

MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-First Annual Session

OF THE

BRIER CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

LEWIS' CHURCH, WILKES COUNTY, N. C.,

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[The above list has not been revised, hence, it may not be complete.—CLERK.]

NEXT SESSION

Will convene with the Church at Damascus, Iredell County, N. C., Thursday, 11 o'clock, a. m., before the second Sunday in October, 1893.

PROCEEDINGS.

LEWIS' CHURCH, WILKES COUNTY, N. C.,
October 6, 1892.

Pursuant to adjournment the delegates to this meeting met at the church house, and Elder J. P. Gwaltney, in the absence of Elders Forester and Swaim, preached a short sermon as introductory. Text, 20th verse, 10th chapter of Luke: "Notwithstanding, in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

Song: "In the Lamb's Book of Life," etc.
Adjourned for thirty minutes. Benediction.

At 1:30 p. m., the delegates re-assembled in the house, and the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder W. A. Myers. Prayer by the Moderator.

READING THE LETTERS.

The Clerk and Bro. J. M. Crater read the letters from the churches.

The following were read and their delegates enrolled:

Antioch—J. M. Staley, J. L. Staley. *Bethel*—C. W. Gillaim, T. M. Armstrong, J. F. Gillaim, J. B. Green. *Brier Creek*—G. W. Sale. *Cranberry*—W. D. Adams, N. T. Jarvis. *Damascus*—N. G. Sloan, S. C. Chapel, J. J. Levan. *Dennville*—I. Z. Byrd. *Fishing Creek*—J. W. Hendren, E. J. Mastin. *Grassy Knob*—R. B. Edwards, J. A. Reed. *Holly Springs*—W. D. Tharpe, G. F. Mitchell. *Hunting Creek*—Wilson Moore, P. H. Moore, J. H. Moore, G. H. Hayes. *Liberty*—H. Hayes, E. B. Hayes, R. S. Barnett. *Lewis*—I. Holler, B. C. Souther, J. D. Holler, G. W. Hayes. *Mt. Pisgah*—J. R. Wright. N. C. Lewis, J. P. McCarter, Conard Jarvis. *Mt. Sinai*—Willey Bell, C. F. Shatley. *Mt. Vernon*—W. A. Goforth, J. N. Holland. *New Hope*—E. Anderson, W. P. Pinnix. *New Prospect*—Wm. Goforth, R. D. Nicholson, T. L. Williams. *Oak Forest*—J. H. Foote, J. R. Byrd. R. M. Johnson, W. A. Foster. *Oak Grove*—not represented. *Pleasant Grove*—H. W. Pardue, W. R. Byrd, M. H. Martin. *Rocky Hill*—J. W. Gwaltney, W. M. Mason, W. C. Goodin. *Rock Springs*—D. J. Brown, W. W. Marlow. *Swan Creek*—C. R. Cockerham, J. E. Swaim. *Sweet Home*—W. W. Howard, E. Mitchell. *Shady Grove*—W. W. Henderson, J. F. Privett, M. A. Mitchell. *Shiloh*—B. G. Cass, C. L. Madison. *Taylor Springs*—M. E. Williams. —Baker. *Union*—W. G. Myers, W. D. Roughton. *Zion*—T. L. Jennings, J. M. Crater, C. T. Holcomb.

[The number above may not be perfectly exact, as delegates were dropping in and out throughout the session.—CLERK.]

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion, the officers, consisting of Moderator and a Clerk and Treasurer, were elected for the present Associational year, with Brethren J. P. Gwaltney and J. A. Myers acting as tellers. The result was as follows: Rev. W. A. Myers, Moderator; M. A. Mitchell, Clerk.

CORRESPONDENTS AND VISITORS.

Elder W. G. Brown, from the Yadkin Association; Bro. J. A. Myers, from the Elkin Association; Elder J. P. Gwaltney, from the Alexander Association. All were cordially received and accepted seats in the body.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

On motion of S. S. Goforth a Nominating Committee be appointed to appoint the Standing Committee for next year.

In accordance with the above the Moderator appointed the following committee: J. H. Foote, Wm. Goforth and W. D. Tharpe.

On motion the Chair supply vacancies on Standing Committees:

Religious Exercises—G. W. Sale. *Periodicals*—J. P. Gwaltney. *Education*—J. A. Myers. *Temperance*—N. G. Sloan. *Finance*—T. L. Williams. *Time and Place*—S. C. Chapel.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORTED.

