

MINUTES

OF THE

Ninety-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

Brier Creek Baptist Association

Held With

ANTIOCH CHURCH

Wilkes County

OCTOBER 4-5-6, 1917.

OFFICERS:

S. T. GOFORTH, Moderator, Olin, N. C.

J. Q. BLACKBURN, Clerk and Treasurer,
Roaring River, N. C.

Next session to be held with Dennyville Church, Wilkes
County, six miles South of Ronda, Beginning
Thursday before the first Sunday in
October, 1918.

PROCEEDINGS.

Antioch Baptist Church, Wilkes County, N. C.
October 4th, 1917.

The Brier Creek Baptist Association convenes in its 96th, annual session

Rev. W. T. Comer preaches the annual sermon. Text: Gal., 6-7.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association is called to order by S. T. Goforth.
Church letters read and messengers enrolled as follows:
Antioch—J. M. Staley, Simon Curry, W. T. Johnson.
Brier Creek—G. W. Sale, Jacob Smith, Luther Pardue.
Bethel—N. E. Burchit.
Cranberry—A. Mathis, L. M. Jarvis, W. M. Seagraves.
Dennyville—J. T. Redding, R. C. Walker, J. F. Walker.
Fishing Creek—C. B. Mayberry, I. S. Call, F. C. Foster,
Nathan Williams.
Fall Creek—J. L. Bray.
Grassy Knob—Paris Turner.
Hams Grove—W. W. Wilson, S. R. Wilson.
Hebron—J. E. Hendren, Hugh Tomlin.
Holly Springs—Z. R. Tharpe.
Hunting Creek—A. K. Baity, R. N. Garner, H. F. Hays.
Lewis—W. M. Speace, N. C. Lewis, B. C. Souther.
Mt. Pisgah—J. P. McCarter, N. M. Felts.
Mt. Sinai—H. M. Andrews, James A. Johnson, J. R. Anderson.
Mt. Vernon—S. T. Goforth.
New Prospect—T. M. Snow, H. Rupard.
New Hope—Came Roberson.
Pleasant View—Not represented.
Pleasant Grove—J. S. Martin, E. L. Martin, W. L. Walker, J. T. Martin.
Rocky Hill—Not represented.
Roaring River—T. J. McNeil, R. A. Morrison, J. Q. Blackburn.
Shady Grove—L. W. Lonsford, J. E. Goforth.
Sweet Home—W. J. Souther.
Swan Creek—J. G. Adams, Samuel Adams.
Shiloh—W. A. Johnson.

Union—J. W. Robbins, J. A. Howard.

Zion—W. M. Parks, G. B. Hemrie.

Moved and carried that the resignation of Clerk, J. E. Hendren, be accepted.

Moved and carried that the Association proceed to the election of Moderator and Clerk. A ballot was taken and S. T. Goforth was declared elected Moderator, and J. Q. Blackburn, Clerk; Brethren N. H. Comer and R. L. Welborn acting tellers.

CORRESPONDENTS INVITED.

Brethren N. H. Comer from the Yadkin, and R. L. Welborn from Brushy Mountain Associations accept seats.

CORRESPONDENTS APPOINTED.

To South Yadkin, Z. R. Tharpe. To Brushy Mountain, R. N. Garner. To Yadkin, W. T. Comer and J. L. Bray.

REPORTS OF CORRESPONDENTS.

T. J. McNeil attended the Yadkin, and R. N. Garner, the Brushy Mountain Associations.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

Orphanage—N. T. Jarvis.

Finance—G. B. Hemrie.

Periodicals—J. P. McCarter, N. H. Comer.

Pastor and Church Relations—J. W. Robbins.

Spirituality of Churches—J. B. Ray.

Missions—N. M. Felts, C. H. Durham.

Obituaries—G. H. Hays.

Theological Schools—N. M. Felts.

Resolutions—A. Mathis, L. M. Jarvis.

