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## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

A. N. Baker.....	New Hope.....	N. C.
J. A. Foster.....	Glass.....	"
S. S. Goforth.....	Lovelace.....	"
A. H. Goodin.....	Bryantsville.....	"
I. Holler.....	Eupeptic Springs.....	"
E. N. Gwyn.....	Buck Shoal.....	"
E. Holler.....	Felts.....	"
Y. Jordan.....	New Castle.....	"
W. A. Myers.....	Osbornville.....	"
W. T. Comer.....	Lovelace.....	"
M. Walker.....	New Castle.....	"
J. G. Wetherman.....	Jennings.....	"
T. Wright.....	Felts.....	"
J. O. Moore.....	Hunting Creek.....	"
E. Mitchell.....	Osbornville.....	"
J. M. Current.....	Buck Shoal.....	"
D. Hunnycut.....	Clingman.....	"
T. L. Jennings.....	Jennings.....	"
D. I. Heglar.....	Eupeptic Springs.....	"
J. W. Duncan.....	Moravian Falls.....	"
G. W. Brown.....	New Hope.....	"
W. M. Segraves.....	Swan Creek.....	"
W. A. Holleman.....	Jonesville.....	"

## PROCEEDINGS.

HOLLY SPRING CHURCH, IREDELL CO., N. C.  
Thursday, October 6th, 1898.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Session of the Brier Creek Association convened with Holly Spring church to-day. W. A. Myers preached the Annual Sermon. Text: 1st Cor., 15:58.

After refreshment, the delegates reassembled and were called to order by D. C. Jarvis, Moderator of last year. Prayer by E. N. Gwyn.

### READING CHURCH LETTERS.

Letters from the following were read, and delegates enrolled:

ANTIOCH—  
BETHEL—R. C. Triplet, J. F. Gilliam, R. L. Gregory.  
BRIER CREEK—G. W. Sale.  
BETHANY—E. C. Moore, J. G. Hayes.  
BARKER GROVE—  
CRANBERRY—J. M. Jarvis.  
DAMASCUS—F. M. Teague, J. P. Stout, N. G. Sloan, W. F. Mason.  
DENNYVILLE—L. D. Welborn, J. F. Walker.  
FISHING CREEK—E. Glass.  
FALL CREEK—W. M. Mayberry.  
GRASSY KNOB—J. W. Rash, J. A. Reed.  
HOLLY SPRING—G. W. Baity, J. F. Mitchell, J. T. Tharp, M. L. Nicholson.  
HUNTING CREEK—G. H. Hayes.  
HEBRON—J. E. Hendren, J. L. Padget, S. C. Chappel,  
D. M. Hellard.  
LIBERTY—H. Hayes.  
LEWIS—F. E. Moore.  
MT. PISGAH—J. P. McCarter.  
MT. SINAI—J. Johnston, S. Johnson.  
MT. VERNON—S. T. Goforth, C. B. Journey, J. M. Mason.

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NEW PROSPECT—A. G. Myers, G. W. Brown, G. B. Hemric, T. L. Williams.

NEW HOPE—

OAK FOREST—J. H. Foote.

PLEASANT GROVE—T. F. Calloway, M. H. Martin, Jno. Walker.

ROCKY HILL—A. H. Goodin, J. W. Gwaltney.

ROCK SPRING—W. A. Blalock, W. W. Marlow, J. B. Cook, W. E. Smith.

SWAN CREEK—W. V. Brown, D. C. Rose, S. Adams, J. G. Adams.

SWEET HOME—E. Mitchell.

SHADY GROVE—J. E. Goforth.

SHILOH—J. M. Current, M. E. Denny.

TAYLOR SPRING—J. P. Williams, T. H. Williams.

UNION—J. M. Crater, E. C. Mayberry.

ZION—T. H. Cooper, T. E. Burgess, J. A. Sale, W. B. York.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion the officers, consisting of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, were elected for the present year, with L. P. Gwaltney and D. W. Pool acting as tellers. The election resulted as follows: D. C. Jarvis, Moderator; J. M. Crater, Clerk and Treasurer.

