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List of Ministers in King's Mt. Association.

ELDER A. L. STOUGH,.....	Shelby,	North Carolina.
" G. M. WEBB,.....	"	" "
" T. DIXON,.....	"	" "
" A. A. McSWAIN,.....	"	" "
" R. POSTON,.....	"	" "
" A. C. ERWIN,.....	"	" "
" J. M. BRIDGES,.....	"	" "
" G. W. ROLLINS,	Green's Grove,	" "
" P. R. ELAM,.....	King's Mountain,	" "
" D. PANNELL,.....	Webb's Ford,	" "
" J. J. JONES,.....	" "	" "
" N. H. MOSS,.....	Cherryville,	" "
" WM. McSWAIN,.....	Shelby,	" "
" MARTIN PANNELL,..	"	" "
" T. J. CAMPBELL,....	Island Ford,	" "
" L. H. McSWAIN,....	Antioch,	" "
" J. P. STYERS,.....	Shelby,	" "

LICENTIATES.

J. M. GOODE,.....	Webb's Ford,	North Carolina.
J. B. GREEN,.....	" "	" "
R. N. HAWKINS,.....	Sharon,	" "
G. P. HAMRICK,.....	Wake Forest,	" "
J. RUPPE,..	Nicholsonville,	" "
F. H. POSTON,.....	King's Mountain,	" "

PROCEEDINGS.

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C., Sept. 20, 1878.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Session of the King's Mountain Association assembled with the church at Boiling Springs.

At 11 A. M., the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. C. Erwin, from Micha iv: 2.

Recess of half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Religious exercises conducted by the Moderator.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, who appointed B. H. Bridges and J. A. Roberts, Reading Clerks.

The letters from the different churches were read, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

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

Zion—A. C. Erwin, Robt. Poston, J. D. Weathers and A. G. Weathers.

Double Spring—J. M. Bridges, B. Hamrick, D. A. F. Hamrick and C. B. Suttle.

New Bethel—D. Cline, R. W. Gardner, W. A. Thompson, James M. London and T. J. Dickson.

Pleasant Hill—J. A. Roberts, M. L. Putman, W. A. J. Hamrick and David Allen.

Mt. Vernon—S. J. Weaver.

Big Spring—J. C. Lattimore, O. D. Price and W. P. Withrew.

Bethlehem—P. R. Elam, F. H. Poston, T. W. Harman, P. M. Gardner and L. M. Logan.

Concord—G. T. Bostic and A. L. Smart.

Thessalonica—James Caldwell and David Ramseur.

Bethel—A. S. Harrell and J. J. Jones.

Mt. Sinai—S. Weaver and S. Wylie.

Beaver Dam—G. C. McSwain, S. H. Hamrick and T. J. Holland.

Walls—J. P. Green, J. H. Goforth and W. C. Holland.

Sandy Plains—J. P. Philbeck, Asbury Jones, R. W. Jones and W. B. Bridges.

Mt. Pleasant—J. M. Hamrick, John Matheny, W. R. Roberts and Rich. Scruggs.

High Shoals—J. B. Green, J. M. Goode, D. Matheny, W. Walker and S. C. Padgett.

Mt. Paran—W. H. Carroll and G. H. Martin.

Mt. Harmony—J. S. Melton and E. Blankinship.

Minutes of the

Boiling Springs—A. A. McSwain, B. H. Bridges, C. J. Hamrick and A. Hamrick.

Shelby—A. L. Stough, G. H. Webb and J. A. White.

Capernaum—W. G. Lindsey, J. L. Kindrick and Thos. Kindrick.

New Prospect—T. Dixon, J. P. Styers, J. L. Ledford, J. C. Hoyle, A. Beam, E. Hamrick, E. Hendrick and Baily Eskridge.

Mt. Zion—E. R. Willman.

Antioch—E. Harden and J. R. Dixon.

New Hope—A. I. Borders, J. R. Logan, B. F. Logan, T. H. Lowery and James Rippy.

Buffalo—F. S. Ramseur, W. Hamrick, R. E. Porter, W. D. Gaston and John Moore.

Gastonia—J. W. Smith.

On motion, an opportunity was given to churches desiring to become members, to present their letters. None presented.

