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ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST-OFFICES

HAYNES LENNON,	Orton, N. C.
D. J. RAY,	Whiteville, N. C.
T. J. COBB,	Chadbourn, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

SEVEN CREEKS, N. C., }
Oct. 30, 1891. }

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. D. J. Ray from Ps. 133—1: "Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity."

After recess of 30 minutes the congregation assembled in the church and Bro. A. F. Powell, Moderator, read a part of the 45th Psalm; singing by the choir and prayer by Bro. D. McNeill.

On motion, Brethren C. McCormick, H. L. White and S. J. Batten were appointed a Committee on Finance. The Association then proceeded to election of officers for the present session which resulted as follows: Moderator, Bro. A. F. Powell; Clerk, Bro. E. Nealy, *pro tem*.

List of Churches called and delegates enrolled as follows:

New Hope—H. L. White, E. Nealy and Thomas B. Inman.

Seven Creeks—M. J. Stephens, J. F. Long and N. M. Ward.

Union Grove—Not represented.

Whiteville—Thos. Thompson, A. F. Toon and A. F. Powell.

An opportunity was then extended to churches wishing to join the Association which resulted in the reception of the following churches, and delegates were enrolled:

China Grove—J. G. Jackson, W. E. Hinson and Chas. McCormick.

New Light—Chester Batten and S. J. Batten.

Chadbourn—A. McKinnon, J. T. Phipps and J. A. Kelly.

On motion, an invitation was extended to visiting brethren to participate in our deliberations.

The following were present and made welcome to seats: Rev. C. Durham, D. D., representing the State Mission Board, Rev. E. J. Edwards representing the *N. C. Baptist*, Bro. D. McNeill representing the *Biblical Recorder*, Rev. J. A. Smith representing the Baptist Orphanage and *Charity and Children*.

On motion, choir committee to supply the stand consisting of the Deacons of Seven Creeks church and Bro. T. A. Gore.

On motion, Moderator appointed committees on the following subjects:

1. State Missions—Rev. C. Durham, D. D.
2. Ministerial Education—Rev. J. A. Smith.
3. Foreign Missions—Rev. T. J. Cobb.
4. Periodicals—Bro. D. McNeill.
5. Pastoral Support—Bro. T. S. Memory.
6. Temperance—Bro. A. McKinnon.
7. Sunday - Schools—Rev. D. J. Ray.
8. Orphanage—Bro. Thomas Thompson.
9. Special Changes—Brethren J. G. Jackson and N. M. Ward.
10. Duty of Pastors to Churches—Bro. H. L. White.
11. Duty of Churches to Pastors—Rev. E. J. Edwards.

The Committee to supply the stand reported which report was amended by dispensing with preaching to-night. Committee discharged.

Bro. D. McNeill reported on Periodicals. Report received after being fully discussed and Committee discharged.

Rev. E. J. Edwards reported on Duty of Churches to Pastors. Report received and Committee discharged.

Bro. T. S. Memory reported on Pastoral Support which was freely discussed. Among others Dr. Durham made a very forcible speech on the subject. Report was received and Committee discharged.

A paper on "The Sabbath" by Rev. Hanes Lennon was read by Rev. J. A. Smith and, on motion, was or-

dered to be printed with the minutes.

Bro. A. McKinnon reported on Temperance. Report received and Committee discharged.

On motion, adjourned to 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

Benediction by Dr. Durham.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Moderator in the chair. Proceedings opened by reading Isa. 55th chapter, by Dr. Durham and prayer by Rev. E. J. Edwards.

Reports of Committees called for.

Rev. J. A. Smith reported on Ministerial Education which was discussed by Bro. Smith and others, and was adopted and Committee discharged.

On motion, the election of permanent Clerk and Treasurer was taken up. Bro. A. McKinnon was duly elected to fill the office.

Rev. Dr. Durham reported on State Missions and made THE speech of the occasion on his report and clearly showed the importance of this great work. Report received and committee discharged.

Rev. T. J. Cobb reported on Foreign Missions. Report received and Committee discharged.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. A. McKinnon and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Article 1 of the Constitution of our Association be amended by inserting after the word "Union" "Also all ordained ministers whose membership is in churches belonging to this Association, and pastors of churches of this Association shall be members *ex-officio* of this body."

On motion, it was decided to hold the next session of this Association with the Church at Chadbourn, commencing on Friday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1892.

Adjourned 30 minutes.

SECOND DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro. Thomas Thompson reported on Orphanage. Report received and Committee discharged.

On motion, report of Executive Committee was called for and read. Report approved and Committee discharged.