Digest of Church Letters—G. B. Hemrie.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

L. M. Jarvis, N. M. Felts, J. E. Hendren.

Committee on Religious Exercises Report:

N. M. Felts to conduct devotional exercises 9:30 and N. T. Jarvis to preach at 11:30.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Moderator calls Association to order.

Minutes read and approved.

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J. S. Kilby from Stone Mountain, and A. Caudill from Elkin Associations accept seats as visiting brethren.

Moved and carried that the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be read tomorrow morning.

Moved and carried that the regular order of business be adhered to in its transaction.

REPORT OF ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE.

The Orphanage Committee beg to make the following report:

That the Orphanage at Thomasville is filling the mission for which it was intended,—is becoming better equipped and better suited to perform its function of usefulness year by year,—that its supporters have been most generous, and its accounts have practically been balanced; but notwithstanding this, the high cost of everything used by the institution adds to the demands.

That the most rigid economy is being practised—the average cost of maintaining a child being about 35c. per day, or a total of \$66,946.75 for the year, for a little over 500 children.

No doubt next year will show an increase in cost; therefore, we recommend that methods be used to enlist more interest.

Respectfully submitted,

N. T. JARVIS.

J. Q. BLACKBURN,

Committee.

Remarks by N. T. Jarvis, J. Q. Blackburn and C. H. Durham and report is adopted.

A collection is taken for the Orphanage. Amount, \$9.00.

Dispensed with business.

Rev. N. T. Jarvis preaches from John 3-7 and Gal. 5-18.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator calls Association to order. Prayer by Bro. Gus. Myers. Brethren C. C. Wright and A. G. Hendren accept seats as visitors from Brushy Mountain Association.

Committee on Periodicals reports as follows:

We wish to advise our Baptist people to be very careful in the selection of their reading matter. We do not see how any parent can be satisfied without having in his home our very best religious news papers. For our children we know of no better paper than Charity and Children.

J. P. McCARTER,

N. H. COMER,

Committee.

Remarks by J. P. McCarter, N. H. Comer, Gus. Myers and C. H. Durham, and report is adopted.

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Committee on Temperance report as follows:

We rejoice that we are living in the day when the slogan of our Country, our State and each local community is "the betterment of the people, both socially and morally", Temperance is nothing more or less than self control. See 1st. Corinthians 9-25. Acts 24-25. Dan. 1-8, and Eph. 5-8. Intemperance is just the opposite. See Gen. 9-21. First Sam. 25:36-38. Dan. 5:1-4, both of which have an influence for good or bad. See Rom. 14-21. Mat. 5-13.

N. M. FELTS,
W. T. COMER,
Committee.

Remarks by N. M. Felts, N. H. Comer, C. C. Wright and report is adopted.

Committee on Spirituality of the Churches report as follows:

The one great need of the Churches is more spirituality and less formality and worldly mindness; more pure and undenied religion in the home and in our daily lives.

J. B. RAY,
Committee.

Remarks by T. F. Pardue, and report is adopted.

Oak Grove Church presents a letter from the Yadkin Association, and requested admission into the Brier Creek Association. Moved and carried she be accepted and messengers enrolled.

Moved and carried that we give our endorsement and approval of Mountain View Institute, as a school.

Committee announces that J. B. Ray conduct devotional exercises tomorrow morning and Rev. C. H. Durham, Pastor of Brown's Memorial Church, Winston-Salem, preach at 11:30.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. B. Ray.

Moderator calls Association to order.

Constitution and rules of decorum read.

The question of Heresy and Corrupt practice is discussed by Revs. C. H. Durham, N. T. Jarvis and L. B. Murray.

The Moderator appoints the following committee to investigate certain rumors as to corrupt practices in certain Churches. Committee: N. M. Felts, N. T. Jarvis and W. T. Comer.

Rev. L. B. Murray and Levi McCann, from Elkin; Rev. John Burcham from Stone Mountain, and Rev. A. T. Pardue from Brushy Mountain Associations accept seats as visitors.