The Association proceeded to the election of officers by appointing J. A. Roberts, B. H. Bridges and A. A. McSwain, to superintend the same.

After religious exercises by W. Hill, they reported Elder T. Dixon, Moderator, and B. H. Bridges, Clerk.

On motion, the proceedings of Friday, 1875, was adopted as the order of business for this evening.

An invitation to corresponding messengers to take seats with us and participate in its deliberations was accepted as follows:

Broad River—J. D. Wood.

Green River—Elders Wade Hill, H. D. Harrell and Bro. N. C. Lovelace.

Catawba—Bro. H. Padgett.

York—Bro. O. R. Gunthorpe.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats: Accepted by Elder J. H. Yarboro of the Green River and Bro. D. McNeill of Pee Dee Associations.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Order of Business—P. R. Elam, J. C. Lattimore and J. C. Hoyle, with Moderator and Clerk.

On Religious Exercises—J. R. Logan, R. E. Porter and B. B. Harris, with Pastor and Deacons of this church.

On motion, adjourned to meet 9½ A. M.

Prayer by R. Posten.

SATURDAY, 9½ A. M.

The Association assembled with the Moderator in the Chair.

Religious exercises conducted by A. A. McSwain.

Committee on Order of Business reported as follows:

1. Organization.
2. Call the roll.
3. Reading of Minutes.
4. Read Constitution, Rules of Order and Abstracts of Principles.
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. Appoint Associational Board.
13. Miscellaneous business.
14. Adjournment.

The roll was called.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

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

Bro. D. G. Palmer accepted the invitation to a seat as Messenger from the Broad River Association.

The Moderator announced the following as the different committees:

Missions—A. L. Stough, A. A. McSwain and J. M. Bridges.
Periodicals—A. C. Erwin, W. B. Stroud and J. R. Dickson.
Education—J. A. White, R. E. Porter and A. I. Borders.
Finance—L. M. Logan, A. L. Smart and M. D. Padgett.
Union Meetings—D. A. F. Hamrick, W. P. Withrew and J. H. Goforth.
Temperance—G. W. Rollins, J. P. Styers and J. M. Goode.
Sabbath Schools—G. M. Webb, R. Posten and M. O. McIntire.
Obituaries—W. A. Thompson, B. F. Logan and J. A. Roberts.
On Stated Services for next Meeting—John Matheny, D. Cline and A. G. Weathers.
Petitions and Queries—F. S. Ramseur, W. B. Lovelace, E. Harden, J. L. Ledford and J. A. White.

The following were appointed as delegates to the several sister Associations:

Broad River—A. A. McSwain, G. W. Rollins, T. Dixon, P. R. Elam and J. M. Goode.
Green River—R. Posten, G. W. Rollins, A. A. McSwain and J. M. Goode.
York—A. L. Stough, T. Dixon, R. Poston, G. M. Webb, A. C. Erwin, J. A. Roberts, R. E. Porter, M. L. Putman, W. D. Gaston, F. H. Posten and W. H. Carroll.
Catawba—S. J. Weaver and J. J. Jones.

Appointed the following delegates to attend the Baptist State Convention:

A. L. Stough, T. Dixon, A. A. McSwain, G. M. Webb, P. R. Elam, J. P. Styers, Z. M. McKinney, A. M. Lovelace, W. A. Wray, E. B. Hamrick, A. C. Erwin, A. T. Hord, J. A. Roberts, O. O. Thompson, O. F. Thompson, J. A. White, W. B. Lovelace, E. J. Lovelace, J. J. Jenkins, L. M. Logan, M. L. Putman, C. J. Hamrick, L. N. Durham, M. W. Doggett and B. H. Bridges.

On motion, the order of business was suspended to hear the report of Association Board of Missions.

Reported as follows:

There has been no action taken during the past Associational year in regard to the employment of Missionaries; and in the absence of the Treasurer of the Board, we do not know whether any funds for missionary purposes have been deposited with him or not.

J. R. LOGAN, *Chm'n.*

A motion was made by G. M. Webb, to discontinue said Board of Missions, upon which a lively discussion followed. Pending said motion, the Association adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The discussion was resumed.

Question called, and the Board of Missions discontinued.

On motion, an Associational Treasurer was elected by ballot, which resulted in the election of B. H. Bridges.

