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PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, Sept. 25th, 1874.

The delegates of the King's Mountain Association met with the Church at Sandy Run, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Wade Hill. Text: Isaiah 62:6.

Recess of thirty minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Religious exercises by Elder A. C. Dickson.

Elder G. W. Rollins, former Moderator, called the body to order.

Appointed Elders J. H. Yarboro and A. C. Dickson Reading Clerks.

The letters were read, and delegates' names enrolled as follows:

Sandy Run—Elder G. W. Rollins, Brethren B. B. Harris, W. B. Stroud, M. D. Padgett, Robt. McBrayer and W. B. Lovelace.

Zion—Elder R. Posten, Brethren J. D. Weathers, A. J. Erwin and A. C. Erwin, Licentiate.

Zoar—Brethren J. R. Logan, Jacob Hogue and P. D. Wilson.

Double Spring—Elder J. H. Yarboro, Brethren E. J. Lovelace, A. Crowder and J. M. Bridges, Licentiate.

New Bethel—Brethren W. A. Thompson, Perry Wright, D. Cline and J. M. London.

Pleasant Hill—Brethren J. A. Roberts, W. A. J. Hamrick and H. Borders

Mt. Vernon—Brethren W. J. Wesson and S. J. Weaver.

Big Spring—Brethren J. C. Lattimore and W. P. Withrow.

Bethlehem—Elder P. R. Elam, Brethren John Barber, R. C. Gladden and A. H. Herndon.

Olivet—No delegation.

Concord—William Harrell, Licentiate, Brethren G. T. Bostic and W. H. Martin.

Thessalonica—Brother J. J. Sigman.

Bethel—Elders D. Pannell and J. J. Jones.

Mt. Sinai—Elder L. H. McSwain and Brother S. Wylie.

Mt. Pleasant—Brethren T. D. Scruggs, J. A. Scruggs, J. W. McGinnis and John Ruppe, Licentiate.

Beaver-dam—Elders William McSwain, Martin Pannell, Brethren N. S. Harrell and B. Hamrick.

Walls—Brethren Charles Yelton, W. T. Davis and John Smart.

Sandy Plains—Brethren J. P. Green, W. A. Crowder, W. B. Bridges and J. B. Walker.

High Shoal—Brethren J. M. Good, Thomas Wilkins, David Matheny and J. P. Burgess.

Mt. Paran—Brethren Isaac Moore, Peter Sepaug and F. H. Bridges.

Mt. Harmony—Brethren H. A. Toney and J. L. Padgett.

Boiling Spring—Elder A. A. McSwain, Licentiates G. P. Hamrick, R. N. Hawkins and Brother B. H. Bridges.

Shelby—Elders G. M. Webb, W. W. Guinn and Brother J. Jenkins.

Capernaum—Elder Wade Hill and Brother J. S. Wray.

New Prospect—Elder T. Dixon, Brethren J. L. Ledford, J. C. Hoyle, A. Beam, Elphus Hamrick and Samuel Harrell.

Mt. Zion—Brethren E. R. Welman and J. R. Moss.

Antioch—Brethren H. Borders, E. Marden and J. R. Dixon.

New Hope—Brethren A. Earles, James Rippy, R. E. Harrell and Henry Borders.

Lincoln—No delegation.

New Hope, a new constitution, made application to join this body, and was received.

Re-elected Elder G. W. Rollins, Moderator, and B. H. Bridges, Clerk.

The usual invitation was given to Correspondents from sister Associations, and received as follows:

Broad River—None.

Grem River—Elder A. D. Davidson.

Appointed a Committee on Order of Business as follows: Elders Wade Hill, J. H. Yarboro, Bro. J. Jenkins, with the Moderator and Clerk.

Appointed Brethren H. Borders, J. C. Lattimore and Thomas Wilkins, with the Pastor and Deacons of this Church, a Committee on Religious Exercises.

The Committee appointed to amend the Constitution reported, and to-morrow after the report of the Committee on Order of Business, was set apart for its consideration.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow, 10 A. M. Prayer by Elder J. K. Howell.

SATURDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer was offered by Elder P. R. Elam.

The roll was called.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Committee on Order of Business reported.

The report received and Committee discharged.

Read the Constitution, Rules of Order and Abstract of Principles.

