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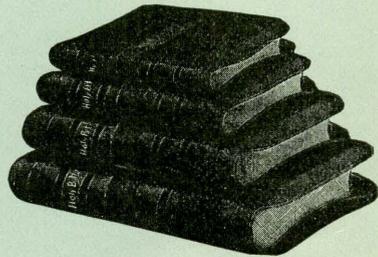
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... MINUTES ...



FIRST DAY---THURSDAY, SEPT. 29, 1904.

The Liberty and Ducktown Baptist Association met according to adjournment with the Liberty church. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. S. Kimsey, followed by Elder T. W. Crowder. Recess for one hour.

Reassembled. Scripture reading by Elder J. F. McGee, the former Moderator, and prayer by Elder E. A. Deweese. The house was called to order for business by the former Moderator and appointed Brothers A. K. Dickey and J. T. L. Hartness reading clerks. The letters of the various churches composing the Liberty and Ducktown Baptist Association were called for and all present were read by the clerks.

Then went into a permanent organization by electing officers as follows: Elder B. M. Ledford, Moderator; A. K. Dickey, Vice-Moderator; L. D. McNabb, Treasurer, and D. T. McNabb, Clerk. Then an opportunity was given to any church wishing to become a member of this body, but received none. Gave an invitation to visitors and received Elder J. E. Norton, from the Western North Carolina Association. Then appointed committees as follows:

On Preaching—E. H. Berrong, E. M. Bryant, J. M. Shearer, A. K. Dickey and P. E. Nelson.

On Deceased Members—Elder E. A. Deweese, J. T. L. Hartness and L. D. McNabb.

On Sabbath Schools—A. K. Dickey, O. L. Keith and W. G. Sparks.

On State Missions—Elder J. F. McGee, J. M. Cotter and Elder J. E. Norton. Elder J. W. Lawing was added later.

On Foreign Missions—Elder W. S. Kimsey, W. L. Voils and J. H. Rymer.

On Home Missions—A. J. Kilpatrick, E. F. Thompson, Elder W. S. Lenderman, and Elder A. E. Brown added.

On Temperance—Elder W. D. Hogsed, J. L. McNabb, A. J. Johnson and A. K. Dickey.

On Finance—J. T. Payne and J. E. Tilson,

On Education—Elder J. A. Craig, S. M. Reese, P. E. Nelson, and F. A. Brown was added

On Periodicals—Elders G. F. Burger, J. F. McGee and T. W. Crowder.

On State of the Churches—Elder W. C. Hamric, Elder G. F. Burger, Elder W. D. Hogsed, J. L. Johnson and J. R. Carroll.

On motion adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Benediction by Elder W. C. Hamric.

SECOND DAY---FRIDAY, SEPT. 30.

The body met. Scripture reading, comment and prayer by Elder J. W. Lawing. The house was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion raised a new committee, as follows:

On the Duty of Church Members Attending Church and Bearing the Ex-

pense of the Church—Elders W. A. Revis, J. A. Craig, E. A. Deweese and L. D. McNabb.

Renewed the invitatoin for visitors and received Elders J. W. Lawing and E. D. Cole, from the Morganton Association, and Elder A. E. Brown as field secretary for the Home Mission Board. Also Bro. F. A. Brown, representing the interest of the Bellevue High School.

Extended an invitation for membership and received Mine City Church by letter from the Morganton Association.

Back to the appointment of committees:

On Orphanage—P. E. Nelson and F. A. Brown.

On Nominations—J. H. Rymer, P. E. Nelson, J. T. L. Hartuess and Samuel Amburn.

On Duty of Deacons—O. L. Keith, Elder J. W. Lawing, J. M. Shearer and James Coleman.

Suspended the regular order of business for preaching at 11 o'clock by Elder J. W. Lawing, who entertained the congregation, preaching a very instructive sermon. Text, Romans 10:4; subject, Righteousness.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house was called to order by the Vice-Moderator. Reports of Committees were called for. Report on Education submitted. Motion to adopt. Discussed by F. A. Brown, Elders A. E. Brown, B. M. Ledford and J. W. Lawing. Report adopted; see report. The body instructed the Executive Committee of the Bellevue High School to purchase the upper story of the Ledford Hall for the use of said school, and took pledges as follows to pay for same:

Hopewell Church.....	\$5.00	Zion Hill Church.....	\$5.00
Fairview “	5 00	Elder W. C. Hamric.....	1.00
Pleasant Hill “	5.00	Elder A. E. Brown.....	1.00
Shoal Creek “	5.00	Elder W. A. Revis.....	1 00
Liberty “	5.00		

Report on Temperance submitted and read. Motion to adopt. Discussed by Elder G. F. Burger. On motion suspended the regular order of business and offered Rev. Gay Bryant an honorary seat as member of this body. Report further discussed by J. H. Rymer, Elder J. F. McGee, Elder J. W. Lawing, the Moderator, and others. Upon motion added a resolution. Motion to adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow. Benediction by Elder A. E. Brown.