The Association then resumed the regular order of business.

Committee on Petitions and Queries reported as follows:

First query, as sent up from Walls' church: "Is a church under any obligations to restore a person to fellowship who was excluded upon difference of opinion, and who has been in disorder a portion of the time since, without giving satisfaction to the church?"

Answer in the negative.

Second query, as sent up from Pleasant Hill church: "Does the Word of God or the Sacred Scriptures, condemn the practice of inviting penitents to present themselves at what is commonly called the mourner's bench or anxious seat? If so, where is the passage to be found condemning such a course?"

Answer. In our judgment, there is none.

Third query, as sent up from the church at Capernaum: "Is there any rule for organizing and conducting a Union meeting? If there is, has any one a right to a seat in that body without being previously appointed by the church to which they belong, and present a certificate of the same signed by the church clerk? Are the acts of that body valid without allowing all its regularly appointed members to vote for Moderator and Clerk?"

Answer, part first: The same rule obtains in organizing a Union Meeting and clerk, and, in addition, delegates from the churches bringing certificates of their appointment to said Union meeting. Part second: We think that the delegates should be appointed previous to the convening of said meeting. Part third: If the delegates are present, it is invalid.

F. S. RAMSEUR, *Chm'n.*

Report adopted.

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Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows:

J. A. White, at 10 A. M.; A. L. Stough, at 11 A. M.; and in the afternoon W. Hill followed by T. Dixon.

The Union Meeting of last year failing to give the Association to any church, it was agreed to meet with the church at New Prospect in the year 1879.

Committee on Preachers to preach stated sermons reported as follows:

J. P. Styers to preach the Introductory Sermon, with A. A. McSwain, Alternate.

J. A. White the Missionary Sermon; G. W. Rollins, Alternate.

JOHN MATHENY, *Chm'n.*

On motion, the collection to-morrow be applied to State Missions.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet Monday at 9½, A. M.

Prayer by J. A. White.

SABBATH.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., a large concourse of people gathered at the Stand. It was occupied by J. A. White, who preached a very impressive and interesting sermon. Text: Collossians 3: 11, "Christ is all and in all."

At 11 o'clock, A. M., the Annual Missionary Sermon was preached by A. L. Stough, which was an able effort, and we trust it had the desired effect. Text: "No man cared for my soul." Psalm 142: 4.

A collection was taken up amounting to \$41.79.

Recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON.

The closing sermon was delivered by T. Dixon from 1st Samuel 15: 22, "To obey is better than sacrifice," &c. Bro. Dixon made some stirring appeals to the sinner, and thus closed a great day's service.

It is hoped that the earnest efforts of the ministerial brethren may be blessed to the good of the large congregation present.

CLERK.

MONDAY, 9½ o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by P. R. Elam.

Roll was called and absentees noted.

Proceedings of Saturday read and approved.

A. C. Erwin read the following report on Periodicals:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

As the reading of political journals inspires in us a spirit of patriotism, so also the reading of religious journals begets in us a principle of love for a religious cause, and a disposition to work for it. The reading of the RECORDER, as the Baptist organ of the State, will inspire in us a greater degree of love for the cause of Christ, and a greater disposition to work for the advancement of His Kingdom. We would, therefore, urge the importance of an effort on our part, as brethren in general, to cause the RECORDER, if possible, to reach every family in our bounds. It would create new zeal in many for the advancement of the cause, and greater efforts would be made for the spread of the gospel in the destitute sections of the State, and among those who are in heathen darkness. If all were to commence reading the RECORDER, we would soon see excellent church houses in all sections of country; and pastors of all churches would be well sustained, and by their hands being loosed, they would give themselves to the work. This would enable us to hear sermons which would be much better calculated to instruct, and the conclusions drawn from the Scriptures would possess a greater degree of richness.

We would also recommend the reading of the *Foreign Mission Journal*, that all may know what successful efforts we are making for christianizing the world. We would recommend to the Sunday Schools *Kind Words*.

A. C. ERWIN, *Chm'n.*

On motion to receive the report, a letter from Bro. Bailey was read. Remarks were submitted by R. Posten, G. W. Rollins, J. A. White, J. C. Latimore, and Bro. D. McNeill, of the Pee Dee Association.

Report adopted.