The following Committees were announced by the Moderator :

Missions—Elders G. M. Webb, Wade Hill and Brother E. J. Lovelace.

Sabbath Schools—Brethren J. R. Logan, G. P. Hamrick and J. M. Bridges.

Finance—Brethren J. Jenkins, J. P. Burgess and T. D. Scruggs.

Periodicals—Elder J. H. Yarboro, Brethren J. C. Lattimore and J. C. Hoyle.

Union Meetings—Elders P. R. Elam, William McSwain and Brother G. T.

Bostic.

Education—Elders W. W. Guinn, R. Poston and Brother W. A. Thompson.

Temperance—Elder A. A. McSwain, A. C. Erwin, Licentiate, and Brother H. Borders.

Obituaries—Elder T. Dixon, Brethren J. A. Roberts and William Harrell.

Called for Correspondents from sister Associations, and the following were received :

Broad River—Brethren W. R. Lipscomb, W. S. Wood, John Ham and D. G. Palmer.

Green River—Brother D. D. Lattimore.

Catawba River—Brother Daniel Carpenter.

South Yadkin—Elder J. K. Howell and Brother J. J. Hicks.

An invitation to visiting Ministers was given, and accepted by Elder A. C. Dixon, and J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The proposed Constitution was taken up, and after some discussion, the Association adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Constitution was again taken up for further consideration, and, after much discussion, was finally tabled.

Appointed Elder T. Dixon to preach the Introductory at the next meeting of this body; Elder G. M. Webb, alternate.

Elder Wade Hill was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon at the next session of the Association; Elder G. M. Webb, alternate.

It was agreed to hold the next session of this Association with New Hope Church, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1875.

The Missionary Board of last year reported, and was discharged.

Elder J. D. Hufham was appointed to preach at 10, A. M., to-morrow; in the afternoon, Elder W. W. Guinn.

On motion, adjourned to meet Monday, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder D. Pannell.

SABBATH.

The stand was occupied by Elder J. D. Hufham, at 10 o'clock, A. M., who exhibited the word of life to a large and well ordered congregation. Text: Luke 7:34.

Followed by Elder G. M. Webb, who preached the Missionary Sermon, under an appointment of last year ; at the close of which, a collection was made amounting to \$46 50.
Text : Mark 16:15.

A recess of one hour.

AFTERNOON.

By reason of the inclemency of the weather, the congregation was much disturbed, but after assembling in the house, Elder W. W. Guinn delivered an interesting sermon.
Text : 2nd Cor. 8:9.

It is hoped that the labors of the day may be blessed to the good of souls.

MONDAY MORNING, 9, A. M.

Prayer by Elder J. H. Yarbboro.

Called the roll and proceeded to business.

The Committee on Periodicals reported as follows :

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals recommend the *Biblical Recorder* to the favorable consideration of this body, and not only to this body, but to all Baptists of the State. It is universally acknowledged and regarded as the organ of the Baptists of the State ; we therefore suggest that the Pastors of our Churches act as agents for the paper, and make a united effort to give it a more extensive circulation. In doing this, we not only assist the Editor, but wield an extensive influence for the dissemination of light and truth.

And to Sunday School Students and Teachers, we have no hesitancy in recommending *Kind Words*.

J. H. YARBORO, *Chairman*.

The report was adopted.

The report on Missions was read as follows :

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

STATE MISSIONS.

There is only one organization which has for its object to combine the Baptists of North Carolina in the great work of Home Missions. That organization is the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, with which this Association is co-operating. For more than forty years this body has kept the claims of State Missions steadily in view, and the efforts that have been put forth have been greatly blessed of God. During the past year, there has been a large number of laborers in different parts of the State, and much good has been done. Churches have been organized; houses of worship have been built, and others are in progress; sinners have been converted; and neighborhoods which would otherwise have been destitute, have been supplied with the preaching of the Gospel in its purity.

Partly owing to the financial pressure prevailing throughout the country; partly from other causes the churches have not been as liberal as usual. The churches of this body have contributed only seventy-five dollars during the year. Surely this ought not so to be. We commend this enterprise to their prayerful consideration, and ask whether they should not do more than they have done.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Cheering intelligence comes to us from our brethren in heathen lands. The work is spreading in all directions, and is growing in power as well as extent. Over against this bright picture is set the sad fact that the churches at home are not alive to the importance of the work.

