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MINUTES

OF THE

Fifth Annual Session

OF THE

LITTLE RIVER

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

BAPTIST GROVE CHURCH,

CHALK LEVEL, HARNETT CO., N. C.,

November 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, 1880.

WILLIAM BRUNT, MODERATOR,.....Lillington, N. C.
J. A. CAMPBELL, CLERK,..... Winslow, N. C.
J. A. CAMPBELL, } READING CLERKS.
ELI CARTER, }

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Baptized.	Rec by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Total
FIRST SECTION.													
Cumberl'd Union,.....	H. D. Judd,.....	Jonesboro,.....	J. B. Churchill,....	Chalk Level,....	...	1	...	11	2	1	94	2	96
Baptist Grove,.....	A. N. Campbell,....	Winslow,.....	W. S. Mann,.....	Chalk Level,....	6	1	...	4	...	...	116	...	116
Hector's Creek,.....	A. N. Campbell,....	Winslow,.....	Eli Carter,.....	Bradley's Store,...	...	8	...	3	2	2	124	...	124
Macedonia,.....	J. W. Collins,....	Chalk Level,....	D. W. Rogers,....	Chalk Level,....	2	4	...	1	3	...	39	...	39
SECOND SECTION.													
Buies Creek,.....	J. M. Holleman,...	Apex,.....	W. F. Pearson,....	Buies Creek,....	...	...	...	1	...	...	47	...	47
Bethel,.....	T. J. Hunt,.....	Westville,.....	L. T. West,.....	Westville,.....	2	...	...	...	1	...	26	...	26
Friendship,.....	William Brunt,...	Lillington,.....	G. S. Byrd,.....	Bunn's Level,...	3	2	...	...	...	...	76	...	76
Lillington,.....	William Brunt,...	Lillington,.....	A. J. Kivett,.....	Lillington,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	20
Antioch,.....	H. D. Judd,.....	Jonesboro,.....	L. B. Hunt,.....	Broadway,.....	...	1	...	2	...	1	91	...	91
THIRD SECTION.													
Juniper Springs,...	W. G. King,.....	Osgood,.....	W. J. Thomas,....	Broadway,.....	7	2	1	1	1	...	96	...	96
Holly Springs,.....	H. D. Judd,.....	Jonesboro,.....	Sherrod Patterson,...	Broadway,.....	7	2	1	1	1	...	68	...	68
Cameron's Grove,...	H. D. Judd,.....	Jonesboro,.....	C. H. Wilson,....	Swann's Station	...	1	...	...	...	1	27	...	27
Jonesboro,.....	As in 1878,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	...	32
Little River,.....	As in 1879,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	...	23
Bethlehem,.....	J. W. Collins,....	Chalk Level,....	Mark Wade,....	Spout Springs,...	2	2	...	...	...	...	14	...	14
					...	...	...	...	...	...	893	2	895

PROCEEDINGS.

CHALK LEVEL, HARNETT Co., N. C.,

THURSDAY, November 4th, 1880.

The Fifth Annual Session of the Little River Baptist Association, convened with the Baptist church, at Baptist Grove, Harnett county, N. C.

Exercises introduced by singing, "When torn is the bosom."

Elder H. D. Judd not being present, the Denominational Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. N. Campbell, from Romans iii: 2: "Much every way." After sermon prayer by Bro. Archie Betts.

After an intermission of 25 minutes, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, Elder William Brunt, who read 24th Psalm; hymn, "Remark my soul the narrow bound;" the Moderator led in a fervent petition for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Bro. W. S. Mann was appointed Clerk *pro. tem.*, Bro. Hiliard being absent.

Brethren J. A. Campbell and Eli Carter were appointed Reading Clerks.

Roll of churches called and delegates enrolled as follows:

CUMBERLAND UNION—J. D. Weathers, J. B. Churchill, J. M. Thomas, W. L. Parker and T. B. Lanier.

BAPTIST GROVE—J. A. Baughcom, D. D. Senter, W. S. Mann, W. H. Baker and Alonzo Baughcom.

LILLINGTON—William Brunt.

FRIENDSHIP—Jno. W. Byrd, William Byrd, L. W. Byrd and Cornelius Byrd.

HECTOR'S CREEK—John A. Senter, R. H. Smith, Eli Carter and J. A. Campbell.

JUNIPER SPRINGS—C. B. McNeill, A. J. Taylor, William Dickens and James Thomas.