The following report on Education was read by J. A. White:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The more enlightened a people are, the more easily can the principles and doctrines of religion be inculcated. The mind must necessarily be prepared to comprehend a principle before it will receive it. Education prepares the mind to instigate and receive those principles. Even among the heathen, they must be, to some extent, enlightened before our missionaries are successful in implanting the truth as it is in Jesus. The same holds good with us as a people; we must educate—enlighten our people—before we shall be able to hold up successfully, before a gainsaying world, the faith once delivered to the saints. We are happy to say that we have a good degree of interest manifested on this important subject within the bounds of this Association, but regret to say that this interest is not as generally diffused as it should be—the masses. The farmers' sons and daughters, the strength of our land, are not fully awake to the importance the subject demands.

Brethren, will you use your efforts in assisting to advance the interest of education, that we, as a denomination, may be enabled to present the

gospel to earth's perishing millions with increased energy and power? To this end we should labor to establish schools in our midst in which we can educate our rising generation. We are glad to say that Bro. B. H. Bridges has a flourishing school established at Boiling Springs Church. Brother Bridges is a very efficient teacher, and well worthy of your support. The writer would also state that he as Associate Teacher in the Shelby Male and Female High School, asks for a liberal support at your hands.

Brethren, second the efforts of the Trustees in their endeavor to establish a Baptist Female College at Shelby. It must be built, and why not we?

Brethren, do not suffer this enterprise to die on your hands. We would refer you to Wake Forest as our State denominational School. The buildings have been materially enlarged; the endowment is progressing, and, as a denomination, we should be proud of such a College, second to none in the State, and should be patronized by us.

J. A. WHITE, *Chm'n.*

After remarks by B. H. Bridges, J. A. White, and Bro. D. McNeill, the report was adopted.

On motion, the above report was followed by the report of Trustees of the proposed Baptist Female College, read by J. R. Logan, as follows:

At an informal meeting of the Trustees of the King's Mountain Baptist Female College, held at the present session of the Association, a quorum being present, the resignations of Andrew Beam and Thomas Wilkins were accepted, and Allen Bettis and J. L. Ledford recommended to the consideration of the Association as suitable persons to be appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned thereby. The Trustees, by reason of the former locating committee failing to locate the College site, have therefore appointed Allen Bettis, B. H. Bridges, J. C. Latimore, and Thomas Kindrick, to discharge that duty, and have instructed them to meet together in Shelby on the 5th day of October next for said purpose, and make their written report to a meeting of the Trustees, to be held at Shelby, on the first Monday of October thereafter, and should said committee disagree, they are authorized and requested to choose a disinterested person to act as umpire in giving the casting vote, and thereby secure a location.

Bro. A. L. Stough, heretofore appointed agent for the purpose of soliciting funds for the College, is retained by the Board and instructed to proceed in the discharge of the duty of his agency as soon as the location is made and confirmed by the Board of Trustees.

In consequence of there being no action taken in the matter during the past year by reason of the failure to locate, the Board of Trustees, therefore, in the discharge of what they considered an important duty, would the more earnestly urge every friend of the undertaking to use every effort to patronize and consummate so desirable an object.

J. R. LOGAN,
For the Board Trustees.

Report received.

Committee on Missions read the following report:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The several departments of religious effort in which we, as a denomination, are at present engaged, should elicit the lively sympathy and active co-operation of every sincere lover of Christ. They are each the cause of God, and not mere human enterprises; and although each may have its own specific object, and its own peculiar sphere and mode of operation, yet there is no clashing of interest, and no contrariety of purpose. They all beautifully harmonize; they are the *radii* of one great circle, all pointing to the same center; they are the several parts of one grand system, each

directed and governed by the same parading principle—love to our fellow man; and each having the same great end in view—the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Hence the number of these separate organizations, so far from weakening our efforts or abating our ardor, in behalf of any one, should rather incite us to more rigorous exertions, and more effective co-operations in support of each.