On motion, Rev. D. J. Ray, the Missionary of the Association, made his report of work done during the year.

Brethren J. G. Jackson and N. M. Ward reported on Special Changes. Report received and Committee discharged.

The Chair announced that Rev. J. A. Smith would preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this Association.

The Finance Committee reported. Report received and Committee discharged.

The following resolution was introduced by Bro. T. S. Memory and adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to employ a Missionary for this Association for the ensuing year as they may think best.

On motion, the Finance Committee was ordered to pay over all funds in their hands to the present Treasurer.

On motion, it was ordered that the Clerk and Treasurer have as many minutes published as the funds on hand will justify.

On motion, it was ordered that a collection be taken up to-morrow for New Light church.

On motion, the Chair appointed the following brethren as Executive Committee for the ensuing year: A. F. Powell, Chairman; Haynes Lennon, D. J. Ray, Thomas Thompson, R. H. Powell, and A. McKinnon, Clerk.

Bro. H. L. White reported on Duty of Pastors to Churches. Report received and Committee discharged.

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to pay Rev. D. J. Ray \$15.00 for Missionary work during the past year.

The following brethren were elected delegates to the

Baptist State Convention: A. F. Powell, D. J. Ray, A. F. Joyner, T. J. Cobb, J. G. Jackson and N. M. Ward.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: J. L. Memory. A. F. Powell, alternate.

The Association being called on for pledges for the Baptist Orphanage and State Missions to be paid by next meeting, the roll of churches was called and pledged as follows:

	Orphanage.	State Missions
Chadbourn,	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00
China Grove,	2 00	5 00
New Hope,	2 00	2 00
New Light,	2 00	1 00
Seven Creeks,	—	5 00
Whiteville,	5 00	20 00
Total	\$16 00	\$38 00

The above subscription for State Missions was increased to Fifty Dollars by individual pledges as follows: A. F. Powell, \$1.00; A. McKinnon, \$1.00; T. B. Inman, \$1.00; T. J. Mintz, \$1.00; T. A. Gore, \$1.00; J. A. Kelly, \$1.00; Thos. Thompson, \$1.00; Henry Thompson, \$1.00; W. J. Dyson, \$1.00; A. F. Toon, \$1.00; J. G. Jackson, \$1.00; Chas. McCormick, \$1.00.

The following brethren were appointed a Centennial Committee on Missions: A. McKinnon, R. H. Powell and Haynes Lennon.

On motion, thanks of the Association were unanimously tendered to the members of Seven Creeks church and the people generally for their kindness during our stay in their midst.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Church at Chadbourn on Friday before the 1st Sunday in November 1892. Singing hymn No. 788.

Prayer by Rev. T. J. Cobb.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Congregation assembled at the stand at 11 o'clock, a. m. Rev. D. J. Ray read 3rd chapter of Acts. Singing hymn No. 886. Prayer by Bro. Ray. Then followed an excellent sermon by Bro. Ray from Matt. 24-14: "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

A collection was then taken up for New Light church amounting to \$2.50.

Thus closed a very pleasant and harmonious session of the Columbus Association.

A. F. POWELL, MODERATOR.

A. MCKINNON, CLERK.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded.	Died	No. of Males	No. of Females	Total Membership	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Pastor's Salary.
Chadbourn,	7	7	3	3	1	13	9	22	\$ 1 00	.....	.....	\$ 1 22	\$ 125 00
China Grove.....	9	5	5	1	32	35	67	2 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00
New Hope.....	8	10	5	2	68	88	156	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00
New Light.....	1	2	9	15	2	32	65	97	1 60	.....	30	.....	.....
Seven Creeks.....	4	14	1	5	1	26	35	71	1 25	.....	6 68	6 50	250 00
Union Valley.....	19	51	3	25	21	7	187	244	\$ 7 55	.....	\$ 6 98	\$ 7 72	\$ 475 00
Whiteville.....	19	51	3	25	21	7	187	244	\$ 7 55	.....	\$ 6 98	\$ 7 72	\$ 475 00

REPORTS.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee has endeavored to execute the Association's commands in its general work and also its special instructions in raising funds to print the minutes and secure a Colporteur, Rev. D. J. Ray, who has prepared and will present to the Association a report of his work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. POWELL,
D. J. RAY,
T. S. MEMORY.

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT.

I entered upon the work assigned me as soon after as possible. I traveled ten days, preached two sermons, organized one church. The Lord has blessed the work of our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. RAY.

STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions is that department of our work in which all the Associations are united in practical efforts to give the gospel to the destitute sections of the State. For more than one hundred years our people have been engaged in this work, and there are now hundreds of Baptist churches in the towns and country places which stand as a proof of the wisdom and energy of this work. This year the Board has had one hundred and twenty missionaries at work in this State. Let us all aid with this great and successful work in these neglected sections. In this Association Rev. T. J. Cobb has preached at Chadbourn and as a result of his work and that of the brethren there a new church is added to this Association. Rev. D. J. Ray has preached at New Light and there a new church has been organized and added to this Association during this session. A good house of worship has been built at Chadbourn and at New Light the brethren are arranging to

build a house of worship. Let us occupy all the destitute sections in the bounds of this Association as rapidly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
C. DURHAM.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

When our Lord was upon the earth he said to his disciples: "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest for the harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few." In this 19th century the fields are white unto the harvest and but few reapers appear. It is the duty of God's people to pray earnestly for an increase of faithful and consecrated laborers. It is the duty also of God's people to contribute liberally of their substance for the education of a consecrated gospel ministry. God is pleased for the most part to call poor young men to preach the gospel and after their call prepare them for their work. The Lord did this when he was upon the earth. He first called the ministers and then prepared them for the great work to which He had called them. It is the duty of the Lord's people to imitate the heavenly example. We have now at Wake Forest about 59 young men whose tuition is given them. Many of these are not able to pay their board and therefore must receive assistance if they continue to prosecute their studies. It is hoped that this Association will aid in this important work. Brethren for Christ's sake let us help the young men who already desire to preach the gospel and let us pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out more laborers into his vineyard. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SMITH.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The light of the glorious gospel now encircles the globe, one by one the strong outposts of Satan are being surrendered and the banner of truth moves on to everlasting victory. We are living in one of the most inspiring periods in the history of the church, when God's people should seize every opportunity to conquer the world for Christ. The command is—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." God has promised His Son

that the heathen shall be given to Him as an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth as a possession. This promise is being fulfilled, and to-day God's work is going on from conquest to conquest and from victory to victory until the knowledge of God shall cover the whole earth, even as the waters cover the face of the great deep. Christ and his apostles engaged in this grand work. Let us imitate their noble example and send the gospel to all nations. The Macedonian cry—"Come over and help us" is wafted on every breeze and is well calculated to awaken the most enlarged feeling of benevolence. Let us do our duty in sending the gospel to the heathen.

Respectfully submitted, T. J. COBB.

PERIODICALS.

Your committee would, with a few slight changes, adopt the report of last year. We believe the circulation of a sound religious periodical to be the most powerful agency ever devised for the accomplishment of all the great works of the churches. The Biblical Recorder is such a paper, and upon its success depends, in a great measure, the success of every one of our state and denominational enterprises. If we are correct in this, or even in part, then it is true that no other paper can take the place of the Recorder. To North Carolina Baptists, we also recommend Kind Words, Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field.

Respectfully submitted, D. McNEILL.

PASTOR'S SALARY.

I consider and believe it is the duty of each member of a church to contribute to the support of his or her pastor as far as their circumstances will admit. Without this the church will suffer for an acceptable pastor and by all means, what you give, give willingly as the Lord loveth a cheerful giver.

Respectfully submitted,
T. S. MEMORY.

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee would respectfully say in the words of your committee of last year "that the subject of temperance has been so often discussed that we do not expect to

present anything new." We are proud to note, however, that since our body last met our county has been swept of the barroom and its consequent evils, yet the dreaded brandy distilleries and wine-presses are found dotted all over our county and country. The dreadful evils of this great curse are apparent to every thinking individual. So many methods have been tried to rid our fair land of this curse it is plain and conclusive that it is only by the united efforts of the people of God that this end can ever be attained. Your committee would advise that our churches be more strict in the matter of excluding their dram-drinking members and make a great stride in the direction of keeping the churches pure and possibly retard this awful traffic.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MCKINNON.

ORPHANAGE.

In the word of God it is declared: "That pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this—to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep unspotted from the world." The care of the orphan children of our State is a compliance with the teachings of the Apostle James. The Thomasville Orphanage should be near the heart of every Baptist in North Carolina. It is the property of the denomination and makes a powerful appeal to their support. God has given us the duty and privilege of doing this work for his glory and the good of humanity and we should esteem it indeed a glorious privilege to extend our aid and sympathy to the children of our deceased brethren. God has blessed our people in the establishment of the orphanage and His blessing has been upon those who have given to this cause. A cold winter is now fast approaching and these orphan children must be fed and clothed. This must be done by the Baptists of North Carolina. Let us give as God has prospered us. Let our people remember that "Charity and Children" is given to any one who gives a dollar to the Orphanage. We suggest that some sister or zealous worker be appointed by each church to look after the interests of the Orphanage and that their post office address be sent to the orphanage either in the minutes of this Association or by correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. THOMPSON.

