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OF THE

Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

LITTLE RIVER

# Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH,

AT

*BUNN'S LEVEL, HARNETT CO., N. C.,*

OCT. 30TH—NOV. 2ND, 1879.

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WILLIAM BRUNT, MODERATOR, Lillington, N. C.

ELI HILLIARD, CLERK, CHALK LEVEL, N. C.

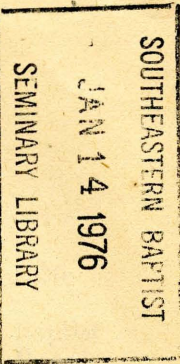
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J. B. CHURCHILL, } READING CLERKS,

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## PROCEEDINGS.

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BUNN'S LEVEL, HARNETT CO., N. C.,

THURSDAY, October 30th, 1879.

The Fourth Annual Session of the Little River Baptist Association convened with Friendship Church, at Bunn's Level, Harnett county, N. C., October 30th, 1879.

Exercises introduced by singing "I love thy Kingdom, Lord." Eld. A. N. Campbell led the congregation in prayer.

Elder William Brunt preached the Introductory Sermon from I Timothy 3:15: "Which is the church of the living God the pillar and ground of truth."

Brethren T. D. Watson and J. B. Churchill were appointed Reading Clerks.

Churches called and delegates enrolled:

*Cumberland Union*—J. D. Lanier, W. L. Parker and J. B. Churchill.

*Baptist Grove*—D. D. Senter, W. S. Mann, J. A. Baughcom, H. T. Gilbert and Eli Hilliard.

*Macedonia*—S. D. Stevens and J. D. Thomas.

*Hector's Creek*—John A. Senter, A. B. Holleman, Jas. A. Senter, C. W. Carter and C. T. Williams.

*Boine's Creek*—S. R. Wilson, R. Byrd and J. W. Denning.

*Bethel*—Alex. West and D. J. McCorqudale.

*Friendship*—J. B. Allen, Marshall Byrd, Burrell Dollar and I. S. Williams.

*Lillington*—T. C. Watson.

*Antioch*—J. W. Salmon, J. W. Yarborough, John Collins and Walter Parker.

*Juniper Springs*—S. F. Thomas, J. M. B. Thomas, H. F. Thomas and C. B. McNeill.

*Holly Springs*—W. D. Patterson, R. J. Patterson and Sherrod Patterson.

*Cameron's Grove*—H. W. Graham.

*Jonesboro*—Not represented.

*Little River*—A. B. Wade and N. A. McLean.

Petitioning letters were called for, and no petitions for admission presented.

Ordained ministers present: A. N. Campbell, J. W. Collins, T. J. Hunt, William Brunt and W. D. Dean.

Licentiates present: H. W. Graham and J. W. Yarborough.

On motion, the body proceeded to the election of a Mod-



erator, Brethren C. B. McNeill and C. W. Carter acting as tellers.

The ballot resulted in electing Elder William Brunt again to the chair.

A motion that Eli Hilliard be re-elected Clerk and Treasurer by acclamation, was carried.

Corresponding brethren invited to seats, and the following brethren appeared :

*Raleigh Association*—Elder Allen Betts.

*Cedar Creek*—Elder J. M. Beasley.

*South River*—Elder A. B. Alderman.

*Sandy Creek*—Bro. H. R. Howard.

On motion, the Pastor and Deacons of Friendship Church were appointed a committee on religious exercises.

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

*On Finance*—J. B. Churchill and J. A. Baughcom.

*On Church Letters*—D. D. Senter and A. B. Hollman.

*On Sunday Schools*—T. D. Watson and C. T. Williams.

*On Home Missions*—J. W. Collins and William Patterson.

*On State Missions*—J. M. Beasley and S. D. Stevens.

*On Prayer Meetings*—A. N. Campbell and W. S. Mann.

*On Periodicals*—W. D. Dean and J. D. Lanier.

*On Education*—H. W. Graham and S. R. Wilson.

*On Foreign Missions*—A. B. Alderman and F. J. Hunt.

*On Temperance*—Allen Betts and John A. Senter.