The magnitude and importance of the Foreign Mission enterprise, obvious to every enlightened christian mind, regarding merely in a temporal point of view, in its effects upon the present welfare of those nations that are now destitute of the blessings of the gospel, it is, to say, a laudable, humane, a benevolent enterprise; but viewed in the light of eternity, in the spiritual regenerating effects upon the hearts, its saving influence upon deathless spirits of the benighted, perishing millions of earth, it is truly a God-like undertaking, and infinitely transcends the capacity of man to estimate its worth. But in addition and above the important considerations which reason and benevolence suggests, we have Divine authority and a Divine command to give the gospel to the world: "Go ye into all the world, and preach my gospel to every creature."

Here, then, is not only sufficient authority, but a positive injunction, binding, not upon ministers alone, nor upon the church as a body only, but upon every individual disciple of Jesus. Do we as ministers, do we as churches, do we as christians, realize its constraining force, its momentous importance? And are our acts the exponents of our convictions of duty?

Our Domestic and State Missions are no less important than others, have an equal claim upon our sympathies, our prayers, and our expanding benevolent contributions. While we should do no less for the salvation and elevation of fallen man abroad than we are doing, we ought to do far more to supply our own land and State, than we have hitherto done.

The amounts reported in the church letters to this Association show that among us the claims of State Missions are lightly esteemed, and that we do not comprehend the magnitude of its legitimate operations. Can you contentedly occupy your comfortable houses of worship; sit under the sound of an acceptable ministry, and not feel for the salvation of your fellow-citizens? Every destitute town, village and community in the State should be considered our field also. To overlook this field would subject us to the criminality of being careless of duty and insensible to the better feelings of a philanthropist.

We are unable to compress in this report all that we could say—all that ought to be said in behalf of our Foreign, Domestic and State Missions, and would therefore propose that it be

Resolved, That the pastors of our churches be requested to call the attention of their charges to the work and aid of our different Missionary Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. STOUGH, *Chm'n.*

Report adopted.

Committee on Sabbath Schools read the following:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It is impossible to enumerate the happy results and numerous advantages of this enterprise. How often has it changed the moral aspect of a whole neighborhood? How often has the wayward youth been allured by it from the path of vice and sin to that of morality and virtue? How frequently has it been the means of salvation of souls? In many destitute portions of our country they are substituted for the preaching of the gospel. They collect the children and the youth, and many instances adults, who would perhaps, if not employed in this way, be violating God's law in a variety

of ways. Here the great and essential principles of the gospel are impressed upon the mind. Children do not take a great interest in the ordinary preaching of the gospel, and why is it so? It is because they seem to think that the minister is preaching to the older people. But where the teacher addresses a child personally and separately, he feels that the teacher is talking to him. In short, the Sabbath School in many places, is almost the only means used for the literary, moral and religious instruction of the children. Eternity alone can disclose the glorious results of this institution. In conclusion, the Sunday School is regarded by your committee as the strong arm of the church, and that church which neglects this important and delightful duty, must languish and consequently bring upon herself leanness and barrenness of soul. Your committee would call the attention of all the churches of this body to these encouraging facts, and urge upon those where there is no Sunday School the necessity of making an effort to organize one, and to this end we would urge upon every member of the church to engage in this laudable, noble and praise-worthy enterprise which has been signally blessed of God in the conversion of immortal souls.

We would also recommend that all the ministers of this body be requested to lay before their different congregations the importance and utility of this institution.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. POSTEN, *Chm'n.*

Report adopted.

Report on Obituaries was read as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We report twenty-nine deaths in our membership during the past Associational year. Among that number is Deacon John Kindrick, of the church at Capernaum, a faithful servant of Jesus, earnest in every good work, and noted for honesty and uprightness. In his death the church and community have met with great loss. May we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

W. A. THOMSON, *Chm'n.*

Report adopted.

L. M. Logan reads the report on Finance:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Amount sent up for minutes,.....	\$ 46 75	
" " during year for State Missions,.....		5 80
" " " " Foreign Missions,.....		79 78
" " up by delegates for State Missions,.....	19 28½	
" " " " Foreign Missions,.....	36 78½	
" " " " Home Missions,.....	25	
" " " " Associational Missions,...	1 65	
Collections on Sunday for State Missions,.....	41 79	
Turned over to Treasurer in cash,.....		\$146 51

Total amount sent up for 1878,..... \$232 09

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

Committee on Union Meetings reported that the next Union Meeting be held with the church at Double Springs, on Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1879.

