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" J. J. JONES,........................
" N. H. MOSS,.........................Cherryville,
" Wm. McSWAIN,.......................Shelby,
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LICENTIATES.

J. M. GOODE,........................Webb's Ford, N. C.
J. B. GREEN,........................
R. N. HAWKINS,......................Sharon,
G. P. HAMRICK,......................Boiling Springs,
J. RUPPE,............................Nicholsonville,
The Twenty-eighth Annual Session of the King's Mountain Association was held with the church at New Prospect. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. Harvey Hatcher, from John 10: 27.

Recess for one hour.

The Association assembled at the expiration of the recess and was called to order by the Moderator, who conducted the religious exercises.

R. E. Porter and L. M. Logan were appointed reading clerks.

The churches were called and their letters read.

The delegates were enrolled as follows:

- **Sandy Run**: B. B. Harris, W. B. Stroud, W. B. Lovelace, J. H. Jones and W. A. Jones.
- **Zion**: R. Poston, A. C. Irvin, D. Poston and J. D. Weathers.
- **Double Springs**: J. M. Bridges, E. J. Lovelace, B. Hamrick and D. A. F. Hamrick.
- **New Bethel**: W. A. Thompson, David Cline, T. J. Dixon and E. A. Morgan.
- **Mt. Vernon**: S. J. Weaver and M. W. Brendall.
- **Big Spring**: J. C. Lattimore, W. P. Withrow and A. J. Hughes.
- **Bethlehem**: P. R. Elam, John Barber, R. U. Patterson, W. H. Herndon and L. M. Logan.
- **Concord**: G. W. Rollins, Francis M. Freeman, G. T. Bostic and A. L. Smart.
- **Thessalonica**: J. T. Wells and J. A. Caldwell.
- **Bethel**: George Hamrick and E. E. Jones.
- **Mt. Sinai**: S. Weaver and Rufus Hamrick.
- **Mt. Pleasant**: John Ruppe, David Matheny, J. E. Jolly and T. M. Holland.
- **Beaver Dam**: N. S. Harrill, C. G. McSwain, S. H. Hamrick and T. J. Holland.
- **Sandys Plains**: F. H. Poston, J. P. Philbeck and I. T. Bridges.
- **Walls**: J. P. Green, J. H. Goforth and James Bridges.
- **Mt. Paran**: G. L. Moore and Columbus Wilson.
- **Mt. Harmony**: A. G. Freeman, J. L. Padgett and A. D. Yelton.
- **Boiling Springs**: A. A. McSwain, G. P. Hamrick, B. H. Bridges, Jas. Y. Hamrick and W. H. Green.
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On motion, an invitation was extended to churches to become members of this body, and Pleasant Grove and State Line, newly constituted churches, presented letters and delegates asking to be admitted.

The Moderator appointed H. Borders, J. P. Styers and R. E. Porter a committee to examine the faith of said churches. The committee reported that they were of like faith and order, and on motion they were received with the following delegates:


On motion, the Association went into the election of officers, which resulted as follows: A. L. Stough, Moderator, and L. M. Logan, Clerk.

On motion the Order of Business for last year was adopted, as follows:

1. Organization.
2. Call the roll.
3. Reading of Minutes.
5. Extend invitation to Messengers of sister Associations.
6. Extend invitation to visiting brethren.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Consider petitions and queries.
9. Call for report of committees.
10. Appointment of delegates to sister Associations.
11. Appointment of delegates to Baptist State Convention.
12. Miscellaneous business.

An invitation was extended to Messengers from sister Associations to take seats with us and assist us with their counsel, and the following responded:

Green River—Elder H. D. Harrill and brother C. P. Hill.
York—Elder T. H. Mullinax.
An invitation was also extended to visiting brethren, and Rev. H. Hatcher, of Richmond, Va., agent for the *Biblical Recorder*, and Elder J. J. Jones, of our own Association, accepted seats with us.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

**Religious Exercises**—Pastor and Deacons of New Prospect church.

**Education**—J. A. White, B. H. Bridges and E. J. Lovelace.

**Periodicals**—G. M. Webb, P. R. Elam and W. A. Thompson.

**Missions**—H. Hatcher, J. C. Lattimore and T. Dixon.

On motion adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

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**SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.**

**Saturday, 9 o'clock, Aug. 27th, 1879.**

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Religious exercises conducted by G. W. Rollins. Prayer by J. M. Bridges.

Called the roll and marked absentees. Quorum present.

The Clerk read Constitution, Rules of Order and Abstract of Principles.