CAMERON'S GROVE—H. W. Graham, W. D. Graham and J. H. Graham.

MACEDONIA—H. D. Weathers, S. D. Stevens and J. J. Nash.

ANTIOCH—L. B. Hunt and J. K. Haigwood.

LITTLE RIVER—Not represented.

BETHEL—Alexander West and Jacob West.

JONESBORO—Not represented.

BUIE'S CREEK—J. A. Matthews and N. R. Gregory.

HOLLY SPRINGS—W. D. Patterson, M. B. Oquin and Jackson Taylor.
 BETHLEHEM—D. F. Harvell and W. M. Harvell.
 ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT—William Brunt, A. N. Campbell
 and J. W. Collins.

LICENTIATES—H. W. Graham and J. D. Weathers.

On motion, proceeded to the election of Moderator, with Brethren John A. Senter and H. W. Graham acting as tellers. Result, William Brunt.

Then proceeded to elect Clerk and Treasurer. Result, J. A. Campbell.

Petitioning letters were called for. None presented.

Corresponding brethren invited to seats.

On motion, the Pastor and Deacons of Baptist Grove Church were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises.

On motion, the usual committees were appointed, as follows:

ON FINANCE—Eli Carter and W. L. Parker.

ON CHURCH LETTERS—J. A. Baughcom and S. D. Stephens.

ON BIBLE SCHOOLS—J. W. Byrd and W. S. Mann.

ON HOME MISSIONS—J. W. Collins and C. B. McNeill.

ON STATE MISSIONS—A. N. Campbell and J. W. Collins.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS—H. W. Graham and L. B. Hunt.

ON PRAYER MEETING—R. H. Smith and J. B. Churchill.

ON PERIODICALS—John A. Senter, J. D. Weathers and H. D. Weathers.

ON EDUCATION—A. N. Campbell and Cornelius Byrd.

ON TEMPERANCE—J. M. Thomas and W. H. Baker.

ON OBITUARIES—O. Churchill, Eli Carter and D. D. Senter.

On motion, adjourned till tomorrow 9:30 A. M. Benediction by Elder J. W. Collins.

FRIDAY MORNING, November 5th, 1880.

The body Assembled for worship. Sang "Am I a soldier of the cross." Elder T. Harrison continued the exercises by reading the 67th Psalm and led the congregation in prayer.

Roll called and delegates promptly responded.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Corresponding Messengers were invited to seats, and the following responded:

FROM THE RALEIGH ASSOCIATION—Elds. J. M. Holleman and Allen Betts.

Visiting brethren invited to seats and the following appeared:

FROM THE RALEIGH ASSOCIATION—Elds. J. C. Marcom, H. W. Norris and Alvin Betts.

Also, Elder T. Harrison appeared as agent for Foreign Missions in North Carolina.

Elder J. M. Holleman represented the RECORDER.

Petitioning letters were again called for, upon which the church at Bethlehem presented a letter asking admittance into our union.

On motion, a committee consisting of Elders A. N. Campbell, J. C. Marcom and Alvin Betts, was appointed to examine the Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.

On motion, the petitioning letter was laid on the table until said committee reported.

On motion, the same Order of Business of last year was adopted for the present session.

On motion, speeches were limited to ten minutes.

Committee on Bible Schools reported, and after a speech by Elder Harrison, on motion, the report was adopted, as follows:

Your committee on the subject of Bible Schools beg leave to submit the following:

We find that your last committee on this subject say: "We fear that some of our churches do not place the proper estimate on Bible Schools." While we admit that some of our churches do not realize the importance of Bible training, yet we think we may safely say that the interest in Bible schools is rapidly increasing; although we regret to say that not more than half of the churches report Bible schools, though we hope it is by neglect of the clerk of the different churches. We hope it will be looked after more carefully in the future, and we trust that all the churches will engage in the Bible school work. We find that the first Bible school was organized in 1782, and at this time there are thousands of schools all over the land. God grant that Bible schools may be organized in every section throughout this neighborhood.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. MANN,

J. W. BYRD,

Committee.

Committee on Religious exercises reported that Elder Alvin Betts would preach at the stand at 11 o'clock A. M.

On motion, the petition of Bethlehem church was taken up. The committee reported the following:

Your committee, having examined the subject of the Faith of said church, its Constitution and Rules of Order find them regular. We therefore recommend its reception into this body.

