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THURSDAY, 11 A. M., October 18, 1877.

Neither of the brethren appointed to preach the Introductory being present, it was preached by Rev. W. A. Pool from St. John, 1st chap. and 16th verse; "And of His fulness have all we received and Grace for Grace."

After 30 minutes intermission met in the house and called to order by singing Hymn, "How did my heart rejoice to hear," &c.; prayer by Elder Smith Ferguson.

Letters were then read from 27 Churches forming this Association, from which the Statistical Table appended was compiled, Concord not being represented.

Proceeded to elect officers, Rev. R. L. Steele, Moderator, and J. B. Pool, Clerk; Elder Smith Goforth and R. H. Moody being tellers.

Opened door for reception of Churches, when Little Rock, Poplar Spring and Dover were received and Delegates given the right hand of fellowship.

Invited Correspondents and Transients, when W. B. Farthing from Three Forks and Elder Smith Goforth from Brier Creek and Elder R. H. Moody from Catawba Associations were received. Elders J. H. West, C. C. and J. B. Pool accepted seats as Transients.

On motion, brother D. Williams from Brier Creek Association accepted.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees, viz:

Committee of Arrangement—Elders Smith Ferguson, Wm. Pool, I. Oxford, G. W. Greene and James Kerley with Correspondents and Transients.

Devotion—Delegates of Union Church.

Education—J. H. Foote and Elder Jas. McNeil.

Periodicals—Elder W. A. Pool and brother A. M. Church.

Finance—T. P. Parlier and T. C. Sherrill.

Missions—I. W. Thomas and R. H. Moody.

Sabbath Schools—J. W. Severt and C. C. Pool.

Temperance—J. B. Greer and Milton McNeil.

Resolutions—J. H. West and L. Land.

Committee on Devotion appointed Elders S. Goforth at 11 a. m. to-morrow, followed by W. A. Pool, and I. W. Thomas to close.

On motion, adjourned to 10 a. m., to-morrow.

Benediction by Rev. R. L. Steele, Moderator.

J. B. POOL, CLERK.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10 A. M., October 19, 1877.

Met as per adjournment; called to order by the Moderator; sing:

"I love the sons of Grace"; prayer, Elder Wm. Pool leading.

Called Roll and marked absentees.

Extended invitation to Correspondents and Transients.

Read and corrected Minutes of yesterday.

Read Constitution and By-Laws and Abstract of Principles.

Committee of Arrangements reported as follows, viz:

1st. Read Constitution and By-Laws, &c.; 2nd. Call on Correspondents to report; 3rd. Appoint Correspondents; 4th. Call on Delegates to Baptist State Convention; 5th. Appoint Delegates to Baptist State Convention; 6th. Call on Committees to report; 7th. Call on Treasurer to report; 8th. Call on brethren appointed to visit delinquent Churches; 9th. Appointed Union Meetings; 10th. Notice Queries; 11th. Appoint next Association; 12th. Appoint to preach Introductory; 13th. Appoint to superintend printing Minutes; 14th. Miscellaneous.

Accepted and committee discharged.

The Moderator was authorized to take the items as they came and present to the Association.

Called on Correspondents to report:

Brother J. H. Foote attended Brier Creek and Elder C. C. Pool attended Catawba Associations and were cordially received.

Other Associations were attended but Correspondents were not present; those not attending were excused.

Appointed Correspondents:

To Brier Creek, Rev. Wm. Pool, G. W. Greene and brother J. H. Foote.—To Catawba, Elders I. Oxford, C. C. Pool, J. B. Pool and bro. J. H. Foote. To New River, Elders I. W. Thomas, J. W. Severt and bro. M. Campbell.—To South Yadkin, Elders J. P. Gwaltney and C. C. Pool. To Three Forks, Elders I. W. Thomas, J. H. Brown, Edmond Tilly, J. B. Pool and brother J. H. Brown. To Yadkin, Elder Jas. McNeil and brother J. H. Foote.

Called on Delegates to Baptist State Convention: Elders I. W. Thomas and G. W. Green attended and were highly pleased.