The following Messengers were received from sister Associations:

**Catawba**—J. A. Recton and D. C. Stroup

**South Fork**—J. C. Morrison.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

**Finance**—R. E. Porter, B. B. Harris and A. L. Smart.


**Temperance**—R. Poston, W. B. Lovelace and N. H. Moss.

**Sunday Schools**—C. G. Love, J. M. Bridges and J. A. Roberts.

**Obituaries**—G. P. Hamrick, J. P. Styers and S. J. Weaver.

**Stated Services**—Jas Y. Hamrick, F. H. Poston and H. Borders.

**Petitions and Queries**—G. W. Rollins, A. A. McSwain and A. C. Irvin.

The Moderator appointed the following Messengers to sister Associations:

**Broad River**—R. E. Porter, E. Hardin, W. H. Green, J. M. Moore and Jonas Jenkins.

**Green River**—A. A. McSwain, G. W. Rollins, W. B. Lovelace, E. P.
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York—A. L. Stough, P. R. Elam, T. Dixon, G. P. Hamrick and A. A.
McSwain.
South Fork—P. H. Poston, S. J. Weaver, A. L. Stough and T. Dixon.
Catawba—J. P. Styers.

On motion the order of business was suspended and Dr. T. H. Pritchard, President of Wake Forest College and Messenger from Central Association, was received.
The Committee on Missions reported as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

As Missionary Baptists we cannot be indifferent to missions and faithful to the Master so long as "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" remains a command of Christ. Almost the entire world is missionary ground, and God calls upon us to arouse ourselves, and in his name and strength to possess it for Christ. Our own bounds within this Association and our beloved State need the labors of missionaries. And these destitute places so near our homes call loudly for aid and laborers, while the cry comes up from many parts of our country and from every heathen land for help. The blessings of God upon the missionary labors of the past should inspire us to more earnest efforts in the future. We call especial attention to the work of our State Mission Board.

H. HATCHER, Chairman.

On motion the report was received and the committee discharged.

Remarks by Dr. T. H. Pritchard and G. M. Webb.
The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Rev. H. Hatcher would preach at 11 o'clock, A. M., followed by A. C. Irvin. Dr. T. H. Pritchard at 1 o'clock, P. M., followed by G. W. Rollins.

On motion, the Association instead of having preaching removed to the stand and resumed the discussion of the report on missions.
Remarks by H. Hatcher, P. R. Elam and G. M. Webb.
On motion, the report was adopted.
A collection was taken up for State Missions amounting to $31.43.
The Committee on Periodicals reported as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We cannot prize our religious papers too highly, since it is through them we become familiar with each other, and hence that union so essential to prosperity. The Recorder being the mouth-piece of our denomination, and the great defender of the cause of Christ, it should be read by every Baptist in the Association. And as we expect improvements on it, we hope all will take it. Where more than one paper
On motion, the report was received and the committee discharged.
The report was adopted.
The Committee on Education reported as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

If we wish a general awakening on religious subjects, and especially wider and more enlarged views of benevolence, our people must be educated. Ignorance fosters covetousness and renders our people suspicious of the means used to carry out the Great Commission to send the gospel to every creature.

When we read the prophetic delineations of a happy future, and behold the beautiful pictures drawn by inspired writers; when we feel and know that man has every faculty of mind and soul, and every taste adapted to perform, bring out and enjoy, and apply the principles of education, we feel that this picture is not a delusion, and that there is nothing wanting but the opportunity and the will.

But when will this happy period come? It cannot be doubted that this period may be hastened or retarded by the action of the people themselves. If we would speed the time, we must encourage the more general diffusion of knowledge; the light which the few have must be made common to the many. The mind, the soul, must be enlightened before we can expect any great or grand movements toward the evangelization of the world.

We are happy to say that we have a considerable degree of interest manifested on this important subject within the bounds of this Association, but regret that this interest is not as generally diffused as it should be.

Brethren, if you wish your sons and daughters to have an interest in our work as a denomination in the salvation of souls and the extension of the Messiah's kingdom, give them a liberal education, enlarge and expand their minds with knowledge, and you have used the most efficient means for the same. If you have fifty dollars to bequeath to your child do not put it in his pocket, but put it in his head.

Brethren, we would refer you to brother B. H. Bridges' school at Boiling Springs, and ask you to give him a liberal support, as he is a Baptist and an efficient teacher. The writer, as Associate teacher in the Shelby Male and Female High School, asks also patronage at your hands. Our denominational school at Wake Forest is a college in all respects, of which we should be proud, and use every effort to fill it with our sons.