Announcement that Bro. Beasley preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion, the order of business of last year was adopted for the present session.

On motion adjourned till to-morrow 9½ o'clock. Prayer by W. D. Dean. Benediction by Allen Betts.

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#### FRIDAY MORNING, Nov. 1st,—9½ A. M.

The body assembled for worship and sang "Cleansing fountain."

Elder A. B. Alderman introduced the exercises by reading a portion of the Psalms, and the congregation joined in singing "Jesus I love thy charming name." Elder Alderman also led the assembly in a fervent petition for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Body proceeded to business.



Roll was called and delegates responded promptly. On motion of Bro. Lanier, speeches were limited to ten minutes.

Committee on Church Letters reported the following:

#### REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Church Letters, beg leave to report 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, 6. The number of baptisms for the past Associational year have been 90. The receptions by letter have been 18; dismissions by letter have been 14. We have received by restoration 2; excluded 5. So we find that the total increase in membership has been 85.

We have eight Sunday Schools reported. Number of teachers reported 19; number of pupils reported 186. Eight churches have reported regular prayer meetings. Nearly all of our churches have reported quite refreshing revivals. God has signally blessed the churches during the past year, and we think that every church ought to say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Quite a number of the churches have failed to give Sunday School statistics, which is quite a mistake in the clerks of the churches, and should be looked after more carefully.

Respectfully submitted,

D. D. SENTER,  
A. B. HOLLMAN,  
Committee.

After some speeches, on motion, the report was adopted. Committee on Bible Schools made the following report:

#### REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

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

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 education and Bible training of both old and young, yet we think we may safely and encouragingly report that the interest in Sabbath Schools and Bible education is rapidly increasing, and that the Sabbath School cause within the bounds of our Association has, within the past two or three years, made rapid and successful strides in the good work, and that our people are fast realizing the important necessity of Bible education and religious training of the young. We believe that this interest is being awakened in the hearts of our people by proper Bible training in our Bible schools. Therefore, we ought to feel greatly encouraged, and let the success that has crowned our efforts in the past, stimulate us in our Master's cause, to greater and nobler efforts in the future.

We believe that it is our duty—obligatory on us—to pray earnestly to our Heavenly Father to give us spiritual strength and energy that we may go vigorously forward with the Bible school work; and in view of the great necessity of Bible training and the great amount of good to be accomplished, we feel with regret the great want of a thorough organi-



zation in our Bible schools. Interests of all kinds, of whatsoever nature they may be, are always better promoted by being thoroughly organized. We would, therefore, suggest that some steps be taken in that direction, looking to a thorough or more complete organization of the Bible schools within the bounds of our Association.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

T. D. WATSON,  
C. T. WILLIAMS,  
Committee.

And after interesting remarks by Elders Beasley, Betts, Alderman, Campbell, and Bro Watson, on motion, the report was adopted.

The hour for preaching having arrived, on motion, the Association called off for one hour, and

Elder J. M. Beasley immediately occupied the pulpit, and preached from Malachi 3: 8: "Will a man rob God?"

Prayer by Elder A. B. Alderman.

On motion, the Association adjourned for 30 minutes.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator in the chair, and the body resumed business.

Announced that Bro. J. A. Matthews had arrived from Bouie's Creek, and his name was enrolled as a delegate, and he was welcomed to a seat.

The committee on State Missions made report, and after remarks by Elders Alderman, Beasley, and Bro. Byrd, on motion, the report was adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This is a work that is gaining favor among the Associations, churches, ministers, and members of our State very fast. To consider the souls converted, churches organized, houses of worship built, and destitute reclaimed and made to rejoice, is to stimulate the Association, churches and members more and still more in this great and good work.

We heartily recommend this work to the practical consideration of all our brethren and churches.

Respectfully submitted,

S. D. STEVENS,  
J. M. BEASLEY,  
Committee.

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

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

The letter from Antioch having been brought in, it was read and delegates enrolled.



