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MINUTES 47
OF THE
FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
KING'S MOUNTAIN
Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE
New Hope Baptist Church
September 23, 24, 25, and 26
1897

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Clerk, D. S. LOVELAGH, Metal, N. C.
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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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CLEVELAND COUNTY, N. C.,

September 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 26th, 1897.

E. Y. WEBB, MODERATOR.....	Shelby, N. C.
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Bumgardner, A. P.	Casar, N. C.	Jones, W. J.	Lattimore, N. C.
Bridges, B. M.	Lattimore, "	Limrick, R. L.	Shelby, "
Bridges, J. M.	Waco, "	Leatherman, J. F.	Hull's X Roads, "
Croom, H. M.	Pearl, "	Moss, N. H.	Cherryville, "
Dixon, T.	Shelby, "	Mullinax, T. H.	Grover, "
Ebeltoft, T. W.	Shelby, "	Poston, R.	Shelby, "
Elam, P. R.	King's Mount'n, "	Queen, Cicero	Casar, "
Gower, C. E.	Lincolnton, "	Ross, A. M.	King's Mountain, "
Hamrick, G. P.	Boiling Sp'gs, "	Tredway, R. F.	Shelby, "
Hawkins, R. N.	Sharon, "	Webb, G. M.	Shelby, "
Irvin, A. C.	Pearl, "		

LICENTIATES.

Bostic, W. D.	Shelby, N. C.	McCurry, J. L.	Shelby, N. C.
Brendle, M. W.		Moore, J. J.	Stice's Shoals, "
Bridges, J. D.	New House, "	Putnam, D. F.	Shelby, "
Bridges, E. J.	Depew, "	Rich, Eli	
Champion, G. H.	Boil'g, Sp'gs, "	Scism, P. M.	
Davis, J. G.	Lattimore, "	Toney, T. C.	Lattimore, "
Green, John.	Boiling Springs, "	Taylor, L. G. L.	Shelby, "
Harrell, D. D.	Earl, "	Washburn, G. D.	Wake Forest, "
Horner, J. C.	Jugtown, "	Wilson, W. P.	Shelby, "
Hoke, B. L.	King's Mountain, "	Williams, J. W.	
Lemmons, R. M.	Shelby, "		

BOARD OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

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E. J. LOVELACE	" "
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DR. J. D. HUFHAM	" "
T. DIXON	" "

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Call to Order by the Moderator, if present; if he is not present, by the Clerk.
3. Reading letters of churches and enrolling names of delegates.
4. Election of officers, to-wit : Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Appointment of Committee on Religious Exercises.
6. Call for churches to become members of the Association.
7. Call for letters and messengers from other Associations.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
9. Appointment of committees as follows : (1) Temperance, (2) Religious Literature, (3) Sunday Schools and Colportage, (4) Education, (5) State Missions, (6) Home and Indian Missions, (7) Foreign Missions, (8) Baptist Orphanage, (9) Finance, (10) Obituaries, (11) Ministerial Support, (12) Ministerial Relief, and chairmen of committees, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 for next year.
10. Appoint messengers to corresponding Associations and to the Baptist State Convention, and a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.
11. Call for reports from committees in the order in which they were appointed.
12. Appoint the time and place of next meeting, and preacher of the introductory sermon.
13. Treasurer's report.
14. Business matters or questions laid over from previous meeting; new business, motions, resolutions, etc.
15. Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Cleveland County, Sept. 23rd, 1897.

The King's Mountain Baptist Association convened in its Forty-Sixth Annual Session with the New Hope church, on Thursday Sept. 23rd, 1897. At 11 o'clock, A. M., Rev. A. C. Irvin preached the Introductory Sermon with much force and power. Text: 2 Cor. 6 Chapter, 1st verse. "We then, as workers together with him, beseech ye also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."

After the sermon the former Moderator called the Association to order and appointed Brethren E. Y. Webb and T. D. Lattimore as Reading Clerks.

Letters from the various churches were read and the following delegates enrolled:

Beaver Dam.—E S Glascoe, J L Blanton, D B Green, T J Holland, R L Butler, C A Jones.

Bethlehem.—T W Harmon, J R Crocker, G A Dixon, G H Logan, George Green.

Boiling Springs.—J L Pruett, D S Lovelace, D J Hamrick, E B Hamrick, W W White, Noah Hamrick, O N Hamrick.

Carpenter's Grove.—A B Peeler, T D Yarbboro, W J Brackett, C N Peeler.

Casar.—F L Deviney, D S Downs, P L Newton.

Cherryville.—W J T Styers, J M C Stroup.

Corinth.—J M Platt.

Double Springs.—W W Washburn, G W Hamrick, O C White, C A Washburn, W M Gold, T B Hamrick.

