

MINUTES
OF
THE FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
BRUNSWICK ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
SHALLOTTE CHURCH

Brunswick Co., N. C.

ON

November 30 and December 1, 2 and 3, 1899

SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY
Wake Forest, North Carolina

The next session of this Association will be held with the church at Mount Pisgah,
Brunswick County, N. C., beginning Thursday before the
second Sunday in November, 1900

PRESSES OF EDWARDS & BROUGHTON, RALEIGH
1900

OFFICERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

REV. J. A. MINTS, *Moderator* Seaside, N. C.
 ISAAC JENRETTE, *Clerk* Regan, N. C.
 ISAAC MILLIKEN, *Treasurer* Seaside, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

J. A. MINTS Seaside, N. C.
 D. L. HEWETT Shallotte, N. C.
 E. L. SWAIN Shallotte, N. C.
 J. SELLERS Supply, N. C.
 E. MILLIKEN Ash, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

ISAAC MILLIKEN Seaside, N. C.
 C. EVANS Regan, N. C.
 J. M. LONG Seaside, N. C.
 J. A. WILLETS Bolivia, N. C.
 W. SELLERS Supply, N. C.
 A. T. WARD Coleman, N. C.
 J. A. RUSS Ash, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

The Brunswick Association met in its First Annual Session with the church at Shallotte, Brunswick County, N. C., November 30, 1899.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. D. L. Hewett. Text: "To every man his work."

Recess for thirty minutes, after which the delegates assembled in the house.

There being no organization, on motion, Rev. J. A. Mints was elected Moderator pro tem and Isaac Jenrette Secretary pro tem, after which the Moderator announced the Association ready for business, and announced brethren G. W. Sellers and Isaac Milliken as Reading Clerks, and brethren J. A. Russ, V. Smith and C. Evans as Financial Committee.

The list of churches was then called, letters read, received and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Beulah—I. J. Bennett and J. M. Long.

Jenies Branch—H. S. Robeson, E. W. Hewett, J. J. Ludlum.

Long Branch—J. A. Russ and Isaac Jenrette.

Mill Creek—G. T. Hickman and J. A. Willets.

Mount Pisgah—J. Sellers, T. R. Hewett and J. Blanton.

Oak Grove—I. G. Hewett and H. H. Clemmons.

Prospect—Aysberry Simmons.

Poly Bridge—W. McKeithan, A. T. Ward and J. M. Reaves.

Shallotte—R. R. Milliken, Isaac Milliken and H. M. Hewett.

Soldier Bay—V. Smith, J. P. Rhodes and C. Evans.

Shiloah—Not represented.

On motion, the Association proceeded to a permanent organization with the following results: Rev. J. A. Mints, Moderator; Isaac Jenrette, Clerk; Isaac Milliken, Treasurer.

An invitation was then extended to visiting brethren and corresponding messengers, when brethren D. K. Mints, from the Cedar Creek Association; G. W. Sellers, from the Cape Fear-Columbus Association; Joseph Bennett, from the Robeson Association, and G. C. Simmons, from the Bladen Association, were announced and made welcome.

On motion, the Moderator announced the following committees:

- On Vigilance—H. M. Hewett and A. W. Milliken.
- On Religious Exercises—R. R. Milliken and Isaac Milliken.
- On Ministerial Education—Joseph Bennett and G. W. Sellers.
- On Sunday Schools—T. R. Hewett and W. Sellers.
- On Ministerial Qualifications and Pastoral Support—D. K. Mints and W. McKeithan.
- On Periodicals—J. Bennett and H. S. Robeson.
- On Missions—D. L. Hewett and G. T. Hickman.
- On Temperance—H. M. Hewett and C. Evans.
- On Prayer-meetings—J. Sellers and I. Hewett.
- On Orphanage—J. A. Willets and J. A. Russ.
- On Constitution and By-Laws—Isaac Jenrette, J. A. Mints and Isaac Milliken.