Committee on Missions report as follows:

With surprising uniformity the religious world has agreed that the command given by our risen Lord, on the Mount of Ascension, is our authority for the evangelization of the world. Mat. 28:19-20. Mark 16:15-16. It is the opinion of this Committee that this command was addressed primarily to the Apostles, and their successors as preachers; and it is their duty to consecrate the best efforts of heart, mind and hands to carry out this great command,—trusting him to supply their every need. This duty he has enjoined upon the Churches, as custodians of the ministry. See Acts 13:5-15-24, Rev. 2:3. Also this duty is enjoined upon the Churches in striking auxiliary sense—calling for our sympathy, prayers and means in carrying forward this great work. See Phil. 4:10-20.

We earnestly recommend increased contributions to our Missionaries, and that they contribute on the direct plan as heretofore.

We advise that quarterly collections be taken, and forwarded at once.

N. M. FELTS,
R. N. GARNER,
Committee.

Remarks by W. T. Comer, then subject rests until the afternoon session.

Rev. C. H. Durham preaches. Text. Luke 13:7-8.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator calls association to order.

Subject of Missions is further discussed by W. T. Comer, N. T. Jarvis and N. M. Felts. Report is adopted.

Collection is taken for Foreign Missions. Amount \$7.63.

Moved and carried that the sixth resolution of last session be rescinded.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Received from Finance Committee.....	\$121.27	
For the various objects from last year.....	14.80	
		\$136.07
Total.....		
Paid to Orphanage.....	\$53.81	
Paid to Foreign Missions.....	25.41	
Paid to Home Missions.....	31.30	
Paid for Printing Minutes.....	22.50	
Balance minute funds on hand.....	3.05	
		\$136.07
Total.....		

Treasurers allowance.....	\$12.00
Due from last year.....	7.76
Total.....	\$19.76
Less balance minute funds.....	3.05
Balance due Treasurer.....	\$16.71

There appearing a balance due Treasurer, a paid subscription was taken amounting to \$16.00, and put into the hands of the Moderator, to be turned over to Treasurer. Report is adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

For Orphanage	\$ 61.52	
Orphanage previously sent.....		\$169.98
For Home Missions.....	24.80	
Home Missions previously sent.....		29.97
For State Missions previously sent.....		14.85
For Foreign Missions.....	36.19	
Foreign Missions previously sent.....		18.50
For Minute funds.....	34.95	
Total.....	\$157.46	\$233.30
Gain for Orphanage 75 5-6 per cent.		
Gain for Missions 14 1-2 per cent.		

Report of Committee on Church and Pastor Relations:

The true Pastor is a servant of God; given to the Church in answer to prayer. Mat. 9:37. His duty is to watch over the flock, and to instruct them in the doctrine of Christ. Jer. 3:15, 1st. Peter 5:2.

He is not to lord over God's heritage, but be an ensample to the flock. 1st. Peter 5:3. In the sense of teaching, he is to the Church what a father is to a son. He is an example. 1st. Tim. 4:12, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, and in purity. His message must be the word. He must reprove rebuke and exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. 2nd. Tim. 4:2.

The Church must esteem him highly in love for the work sake. Thes. 5:13, and pray for him that he may boldly make known the mysteries of the Gospel. She must contribute to him her temporal blessings. 1st 9:11, that he be not entangled with the cares of this world. 2nd Tim. 2:4.

N. T. JARVIS,
J. W. ROBBINS,
Committee.

Report is adopted.

Report of Committee on Obituaries:

Sister Almerinda Tharpe, wife and Deaconess, was born March 12, 1842. Her maiden name was Buchanan. She was baptised into the fellowship of Zion Church one day along with "Uncle Billie" Myers and others. Sister Tharpe lived a consistent church life. She died June 15th, 1917.

G. W. SALE,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Theological Schools:

The purpose of this School is to help the Preachers and others in the Brier Creek and Alexander Associations who are interested in the study of the Bible. There has been but one session held during the past year; this was at Shady Grove Church. The books of Revelation and Daniel were studied with much interest. We would advise that more Schools be held during the coming year. We would ask that the Churches contribute more liberally to the Schools, than they have been doing in the past.