G. M. WEBB, *Chairman.*

Report adopted.

After the adoption of this report, addresses were made by Elders Webb and Hufham, which resulted in pledges being made to the amount of \$62.50.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported the following :

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It is certainly obvious to the most superficial observer that great and lasting good to the cause of religion is almost continually resulting and developing itself from Sabbath School labor. The Sabbath School system is now recognized by almost all as one of the chief auxiliaries or bulwarks of the church, and

justly deserves the consideration and admiration of the body. We are glad to notice that several of the churches are giving heed to, and practicing, on the advice heretofore given by the Association in this particular, and have flourishing schools; while on the other hand, we are sorry to notice that others seem to neglect the duty so often urged upon their attention.

Dear brethren, your Committee, in the discharge of their duty, can only insist that the Association continue to agitate and urge the delinquent churches to fall into line at once, and solicit from each and every one of them a full report of operations at the next session of this body. Being so often importuned, we hope they will take the more earnest heed to the admonition given.

J. R. LOGAN, *Chairman*.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Union meetings reported :

That the next Union Meeting will be held with the Church at Sandy Plains on Friday before the third Sabbath in August, 1875.

Appointed to attend said meeting : Elders T. Dixon, A. A. McSwain, L. H. McSwain, William McSwain and R. Posten.

Committee on Finance reported the following :

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Amount received for Minutes,.....	\$ 53 15
“ “ “ Missions,.....	75 00

J. JENKINS, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Education failed to report.

The Clerk was authorized to write the report.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Within the bounds of this Association there has been, during the past Associational year, quite an increased interest in this subject. Houses are being built in several localities; one has just been completed on our lines, near the Burnt Chimneys, superintended by Elder J. H. Yarboro; another on Buffalo, near Capernaum Church; and others are being erected in other places.

While we are glad to know this, we cannot but urge that a greater interest be manifested upon the part of this body. The subject of Education should anxiously concern every member, if

we would prosper as a denomination. You, who have children to educate, should remember that time is fast fleeting on, soon be too late, as with us. Brethren, you are the educators; it is by your aid, your influence, your sympathies and your prayers, that our schools are successful; and, if this body would unite in one general effort, as a body of educators, we would soon bring up our denomination to the desired point. Could we get a Baptist movement in this direction, the result would be the uprooting of ignorance, and the diffusion of general intelligence.

There is no lack of schools within the limits of this Association if they were only patronized. The following are now in operation: first, one in Shelby, that is every way worthy of your patronage, Elder W. W. Guinn, principal; secondly, Bridges Academy, which asks a liberal share of your patronage; thirdly, Burnt Chimneys, which calls for her share. Brethren, these are in our midst, and will compare well with other portions of the State, if they were properly sustained by you. Let us try to create a general sentiment among the churches of this Association in favor of the diffusion of knowledge among our children. Let every one be impressed with the duty of sustaining their own schools, and learning for himself the way of life and not depend upon those who have not our interests.

As a denomination we cannot excuse ourselves on the grounds that we have no denominational schools. Wake Forest College equals any in the State, and is one which thoroughly teaches and practices the doctrines of the Scriptures held by us as Baptists. This surely makes us subject to a high obligation to sustain said school in imparting these principals to our people. As Baptists, we claim to be the champions of civil religious liberty, and how can we shun the imperative duty of patronizing and contributing in behalf of this institution. If we would be true to ourselves and our principles, we must lend our influence and our means to those teaching and practicing such principles.

We wish for success in all the efforts being made to endow Wake Forest College, and hope that this Association will not be tardy in furnishing her part. We think it the proper place for a thorough course of instruction and Baptist training. Young ministers especially, who are called of God, should receive a course of training at this place; and would urge that the churches take an interest in sending them for the apostolic training. Christ taught a three years school before his students were allowed to enter wholly upon the work. Our failure, brethren, of following this example, and not only failure, but the oppositon to and the rushing of them unto the pulpit unprepared for the work, is the leading cause of errors being made by our ministers. It is an obstacle which impedes the progress of our denomination. We would say to the brethren, who feel that it is their duty to exercise a public gift, to look to the east and consider whether you are prepared for the work that God requires at your hands. We believe in a call to the ministry; but as to what constitutes this call, we do not propose to say, only that it is to prepare for the preaching of the Gospel. This seems to be a task to those of much experience; they (the older ministers) seem to dread the work assigned them, and would prefer some other department of christian duty. How is it with the inexperienced who feels that he is called of God and

must enter upon the greatest work fallen to man---the preaching of the Gospel of the Son of God.