Brethren J. H. Foote and W. D. Tharpe attended the Yadkin Association; Elder W. A. Myers and J. H. Foote, the Elkin Association; Elders S. S. Goforth and I. Holler, and Brethren Wm. Goforth and M. A. Mitchell attended the Alexander Association.

M. A. Mitchell, appointee, attended the Southern Baptist Convention.

APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDENTS.

To the Yadkin Association—J. H. Foote, W. A. Myers and R. W. Wooten.

To the Alexander Association—I. Holler, W. A. Myers.

To the Elkin Association—G. W. Sale, R. W. Wooten and W. Dowell.

To the South Yadkin Association—T. L. Jennings, W. D. Tharpe and J. H. Foote.

To the Southern Baptist Convention—D. C. Jarvis.

On motion of M. A. Mitchell, a committee be appoint-

ed to draft a report on the Proper Observance of the Sabbath.

The Moderator appointed the following, in accordance with the above motion: W. G. Brown and E. Holler.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported to preach to-night, Rev. J. A. Foster; to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m., Rev. W. G. Brown.

On motion the time of meeting of the various sessions of this meeting be fixed as follows:

Commence at 9 o'clock a. m. for devotional exercises; at 9:30 o'clock a. m. for business; adjourn at 11 a. m. for preaching. Convene at 1 o'clock p. m. for business, and adjourn at will.

After prayer by W. D. Tharpe, adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Friday, October 7, 1892.

The Association re-assembled, as per adjournment. After a few minutes spent in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder J. P. Gwaltney, the Moderator called the Association to order. Roll of delegates called. The minutes of preceding day read and adopted.

Correspondents invited: Rev. I. T. Privett, from the Brushy Mountain Association, accepted a seat. An invitation extended for the reception of any churches wishing to unite with the Association.

Constitution and Rules of Decorum read.

On motion the regular order be suspended, as some of the committees are not ready to report.

J. A. Myers submitted the report of the Committee on

EDUCATION.

BRETHREN—Your Committee on Education beg leave to make the following report: It is evident that when we take into consideration the great responsibilities and duties which our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has enjoined upon us during our short stay upon earth, that we are ready, at once, to confess that without some knowledge of books we are deficient in the performance of the great task. Education means the development and improvement of the mind. Its object is to fit and qualify men and women for the active duties of life; to lift humanity to a higher state of being. The requirements of the times demand that our boys and girls be educated. We need more educated people to engage in the various pursuits of life. We are deficient in whatever business we may undertake, if we be uneducated. We believe that men who are called to the ministry must educate, in order to accomplish, more fully, the work of causing men to come to the fold of Christ. We need men called of God to preach the Gospel, men whose minds have been developed, whose persuasive faculties are such that men and women may be persuaded to accept the plan of salvation and be saved.

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Your committee would therefore recommend Wake Forest College to young men who feel it their duty to preach the gospel. The condition of the college is such that young men can prepare themselves for the work under the direction of the faculty who are sustained by the Baptists of North Carolina. We would also call attention to *female* education. We think it the duty of fathers to educate their girls, in order that they may be better prepared when they take upon themselves the active responsibilities which rest upon the mother.

We think it the duty of all young men to educate, whether it be a collegiate or that which can be had at the better academical schools which are in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MYERS,
W. D. ROUGHTON,
Committee.

Brethren J. A. Myers, who was here in the interest of Vashti Academy, and W. G. Brown spoke to the report.

On motion report was adopted.
The committee on Periodicals reported.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS:

Since our people are becoming a reading people, it is necessary that they be supplied with good religious literature. As our exponent of Baptist principles we recommend the reading of the *Biblical Recorder*, printed at Raleigh; also the *North Carolina Baptist*, published at Fayetteville, and the *Foreign Mission Journal*. *Charity and Children* is a worthy little paper and should be read by our people.

Respectfully submitted,

T. L. JENNINGS,
J. P. GWALTNEY,
Committee.

Remarks on the subject by Brethren Jennings, Gwaltney, W. A. Myers and Brown. On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned for preaching.

Sermon by Rev. W. G. Brown. Text: II Tim., 4th ch., 6-9 verses: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The delegates having re-assembled, the Association was called to order at 1 o'clock p. m.

The report on Duties to the Poor was next taken up and read by W. A. Goforth, as follows:

DUTIES TO THE POOR.

