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J. P. ADAMS,	Jonesville,	N. C.
A. N. BARKER,	New Hope,	"
J. W. BURCHETT,	Della Plane,	"
C. C. BROWN,	Buck Shoal,	"
W. DOWEL,	Jenning's Mill,	"
A. GILREATH,	Cedar Run,	"
S. S. GOFORTH,	Lovelace,	"
A. GOODEN,	Sweet Home,	"
L. P. GWALTNEY,	Cedar Run,	"
J. P. GWALTNEY,	York Institute,	"
W. F. GRAY,	Buck Shoal,	"
E. N. GWYN,	Elkin,	"
J. S. FORESTER,	Brier Creek,	"
I. N. HAYNES,	Dellaplane,	"
E. HOLLAR,	Felts,	"
I. HOLLAR,	Felts,	"
J. N. GREGORY,	Elkin,	"
Y. JORDAN,	New Hope,	"
W. A. MYERS,	Osbornville,	"
B. MATHEWS,	Buck Shoal,	"
J. H. MARTIN,	Longtown,	"
T. W. PARIS,	Brier Creek,	"
D. W. POOL,	Cedar Run,	"
S. F. SIMMONS,	Jonesville,	"
W. C. SEGRAVES,	Jonesville,	"
R. W. WOOTEN,	Clingman,	"
J. G. WEATHERMAN,	Jenning's Mill	"
T. WRIGHT,	Felts,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

GRASSY KNOB, N. C. September 23rd, 1886.

Introductory Sermon preached by Rev. T. W. Paris.
 Refreshments thirty minutes. Association convened.
 Prayer by Rev. I. Hollar.
 Church letters received and read. Officers elected. Rev. W. A. Myers elected Moderator, and E. N. Gwyn, Clerk.
 Correspondents invited:
 From the Brushy Mountain—Rev. C. C. Pool.
 South Yadkin—Rev. D. W. Thomasson, and J. B. Holman.
 Beulah—Brother R. T. Hamner, also representing the claims of Greensboro Church.
 Committees appointed:
On Arrangements—L. P. Gwaltney, W. Goforth, J. Cass, T. W. Paris, with Moderator, Clerk and correspondents.
Religious Exercises—W. C. Myers, with pastor and delegates of this church.
State Missions—J. P. Gwaltney, J. B. Holman.
Periodicals—C. C. Pool, E. C. Sloan.
Sabbath Schools—W. D. Tharp, D. W. Pool.
Temperance—J. V. Williams, J. T. Paris.
Education—L. P. Gwaltney, J. H. Foote.
Home and Foreign Missions—D. W. Thomasson, I. Hollar.
Time and Place—E. M. Felts, W. A. Goforth.
Obituaries—A. N. Barker, H. Hays.
Finance—E. B. Hendren, Z. R. Tharp.
Resolutions—E. M. Couch, G. W. Sale.
 Correspondents reported: Elders Myers, Wooten, and Burchette attended the Elkin. Brethren D. C. Jarvis and S. D. Swim, the Yadkin. Bro. W. O. Hendren and E. N. Gwyn the South Yadkin.
 Correspondents appointed: To Yadkin, Elders Gwyn, Paris and Burchette.
 To Elkin, Elder I. Hollar, with Bro. Foote.
 Brushy Mountain, Elders Paris, Hollar, Barker and the Gwaltneys.
 Yadkin, Gwyn and Jarvis.
 Baptist State Convention, E. N. Gwyn.
 On motion adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock a. m. Benediction by L. P. Gwaltney.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Convened. Prayer by L. P. Gwaltney.
 Committee on Arrangements reported. Report received
 and adopted. Names of delegates announced.
 Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Constitution
 and rules of Decorum read.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

The religious press is one of the most potent educators. We know of no paper so well suited to the Baptist families of this State as the BIBLICAL RECORDER. It is a faithful exponent of our doctrines and it is worthy the support of the Denomination. We urge the pastors of this Association to make special efforts to extend its circulation. We recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, and *Kind Words* to the Churches and Sunday Schools.

C. C. POOL,
 E. C. SLOAN.

Remarks by C. C. Pool; then report adopted.

On motion the Ministers of this Association were requested to act as agents for the RECORDER. Subscriptions raised for said paper by J. T. Paris. The report on Sabbath Schools read by D. W. Pool. These reports are not designed so much to tell what has been done as to suggest plans for future work. The Sunday School has been termed the church at work, and it is a work in which all may take part. Doubtless *Kind Words* and the *Lesson Helps* have been used with success; but the center and soul of what is taught in the Sunday School should be the word of God. We desire, also, to say that the spiritual interests of the children should not be neglected; aim at nothing less than the salvation of all who attend school. We recommend the appointment of some one to travel in the bounds of this Association to organize and encourage the general work of Sunday Schools

D. W. POOL,
 W. D. THARP.

Remarks by W. D. Tharp, D. W. Pool, I. Hollar, C. C. Pool and Gwyn. The report adopted.

Rev. T. W. Paris appointed Sunday School Evangelist.
 Adjourned for preaching. Sermon by Elder Thomasson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1 O'clock P. M.