Baptists out number all other denominations in the State, and should therefore become the leaders in Education. Our children stand in need of it, and let every member of this Association recognize it as his duty to educate his children; these are the obligations of Baptists, if we be right in our belief. Brethren, then of the King's Mountain Association, we call upon you to consider our interests educationally; give your sympathies; unite your energies; direct your influence; aid in supporting denominational schools, and make one general effort to dethrone ignorance and establish the reign of knowledge and truth within our borders.

CLERK.

The Committee on Obituaries submitted the following:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries are glad to state that so far as our information extends but few of our number have been called from our midst, and the letters sent up from our churches have not gives the names of any; we are therefore unable to particularize; but in looking over the ministry, our hearts are made sad at the absence of Brother L. R. Rollins, since our last session. God has called him into the Association of angels; he will meet with us no more on earth. This young minister was a model of piety, zealous in the defence of the Gospel, and an excellent preacher. In the bloom of youth, and in the midst of his preparation for a thorough course of literary training at Wake Forest College, God has called him home.

In morality and religious zeal, no young man in the limits of our knowledge was his superior.

In his death our hearts are pervaded with a moral sublimity, which teaches us that we should submit to the dispensation of a wise Providence, and may we all be as well prepared to cross over the Jordan that now separates us from him.

T. DIXON, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

The report on Temperance was read as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance has been defined moderation; we would say, then, that it is a principle of government within ourselves, which enable us to abstain from excessive eating, drinking or any enjoyment. A spirit of it is opposed to any and every excess by which our faculties are impaired or the moral habits rendered unchaste. While excessive eating and drinking produces bodily diseases,

it has a tendency to blind the mind, stupify the conscience, and corrupt the heart.

Christians should not indulge in these sins, but should oppose others indulging in them, for they unfit them for the discharge of duty, and hinders their usefulness, and prevents their being prepared for the coming of Christ.

Intemperance, in the use of ardent spirits, had become prevalent in this section of our country and all most threatened entire ruin till a vast number of pious men, alarmed at the approaching dangers, rose to check its evil and baneful practices. In the Churches and Associations were the only places to give an effective check, and in them, efforts have been efficiently made for reformation; sermons have been preached, addresses delivered, means employed and measures carried into effect; and, by the blessings of God, the growth of its evil is not only checked, but a great reformation has been the result. It was the purpose of those who began to sound the alarm to continue, and not to cease, till such liquors were not used. Every true friend of religion, or of his country, is bound by the principles of temperance to labor to the utmost extent of his ability for general reform; and to endeavor to have such measures carried into effect as will suppress every evil of intemperance. We hope sincerely that all will continue to labor for its suppression till its evil will be no more, that the souls and usefulness of men shall not be destroyed by it.

A. A. McSWAIN, *Chairman.*

Report adopted.

Appointed Messengers to the several Associations as follows:

To the Broad River—Elder L. H. McSwain and Brother J. R. Logan.

To the Green River—Elders A. A. McSwain, J. H. Yarboro, G. M. Webb, R. Poston, G. W. Rollins, W. Hill, T. Dixon, A. C. Dixon, A. C. Erwin and Brother B. H. Bridges.

South Yadkin—Elder A. A. McSwain.

The following were appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention: Elders T. Dixon, G. M. Webb, A. C. Dixon, G. W. Rollins, A. A. McSwain, Brethren J. Jenkins, W. A. Thompson and B. H. Bridges.

The proceedings of the present session were read and approved.

The Clerk was ordered to superintend the printing of the minutes, and distribution of the same, and retain ten dollars for his services.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the members of this Church and community for their generous hospitality during our present session.

On motion, adjourned to meet with New Hope Church, seven miles south of Shelby, on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1875. Prayer by Elder T. Dixon.

