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MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

Brier Creek Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

PILGRIM CHURCH, ALEXANDER COUNTY, N. C.,

September 25th, 26th and 27th, 1884.

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J. DOWEL.....	Jenning's Mill,	"
A. GILREATH.....	Cedar Run,	"
S. S. GOFORTH.....	Lovelace,	"
A. GOODEN.....	Sweet Home,	"
✗L. P. GWALTNEY.....	Cedar Run,	"
J. P. GWALTNEY.....	York Institute,	"
W. F. GRAY.....	Buck Shoal,	"
E. N. GWYN.....	Elkin,	"
J. S. FORESTER.....	Brier Creek,	"
I. N. HAYNES.....	Deleplane,	"
E. HOLLER.....	Zimmerman,	"
I. HOLLER.....	Zimmerman,	"
✗J. N. GREGORY.....	Elkin,	"
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W. A. MYERS.....	Zion,	"
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T. W. PARIS.....	Eagle Mills,	"
D. W. POOL.....	Cedar Run,	"
W. SEGRAVES.....	Jonesville,	"
S. F. SIMMONS.....	Clingman,	"
✗R. W. WOOTEN.....	Clingman,	"
T. WRIGHT.....	Zimmerman,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

PILGRIM CHURCH, September 25th, 1884.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. A. Myers.

Refreshments thirty minutes. The Association convened. Prayer by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney. Church letters received and read.

On motion, the Association proceeded to elect officers. Owing to ill health, Rev. L. P. Gwaltney declined re-election, and Rev. W. A. Myers was elected Moderator, and E. N. Gwyn, Clerk.

Correspondents received:

From the Yadkin—Rev. W. G. Brown and brother A. Baity; from the Elkin—Brother C. F. Fields; Brushy Mountain—Rev. I. T. Prevette and Brother W. E. White.

Visiting brethren received:

From South Yadkin—Rev. D. W. Thomasson and Brother F. G. Holeman; Raleigh Association—Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, who represented the State Mission Board.

Door opened for the reception of newly constituted churches, when two churches, Elkin Valley and Rocky Hill, were received.

Committees appointed:

ON ARRANGEMENTS—W. Goforth, R. W. Wooten, R. Carson, with Moderator, Clerk and Correspondents.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—T. W. Redman, with Pastor and delegates of this Church.

STATE MISSIONS—W. R. Gwaltney, I. Hollar.

PERIODICALS—W. G. Brown, J. P. Gwaltney.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—T. W. Paris, D. W. Thomasson.

TEMPERANCE—W. E. White, J. E. Childers.

EDUCATION—J. H. Foote, C. F. Fields, A. H. Goodin.

PASTORAL RELATION—L. P. Gwaltney, Y. Jordan.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS—I. T. Prevette, R. Tharpe.

TIME AND PLACE—L. W. Lunsford, J. T. Martin.

OBITUARIES—R. W. Wooten, W. Wright.

FINANCE—W. A. Goforth, W. O. Hendren.

RESOLUTIONS—J. S. Forister, J. H. Martin.

On motion, a committee was appointed, consisting of W.

R. Gwaltney, E. N. Gwyn, to report a better plan for raising means for the promotion of the various objects of benevolence.

Correspondents reported: J. H. Martin, T. W. Paris, W. A. Myers, J. H. Foote attended the Yadkin; J. P. and L. P. Gwaltney and E. N. Gwyn attended the Brushy Mountain.

Correspondents appointed: J. H. Martin, T. W. Paris, W. A. Myers, J. P. Gwaltney to the Yadkin; J. W. Burchitt, W. A. Myers, J. H. Martin, the Elkin; L. P. and J. P. Gwaltney, A. D. Goodin, J. S. Forister, J. H. Foote, the Brushy Mountain; E. N. Gwyn, J. P. Gwaltney to the South Yadkin; J. P. Gwaltney was appointed to attend the Baptist State Convention.

On motion, adjourned until Friday 9½ a. m. Prayer by Rev. W. G. Brown.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Prayer by Rev. D. W. Thomasson. Committee on Arrangements reported. Report adopted. The names of delegates announced. Read preceding minutes. Constitution and Rules of Decorum read.

Invitation extended to correspondents and visiting brethren: Brother J. C. Scarboro, Superintendent of Public Instruction and representing the RECORDER, and Brother H. L. Watson from South Yadkin, accepted seats.

Committee on Temperance offered the following:

Each age and nation in the history of the world seem to have had its peculiar vice or besetting sin: sometimes it was idolatry, sometimes fanaticism, while at other times, deeds of violence seemed to prevail. We know not what the future historian will write of us and our time, but it does seem that if any vice is given pre-eminence, petted and nursed, and given respectability by us as a people, intemperance is that vice. One prime factor of the degrading vice is the liquor traffic, and one of its worst features is the moral degradation of the young men of the country by the insidious temptation of the liquor dealer. The special business of our great adversary is to decoy, delude and ruin human souls, and the liquor traffic is certainly one of his most efficient engines.