On motion, brethren V. Smith and J. P. Rhodes were granted leave of absence.

The Committee on Arrangements announced that Rev. Joseph Bennett would preach at the stand on tomorrow at 12.30 o'clock.

On motion, adjourned till 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow. Rev. H. S. Robeson to conduct the religious exercises. "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. H. S. Robeson, who read the 14th chapter of St. John. Hymn, "Oh, for a faith that will not shrink." Prayer, Bro. Aysberry Simmons leading.

The list of churches called. A majority being present, the Moderator announced the Association ready for business.

Minutes of yesterday read and received.

An invitation was then extended to visiting brethren and correspondents. None present.

Rev. Joseph Bennett read the

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We look upon this subject as being of vital importance because ministers of the gospel should be prepared to meet all the heresies and be enabled to defend all the fundamental doctrines of the true Apostolic church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Surely the times demand an educated ministry. The lawyers, the school teachers, the doctors, the newspaper editors all have to be educated, and truly the ministry is of no less importance than they, because we can not teach unless we are taught.

Paul exclaims, in Romans 10th chapter, 14th verse, "How shall they hear without a preacher?" Enoch said, "How can I understand except someone guide me?"

Therefore, let us encourage this grand work by the giving of our means.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. SELLERS,
JOSEPH BENNETT,
Committee.

After remarks by Revs. J. Bennett, E. L. Swain, D. L. Hewett, J. A. Mints, and brethren J. M. Long, W. Sellers and Aysberry Simmons, was received and ordered appended to the Minutes.

Recess for thirty minutes, after which the Moderator called the Association to order and announced the following committees:

- On Correspondence—D. P. Robbins, Isaac Milliken and J. M. Long.
- On Ministers and their Post-offices—E. L. Swain and A. T. Ward.
- On Special Changes—Isaac Milliken and J. M. Long.

Bro. T. R. Hewett read the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

As the Sunday School is a nursery for the church and the church should be at work through the Sunday School, there is no work in which we should be more engaged than in the Sunday School. For, of necessity, it should draw the attention not only of the children but of the parents also. It is a duty enjoined upon parents to give their children religious training in their youthful days, as we are taught in the Word of God to bring our children up in the way they should go while young, that when they become old they will not depart from it.

Respectfully submitted,

T. R. HEWETT,
W. SELLERS,
Committee.

After remarks by brethren T. R. Hewett, W. Sellers and Jefferson Sellers, was received and ordered appended to the Minutes.

Bro. Isaac Milliken read the

REPORT ON SPECIAL CHANGES.

We, the Committee on Special Changes, beg leave to report as follows:

That, by examining the different letters, we find that eight of our members have passed into the spirit land. Among them is our old brother, R. W. Holden, of Mount Pisgah Church, who has been a faithful and zealous worker in the church, whose usefulness is greatly missed. Also, Bro. A. T. Hewett, a member of Jenies Branch, who was ever in attendance to his duty, especially in contributions to the cause of Christ.

Submitted, COMMITTEE.

Report received and ordered appended to the Minutes.

Bro. Isaac Milliken read the

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Cape Fear-Columbus Association, Rev. Jefferson Sellers.

To the Waccamaw Association, Rev. D. L. Hewett.
To the Southern Baptist Convention, Isaac Jenrette.
Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

Received and ordered appended to the Minutes.

Bro. Warren McKeithan read the

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Dear Brethren:—When we look around we are surely convinced in our judgment, according to the teaching of God's Word, that we as Christians abuse our profession and dishonor our covenant by neglecting our ministering brethren. If we withhold our temporal substance, then we injure ourselves, forgetting that as we sow so shall we reap. Shall we, as Baptists, neglect our known duty? God forbid. Then let us be up and doing while it is called to-day. Also our young ministers, who have been called of God to preach, should have our prayers and means to educate them to do the work of Him that called them. Submitted.

After remarks by Rev. J. Bennett, D. L. Hewett and others, was received and ordered appended to the Minutes.