## CORRESPONDENTS INVITED.

W. G. Brown and S. S. May from the Yadkin Association, L. P. Gwaltney and D. W. Pool from the Alexander Association, and S. D. Swaim, E. L. Weston and J. C. Green from the South Yadkin Association accepted seats. Invitation was extended to newly constituted churches.

Hebron church presented a letter and delegates, and on motion they were received.

## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

On motion, vacancies be supplied on Standing Committees: Object of Association, E. C. Moore; Pastor and Church Relation, J. H. Foote and D. W. Pool; Temperance, R. C. Triplet; Finance, S. T. Goforth; Missions, L. P. Gwaltney; Obituaries, G. W. Baity; Education, S. D.

Swaim; Nominating Committee, J. H. Foote, Z. R. Tharp and W. V. Brown; Time and Place, S. T. Goforth.

## CORRESPONDENTS REPORTED.

W. A. Myers and W. T. Comer attended the Alexander Association.

## CORRESPONDENTS APPOINTED.

To the Yadkin Association: W. A. Myers, E. N. Gwyn, J. H. Foote, J. M. Smith and J. B. Cook.

To the Elkin Association: E. N. Gwyn and R. C. Triplet.

To the Alexander Association: I. Holler, G. W. Brown, A. H. Goodin and N. G. Sloan.

To the Brushy Mountain Association: D. C. Jarvis.

To the Stone Mountain Association: J. H. Foote and D. C. Jarvis.

To the South Yadkin Association: W. W. Marlow, W. A. Blalock and H. H. Blalock.

On motion, the Association meet at 9:30 A. M. for devotional services, at 10 for business, and adjourn at 11 for preaching; meet at 1 P. M. for business, and adjourn at will.

## Report of Committee on Religious Exercises

E. N. Gwyn to conduct devotional exercises to-morrow at 9:30 A. M., and D. W. Pool to preach at 11 A. M.

On motion, adjourned.

The Association was led in prayer by I. Holler. Benediction by S. S. May.

## SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, October 7th, 1898.

## MORNING SESSION.

The Association met according to adjournment. Devotional exercises were conducted by E. N. Gwyn.

The Moderator called the Association to order. Roll of delegates was called. Minutes of yesterday were read

and approved. Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read.

## CORRESPONDENTS INVITED.

Prof. R. B. Horn, from the Yadkin Association, accepted a seat.

## Report on Object of Association.

The aim of an Association is to extend Christ's kingdom by considering such questions as would promote the greatest interest for the greatest good. It should attempt great work for the Lord and expect much from Him. It is a council, and has no ecclesiastical power over the churches, therefore it should not legislate for them.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. MYERS,  
E. C. MOORE.

After remarks by W. A. Myers, W. G. Brown, S. D. Swaim, L. P. Gwaltney and J. H. Foote, on motion the report was adopted.

## Report on Duties to the Poor

There are several reasons for poverty. Some are poor because of pure laziness, and they never try to be any better off. Others are poor because of affliction, misfortune and the infirmities of old age. Our imperative duty is to love and respect them, and to sympathize with them in all their burdens of distress and grief; and we should give of our means to help them live in this world until it is God's will to remove them and us to a better land, knowing that Christ considers such done unto Him that we do unto His poor.

The precious little orphans at Thomasville require our attention and support. Winter with its breezes and freezes and its blasts and storms will soon appear, and we ask for contributions during this Association. And we further recommend the appointment of committees by the pastors, consisting of three ladies in each church, to raise contributions for said Orphanage during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. N. GWYN,  
W. G. MYERS.

After remarks by E. N. Gwyn, R. B. Horn and J. C. Green, on motion the report was adopted.

Pledges and contributions were called for. Contributions and subscriptions to *Charity and Children* amounted to \$26.68. The churches pledged as follows: Antioch, \$1.00; Fall Creek, \$1.00; Grassy Knob, \$1.00; Holly Spring, \$1.00; Hunting Creek, \$1.00; Liberty, \$1.00; Mt. Pisgah, \$1.00; Oak Forest, \$2.00; Rocky Hill, \$1.00; Rock Spring, \$1.00; Swan Creek, \$1.00; Shady Grove, \$2.00; Taylor Spring, \$1.00; Union, \$3.00; Zion, \$1.00. On motion, adjourned for preaching.