Appointed Elder R. L. Steele, Moderator, and raised funds to pay his expenses to Baptist State Convention.

Committee on Missions submitted the following:

The Saviour said to his Disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. But he that believeth not shall be damned."—Matt. 16, 15 and 16. This command has lost none of its force, but is equally as binding upon the Church and Ministry, as when it fell from His gracious lips. And although the

Apostles, and their successors of faithful ministers accomplished much in the name of their Master, so that the number of the faithful has been gradually and constantly increasing; Error also multiplied, Infidelity has made ravages, in increased proportions. And thus, it appears, that the obligations of the command are more pressing than ever before. State Missions need a forward move; Foreign Missions demand speedy attention. The Gospel must be preached. No adult sinner can be saved without a knowledge of Jesus Christ some way or other communicated to him. We pray, "O, send out Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacles."—Ps. 43 and 3. Let our liberal contributions accompany our prayers and the blessings of God will be poured out that there will not be room enough to receive it.

I. W. THOMAS,
R. H. MOODY.

Adopted.

Intermission for one half hour; met as per adjournment.

Appointed Committee on Query from Zion Hill Church, Revs. Wm. Pool, I. W. Thomas and I. Oxford.

Committee on Periodicals submitted the following:

Few persons, especially Christians, and in particular parents realize the great benefit of a well conducted *Periodical*. All worldly organizations, parties and societies think it important to widely circulate their organs. Christians should not be less wise in their efforts to extend the Master's kingdom. Your committee recommends the "Biblical Recorder" as a wise and bold exponent of the Doctrines of the Baptist Church, well worthy of our patronage, and should be in the hands of every Baptist in all the land. They recommend "Kind Words" as a good Sunday School paper. They also recommend the "Foreign Mission Journal" as well worthy our sympathy and aid, being filled with tidings of the Kingdom from foreign lands.

W. A. POOL,
A. M. CHURCH.

Adopted.

Elder S. Medlock accepted a seat as Transient.

Committee on Sunday Schools submitted the following:

In the bounds of the Association nine Sunday Schools reported; number of teachers unknown; number of verses reported, 6183 memorized. Brethren, there might be great good accomplished by the Sunday School—therefore let us all heartily engage in the work of training the young as we are taught in God's word, Ps. 78; Eph. 6.

J. W. SEVERT,
C. C. POOL.

Adopted.

The committee appointed to visit delinquent Churches reported that they visited Concord Church and found a church still existing, but no regular meetings.

Committee on Devotion reported as follows:

For Saturday 11 A. M., Elder J. H. Brown, followed by Jas. Kerley, closed by J. W. Severt; but owing to rain there was no preaching. For Sunday, Elder G. W. Green at 10 A. M., followed by R. H. Moody.

On motion, adjourned; Benediction by R. L. Steele, Moderator.

J. B. POOL, Clerk.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9:30 A. M., October 20, 1877.

Met as per adjournment; prayer, Moderator leading.

On motion, Elder I. W. Thomas was granted leave of absence.

The Committee appointed on Query from Zion Hill Church reports as follows :

Query—Is it right to hold a member of the Church in fellowship, who will not pay his debts? Answer—A member who can and will not pay his just debts should be excluded.

Remarks by J. H. Foote, I. Oxford and R. H. Moody.

Committee on Education reported as follows :

That the subject of Education so often presented to the consideration of this Association, and which has expressed its appreciation in the means and efforts it has used to extend information among our people, comes up again at this our annual session for discussion. We feel that ignorance is a curse to any nation and light and knowledge are hand-maids of religion. We must have an educated ministry to combat error and to contend successfully for the Faith once delivered to the Saints. Our people are advancing in the improvements in the material world, and the public mind must be cultivated to receive the Gospel in its purity. We earnestly invite the attention of our Churches to look out for the gifts of any of their younger members who are called to preach the everlasting Gospel, and encourage all such to be thoroughly educated to prepare them for the great work. We cannot overlook the great importance of this subject without serious injury. We are indebted to educated men for the Holy Bible in our own tongue. They have labored with great assiduity to give us a true translation of the Scriptures from those languages in which they were first written. What a blessing to us to be able to read in our own tongue the Word of God. Your committee are glad to learn that within our bounds there is a successful school in active operation, conducted by our worthy and beloved brother G. W. Green, assisted by J. F. Spainhour. Here parents, at small expense, can educate their children, and young men called to preach should not fail to repair here and fortify themselves, before going out to expound the truth as we understand it.