There is no duty more strictly enjoined upon us than the duty of helping the poor. God, in giving his law to Israel, was careful to see that the poor should

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have protection; and every fiftieth year was to be a year of release. All real estate was to go back to its former owner every fiftieth year, so that the poor should not be oppressed. In the 14th chapter of Luke we are commanded that when we make a feast we are not to call in the rich; but the poor, the halt, the blind; they cannot recompense thee; but in the resurrection thou shalt be recompensed. These poor are Christ's representatives, and He takes what is done unto them as done unto Himself. The evidence of Christianity is to visit the orphans and widows in their poverty. The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville should have a warm place in our hearts, and we should feel it our duty to give liberally to the poor children who are being cared for at this institution.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. MYERS,
W. A. GOFORTH,
Committee.

After remarks by Brethren W. A. Myers, W. D. Adams, J. P. Gwaltney, W. G. Brown and W. G. Myers, the report was adopted. Collection for the Orphanage, \$4.74.

The committee on Missions reported through its chairman, Rev. I. Holler, as follows:

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The cause of Foreign Missions is more popular among the Baptists of the South than ever before. The contributions to this work, through the Foreign Mission Board, are drawn from a greater number of meetings and are more systematic, and yield a larger aggregate than at any time in the past. The Southern Baptists have missionaries in China, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Cuba, and various other places; and God requires us to do more for Him in sending more missionaries into the heathen nations that have never heard of Jesus. We should labor to promote Domestic Missions. We should not forget that there are hundreds of millions of our fellow beings in heathen lands who have never heard the name of Jesus; and how can a Christian who has the love of God flowing in his soul, rest quietly and never do anything to supply them with the Light of Life.

Now, brethren, you who have been blessed with more of this world's goods than needed, remember that God requires you to give to these objects as He hath prospered you. And may He give you grace that will prompt you to devise liberal things for Him. The Home Mission Board has done a great work in supplying the destitute places, and still is doing more; and we ought to do more for the Master than we have, and for the salvation of souls.

STATE MISSIONS.

There are many portions of our State where there is no Baptist preaching—a great many of our people who have never heard the Gospel as we preach it. If we believe that we have the whole truth, how can we, as Christ's Church, be satisfied as long as these places are not supplied, which are so close to our doors, and without the Gospel, as we hold it. If we have the whole truth, let us rise up in our strength and in our love for the Master, exemplifying the almighty power of the Gospel.

A great many ministers are not at work as they should be. God help us all to do more than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,

I. HOLLER,
A. H. GOODIN,
Committee.

Speeches on the subject of Missions by Elders I. Holler, I. T. Privett and W. G. Brown.

By permission Bro. Privett read a letter from Rev. G.

W. Greene, missionary to China, to the Brushy Mountain Association.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion, the churches bring forward the amounts on the pledges made at last Association, namely: Antioch, \$2.65; Cranberry, \$1.00; Denniville, \$1.00; Fishing Creek, \$1.25; Holly Springs, \$4.30; Hunting Creek, \$1.00; Mt. Sinai, \$1.00; Mt. Vernon, \$1.35; New Prospect, \$2.80; Oak Forest, \$4.00; Rock Springs, \$2.00; Swan Creek, \$2.25; Shady Grove, \$3.48; Union, \$3.24; Zion, \$3.00. Total, \$34.32.

Pledges for next year were taken, which will be found in the table on page 14.

Damascus church sent up \$1.00 for Foreign Missions.

On motion, the collection on Sabbath be applied to the extension of Foreign Missions.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported: Rev. R. W. Wooten to preach to-night.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock a. m. Prayer by Elder I. T. Privett.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Saturday, October 8, 1892.

The Association met again, and, after a short prayer service conducted by Rev. W. G. Brown, began its regular work. Minutes of the preceding day read, amended and adopted.

Correspondents and visiting brethren invited to seats with us: Rev. Wm. White, from the Brushy Mountain Association, accepted a seat.

The Committee on Pastoral and Church Relations reported through R. W. Wooten, as follows:

PASTORAL AND CHURCH RELATIONS.

This subject, properly understood and appreciated, underlies all our work as a Church: hence, is the vital religious problem of this our day and age.