D. W. Pool preached an able and earnest sermon. Text: Eph., 3:16-19.

At refreshment for one hour.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 1 P. M. for business.

## CORRESPONDENTS INVITED.

J. B. Holman, from the South Yadkin Association, accepted a seat.

## Report on Pastor and Church Relation.

The pastor, or overseer as he is called in the Scriptures, must be a man called of the Spirit. Acts, 20:28. He is a shepherd. Christ to Peter, "Feed My sheep"—John, 21:15-17. Now, the shepherd must not be empty. He must have food for the flock; he must be filled with the Holy Spirit, or else the flock will famish for want of food from the shepherd. Again, the pastor's relation to the church is similar to that of the father to his children. See 1st Cor., 4:15; also 2nd Cor., 12:14. This seems to be a very tender and touching relation. A pastor who does not recognize this parental regard for the children in his charge loses a great deal of his influence for good to his people. He must be a man of self-sacrifice—humble, full of love and zeal; well-versed in the Scriptures, giving to each his portion in due season; ready at all times and in all circumstances to encourage the work and restrain the high-minded.

Again, the church, on the other hand, must act towards the pastor as children to parents. Filial love worketh liberality and desire to reciprocate in a practical way the pastor's care and wants. The church must encourage its pastor by seeing that his labor and care for her shall be rewarded with comfort and food and such temporal support that he may not be encumbered with the things of this world. See the spirit manifested in 2nd Cor., 8:1-8; also verse 16 in same chapter. In regard to the preacher's right to a support, see 1st Cor., 9:7-14.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. H. FOOTE,  
D. W. POOL.

After remarks by J. H. Foote, D. W. Pool and W. G. Brown, on motion the report was adopted.

## Report on Temperance.

The subject of Temperance is one of vital importance, and we believe in temperance in all things that are good, and total abstinence from all things that are evil. The excessive use of and the traffic in intoxicating liquors is a great evil, and we advise all church members and Christian people to separate themselves from it.

Respectfully submitted,

T. L. JENNINGS,  
J. G. WETHERMAN,  
R. C. TRIPLET.

Remarks were made by T. L. Jennings, E. L. Weston, S. D. Swaim, W. A. Myers, D. W. Pool and J. B. Cook.

The following amendment to the report, offered by S. D. Swaim, was accepted and the whole adopted:

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Believing, as we do, that the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors is a great evil, we therefore admonish our brethren to abstain from it.

**Report on Time and Place.**

Next session to be held with Cranberry church, four miles south of Roaring River, Wilkes Co., N. C., commencing on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1899.

After remarks by J. H. Foote, on motion the report was adopted.

G. W. Brown was appointed to preach the Annual Sermon, and E. N. Gwyn alternate.

**Report on Religious Exercises.**

E. L. Weston to preach to-night, A. H. Goodin to conduct prayer service to-morrow at 9:30 A. M., and W. G. Brown to preach at 11 A. M.

On motion adjourned. Benediction by W. G. Brown.

## THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, October 8th, 1898.

## MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at the time appointed and was called to order by the Moderator. A. H. Goodin conducted the prayer service.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

**Report on Sabbath Observance.**

The Sabbath is a day of rest and must be kept holy unto the Lord. Ex. 31:17. It is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God and in it thou shalt not do any work. Deut., 34. Our pastors should teach Sabbath observance wherever they go.

Respectfully submitted,

I. HOLLER,  
J. M. CURRENT.

Remarks were submitted by I. Holler, E. N. Gwyn, E. L. Weston, J. G. Wetherman, W. G. Brown, J. M. Current, G. W. Brown, S. Adams and J. W. Rash, after which the report was adopted.