THIRD DAY--SATURDAY, OCT. 1.

The body met according to adjournment. Scripture reading and prayer by the Moderator. Report on Temperance reread. Discussed by Elder W. D. Hogsd and others. Report and resolution adopted; see report. *Report of Elder G. F. Burger, Missionary of the Liberty and Ducktown Association, was read. Motion to adopt. Remarks by Elder G. F. Burger and others. A collection was taken for Elder G. F. Burger on his last year's work. Amount \$6.50; will appear in his report. Report adopted; see report. Report on Home Missions read. Motion to adopt. Discussed by A. E. Brown, and pledges were taken for Home Missions, as follows:

Beaverdam Church	\$5.00	Brownhill	\$2.00
Boiling Springs (by Elder		Culberson	2.50
E. A. Deweese)	5.00	Bethlehem.....	5.00

*Should have appeared in the 1903 Minutes, Report of Colporter and Missionary.

Fairview	\$ 5.00	Pleasant Hill, 1	\$ 5.00
Friendship	2.00	Shoal Creek.....	5.00
Liberty.....	10.00	Shady Grove.....	2.00
Mt. Pleasant.....	2.00	Turtletown.....	5.00
Ogreeta (Paid by		Union.....	2.00
J. T. L. Hartness)	5.00	Zion Hill.....	2.00
Pleasant Grove.....	2.00	Mine City.....	2.00

Report adopted; see report.

Suspended business for preaching at 11 o'clock. Elder J. E. Norton occupied the time from 11 to 12 o'clock, preaching. Text, Isaiah 55:1—a very interesting sermon. Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house was called to order by the Moderator. Report on State Missions submitted and read. Motion to adopt. Discussed by Elder J. F. McGee and others. Took pledges for State Missions as follows:

Fairview Church.....	\$5.00	Pleasant Grove Church.....	\$1.00
Friendship "	2.00	Union "	1.00
Hopewell "	5.00	Zion Hill "	1.00
Mt. Pleasant "	1.00	Mine City "	5.00
Turtletown "	1.00	Mt. Vernon "	2.00

Report adopted; see report. Report on Nominations submitted and adopted; see report. Report on Orphanage submitted and read. Motion to adopt. Discussed by Elder A. E. Brown. On motion agreed to take a collection for Orphanage Sunday morning. Report adopted; see report. Report on Duty of Deacons read and adopted; see report. Report on Foreign Missions read and adopted; see report. Report on State of Churches read and adopted; see report. Report on Duty of Church Members Attending Church and Bearing the Expense of the Church was read. It not being considered full enough, the body agreed to recommit and appoint a new committee to prepare a report and submit it at the next session of this body. Names of committee as follows: Elders J. F. McGee, B. M. Ledford, E. A. Deweese. Report on Deceased Members submitted and adopted; see report. Report on Finance submitted. Minute fund \$23.71. Adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Benediction by Elder A. E. Brown.

FOURTH DAY---SUNDAY, OCT. 2.

The body met according to adjournment. Scripture reading and prayer by elder J. F. McGee. The house was called to order by the Moderator.

Report on Periodicals submitted and read. Motion to adopt. Discussed by Elder G. F. Burger and others. Report adopted; see report. Report on Sabbath Schools submitted and read. Motion to adopt. Discussed by A. K. Dickey and others. The body recommend and request that each Sabbath school, and each church where there is no Sabbath school, send delegates to the Sabbath School Convention, to be held with Friendship church, which will embrace the first fifth Sunday after the adjournment of this body beginning on Friday before; introductory sermon by Elder J. W. Lawing. Report adopted; see report. Appointed A. K. Dickey, W. L. McNabb, A. L. Martin and W. G. Sparks to arrange a program for the Convention and have it published in due time. Report of Committee on Electing a Missionary and Colporteur for this Association, to hold one year, was submitted and read. Motion to adopt. Discussed by Elders J. W. Lawing and J. F. McGee. Report adopted; see report. Report of Treasurer read and adopted; see report. On motion appointed Elder J. F. McGee, Elder W. A. Revis and A. K. Dickey Executive Committee to take the general oversight of Mission work in this As-

sociation. Elected Elder G. F. Burger delegate to the State Convention, A. K. Dickey delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Elder W. A. Revis member of the State Board. On motion appointed Elders W. A. Revis and B. M. Ledford to arrange time and place for Baptist school. Then took up a collection for the orphans at Thomasville and raised \$8.25; also Rev. Gay Bryant took a collection for Samuel Farner, to bear the expense of an operation to remove an ulcer from the muscle of his arm, (amount, \$14.50) after which the body offered a resolution of thanks to the people of the Liberty community for their kind hospitality during this session. Elder A. E. Brown then preached a very instructive sermon from Rev. 14:6; subject, Vision of a World-wide Gospel. Adjourned to time and place mentioned in report on Nominations. A farewell address was delivered by Elder E. A. Deweese, after which the congregation engaged in singing a hymn and the parting hand was extended to each other with much good feeling manifested, in which many expressed a hope of a happy future. Benediction by Elder A. E. Brown.