On motion, the Finance Committee was ordered to receipt each church for what funds they sent to the Association.

Bro. C. Evans read the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance would submit the following:

We understand temperance to be the moderate use of everything that is lawful or that God has given for man to use, but when we take under consideration the alarming and spreading evil of intemperance, or the ex-

cessive use of intoxicating drinks, our hearts are sadly grieved. We would ask parents and Christians to practice and teach temperance in all things. As to the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, we believe them to be unlawful and unfit for man. We would recommend that all church members abandon its use as a beverage and use their influence by precept and example to discourage its use.

Respectfully submitted,

C. EVANS,
H. M. HEWETT,
Committee.

After remarks by I. Milliken, J. M. Long and others, was received and ordered appended to the Minutes.

Bro. Isaac Milliken read the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend and earnestly entreat each church in the bounds of the Brunswick Association to deal with any member who sells or gives any intoxicating drink.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9.30 o'clock a. m. to-morrow. Rev. D. P. Robbins to conduct devotional exercises. Prayer, Rev. J. Sellers leading.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. D. P. Robbins, who read 5th chapter 1st Thessalonians. Hymn, "Come, thou fount of every blessing." Prayer, J. A. Willets leading.

List of churches called. A majority being present, the Moderator announced the Association ready for business.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Rev. H. S. Robeson read the Report on Periodicals, and, on motion, the same was made a special order for 2 o'clock this p. m.

Bro. G. T. Hickman read the Report on Missions, and

on motion, the same was made a special order for 2.30 o'clock this p. m.

Bro. I. G. Hewett read the

REPORT ON PRAYER-MEETING.

Prayer is the desire and support of the soul as temporal food is the desire and support of the body. Therefore, we recommend that every church keep up a weekly prayer-meeting, for we are taught not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together for prayer.

"Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gate of death,
He enters heaven with prayer."

J. SELLERS,
I. G. HEWETT,
Committee.

After remarks by J. Sellers, D. P. Robbins and others, was received and ordered appended to the Minutes.

Bro. J. A. Russ read the

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Dear Brethren:—When we look around we are convinced of the fact that there are many orphans in the bounds of our Association that need help and should be cared for, and that we, as Baptists, should provide for their care and support; it is our duty as Christian brethren and sisters to contribute to their support, knowing that we ourselves are orphans and that God cared for us. And knowing that who stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

After remarks by J. A. Willets, D. P. Robbins and others, a collection for the Orphanage was taken up amounting to \$3.32, and the report was received and ordered appended to the Minutes.

Bro. D. K. Mints read the

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EXAMINATION.

Dear Brethren:—Your Committee on Ministerial Examination have carefully examined Bro. D. P. Robbins and find him sound in the faith. We therefore recommend his ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

D. K. MINTS,
JOSEPH BENNETT,
D. L. HEWETT,
Committee.

Report received and ordered appended to the Minutes.

On motion, the location of the next session was taken up, which resulted in the selection of the church at Mount Pisgah, Brunswick County, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in November, 1900; Rev. J. A. Mints to preach the Introductory Sermon and H. S. Robeson alternate.

Recess for thirty minutes.

THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session.

The hour having arrived for the special order for the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

This is a day of literature and the people are reading more than ever before, and what we read affects us, whether we perceive it or not. The Bible says that "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he"; and what we read gives rise to a majority of our thoughts. Many people have formed their habits for life by reading. This is a day of progress and activity and people are reading, and what they read elevates or lowers them morally and spiritually. Life is too short to waste on trashy literature, and as the world is full of devil-devised literature and as people will read and must read something, we, your committee, recommend that every family read the Bible more and take one or more de-

nominal papers. We also recommend the Biblical Recorder and North Carolina Baptist.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. ROBESON,
Committee.

After remarks by Joseph Bennett, D. L. Hewett and D. P. Robbins, was received and ordered appended to the Minutes.