**Report on Missions.**

The evangelization of the world is the New Testament principle that underlies all effective mission work. Your Committee would emphasize our authority for this work. This is based on Matt. 28:19, Go teach, baptize. In Mark

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16:15, this duty is binding to the extent of our ability or as far as the woes of sin exist. In Luke, 24:47, the plan of this work is indicated. "Beginning at Jerusalem." Acts, 1:8. By Jerusalem is meant to us the work around us known as State, or Associational Missions. Along this line much has been accomplished by organized effort, especially in towns and cities, and in some instances in the country as well. The burden of this work, however, in this piedmont or western section has been accomplished by men who have received little honor or reward in this life but expect all in the life to come. By Samaritan is meant those among and living contiguous to this great country—the Indian, Mexican, &c. This is called Home Missions.

By "the uttermost parts" is meant the nations beyond, as China, Brazil, Japan, and all nations whose doors are open to the Gospel. The only perfect model for this work is the Lord Christ, the key which is expressed in John, 17:18. Next to Him, the life and labors of Paul afford a most striking example. From this we learn that a true missionary must be called by the Spirit, Acts, 13:2, guided by Acts, 16:6-7, the only acknowledged authority being the Church, Acts, 14:26-27. Looking at Paul as a model, we would emphasize three things: (1) Self-denial, Acts, 20:33-34, 2nd Thess., 3:8-9; (2) Condescension, 1 Cor., 9:22; (3) Zeal, Romans, 1:15, "as much as in me is;" also Romans, 9:3. To encourage all our people to help in this great work, we invite special attention to Phil., 4:15-19.

Brethren, as preachers and people we need the conviction that these Scriptures bring. May the Spirit enlighten and arouse us to duty in this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMITH,  
L. P. GWALTNEY.

W. A. Myers offered the following as an amendment:

*Resolved*, That we advise the churches to help six cents per member, on an average, for Missions during this year.

After remarks by J. M. Smith, L. P. Gwaltney, E. N. Gwyn, D. W. Pool and W. A. Myers, on motion the report as amended was adopted.

Contributions for Missions were called for and the churches contributed as follows: Bethany, \$5.80; Damascus, \$7.31; Fall Creek, \$2.00; Grassy Knob, \$2.76; Hunting Creek, \$1.30; Mt. Pisgah, \$2.21; New Prospect, \$3.40; Pleasant Grove, \$2.20; Rocky Hill, \$1.00; Rock Spring, \$1.58; Shady Grove, \$1.75; Taylor Spring, \$3.75; Union, \$4.56; Zion, \$2.00.

Adjourned for preaching. W. G. Brown, preached from 2nd Cor., 8:9, immediately after which a collection was taken for him, which amounted to \$10.67.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convened for business.

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## Obituaries.

Bro E. E. Hendren departed this life September 1st, 1898. He was a consistent member of the church forty three years. He served as deacon twenty-two years, and as clerk of Bethany church six years.

"We feel sure he is in that home so fair,  
Let us all prepare to meet him there;  
Where we shall never bid farewell,  
But with him forever dwell."

Elder T. W. Pais died October 7th, 1897, in the sixty fifth year of his age. He was a faithful minister of the Gospel more than thirty years.  
*Resolved*, Therefore, that we sympathize with the widow and fatherless children, believing their loss to be his great gain.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. McCARTER,  
G. W. BAITY.

On motion the report was adopted.

## Report of Nominating Committee

*Religious Exercises*—G. W. Sale, with pastor and delegates.  
*Pastor and Church Relation*—J. A. Foster, W. A. Myers.  
*Duties to the Poor*—J. E. Myers, J. M. Smith.  
*Sabbath Observance*—M. Walker, N. T. Jarvis.  
*Temperance*—R. C. Triplet, N. G. Sloun.  
*Finance*—A. G. Myers, W. D. C. Roughton.  
*Time and Place*—E. M. Sale, M. H. Martin.  
*Obituaries*—S. S. Goforth, W. T. Comer.  
*Missions*—J. G. Wetherman, W. A. Myers.  
*Education*—J. H. Foote, J. F. Mitchell.  
*Resolutions*—I. Holler, J. W. Rash.  
*Periodicals*—E. N. Gwyn, C. C. Tharp.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FOOTE,  
Z. R. THARPE,  
W. V. BROWN.

The Finance Committee reported \$21.85. On motion the report was adopted.

On motion, the Clerk receive \$6.00 for his services, and have 800 copies of Minutes printed.