The pastor, as a watchman against the approaching foe—Ezekiel, 3:17, 33:2-9, Heb., 13:17; he is represented as a shepherd and ruler; not a clerical despot, but as a tender shepherd chosen by the flock, ruling according to Christ's will, not his own, and putting no burden upon others that he is unwilling to bear himself. This is the spirit of his work. He is an overseer—Acts, 20:28; and yet a servant—II Cor., 4:5; also Christ's direct representative to man—II Cor., 5:20. Now to these the Church owes filial co-operation (as under the law to Christ.) Heb., 13:17; and love and esteem—I Thess., 5:12-13; and more, they owe God's faithful ministers a support, as shown by the Apostle in I Cor., 9:4-15. If the orchard planter eats his fruit, if the government pays its soldiers, much more

are we indebted to those who bring us the gospel of peace. Moreover, the same principle in the law that cared for the oxen and maintained the priests, demands of us this duty, in view of the worth of souls weighed against the few carnal things any of us possess in this world.

This is God's direct plan for carrying on his work in the world, and happy will it be for all churches if we can be aroused to our duty in this important matter. The duty of the pastor may here be briefly stated: It is of the first importance that his life be pure and eminently spiritual. Nothing can take the place of these things. Secondly, he must study the Word he preaches, depending on God, the Spirit, for all his success. And lastly, the motive that prompts him to preach, while it does involve, yet must be above and independent of all mercenary considerations. See I Cor. 9:15-19: there the peculiar danger to the ministry. We must maintain the self-denial of the past, and this, coupled with the advantages of our day, our possibilities cannot be estimated.

Your committee would earnestly recommend frequent conference between pastors and deacons that the work on this line this year may be pushed forward to the glory of our common Lord.

S. S. GOFORTH,
R. W. WOOTEN,

Committee.

After remarks by brethren Wooten, Brown and Gwaltney the report was adopted.

The Committee on Temperance reported, as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee would humbly submit the following: It is the sense of your committee that intemperance is assuming immense proportions even within the limits of our Association. Paul classes temperance as one of the Christian graces; now, if we are true Christians, let us neither lack nor lose one of the most adorning graces. Use temperance in all things—temperance in eating, temperance in thought and speech, temperance in joy and mirth, temperance in the gratification of the appetite and natural passions. To-day the use of ardent spirits is destroying all peace, happiness and harmony in some of our homes; disintegrating the morality of our country, and sapping the very vitals of the youth of our land. We believe the All Wise Being will at length remove this threatening cloud from above us, only through the medium of the prayers of his people, for "He heareth the prayers of the righteous."

Further, this Association endorses preachers and teachers, upon whom depends largely to what extent right or wrong, good or evil thrives among us, who use every means, right and proper, to educate and inculcate in the rising generation sentiments opposed to intemperance in all its forms, hoping that thereby the liquor traffic will be, in a measure, set aside in the future.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that members who deal in spirituous or fermented liquors, or use the same as a beverage, are not walking orderly before God.

Submitted,

M. A. MITCHELL,
N. G. SLOAN,

Committee.

Speeches on the question by M. A. Mitchell, W. G. Brown, I. T. Privett, W. A. Myers, Wm. White, T. L. Jennings, W. Dowell and W. D. Tharpe. On motion, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported through W. D. Tharpe, chairman, as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We regard the Sunday School as a great auxiliary of the Church; and while so much has been accomplished by it, there yet remains greater possibilities for

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it in the future. We believe it is the imperative duty of pastors and those already engaged in the good work to make greater efforts than ever before to enlist every member of the Church into this noble cause.

We heartily endorse the Sunday School Convention, and heartily recommend the use of the Lesson Help in all our Sunday Schools, which can be obtained by applying to the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,
W. D. THARPE,
E. HOLLER,

Committee.

After remarks by E. Holler, W. D. Tharpe, M. A. Mitchell and I. Holler, the report was adopted.

On motion, the Secretary of Sunday School Convention was instructed to insert a report in the minutes, which will be found on pages 11 and 12.

Committee on Obituaries reported:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

J. F. PARLIER.

J. F. Parlier, of New Hope church, was born February 2, 1827; died September 26, 1891; professed a hope in Christ at eighteen years of age. He was clerk of the church thirteen years and a deacon thirty years.

The people never knew anything of him but to love him. The blessed Lord has seen fit to take him home to heaven. He left a wife and ten children to mourn after him. It was their loss but his eternal gain. "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

WM. JORDAN.