ELDER B. M. LEDFORD, Moderator.

A. K. DICKEY, Vice-Moderator.

D. T. McNABB, Clerk.



COMMITTEE REPORTS.

ON EDUCATION.

This is no doubt the most vital of all questions to our denominational life in the mountain section. True Christianity stands for the education of the masses. No people can do their best work without a clear knowledge of what they are doing, and to do well anything attempted there must of necessity be the best possible preparation for its accomplishment. Two things are very necessary—the masses must have careful, capable leaders, then the people must be so trained as to choose between true and false leadership. Since the duties of leadership devolves largely upon the ministry, it is very important that these be educated. Then it is very important that the church membership be educated in order that we may accomplish the most possible good in the coming years. The achievements of the past five years in the development of the educational interests of the denomination in the mountain section has been truly marvelous. Ten schools have been established, from which influence has gone out, are telling much in the development of our denomination. In these schools last year were enrolled 1,750 students, costing the denomination \$4,400. One of these schools—the Bellevue High School—stands as a monument to the zeal and sacrifice of this Association. Then we have the Murphy High School for young men and young women, which is another Baptist factor in the development of this section. Rejoicing in past achievements, let us, for the sake of the lost among us and for the sake of our Redeemer, go forward.

P. E. NELSON, Chairman.

ON TEMPERANCE.

We are glad to report that our people are being more and more aroused over the liquor question. Seeing the great evil it is in our land, destroying our young people's ambition for good, turning the fatherly affections of many fathers into the affections of brutes, seeing that saloons are the nests in which infidelity, anarchism, and, in fact, almost all the schemes of delusion are hatched, let us unite as one mighty army, Jesus being our captain, and say in our hearts that we will never surrender until the demon is driven out of our

beautiful land and our people are anchored in safety from it.

RESOLUTION OFFERED:

We, the Liberty and Ducktown Baptist Association, in session, representing about 2,000 Baptists of Cherokee county, North Carolina, respectfully petition the United States Congress to pass such legislation as will protect prohibition in our territory from shipments of liquor from outside.

RESOLVED: That the clerk of this Association be instructed to forward this petition to our Member of Congress.

W. D. HOGSED, Chairman.

REPORT OF ELDER G. F. BURGER,

Missionary and Colporter of the Liberty and Ducktown Association.

Days labored.....	235	Amount received.....	\$65.40
Sermons preached.....	200	Collection during this session .	6.50
Visits made.....	225	No Colportage work done.	
Conversions witnessed.....	78	Sunday School work:	
Baptised.....	16	Addresses.....	25
Miles traveled.....	1,200	Sunday Schools organized.....	3

ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board is appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting. The board has its headquarters at Atlanta, Ga. The president of the board is Dr. W. W. Landrum, pastor of the First Baptist church of Atlanta. The corresponding secretary is Dr. B. D. Gray. He is assisted by Rev. M. P. Hunt, who superintends the work west of the Mississippi river; by Rev. A. J. Barton, who superintends the work among the negroes, and by Rev. A. E. Brown, who superintends the work in the mountain regions of the South. The treasurer of the board is Mr. Walker Dunson, a business man of Atlanta. The field of the Home board is the Southern states, the island of Cuba, and Panama. The board employed 616 missionaries last year. These supplied 2,244 churches and stations and baptised 7,526 converts. They constituted 157 new churches and built 179 houses of worship. There was received and expended for this work last year \$127,850.56. The board is endeavoring to supply the destitution in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Cuba, Panama, the mountain regions, foreign factory towns and mining regions, and to assist the negroes in their work. The aim of the Home board is to enthrono Christ in the works and lives of men. The immediate sphere of the Home board is our own dear home land, but the ultimate aim is the world for Christ and Christ for the world. Let this Association become endued with the high and holy purpose of making Christ regnant on earth. We would close this report by reminding our people that this board is aiding our school work, and but for it our mountain schools would not have been established and could not employ the accomplished men and women they have to train our boys and girls. We appeal to our churches to manifest their appreciation of the aid extended us by making a liberal contribution to Home Missions this year.

A. J. KILPATRICK, Chairman.

ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee on State Missions submit the following report: State Missions means the work that has been and is being done by the board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Through Livingston Johnson, corresponding secretary, by means and work of said board, many destitute

fields have been occupied by her missionaries in our beloved old North State. The good that has been done by way of sending the gospel of Christ through our organized system of doing mission work will only be revealed to us when the work is complete and we are gathered home. There has been constant growth and progress made each year in our state mission work since the convention was organized, and yet there remains much to be done as there are still destitute fields to be cultivated, and we believe it is our duty to contribute liberally of the means God has blessed us with, to the support of said work. By helping those in need we grow strong and useful in the Master's cause. This year the board has 122 missionaries employed on the field and God has wonderfully blessed their labors. 1,217 converts have been baptised and a still larger number have professed faith in Christ. We further recommend that this Association elect a missionary to travel in our bounds for the ensuing year and the work of an organizer on the different lines of our mission work. Recognizing the great opportunity of the Ducktown mining region and the difficulty of the field, we recommend it as a worthy and hopeful mission field. Respectfully submitted, J. F. McGEE, Chm.

ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that the next session of this body be held with the Mine City Church, at Ducktown, Polk County, Tenn., commencing on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1905; introductory sermon by Elder E. D. Cole; alternate, Elder J. F. McGee. We also recommend that a Sabbath School Convention be held with the Friendship Church, Cherokee County, N. C., on the first fifth Sunday after the adjournment of this body, beginning on Friday before; introductory sermon by Elder J. W. Lawing. The second fifth Sunday meeting at Brown Hill; introductory sermon by Elder W. S. Kimsey, Elder W. D. Hogsd his alternate. The third fifth Sunday meeting at Persimmon Creek Church; introductory sermon by Elder W. S. Lenderman, Elder T. W. Crowder his alternate. Fourth to be held with the Union Church; introductory sermon by Elder W. A. Revis; alternate, Elder J. T. Dugan. The pastors and churches where these meetings are assigned will each arrange a program and have it published two weeks before each meeting convenes. Elected three trustees for Bellevue High School, as follows: W. G. Sparks, W. W. Lovingood and W. L. Bruce. J. H. RYMER, Chairman.

ON ORPHANAGE.

There is no class of persons that appeal more strongly to our sympathies than do the orphans of our land. For the care and protection of these unfortunate ones, our denomination has built a great home at Thomasville, where more than 300 orphans are being cared for. Under the superintendency of Rev. J. B. Boone, these children are being so trained and developed as to become industrious and useful members of society. We recommend that this body consider the needs of these unfortunate ones and make regular contributions for their benefit. P. E. NELSON, Chairman.

ON DUTY OF DEACONS.

Your committee on Duty of Deacons submit the following: The term "deacon" originally signified helper. When the church needed helpers the Holy Spirit signified the fact, which could be done by men full of the Holy Spirit, in order that the Apostles might give themselves entirely to the ministry of the Word. The object was to save time to the ministry by placing a part of the work then performed by the Apostles. The first duty was to serve tables. The Grecian widows, being neglected, the poor, and the finances of the church became the duties of the new officers installed in the office of Dea-

con by the Holy Spirit through the church. The Deacons were to see after widows, orphans, poor and churches. They should look into the temporal wants of all these and supply the wants as far as ability would admit. We include that they should visit the widows and orphans, encourage the despondent and sympathize with the bereft. They should see well to the incidental expenses of the church and to the support of the pastor.

J. M. SHEARER, Chairman.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We rejoice to know that our mission work is being greatly blessed in the foreign fields. We had in 1898, 76 missionaries and 117 native helpers and 102 churches; baptised 701 converts; members 4,760; contributions \$124,249.-69, and in 1904 we have 138 missionaries, 225 native helpers and 180 churches; baptised 2,076 converts; members 9,969; contributions \$247,629.62, which shows a vast increase in our Foreign Mission work, but we see a great need of an increase of interest on the part of a great many of our Baptist people in the Foreign Mission work, so we urge our people to pray for Foreign Missions, and we also urge our people to give more means for the support of our missionaries and missionary work. Missionary means "one sent." Jesus was a Missionary sent from Heaven, therefore every child of God should be a missionary to the core, and should pray, work and give for the support of the same. Respectfully submitted,

W. S. KIMSEY, Chairman.

ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We, your committee on State of the Churches, submit the following: We rejoice in every manifestation of progress in our churches. We believe that our churches are attaining to higher and nobler plans of Christian living and work for the Master. We recommend our churches to loose the hands of their pastors so that they can do greater pastoral work.

W. C. HAMRICK, Chairman.

ON PERIODICALS.

We, your committee on Periodicals, submit the following report: We are pained by the fact that many of our good people do not take nor read any of our religious papers, and yet we have the very best and so cheap as to be in reach of all. So ignorance as to what Baptists are, and what they are doing, is left without an excuse. We do hope that all of our people will soon become enough interested about Christ's cause and work in our homes and country that they may get up and about the work of educating themselves and be relieved from that inexcusable answer, "I don't know," about things that they ought to, and might know about. We recommend the Biblical Recorder, Skyland Baptist, Charity and Children, Home, Field and Foreign Mission Journal, as good, sound and safe educators for our people to read.

