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Twenty-fourth

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

OF THE

KING'S MOUNTAIN

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

New Hope, Cleveland County, N. C.,

SEPTEMBER 24, 25, 26 & 27, 1875.



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BANNER BOOK AND JOB OFFICE: J. L. WEBB, PROPRIETOR.
OCTOBER, 1875.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 24, 1875.

The twenty-fourth Annual meeting of the King's Mountain Association, met with the Church at New Hope.

At 11 a. m., the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder T. Dixon. Text : John 14-6.

Recess of thirty minutes.

EVENING SESSION.

Religious exercises conducted by the Moderator.

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

Appointed Elders G. M. Webb and A. A. McSwain reading Clerks.

The Church Letters were read and the names of delegates enrolled as follows :

Sandy Run—Elder G. W. Rollins, and brethren B. P. Greer, B. B. Harris, W. B. Stroud, M. D. Padgett and Mansfield Padgett.

Zion—Elders A. C. Irvin and R. Posten, and brethren J. D. Weathers and A. G. Weathers.

Zoar—Brethren J. R. Logan, Jacob Hogue and Joseph Weaver.

Double Spring—Elders J. H. Yarboro and J. M. Bridges, and brethren E. J. Lovelace and W. W. Bridges.

New Bethel—Brethren William A. Thompson, Thomas J. Dickson and James M. London.

Pleasant Hill—Brethren J. A. Roberts, J. Posten, D. R. Bell and W. A. J. Hamrick.

Mt. Vernon—Brethren S. J. Weaver and Jas. A. Gladden.

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

- Bethlehem*—Elder P. R. Elam and brethren T. W. Harmon, W. H. Herndon and S. M. Beam.
- Olivet*—No delegation.
- Concord*—Brother W. H. Martin.
- Thessalonica*—No delegation.
- Lincoln*—Brother Caleb Hobbs.
- Bethel*—Elders D. Pannell and J. J. Jones.
- Mt. Sinai*—Elder L. H. McSwain and brother S. Wylie.
- Mt. Pleasant*—Brethren J. D. Simmons, J. W. McGinnis, A. B. Ruppe and T. M. Holland.
- Beaver-dam*—Elder Wm. McSwain and brethren N. S. Harrill and B. Hamrick.
- Walls*—Brother W. T. Davis.
- Sandy Plains*—Brethren P. G. Gold, J. P. Green and W. B. Bridges.
- High Shoal*—J. B. Green, licentiate and brethren Thos. Wilkins, J. M. Goode, D. Matheny and J. P. Burgess.
- Mt. Paron*—Brethren P. Harmon, J. M. Martin and I. W. Moore.
- Mt. Harmony*—No delegation.
- Boiling Spring*—Elder A. A. McSwain, R. N. Hawkins, licentiate and brethren B. H. Bridges and D. S. Lovelace.
- Shelby*—Elder G. M. Webb, and brethren T. K. Barnett and J. Jenkins.
- Capernaum*—Elder W. Hill, and brother Thos. Kindrick.
- New Prospect*—Elder T. Dixon, and brethren A. Beam, J. C. Hoyle, J. L. Ledford, V. Elliott, Wm. Alexander and Elphus Hamrick.
- Mt. Zion*—N. H. Moss, licentiate and brother E. R. Welman.
- Antioch*—Brethren H. Borders, E. Hardin, J. H. Austell and J. R. Dickson.
- New Hope*—Brethren A. Earl, R. E. Harrill, T. H. Lowry and L. M. Logan.

Buffalo Church, formerly a member of the Broad River Association, was received into this body with the following delegates—Brethren F. S. Ramseur, John Turner, William Hamrick, R. E. Porter, W. D. Gaston, A. W. Holt and John Hopper.

Appointed J. R. Logan, Thos. Wilkins and J. Jenkins to superintend the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—T. Dixon, Moderator and L. M. Logan, Clerk.

On motion, The order of business of last year was adopted for to-day.

The usual invitation to messengers from Sister Associations was given and received as follows :

Broad River—Elder J. G. Carter.

Green River—Elders T. B. Justice and H. D. Harrill.

Catawba River—Brethren H. Padgett and J. F. Wilson.

York—Brother D. M. Williams.

An invitation was extended to visiting Ministers and accepted by Elder J. B. Richardson, *Corresponding Secretary* of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Appointed a Committee on order of business as follows :

G. M. Webb, R. Posten and G. W. Rollins; And on motion, the Moderator and Clerk were added.

Appointed J. R. Logan, F. S. Ramseur and B. B. Harris, with Pastor and Deacons of this Church, a Committee on religious exercises.

On motion adjourned till to-morrow, 9½ a. m.

Prayer by J. B. Richardson.

