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Scott's Creek and Cedar Grove Churches,

BALSOM SEMINARY,

WEBSTER, JACKSON COUNTY, N. C.,

August 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st, 1876.

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LIST OF MINISTERS.

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C. M. GREEN,	Waynesville
S. H. HARRINGTON,	·· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
C. B. MINGUS,	Pigeon River
W. HAYNES,	
C. WILLIAMS,	
J. V. REECE.	. Forks of Pigeon
W. R. CRAWFORD,	Caler's Hill
E. D. BRENDLE,	Webster
W. ENSLEY,	
J. L. BUCHANAN,	
John Long,	Qualla Town
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JOHN JACKSON,	
M. M. Brown,	East Laport
B. N. QUEEN,	
W. C. MCCARTHEY,	Qualla Town
P. G. GREEN,	Webster
L. QUEEN,	. East Labort
W. C. BERREY,	
L. W. HOOPER,	Rich Mountain.
W. H. CONNER,	.Ocona Lufty
JOSHUA AMMONS,	Franklin
J. S. Woodard,	I "TPRTNI
P. R. RICKMAN,	
I. D. WRIGHT,	. "
0. GIBSON,	West's Mills
A. J. JUSTICE,	
M. P. LONG,	.Wikle's Store
T. J. MARTIN,	Havsville
THOMAS CARTER,	Head of Tennessee
WM. DEWEESE,	Aquone
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PROCEEDINGS.

BALSOM SEMINARY, Friday, Aug. 18th, 1876.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. Havnes, at 11 o'clock A. M. Text: Rev. 14:4.

After an intermission of thirty minutes, Elder C. B. Mingus called the body to order.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder I. D. Wright.

S. C. Herren and T. C. Bryson were appointed Reading (lerks.

The list of Churches was called, and the following names of delegates enrolled:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Locust Field. - Elders C. B. Mingus and W. Haynes, with brethren A. Havnes and F. C. Haynes. Crab Tree – W. J. Rogers and Jno. A. Ferguson.

Waynesri le - Elder C. M. Green, with brethren A. W. Rich and S. C. Herren.

Bethel. - - R. A. Sentle. Pleasant Hill.-Elder C. Williams and Bro. J. J. Rogers. Jonathan's Creek .- Jno. W. Caldwell. Ino Ammon Cove Creek.-M. H. Miller. Mount Zion.—J. L. Farmer, J. A. Burnett and W. B. Man. Antioch.—Jas. Downs, P. P. Crawford and J. V. Green. East Fork .- E. W. Sharp, J. R. Sharp and A. E. Haynes.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Scott's Creek.-Elders E. D. Brendle and W. Ensley, with brethren W. H. Queen and T. C. Ensley.

Cullowhee. -- A. D. Hooper.

Savannah.-Elder J. L. Buchanan, with brethren G. W. Green, C. S. Buchanan, Isaac Masan and P. Dills.

Shoal Creek.-Elder W. C. McCarthy, with brethren E. Brown, S. J. Beck and J. B. Gibson.

Lufty.-Elder W. H. Conner, with brethren H. J. Beck, M. Treadaway and A. Bradley.

Shady Grove.-Elder P. G. Green, with brethren Jas. Hall and Joseph Moody.

Cany Fork .- Elder M. M. Brown, with brethren Wm. Hooper, H. B. Hooper and H. A. Brown.

John's Creek .- Elder L. Queen, with brethren P. L. Brown and J. F.

Stapp. Sol's Creek.-Elder B. N. Queen, with brethren C. L. Hooper and J. N.

Hamburg.-J. L. Owen and W. A. Wilson.

Mount Plesant.-A. J. Hall, J. M. Paris, J. L. Snider, S. H. Bryson and J. F. Murray.

Zion Hill .- Jas. Woodard.

Webster.-E. P. Stillwell.

Echota.—Isaac Davis and Larchee. *Yellow Hill.*—Snate Owl and N. J. Smith. *Cedar Grove.*—Elder W. R. Crawford, with brethren T. M. Henson, A. W. Farmer and J. H. Queen.