W. P. WITHEW, *Chm'n.*

Appointed to attend said meeting, A. A. McSwain, T. Dixon, G. W. Rollins, P. R. Elam and J. A. White.

Committee on Temperance offered last year's report for re-publication, which is as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

That temperance as a practical theme addresses itself to the heart, conscience and intellect of every man, woman and child. There never has been such a scourge permitted to visit our race as that of intemperance; but the general statistics of intemperance we do not propose to collect or discuss. We have no disposition to count the number of ruined men or wretched families, of lost estates this prevalent vice has occasioned in our country. What part of our world is exempt from this awful scourge? Where is the scourge that can for a moment be brought into comparison with that of intemperance? It is one that never ceases the awful work of destruction.

Where is the eye that sees not its woes? Where is the ear that hears not its groans? Where is the heart that does not bleed because of the loss of some dear relative, friend or companion? We may indeed say with the prophet, "The land mourneth because of drunkenness."

Oh! what a cruel, horrid work is this? When, when shall it stop? Is there no end to this river of death? Is there no remedy? Is there no remedy at hand? Yes, here it is: Total abstinence now; total abstinence forever from all that intoxicates. And ought not a redeemed world bless God for this discovery? And ought we not, heart to heart, shoulder to shoulder, press forward the application of such a remedy? The awful work of intemperance will never cease until the principles of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks shall everywhere prevail.

Never, until the name, the influence of all be solemnly pledged to the support of the temperance cause.

Can any one, young or old, who but glances at this subject, doubt for a moment into which scale he should throw the weight of his name and influence?

Every one that wears the badge of Christ should see that he does not, either directly or indirectly, give his influence to the use of intoxicating drinks. Let each one remember that there is a day of impartial reckoning and balancing of accounts, and that the Judge of all the earth will do right. That he will meet out strict equity.

Let us, then, use every laudable effort until the glorious work of reform shall be achieved; the awful work of destruction shall cease. This subject makes an especial appeal to the christian churches. It was ascertained some 25 years ago, (and no doubt the statistics would be greater now) that intoxicating drinks alone caused 1,500,000 church trials, and that thirty-three American D.D.'s and three of them bishops, had become perfect sots.

Need one be surprised at this, when it is a fact that the majority of our churches do not expressly prohibit the use of intoxicating drinks; and some even suffer their own members to manufacture, retail and use intoxicating drinks as a beverage. Let us, therefore, do all we can to suppress this monster evil until the awful work of destruction shall cease; until the destroying angel shall take his flight; earth shall burst into the beauty and freshness of Eden. And it shall be published through the utmost bounds of earth, and echo and re-echo through the wide vaults of heaven: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ forever and ever."

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

Accepted.

On motion, the Clerk was authorized to superintend the printing and distributing of the Minutes, and retain ten dollars for his services.

The following resolution was offered and adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be returned to this church and to brethren and friends of neighboring churches, for the hospitality so generously and cheerfully extended to the delegates.

The Association adjourned to meet with the church at New Prospect, six miles northeast of Shelby, on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1879.

Prayer by J. M. Bridges.

After singing and extending the parting hand, the Benediction was pronounced by the Moderator.

Thus closed a pleasant and harmonious session.

T. DIXON, MODERATOR.

B. H. BRIDGES, *Clerk*.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, three in one.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only true rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
4. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and holiness.
5. We believe in the doctrine of *Election*, through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the merits of Jesus Christ.
7. We believe the Saints shall persevere in grace, and not finally fall away.
8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers who have been immersed upon a profession of faith, are the only proper subjects for the Lord's table.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and general judgment.
10. We believe that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
11. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as has been called of God, as was Aaron, and regularly baptized and approved of by the Church, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order, and shall have a right to call to order at any time; also it shall be his duty to see that the Rules of Decorum are attended to; to take the opinion of the Association on all questions properly brought before the body.
3. Any member not satisfied with his decision on any point of order, may appeal to the Association the same day the decision is made, but at no other time.
4. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular record of the transactions of the Association.
5. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet and obtain leave of the Moderator, and when he has done speaking he shall sit down, and shall not speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than twenty minutes at one time, unless he obtain leave of the Association.
6. The Moderator, when addressed for leave of speech, shall signify the same by naming of them or otherwise.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject on hand, or use words of personal reflection; or with a view or calling to order for some particular purpose. Any motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, except withdrawn by him who made it.
8. Every case taken up by the Association, shall be first decided upon before another is offered.
9. When anything is taken up by the Association, after allowing time for the debate, the Moderator shall put the question; and those in favor of the thing proposed shall rise to their feet, and those opposed to it keep their seats; the Moderator shall procure the decision before the standers take their seats.
10. No person shall depart the service of the Association without leave.
11. The appellation of brother shall be used in our address to each other.
12. The names of the members shall be called as often as necessary.
13. No member shall be indulged in any practice that has a tendency to interrupt in the time of a public speech, or any other practice that would dishonor the Association.
14. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided he appoints some other member to his seat while he is speaking, but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided; then he shall give the casting vote.
15. Any person breaking these Rules of Decorum, shall be reprov'd at the discretion of the Association, but only on the day the breach is made.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

