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MINUTES

OF THE

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Little River Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Hector's Creek, Harnett County, N. C.,

NOVEMBER 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1877.

WILLIAM BRUNT, Moderator, Lillington, N. C. ELI HILLIARD, Clerk, Chalk Level, N. C. W. H. HOLLAND, Reading Clerk, Winslow, N. C.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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PROCEEDINGS.

HECTOR'S CREEK, HARNETT CO., N. C. THURSDAY, November 1st, 1877.

The Little River Baptist Association met with the Church at Hector's Creek, Harnett county, N. C., in its second Annual Session. Elder Allen Betts preached the introductory sermon from 1st Samuel,

2nd chap., 30th verse: "Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me forever," &c.

After an intermission of about forty-five minutes, the brethren came together and sang a hymn of praise.

The Moderator being absent, on motion, Elder O. Churchill was appointed Moderator pro tem. Elder Churchill read 48th Psalm, and led in prayer.

The Association proceeded to business. Elder Wm. Brunt and Bro. W. H. Holland were appointed Reading Clerks.

The Churches were called, and delegates enrolled as follows :

Baptist Grove.-D. D. Senter, J. A. Baughcom, Eli Hilliard, A. Y. Tutor and J. H. Tutor.

Hector's Creek .- Calvin Smith, Eli Carter, R. H. Smith, J. A. Senter and J. A. Johnson.

Holly Springs. J. W. Patterson, N. A. Patterson, Thomas Holder, Alex. O'Quinn and M. E. O'Quinn. Lillington. J. K. Marsh, W. F. Marsh, T. D. Watson and Wm. Brunt. Cumberland Union. J. D. Lanier, J. M. Thomas, J. B. Churchill and Sidney Churchill.

Antioch .- J. H. Brown, S. A. Davis, J. S. Stone, Robert Nordan and M. E. Wade.

Kinnie's Creek.-J. W. Blalock, J. R. Stephens and K. P. Jones. Friendship.-W. A. Parker and C. D. Nixon. Bethel.-Jacob West and L. T. West.

Jonesboro.—Not represented. Cameron's Grove.—Not represented. Juniper Springs.—C. B. McNeill, Jackson Taylor and H. T Thomas.

Ordained Ministers of the Association present :

William Brunt, O. Churchill, Allen Betts, A. N. Campbell, J. W. Collins, T. J. Hunt and H. D. Judd.

Petitioning letters called for; the church at Buie's Creek presented a letter from the Raleigh Association, petitioning for admission and, on motion, the same was received, and Bro. William Pearson welcomed to a seat as a delegate from that clurch. Also, the new church at Macedonia sent delegates, James Weathers and W. D. Deen, with a letter petitioning admission, and on motion, the same was received, and delegates welcomed to seats.

The Association proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk, Brethren W. H. Holland and Wm. Pearson acting as tellers. Elder William Brunt, Principal of Lillington Academy, was elected Moderator and Bro. Eli Hilliard was re-elected Clerk.

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W. G. King, from Sandy Creek Association. Rev. R. H. Griffith was also welcomed to a seat as Agent for the South-

ern Baptist Theological Seminary. On motion, the Pastor and Deacons of Hector's Creek Church were appointed a committee on Religious exercises

On motion, Elders Allen Betts and J. C. Marcom and Bro. D. D. Senter were appointed a Committee on arrangements, by report of which the following Committees were appointed :

On Finance.-Eli Carter and J. B. Churchill.

On Church Letters.-T. D. Watson and J. A. Baughcom.

On Bible Schools .- J. W. Collins and W. D. Deen.

On Howe Missions.—A. N. Campbell and O. Churchill. On State Missions.—R. H. Griffith and J. A. Senter. On Prayer Meetings.—R. Newton and Wm. P. arson. On Periodicals.—A. N. Campbell and Allen Betts. On Education.—O. Churchill and W. G. King.

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On Foreign Missions .- J. M. Holleman and Jacob West.

On Temperance.-Allen Betts and Eli Hilliard.

The Committee on Religious exercises reported Elder King to preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock at the stand; Elder Newton to preach at 1 o'clock at the stand.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow 91 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Rev. K. H. Griffith.

FRIDAY, Nov. 2nd, 1877, 91 A. M.

Moderator read 93rd Psalm. Prayer by W. D. Deen. Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved. Treasurer being called to report, reported the following :

REPORT OF TREASURER

IN ACCOUNT WITH LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

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To cash received	from Finance Committee,	\$14.30
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ELI HILLIARD, Treasurer.

On motion, Eli Hilliard was re-appointed Treasurer. Correspondents reported from sister Associations as follows :

Raleigh.—Allen Betts and J. W. Collins. Cedar Creek.—L. T. West.

Correspondents to Sister Associations appointed as follows :

Mt. Zion.—O. Churchill and J. W. Collins. Sandy Creek.—O. Churchill and J. W. Collins. Raleigh.—A. N. Campbell.