G. F. BURGER, Chairman.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following report: We believe the interest in Sabbath school work is increasing and the work being done is more thorough than heretofore. Yet we have not reached the height in the work that we desire, and which is possible for us to reach, therefore, to this end, we would recommend to Sunday school superintendents to urge as much as possible their methods of work and their exercises so as to hold the interest they have, and even incite a greater interest. We would recommend that the various helps be secured to aid in the great work of the Sunday school in all its departments. We would suggest the following, published by our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., to-wit: Normal Stud-

ies, by Spillman & Moore at 25c per vol.; Pastor and Sunday School, by Hatcher; Pastoral Leadership of Sunday School Forces, by Smith, at 50c; The Twentieth Century Sunday School, by Green, at 50c; and Kind Words—a weekly paper for children. We would further recommend that the Sunday schools of the Liberty and Ducktown Association organize themselves into a Sunday School Convention.

A. K. DICKEY, Chairman.

ON NOMINATION

OF A MISSIONARY AND COLPORTER FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

We recommend the election of Elder G. F. Burger Missionary and Colporter of the Liberty and Ducktown Baptist Association.

A. K. DICKEY, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Persimmon Creek church,	State Missions,	\$ 2 00
New Hope, "	" "	1 00
Mt. Pleasant "	" "	1 00
Bethlehem "	" "	3 50
Mt. Vernon "	Foreign "	1 05
Hopewell "	State "	5 00
" "	Foreign "	2 55
Culberson "	State "	3 00
Shady Grove "	" "	1 00
" "	Foreign "	1 30
Beaver Dam "	State "	5 00
Pleasant Grove "	" "	4 00
" "	Foreign "	2 00
J. T. L. Hartness (Ogreeta)	Home "	5 00
Turtletown, Church	State "	5 00
Union "	" "	2 00
Liberty "	" "	2 00
Zion Hill "	Foreign "	1 25
" "	Orphanage	1 50
Pleasant Hill 1 "	State Mission	5 00
" "	Home " By Receipt	10 00
" "	Foreign " " "	11 30
" " Sabbath	" " " "	2 00
" "	Home "	1 70
Friendship "	" "	1 05
" "	State "	5 07
" "	Foreign "	2 00
Fairview "	" "	2 00
" "	State "	10 00
Collection at Association, for Orphanage		8 25

L. D. McNABB, Treasurer.

ON DECEASED MEMBERS.

The committee on Deceased Members make the following report:

Commencing at Boiling Springs, lost one—old Sister Woody—a worthy member and consistent in walk. Her trials were hard but her death was victorious, encouraging all present to meet her in Heaven. Farewell, Sister.

Bethlehem has lost Elisha Craig. Born Wednesday, Oct. 3, 1827; died on Thursday, Nov. 5, 1903; aged 76 years, one month and two days. He joined the church in early life and was ordained to the gospel ministry July 7, 1894. He lived a consistent member until death.

Pleasant Grove has lost Bro. Jason Hogsed. Age, 84 years—was a mem-

ber of the church for 30 years. He died in the faith of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¶Also, Olie Carroll, 21 years old. She was a member of the church two years. Although young, she was strong in faith, and "I'm going, going home" were her last words.

Zion Hill has lost Sister Hettie Johnson, wife of A. J. Johnson. She was born Oct. 23, 1860, and joined the church at Zion Hill Oct. 2, 1894. She lived a consistent life and was a good member of the church until death, which occurred Dec. 21, 1903. She leaves a husband, eight children and many friends to mourn her loss, but our loss is her gain. Her last words were, "I'm going to rest. Meet me in Heaven, dear sister." ¶Also, Callie Jones, wife of Ed. Jones. She was born March 1, 1870. She joined the church and lived a consistent member. She departed this life April 17, 1903, leaving a husband and five children. Gone! Gone! Farewell, dear sister, until we meet again. ¶Also, Lenory Bouring, wife of Alec Bouring. She joined the church and lived a consistent member. She leaves a family and many friends. Farewell, mother, precious mother. ¶Also, Brother H. P. Kimsey. He was born Oct. 19, 1827, and joined the Baptist church at Zion Hill Aug. 18, 1859. He lived a Christian life until death. He was a member of Zion Hill church for 32 years. He came to his death by being thrown from his horse at Jones' R. R. crossing, which was caused by the train. He leaves a wife and seven children and many other relatives and friends to mourn the loss, but our loss is his eternal gain. He departed this life Dec. 27, 1903. He sleeps in Jesus. Farewell, loved one, until we meet in Heaven.

Friendship has lost Martha Ann Lowrance. Born June 14, 1887; died Sept. 28, 1904. Typhoid fever seized her in its worst form, but death had no terrors for her. She said to her mother, "Let me go tonight, or tomorrow—right now! Bless the Lord! O my soul and all that is in me, bless His holy name!" Martha joined the church at an early age. She lived religion and found the triumph of religion at last. Only two Sundays since we saw her at the organ, singing with her Sunday school. Sing on, precious sister until we join you.