## Report on Education.

The great aim of all education is to prepare the young for citizenship. Whether it is given in the home, common schools, academies or colleges, to the intent that it fails in this, to that extent does education fall short of its purpose. Education must begin in the home. Here is the great school for the child, where its future destinies are largely shaped. Let the young be taught, first and last, all that is necessary to prepare them for the common duties of life. Knowledge does not comprise all that is contained in the term education. The feelings are to be disciplined, the passions are to be subdued; true and worthy motives are to be inspired; a profound religious feeling is to be instilled, and pure morality inculcated under all circumstances.

Education has two values—value as knowledge and value as discipline. It's of no advantage to a man to know much unless he lives according to what he knows, for knowledge has no other end than goodness; and he who is made

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good is in possession of a far richer treasure than he whose knowledge is the most extensive and yet is destitute of goodness. The highest learning is to be wise; and the greatest wisdom is to be good.

That a refined, classical education is desirable and one of the accomplishments of a man, we admit. That it is indispensably necessary and always makes a man more useful, we deny. We do not wish to persevere in the acquirement of science who are deprived of their dazzling heights. In this enlightened age, and in our free country, with good schools and colleges around us, all who will may drink deeply at the pure fountain of science. We believe, that with the advantages we have now, ignorance is a voluntary misfortune.

Brethren, we would urge upon you the importance of properly educating your children. We believe you should patronize Baptist academies, and our own Wake Forest College whose influence upon North Carolina will never be known.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. T. COMER.

After remarks by W. T. Comer, J. H. Foote, R. B. Horn and W. G. Brown, on motion the report was adopted.

## Treasurer's Report.

Received last year:	\$37.71	
For Foreign Missions	3.62	
For State Missions	\$41.33	\$37.71
Total		3.62
Paid out for Foreign Missions		\$41.33
Paid out for State Missions		
Total	\$21.00	
Received of Finance Committee	6.70	
On hand from last year	\$27.70	\$12.50
Total		6.00
Expended for printing Minutes (800 c.)		.75
My own fees		\$19.25
Incidental Expenses		8.45
Total		\$27.70
In Treasury now		
Total		

J. M. CRATER,  
Treasurer.

## Resolutions.

WHEREAS, Reproach has been brought upon this Association by some of the delegates who have come here under the influence of strong drink,  
*Resolved*, therefore, That we advise the churches represented by such delegates to admonish them, and if they persist in such a course to withdraw fellowship from them.

*Resolved*, 2nd That the thanks of this body be tendered to the citizens, friends and church at Holly Spring for their kind hospitality in supporting this Association.

Respectfully submitted,  
G. W. SALE,  
A. G. MYERS.

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Report on Religious Exercises.

V. M. Swaim to preach to-night, W. A. Myers to conduct the prayer meeting to-morrow at 10 a. m., L. P. Gwaltney to preach at 11 and W. T. Comer to follow.

On motion, adjourned. Benediction by L. P. Gwaltney.

Moderator announced the Association adjourned till time and place of next meeting.

J. M. CRATER,  
Clerk.

D. C. JARVIS,  
Moderator.

SABBATH.

According to arrangements of yesterday, V. M. Swaim preached last night. Text: Psalms, 51:10. W. A. Myers led in the prayer meeting at 10 a. m., and L. P. Gwaltney preached at 11 a. m. Text: James, 3:21-23. W. T. Comer, thinking it not prudent, declined preaching. A collection for Home Missions was taken, which amounted to \$3.70.

CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICERS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICERS.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Membership.	Sunday of Meeting.	Minute	Fund.
Artloch	T. H. Foster	Wilkesboro.	W. E. Staley	Delaplane	3	1	1	1	2	2	85	1	\$ .50	
Edin	G. W. Galtman	Edin	G. W. Galtman	Artloch	4	1	1	1	2	2	65	2	.50	
Brier Creek	C. P. Fields	Edin	G. W. Sale	Brier Creek	4	1	1	1	1	1	40	4	.70	
Barthany	C. W. Brown	New Hope	T. M. Hendren	Brushy Mountain	1	2	1	1	1	1	68	1	.70	
Barter Grove	I. Hooper	Edin	A. N. Barker	Grande	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	1	.80	
Cannberry	S. S. Goforth	Euseptic Springs	N. T. Jarvis	Delaplane	5	5	1	4	1	1	96	2	1.05	
Dannascus	T. P. Gwaltney	Lovelace	N. G. Sloan	Bryantsville	15	1	1	7	4	4	107	4	1.05	
Dennysville	M. Walker	York Institute	M. Redding	Cochrum	4	2	1	1	1	1	163	4	.60	
Fishing Creek	G. M. Burcham	Swan Creek	L. S. Cull	Wilkesboro	1	1	1	1	1	1	155	4	1.00	
Fall Creek	L. P. Gwaltney	Edin	T. Ray	Jonesville	5	5	1	1	1	1	185	4	.50	
Grassy Knob	S. S. May	Vaughn	I. F. Galtion	Jennings	15	4	1	1	6	4	185	4	.50	
Holly Spring	S. S. May	Algood	G. W. Baily	Williamsburg	4	4	1	1	1	1	105	1	.50	
Hunting Creek	E. L. Weston	Jennings	G. H. Hayden	Hunting Creek	8	5	1	5	1	1	129	2	1.00	
Hebron	E. L. Weston	Adams	H. E. Hendren	Turkeyburg	5	2	1	1	1	1	118	4	.85	
Liberty	L. A. Foster	Wilkesboro	H. Hayes	Hunting Creek	1	1	1	1	1	1	110	3	.55	
Lewis	M. Walker	Swan Creek	P. E. Moore	Bryantsville	3	3	1	1	1	1	57	2	.50	
Mt. Pisgah	G. W. Brown	New Hope	R. Wright	Delaplane	1	1	1	1	1	1	57	2	.50	
Mt. Sinai	M. Walker	Swan Creek	K. H. Johnson	Keokuk Springs	7	1	1	1	1	1	95	4	1.25	
Mt. Vernon	W. A. Myers	Osbornville	S. T. Goforth	Keokuk Springs	1	1	1	1	1	1	95	4	1.25	
New Hope	J. P. Gwaltney	York Institute	T. L. Williams	Keokuk Springs	9	2	1	4	4	1	101	1	1.15	
New Prospect	E. Johnson	Roanoke River	W. L. Ward	Hillplaine	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	3	.40	
Oak Forest	W. A. Myers	Roanoke River	C. G. Porter	Clifton	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	3	.40	
Pleasant Grove	A. N. Goforth	McCurdy	E. C. Perry	Hepzibeth	5	2	1	1	1	1	141	3	.75	
Rocky Hill	K. N. Goforth	McCurdy	D. J. Brown	Hepzibeth	2	1	1	1	1	1	40	3	.85	
Rock Spring	K. N. Goforth	McCurdy	P. Adams	settles	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	4	.85	
Swan Creek	C. P. Fields	Edin	E. Mitchell	Swan Creek	13	1	1	1	1	1	413	6	1.00	
Swan Hill	R. T. Purdie	Edin	E. Mitchell	Gaborville	16	1	1	1	1	1	80	2	.50	
Shady Grove	R. N. Gwyn	Wilkesboro	T. S. Henderson	Lovelace	2	1	1	1	1	1	817	1	.75	
Shiloh	L. P. Gwaltney	York Institute	C. M. Cook	New Castle	19	2	1	1	1	1	117	1	.75	
Taylor Spring	W. T. Comer	Lovelace	S. T. Barker	Grande	19	2	1	1	1	1	117	1	.75	
Triton	W. T. Comer	Lovelace	M. Crater	New Castle	7	1	1	1	1	1	117	1	.75	
Zion	R. N. Gwyn	Huck Shoal	W. H. York	Huck Shoal	7	1	1	1	1	1	196	2	1.25	
					167	46	13	68	25	27	3304		\$21.25	



PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION,  
HELD WITH  
Bethel Church.

AUGUST 13th, 1898.

The Convention met according to appointment, at 11 A. M., and was called to order by the chairman.

After devotional services reports from the Sunday Schools were read.

On motion, the officers were elected for the present year, to-wit: E. N. Gwyn, chairman, and W. V. Brown, secretary.