Committee on Education reported the following :

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

BROTHER MODERATOR :-- Your Committee would submit the following: Education is indispensable, especially to the young; but the education of our children is sadly neglected. God has given us the facilities of educating our children, and are we not wrong to withhold from them what would make them better understand his attributes, what He has required at their hands; and to fit them for usefulness in this world and happiness in that which is to come?

Resolved, That we patronize our own schools, and encourage our own teachers, and use all the means which God has given us for the improvement of our own minds and those of our children. All of which is respectfully submitted,

O CHURCHILL, W. G. KING,

Committee.

After interesting speeches by Elders Marcom, Griffith and others, on the subject of Education, on motion, the report was adopted. The Committee on Home Missions reported as follows :

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions submit the following: We confess our faults, for last year we purposed giving as the Lord prospered us we have not so given. We would, therefore, urge the delegates of the several churches to a full sense of their duty. We would, also, insist upon Pastors of the several churches of this body, to preach, at least one sermon to each church on the subject of Missions, and see that their churches take up a collection for Home Missions next year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. CAMPBELL, O. CHURCHILL, Committee,

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. J. D. Lanier, speeches were limited to ten minutes. A motion that Bro. R. H. Griffith be allowed opportunity of speaking in behalf of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this evening at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Committee on State Missions reported the following:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

One object of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention is to supply with Baptist preaching every town and neighborhood in the State, where it is not enjoyed. In some places there are a few who aid in supporting the Ministers sent to them, while in others, his support must come entirely from the Convention. Many of the Associations are not able to supply the destitution within their own borders, and hence call on the Board of State Missions to aid them.

Here, then, are important points not embraced in the territory of any Association and must depend solely on the Board of State Missions for the preaching of the Gospel as held by us. The State Convention or its Board has no means save as those are furnished by the churches and brethren in different parts of the State. If we hold the "faith once de livered to the saints," it is our duty to make it known to others, especially to those of our State. There are now more applications to the State Board for help than can be granted, because of the want of means. God has signally blessed this department of christian labor in our State, and we know of none in which our contributions promise a larger yield. It appeals to our sympathy and claims our co-operation and help.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. GRIFFITH, J. A. SENTER, Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted, after which a collection was taken up for Home Missions, amounting to \$7,06.

On motion, adjourned for three quarters of an hour. Benediction by Elder J. M. Holleman.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Body met and resumed business.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported Elder Marcom to preach at the stand to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.; Elder King at 1 o'clock, P. M. Committee on Periodicals reported as follows :

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals submit the following: Every one who loves the truth ought to love the way to get the truth, as it is said, "Buy the truth and sell it not" (Prov. xxiii. 23.) Therefore, we recommend to all, especially to Baptist families, the *Biblical Recorder* as a faithful exponent of Gospel truth. Also *Kind Words* as a Bible School paper. Also the *Foreign Mission Journal*.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. CAMPBELL, ALLEN BETTS, Committee.

After interesting speeches by Elders Campbell, King, Marcom and others in behalf of the *Recorder*, on motion, the report was adopted.

Elder A. N. Campbell obtained several subscriptions for the *Recorder*, and would have got more, but the brethren were already taking it.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported, and the adoption of the report was deferred for Bro. Griffith to address the body in behalf of the Seminary.

The hour for Bro. Griffith's address having arrived, he, with great interest addressed the body in behalf of the Seminary, after which, he received some subscriptions for the same.

The delegates from Juniper Springs having arrived the letter was read and they welcomed to seats.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow $9\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock A. M. Prayer by T. J. Hunt.

SATURDAY Nov. 3rd, 1877, 91 o'clock, A. M.

Religious Exercises conducted by the Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. J. W. Yarbrough.

Names of delegates called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved. On motion, the report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The commissions given to the apostles by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is equally binding on us as their successors. We, then, as Missionary Baptists and servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, have entrusted to us the great work of carrying the Gospel to Heathen Lands, where the people are ignorant of the true God, and are worshiping gods made with their own hands. We have already sent out several Missionaries to Foreign fields, who must be sustained, and many more are needed, in this great work of preaching the Gospel to Heathens. This cannot be done at once, on account of the many obstacles in our way. Their language is hard to learn, and they are slow to believe in a new Religion, and, as we learn from our dear Bro. Hartwell, nothing will convince the Chinese and cause them to embrace the Religion of Jesus Christ but the power of the Holy Ghost.

