foreign Missions—Elder R. H. Marsh, C. Durham and Prof. F. P.

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Sabbath Schools—John J. Meadows, J. G. Morgan and G. W. Pittard.
Prayer Meetings, Family Prayer—Rev. J. P. Montague, Richard Peed

and M. W. B. Veazey.

Temperance—S. L. Howard, S. P. Washington and M. B. Waller. Home Missions—J. S. Purefoy, B. D. Howard and J. E. Callis. Systematic Beneficence—John G. Morgan, Alexander Reams and E. P.

Time, Place and Préachers for Next Session—T. R. Averett, Lawson Knott and John A. Watkins.

On motion, to-morrow, 10 o'clock, was made special hour to discuss State Mission work.

Flat River Association

On motion, adjourned until half past nine o'clock, to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Association called to order by the Moderator. Bro. Ray read 53rd Psalm, after which Bro. C. Durham led in prayer.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

An invitation was again extended to visiting brethren, which was accepted by Bro. N. E. Cannady, from the Central Association, Elder J. H. Vernon, of Beulah, Elder C. Durham, of Mount Zion, Elder S. H. Thompson, of the Liberty Association, Elder J. K. Falkner, visiting brother in the ministry from Kinston, Elder C. T. Bailey, editor of the Biblical Recorder, Bro. L. R. Mills, from Wake, Forest College, and Elder F. R. Underwood, from Hamilton.

Letters were received from Bethel, Grassy Creek and

Henderson churches, and delegates enrolled.

Ten o'clock being the special hour appointed to discuss State Missions, the report was read and discussed by Bros. J. E. Ray and F. P. Hobgood, Elders J. S. Purefoy, R. I. Devin, J. A. Stradley and C. Durham. After which a collection was taken up amounting to \$92.30, when the report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee appointed to report upon this important department of our labor, feel specially gratified at the prospects in the State at large. During the past Conventional year, the State Mission Board did a grand work for Jesus. About fifty new churches were organized in different parts of the State; more than fifty new church-houses were built, and between 5,000 and 6,000 members were added to our numbers.

This year the work is very much enlarged. Encouraged by the results of our efforts last year, the Board felt constrained to make greater outlays and larger appropriations than ever before. The cause demanded it, and feeling confident that the brethren all over the State would heartly sustain us, we appointed a larger number of Missionaries than we have done at any period of our history. There are twenty-six of these self-sacrificing, devoted men of God, spending their time and talents in the service of the Master, and eternity alone can compute the results. Already a large number of churches has been organized and encouraging reports come up to us from every side.

But notwithstanding the glorious work already done and doing, there are still vast regions of territory within our bounds containing hundreds of square miles where the truth, as we hold it, is totally unknown. There are whole counties in the eastern part of the State with not more

than one Butist church in them! Almost as great destitution is to be found along the valleys of the Yadkin and Catawba rivers, as well as in other sections of North Carolina. For these we ask your prayers and your alms.

The Board is now in great need of funds. The salaries of the Missionaries are due and we have not the means to pay them. We earnestly ask this Association to assist in relieving us of the present embarrass-

ments, and our Missionaries of their pressing wants.
Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. RAY, R. T. ELAM, H. C. SWEANEY, Committee.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to consider the importance of occupying the destitute places in the bounds of our Association, consisting of Brethren B. F. Hester, Lawson Knott and S. L. Howard.

On motion, the report on Periodicals was read, and after a discussion of it by Elder C. T. Bailey, Brethren J. G. Mor-

gan and J. J. Meadows, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals respectfully report, that the BIBLICAL RECORDER, the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, is published at Raleigh, and is worthy of a place in every Baptist family.

Kind Words, our Sunday School paper. is also worthy of a place in every Sunday School. The Home and Foreign Journal, published at Richmond, Va., should have a wide circulation among our churches.

John G. Morgan,
T. R. Averett,
J. J. Meadows,
Committee.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to assist Bro. Bailey in soliciting subscribers to the Recorder, consisting of Brethren J. G. Morgan, T. H. Street and J. P. Cannady.

Adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read, and after being discussed by Brethren J. E. Ray, A. C. Parham and Elder Thompson, it was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report:
There has been a meeting of the Sabbath School Institute during the

Associational year on each 5th Sunday and Saturday before. These Institutes have been held with the churches of Bethel, Mt. Zion, Mill Creek, and Corinth, and have been largely attended. We know of but one church without a Sabbath School; and we have several branch schools in the Association. The work seems to be going on well; the music has been good. We find some schools using the International Lessons, and we would advise all schools to use the same.

Your committee would advise the Association to keep up the Sabbath School Institute; they think great good is accomplished thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. MEADOWS, J. G. MORGAN, G. W. PITTARD, Committee.

Amended with this resolution and adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on Sunday School Institute be instructed to select for discussion at each session of the Institute, at least one subject bearing upon the objects of the Baptist State Convention.