We have Female Seminaries at Raleigh, Thomasville and Murfreesboro in flourishing condition; therefore, brethren, we have the institutions, let us support them, thereby encouraging the noble men engaged in this great work and enlighten the rising generation.

On motion the report was received and the committee discharged.

On motion, adjourned until 1 o'clock, P. M.
The Association assembled at the stand.

On motion the order of business was suspended and Bro. W. R. Lipscomb, of Spartanburg Association was received as a Messenger.

Dr. T. H. Pritchard addressed the Association on the subject of Education, followed by Rev. H. Hatcher.

On motion, the report on Education was adopted.

A request was received from Shiloh (col.) Association, asking ministerial help on to-morrow at 2 o'clock, P. M.

G. M. Webb and R. Poston were appointed.

The following were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention: Rev. H. Hatcher, T. Dixon, A. L. Stough, A. A. McSwain, G. P. Hamrick, James Y. Hamrick, and F. H. Poston.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Dr. T. H. Pritchard would preach in the forenoon to-morrow and Rev. H. Hatcher in the afternoon, followed by Rev. H. D. Harrill.

On motion, adjourned until Monday Morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by R. Poston. Benediction by Dr. T. H. Pritchard.

SUNDAY.

SUNDAY, September 28th, 1879.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., Dr. T. H. Pritchard preached from Luke 16: 31, followed by J. A. White who preached a missionary sermon under an appointment of last year, from Romans 1: 16; after which a collection was taken up amounting to $41.20.

In the afternoon Rev. H. Hatcher preached from Acts 9: 4; after which Rev. H. D. Harrill closed the services.

The congregations were large and attentive.
Kings's Mountain Association.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Monday, September 29th, 1879.

The Association met at 9 o'clock. Prayer by A. A. McSwain.

The roll was called. Quorum present.

Minutes of Saturday and Sunday read and approved.

The Committee on Petitions and Queries reported as follows:

REPORT ON PETITIONS AND QUERIES.

1st. We find no query sent up from any church. We, therefore, arrive at the conclusion that no difficult question exists among the churches.

2nd. We find one petition from Double Springs asking the Association to convene with them next year. We therefore recommend that the Association convene with the church at Double Springs, 7 miles northwest of Shelby, on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1880.

3rd. Also one from Thessalonica asking letter of dismission. We also recommend that their request be granted.

G. W. ROLLINS, Chairman.

On motion, the report was received and adopted:

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In the letters received from the churches there is silence manifested on the Sabbath School work, that leads us to fear that the great and glorious work is not progressing as its importance demands, nor properly appreciated as it should be. We would, therefore, urge more earnestness upon the part of our brethren to carry on this noble enterprise, and hasten the day when all the churches may report their schools.

C. G. LOVE, Chairman.

On motion this report was received.

Remarks by B. H. Bridges, who moved that the churches be requested to send the statistics of their schools in their church letters to the Associations, so that they may be published in the Minutes.

The motion with the report carried unanimously.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is the principle upon which Paul reasoned in common with righteousness and judgment to come, and implies a moderate use of all things lawful and right, and the abstinence from all things pernicious and sinful, in which sense it is maintained by our churches. But we have reason to fear that all our brethren have not given the proper diligence to add to their "faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance,"
and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity."

R. POSTON, Chairman.

The report was adopted.
The Committee on Union Meetings reported as follows:

REPORT ON UNION MEETINGS.

That the next Union Meeting be held with the church at Buffalo, York county, S. C., on Friday before the 5th Lord's day in March, 1889.

W. H. HERNDON, Chairman.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.
The Committee on Stated Services reported as follows:

REPORT ON STATED SERVICES.

That P. R. Elam preach the Introductory Sermon; A. C. Irvin, alternate.
G. W. Rollins the Missionary Sermon; T. Dixon, alternate.

J. Y. HAMRICK, Chairman.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

On motion, the Treasurer reported as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Your Treasurer submits the following as a report of all moneys coming into his hands and disbursements of same for the year 1878:

Minutes show ................................ $146.51
Lost on Mexican dollars ........................................ $ 45
Paid for Money orders ............................................. 65
Receipts from Jordan Womble, Jr. ............................... 97.86
Paid for Minutes .................................................. 46.75
                             $145.71
Balance in hand .................................................... 80

B. H. BRIDGES, Treasurer.

On motion the report was received.
The report was adopted.
The Committee on Finance reported as follows.
REPORT ON FINANCE.