Brother Hamner presented the claims of Greensboro Church. \$8.42 raised for said church with subscriptions taken by Bro. Hamner.

Rev. A. E. Myers present from the Elkin Association.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

To obtain an education requires time, money and labor, and, we might add, brain. Youth is the *best* time to educate, but not the *only* time. Many men and women are educated after the bloom of youth passes. But it requires harder work to educate out of old and fixed habits. To carry out the grand work of education requires money, for the educated teacher demands pay for his work.

Again: Labor is absolutely necessary to successfully acquire an education worthy of the name. There is no royal road to climb its difficult heights. It is no path bordered with roses. The farmer is required to gain his living by the sweat of his face. An education to be gained without long and hard labor is not worth having. The *man*, as well as the *mind*, must be developed. Man is not born with an education. He has brains which must be cultivated, as you cultivate the soil. If he has no brains, to attempt to educate him makes him a fool. Education must tend to usefulness that is of paramount importance. It must be a *practical* work or it is a failure. The attitude of this question changes, as the future demands, and progress in all the departments of life require new energy.

Education is no longer a thing of the future. Note the progress of the last few years. Hence, we should encourage education, with an aim to usefulness and not an easy life. These remarks are true in the great work of ministerial education. The minister should be educated, to enable him to grapple with all the great questions of the day. If he is first surely called of God to preach His gospel he should study to show himself a workman approved unto God that needeth not to be ashamed.

We therefore urge our brethren to patronize and encour-

age the common schools in their neighborhoods. To those desiring higher education we recommend Cedar Run Academy, Moravian Falls Academy and Wake Forest College, as institutions worthy of support.

L. P. GWALTNEY.
J. H. FOOTE.

Remarks by Elders Gwaltney, Thomasson, Gwyn and Bro. Foote. Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received at last Association:	
For State Missions.....	\$90.15
" Foreign Missions	10.00
" Home Missions.....	7.80
" Baptist Orphanage.....	12.20
Total.....	120.15
Paid out:	
For State Missions.....	\$90.15
" Foreign Missions.....	10.00
" Home Missions.....	7.80
" Baptist Orphanage.....	12.20
Total.....	120.15
Received from Committee on Finance.....	\$30.53
On hand.....	6.90
Total.....	37.43
Expended:	
For printing Minutes.....	\$22.00
" postage and freight.....	1.00
My own fees.....	8.00
On hand.....	6.43
Total.....	37.43

ENOCH N. GWYN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Whereas, on the 19th day of January, 1886, the all-wise

God, in the dispensation of His righteous Providence, has taken from his work and sorrow below Deacon T. W. Redman, in the 67th year of his age. Bro. Redman was an efficient worker in the church at Taylor Springs, and had been a member of the Baptist church over twenty-five years, and was a useful man in many respects. The Sabbath school and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom was his delight. Much of his conversation was about the goodness of God and the religion of Jesus. The older he grew in years the stronger he grew in faith. His pastor was always helped by his words, his prayers and his contributions. Now he rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.

Also, in December, 1885, Wm. Heath died, in the 86th year of his age. Bro. Heath was a faithful member and deacon of the church at Holly Springs. Many ministers and friends shared his hospitality. Even in old age he exhibited his love for the church and his Master by attending the house of God and waiting on the Lord in His sanctuary.

A. N. BARKER.
H. HAYES.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow, 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Rev. D. W. Pool.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Prayer by Bro. Gooden.

Bro. J. E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, and Bro. Turner, of the South Yadkin, were present, and accepted seats in the body. Bro. Joe Spainhour, present from Brushy Mountain, also accepted a seat.

Committee on Time and Place reported Swan Creek, Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1887; Rev. J. P. Gwaltney to preach the introductory sermon; Elder I. Hollar, alternate.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Dear Brethren: The growing evil and curse of intemperance, caused by the excessive use of intoxicating liquors, is calling louder now than ever before for the bold and un-

compromising denunciation by all christians, and especially the ministers of the gospel, of the manufacture, sale and use, as a beverage, of distilled liquors.

The sense of your committee is that every christain ought to abstain from this evil. Therefore we recommend to our churches that they withdraw fellowship from any member who persists in the encouragement of this evil by manufacturing or drinking, as a beverage, distilled liquors.

Respectfully submitted.

J. T. PARIS.
W. V. WILLIAMS.

Speeches were made to the above report by Brethren Paris, Hamner, Ham, Barker, Holman, Tharp and Myers. Report adopted.

On motion, a commiitee was appointed, consisting of I. Hollar, E. B. Hendren, Z. R. Tharp, D. C. Jarvis and William Goforth, to take into consideration the appointment of some one to preach near the bounds of our Association, known as the Catawba Mission.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work of your State Mission Board is of great importance. While much has been accomplished in the last forty years by this board, much remains yet to be done. The board has in its employ over seventy missionaries, occupying important fields in the towns and country. Their labors have been abundantly blessed. Many souls have been converted under their preaching, and a number of new churches constituted. There are yet large sections of country in North Carolina yet destitute of Baptist preaching. We believe it to be the duty of churches to take an active part in preaching the gospel as we hold it to every destitute section in North Carolina. We who cannot go in person can contribute of our means to hold up the hands of those that go, and should let our prayers and alms go together.

