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MINUTES

14th
OF THE

Thirteenth Anniversary Meeting

OF THE

KINGS MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

CONVENED AT

BETHEL MEETING HOUSE,

IREDELL COUNTY, N. C.,

Friday, before the 3d Lords Day in September, 1864,

AND DAYS FOLLOWING.

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AND

MINERALOGISTS

HELD AT

ST. LOUIS, MO.

SEPTEMBER 1-10, 1892

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REPORT

BY THE SECRETARY

1892

MINUTES.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1864.

The Association met according to adjournment last year; and the introductory sermon was delivered by Elder L. M. BERRY, from Psalms 133d chapter and 1st verse, "*Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.*"

Recess one hour. Then convened in the house, and prayer was offered by Elder G. W. ROLLINS.

The Association then proceeded to call the list of Churches, and minute the accounts transmitted.

Elected Elder R. P. LOGAN, Moderator, and Brother J. R. LOGAN, Clerk.

The Associations with whom we correspond were severally called; when the Broad River, only, responded, through her messenger, Elder W. HILL, with letter.

On motion, visiting ministers present were invited to seats. Elders J. H. YARBORO, from the Green River, and W. LAMBETH, of the Liberty, were received.

Elders L. M. BERRY, G. W. ROLLINS, and Brother J. C. LATTIMORE, with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed a committee of arrangements.

Brethren N. LORANCE, E. C. WILSON and G. R. HARDING, with the Eldership of Bethel Church, were appointed a committee on preaching during the session.

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

Prayer by Elder A. A. McSWAIN.

1821, 01 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

The Association met according to adjournment, and engaged in prayer meeting half an hour; Brethren YARBORO, ROLLINS and BERRY leading in the exercises.

The body was then called to order by the Moderator, and the roll of delegates being called a quorum answered to their names, when the committee of arrangements reported and was discharged.

On motion, an invitation was then extended to corresponding bodies and churches not represented on yesterday; when the delegates from Thesalonica and Lebanon being present, handed in their letters and their statistics were minuted.

Elder J. K. HOWELL, of Raleigh, N. C., from the Central Association, representing Sabbath School interests, being present, was also received.

The following committees were then announced by the Moderator, viz:

On Correspondence.—L. M. BERRY, J. C. LATTIMORE and MOORE.

On Temperance.—G. W. ROLLINS, G. R. HARDING and A. GOODSON.

On Sabbath Schools.—L. M. BERRY, G. M. WEBB and D. FISHER.

On Domestic and Army Missions.—G. W. ROLLINS, P. HOWARD and A. A. McSWAIN.

On Obituaries.—G. R. HARDING, E. C. WILSON and J. J. HICKS.

On Periodicals.—L. M. BERRY, J. C. LATTIMORE and G. R. HARDING.

Elected Elder G. W. ROLLINS to preach the next year's associational sermon, and Elder A. A. McSWAIN, Alternate.

Elected L. M. BERRY to write a circular letter for next year. Subject—"The proper observance of the Christian Sabbath."

Elected Elder L. M. BERRY to preach the missionary sermon for next year, and Elder G. M. WEBB, Alternate.

Elder R. POSTON failing to attend and furnish a circular letter, under his appointment of last year, the body adopted one written by Elder G. PHILLIPS, of the Broad River Association, in 1827, on the subject of "*Intemperance*," and ordered that it be reprinted with the minutes of this session.

The following appointments of messengers to sister Associations were made, viz:

To the Green River.—Elders A. A. McSWAIN and G. M. WEBB.

To the Broad River.—Elders G. M. WEBB, R. P. LOGAN, A. A. McSWAIN and Bro. J. R. LOGAN.

To the Bethel.—Elder L. M. BERRY and Brother G. R. HARDING.

To the Catawba River.—Elder R. POSTON and Bro. J. R. LOGAN.

To the Brown's Creek.—Elder L. M. BERRY.