SPECIAL CHANGES.

We find that death has taken from the different churches five members. They have been taken from time to eternity where the redeemed of the Lord have a resting place. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. We greatly mourn the loss of these departed ones but if we believe that Jesus died and rose again even so they also who sleep in Jesus will God raise up.

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. WARD,
J. G. JACKSON.

DUTY OF PASTORS TO CHURCHES.

Your committee would say as follows: 1st; Preach the word, the pure unadulterated word, of God, 2nd; Oppose error in all its diversified forms, with the Spirit, and love of Christ, to the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint but willingly, not for filthy lucre but of a ready mind. Neither as being Lords over God's heritage but being exsamples to the flock.

Respectfully submitted, H. L. WHITE.

DUTY OF CHURCHES TO PASTORS.

Your committee begs leave to say: 1st, That the brethren reverence and love their pastors. 2nd, That they manifest kindness and brotherly love toward them. 3rd, That all their temporal wants be supplied that their hands be loose to do the work of a pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. EDWARDS.

APPENDIX.

The following communication was sent to the Association by Rev. Haynes Lennon, who was detained at home by the illness of his wife, who died but a few days afterward:

THE SABBATH.

1. The term Sabbath implies rest, a day of holy rest; a day appointed for religious duties, and a total cessation from manual labor, in commemoration of God's resting on the seventh day; and likewise in memorial of the redemption of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage.

2. The eternal God, though infinitely happy in the enjoyment of Himself, yet took a satisfaction in the work of his own hands. He did not rest, as one weary with fatigue, but as one well pleased with the instances of his own goodness, and the manifestations of His own glory.

3. God instituted this holy day for man—Mark 2:11, and required his attendance in the assembling with the congregation—Exodus 12:16, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you: no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you." This day is to be kept holy unto the Lord: Hence the fourth commandment is ushered in with a peculiar emphasis—"Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day." This institution is wise as to its ends: That God may be worshipped; man instructed; nations benefitted; and families devoted to the service of God. The abolition of it would be unreasonable and unscriptural. Exodus 31:13, "Verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep, for it is a sign between me and you, throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord, that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore: for it is holy unto you. Every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people." "Ye shall my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary."—Lev. 19:30. Ye shall fear every man, his mother

and his father, and keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God."—Lev. 19:3. "Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, an holy convocation: ye shall do no work therein: it is the Sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings."—Lev. 23:3. It would also in every way be disadvantageous to the body, to society, to the soul, and even to the beasts of burden. See how this law of our God is violated every Sabbath in our midst by unnecessary visiting, feasting, indolence, attending to secular business, worldly amusements, travelling, chopping wood, grinding coffee, cooking that which ought to be attended to on the previous day, as was done in the days of Israel in gathering manna. Just look around on this holy day and see whether the conduct of our people conveys the idea of a day of rest. Do not our hirelings, and our horses, and cattle seem to be almost as fully occupied on that day as on any other? And, as if this was a sufficient infringement of their rights, we contrive by needless entertainment at home, and useless journeys abroad, which are often by choice and inclination reserved for this very day to take up all the little remaining time of what they should enjoy. Nor is this the whole of the evil, the day seems to be considered by too many as set apart by Divine and human authority, for the purpose not of rest, but of its direct opposite, the labor of traveling, thus adding one day more of torment to those generous but wretched animals whose services they hire or borrow; and who, being generally strained beyond their strength the other six days of the week, have, of all creatures under heaven, the best and most equitable claim to suspension of labor on the seventh. These are evils greatly to be lamented; they are an insult to God; an injury to ourselves, and an awful example to our families, to our neighbors and to society. How are we to escape the wrath of that Holy Being, who sanctified this day of rest, and enjoined upon us to sanctify it in return to him by an entire cessation from ordinary work, (works of mercy and necessity excepted) by remembrance of creation, preservation, and redemption; by making it a day of spiritual meditation and prayer, in which we should cultivate communion with our Father in heaven; by rigidly making it a day of public worship; a day of joy; a day of praise; a Sabbath day's journey for the Kingdom of heaven; a day of glorious anticipation of that holy, happy, and eternal Sabbath rest that remains for the people of God!

HAYNES LENNON.