The all-wise and gracious Redeemer saw fit to remove from time to Himself above our beloved brother, Wm. Jordan, who joined the church at Damascus on Thursday after the second Saturday in September, 1849; was then chosen and ordained a deacon in November, 1849; died June 7, 1891. He was a faithful member of the Church until his death. No one ever knew him but to love and honor him.

The church has lost a good man and a good deacon. It is our loss, but his eternal gain. The Lord gave him and the Lord took him to live with Him forever. May we all meet him in heaven.

A. N. BARKER,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Time and Place not being agreed as to the time, a third committeeman was appointed, viz: J. N. Holland, and the matter re-considered.

On motion adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance reported, adopting the following:

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

"The Lord, when He created the heavens and the earth, He made everything in six days and on the seventh He rested, and the Lord blessed the Sabbath and hallowed it."

The Sabbath is a day of rest and worship, and as Christ's custom was He went to the temple on the Sabbath to worship the Father, and we ought to fol-

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low His example. The Lord says: 'thou shalt remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.' Sunday is a day of rejoicing, for the Lord rose triumphant over death, hell and the grave on that day. We have a Sunday law and it ought to be respected and enforced. Do all the good we can on Sunday, such as Sunday school work, attending church and worshipping the good Lord. We should not only worship the Lord on Sunday but all the time. Sunday is a day that we should all meet together for worship and praise His good and holy name.

Submitted,
W. G. BROWN,
E. HOLLER,

Committee.

After remarks by Brethren Brown, E. Holler, Privett, Dowell and Foote, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Time and Place reported:

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

Place—Damascus church, Iredell Co., eleven miles north of Statesville.
Time—On Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1893. A. D.

Annual Sermon—V. M. Swain, Jonesville, N. C.

Alternate—T. W. Paris, New Castle, N. C.

W. D. DOWELL,
S. C. CHAPEL,
J. N. HOLLAND,
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee have collected from the several churches composing the Association, for minutes, \$27.75. (Oak Grove excepted.)

J. M. CRATER,
THOS. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

Report adopted.

The Treasurer made the following report:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Collected at last Association:		
For State Missions,.....	\$59.88	
" Foreign Missions,.....	11.54	
" Baptist Orphanage,.....	22.53	\$93.95
Paid out as follows:		
For State Missions,.....	\$59.88	
" Foreign Missions,.....	11.54	
" Baptist Orphanage,.....	22.53	\$93.95
Expended for Printing Minutes, (600 copies).....	\$16.50	
My own fees,.....	6.00	
Incidental expenses,.....	.43	
Paid a balance due Treasurer,.....	8.87	\$31.80
Received from Committee on Finance,.....		30.30

Balance due Treasurer,.....\$ 1.50
Money paid in and collected at last Association, \$148.58.

M. A. MITCHELL, Treasurer.

Report was adopted.

On motion the Clerk be paid the balance due him and his own fees, and be instructed to use the remainder for printing minutes.

Resolution by J. H. Foote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to this church and community for their liberality and kindness in so bountiful a support of this Association.

The Committee on Nominations for next year reported:
STANDING COMMITTEES.

Religious Exercises—T. L. Jennings, with pastor and delegates. *Periodicals to the Poor*—T. W. Paris, A. H. Goodin. *Education*—J. H. Foote, M. A. Mitchell. *Temperance*—W. D. Tharpe, J. A. Foster. *Missions*—W. A. Myers, E. Holler, G. Myers. *Pastoral and Church Relations*—I. Holler, D. C. Jarvis. *Finance*—J. M. Crater, W. A. Goforth. *Time and Place*—W. Dowell, J. N. Holland. *Sabbath Observance*—J. G. Witherman, N. G. Sloan. *Resolutions*—G. W. Sale, H. Hayes.

W. M. GOFORTH,
J. H. FOOTE,
W. D. THARPE,
Committee.

On motion a committee be appointed to visit Oak Grove church and learn the cause why said church has failed to be represented at this Association. Committee: W. D. Roughton and W. G. Myers.

Resolution by J. H. Foote—*Miscellaneous*:

Resolved, That this Association requests the clerks of the various churches to send up, at our next meeting, a brief but comprehensive history of their churches for the purpose of compiling a history of the churches and Associations.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported: Elder W. A. Myers to preach to-night; Elder W. G. Brown, to-morrow at 11 o'clock. Adjournment.