The committee on Union meetings reported the next Union meeting to be held at Concord Meeting House, commencing on Friday before 1st Sunday in August, 1865. Brethren R. P. LOGAN, A. A. McSWAIN and G. W. ROLLINS, to

attend the same under an appointment of the Association.

Considered the request of Zoar Church, and ordered that the next session of the Association be held with said Church, commencing on Friday before 3d Lord's day in September next, (1865.)

Decided that a collection be taken up on the Sabbath, for army missions, immediately after the delivery of the missionary sermon.

Prayer by Elder G. M. WEBB, and the Association adjourned to meet on Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

The day was wet and inclement, and the congregation consequently small.

Prayer meeting exercises were had at 9 o'clock, and the important subject of Sabbath Schools was brought to the attention of the congregation by Elder J. K. HOWELL, in a brief address, who afterwards preached under appointment of the Association. Elder G. W. ROLLINS followed, delivering a missionary sermon by appointment of the body last year; and at the conclusion of the sermon a collection was taken up and paid over to Elder L. M. BERRY, our agent, amounting to \$372.66 $\frac{3}{4}$, to be equally divided between the Marion, Alabama and North Carolina Boards, to send the gospel to the North Carolina Troops in the army of the Confederate States.

After intermission, Elder J. H. YARBORO preached in place of Elder W. HILL, who did not attend by reason of indisposition; and it is hoped that much good may be realized in days to come from the services and labors of the min-

istry during the day, in connexion with those of the session, in which brethren LAMBETH, YARBORO, HILL, McSWAIN, HOWELL and WEBB participated.

(MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

The Association met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and a quorum found present.

On motion, the minutes of Saturday were corrected and approved.

The Committee on Finance reported monies contributed for minutes, \$144 10

Due Clerk, for money paid last year, 42 90

Leaving a balance of 101 20
Whereupon, the Association instructed the Clerk to have as many copies of the minutes printed as the funds on hand will pay for, after retaining \$15.00 for services.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported, which was adopted. (See Appendix, letter A.)

After the adoption of which, the following resolution passed the body:

Resolved, That as the Committee on Sabbath Schools recommend the appointment of a Missionary, we will appoint Elder G. M. WEBB to preach to and organize Sabbath Schools in all the Churches he may be able, and collect whatever funds he can for services rendered, and report the result of his operations to the next session of this Association.

The Committee on Periodicals reported.. (See letter B.)

The Committee on Temperance reported.
(See letter C.)

The Committee on Obituaries reported. (See letter D.)

The Committee on Domestic and Army Missions reported. (See letter E.)

The Committee on Correspondence reported.
(See letter F.)

The Missionary Board reported cash on hand, \$18.50; collections were made of unpaid subscriptions amounting to \$125.50, making the sum of \$144.00, which was paid over to Elder L. M. BERRY, in pursuance of the order of last Association.

Pledges were then made in behalf of the Catawba Valley Mission, as follows, viz:

G. W. Rollins,	(individually,)	\$20 00
G. M. Webb,	"	10 00
R. P. Logan,	"	10 00
A. A. McSwain,	"	10 00
D. Fisher,	"	10 00
J. C. Lattimore,	"	10 00
J. R. Logan,	"	20 00
E. C. Wilson, for Zoar Church,		10 00
G. R. Harding, int. on \$100 bond,		10 00
per cent., annually,		4 00

Aggregate Amount,	<u>\$104 00</u>
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On motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the several Churches composing this body be earnestly requested to send up such free will offerings to the next session of this Association as they may be able, to aid Missionary operations in the Catawba Valley the ensuing year; and that all ministers belonging to this Association be requested to take up collections for this object, and report results to the next meeting of the same.

On motion, Elder L. M. BERRY was appointed missionary to labor among the churches and destitute settlements in the Catawba Valley the ensuing year, and report as heretofore at the next session of the Association.