SATURDAY, 9½ a. m.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by T. B. Justice.

Before proceeding to business a call was made for Churches not represented yesterday.

Lincoln responded by letter and delegate, asking letter of dismission.

The Committee on religious exercises reported that H. D. Harrill and J. G. Carter would preach in the forenoon and T. B. Justice and G. W. Rollins in the afternoon.

On motion, Committee on order of business reported which was adopted.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The Constitution, rules of order and abstract of principles were read by Clerk.

A call was again made on corresponding bodies, Elder W. B. Lipscomb, of Broad River responded, and was received.

Brother J. G. W. Wood, of Salem Association, Texas, was invited to a seat in this body, who accepted the same.

A request of the Shiloh Association, (Colored Baptist, who were in session near us,) was handed in asking Ministerial aid on the Sabbath, which was referred to a special Committee, A. Earl, H. Borders and P. Sepaugh, who reported T. Dixon and G. M. Webb as giving their assent to comply with said request.

Committees were appointed as follows :

Missions—W. Hill, G. M. Webb and J. C. Lattimore.

Sabbath Schools—A. A. McSwain, J. A. Roberts and R. E. Porter.

Finance—J. R. Logan, J. L. Ledford and Thomas Wilkins.

Periodicals—P R Elam, J Jenkins and L H McSwain.

Union Meetings—J C Hoyle, A Earl and E J Lovelace.

Education—J H Yarboro, G W Rollins and B H Bridges.

Temperance—R Posten, M D Padgett and D Pannell.

Obituaries—A C Irvin, J M Bridges and Noah Moss.

G. W. Rollins was elected to preach the next Introductory sermon of this body, W. Hill alternate.

G. M. Webb to preach the Mission sermon, J. H. Yarboro alternate.

Selected J. B. Richardson and T. B. Justice to preach to-morrow.

Recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Committee on Union Meetings designated Pleasant Hill Church as the place of holding the next Union Meeting, beginning on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in August, 1876.

Appointed T. Dixon, D. Pannell and G. M. Webb to attend said meeting.

The Committee on Missions reported as follows :

MISSIONS.

The last great command of our Savior is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." We have declared to the world that we are the followers of Jesus Christ, and have said, "Hereby ye may know we are His disciples, because *we do whatsoever He commands.*" Hence we are especially committed to the work of Missions. The first emotions of the regenerated heart direct us to this work; the life and labors of the Apostles and primitive christians lead us to it; the spirituality of our Churches require it of us; thousands and millions of those who are without God are calling us to it: and our Lord and Savior by example, precept and command enjoins it upon us.

This department of christian labor is divided into what we call *State* or *Home* and *Foreign* Missions :

STATE MISSIONS.

In this field of labor, we are doing something, but not as much as lieth in our power. Our State Mission Board and the several Associational Boards all together have not more than *fifteen* Missionaries, whereas we ought to have not less than *fifty*. The State Board has seven Missionaries laboring at Weldon, Littleton, Wadesboro and Surroundings, Monroe, Polkton, Morganton and Surroundings, Hickory and Surroundings, and in the country districts embracing some eight counties. There is one, G. M. Webb, in our own Association giving one fourth of his time to this work. While these Missionaries are doing good work, yet we could by union of effort support *ten times* the number in this work.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This Board is greatly needing funds. It has a glorious record. But unless we come to its aid it will have to with-call many of its Missionaries. We recommend the 1st Sabbath in Oct. 1875, as

a day of prayer and contributions for this work. Dr. Tupper, the Corresponding Secretary of Foreign Mission Board, appeals to us to do this. Let us comply with his request.

W. HILL, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

After the adoption of the report addresses were made by G. M. Webb, W. B. Lipscomb and J. B. Richardson, on the subject of Missions, when a contribution was made amounting to State Missions \$21.90, Foreign 50c.

Committee on Finance reported :

Amount for Minutes,
" " Missions,

\$52.70
53.65

J. R. LOGAN, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned to meet Monday, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. m.
Prayer by J. G. Carter.

Benediction by T. B. Justice.

SUNDAY.

The stand was occupied by T. B. Justice at 10 a. m., who exhibited the word of truth to a large concourse of people. Followed by W. Hill, who preached a Mission sermon under an appointment of last year, at the close of which a contribution amounting to \$53.45 was made.
A recess of one hour.

AFTERNOON.

J. B. Richardson delivered an interesting sermon to a very large congregation. It is hoped that the seed sown will germinate and grow, that an abundant harvest may be garnered.

MONDAY, 9½ a. m.

The body met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by J. B. Richardson.

Committee on religious exercises reported that G. W. Rollins and A. C. Irvin would preach at the stand this morning.