J. H. FOOTE,
JAS. McNEIL.

Adopted.

Committee on Temperance submitted the following :

We believe the word Temperance, properly defined, is a proper use of every thing put in our care by a Divine Providence for our sustenance, comfort and happiness, and that any further than that is an abuse of a blessing and consequently a high crime, and sinful. We therefore recommend a total abstinence from all unnecessary indulgences whatsoever. We further recommend that it be urged from the pulpit, encouraged and practiced by the Officers and Laity of the Churches of this Association

J. B. GREER,
MILTON McNEIL.

Adopted.

The Treasurer reported \$3.18 on hand.

Committee on Finance reported from the Churches, \$37.69.

On motion, dispensed with Union Meetings.

Committee on Resolutions submitted the following :

Resolved, That we tender to the presiding officers of this body our thanks for the dignified manner they have conducted the business of this Association.

Resolved, That we tender to the brethren and friends of this vicinity our thanks for the kindness shown us during this session. L. LAND.

Adopted.

Query from Mount Pleasant :

Query—Is it right to receive a member by application under any circumstances? Answer—We, the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association, advise the Churches composing the same to be very careful in receiving members

by application, as the precedent, if made, might result in great evil to the Churches. In extreme cases, nevertheless, it is right where Churches have gone down and members were prevented by circumstances over which they had no control, from obtaining Letters of Dismission so as to join other Churches. Also, where a member has been treated with contempt by his own Church, refused a Letter of Dismission, and still treated with contempt by his brethren, other Churches would be justified in receiving said member by application, if in good standing in the community in which he lives.

Queries from Beaver Creek :

1st Query—Is believing and advocating the Doctrine of the Adventists sufficient ground to exclude a member from the fellowship of the Baptist Church? Answer—It is.

2nd Query—Who is the Elect spoken of in the Scriptures, and when were they elected? Answer—Jesus Christ and all that believe in him unto salvation. Virtually, they were elected in Jesus Christ before the foundation of the world; actually, when they are enabled to repent and believe unto salvation; and this election is justly called the Election Grace.

3rd Query—Does the fear of future punishment lead sinners to repentance? Answer—It is not for men to say what means the Holy Spirit uses to move men to repentance. Both promises and threatenings were preached by Christ and his Apostles and we should not be wise above what is written nor leave out a part of that which the Bible bids us preach.

On motion, the Abstract of Principles is reprinted.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1st. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3rd. We believe in the impotency of man to deliver himself from his present fallen state.

4th. We believe that Salvation is by Grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ and should be practiced by all true believers.

6th. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator, and that only persons thus baptized should take the Lord's Supper.

7th. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace to Glory.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a General Judgment.

9th. We believe that the happiness of the Righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be Eternal.

Appointed next Association to meet with Lewis Fork Church, 14 miles west of Wilkesboro, on the road leading from Wilkesboro to Boone, beginning on Thursday before the 3rd Lord's Day in October, 1878.

Appointed Elder R. L. Steele to preach Introductory and William Pool, alternate.

Appointed Clerk to superintend printing Minutes and that he be allowed \$6.00 for his services.

Appointed Elder G. W. Green to preach the Denominational sermon on Saturday at 11 a. m., and W. A. Pool to preach the Missionary sermon on Sabbath at 11 a. m., at the next session of the Association.

On motion, the Clerk is to furnish Clerks of Churches with uniform Church Letters.

The following was given by the Churches and individuals to be applied to Home Missions where Churches did not direct to the contrary.