Balsom Grove .- Elder W. L. Hooper, with brethren Jas. Woodsand and A. J. Phillips.

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Pranklin.-Elders Joshua Ammons, J. S. Woodard, and P. R. Rickman with brethren Jno. Ammons and J. D. Franks.

Cowee.-J. M. Rickman, W. F. Potts and T. C. Bryson.

Sugar Fork.—G. Bolic, Wm. Arnold, S. A. Higdon and W. P. Deal. Cartoogachaye.—Elder I. D. Wright, with brethren H. Dills and B. S. Dills.

Coweeta.-Elder M. P. Long, with brother J. A. T. Sanders. Head of Tennessee .- A. J. Grist and C. T. Garland. Burningtown .- P. C. Wild, Jno. Rhea and R. Clampet. Nantiyale.—Not represented. Briartown.—Elder M. May, with brother Jas. Tippett. Mountain Grove.-Not represented. Liberty .- J. M. Mason.

Elder E. D. Brendle was elected Moderator.

J. A. Ferguson was re-elected Clerk.

Allen Haynes, Jno. Ammons and Jackson Beck were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises.

Corresponding Messengers from sister Associations were welcomed as follows :

Salem.-Jno. Rickman. New Found.-J. G. Mashbern and W. Burress. Valley River .-- James Beard and A. W. Paris. Twelve Mile.-Elder J. H. Burress. Transylvania.-W. C. Rhea.

The following Committees were appointed :

On Arrangements.-Elders C. B. Mingus, M. May, Bro. Jno. Ammons, with the Moderator and Clerk.

On Periodicals. - Elders I. D. Wright and C. M. Green, and Bro. J. D. Franks. On Temperance.-S. C. Herren and A. Haynes.

On Finance.-H. J. Beck and A. W. Farmer.

On Education .- Elders P. R. Rickman and W. H. Conner.

On Missions.—Elder W. Haynes and Bro. T. C. Bryson. On Obituaries.—Elders B. N. Queen and J. S. Woodard, and Bro. A. W. Rich.

On Sabbath Schools.-Elders W. Ensley and J. L. Buchanan.

Adjourned to 91 o'clock A. M., Saturday. Devotional exercises by Elder C. M. Green.

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SATURDAY, August 19th, 1876.

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Devotional exercises by Elder M. May.

The roll was called and the minutes of Friday were read. Rules of Order were read. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was read and adopted.

On invitation, Bro. P. R. Young, of Salem Association, accepted a seat with the body. Appointed the following Committees:

To Revise List of Ministers' Names.-S. C. Herren, E. Brown and M. P. Long. On State of Churches.-Elders W. H. Conner and J. S. Woodard, and Bro. R. A. Sentle.

Elder B. N. Queen was appointed to write a Circular Letter for next session. Subject : "The most practical way and means of carrying out the missionary spirit as taught in the Bible."

Report on Missions read. Withdrawn. The following report was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We recommend the Organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, viz: The Biblical Recorder, published in Raleigh. N C., by Edwards, Broughton & Co., at \$2.10 per annum; to be in every way suited to the wants and necessities of the brethren and churches of this Association.

We would also recommend Kind Words, published in Macon, Ga., by S. Boykin, for the Sunday Schools

I. D. WRIGHT, Chairman.

Rules of Order suspended for Elder C. M. Green to take subscription, for the *Recorder*.

Took recess of one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The following report was adopted :

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

To extend morality temperance should be preserved. To keep sacred the truths of God, we should adhere strictly to the rules of temperance. To add joys to religion we should ever keep in view of the worth of temperance. For the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ and the purity of His Church, we do earnestly recommend the strict adherence to all rules of temperance.