J. C. MARCOM,

A. N. CAMPBELL,

ALVIN BETTS,

Committee.

On motion, the church was received, and Brethren D. F. Harvell and W. M. Harvell were welcomed to seats as delegates.

The committee on Home Missions reported the following:

Your committee would submit the following :

We confess our faults for not having given as the Lord has prospered us in the past. We would, therefore, urge the delegates of the several churches to arouse their churches to a sense of their duty in regard to this matter. Also, insist on pastors to present the subject of Missions to their churches, and take up a collection for Home Missions next year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. W. COLLINS,
C. B. McNEILL,
Committee.

After some appropriate remarks by Elders J. W. Collins and J. C. Marcom, on motion, the report was adopted.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows :

"Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" Suppose we were to find a brother in need of daily bread, and we should not administer to his necessities, that, of course, would be unchristian-like. Much more important is it, for us to administer to the necessities of the soul than the body. The command is "go teach all nations." There is a work for all; they that cannot preach can support those whom God hath called to preach. If we neither preach nor support those who do preach, how can it be said of us that we love one another?

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. GRAHAM,
L. B. HUNT,
Committee.

On motion, the subject of Foreign Missions was made special order after recess.

Committee on Prayer Meeting reported, and after interesting and earnest remarks by Elders Betts and Norris, showing the importance of prayer, on motion, the following report was adopted :

We deem it the most important subject before this Association, since it is through prayer God has promised to bless us, both temporally and spiritually. God says, "Men ought always to pray." We would, therefore recommend that each individual, especially those who have a family, hold communion with God, at least at the close of the day. Without prayer it is impossible for us to raise up our children in the way they should go, neither will he excuse those who have no family from this duty.

J. B. CHURCHILL,
R. H. SMITH,
Committee.

On motion, the Association adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator in the chair, and the body resumed business.

Elder O. Churchill and son having arrived as correspondents from the Sandy Creek Association, were welcomed to seats.

The subject of Foreign Missions was taken up. On mo-

tion, the limitation of speeches to ten minutes was suspended in Bro. Harrison's behalf. After able speeches by Elders Harrison, Betts, Marcom, Norris and Holleman, on motion, the report was adopted.

After which there was a collection for Foreign Missions amounting to \$13.10.

Announcement that Elder Harrison would preach at the stand, and he immediately retired to the appointment, followed by the anxious hearers.

Committee on Periodicals reported, and, on motion, the adoption of the report was deferred till to-morrow morning.

Committee on Education called on to report, and the following report was offered, and after a few remarks from the Moderator, and Elders Holleman, Betts and Bro. A. D. Jones, on motion, the report was adopted, as follows:

Your committee on Education would ask to submit the following: Education is said by all to be a good thing. To prove this, we only have to refer to what it has done for man. We would ask every Christian if there is not a sin of omission lying at our doors? If so, will we not in the future try to remove it by doing all we can to educate our rising generation, as there seems to be a greater demand for it now than at any previous time?

Yours,

A. N. CAMPBELL,

C. M. BYRD,

Committee.

On motion, adjourned till 9½ o'clock to-morrow A. M. Prayer by Elder Allen Betts. Benediction by Elder Alvin Betts.

SATURDAY MORNING, Nov. 6th, 1880.

Elder O. Churchill introduced the exercises by reading 67th Psalm. Sang, "I love to steal awhile away," and led in prayer.

Roll called, and minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The adoption of the report on Periodicals, which was read yesterday, was taken up and some interesting remarks by Elders Holleman and Churchill, advocating the *Biblical Recorder* as the organ of North Carolina Baptists; on motion, the report was adopted.

Your committee on Periodicals beg leave to report the following:

We think every Baptist family in the State should take the *Recorder*, not only because it is our denominational paper, but for its fearless advocacy of gospel truth. We think there is not a paper edited that is so well calculated to spread the truth and influence the minds of the young in sound religious knowledge as the *Recorder*. We, therefore, hope the

brethren will see that its circulation shall continue to spread until every Baptist family shall read the *Recorder*. Also, we recommend *Kind Words* as a Sunday School paper.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. SENTER,

J. D. WEATHERS,

H. D. WEATHERS,

Committee.

On motion of Bro. J. A. Baughcom, each church composing this Association be requested to report to the Association what they have actually paid their pastor.