The Mission work is a great work, because it is the work of the Lord. We are the Lord's servants, called and sent into his vineyard to work. Let us ask our Lord "What can I do?" Some of our brethren have already said that "I will go and preach this Gospel to the Heathen "; others have said, "you go and we will sustain you." Brethren, this work has been given to US. Let us carry it out in the name of the Lord by each one doing his duty. Respectfully submitted, J. M. HOLLEMAN,

J. M. HOLLEMAN, JACOB WEST, Committee.

Committee on Bible Schools reported, and the report adopted as follows:

REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Bible Schools, beg leave to submit the following: As we are commanded to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, we believe there is no better way of doing this than to carry them to the Bible School, and there teach them lessons of eternal truth in youth. Bring up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it, is another divine injunction. The enemy is always on the alert, watching to ensnare the precious souls of the young and old by his devices. The young are the hope of the church; how zealously, then, ought we to labor for their good in throwing around them the safeguards of the Bible ! We therefore urge upon the churches, the importance of having a Bible School in their midst, that the old may learn more of God's word, and the young be taught to love the Lord. Respectfully submitted,

W. D. DEEN,

J. W. COLLINS, Committee.

Committee on Prayer and Prayer Meetings reported and report adopted as follows :

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Prayer and Prayer meetings, beg leave to submit the following: We deem it the most important subject before this Association, since it is through Prayer we have access to a throne of grace. We are taught in God's word that men ought always to pray—and with all manner of Prayer, watching thereunto. Hence, we would recommend, 1st. Secret or closet Prayer, that our Heavenly Father who heareth in secret may reward us openly. 2nd. That the head of each family should erect a family altar, and there endeavor through Prayer, supplications and thanksgiving—to point and lead his family to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. 3rd. That each church, if possible, shall maintain weekly Prayer Meetings, and endeavor to get all its members to attend. 4th. That Pastors of churches make special efforts to get their churches and members to take up these crosses, and put on the whole armor of God, that our spiritual strength may be renewed, and others constrained to glorify our Heavenly Father. Respectfully submitted,

WM. PEARSON, R. NEWTON, Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Committee on Temperance reported, and, on motion, the report was adopted as follows :

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We seriously deplore the ravages of intemperance, which consist in making, vending and using alcoholic drinks, which are blasting the morals of the land; and we advise the members of our churches to abstain from such stimulants, except for medical purposes, &c. We find many passages of Scripture which forbid the use of intoxicating spirits to excess. We have the record in the Holy Bible that no drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. And viewing the subject morally, we cannot fail to see that the use of intoxicating spirits to excess, brings great woe and inexpressible misery on the human family. Therefore, we, as professed followers of Christ, should raise our voices in defence of temperance in all things, and set an example before the world worthy of our calling.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN BETTS, ELI HILLIARD, Committee.

Committee on Church Letters reported, and report adopted as follows:

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

Upon examination of the letters sent up by the several churches, we find that God, in his wisdom, has been pleased to call from our number, by his messenger, death, two more than last year. We are thankful to Him that Zion has been travailing, and a number of our churches have been blessed with the outpouring of His spirit and conversion of souls, bringing us a total increase of fifty members, and 1 new church. The number of Baptisms have been eleven more than last year. Received by letter, 47. Restored to fellowship, 9. Dismissed by letter, 29. Excluded, 9. Deceased, 3. White members, 738. Colored, 3. One church petitioned for a letter of dismission. We have only 4 Sunday Schools reported in our Association. These schools report 160 pupils, 9 teachers, 100 volumes in their libraries, and only ten copies of Sabbath School papers taken. We think the cause of so few schools being reported is, to a great extent, failures on the part of clerks to report their Schools. We recommend, that the clerks of the several churches be requested to make their letters to the Association as short as possible, in order to give the Church and Sabbath School Statistics in full, as this would save the Association much time. We also suggest the propriety of giving a full and

explicit report of Sabbath Schools. One church reports Prayer Meetings regularly every Wednesday night. Respectfully submitted,

T. D. WATSON, J. A. BAUGHCOM,

Committee.

On motion, the next Session of the body was appointed with the Church at Juniper Springs, commencing Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in November, 1878.

Elder A. N. Campbell was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder O. Churchill his alternate. Also Elder William Brunt appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon, Elder Allen Betts his alternate.

A motion that the Clerk have as many minutes printed as the Associational funds will pay for; and the other amounts be disposed of as stated in the letters.

The Association contributed \$5.00 to the Clerk for his services.

On motion, the ordained ministers of this Association be an examining Board to examine Bro. W. D. Deen, and if found orthodox according to the doctrines of the Bible, to be ordained to the full work of the Ministry -the examination to take place to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

On motion, the church at Kinnie's Creek was, by its own request, granted a letter of dismissal to join the Raleigh Association.

On motion, Bro. Betts was allowed the opportunity of reading a Church Covenant, and, on motion, said Covenant be appended to the minutes for the consideration of the churches, and if agreeable, there be a uniform covenant obligation established at the next Session of this body.

A motion, that said Covenant, read by Bro. Betts, be appended to the minutes. Carried.