The hour having arrived for the special order for the

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Dear Brethren:—Your committee beg leave to report as follows:

It is time that the Baptists of our State wake up to the mission cause to the building up of Christ's kingdom on earth and to the spread of the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. HEWETT,
G. T. HICKMAN,
Committee.

After remarks by Rev. Mr. Curtise, J. Bennett and D. L. Hewett, was received and ordered appended to the Minutes.

Bro. Isaac Milliken read the Report on Constitution and By-Laws. (See Appendix.)

Resolved, That this Association tender a vote of thanks to the good brethren and sisters of Shalotte Church and neighborhood at large for the very hospitable manner in which they have maintained this body while in session.

Resolved, That brethren Isaac Milliken, D. L. Hewett and C. Evans be and the same are hereby appointed a committee to memorialize the next Legislature of North Carolina to incorporate every church in the bounds of the Brunswick Association for a distance of two miles, except those already incorporated.

On motion, all unfinished business be left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Clerk be paid eight dollars for his services and expenses.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We have received from the various churches as follows:

Minute Fund,	-	-	-	\$14.66
State Missions,	-	-	-	4.00
Home Missions,	-	-	-	2.25
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	2.90
Education,	-	-	-	1.25
Ministers' Relief,	-	-	-	2.50
Orphanage,	-	-	-	9.09
Association Missions,	-	-	-	1.00
By collection for Orphanage,	-	-	-	3.32
Total,	-	-	-	40.97

We have paid the same over to the Treasurer, for which we have his receipt.

C. EVANS,
J. A. RUSS,
Committee.

Report received and ordered appended to the Minutes. On motion, adjourned. Prayer, Rev. J. A. Mints leading.

Thus closed the first annual session of the Brunswick Association.

REV. J. A. MINTS, Moderator.
ISAAC JENRETTE, Clerk.

SUNDAY PROCEEDINGS.

Mass-meeting, conducted by Rev. D. L. Hewett. Hymn, "Father, I stretch my hands to Thee." Prayer, Bro. J. M. Long leading.

Recess for ten minutes, after which Rev. Joseph Bennett preached. Text: "Behold I have given him

for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people."

A collection was taken up for the benefit of the Association amounting to \$2.16.

Hymn, "Jesus, lover of my soul." Prayer, Rev. Jefferson Sellers leading.

The congregation stood and sang, "Blest be the tie that binds," while the brethren and sisters took the parting hand.

Benediction by Rev. Joseph Bennett.

This closed a very harmonious session of the Association, in which we believe, hope and trust much good for the cause of Christ was accomplished.

REV. J. A. MINTS, Moderator.

ISAAC JENRETTE, Clerk.

RULES OF ORDER.

SECTION 1. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside till his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together, and a Moderator pro tem shall be elected.

SEC. 2. Each session of this Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may choose.

SEC. 3. At each daily session and before proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called and the proceedings of the previous day be read.

SEC. 4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

SEC. 5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator; he shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

SEC. 6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.

SEC. 7. All motions shall receive a second before being

considered, then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

SEC. 8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

SEC. 9. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall take precedence in the order in which they are stated.

SEC. 10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

SEC. 11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

SEC. 12. All questions except such as relate to the constitution shall be decided by a majority vote.

SEC. 13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

SEC. 14. These rules of order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority vote.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be denominated and known as the Brunswick Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates and ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association, except the privilege of voting.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and giving an account of the condition of their church and statement of all

funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year, and of the Sunday School.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Secretary and a Treasurer.

ART. 6. The Moderator shall be elected annually by ballot, and shall preside at all the meetings of this body.

ART. 7. The Secretary shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office during the pleasure of the body. He shall, during all the sessions of the same, keep a faithful record of the proceedings and have the Minutes printed and distributed to the churches according to the amount paid by each for that purpose. For this he shall be paid as the Association may direct.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the body. He shall receive and pay over to the proper parties all of the money contributed by the churches, and make an annual report of the same to the Association.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of the Associational Missions and such other objects as may be intrusted to them. They shall have the power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their doings.