G. W. ROLLINS, MODERATOR.

B. H. BRIDGES, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Sabbath of Preaching.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Amount for Minutes.	State Missions.	Home Missions.
Sandy Run,	Mooreboro'	G. W. Rollins,	W. B. Lovelace,	3d,	19	6	2	9	1	4	255	\$ 3 50	.....	.....
Zion,	Shelby,	J. H. Yarboro,	A. J. Erwin,	1st,	23	6	.....	5	5	.....	168	2 00	.....	.....
Zoar,	Shelby,	W. W. Guinn,	P. D. Wilson,	1-3d	2	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	2 130	2 00	.....	.....
Double Springs,	Shelby,	G. M. Webb,	W. W. Bridges,	2d, . . . . .	.....	4	.....	8	.....	.....	154	2 45	.....	.....
New Bethel,	Gardner's Ford,	T. Dixon,	R. T. Hoard,	"	12	3	.....	3	2	1	178	2 10	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill,	Petersburg,	G. M. Webb,	J. A. Roberts,	1st,	42	.....	6	4	4	2	178	2 70	\$ 5 00	.....
Mt. Vernon,	Mull's Grove,	G. J. Wilkie,	S. J. Weaver,	3d,	10	2	.....	4	2	3	53	85	.....	\$ 5 20
Big Spring,	Duncan's Creek,	G. W. Rollins,	J. C. Gettys,	2d,	32	5	3	5	.....	3	175	2 50	.....	.....
Bethlehem,	King's Mountain,	P. R. Elam,	P. M. Gardner, . . . . .	" . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olivet,	Webb's Ford,	G. W. Rollins,	William Harrell,	1st, . . . . .	.....	5	1	.....	1	2	104	1 85	.....	.....
Concord,	Jacob's Fork,	J. K. Howell,	P. Baker,	3d,	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	52	1 50	.....	.....
Thessalonica,	Lincoln,	N. B. Cobb, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....
Bethel,	Webb's Ford,	D. Pannell,	D. N. Hamrick,	2d,	1	2	.....	1	1	.....	81	1 25	.....	.....
Mt. Sinai,	Irons ville,	L. H. McSwain,	S. Wylie,	3d,	12	.....	.....	34	.....	1	73	20	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant,	Nicholsonville,	A. A. McSwain,	J. D. Simmons,	2d,	30	1	1	8	1	169	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Beaver-dam,	Shelby,	T. B. Mulenax,	J. T. Harrell,	4th,	11	4	.....	4	.....	161	2 25	.....	.....	.....
Walls,	Oak Spring,	Wm. McSwain,	John Smart,	"	4	7	.....	.....	1	128	1 60	.....	.....	.....
Sandy Plains,	Camp Call,	R. Posten,	J. B. Walker,	3d,	7	2	1	.....	.....	2	177	2 45	.....	.....
High Shoal,	Mooreboro',	G. W. Rollins,	J. P. Burgess,	4th,	3	17	3	6	1	176	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Paran,	New House, S. C.	P. R. Elam,	Isaac W. Moore,	3d,	1	2	.....	12	1	110	1 35	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Harmony,	Logan's Store,	B. E. Rollins,	J. L. Padgett,	2d, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	2	3	2	107	1 20	.....	.....
Boiling Spring,	Nicholsonville,	A. A. McSwain,	D. S. Lovelace,	1st,	9	6	1	4	.....	1	170	2 50	.....	.....
Shelby,	Shelby,	W. Hill,	J. Jenkins,	1-3d . . . . .	.....	2	.....	4	1	.....	109	3 00	15 00	.....