Amount sent up by the churches for:
- State Missions: $38 80
- Foreign Missions: $40 35
- Home Missions: $1 90
- Double Springs church, as the Board sees fit to apply: $10 25
- Collection on Saturday for State Missions: $31 43
- Sunday for State and Foreign Missions: $41 20
- Amount sent up by Zoar Sunday School for establishing Sunday Schools in destitute places: $1 50

Total for all purposes: $219 76

R. E. PORTER, Chairman.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that H. D. Harrill would preach at the stand at 10 o'clock, A. M., and A. C. Irvin to close the services.

On motion the collection taken up on yesterday was equally divided between State and Foreign Missions.

On motion the Association agreed to elect a Treasurer by acclamation, and B. H. Bridges was unanimously elected.

Preamble and resolutions offered by A. A. McSwain, as follows:

That in the great calamity that has befallen our denomination, in the death of Elder Wade Hill, we as a denomination sustain an exceedingly great loss. His noble-hearted spirit, firmness, expressions of love, and clear manner of presenting the gospel of Christ to his hearers, has made many warm friends for him, and gave him a name that will live among us for years to come, although he has gone to his reward. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth, yea saith the spirit; that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them!"

Notwithstanding all his faithful efforts and labors for the good of souls and his Master's cause, which so often wearied and fatigued his body and mind, he is now resting from his laborious task upon earth, and O! how sweet is that rest! while his works of righteousness will continue to follow him. His earnest, clear, instructive and pathetical manner of presenting the gospel to his hearers was so convincing and persuasive that it seldom failed to make an impression upon his hearers, that proved a blessing of food for Christian souls, and almost always carried an awakening influence to the minds of sinners. He always thought before speaking, and always drew his conclusions upon the authority of God's Word, and would always speak the truth in sobriety, and never feared to declare the whole counsel of God. He accomplished a great work in the Broad River, King's Mountain and Green River Associations, and had been a member of all these bodies, but was a member of Green River at the time of his death. All these bodies no doubt feel the mighty afflicting hand of God in his death. He was such a strong arm for young ministers to lean upon, and such a fountain of counsel to the churches and other religious bodies, but was a member of Green River at the time of his death. He was such a strong arm for young ministers to lean upon, and such a fountain of counsel to the churches and other religious bodies, and yet we are compelled to do without him. He was a burning and shining light that is worthy of imitation by us all. His usefulness in his influential work that is following him we hope will...
accomplish much among us for good although his body sleeps and his soul rests. He was a Corresponding Messenger to our body last year. We feel that we cannot speak of him as he justly deserves.

Resolved, That we sympathize with our sister the Green River Association in the loss of such an excellent minister.

Resolved, 3rd. That we pray God may in the abundance of His goodness and plentitude of His mercies, grant that these sad afflictions may work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

On motion the same was unanimously adopted by a standing vote.

The Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Since the last Association 42 have died. Among that number brother James Poston, a licentiate of Pleasant Hill church, who did a great work for the Master—will be much missed and long lamented. It is to be hoped that his pious walk and godly conversation and quiet way of working will be an example to those who live after him. Brother A. S. Elam, a proficient member and noble-hearted deacon, was a worker in the Master's vineyard for 65 years; 40 years of this time he was a deacon, first at Zion then at New Bethel. He was father of our dear brother P. R. Elam. Also deacons Henderson Roberts, of Pleasant Hill, and W. R. Roberts of Mt. Pleasant, who were noted for their deep piety and zeal for the Master, have resigned their seats to others. We can only bow and say God's will be done.

G. P. Hamrick, Chairman.

P. R. Elam offered the following:

Resolved, That we advise our churches to consider the propriety of holding their session of the Association on Tuesday and adjourn on Thursday, and report at the next session of the body through their letters.

Remarks by P. R. Elam, H. Hatcher, B. H. Bridges and T. Dixon, and the resolution was adopted.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Association return their thanks to the brethren and sisters of New Prospect church and the friends in the neighborhood for the generous hospitality extended to the delegates during the session of the body.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have as many Minutes as the funds contributed would publish and distribute the same, retaining ten dollars for his services.


The Association adjourned to meet with the church at
King's Mountain Association.

Double Springs, Cleaveland county, N.C., 7 miles northwest of Shelby, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1880.

Prayer by H. Hatcher.
After singing and extending the parting hand the Moderator pronounced the benediction.

A. L. STOUGH, Moderator.

L. M. LOGAN, Clerk.
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*Forwarded $1.50 for Sunday Schools.
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