While the congregation sang "God be with you till we meet again," the parting hand was extended, and after prayer by Elder J. P. Gwaltney, the Moderator announced the Association adjourned till time and place of next meeting.

M. A. MITCHELL, Clerk.

W. A. MYERS,
Moderator.

SABBATH.

The congregation having assembled, a prayer service, with singing interspersed, was held. This year is considered as the centennial year of Modern Missions; and hence this day's work was intended by the Association largely to promote the cause of Foreign Missions.

At 11 o'clock Elder W. G. Brown arose and sang "The Kingdom is Coming," and then preached an able and impressive sermon from Mark 16:15: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

While singing "Bringing in the Sheaves," a collection for Foreign Missions was taken, amounting to \$6.22.

CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS

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SUNDAY * SCHOOL * CONVENTION

—OF THE—

BRIER CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

Mt. Vernon Church, Iredell County,

MAY 27-29, 1892.

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Delegates to the Convention met at the church house at 9 o'clock a. m. Convention opened by reading, singing, and prayer by Rev. J. P. Gwaltney. On motion the officers consisting of a Chairman and Secretary were elected for the ensuing year, namely: Rev. I. Holler, Chairman; M. A. Mitchell, Secretary. Constitution was then read. Visiting brethren invited to seats. Letters from the various Sunday schools were read, the contents of which will be found in the table. Verbal reports given from Mt. Sinai and Denville.

J. P. Gwaltney was appointed on the 1st Query. Queries taken up.

Query 2. "What are the chief sins which retard the growth of Sunday school work?" Interestingly discussed by W. A. Myers.

Query 3. "What benefit is a Sunday school to a church?" Discussed by W. M. Goforth, T. W. Paris, W. A. Myers.

Query 4. "Is not Sunday school work secondary to the preaching of the Gospel?" Speeches by R. W. Wooten, J. P. Gwaltney, J. E. Myers, I. Holler.

Intermission for one hour.

Query 1 taken up. "What relation has Sunday schools to Christianity?" Remarks by J. P. Gwaltney, W. A. Myers, J. E. Myers, T. W. Paris, M. A. Mitchell.

Query 5. "Is not the command, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel,' as given by Christ to His disciples, exclusively to the ministry or to the Church?" Discussion led by T. W. Paris followed by J. P. Gwaltney, I. Holler, W. A. Myers, T. L. Jennings.

Next the matter of Colportage was considered, and one of the committee, S. S. Goforth reported. The matter was laid over for the present.

A committee to draft questions for next meeting appointed S. S. Goforth, W. A. Myers, W. A. Goforth, to report at the Association.

There was some other work done, as regards holding mass meetings at some of the churches in the latter part of summer, but it was all rescinded on Sunday morning.

On motion adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock a. m.

SABBATH.

Convention opened by the Chairman's reading the 1st Psalm, and prayer by W. A. Myers. Minutes of preceeding day read and adopted.

On motion the Convention recommended the various churches to hold Sunday school mass meetings during the year, inviting the neighboring churches to participate with them.

The time and place of meeting was to be determined at the Association.

On motion adjourned *sine die*.

PREACHING.

At 11 o'clock Elder W. A. Myers preached to a tolerably large and attentive audience.

So closed one of our best Sunday School Conventions.

Time and Place of next Sunday School Convention:

Time—Saturday, 9 o'clock a. m., before the 5th Sunday in April, 1893.

Place—Hunting Creek church, Wilkes county, 9 miles south-east of Wilkesboro.

QUERIES.