The following is the report on Church Letters:

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Church Letters, beg leave to submit the following:

By examining the letters sent up by the several churches, we find that Providence has, in His wisdom, called from our number, by his messenger, death, since last session, six. The number of baptisms for the past Associational year have been 26. The receptions by letter have been 20; dismissions by letter have been 24. We have received by restoration 4, and excluded 10. So we find that the total increase has been 27.

We have eight Sabbath Schools reported. Five churches have reported regular prayer meetings. Quite a number of churches have failed to send Sunday School statistics, which is quite a mistake of the clerks of the churches, and should be looked after more carefully.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BAUGHCOM,

S. D. STEVENS,

Committee.

Committee on Temperance being called on to report, made the following report:

We, to whom the subject of Temperance was assigned are at a loss to know how to make a proper report, deeming it so important. Temperance is not only a Bible doctrine, but one of the Christian graces that we are required to add to our faith, without which no man can please the Lord. Therefore we should use the things of this world as not abusing it, and to do this we must discern between the necessary and unnecessary use of everything. Therefore, the use of intoxicating drinks as beverages is on the side of intemperance and should be abandoned altogether.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. THOMAS,

W. H. BAKER,

Committee.

After remarks by Elder Holleman, Brethren Hunt, Patterson and Thomas, on motion, the report was adopted.

Committee on State Missions reported as follows:

Your committee on State Missions would submit the following: We, the Baptist Church, claim God's word as our rule of practice, and it says: "What thy hands find to do, do with thy might." Now if we, as Baptists, would unite our efforts, what might we expect? There are fields white already to the harvest, and if there are none here that will go and reap, may the good Lord incline our hearts to throw our efforts together that we may send out reapers so he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

Respectfully submitted.

A. N. CAMPBELL,

J. W. COLLINS,

Committee.

After remarks by Elder A. N. Campbell, on motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, the Association accepted reports from correspondents to sister Associations.

Correspondents were appointed to sister Associations, viz :

RALEIGH ASSOCIATION—Elder A. N. Campbell, and brethren D. D. Senter, J. A. Baugheom, B. F. Campbell and Eli Carter.

MOUNT ZION—J. W. Collins and L. B. Hunt.

SANDY CREEK—B. F. Campbell.

SOUTH RIVER—A. N. Campbell.

CEDAR CREEK—W. W. Byrd.

On motion, the next session of this Association was appointed with the church at Holly Springs, Harnett county, commencing on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1881.

On motion, Elder William Brunt was appointed to preach the Denominational Introductory Sermon. Elder A. N. Campbell was appointed to preach Missionary Sermon.

On motion, those who were appointed to preach stated sermons were requested to preach themselves or have it done.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to correspond with the former Clerk and Treasurer relative to the Treasurer's report.

On motion, a committee consisting of A. N. Campbell, D. D. Senter and Eli Carter was appointed to audit the report.

Committee on Finance reported, and on motion, the report was received. (See Appendix.)

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay out the money sent up by the several churches as directed in the letters.

On motion, Elder A. N. Campbell was appointed delegate to the Baptist State Convention.

Bro. R. H. Smith offered a resolution of thanks, as follows, which, after considerable debate, was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this body be tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of Baptist Grove Church and community for their bounteous hospitality and warm reception of this body.

On motion, adjourned for 45 minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion, the Association gave place for the Executive Board.

After the meeting of the Board, the Association resumed business.

Committee on Obituaries reported the following :

DEAR BRETHREN—A kind Providence has seen proper to remove from our midst six of our beloved brethren and sisters during the past Associational year, viz: Brethren J. D. Lanier, Thomas Strickland, William Salmon, and sisters Dicy Smith, Buchanan and Foe. We, as an Association, will try to submit to the dealings of the Lord, notwithstanding we deeply deplore their loss. We trust that our loss is their eternal gain. Some of them were leading spirits in the Association. For instance, Bro. Lanier, who was so benevolent and attentive to all the duties of the church. We trust that this dispensation of an Allwise Providence will be the cause of our being more energetic in the Master's cause.

Respectfully submitted,

ELI CARTER,
O. CHURCHILL,
D. D. SENTER,
Committee.

After some appropriate remarks by Elders Churchill and Campbell, on motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, the Clerk received \$7.50 for his services.

On motion, the collection of to-morrow be equally divided between Home and State Missions.

While waiting for the report of the Board, a collection was taken up for Bro. Reardon; an afflicted brother, amounting to \$7.25.