On motion, the Association appointed Elders A. A. McSWAIN, G. M. WEBB and L. M. BERRY, a committee to visit, at their convenience, Mount Vernon and Corinth Churches, and ascertain why they have not been represented in the late sessions of the Association, with instructions to report to the next Association.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of the body be tendered to the brethren and citizens, residing in the vicinity of Bethel Church, for their kindness and hospitable treatment of the delegates and messengers attending the present session.

There being no other business before the Association, on motion, the body adjourned.

Prayer by Elder J. H. YARBORO, and the right hand of fellowship given.

R. P. LOGAN, *Moderator*.

J. R. LOGAN, *Clerk*.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

THE KINGS MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES
IN UNION, GREETING:

DEAR BRETHREN: Intemperance, that bane of society, that great moral sin, being the subject proposed for this Circular Letter, we will proceed to recount a few of its miseries. From the creation to the present day, the world has by Intemperance been involved in misery. Noah was a preacher of righteousness, previous to intoxication; the righteous soul of just Lot was vexed from day to day at the deeds of the wicked; but he became intemperate and committed incest. Subsequent silence seems designed as a punishment of these two men, as the reward of their Intemperance. Belsazzar, the great king of Babylon, by Intemperance lost his kingdom and his life. Scriptural quotations on this subject might be multiplied; but as brevity is our intent, these may suffice. But, beloved brethren, as the ages of the world have multiplied, the awful vice of Intemperance, and its consequent direful effects, have increased in a tenfold ratio. The present age might emphatically be styled the drunken age, so much does inebriety prevail.

A late writer tells us that "temperance, by fortifying the mind and body, leads to happiness; intemperance, by enervating them, leads to misery; and those who destroy a healthy constitution of body by intemperance, do as manifestly kill themselves, as those who hang, poison or drown themselves. Virtue is no enemy to pleasure, but, on the contrary, is its most certain friend. Her office is to regulate our desires, that we may enjoy pleasures with moderation, and then our relish for them will continue."

Some, alas! have recourse to ardent spirits, as a refuge from misfortune; but this is the most frail, the most broken of all reeds: the solace is short-lived; every fresh dose makes way for another, till the miserable wretch becomes the slave of his intoxication, and falls a sacrifice to his false medicine. How different the life of the wise, who rest their case on the stable hope of an all-wise Providence, who chastens whom he would amend, and afflicts whom he would exalt! O ye! who, by the ardent, liquid poison, into your frames daily infused, madly dare to rush into the presence of your omnipotent Judge, as in defiance

his wrath, reflect, O! ere it be too late, reflect, and hurl the poisoning cup away.

That there is a hereafter, conscience, as though with powerful lungs, proclaims to all: then it must be an awful thing to die! But still more awful to die by one's own hand; for that daily intoxication is mature, deliberate suicide, every one in his senses will surely allow. Remember that use, custom and habit, are but synonymous terms for the thing called second nature; that this second nature is than our first more stubborn, more difficult to be subdued. Remember, also, that by little, unsuspecting beginnings, murderous inebriety usurps her reign. Then resist her first advances, beware of her bewitching smiles that would allure you to her fatal grasp.

Those who pride themselves on living fast, and are bent on a short and merry life, as they call it, (though we should term it a miserable one), may spurn at these admonitions and rush headlong to their own destruction; but let them beware, for the day of retribution is at hand, their short-lived imaginary pleasures are the certain avenues to eternal, real pains. If, when we died, we ceased to be, if death were nothing but a return to the barren womb of nothing whence we sprung, then might the wretch, weary of life, and by sorrow worn, give misery the slip and steal from being when he pleased; but even in that case, why not prefer the halter or the knife? Why die by inches? Why make daily attempts on one's own life by murderous, liquid fire? No reason why, but that wickedness is abroad in the land; and in our own land proverbially so, we blushing subscribe to the proverb. Societies have been recently established in our different seaports, for the suppression of intoxication; medicines have been publicly vended and dispensed throughout the Union, the benign effects of which, 'tis said, will deter the tipping maniac, and bid him sin no more. Amen! say we, to the successful issues of these humane efforts: and let us, dear brethren, unite in earnest supplication to the great Creator, that his creatures may cease to defile the image of their Maker by brutal sensuality, as in that image they were created; and verily we say unto them, that in brutalizing the creature, they heinously offend the Creator.