The roll was called.

The proceedings of Saturday and Sunday read and approved.

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education reported and the report was adopted, and is as follows :

Education should be one of the chief objects of our consideration ; and we are glad to state, so far as our information extends, that there is now a greater interest manifested upon the subject

of Education than has heretofore existed; especially in the bounds of this and adjoining Associations.

And we would impress this imperative duty upon every member of this Association, to give their children an effective literary training.

The efforts of the Baptists of North Carolina have been, for many years, to make Wake Forest College the grand centre and seat of Baptist culture.

Let this be accomplished by every member keeping her interest steadily in view, and giving to her support accordingly. There is no institution which has asked for help, that should be more unanimously responded to by Baptists than Wake Forest College. We feel that a failure, upon the part of Baptists, to maintain the teachings of this institution, would be to expose our denomination to fatal results.

We, then, urge the importance of this Association aiding this institution. This may be done in two ways: first, by giving of our means; secondly, by sending our sons there, to receive a religious as well as a literary training. These two combined, will aid the faculty to prosecute the designs of that praise-worthy institution. We also urge the necessity of sustaining such schools as are under the supervision of Baptists in our own midst.

We have some such Schools among us. Without being particular to itemize, we must bring the Burnt Chimney Academy to the favorable consideration of this body. This institution is under the supervision of an able corps of trustees, selected from Baptist ranks. Also the Shelby Academy presided over by Brother S. R. P. Davis. Brethren, our advancement as a denomination is only in proportion to the effective interest which is taken in the moral and literary culture of our children. This important duty is too plain to be neglected. We should prove ourselves, as a denomination, worthy guardians of the rising generation.

J. H. YARBORO, Chairman.

A contribution for the beneficiaries of Wake Forest College, amounting to \$32, cash and pledges was made.

The report on Sabbath Schools was made and adopted as follows:

We are unable to give a full statement of the number of Sabbath Schools in the bounds of this Association. But it affords us great pleasure to receive cheering news from many of the Churches, and that their Schools are flourishing, and that some of them are Missionary. If learned and wise men are correct in saying that the principles implanted in the minds of the little

ones, between the ages of four and seven years, are the ones which control them through life? and so much depends upon early training for their great usefulness in life? We believe that every child should enter the Sabbath School at an early age, for in the Sabbath School many valuable principles are inculcated, and good habits are formed, and many good impressions made, which prepares them for great usefulness in life; and more especially if the schools are Missionary, the principle of early giving is taught, and as the mind grows the principle grows with it: We therefore earnestly entreat those engaged in the great and good cause, to continue in it, and those who are not to commence at once, and we sincerely hope that every church will be able to report a Sabbath School next year.

A. A. McSWAIN, Chairman.

Temperance Committee reported, and the report was adopted as follows:

We are pleased to find the noble cause of Temperance progressing in influence, although its progress is far too slow. Our Churches have rid themselves of distillers and retailers. Many of our brethren who have been in the habit of taking a social glass have abandoned the practice, and we have reason to hope that the time is not far distant when this evil will not have an advocate or devotee among those that profess to love the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. POSTEN, Chairman.

The Board on Associational Missions reported, and the report adopted as follows:

We have collected \$8 of the Pledges made at Sandy Run last year, and paid same to G. M. Webb, also turned over balance pledges to him for collection.

J. JENKINS, Chairman.

A contribution amounting to \$16, was made for Home Missions.

The Association ruled that the contribution made on yesterday be equally divided between State and Foreign Missions, also that all moneys received for State Missions, by this body, at its present Session, be paid to G. M. Webb.

Obituary Committee reported, and the report was adopted as follows:

We recognize the great goodness and mercy of God, in preserving the lives of so many of us; and more especially that of

all our brethren in the Ministry, for not *one* has died during the past Associational year. But while we realize the blessings, the Churches report to us the death of 47 members. While we rejoice over the blessings of God, we sympathize with all the Churches who have sustained the loss of any. We hope that all living will more earnestly improve the remaining precious time allotted them in this world.

A. C. IRVIN, Chairman.

Report on Periodicals was adopted and is as follows:

We would respectfully recommend our State organ the "*Biblical Recorder*," published at Raleigh, N. C., to our brethren and sisters, as the great defender of the principles of our Savior as laid down in the New Testament Scriptures.

We would also recommend our Sunday School paper, "*Kind Words*," published under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention, Marion, Ala., as a good paper for the children to read attending our Sabbath Schools.

J. JENKINS, Chairman.

The petition of Sandy Plains Church asking this body to meet with them next year was granted.

The petition of Lincoln Church asking letter of dismission, was also granted.

Query of Double Spring asking if it was according to Scripture and Baptist usage to receive members who had been excluded from other Churches was answered, No.