S. C. HERREN, Chairman.

On motion, the following report was adopted :

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission field is white to the "harvest." The heathen are crying for the "bread of life." We have our faithful Missionaries in China, viz: M. T. Yates, of North Carolina; J. B. Hartwell and W. B Williams, of South Carolina; T. P. Crawford, of Virginia; and R H. Graves, of Maryland. And in the African Mission, W. J. Davis, of Mississippi; and W. W. Colley, of Virginia, dependent upon us for support. The only reported contribution we have for this is \$12.40, from Locust Field Church.

On our Home Mission, Elder W H. Conner reports 109 days work done; witnessed 70 baptisms; collected \$48.75. And Elder J. S. Woodard reports 57 days work; 10 baptisms; and \$18 60 collections.

The spirit of christianty and missionary work, like faith and good work, go hand and hand. Faith without works is said by the inspired Apostle, to be dead—as the body without the spirit. Are we living or dead? W. HAYNES, *Chairman*.

On motion, the following was adopted :

Resolved, That Article V of the Constitution of the Tuckasiege Association be amended by striking out all after the word "by," and insert instead thereof the words, "the majority of the whole vote cast" (7)

On motion, the following report was adopted :

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Our churches, with few exceptions, are supplied with preaching. There have been several revivals during the past year which resulted in more or less additions to the churches, and we think upon the whole, that our churches are in a prosperous condition. We should be thankful for the past and renew our efforts, and all labor zealously in the future.

R. A. SENTLE, Chairman.

Elders W. Haynes, I. D. Wright, J. H. Burress, C. B. Mingus, M. May and W. C. McCarthy composed a Committee appointed on the following query, from Cowee church:

Query.—Is it advisable for a church to give license to her preaching gifts to preach the gospel? If so, are they not Ministers of the Word? If not, what way shall a church pursue with her preaching gifts? Answer.—1st. While the term "license" is perhaps not wisely chosen,

Answer.—1st. While the term "license" is perhaps not wisely chosen, we believe that the church is the proper judge of the qualifications of a candidate for the ministry, and should express its approval or disapproval of his intention to enter the office, and when in the providence of God, he is called to exercise his gifts at a distance from home, he may properly receive a certificate of the church's approval.

ceive a certificate of the church's approval. 2nd. Such persons are not, properly speaking, "Ministers of the Word," but merely probationary candidates for that office; therefore, we do not regard this practice as creating two orders in the ministry.

W. HAYNES, Chairman.

Appointed Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations, viz:

Salem.-Elders W Haynes, C. B Mingus and C. M. Green.

New Found. -J. F. Murray, A. W. Rich, S. C. Herren and Elders C. M. Green and C. Williams.

Hivassee.-Elders I. D. Wright, M. May and B. N. Queen, and Bro. T. S. Siler.

Valley River.—Elders P. G. Green, W. Ensley, J. L. Buchanan and E. D. Brendle, with Brethren Jackson Beck, John Gibson, J. H. Moody and J. P. Dills.

Transylvania.--Elder E. D. Brendle, Brethren J. L. Owen and W. A. Wilson.

Elder W. C. McCarthy moved the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That any member of this Association visiting a sister Association be considered as a Messenger from this body.

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Appointed the following Committee on Missions : John Ammons, A. W. Rich and P. Dills.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M. Monday. Devotional exercises by Elder W. C. McCarthy.

SUNDAY, August 20th, 1876.

Elder M. May preached at 10 o'clock A. M. Text: 1st Corinthians, 1:30.

Elder W. C. McCarthy preached at 11 o'clock A. M. Text: Romans 5:1.

Collection \$16.98

In the afternoon Elder C. M. Green preached. Text: Acts 23:9.

Remarks by Elder J. S. Woodard. led to exercise his gifts at a distance from home, he may properly re

MONDAY, August 21st, 1876.

The body called to order. Devotional exercises by Elder A. J. Kelly.

The roll was called and the minutes of Saturday were read.

On invitation, Elder A. J. Kelly. from Serepta Association, Ga., accepted a seat with the body.