W. E. WHITE,
J. E. CHILDERS.

Remarks by W. E. White and W. G. Brown.

The report on Sabbath Schools was presented, and after remarks by T. W. Paris, D. W. Thomasson, W. R. Gwaltney, J. C. Scarboro, W. E. White and J. H. Foote, was adopted:

The cause of Sabbath Schools is hopeful, and its friends are many, who long to see the church put on the beautiful garment of salvation. We are not able to make a full report of the Sabbath Schools, owing to so few reports from the churches. But we learn that several of the churches have had schools part of the year, and others have evergreen schools. Let every church in the future have a school, and make a full report of the same to the next Association, at least 1,500 or more scholars should be on our Sabbath School rolls.

T. W. PARIS,
D. W. THOMASSON.

On motion, adjourned for preaching. Sermon by Rev. W. G. Brown.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1 O'CLOCK P. M.

Committee on Periodicals reported:

We consider the press as one of the most potent engines of the present age. It is the duty of christian people to read and circulate religious literature. We recommend the BIBLICAL RECORDER as an able and faithful exponent of our views. We also recommend *Kind Words*, published at Macon, Ga., and the *Baptist Teacher*, published at Philadelphia, Pa., as worthy our support.

W. G. BROWN,
J. P. GWALTNEY.

Remarks by J. C. Scarboro, who raised a club for the RECORDER.

Committee on State Missions reported:

The success of the modern missionary enterprise was hardly surpassed by the success of the Apostles. Within the last hundred years the Lord has accomplished wonders to the glory of His name. A few years ago the Baptists of America were but few, now we number over two millions. And there are now over 200,000 Baptists in North Carolina: this has been accomplished by the blessing of God, through the work of the churches, and also by the labors of our devoted Missionaries sent out by the Board of the Baptist State Convention. Yea, by divine help the Board organized Churches and Sabbath Schools in the towns and country. Our Missionaries are laboring from the sea to the mountains, and the Lord is blessing their labors abundantly. These devoted and consecrated men de-

serve our prayers, sympathy and liberal contributions. The destitution is yet great, and many waste places are yet unoccupied. The Lord is still calling, "Go work in my vineyard." Will the churches furnish the means? Shall we not do our entire duty? We cheerfully recommend our Brother Gwyn to the State Board, as Missionary for the next year.

I. HOLLAR,
W. R. GWALTNEY.

Brother W. R. Gwaltney spoke on the above report, it was then adopted. Pledges redeemed and contributions raised amounting to \$52.75.

The committee to report a better plan for contributing to the Lord's work, submitted the following:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We recommend the instruction given by Paul to the church at Corinth. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." I Cor., 16th chapter, and 2d verse.

W. R. GWALTNEY,
E. N. GWYN.

Remarks were submitted by D. W. Thomasson, W. R. Gwaltney and others. The report was adopted.

The Association requested one from each church to supervise the work of Missions in adopting the above Gospel plan in their respective churches, and the following volunteered to do so:

Antioch, E. Johnson; Brier Creek, G. W. Sale; Bethel, L. P. Gwaltney; Damascus, A. D. Goodin; Fishing Creek, J. A. Foster; Grassy Knob, E. Mitchel; Holly Spring, T. W. Paris; Hunting Creek, W. Moore; Lewis, I. Hollar; Liberty, H. Hays; Mt. Vernon, N. J. Shaver; Mt. Pisgah, C. C. Brown; N. Prospect, W. Goforth; New Hope, J. F. Anderson; Oak Grove, E. N. Gwyn; Oak Forest, W. F. Ward; Pilgrim, A. E. Mayberry; Pleasant Grove, J. T. Martin; Swan Creek, J. B. Mathews; Shady Grove, D. C. Jarvis; Sweet Home, M. Money; Taylor Spring, T. W. Redman; Union, J. E. Myers; Zion, J. M. Crater; Elkin Valley, J. E. Childers; Rocky Hill, A. H. Goodin.

All the Pastors and Ministers present agreed to affiliate with the churches in pushing forward the work.

On motion, adjourned until Saturday 9 a. m. Prayer by Brother Scarboro.