Taylorsville Church,	\$5 15
Bethel "	3 25
Mt. Olive "	4 35
E. Flowers	1 00
A Sister	2 00
By other Churches and individuals	3 35

Total..... \$19 10

Elder R. H. Moody presents the claims of Morganton Baptist Church contribution, \$26.00.

On motion adjourned ; prayer, Elder R. H. Moody leading.

R. L. STEELE, Moderator.

J. B. POOL, Clerk.

SABBATH MORNING, 10 A. M., October 21, 1877.

Congregation gathers at the stand. Sing "Ninety and nine," "Ring the Bell, Watchman," "There is Light in the Valley," "Jesus Loves Me," &c., "O! the Beautiful River." Elder Geo. W. Green reads 122 Ps. Sing, "Soldiers of Christ arise," &c. Prayer, Elder J. Kerley leading. Sing, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," &c. Elder Geo. W. Green preaches from II. Corinthians, 2nd chap. and latter clause of 16th verse, "And who is sufficient for these things"; followed by Elder R. H. Moody from Ps. 43d chap. and 3d verse, "O send out Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacles."

Took collection for Foreign Missions amounting to \$14.63.

Sing—Doxology; Benediction by Elder I. Oxford.

J. B. POOL, Clerk.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.
Antioch,	Wm and J B Pool,	I P Austin,
Bethel,	A Johnson,	G H Phillips,
Buffalo,	"	T M Duncan,
Beaver Creek,	I Oxford,	M McNeil,
Charity,	J Kerley,	W W Stafford,
Cub Creek,	L P Gwaltney,	R A Spainhour,
Dudley Shoal,	C C Pool,	T C Sherrill,
Dover,	D M and Wm Knight,	S Holsclaw,
Kings Creek,	J B Powell,	M L Greer,
Lewis Fork,	D Wilburn,	J W West,
Little River,	J Kerley,	P J Barnes,
Lower Creek,	J B Powell,	C W Clark,
Little Rock,	W F Knight,	R C Swanson,
Mt. Olive,	J P Gwaltney,	A L Price,
Mt. Zion,	J F Eller,	Willis Waters,
Mt. Pleasant,	J McNeil,	A M Church,
Macedonia,	J Kerley and W A Pool,	H Christopher,
New Hope,	J McNeil,	L M McGlamery,
Oak Forest,	W G Brown,	F B Parkes,
Pilgrim,	D Wilburn,	H M Bumgarner,
Piney Grove,	I Smith and L Land,	M C Pennel,
Pleasant Hill,	Wm Pool,	S Harrington,
Poplar Spring,	D M Knight and I Walker,	Thos Walker,
Sulphur Spring,	G W Green,	J L Davis,
Sardius,	D W Conway,	J R J Annis,
Taylorsville,	W A Pool,	W J Harrington,
Three Forks,	C C and J B Pool,	D W Pool,
Union,	J T Shell,	C Downs,
Walnut Grove,	J P Gwaltney,	W L Price,
Zion Hill,	I Oxford,	C Carlton,