The chairman appointed committees as follows: Time and Place—W. D. Howard, R. C. Triplet and T. M. Snow; Queries—W. T. Comer, J. M. Johnson and J. T. Martin.

Adjourned for dinner.

G. M. Burcham from the Elkin Association accepted a seat.

Queries were discussed as follows:

- 1st. How should a successful Sunday School be conducted? Speaker—L. F. Mathis.
- 2nd. Are young ladies an ornament to the Sunday School? Speaker—W. V. Brown.
- 3rd. Why do such a small per cent. of our church members attend the Sunday School? Speaker—M. Walker.
- 4th. Fruits of Christianity. Speaker—W. T. Comer.
- 5th. Duties of Christians. Speaker—E. N. Gwyn.

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COMMITTEES REPORT.

Time and Place.

Time and place as follows: Next Convention to be held with Rock Spring church, Iredell Co., N. C., on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1899.

Queries and Speakers for this Year.

- 1st. Who should attend the Sunday School, and why? E. N. Gwyn.
- 2nd. What should be taught in Sunday School? J. E. Myers.
- 3rd. How shall we manage to get the aged interested in the Sunday School? D. C. Jarvis.
- 4th. What are the three greatest obstacles now hindering the Sunday School work? L. F. Mathis.
- 5th. What is the duty of parents towards their children in regard to the Sunday School? T. M. Armstrong.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That the Schools be advised to report the length of their terms each year.

Resolved, 2nd. That all the Schools in this Association be advised to report at next Convention.

Resolved, 3rd. That this body tender its thanks to Bethel church and the entire community for their kind hospitality in supporting this Convention.

After singing "God be with you till we meet again," the Convention adjourned till time and place of next meeting. Benediction by the chairman.

W. V. BROWN,  
Secretary.

E. N. GWYN,  
Chairman.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	SECRETARIES.	Teachers	Pupils	Average
Bethel . . . . .	R. C. Triplett, C. W. Gilliam	R. C. Triplett . . . . .	Docia Triplett . . . . .	9	82	52
Bethany . . . . .	J. S. Barry, C. I. Castner	E. E. Hendren . . . . .	J. J. Hendren . . . . .	4	66	38
Crabberry . . . . .	J. T. Mathis, J. M. Johnson	N. T. Jarvis . . . . .	J. M. Johnson . . . . .	4	90	48
Dennyville . . . . .	W. M. Welborn, J. H. Byrd	L. A. Harris . . . . .	W. M. Welborn . . . . .	8	62	31
Lewis . . . . .	W. M. Hendren, F. E. Moore	H. Williams . . . . .	T. E. Moore . . . . .	102	68	30
Mt. Sinai . . . . .	J. A. Johnson . . . . .	S. R. Johnson . . . . .	L. A. Johnson . . . . .	4	43	30
New Prospect . . . . .	T. M. Snow, W. T. Holford	W. V. Williams . . . . .	B. T. Williams . . . . .	4	77	33
Pleasant Grove . . . . .	J. P. Martin, E. L. Martin	J. P. Martin . . . . .	W. H. Martin . . . . .	8	80	45
Rock Spring . . . . .	C. M. Smith, H. H. Blalock	J. M. Smith . . . . .	W. E. Smith . . . . .	6	44	43
Shady Grove . . . . .	W. T. Conner, L. P. Lonsford	D. C. Jarvis . . . . .	L. F. Lonsford . . . . .	6	176	61
Poplar Spring (S. H.) . . . . .	S. V. Goforth, C. B. Murrey	L. E. Myers . . . . .	S. T. Goforth . . . . .	6	110	64
Swan Creek . . . . .	W. V. Brown, J. B. Matulis	W. F. Brown . . . . .	J. G. Adams . . . . .	6	100	54
Union . . . . .	W. D. Howard, J. F. Myers	W. F. Gray . . . . .	W. D. Howard . . . . .	9	98	68
Zion . . . . .	H. A. Gwynn, T. R. Parks	J. L. Crater . . . . .	Effie Couch . . . . .	9	98	68
Total . . . . .				74	1247	615