Elder H. D. Judd arrived and was welcomed to a seat.  
Committee on Education reported as follows:

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

BRO. MODERATOR: Your committee would submit the following as their report on Education:

Since without education there can be neither intellectual, moral nor religious progress, we recommend that every means possible be used for better educating and developing the minds of the young within the bounds of our Association, to the end that ignorance, degradation and misery be decreased, and children brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. WILSON,  
H. W. GRAHAM,  
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted and a collection was taken for education amounting to \$3.00.

On motion the next session of this body was given to Baptist Grove Church, commencing on Thursday before first Sunday in November, 1880.

Elder H. D. Judd was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder O. Churchill, alternate.

Elder William Brunt was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon; Elder A. N. Campbell, alternate.

On motion, leave of absence was granted brethren W. D. Patterson, Sherwood Patterson and C. B. McNeill.

Correspondents to sister Associations were appointed, viz:

*Raleigh Association*—Elder A. N. Campbell.

*Sandy Creek*—A. N. Campbell, H. D. Judd, T. J. Hunt, J. W. Collins and W. D. Dean.

*Mount Zion*—J. W. Collins.

*South River*—W. D. Dean and A. N. Campbell.

*Cedar Creek*—I. S. Williams and Wm. Brunt.

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

*From Sandy Creek*—W. D. Dean and John W. Collins.

*From South River*—A. N. Campbell.

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

Announcement that Elder Alderman preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow 9½ o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Elder Judd.



SATURDAY MORNING,—9½ o'clock.

Elder Allen Betts introduced the exercises by reading the 96th Psalm. Sang "I love thy kingdom, Lord."

Roll called.

Minutes of yesterday and day before read and approved.

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

#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

BROTHER MODERATOR: Your committee on the subject of Periodicals, beg leave to say, that as our christian growth in grace depends much on the acquirements we make of Bible knowledge, we believe that if Baptists generally were to read our denominational paper, they would be better informed in the true doctrine of the Bible, which would render them more active in the service of God, and better qualify them to meet objections raised against their origin, doctrinal views, and practices than they now are. Brethren, it is our duty to inform ourselves in Bible knowledge. God requires it of us. We should study the Bible thoroughly, and employ all the helpful means within our reach in trying to get a proper understanding of its teachings.

There is given through the *Biblical Recorder* much information of the Scriptures, their true importance, &c., by those who have given their time, talents and means to the study of the word, making extensive searches after Biblical truth, which we cannot well obtain in any other way, not having the time and means of making the deep researches of the Bible necessary to be made in order to get to a true understanding of its teachings. The *Biblical Recorder* is well guarded against error, and may be relied on as a faithful exponent of truth, devoted as it is to Bible religion, education, agriculture and general intelligence.

We recommend every family to subscribe for it one year and be convinced. Also, we recommend *Kind Words* as a Sunday School paper. The *Foreign Mission Journal* is also a good paper to take.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. DEAN,  
J. D. LANIER,  
Committee.

The committee on Temperance being called on, the following report was offered, which, on motion, was adopted:

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

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,

ALLEN BETTS,  
J. A. SENTER,  
Committee.

The speeches on the subject—some of them—highly recommended the adoption of the covenant proposed with this body at the second session at Hector's Creek.

On motion, the body called off for one hour to give Elder Hunt the house to preach in; and immediately he ascended the pulpit and preached from Romans 9:16: "So then, it is not of him that willeth nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy."

After preaching the body resumed business.

The committee on Foreign Missions reported the following:

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN: We regard the work of Foreign Missions as vastly important, and very much regret that we are not at this time in possession of such facts as should appear in this report. Paul says: "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation." Again, "it pleases God, by the foolishness of preaching, to save them that believe." Then the salvation of over eleven million of souls depends upon the gospel. If our brother were sick, we would do all we could for him, but here are these millions sick unto death—yes, eternal death—and what are we trying to do for them? After death we may go to the grave and weep, but what *good can it do*? Let us send for Jesus, the Saviour of souls, to come (or go) to them, not to raise them from the grave, but to raise them from eternal death. Jesus was sent for before Lazarus died, that he might not die, and when he came, he raised him from his grave. Who sent for him? Martha and Mary. Let us try to do our duty for our brothers and sisters. Let us send them the bread of life. Let us say to the missionaries:

Give them Jesus,  
For their idols will not do;  
In Him alone is salvation,  
And no other way is true.