Liberty has lost Sister Hassie Jones, daughter of Brother John Burnett. She was born Dec. 12, 1871, and attached herself to the church at Liberty in the year 1889. Departed this life March 26, 1904. She was a consistent member of the church during her stay with us. ¶Also, Bro. J. P. Burnett. Born Oct. 31, 1830, and joined the Baptist church at Old Liberty about the year 1855. He departed this life Feb. 5, 1904. ¶Also, Brother William Dotkins. He was born in Sevier county, Tenn., July 20, 1827, and joined the church at the age of fifteen years. He afterwards became a member of the church at Liberty, and remained in said church until the Great Head of the Church saw proper to call him home. He died May 20, 1904—died as he had lived. He was a consistent member and deacon of the church, a kind husband and father, and loving to all.

By request of Shoal Creek church: The Minutes of last year did not show the names of the deceased of Shoal Creek. Brother G. N. Taylor died Nov. 4, 1902; Brother L. W. Hill died in August, 1903.

Beaverdam has lost three. Names not given.

Friendship has also lost Sister Mary J. Stiles, who was a member in the true sense. She often talked of death, and it had no terror for her. All that made her regret to die was leaving her husband and two small children. She said that she had a home beyond, where parting and trouble are not known.

Mt. Vernon has lost old Sister Polly Burnett. Born in 1818 and died Aug. 7, 1904. She lived a strict Christian life, and is no doubt now rejoicing around the throne above with the angels of God. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Mt. Pleasant has lost a beloved sister, Susan Hawkins, who departed this life Aug. 12, 1904. She had lived to a good old age and was a member of the Baptist church many years. She was a good Christian woman and loved by

all who knew her. We doubt not that her immortal spirit has gone to the home of the good.

Union has lost one. No name given.

Mine City has lost two. No names given.

Precious bereaved friends, take courage. May our Father in Heaven bless you all. You have the sympathy of the Association and the prayers of all of God's dear children. May Heaven's blessings rest on us all and keep us ready. Farewell, departed ones! E. A. DEWEESE, Chairman.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Beaverdam—E F Thompson and J L McNabb.
Boiling Springs—None present.
Bethlehem—S M Reese, Elder T W Crowder and G W Vest.
Culbersen—Elder J F McGee.
Fairview—Elder B M Ledford, A K Dickey, J N Suit, W B Robertson and Hardie Ballew.
Friendship—Elder G F Burger, W L McNabb and John B Stiles.
Hopewell—A Rice, W L Payne, J E Tilson, O L Keith and Samuel Roberson.
Liberty—E H Berrong, J M Shearer, E M Bryant and G W Kilpatrick.
Mt. Pleasant—R M Shields, J R Roberson and C W Shields.
New Hope—E A Prince.
Mt. Vernon—J A Coleman and R C Hall.
Ogreeta—J T L Hartness.
Pleasant Grove—Elders W A Revis and W D Hogsed, and Pearl Hogsed.
Pleasant Hill, 1—Nelson Adams, L D McNabb, T C Kilpatrick, D T McNabb.
Pleasant Hill, 2—William Stansberry.
Persimmon Creek—J R Carroll, H A Davis and J M Cline.
Shady Grove—Elder E. A. Deweese and Jud Pinkerton.
Shoal Creek—Elder J A Craig, Sam Allen and P E Nelson.
Turtleton—Elder W C Hamrick, A J Kilpatrick and Sam Rose.
Union—J T Payne, W L Voils, J L Johnson and J L Berrong.
Zion Hill—Elder W S Kimsey, A J Johnson and Tom Hensley.
Mine City—Elder E D Cole, Samuel Amburn and M L. Anderson.

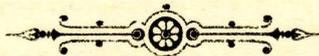
OBITUARIES.

Beaverdam has lost three of her members, to-wit:

BROTHER N. M. THOMPSON was born Jan. 21, 1831, and died April 12, 1904. He joined the Baptist church at the age of 20 years and was a consistent member until death. He was a deacon of the church for 37 years and his vacant seat in the church is recognized by all. As he grew older he grew stronger. We can only say, "Our loss is Heaven's gain."

BROTHER A. J. EVANS was born April 7, 1832, and died Dec. 11, 1903. Bro Evans was a member of the Baptist church twenty years. He was a great sufferer, but bore his sufferings with Christian resignation, and in his dying hour he assured us that the gates did not stand ajar, but said, "My faith is strong and the gates are open." All is well. He was a kind husband and father, and his presence is missed in his country as well as his home.

SISTER SARAH BURGESS was born March 29, 1824, and joined the church at the age of about 14 years. She lived a consistent member until death. Her influence was uplifting and instructive. As she grew older she grew stronger and more affectionate, until God, the Great Head of the Church, called her to her eternal abode on Dec. 2, 1903.