King's Mountain Baptist Association.

We, the united Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ, located partly in the States of North Carolina and South Carolina, having all been immersed upon a profession of our faith in Christ, propose to maintain the order and rules of an Association, according to the following plan :

ARTICLE 1st. This Association shall be known by the name of the King's Mountain Association.

2d. This Association shall be composed of such members as shall be chosen and recommended by the churches in union.

3d. Other churches may become members of this Association by their delegates presenting certificates of their appointment, provided, on examination, they be found orthodox.

4th. The Association shall organize by electing a Moderator and Clerk, who shall hold their appointments until another election, unless displaced by the body.

5th. This Association, as an act of christian courtesy, may invite ministers of our denomination to seats with us in council.

6th. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum, which they are authorized to form themselves.

7th. This Association hath an inalienable right to judge what churches shall be admitted into its confederacy.

8th. The Association thus formed shall be regarded by us only in the light of an advisory council, with no coercive power "to lord it over God's heritage."

9th. This Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in its connexion that shall hold corrupt doctrines or indulge in sinful or vicious practices.

10th. Every church in union having a membership not exceeding 50 in number, shall be entitled to a representation of two delegates, and one additional delegate for every increase of 50 over that number.

11th. The primary object of this Association shall be to "strive for the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace" amongst the churches; the employment of domestic missionaries, and to keep up the statistical accounts of the churches in its connexion. And finally to concentrate our efforts for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth, and for the deposition of the works of darkness.

12th. None but the members of this body shall be allowed to vote in its councils, and a majority shall decide in disposing of and settling all business that may constitutionally come before them.

13th. This Association in all cases disclaims the rights in its associate capacity, to settle church difficulties; but when a division occurs, and two parties equally claim to the church, and represent themselves by letter and delegates, this Association shall have the right to decide at the first, or some future meeting of its body thereafter, which party shall be recognized as the constitutional church, and entitled to a seat in its council.

14th. The Minutes of the Association shall be read each day, and corrected, if need be, by the body; and when the business shall be gone through with, signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

15th. Any Article of this Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, by a majority of two-thirds of the delegates present voting for the same.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