We, therefore, recommend that the several churches composing this Association, take the matter into consideration, and raise as much money as they can for this cause, and also, that a collection be taken up on the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. ALDERMAN,  
T. J. HUNT,  
Committee.

After some interesting and earnest remarks, showing the great needs of Foreign Mission work, on motion, the report



was adopted, and a collection taken up for Foreign Missions amounting to \$8.68.

On motion, adjourned for three-quarters of an hour.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator in the chair and the body resumed business.

Committee on Prayer Meetings reported, and after interesting speeches by several brethren, on motion, the report was adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

We are glad to hear so many of the churches report prayer meetings; for only *while they pray they live*. Can an individual christian live without prayer? If not, can a church live without it? Then, if neither can live without prayer,

*Resolved*, That this Association make a mighty effort for the next year to keep up prayer meetings in all the churches, and we hope all the churches will report prayer meetings next year in their letters.

If this is good, will we pray its adoption? "I will that men everywhere pray." 1st Tim., 2: 8. Does God require us to keep up a prayer meeting in our church? If so, not to do this is to "rob God." Now, "*will a man rob God?*"

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. CAMPBELL,  
T. J. HUNT,  
Committee.

On motion, leave of absence was granted Brethren H. D. Judd and J. W. Yarborough.

Committee on Home Missions reported, and, on motion, the report was laid on the table.

Committee on Finance reported, and, on motion, report was adopted. [See Appendix.]

The Executive Board reported, and on motion, the report was adopted. [See Appendix.]

On motion, a new Board was appointed as follows:

Cumberland Union—J. D. Lanier.  
Baptist Grove—J. A. Baughecom.  
Hector's Creek—Eli Carter.  
Macedonia—S. D. Stevens.  
Bouie's Creek—R. Byrd.  
Bethel—Jacob West.  
Friendship—L. W. Byrd.  
Lillington—T. D. Watson.  
Antioch—J. W. Salmon.  
Juniper Springs—C. B. McNeill.  
Holly Springs—R. J. Patterson.  
Cameron's Grove—W. D. Graham.  
Jonesboro—  
Little River—Neill A. McLean.



Treasurer reported. On motion, report adopted. [See Appendix.]

Announcement that W. D. Dean preach at the stand, and he immediately retired thereto, followed by quite a large crowd of hearers.

The Clerk offered a resolution of thanks, and, on motion, it was unanimously adopted, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this body be tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this church and community for their bounteous hospitalities and warm reception of this body.

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

The Association contributed, in connection with what was designated in the report on Finance, \$6.60 for the Clerk's services.

On motion the report on Home Missions was called up and adopted:

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions report the following:

We regret that our churches have done so little for this cause during the past year. In view of the fact that there is within the bounds of our Association much destitution, large scopes of country entirely destitute of Baptist preaching, we urge upon our churches to bestir themselves to a full discharge of duty with regard to sending missionaries to preach the gospel in these dark places, and in sustaining them in their work by contributing of our means as the Lord prospers us.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. COLLINS,

W. D. DEAN,

Committee.

A collection was taken up for home Missions amounting to \$1.00 in cash, and \$16.25 in subscriptions.

Proceedings of to-day read and corrected.

A resolution of thanks was tendered to the Moderator and Clerks for the efficient and very faithful manner in which they had discharged their duties.

On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed for next session.

Sang "Blest be the tie that binds," &c., in which all the congregation joined—assenting in "song and in heart," thereto, having had the ties of Christian love bound closer, "*still closer*," by the love that pervaded all the transactions of the body.

Prayer by Elder A. N. Campbell. Benediction by Elder . B. Alderman.



## 12 MINUTES OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAP. ASSOCIATION.

### SUNDAY MORNING.

The morning being unusually bright, the brethren and visitors gathered again at the place of worship and engaged in Prayer Meeting exercises and Sunday School interest, conducted by Elder A. B. Alderman.