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†Boiling Springs.	E. A. Deweese....	N. H. Lovingood	Brady, N. C.....
Bethlehem.....	J. A. Craig.....	Joseph Burger...	Isabella, Tenn....
Brownhill.....	W. S. Simonds....	J. M. Taylor....	Nina, N. C.....
Culberson.....	J. F. McGee.....	W. H. Turner....	Culberson, N. C..
*Fairview.....	B. M. Ledford....	J. N. Suit.....	Ranger, N. C.....
Friendship.....	W. A. Revis.....	W. C. Ensley....	Suit, N. C.....
*Hopewell.....	J. F. McGee.....	R. A. Cline.....	Hot House, N. C.
Liberty.....	W. A. Revis.....	E. H. Berrong...	Patrick, N. C....
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†New Hope.....	F. R. Carter.....	N. I. Prince....	Isabella, Tenn....
Ogreeta.....	W. D. Hogsed....	U. H. Johnson...	Ogreeta, N. C....
Pleasant Grove..	W. A. Revis.....	J. W. Stiles.....	Letitia, N. C....
Pleasant Hill, 1..	W. A. Revis.....	D. T. McNabb...	Hiwassee, N. C..
Pleasant Hill, 2..	A. F. Burns.....	W. H. Burns....	McCays, Tenn....
Persimmon Creek	W. D. Hogsed....	J. M. Cline.....	Vest, N. C.....
Shoal Creek.....	G. F. Burger.....	J. M. Suit.....	Postelle, N. C....
Shady Grove....	J. F. McGee.....	E. B. Barber....	Culberson, N. C..
Turtletown.....	W. C. Hamric....	Sam Rose.....	Turtletown, Tenn.
Union.....	T. W. Crowder...	J. T. Payne.....	Vest, N. C.....
†Zion Hill.....	W. S. Kimsey....	A. J. Johnson....	Ducktown, Tenn.

†New Hope enrolled 2.