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King's Mountain Baptist Association.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Sabbath of Preaching.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Amount for Minutes.	Amount for Ass. Missions.	Amount for State Miss.	Amount for For. Miss.	Amount for Home Miss.
Sandy Run,.....	Mooreboro,.....	G. W. Rollins,....	W. B. Lovelace, ..	3rd	2	2	8	2	1	227	\$ 3 00	\$ 2 07	\$ 6 23	\$ 25		
Zion,.....	Shelby,.....	A. C. Erwin,.....	A. J. Erwin,.....	1st	1	2	2	2	2	164	2 20	2 30	6 60			
Zoar,.....	".....	T. H. Mullinax,....	Jacob Hogue,.....	4th	2	1	13	2	2	116	1 30	2 00	8 15			
Double Springs,....	".....	G. W. Rollins,....	W. W. Marshburn	2nd	2	1	13	2	2	162	1 50	4 60	4 50			
New Bethel,.....	Cleveland,.....	T. Dixon,.....	E. T. Hord,.....	3rd	16	13	2	4	1	237	2 80		9 55			
Pleasant Hill,.....	Shelby,.....	G. M. Webb,.....	J. A. Roberts,.....	1st	14	3	1	4	3	191	2 00		16 30			
Mt. Vernon,.....	Hull's X Roads,....	G. J. Wilkie,.....	S. J. Weaver,.....	3rd	1	1	10	1	1	66	75	1 50				
Big Spring,.....	Duncan's Creek,....	J. M. Bridges,....	J. C. Gettys,.....	2nd	3	4	4	4	1	111	1 50	3 00	3 15			
Bethlehem,.....	King's Mountain,....	P. R. Elam,.....	P. M. Gardner,....	2nd	14	4	1	6	4	204	2 65		7 80			
Concord,.....	Webb's Ford,.....	G. W. Rollins,....	A. L. Smart,.....	1st	1	1	1	1	1	96	1 25		3 30			
Thessalonica,.....	Jacob's Fork,.....	G. M. Webb,.....	Wm. Wray,.....	3rd	7	7	3	3	1	58	1 50					
Bethel,.....	Webb's Ford,.....	T. J. Cambell,....	D. N. Hamrick,....	2nd	1	1	1	1	1	73	1 00					
Mt. Sinai,.....	Erwinsville,.....	T. H. Mullinax,....	S. Wylie,.....	3rd	4	2	7	1	1	74	1 00					
Mt. Pleasant,.....	Nicholsonville,....	A. C. Erwin,.....	J. D. Simmons,....	2nd	1	6	1	1	1	161	1 20		2 50			
Beaver Dam,.....	Shelby,.....	J. M. Bridges,....	J. T. Harrell,....	4th	2	4	4	4	1	181	1 35	1 50	1 50			
Sandy Plains,.....	New House,.....	R. Posten,.....	John Beam,.....	3rd	12	10	4	3	2	209	1 80		3 62			
Walls,.....	Oak Spring,.....	R. Posten,.....	J. H. Goforth,....	4th	3	7	2	3	1	149	1 50					
High Shoal,.....	Webb's Ford,.....	G. W. Rollins,....	J. P. Burgess,....	4th	1	6	1	3	6	206	1 80	2 25	4 25			
Mt. Paran,.....	Whitaker Sta., S. C.	A. C. Erwin,.....	C. Wilson,.....	3rd	1	9	5	1	1	83	1 20	1 65				
Mt. Harmony,.....	Rutherfordton,.....	J. M. Bridges,....	J. W. Murray,....	1st	10	2	1	7	2	110	85					
*Boiling Springs,....	Boiling Springs,....	A. A. McSwain,....	D. S. Lovelace,....	1st	2	7	2	2	1	190	2 00	2 41	7 57			
Shelby,.....	Shelby,.....	A. L. Stough,....	T. K. Barnett,....	every	8	5	1	6	1	146	1 75	3 00	12 00			
Capernaum,.....	Buffalo Paper Mills,	G. M. Webb,.....	Thos. Kindrick,....	2nd	1	8	1	2	1	122	1 30		12 00			
New Prospect,.....	Shelby,.....	J. P. Styers,.....	J. C. Hoyle,.....	1st	23	2	8	4	3	358	2 25					
Mt. Zion,.....	Cherryville,.....	A. C. Erwin,.....	J. R. Moss,.....	4th	11	1	1	1	1	103	95					
Antioch,.....	Antioch, S. C.,.....	T. Dixon,.....	J. R. Dickson,....	1st	23	1	3	3	3	222	1 25					
New Hope,.....	Shelby,.....	T. Dixon,.....	A. I. Borders,....	2nd	12	3	2	2	1	195	2 00		4 30			
Buffalo,.....	Black Station, S. C.,	T. Dixon,.....	Wm. Hamrick,....	4th	12	10	5	5	5	250	2 50		3 60			
Gastonia,.....	Gastonia,.....	S. T. Pew,.....	T. G. Chalk,.....	12	2	2	2	2	28	75	1 35	1 35			
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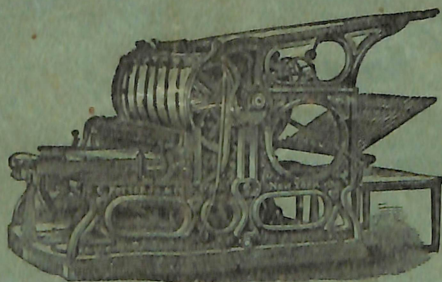
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