STATISTICS

Number	Name	Address
1	J. A. Smith	123 Main St.
2	M. J. Brown	456 Elm St.
3	W. R. Green	789 Oak St.
4	T. H. White	101 Pine St.
5	C. D. Black	202 Cedar St.
6	L. K. Gray	303 Birch St.
7	R. M. Jones	404 Walnut St.
8	S. P. Miller	505 Spruce St.
9	D. N. Davis	606 Ash St.
10	F. G. Wilson	707 Hickory St.
11	B. L. Moore	808 Sycamore St.
12	H. S. Taylor	909 Poplar St.
13	A. M. Anderson	1010 Magnolia St.
14	J. W. Thomas	1111 Dogwood St.
15	K. E. Jackson	1212 Redwood St.
16	M. A. Roberts	1313 Cypress St.
17	P. R. Lewis	1414 Juniper St.
18	Q. T. Clark	1515 Fir St.
19	S. V. Walker	1616 Hemlock St.
20	T. Y. Hall	1717 Larch St.
21	U. Z. King	1818 Willow St.
22	V. B. Scott	1919 Yew St.
23	W. C. Adams	2020 Olive St.
24	X. D. Baker	2121 Pear St.
25	Y. E. Nelson	2222 Peach St.
26	Z. F. Carter	2323 Plum St.
27	A. G. Mitchell	2424 Cherry St.
28	B. H. Roberts	2525 Apple St.
29	C. I. Turner	2626 Orange St.
30	D. J. Phillips	2727 Lemon St.
31	E. K. Campbell	2828 Lime St.
32	F. L. Parker	2929 Grape St.
33	G. M. Evans	3030 Melon St.
34	H. N. Stewart	3131 Berry St.
35	I. O. Morris	3232 Coffee St.
36	J. P. Rogers	3333 Tea St.
37	K. Q. Reed	3434 Spice St.
38	L. R. Cook	3535 Sugar St.
39	M. S. Bailey	3636 Flour St.
40	N. T. Cooper	3737 Butter St.
41	O. U. Fisher	3838 Oil St.
42	P. V. Howard	3939 Soap St.
43	Q. W. Green	4040 Paper St.
44	R. X. King	4141 Cloth St.
45	S. Y. Baker	4242 Leather St.
46	T. Z. Nelson	4343 Rubber St.
47	U. A. Carter	4444 Glass St.
48	V. B. Mitchell	4545 Stone St.
49	W. C. Roberts	4646 Metal St.
50	X. D. Turner	4747 Wood St.
51	Y. E. Phillips	4848 Brick St.
52	Z. F. Campbell	4949 Cement St.
53	A. G. Parker	5050 Lumber St.
54	B. H. Evans	5151 Hardware St.
55	C. I. Stewart	5252 Paint St.
56	D. J. Morris	5353 Glass St.
57	E. K. Rogers	5454 Paper St.
58	F. L. Reed	5555 Cloth St.
59	G. M. Cook	5656 Leather St.
60	H. N. Bailey	5757 Rubber St.
61	I. O. Cooper	5858 Glass St.
62	J. P. Fisher	5959 Stone St.
63	K. Q. Howard	6060 Metal St.
64	L. R. Green	6161 Wood St.
65	M. S. King	6262 Brick St.
66	N. T. Baker	6363 Cement St.
67	O. U. Nelson	6464 Lumber St.
68	P. V. Carter	6565 Hardware St.
69	Q. W. Mitchell	6666 Paint St.
70	R. X. Roberts	6767 Glass St.
71	S. Y. Turner	6868 Paper St.
72	T. Z. Phillips	6969 Cloth St.
73	U. A. Campbell	7070 Leather St.
74	V. B. Parker	7171 Rubber St.
75	W. C. Evans	7272 Glass St.
76	X. D. Stewart	7373 Stone St.
77	Y. E. Morris	7474 Metal St.
78	Z. F. Rogers	7575 Wood St.
79	A. G. Reed	7676 Brick St.
80	B. H. Cook	7777 Cement St.
81	C. I. Bailey	7878 Lumber St.
82	D. J. Cooper	7979 Hardware St.
83	E. K. Fisher	8080 Paint St.
84	F. L. Howard	8181 Glass St.
85	G. M. Green	8282 Paper St.
86	H. N. King	8383 Cloth St.
87	I. O. Baker	8484 Leather St.
88	J. P. Nelson	8585 Rubber St.
89	K. Q. Carter	8686 Glass St.
90	L. R. Mitchell	8787 Stone St.
91	M. S. Roberts	8888 Metal St.
92	N. T. Turner	8989 Wood St.
93	O. U. Phillips	9090 Brick St.
94	P. V. Campbell	9191 Cement St.
95	Q. W. Parker	9292 Lumber St.
96	R. X. Evans	9393 Hardware St.
97	S. Y. Stewart	9494 Paint St.
98	T. Z. Morris	9595 Glass St.
99	U. A. Rogers	9696 Paper St.
100	V. B. Reed	9797 Cloth St.
101	W. C. Cook	9898 Leather St.
102	X. D. Bailey	9999 Rubber St.
103	Y. E. Cooper	10000 Glass St.