Capernaum,.....	Buffalo P. M.,.....	W. Hill,.....	Thomas Kendrick,....	2d,	20	..	2	..	1	95	2 00	..	
New Prospect,.....	Shelby,.....	T. Dixon,.....	J. C. Hoyle,.....	1t,	..	9	15	1	1	298	2 50	3 25	
Mt. Zion,.....	Cherryville,.....	G. M. Webb,.....	J. R. Moss,.....	4th,	2	..	1	2	..	65	1 40	..	
Antioch,.....	Antioch, S. C.,...	P. R. Elam,.....	J. R. Dickson,.....	..	52	9	5	12	2	3	210	2 00	
New Hope,.....	Shelby,.....	T. Dixon,.....	D. D. Harden, <i>pro tem.</i>	2d,	161	3 00	..	
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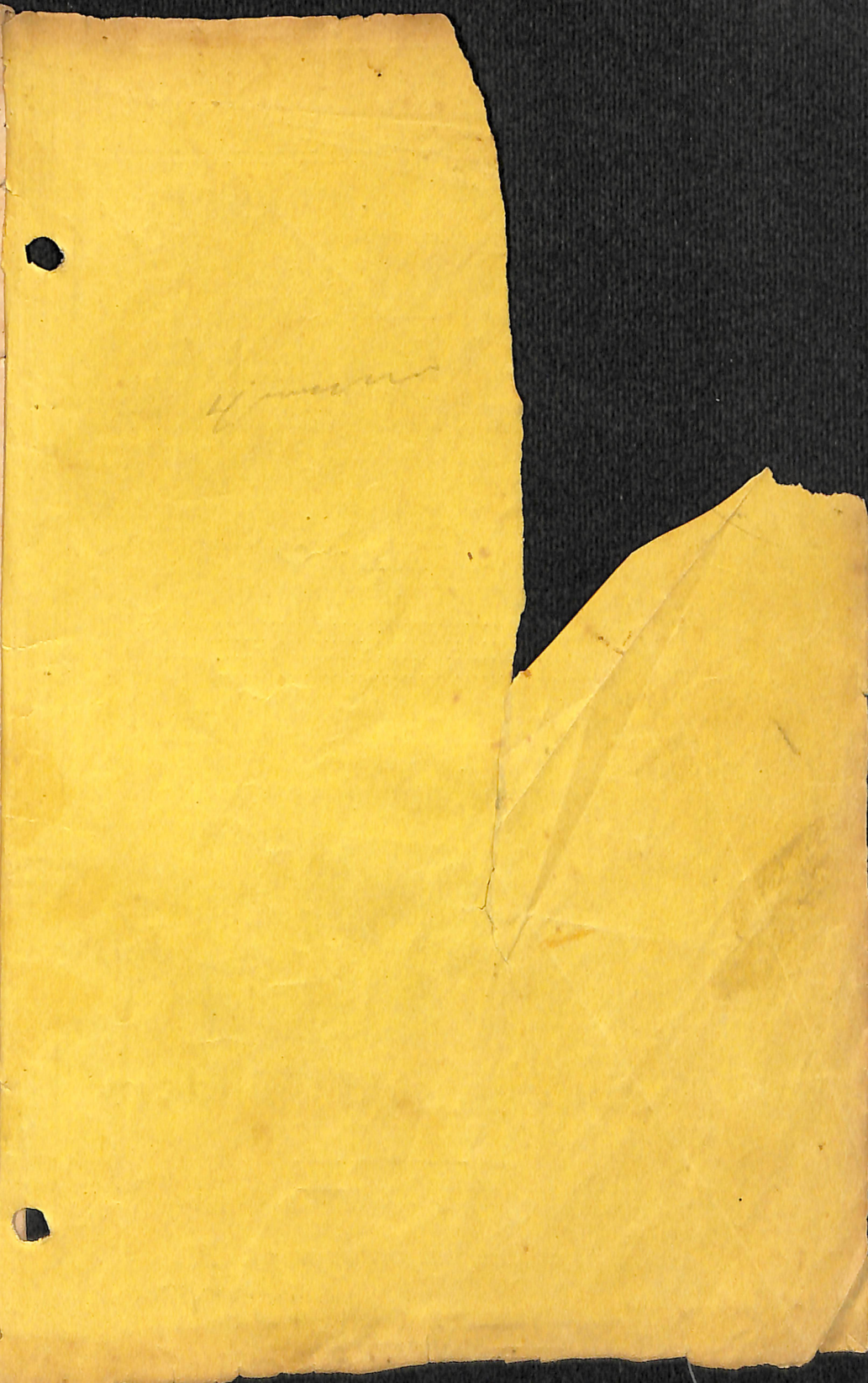
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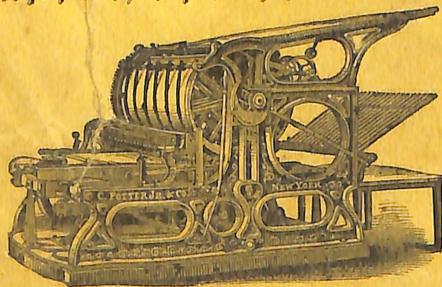
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