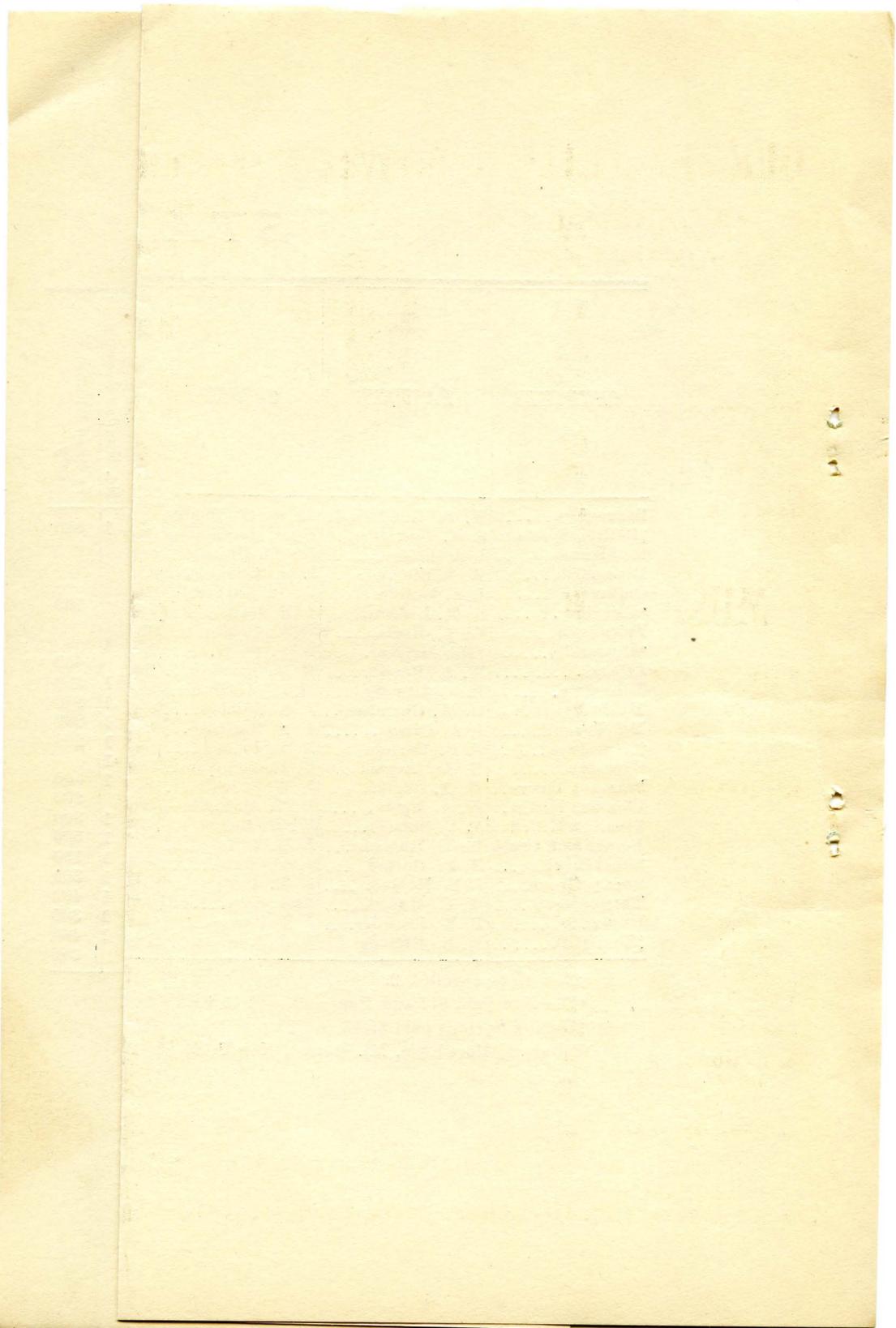
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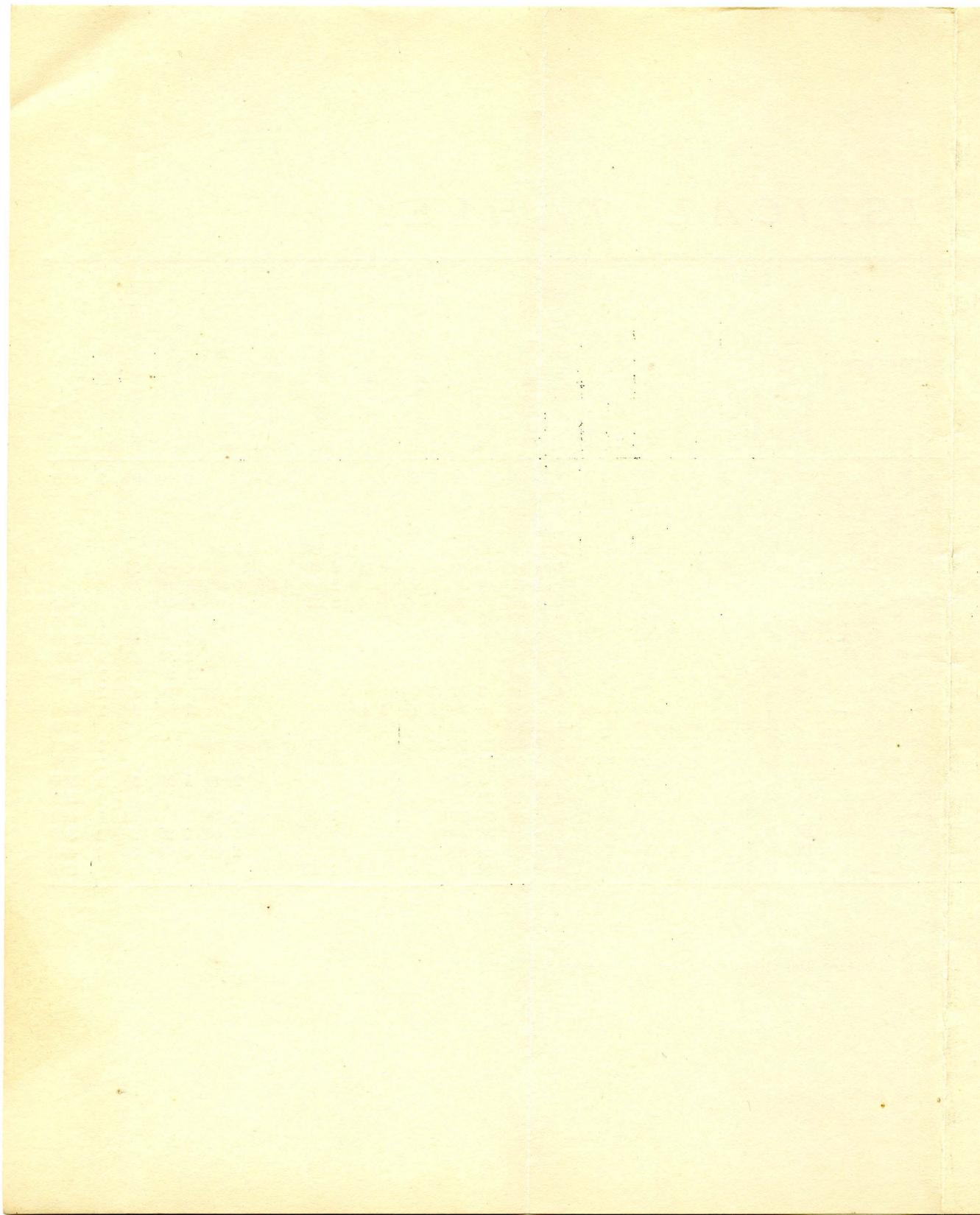
†Boiling Springs paid \$1.53 and Zion Hill paid \$1.50 on Orphanage
Hiwassee, Macedonia, Mt. Moriah, New Prospect, Tellico, Ebenezer

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Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	Deaths	Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Sabbath of Worship	Minute Fund	Pastoral Support	Paid Visiting Minsters	For the Poor	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Sunday School Fund	Number S. S. Students	No. Sunday Schools	Value of Church Property
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