Committee on Sunday School Institute for ensuing year-F. P. Hobgood, Millington Blalock and Joseph H. Morris. Report on Temperance was read, and discussed by Elders J. A. Stradley, J. S. Purefoy and others, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

In view of the evils of intemperance, we think it the indispensable duty of every human being to do all in his or her power to promote the cause of Temperance; but especially the peculiar privilege and duty of every professing christian to wage unceasing warfare with this great enemy of humanity and man-destroying evil, both by example and precept, not to unfold the war flag for a ten year siege, or a twenty years', or a century's, but to battle until the whole human family has been delivered from its blighting influence.

S. L. HOWARD, S. P. WASHINGTON, M. B. WALLER, Committee.

Report on Home Missions read and discussed by Elders J. S. Purefoy and C. T. Bailey; a collection was then taken up, amounting to \$6.10, after which the report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

· Home Missions is the work of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and is separate and distinct in its financial operations, but

closely allied in the spirit of mission work.

Rev. E. Dodson is the accredited agent for this Board in this State. The Home Mission Board is located at Marion, Alabama. Dr. McIntosh is the Corresponding Secretary. This Board has in charge the work of supplying destitute places in the Southern States; sending the gospel to the Indians in our Western Territory and to the two hundred thousand Chinese in California. Dr. Hartwell is now laboring among these Chinese with success. We commend the work of this Home Mission Board to the hearty co-operation of our churches.

J. S. PUREFOY, B. D. HOWARD, J. E. CALLIS, Committee.

The report on Education was read, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

During the last year there were one hundred and eighty one students

During the last year there were one hundred and eighty-one students at Wake Forest College. Of these, thirty-two have the ministry in view; nineteen young ministers were aided by the Board of Education. The Board has been able to meet all of its obligations, and is free from debt. The Association is especially fortunate in having located within her bounds a school of so high a grade and so well managed as Oxford Female Seminary. We would urge our brethren and sisters to make use of the excellent facilities offered by this school for educating their daughters. We also recommend Bro. Horner's school at Henderson as affording as good facilities for training our sons as any academy in the affording as good facilities for training our sons as any academy in the

L. R. MILLS, A. C. PARHAM, LAWSON KNOTT, Committee.

On motion of Elder R. H. Marsh, so much of it as relates to ministerial education was made special order for ten o'clock to morrow.

After remarks by Prof. L. R. Mills, on motion, the Association adjourned till 9:30 to-morrow morning, with prayer by Elder F. R. Underwood.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The session opened by reading 116th Psalm and prayer by Elder R. H. Marsh. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Report on Education again taken up and discussed by Elder C. Durham, Prof. F. P. Hobgood and others, after

which the report was adopted.

On motion of Prof. F. P. Hobgood, the roll of the churches was called and the delegates pledged themselves to try to raise the following amounts for the education of our young ministers at Wake Forest College: Amis Chapel, \$10.00; Antioch, \$10.00; Bethel, \$10.00; Concord, \$10.00; Corinth, \$10.00; F. R. Union, \$10.00; Grassy Creek, \$10.00; Henderson, \$10.00; Hester's, \$10.00; Island Creek, \$10.00; North

Flat River Association.

Fork, \$10.00; Mountain Creek, \$10.00; Oxford, \$30.00; Tally Ho, \$10.00; Mount Harmony, \$10.00; Enon, \$25.00. The report on Foreign Missions was read and discussed by Elders C. T. Bailey, R. H. Marsh and Thompson, after which the report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The marching orders of the churches are found in Christ's great command: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Until the world ends, God's people are to observe "all things whatsoever" Christ commanded the Apostles, with the promise of Christ's presence. One of these commands to be perpetuated forever is to "Preach the gospel to every creature." In this work God's special presence and blessing have hitherto been apparent. In no part of our work has there been more encouragement and success than in the field of Foreign Missions. We therefore recommend a hearty and full reaffirmation, in sympathy, zeal, and material aid, of our grand Baptist motto, "The world for Jesus."

R. H. MARSH, F. P. HOBGOOD, C. DURHAM, Committee,

Report on Systematic Beneficence was read and adopted.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Your committee on Systematic Beneficence respectfully suggest that system is of the highest importance in all business, and especially so in Christian work, and we recommend the Bible plan of giving as safe and practical.

J. G. MORGAN,

A. REAMS, E. P. HESTER, Committee.

The committee on Prayer Meeting and Family Prayer failed to report.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted.

On motion, \$164 balance in Treasurer's hands, was paid to State Missions.

The committee on time and place of holding next Association decided on meeting with the church at Oxford, on Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, 1882; Rev. M. V. McDuffie, of Henderson, to preach the introductory sermon.