1. The Bible Doctrine of Sunday Schools.—W. A. MYERS.
 2. What are the best methods of securing an interest in our Sunday Schools?—T. W. PARIS.
 3. What are the benefits of a well conducted Sabbath School?—S. S. GOFORTH.
 4. Who ought to be in Sunday Schools?—J. A. FOSTER.
- M. A. MITCHELL, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	DELEGATES.	Superintendents.	Secretaries.	When Organized.	No. of Hours and Teachers.	No. of Scholars Enrolled.	Males.	Females.	Average Attendance.
Cranberry.....	W. C. Johnson, J. F. Chapel	W. D. Adams	J. T. Mathis	Mar. 13, '92	8	50	30	20	20
Damascus.....	J. A. Reed	N. G. Sloan	E. L. Sloan	May 22, "	10	69	30	30	30
Grassy Knob.....	L. W. Thivert	G. F. Gutton	W. C. Weheman	Dec. 6, '91	10	64	38	26	29
Holly Springs.....		G. F. Mitchell	C. C. Tharpe	May 22, '92	12	57	25	33	30
Levy.....		Jos. Moore	J. A. Moore	Apr. 3, "	9	75	36	39	35
Mc Vernon.....	C. L. McHargue, W. A. Goforth	J. L. McHargue	C. S. Holland	Apr. 3, "	5	42	21	21	29
Mc Vernon Branch.....	Wm. Goforth, J. E. Myers	J. E. Myers	N. M. Felts	Apr. 1, "	5	40	20	20	25
Mr. Pysgub.....	J. F. McArthur, J. E. Myers	J. E. Wright	W. A. Campbell	Apr. 24, "	12	54	29	25	29
New Hope.....	Wm. Goforth, W. Horn	T. M. Snow	S. T. Goforth	Jan. 3, "	7	40	20	20	30
Shady Springs.....	W. E. Smith, C. T. W. Smith	W. P. Prinx	J. Eastop	Mar. 2, "	9	70	40	30	47
Shady Grove.....	M. J. Henderson, L. A. Goforth	C. T. W. Smith	M. P. Richardson	Mar. 27, "	10	101	54	47	43
Union.....	J. A. Summers	M. J. Henderson	L. A. Goforth	Apr. 10, "	9	60	30	30	42
Sweet Home.....	E. Mitchell	J. M. Crifer	W. D. Howard	Apr. 1, "	8	50	50	30	40
Rocky Hill.....		E. Mitchell	J. E. Norman	Apr. 3, "	6	51	.....	.....	25
Shiloh.....	M. E. Danney, C. L. Madison	T. W. Paris	C. L. Madison	Apr. 3, "	4	60	.....	.....	40
Zion.....	W. M. Parks, W. S. Sale	C. T. Holcomb	T. L. Burgess	Mar. 27, "	4	49	32	17	30
*Fishing Creek.....		T. C. Foster				49	32	17	50
					134	962	375	528	574

* Reported since Convention. Damascus reported, Sunday School scholars baptized, 19; Mt. Prospect, 6; New Hope, 3; Shady Grove, 9; Union, 6; Zion, 18. Money paid out by Sunday Schools: Holly Springs, \$2.50; Mt. Prospect, \$7.00; Hoek Springs, \$3.04.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastors and their Addresses.	Clerks and their Addresses.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Pres-ent Mem-ber-ship.	Days of Meet-ing.
			By Bap-tism.	By Let-ter-formation.	Res-formation.	By Let-ter-formation.	Ex-clusion.	By Dth.		
Antioch.....	J. O. Moore, Hunting Creek	J. M. Staley, Delaplaine.....	10	1	5	1	1	86	First	
Bethel.....	R. W. Wooten, Ronda.....	G. W. Gilliam, Laclede.....	2	1	1	4	1	30	Second	
Brier Creek.....	E. N. Gwyn, Elkin.....	C. W. Sale, Brier Creek.....	2	1	1	1	1	39	Fourth	
Cranberry.....	S. S. Goforth, Lovelace.....	N. T. Jarvis, Delaplaine.....	10	1	1	2	1	57	Second	
Damascus.....	J. P. Gwaltney.....	N. G. Sloan, Sweet Home.....	5	1	1	1	1	166	.....
Dennville.....	F. M. Wolborn, Trapp Hill.....	R. H. Yonger, Chingman.....	24	1	4	2	2	166	.....
Fishing Creek.....	J. W. Burchett, Delaplaine.....	J. A. Glass, Glass.....	5	1	7	2	2	39	Fourth	
Grassy Knob.....	J. G. Wetherman, Jennings.....	Z. R. Tharpe, Eagle Mills.....	10	4	2	2	1	148	Fourth	
Holly Springs.....	W. A. Myers, New Castle.....	H. H. Hayes, Hunting Creek.....	12	2	2	2	3	134	Fourth	
Hunting Creek.....	J. G. Wetherman, Jennings Mills.....	H. Hayes, Brushy Mountain.....	12	2	2	2	2	116	First	
Liberty.....	T. L. Jennings, Jennings.....	J. D. Holler, Feltz.....	3	1	1	1	1	176	Third	
Lewis.....	I. Holler, Buppette Springs.....	J. R. Wright, Feltz.....	1	1	1	1	1	119	Third	
Mt. Pisgah.....	J. A. Foster, Lovelace.....	W. A. Goforth, Buppette Springs.....	3	1	1	1	1	68	Second	
Mt. Sinai.....	S. S. Goforth, Lovelace.....	T. L. Williams, Evelyn.....	5	1	3	2	2	92	Third	
Mt. Vernon.....	J. P. Gwaltney.....	W. F. Ward, Delaplaine.....	8	1	1	1	1	72	Fourth	
New Prospect.....	I. P. Gwaltney.....	T. L. Williams, Evelyn.....	5	1	1	1	1	165	Second	
New Hope.....	E. Holler, Feltz.....	F. C. Anderson, Gileath.....	8	1	1	1	1	87	First	
Oak Forest.....	.....	W. F. Ward, Delaplaine.....	8	1	1	1	1	47	Third
Oak Grove.....	.....	.....	8	1	1	1	1	87	.....
Pleasant Grove.....	R. W. Wooten, Ronda.....	J. T. Martin, Chingman.....	2	4	1	6	1	123	Third	
Rocky Hill.....	A. H. Goodin, Sweet Home.....	U. C. Goforth, Chingman.....	2	2	2	6	1	58	Third	
Rock Springs.....	W. A. Myers, New Castle.....	J. M. Smith, Seale.....	16	4	12	6	5	50	Fourth	
Swan Creek.....	Y. M. Swain, Jonesville.....	J. F. Adams, Swan Creek.....	16	4	4	6	1	237	First	
Sweet Home.....	I. Holler, Buppette Springs.....	L. W. Nicholson, Osbornville.....	14	2	2	1	1	66	First	
Shady Grove.....	L. P. Gwaltney, Vashita.....	C. L. Madison, Zion.....	14	5	2	2	1	179	First	
Shiloh.....	T. W. Paris, New Castle.....	A. N. Barker, Sweet Home.....	6	5	1	1	1	24	First	
Shiloh.....	E. N. Gwyn, Elkin.....	W. D. Roughton, New Castle.....	4	5	1	2	2	80	First	
Taylor Springs.....	B. N. Gwyn, Elkin.....	J. M. Crater, Zion.....	3	1	1	4	2	100	Second	
Union.....	J. G. Wetherman, Jennings.....	.....	8	1	1	2	2	158	Fourth
Zion.....	Y. M. Swain.....	.....	144	43	10	56	39	24	2843