Send all contributions to N. M. Felts, Sec. and Treas., Jennings, N. C.

J. P. McCARTER,
N. M. FELTS,
Committee.

TIME AND PLACE.

The next session of this Association will be held with Dennyville Church, six miles south of Ronda; beginning Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1918.

Rev. R. N. Garner to preach annual sermon. J. B. Ray alternate.

Report of Nominating Committee:

Religious Exercises—A. Mathis with Pastor and Messengers.

Orphanage—J. Q. Blackburn and J. M. Crater.

Periodicals—Gus Myers and J. P. McCarter.

Digest of Letters—T. J. McNeil and L. M. Jarvis.

Temperance—J. B. Ray and J. W. Rash.

Pastor and Church Relations—W. T. Comer and L. W. Lonsford.

Spirituality of the Churches—N. T. Jarvis and T. F. Pardue.

Missions—R. N. Garner and T. E. Redmond.

Finance—T. J. McNeil and L. M. Jarvis.

Obituaries—Blaine Mayberry and G. W. Sale.

Theological Schools—J. E. Prevette and N. M. Felts.

Time and Place—M. L. Jarvis and C. W. Gilliam.

Resolutions—J. W. Robbins and N. E. Moore.

L. M. JARVIS,
N. W. FELTS,
J. E. HENDREN,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Resolutions:

1. Resolved that the Churches of this Association be asked to take collections for two of our aged Brethren: S. S. Goforth, New Castle, N. C., and J. M. Current, Hamptonville, N. C.
2. That the Churches be asked to take collection to help pay off the indebtedness of Dennyville Church. Send all contributions to J. F. Walker, New Castle, N. C.
3. That each member of the several Churches be asked to contribute at least 5c. each for the Orphanage and Missions.
4. That this Body tender thanks to the members of Antioch Church and the people of the Community for their kind hospitality in entertaining this Association.

Committee.

Moved and carried that the Clerk be paid the usual salary and have six hundred copies of minutes printed.

On motion adjourned.

A collection was taken Sunday for Dennyville Church. Amount \$6.89.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Thirty-third Annual session of the Brier Creek Baptist Sunday School Convention was held with Cranberry Church, July 28-29, 1917.

Devotional exercises by W. F. Lawrence.

ORGANIZATION.

J. P. McCarter was elected Chairman, and N. M. Felts Secretary.

Letters and messengers enrolled as follows: Zion, W. B. York; New Hope, N. E. Moore; Hams Grove, Letters; Holly Springs, Letter; Pleasant Grove, W. B. Mathis; Hebron, J. E. Hendren; Mt. Vernon, Letter; Sweet Home, W. F. Lawrence; Shady Grove, R. C. Jarvis; Lewis, B. C. Souther; Mt. Pisgah, J. M. Wright; Fishing Creek, Nathan Williams; Bethel, J. F. Gilliam; Roaring River, T. J. McNeil; Hunting Creek, Fay Moore; Union, Gus. Myers; Swan Creek, Samuel Adams; Cranberry, J. B. Ray; Dennyville, M. Walker; Grassy Knob, Paris Turner; Antioch, Simon Curry; Brier Creek, G. W. Sale; Fall Creek, I. W. Vestal.

At 11:30 E. L. Middleton addressed the Convention.
12 M. Refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Queries 1, 2 and 3 were discussed.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Queries discussed.

12 M. Sermon by Rev. S. S. Goforth.

PROGRAM.

Program for the next session of the Convention, to be held with Swan Creek Church, June 29-30, 1918.

June 29. 11 O'clock, sermon by C. C. Holland.

11:30. Read letters and enroll Messengers.

11:55. Organization.

12. Refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:00. What are the chief sins which retard the growth of the Sunday School work.

Speakers: W. T. Comer and J. E. Prevette.

2:00 P. M. Should the Sunday School discourage the use of tobacco among the young people, and why?

Speakers: J. B. Ray and Gus Myers.

3:00 P. M. Ordinances of the Church. How many, and what are they?