J. B. LOGAN, Clerk. R. P. LOGAN, Moderator.

APPENDIX.

[A.] The Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report, viz:

In this great time of need, we are sorry to make it known to the religious world, that there are but three Sabbath Schools in operation within the bounds of our Association at the present time. According to reports from Churches, there is one at Lincolnton, Zoar and Sandy Run. It seems there were other Churches where schools have been started, but for want of energy, on the part of superintendents, they soon went down. We hope a greater effort will be made the ensuing year than has ever been made heretofore, because of the many fatherless and motherless children in the land, who are unable to get instruction, and especially religious training, in any other way.

We, therefore, recommend that a Sabbath School Missionary be appointed to canvass the bounds of our Association, visit all the Churches in the same, and establish, if possible, Sabbath Schools in all the Churches of our Union; whose duty it shall be to report the result of his operations to the next meeting of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. WEBB, *Chm'n.*

PERIODICALS.

[B.] The Committee on Religious Periodicals again recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, as the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina. We consider it worthy of patronage by the denomination throughout the State; and therefore recommend each Church of our Association to subscribe for as many copies as they may be able, and send the same to the address of our soldiers from this State, now engaged battling for our rights in the army of the Confederate States.

L. M. BERRY, *Chm'n.*

TEMPERANCE.

[C.] The Committee on Temperance, having considered the subject in all its bearings, without bias or prejudice, submit the following report. We are told in divine truth, that "cursed is he that puts the cup to his neighbor's lips." Hence we are of opinion that the use of ardent spirits, as a medicine *only*, is deleterious to the mind and health of the human family; a consuming agent of the wicked one, and if indulged in will prove instrumental in the destruction of the soul in eternal misery. Therefore we beg the ministry of the Church of Christ to use all their efforts in banishing its use from the Congregation of the Lord, to whom you are sent to dispense the word of life. Dying men that must soon stand in the presence of God and give an account of their works on earth, would do well to pause and consider their ways, whether they be of a character to promote temperance and the furtherance of Christ's kingdom on the earth, or calculated to aid and abet the cause of Satan. May God help us to abstain from the baleful practice of intemperate habits of every kind and character.

G. R. HARDING, *Chmn.*

OBITUARIES.

[D.] The Committee on Obituaries submit the following, in the way of thanksgiving to God for his goodness in preserving our lives another year, to attend to such matters as make for our soul's interest in this world, and for our eternal happiness in the world to come. We thank God that the lives of all our ministers of truth and life have been spared to this present hour, and that they are still standing on the walls of Zion, warning sinners to repent of their sins and be baptized in Christ, by the renewing of their spirits, washing their bodies in obedience to the command of our blessed Lord. But while we rejoice at our own deliverance from death and afflictions, we are called upon to mourn the death of many of our most useful and good men. But we mourn not as others who have no interest in the coming of our blessed Saviour; and, therefore, submit with all the cheerfulness we can to the dispensations of Providence, who will not fail in his

own good time to bring comfort out of tribulation and sorrow.

Respectfully,

G. R. HARDING, *Chm'n.*

DOMESTIC AND ARMY MISSIONS.