ART. 10. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at a regular meeting of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose; and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right-hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 12. The Association may invite brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

ART. 13. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Thursday before the second Sunday in November in each year.

ARR. 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory and Missionary Sermon.

ARR. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors and Their Post-offices.	Clerks and Their Post-offices.	Pastor's	Minute	Fund.	Incidental	State	Home	Foreign	Education.	Ministers'	Orphanage.	Association	Total.	Baptized	Received	Restored.	Dismissed	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
			Salary.		Expenses.	Missions	Missions.	Missions.				Relief.	Missions.			by Letter.	by Letter.							
Beulah	D. M. Edge, Nixonville, S. C.	B. J. Bennett, Iredell, N. C.	\$15.00	\$0.60			\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$1.00		\$15.60		2					2	15	40	55
Jenies Branch	D. L. Hewett, Shallotte, N. C.	C. S. Hewett, Shallotte, N. C.	30.00	2.00	\$0.83		\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$1.00		35.19		1	1	2			2	17	28	45
Long Branch	S. J. Cains, Daisy, S. C.	John Jenrette, Regan, N. C.	33.00	2.00			1.75							36.75							2	24	31	55
Mill Creek	D. L. Hewett, Shallotte, N. C.	G. T. Hickman, Winnabow, N. C.	34.14	2.00	1.15	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	\$1.00	44.29	12	2	1	1	1	1	1	39	60	99
Mt. Pisgah	D. L. Hewett, Shallotte, N. C.	O. B. Setlers, Supply, N. C.	31.45	2.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	4.20		46.65	2	2	4	3	3	1	1	40	92	132
Oak Grove	G. W. Sellers, Shallotte, N. C.	G. T. Holden, Shallotte, N. C.	10.81	.50	2.54							1.00		14.85	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	12	19	31
Prospect	J. A. Mints, Seaside, N. C.	R. B. Coleman, Supply, N. C.	27.40	2.06	12.25				.65			1.30		43.66							2	15	22	37
Poly Bridge	P. Milliken, Iron Hill, N. C.	W. McKeithan, Coleman, N. C.	13.92	.50										14.42	12	4		2			3	30	43	73
Shallotte	J. A. Mints, Seaside, N. C.	E. B. Hewett, Shallotte, N. C.	18.00	2.00										20.25							2	28	49	77
Soldier Bay	N. Milliken, Ash, N. C.	J. G. Smith, Ash, N. C.	9.75	1.00	9.00									19.75	2					2	29	51	80	

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Schools.	Superintendents and Their Post-offices	Clerks and Their Post-offices.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Total.	Contributions.	No. Volumes in Library.	No. <i>Kind Words</i> and other papers taken.	No. Months Kept Open.
Beulah	B. F. Gore, Iredell, N. C.	B. J. Bennett, Iredell, N. C.	7	49	56	\$5.67			8
Long Branch	L. B. Hughes, Regan, N. C.	W. H. McKeithan, Regan, N. C.	9	27	36	1.35			
Mill Creek	G. T. Hickman, Winnabow, N. C.		7	37	44			16	
Mt. Pisgah	W. Sellers, Supply, N. C.	Gilbert Brown, Supply, N. C.	7	43	50	2.00	50	25	
Oak Grove	I. G. Hewett, Supply, N. C.		6	70	76	1.18	33		
Prospect	R. B. Clemmons, Supply, N. C.	O. T. Simmons, Supply, N. C.	4	27	31	4.01	36		12
Poly Bridge	W. J. Hardwick, Coleman, N. C.	G. T. Reaves, Coleman, N. C.	6	86	92	8.21			
Shallotte	Isaac Milliken, Seaside, N. C.		7	48	55	7.79	120		
Soldier Bay	Eli Milliken, Ash, N. C.	S. P. Simmons, Ash, N. C.	6	50	56	5.95			