Speakers: R. N. Garner and W. F. Lawrence.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

9:30 A. M. Devotional exercises, by T. F. Pardue.

10:00 A. M. Mission Sunday School work.

Speakers: M. Walker and J. Q. Blackburn.

11:00 A. M. Round Table discussion led by N. T. Jarvis.

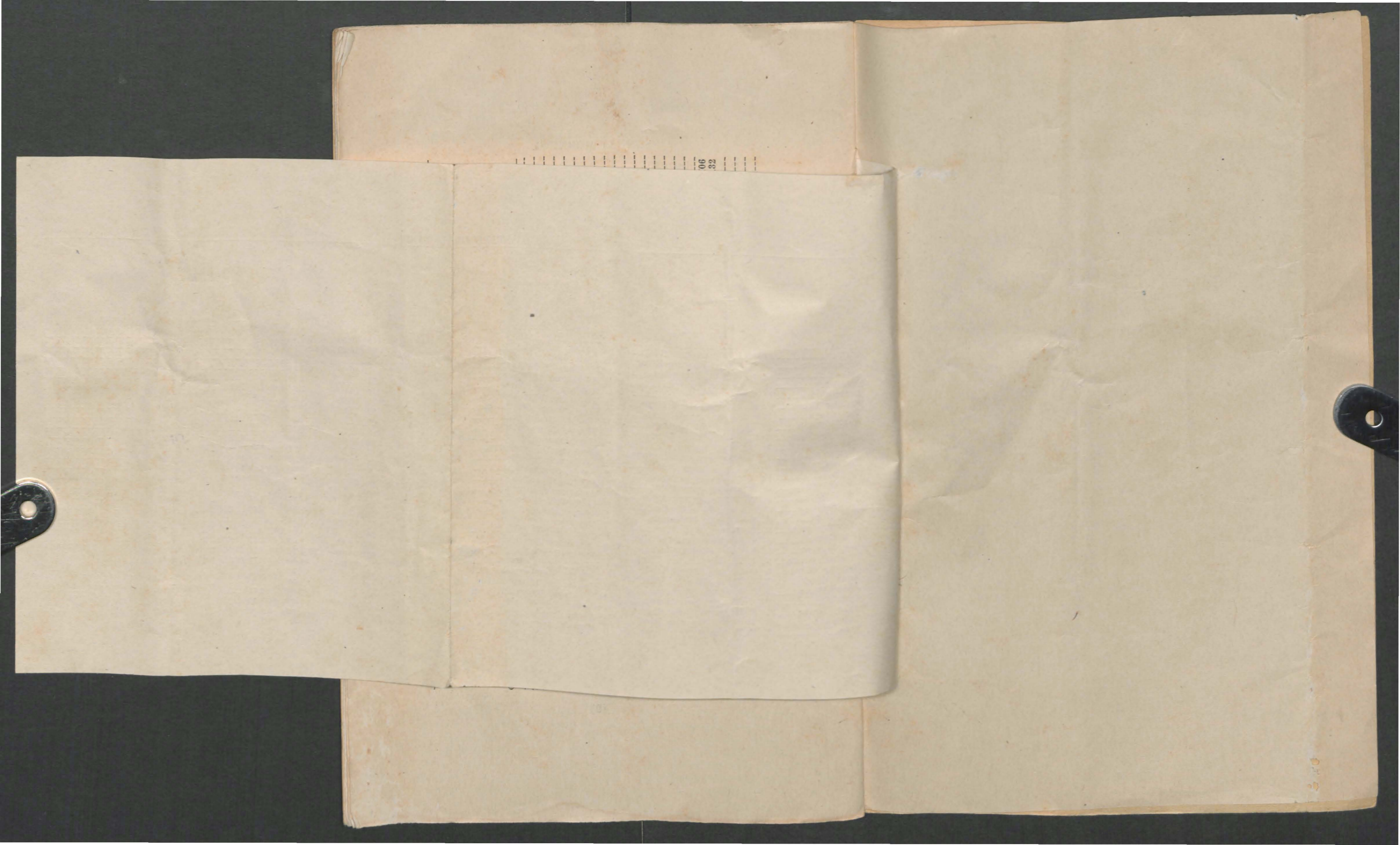
12:00 M. Sermon, by T. E. Redmond.