The following report was read and adopted ;

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The benefits of education are being realized by our people. Children are taught to love each other, honor their parents and fear God. It is the great power in forming good society, the basis of a happy and prosperous people. In many of the day schools the students have advanced so rapidly that public instruction is proving to be more a worth and necessity than a matter of appendix on the proving the province of students are more matter of speculation. The piety and good manners of students are more than repaying patrons for all their efforts. Education is exaltation. J. R. RICKMAN, *Chairman*.

On motion, the following report was read and adopted :

BIOGRAPHY OF ELDER MERIT RICKMAN.

Elder Merit Rickman was a native of Buncombe County, N. C. At the age of 16 years he married Sarah Sitton. Five years afterward he was baptized into the fellowship of the French Broad Baptist Church by Elder Robert Jordan. He was licensed to preach the gospel October 24th, 1835, and ordained August 23rd, 1837. November 25th, of the same year, he became pastor of the Mills River Baptist Church, continuing in that relation for seventeen years. In 1855, he removed to Macon County and as-sumed the pastorate of the Cowee Church, which union was only severed by his death. For many years, in addition to his pastoral duties, he labor-ed as a Missionary of the Western North Carolina Convention, and presided with marked ability over many sessions of the Salem and Tuckasiege Associations.

Vigorous in intellect. an acute logician, sound in doctrine, he was one of the most able laborious and successful ministers of this region. His christian life was exemplary, devoted and untarnished to its close. He entered into rest Oct. 3rd, 1874, at the age of 62 years.

C. B. MINGUS, E. D. BRENDLE, J. D. FRANKS. Committee.

The report of the Committee on Missionaries was adopted. as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONARIES.

We recommend the appointment of Elders C. B. Mingus and E. D. Brendle in first District, and Elders W. H. Conner and J. S. Woodard in the second and third Districts.

JOHN AMMONS, Chairman.

Agreed that the next session be held with the Head of Tennessee Church, seven miles north of Clayton, in Raburn County, Ga., commencing at 11 o'clock, on Friday before the third Sabbath in August, 1877. Elder W. C. McCarthy to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder C. M. Green, Alternate.

The following report from the Committee on Obituaries and Changes was adopted :

First District .-- Elder C. M. Green moved in. Elder P. Holtsclaw moved out. Brethren E. B. Herren and D. Plott died. Second District.—Elder W. C. McCarthy moved in. Third District.—J. D. Vinson moved out.

The Committee on Finance reported \$37.25 in hand for printing minutes.

On motion, the Clerk was ordered to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and receive \$7.50 for his services.

On motion, the following were elected a Committee to examine licentiates for the ensuing year, viz: Elders C. B. Mingus, I. D. Wright, E. D. Brendle, C. M. Green and M. May.

On motion, the Treasurer was to apply \$8.00 of Sabbath's collection to Foreign Missions and pay the remainder to the Home Missionaries.

On motion, Elders C. B. Mingus, W. C. McCarthy and E. D. Brendle were appointed to represent the body in the Western Baptist Convention, and,

On motion of J. D. Franks, an additional amount was raised and the name of Elder J. S. Woodard added to the list.

. Bro. A. Haynes was re-appointed Treasurer, and Elder M. M. Brown, Historian.

Elder W. Haynes moved the following, which was adopted :

Resolved. That we feel thankful to Almighty God for the harmony and brotherly love exhibited during this session. We also tender our thanks to the Scott's Creek and Cedar Grove Churches and the citizens for their hospitality.

On motion, adjourned to time and place for next session. E. D. BRENDLE, MODERATOR. JOHN A. FERGUSON, *Clerk*.

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N. J. District. - Elder C. M. Green moved in. Elder P. Househaw moved aut. Brothren H. B. Herren and D. Plott died. Second District. - Elder W. C. McCarthy moved in. Third District. - St. D. Vinson moved out.

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CHURCHES.	Locust Field,	Waynesville,	Pleasant Hill,	Jonathan's Creek Cove Creek.	Friendship,	Antioch,	East Fork,	Callowhee,	Savannah,	Lufty,	Shady Grove, Caney Fork,	John's Creek,	

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