J. P. GWALTNEY,
J. B. HOLMAN.

Remarks submitted by J. B. Holman, J. P. Gwaltney and J. E. Ray. Report adopted.
The churches sent up for State Missions as follows:
Bethel, \$10; Brier Creek, \$5.03; Taylor Springs, \$4.15

Swan Creek, \$1.01; Oak Forest, \$3.25; Liberty, \$2.40; Holly Springs, \$5.00; Grassy Knob, 60c.; Pilgrim, \$4.00; Mount Pisgah, \$5.09; collection, \$11.42.

E. N. Gwyn appointed agent for State Missions.
On motion, adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed business. On motion, the Association proceeded to take measures to pay the balance for board on our beneficiary at Moravian. A collection taken and subscription raised to liquidate the debt.

REPORT ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Lord Jesus Christ, after His resurrection, commissioned His disciples to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This commission is still ringing in our ears. It comes to us with all the authority with which it was then invested. The apostles of our Lord did what they could toward carrying out this commission, in the letter and the spirit. The work has been carried forward by their successors. God has greatly prospered the work. God has abundantly blessed the efforts of His people. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is supervising this work. The board has missionaries laboring in China, Italy, Africa and Brazil. The whole number of Missionaries in the employ of this board is about one hundred, and others are offering themselves to the board; but the means at their command will not justify the sending out of others just at the present. The board asks for one hundred thousand dollars for this year. Nearly this amount was expended last year.

If we carry out the commission of our Saviour our contributions to this work must be largely increased. We find from the Treasurer's report that the churches comprising this Association contributed \$10 for this work last year, which is less than one-half cent per member. When will the gospel be given to the heathen at this rate? Cannot this amount be largely increased during the next Association year? Let us remember that giving doth not impoverish, nor withholding enrichen us. Let the pastors keep the work before the churches, and much more will be done in the future than in the past.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Con-

vention, located at Atlanta, Ga., has charge of the work in the bounds of the Convention. This board has missionaries laboring in Louisiana, Florida, Texas, California, Arkansas, Western North Carolina and Indian Territory. The labors of these missionaries have been greatly blessed in the conversion of souls, organizing of new churches, building houses of worship at important centres of influence, besides aiding older and weaker churches. We heartily recommend the board and its work to your prayerful consideration, and hope that it may become an object of your beneficence.

D. W. THOMASSON,
I. HOLLAR.

Remarks by Elder Thomasson and J. E. Ray. The report was adopted.

The Clerk was instructed to publish the name of a brother in each church with whom brother McManaway, of Charlotte, may correspond on the Home Mission work.

The Associational Mission committee reported that they have employed Rev. J. B. Gwaltney to labor one-fourth of his time on Catawba mission. Swan Creek sends \$1.01, and Shady Grove \$2.70 for Foreign Missions.

On motion, a committee consisting of Elders Paris, Pool and L. P. Gwaltney, were appointed to write on "Church Discipline," and to report at next Association.

The Clerk was instructed to have 1,000 copies of minutes printed.

The next Sabbath School Convention of this Association will convene with the church at Lewis, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1887.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

Let us all resolve to live more devoted to our Heavenly Father is discharging our many christian duties. We also tender our sincere thanks to the citizens of this community for their kind hospitalities in supporting this Association.

E. M. COUCH,
G. W. SALE.

On motion, adjourned till time and place of next session. Prayer by Rev. D. W. Thomasson.

E. N. GWYN, Clerk.
W. A. MYERS, MODERATOR.

SABBATH.

Bro. John E. Ray occupied the forenoon with Sabbath School and religious addresses. Collection, \$5.05. Rev. J. P. Gwaltney preached in the afternoon.

Names of those with whom Rev. A. G. McManaway, of Charlotte, may address on Home Missions:

Emmit Johnson,.....	Dellaphane, N. C.
G. W. Sale,.....	Brier Creek, "
J. W. Hendren,.....	Cedar Run, "
E. C. Sloan,.....	Sweet Home, "
J. E. Childers,.....	Elkin, "
J. A. Glass,.....	Wilkesboro "
J. Cass,.....	Evelyn, "
W. D. Tharp,.....	Williamsburg, "
P. H. Moore,.....	Felts, "
J. D. Hollar,.....	Felts, "
H. Hayes,.....	Brushy M't'n, "
W. A. Goforth,.....	Olin, "
J. R. Wright,.....	Felts, "
W. M. Goforth,.....	Jenning's Mill, "
J. H. Purlear,.....	Wilkesboro, "
J. C. Pinnix,.....	Hamptonville, "
C. C. Parks,.....	Dellapane, "
D. W. Mabery,.....	Grade, "
J. T. Martin,.....	Clingman, "
J. F. Adams,.....	Jonesville, "
D. C. Jarvis,.....	Lovelace, "
L. W. Nicholson.....	Osbornville, "
J. M. Jolly.....	McCurdy, "
J. P. Williams,.....	Grade, "
J. E. Myers,.....	Osbornville, "
J. M. Crater,.....	Zion, "