On motion, Elder F. R. Underwood was allowed to represent his cause, soliciting aid for his destitute section; amount raised, \$35.00.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by Moderator. Business resumed

The committee on Associational Missions reported, which was adopted.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your committee, recommend J. J. Meadows, Jno. G. Morgan and A. C. Parham be appointed as the Associational Missionary Committee, who shall look out the destitute points within the bounds of the Association, and adopt any plan that to them may seem best to raise funds, and forthwith supply the destitution so far as practicable, and the said committee be authorized to co-operate with the State Mission Board, and to report their work to the next Association.

B. F. HESTER,

LAWSON KNOTT, S. L. HOWARD,

Committee.

The following brethren were appointed to assist the Associational Missionary committee in raising funds to supply destitute points in this Association:

Amis Chapel—Dr. L. T. Frazier, Buchanan; Antioch—G. R. Satterfield, Roxboro; Bethel—W. T. Woody, Bethel Hill; Concord—N. C. Lyon, Dutchville; Corinth—J. Fusry, Oxford; R. T. Elam, Oxford; J. P. Beck, New Light; M. W. B. Veazey, Knap of Reeds; G. W. Pittard, Young's X Roads; Sim Dean, Henderson; Lawson Knott, Oxford; James Z. Allen, Grissom; Thomas H. Street, Mill Creek; John A. Walker, Young's X Roads; S. L. Howard, Berea; J. W. Knott, Center Grove; W. D. Peede, New Light; W. H. Hill, Red Banks, Va.; T. D. Crawford, Oxford; W. W. Hill, Blue Wing; E. Winston, Wilborn; J. E. Callis, Oxford; Drury Gravitt, Roxboro; W. T. Hunt, Tally Ho.

Resolved, That the committee on Sunday School Institute be instructed to select for discussion at each session of the Institute at least one subject bearing upon the objects of the Baptist State Convention:

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association be authorized to represent this Association

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated to printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attention during the present session.

On motion, adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

Closed with prayer by R. I. Devin.

A. M. VEAZEY, MODERATOR.

B. D. HOWARD, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1st. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches of the Association, and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2D. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3D. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4TH. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowsbip to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and Laws are properly respected.

5TH. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6TH. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term shall report the amounts received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3d. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A voice of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

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Mill Creek	A. M. Veazey E. C. Montague T. R. Averett R. O. Critcher J. R. Calahan Robert Hester J. L. Clark L. Knott R. L. Dunn J. G. Morgan J. W. Whelous T. H. Street J. A. Watkins D. J. Gooch F. P. Hobgood J. D. Ramsey A. B. Smith A. C. Parham	Roxboro Bethel Hill Dutchville Knapp of Reeds Oxford Oxford Knapp of Reeds Young's X Roads Oxford Williamsboro Williamsboro Mill Creek Young's X Roads Berea Oxford	3 1 2 	4 5 2 4 3 6 12 5 3 6 6 0 10 4 4 5	50 25 20 60 30 30 30 41 120 25 65 52 21 50 51 24 44 44	15 84 18 00 30 04 40 00 14 00 11 35 25 90 109 55
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE IST. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the churches of the Association, and the delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2D. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3D. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot

at each annual meeting.

4TH. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and Laws are properly respected.

5TH. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6TH. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term shall report the amount received and expended.

LAWS.

- 1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

 2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.
 - 3d. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.
 - 4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.
- 5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.
- 6th. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.
- 7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator. 8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.
 - oth. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- 10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.

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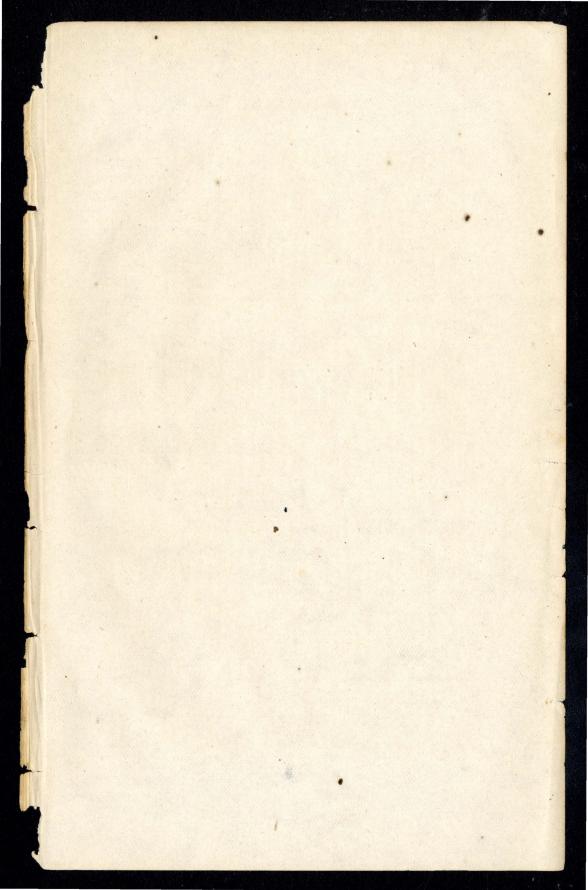
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