The following query was offered the Association: "What steps should a church take with an ordained minister, who is a member of that church, for immoral conduct?"

On motion, the query was answered as follows: "First silence him, and then withdraw fellowship from him."

The Executive Board reported, and on motion, the report was adopted. (See Appendix.)

Treasurer reported, and on motion, the report was received. (See Appendix.)

On motion a new Board was appointed as follows :

CUMBERLAND UNION—T. B. Lanier. BAPTIST GROVE—J. A. Baughcom. LILLINGTON—William Brunt. FRIENDSHIP—L. W. Byrd. HECTOR'S CREEK—R. H. Smith. BETHEL—Alexander West. HOLLY SPRINGS—Malcom Oquin. JUNIPER SPRINGS—C. B. McNeill. BULES CREEK—S. R. Wilson. CAMERON'S GROVE—W. D. Graham. MACE-DONIA—S. D. Stevens. ANTIOCH—L. B. Hunt. BETHLEHEM—D. T. Harvell.

On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed for next session. Sang "Your harps ye trembling saints," &c. Elder O. Churchill offered a fervent and melting petition in behalf of the Little River Association. Benediction by Eld. J. M. Holleman.

SUNDAY MORNING.

A Sabbath School Mass-meeting was well entertained by the beautiful singing conducted by Bro. B. F. Campbell, and the able speeches by Elders Churchill, Norris, Marcom and Brunt.

The congregation assembled at the stand for worship. Elder Brunt being unwell, the Denominational Missionary Sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Holleman, from Mark xvi: 15, 16: "Go ye into all the world," &c.; hymn "From Greenland's icy mountain." After which a collection for Home and State Missions was taken up amounting to \$20. Benediction by Elder Marcom.

AFTERNOON.

Elder H. W. Norris preached to a large audience from II. Cor., iii: 17: "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Prayer by Elder Marcom.

Then came the shaking of hands, bidding adieu and parting of friends, hoping to meet again at Holly Springs, Harnett county, next Association.

WILLIAM BRUNT. MODERATOR.

J. A. CAMPBELL, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

IN ACCOUNT WITH LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

DR.

To cash received from Finance Committee for Minutes for 1879,.....	\$ 18 30
To cash received for Home Missions,.....	25 76
To cash received for Foreign Missions,.....	6 70
To cash received for Clerk's fee,.....	1 00
	<hr/> \$ 51 76

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To cash paid for printing Minutes,.....	\$ 18 30
To cash paid Treasurer Home Mission Board,.....	25 76
To cash paid Treasurer Foreign Mission Board,.....	6 70
To cash paid Clerk of Association,.....	1 00
	<hr/> \$ 51 76

Respectfully submitted,

ELI HILLIARD, Treasurer.

N. B.—The contributions in collections paid out to the objects for which taken.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

DR.

To balance on hand from 1879,.....	\$ 53 57
Received at Buies Creek by chairman,.....	6 14
Received from Friendship church,.....	13 50
Received on subscriptions,.....	4 00
Received from Macedonia church,.....	2 60
Received from Cumberland Union church,.....	50
Received from collection at Lillington meeting of the Board,.....	2 69
Received from collection at Hector's Creek meeting of the Board,.....	3 30
	<u>\$ 86 30</u>

CR.

Paid to J. W. Collins, for missionary services for the year 1878,.....	\$ 28 00
Balance in treasury,.....	\$ 58 30

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. SMITH, Treasurer.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Associational Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Clerk's Fee.	State Missions.	Total.
Cumberland Union,.....	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 25	\$ 25	\$ 50	\$.....	\$ 4 00
Baptist Grove,.....	2 00	.....	.....	50	.....	2 50
Lillington,.....	1 00	1 45	1 00	50	43	4 38
Friendship,.....	2 00	.....	5 30	50	.....	7 80
Hector's Creek,.....	2 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	3 00
Bethel,.....	80	2 00	2 00	50	.....	5 30
Holly Springs,.....	1 02	75	1 00	.....	.....	2 77
Buies Creek,.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 50
Cameron's Grove,.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Macedonia,.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Antioch,.....	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10
Bethlehem,.....	50	50	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Juniper Springs,.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
	<u>\$18 92</u>	<u>\$ 5 95</u>	<u>\$ 9 55</u>	<u>\$ 3 50</u>	<u>\$ 1 43</u>	<u>\$39 35</u>

Respectfully submitted,

ELI CARTER,
W. L. PARKER,
Committee.