Appointed Correspondents to Sister Associations as follows:

Broad River—D. Pannell, A. A. McSwain and J. J. Jones.

Green River—T. Dixon, G. W. Rollins, B. H. Bridges, A. A. McSwain and W. Hill.

Catawba River—W. A. Thompson.

York—P. R. Elam, W. Hill and J. R. Logan.

Appointed delegates to Baptist State Convention of North Carolina as follows:

W. Hill, G. M. Webb, T. Dixon, G. W. Rollins, R. Posten, D. Pannell, A. A. McSwain, P. R. Elam, J. M. Bridges, A. C. Irvin, J. Jenkins, E. J. Lovelace, L. H. McSwain, Wm. McSwain, H. Borders, J. R. Logan, J. J. Jones, R. E. Porter, J. C. Lattimore, F. S. Ramseur, W. A. Thompson and B. H. Bridges.

On motion, the old Associational Board of Missions was continued.

The Clerk was authorized to give certificates to correspondents of their appointments.

The minutes of the present session were read and approved.

Resolved, We, the delegates of the King's Mountain Baptist Association hereby return our sincere thanks to this Church and community for their generous hospitality extended to us during the session of our body.

On motion the Clerk was authorized to superintend the publication and distribution of the Proceedings and retain \$10 for his services.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Sandy Plains Church, sixteen miles North West of Shelby, on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1876.

T. DIXON, *Moderator*.

L. M. LOGAN, *Clerk*.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Baptism of	Baptized.	Recd. by Letter	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Amount for	Minutes.	State Mission.	Foreign Mission
Sandy Run,	Moorestown,	G. W. Rollins,	W. B. Lovelace,	3rd,	2	13	2	6	3	3	253	\$	3 10		
Zion,	Shelby,	R. Posten,	A. J. Erwin,	1st,	7	6	1	8	1	5	154		1 80	5 00	
Zoar,	Shelby,	G. M. Webb,	Jacob Hogue,	3rd,	14	2	2	2	2	2	128		2 75		
Double Springs,	Shelby,	G. M. Webb,	W. W. Bridges,	2d,	2	5			3	3	153		2 40		3 23
New Bethel,	Gardner's Ford,	T. Dixon,	R. T. Hord,	3rd,				3	3	3	178		2 00		
Pleasant Hill,	Shelby,	G. M. Webb,	J. A. Roberts,	1st,	4	4		8	1	2	171		1 70	5 59	
Mt. Vernon,	North Brook,	G. J. Wilkie,	S. J. Weaver,	3rd,	1	1		2	1		53		95		
Big Spring,	Duncan's Creek,	G. W. Rollins,	J. C. Gettys,	2d,	2	1		1	1	2	96		1 50		
Bethlehem,	King's Mountain,	P. R. Egan,	P. M. Gardner,	2d,	10	1	1	1	1		185		2 45		
Olivet,	Webb's Ford,	G. W. Rollins,	A. L. Smart,	1st,	7	7	4	4	1	1	98		1 70		
Concord,	Lincoln,	N. B. Cobb,	H. P. Crawford,	2d,	6	4	1	1	1	1	21		75		
Thessalonica,	Webb's Ford,	A. A. McSwain,	D. N. Hamrick,	3rd,		2	4	4	1	1	78		1 25		
Lincoln,	Irwinsville,	L. H. McSwain,	S. W. W. W.	3rd,							71		50		
Bethel,	Nicholsonville,	J. M. Bridges,	J. D. Simmons,	2d,	4	3	1	7	1	2	164		1 55		
Mt. Sinai,	Shelby,	R. Posten,	J. T. Harrell,	4th,	4	6	3	3	1	1	163		1 30		
Mt. Pleasant,	Oak Spring,	Wm. McSwain,	John Smart,	4th,	1	6	1	1	1	1	131		1 60		
Bever-dam,	Camp Call,	R. Posten,	P. G. Gold,	3rd,	2	6	12	4	1	1	164		2 20		
Walls,	Moorestown,	G. W. Rollins,	J. P. Burgess,	4th,	21	11	2	2	2	3	204		2 00	3 25	
Sandy Plains,	Whitaker Sta. S.C.	A. A. McSwain,	Isaac W. Moore,	3rd,	6	1	4	4	1	1	112		2 10		
High Shoal,	Shelby,	A. A. McSwain,	D. S. Lovelace,	1st,	3	7	3	3	1	4	169		2 00	7 60	7 30
Mt. Harmony,	Boiling Spring,	W. Hull,	J. Jenkins,	1st,	18	8	1	6	1	2	123		3 29		
Shelby,				1st,	18	8	1	6	1	2	123		3 29		

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