At 11 o'clock, Elder W. D. Dean occupied the stand; and at the same hour Elder A. N. Campbell preached in the house the Denominational Missionary Sermon, from II Corinthians 5:19: "And hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." And a collection was taken up for Foreign Missions amounting to \$10.11. Also a collection at the stand for Home Missions amounting to \$4.20.

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

The stand being unoccupied, the house was filled to overflowing. And Elder T. J. Hunt preached from Rev. 22:14: "Blessed are they that do His commandments," &c. Also, a brief address by Elder Wm. Brunt, showing in an earnest and interesting manner the rights that God's people have to "the tree of life," and the blessedness of being able to "enter in through the gates into the city." Elder Brunt also led the congregation in a fervent petition for the furtherance of the Gospel and the guidance of the great Jehovah.

Elder Hunt pronounced the benediction, and the happy brethren and joyful multitude sought their homes with hearts filled with delight, save that lingering regret that accompanies the separation of dear friends and brethren everywhere.

Thus ended the most pleasant and profitable session of this body.

WILLIAM BRUNT, MODERATOR.

ELI HILLIARD, *Clerk.*



# APPENDIX.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

IN ACCOUNT WITH LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

DR.	
To cash received from Finance Committee for Minutes for 1878,.....	\$ 16 80
To cash received for Education,.....	1 48
“ “ “ Home Missions,.....	19 74
“ “ “ Foreign Missions,.....	11 47
“ “ “ Rome Chapel,.....	2 00
“ “ “ M. T. Yates, Missionary in China,.....	50
	\$ 51 99

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To cash paid for printing Minutes for 1878,.....	\$ 16 80
“ “ Treasurer Education,.....	1 48
“ “ Treas. Home Mission (or Executive) Board.....	19 74
“ “ “ Foreign Mission Board,.....	11 47
“ “ Rev. E. Dodson, Rome Chapel,.....	2 00
“ “ Mission Board for M. T. Yates,.....	50
	\$ 51 99

Also paid out collections of Association, as follows:	
Collections for Foreign Missions, (1878,).....	\$ 8 65
“ for Home Missions,.....	8 05
	\$ 16 10

The whole amount paid in and paid out, including collections, was \$68 09.

Respectfully submitted,

ELI HILLIARD, Treasurer.

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

DR.	
To balance on hand from 1878,.....	\$ 58 38
Received from Friendship Church for Home Missions,...	1 50
“ “ Holly Springs “ “ “ “ ...	38
“ “ Juniper Springs, “ “ “ “ ...	50
“ “ S. N. Betts, “ “ “ “ ...	50
“ “ Treasurer of Association,.....	19 74
“ “ collections in Union Meetings,.....	3 07
“ “ A. N. Campbell for Home Missions, 1879,.....	10 90
	\$ 94 07

CR.	
Paid A. N. Campbell for missionary services for the year 1878,.....	\$ 20 00
“ T. J. Hunt, for missionary services, 1878,.....	10 00
“ Clerk of the Board,.....	2 50
“ A. N. Campbell, missionary services for 1879,.....	30 00
“ T. J. Hunt, “ “ “ “ .....	5 00
	67 50

Balance in treasury, \$ 26 57

Respectfully submitted,

ELI CARTER, Treasurer.



## REPORT ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Association Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Clerk's Fees.	Total.
Cumberland Union,.....	\$ 2 00	\$ 6 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 8 00
Baptist Grove,.....	1 90	1 20	25		3 35
Lillington,.....	1 00	2 95	2 95	50	7 40
Friendship,.....	1 95	8 01			9 96
Hector's Creek,.....	2 50	2 75			5 25
Bethel,.....	1 00	2 00	1 00	50	4 50
Holly Springs,.....	1 20	1 00	1 00		3 20
Juniper Springs,.....	1 20		75		1 95
Little River,.....	75				75
Boule's Creek,.....	1 40	1 00			2 40
Cameron's Grove,.....	25				25
Macedonia,.....	2 00	50			2 50
Antioch,.....	1 15	35	75		2 25
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Respectfully submitted,

J. B. CHURCHILL,  
J. A. BAUGHCOM,  
Committee.







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