THIRD-DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Prayer by Brother Prevette. Read preceding minutes.
D. Horn, present from South Yadkin and accepted a seat.
Treasurer reported:

Received at last Association:		
For State Missions,	\$73 72	
For Foreign Missions,	15 27	
Total,	\$88 99	
Paid out for State Missions,		\$73 72
Paid out for Foreign Missions,		15 27
Total,		\$88 99
Received from Committee on Finance,	\$30 90	
Collection for minutes,	4 00	
Total,	\$34 90	
Expended for printing minutes,		\$21 00
Freight,		65
Incidental expenses,		35
My own fees,		8 00
Total,		\$30 00
In Treasury,		4 90
Total,		\$34 90

ENOCH N. GWYN, Treasurer.

Committee on Finance reported, \$32 00.

Professor Greene, Brethren Spainhour and Stout from Brushy Mountain accepted seats.

Committee on Time and Place reported Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1885, with the Church at Union, Wilkes county, North Carolina.

Rev. R. W. Wooten to preach the Introductory Sermon; Rev. T. W. Paris, alternate.

The committee endeavored to raise the remainder of the pledges for beneficiary. Means were devised for paying the indebtedness, and Brother D. C. Jarvis continued on the committee.

Rev. I. T. Pevette read the report on Home and Foreign Missions:

The subject is important and deserves a large share of our patronage. In our report, we notice first the work of Home or Domestic

Missions. This embraces the Southern States and the Indian Territory, and is under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention. Brother Blake is laboring among the Indians, where brother Buckner formerly labored, and is doing a noble work. The signal manner in which God has blessed the labors of the Missionaries in the Southern States and among the Indians, call loudly for our prayers and contributions, to further the work.

The Foreign Mission work claims an important place in this report. The Master says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." As long as there is a soul in the world who has never heard of Jesus, this command is in force. Brethren, are we doing what we can? This should be decided as in the sight of God and not of man.

I. T. PREVETTE,
Z. R. THARPE.

Remarks submitted by Profs. Foote, Greene and Scarboro. Collections raised for Home and Foreign Missions amounting to \$7.99. The report was adopted.

Committee on Obituaries reported:

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father hath in his wise providence removed by death our brother John Byrd, member and deacon of Union church, and William Sale, Benjamin Mastin, members and deacons of Brier Creek church, and brother J. F. Couch, member and deacon of Zion church. May we all sympathise with their bereaved families.

R. W. WOOTEN,
W. WRIGHT.

Committee on Education reported:

We consider the question of education a matter of importance, both as Baptists and as citizens. Education does not and cannot take the place of religion, nor can it make a man a christian, but it is the handmaid of religious cultivation and christian progress. We must educate both preachers and people, if we would reach the measure of success in our general work, on the teachings and doctrines of the Bible, our only guide and all sufficient chart book. There are abundant proofs that we have not in the past paid the attention to education which its importance demand. The Baptists have a larger proportion of our people than any denomination. Our State has within its borders more than three hundred thousand of its adult population, who are unable to read; there are over fifty-eight thousand white voters and over eighty-seven thousand colored voters who cannot read their ballots. These facts ought to stir us to double diligence in educational work, both as Baptists and citizens. We hereby recommend the High School at Moravian Falls, and the College at Wake Forest, as being worthy the patronage of every one.

J. H. FOOTE,
C. F. FIELDS,
A. H. GOODIN.

Remarks by Brothers Foote and Scarboro.
Then the report was adopted.
On motion, adjourned for one hour. Benediction by the Clerk.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, 1 O'CLOCK P. M.

Committee on Pastoral and Church Relation reported:

Much of the safety and success of our churches in the future depend on this important mutual relation. We should study God's word *more and more* on this important subject. That a self-denying, aggressive and faithful ministry may continue to bless the world, and that our membership may be aroused to do their whole duty in sustaining them is the great practical question of this our day. We recommend the prayerful study of this question in the light of the Bible to aid in this our duty. Especial attention is directed to I Corinthians, 9th chapter.

L. P. GWALTNEY,
Y. JORDAN.

Remarks submitted by Elders Jordan, Brown, Gwaltney, Paris, Myers, Thomasson and Gwyn.

Then the report was adopted.

The Clerk was instructed to have 1,000 copies of the Minutes printed and be allowed \$8.00 for his services. Also to have blanks for letters printed.

Committee on Resolutions reported:

We hereby tender our thanks and well wishes to the brethren, sisters and citizens of this community for kind hospitalities in supporting this Association.

J. S. FORESTER,
J. S. MASTIN.

Rev. W. R. Gwaltney addressed the Association in regard to forming a Baptist Orphan Asylum in the State, which the Association recommended.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Rev. T. W. Paris.

W. A. MYERS, Moderator.

E. N. GWYN, Clerk.

SABBATH.

Rev. G. W. Greene preached at 10 o'clock, and Rev. W. G. Brown at 11 o'clock.

A collection was raised for building a church at Elkin Valley, which closed the services of the day.