N. M. FELTS,

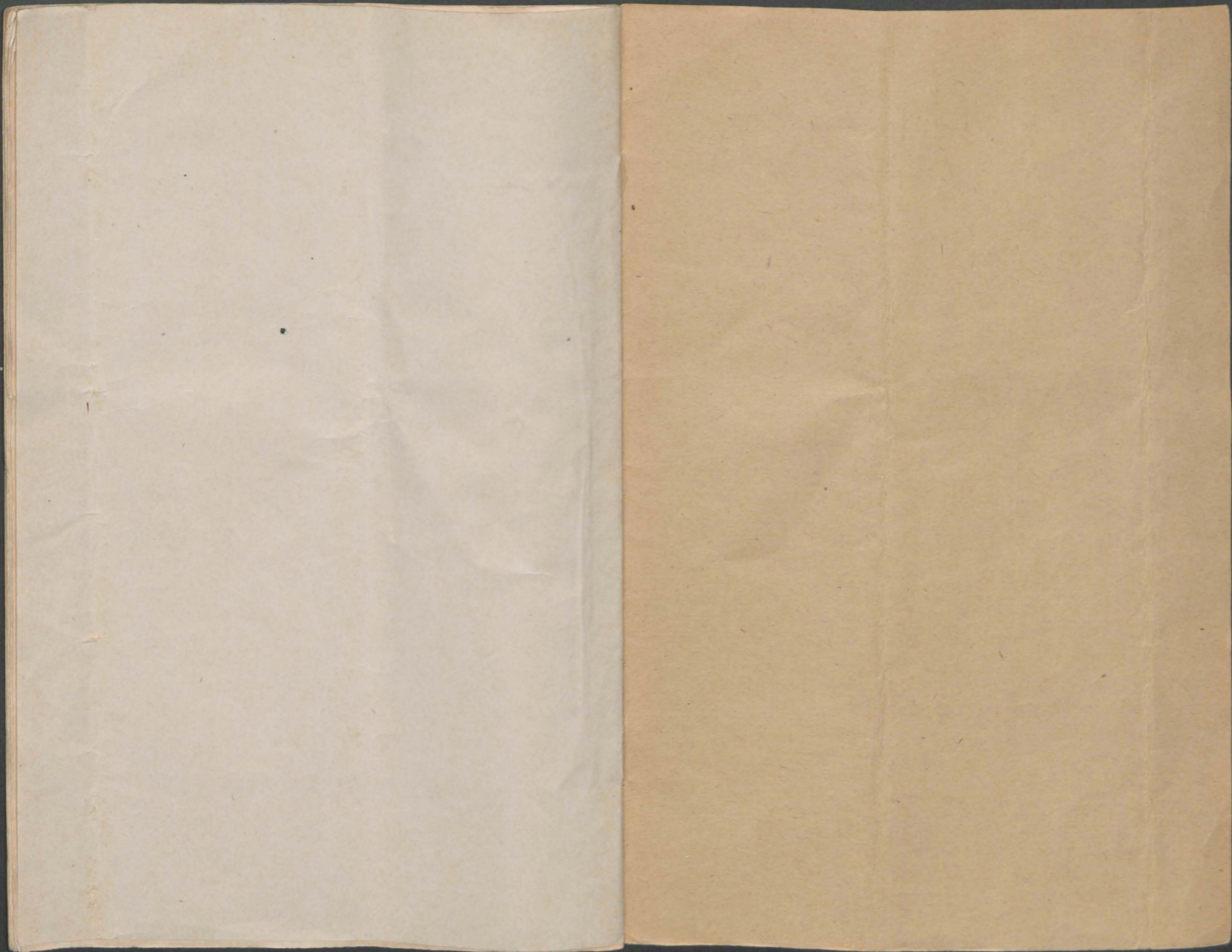
R. N. GARNER,

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Committee.



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