*The number in fellowship for last year taken.

Increase, 197; Decrease, 119.

CONTRIBUTIONS, PLEDGES, &c.

CHURCHES.	State Mis-sions.	Pledges for State Mis-sions.	For-egn Mis-sions.	Or-phan-age.	Minute Fund.	Ch'rch Build-ing.	Pledg-es for Or-phan-age.	Pledges For-egn Mis-sions.
Antioch.....	\$2.65	\$2.00	.....	.....	\$.75	.....	.....	.....
Bethel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.65	.....	.....	.....
Brier Creek.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.80	.....	.....	.....
Cranberry.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.85	.....	.....	.....
Damascus.....	.....	3.00	5.25	.....	2.00	\$50.00	.....	.....
Dennville.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.60	.....	.....	.....
Fishing Creek.....	1.25	1.00	.....	.....	.75	.....	.....	.....
Grassy Knob.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.70	.....	.....	.....
Holly Springs.....	4.30	5.00	.....	2.72	1.25	.....	.....	.....
Hunting Creek.....	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.80	.....	.....	.....
Liberty.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....
Lewis.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.15	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pisgah.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.70	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Sinai.....	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.75	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Vernon.....	1.35	3.00	.....	.....	1.70	2.00	.....	.....
New Prospect.....	2.80	2.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....
Oak Forest.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.40	.....	.....	.....
Oak Grove.....	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.50	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....
Rocky Hill.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.45	.....	.....	.....
Rock Springs.....	2.00	.....	.....	3.57	1.15	.....	.....	1.00
Swan Creek.....	2.25	.....	.....	.....	1.30	.....	.....	.....
Sweet Home.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.85	.....	.....	.....
Shady Grove.....	3.48	3.00	.....	.....	1.65	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh.....	.....	.50	.....	.....	.70	.....	.....	.....
Taylor Spring.....	1.00	1.10
Union.....	3.24	5.00	1.05
Zion.....	3.00	5.00	2.90	1.85
	\$34.32	\$37.50	\$8.15	\$6.29	\$27.45	\$50.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

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