[E.] The Committee on Domestic and Army Missions submit the following report. We are sorry to say that far too little has been done by the Churches and brethren generally; for the important mission fields are not being cultivated as they should be, nor to the extent of our ability as an Association; in consequence of which the ways of Zion do mourn, and few come to her solemn feasts. We are also led to fear that the blood of our fathers, brothers and sons, from the various battle-fields, may already be crying from the ground against some of the Churches and members of this Association. It is hoped, therefore, and respectfully urged, that all the brethren now in the enjoyment of happy privileges and plenty of the good things of this world, will immediately set themselves to thinking and working for those who are poor and destitute.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. ROLLINS, *Chm'n.*

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Committee on Associational Correspondence submit the following epistle for the benefit of those bodies with whom we correspond:

Dearlly beloved brethren, composing the Broad River, Bethel, Catawba River and Brown's Creek Associations:

Through the providence of God, our Heavenly Father, we have again been permitted to meet together in an associate capacity, and through his aid and guidance are yet keeping up a distinct organization as the "King's Mountain Baptist Association," and have had, notwithstanding the troubles and *outside pressure* that surround us, a pleasant session. Our business has been transacted in the fear of God, and in brotherly love, while our hearts have been made glad because of the presence of a few corresponding and visiting brethren from other bodies. We

have to lament and regret, however, the failure on the part of messengers appointed by nearly all the Associations with whom we correspond, to attend our session.

We hope this is not owing to any lack of fellowship or Christian comity or courtesy, that should at all times characterize the followers of our common Saviour; and hope that we shall yet avail ourselves of the good counsels of our brethren in sessions yet to come. A goodly number of our Churches too have not been represented in the present session, owing probably to causes not properly under their control, growing out of the cruel war in which we are engaged, and the fact that our session has been held in a remote extreme of our territory. The reports from some of our Churches are encouraging, having had refreshing seasons from the presence of the Lord. By reference to our minutes you will find that the various Christian enterprises requiring patronage have had the consideration of the body, and Sabbath Schools have received a new impetus that we trust will hereafter be productive of great good to the cause amongst all of our Churches.

Our next Association will convene with the Church at Zoar, 2½ miles southwest from Slating, Cleaveland county N. C., commencing on Friday before the 3rd Lord's day in September, 1865. We anticipate a full attendance from corresponding bodies, as our session will be central and convenient. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

J. E. LOGAN, *Clerk.*

R. P. LOGAN, *Moderator.*

A TABULAR STATEMENT,

Showing the condition, Clerks, Post Offices, &c., of the several Churches of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES SUPPLIES.	CLERKS.	DELEGATES NAMES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Contributions.
Bandy Run,	Montebello NC	W. R. Lott	C. N. Lott	0	2	5	1	1	3	205	\$15 00
Zion,	Shelby,	H. J. Irvine	H. J. Irvine	16	0	0	0	1	2	138	10 00
Zion,	Shelby,	H. C. Wilson	H. C. Wilson	4	1	9	1	1	6	162	13 00
Double Springs	Camp Hill,	A. Green	A. Green	15	3	2	1	2	8	181	14 70
New Bethel,	Garthners Fork,	R. T. Lord	R. T. Lord	22	3	0	1	1	2	127	
Pleasant Hill,	Petersburg NC	S. Tufman	S. Tufman	24	1	0	0	1	0	48	11 80
Mount Vernon	Seagles Store			6	5	0	0	0	1	79	10 00
Conith,	Seagles Store			2	1	0	0	0	0	35	11 05
18, Spring,	Doakville,	S. C. Gettys	T. C. Lott	0	3	0	0	0	0	27	9 00
Bethlehem,	White Plains	G. Hendon	D. F. Lott	1	12	1	0	0	0	65	7 05
Oliver,	Suerrills Fork	J. J. Sanders	A. C. Lott	4	2	0	0	0	0	43	5 00
Lebanon,	Linsculon,	A. Goodson	A. C. Lott	9	3	0	0	0	0		
Concord,	Webbs Fork	J. W. Green	J. J. M	4	2	0	0	0	0		
Thermonica,	Zeobas Fork	J. J. Hiles	L. M. Lott	0	2	1	0	1	1	41	22 00
Linsculon,	Linsculon	A. J. Parker	No representation	0	2	1	0	1	1		
Camp Hill,	Camp Hill	W. W. Green	J. M. Lott	0	2	1	0	1	1		
Bethel,	Rock Cut,	A. Clark	J. M. Lott	0	2	1	0	1	1		

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