The following resolution was offered by Elder O. Churchill :

Resolved, That we tender the thanks of this body to the church of Hector's Creek and community around for their bounteous hospitalities during our Session.

On motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted, with the exception of Bro. Griffith, who voted in the negative because, as he said, he had been entertained so well that he could'nt enjoy the pleasure of tasting all the refreshment which the good brethren had set before him. Committee on Finance reported. [See report at end of Proceedings.]

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Executive Board reported, and on motion, the report was re-committed to the Board for amendment.

The Committee on religious Exercises relieved Bro. King from preaching this evening, by his request, and announced that Elder O. Churchill preach in his stead.

On motion, adjourned for one hour.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Moderator in the chair. On motion, the motion in the forenoon, that the ordained Ministers of the Association be an examining Board to examine Bro. W. D. Deen for the Ministry, was reconsidered.

The motion was put again and carried.

According to the motion, Bro. Deen be examined to-morrow at 10 o'clock, and if found worthy, &c., according to the orthodoxy of the Bible, he shall be ordained to the full work of the Ministry.

The Executive Board again presented their report, and the report was adopted, as follows :

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board of Little River Association met at Cumberland Union, Saturday before 5th Sunday in April, 1877. Members of the Board present: D. D. Senter, Eli Carter, J. W. Yarbrough, W. D. Patterson, C. B. McNeill, L. T. West, Jesse Weathers and J. H. Graham. Board organized by electing D. D. Senter, Chairman, Eli Carter, Secretary and Treasurer. The Churches represented were Baptist Grove, Hector's Creek, Cumberland Union, Holly Springs, Juniper Springs, Bethel, Cameron's Grove and Antioch. The Board then appointed S. F. West and J. H. Graham to select a field of labor. Then on motion, they were to meet at Holly Springs Saturday before 5th Sunday in July, and report the selection. They did so, and selected the Long school-house, on the South side of Little River. Bro. D. D. Senter was to see Elder A. N. Campbell, and find out if he would serve as our Missionary; he did so, and Bro. Campbell accepted the call. The Board agreed to give Bro. Campbell \$4.00 per trip, and if Bro. Campbell continue a meeting of days, we, the Board, would compensate him for the same. Then the Board authorized the Treasurer to pay Bro. Campbell for his services as a Missionary to this time, \$12.00, which leaves balance in the Treasury \$3.38. All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. D. SENTER, Chairman.

ELI CARTER, Secretary.

After the adoption of the report, a collection for Home Missions, amounting to \$8.85 in cash, and \$73.25 by subscription; total in cash and subscriptions \$82.10.

Subscriptions \$52.10. On motion, the appointment of the Board for 1878 was as follows: From Lillington, T. D. Watson. From Juniper Springs, C. B. McNeill, From Cumberland Union, J. D. Weathers. From Antioch, J. W. Yarbrough. From Hector's Creek, Eli Carter. From Baptist Grove, D. D. Senter. From Holly Springs, Wm. Patterson. From Jonesboro', A. M. Brooks. From Friendship, L. W. Byrd. From Bethel, Jacob West. From Cameron's Grove, C. H. Wilson. From Kinnie's Creek, W. H. Holland. From Buie's Creek, Wm. Pearson. From Macedonia, J. R. Churchill.

On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed. Prayer by Elder A. N. Campbell.

SUNDAY, Nov. 4th, 1877.

On Sunday the house was filled to overflowing. Beautiful singing by the Sunday School class. The class from Piney Grove welcomed to seats, and they mingled with the School in chanting the songs of Zion, &c. An interesting little sermon from Bro. Griffith, urging all to realize the truths they sung.

truths they sung. Att 11 o'clock, A. M., Elder H. D. Judd preached the Denominational Missionary Sermon from St. Mark, 16: 15, 16: "And he said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach my gospel to every creature, &c."

After which, a collection for Foreign Missions was taken up, amounting to \$7.32.

The Presbytery having examined Bro. Deen, they proceeded to ordain him to the work of the Ministry, Elder Allen Betts led in prayer; Elder A. N. Campbell presented the Bible and Elder Wm. Brunt gave the charge.

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At 2 P. M., Rev. R. H. Griffith preached from St. John 18:25: "They said, therefore, unto him, Art not thou also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said I am not."

Thus ended the second Session of the Little River Association, profitably, as we *trust*, and joyfully, we believe, to all present.

WILLIAM BRUNT, MODERATOR.

ELI HILLIARD, Clerk.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

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APPNEDIX.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, Angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with each other as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquantances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the use and sale of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and in distress; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay. We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

P. S. —The Clerk would here add, that all the brethren and churches of this Association are indebted their hearty thanks to Brother Griffith for his presence and influence in the collections of this Association for benevolent purposes.

And, for the encouragement of our young Association, he would state that the amount contributed for benevolences, by cash and subscription, was \$246.58.