Elizabeth.—C M Kendrick, A Mauney, J M Hord, E C Borders, C J Houser, G W Kendrick.

Grover.—A J Hughes, J L Bridges, F H Bridges, H Dedmon, G L Moore.

King's Mountain.—W R Turner, T F Cummings, L Yelton, J F Dickey.

Lattimore.—D B McBrayer, J E McBrayer, J H Jones.

Leonard's Fork.—Lawson Houser, T F Cornwell.

Mt. Sinai.—J F Blanton, H M Angle, E A Weaver.

Mt. Vernon.—Not represented.

Mt. Zion.—J C Dellinger, E F Dellinger, J W Dellinger, G L Putnam.

New Bethel.—H F Schenck, T J Dixon, J L McCurry, P Z Carpenter.

New Hope.—John Moss, E M Rippey, T G Borders, M L Putnam, R H Runyans, P Sapeaugh.

New Prospect.—J M Gillespie, L W Hoyle, John F Cline, D H Elliott, D O Alexander.

Oak Grove.—Thomas Lovelace.

Patterson's Grove.—J H Patterson, J K White.

Patterson's Station.—E C Grigg, T P Camp.

Pleasant Grove.—Q M Ledford, W H Wright, L A Wright, Sylvanus Gardner, V A Gardner.

Pleasant Hill.—J A Roberts, William Hicks, L J Kendrick, C F Putnam.

Ross' Grove.—W P Wilson, A J Dedmon, J E Blanton.

Sandy Plains.—B F Jones, L S Jenkins, I J Bridges, J D Bridges, J C Philbeck, A B Jones.

Shady Grove.—J S Mauney, D M Witherspoon.

Shelby.—T D Lattimore, A B Suttle, W B Nix, M N Hamrick, E J Lovelace, E Y Webb, J F Williams.

Waco.—A W Black, S L Dellinger, P J Kendrick, James Miller.

Webb's Chapel.—F E Carpenter, T B Carpenter, William Reep.

Zion.—W F Gold, J M Wilson, F P Gold.

Zoar.—M O McEntire, S W Hughes, S E Bostic, W A Lattimore.

Brother H. F. Schenck, having served as Moderator of this body for the past thirteen years in succession, asked the Association to relieve him and suggested that Bro. E. Y. Webb be put in nomination for Moderator. Brethren A. B. Suttle and M. N. Hamrick were appointed as tellers of election, who after collecting and counting the ballots found the result to be as follows:

Moderator, E. Y. Webb; Clerk, D. S. Lovelace; Treasurer, T. D. Lattimore.

After an appropriate speech of acceptance by the new Moderator the following were appointed a committee on religious exercises, viz: J. M. Wilson, P. Z. Carpenter, A. J. Hughes, together with the pastor and deacons of the New Hope church.

On motion the Association adjourned for one hour.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. An invitation was given to churches wishing to join this body. Oak Grove, a new church at Fancy, N. C., responded with letter and delegate (see names in list of delegates.)

Revs. T. Dixon, J. M. Bridges and R. F. Tredway were appointed to examine the articles of faith of said church and report at their earliest convenience.

The following brethren were entered on the roll of visitors, viz: Revs. Joseph Williams and D. W. Thomason, from the Broad River Association, Rev. W. H. McClure of the Sandy Run Association, Rev. J. W. Hopkins of the South Fork Association, Brethren —Bettis and —Sepeaugh from the York Association, Rev. John E. White, Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board, Dr. John Mitchel representing the Board of Education,

Rev. J. W. Cobb representing the "N. C. Baptist," Rev. J. B. Boon, General Manager of Baptist Orphanage, Rev. O. L. Stringfield in the interest of Female Education, Bro. J. C. Caddell representing the Biblical Recorder.

The following were appointed as delegates to attend the Baptist State Convention, viz :

Revs. A C Irvin, T Dixon, G M Webb, J M Bridges, G P Hamrick, R F Tredway, R L Limrick, C E Gower, A M Ross, B M Bridges and Brethren E Y Webb and E B Hamrick.

The following messengers to sister associations were appointed :

Sandy Run Association—Revs. R N Hawkins, G P Hamrick, J M Bridges, A C Irvin, G M Webb, B M Bridges, T Dixon and Bro. H F Schenck.

Green River Association—Rev. G M Webb and Bro. J M Wilson.

South Fork Association—Revs. C E Gower and B M Bridges.

Rev. T. Dixon was appointed as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention to be held at Norfolk, Va., on the 6th day of May, 1898, and days following, with Rev. A. C. Irvin alternate.

Rev. G. M. Webb was appointed as a member of the State Mission Board.

The committee appointed to examine the articles of faith and practice of the new church (Oak Grove) reported favorably and said church was received as a member of this body and her delegates welcomed to seats with us.

The Moderator announced the following committees :

Temperance.—G P Hamrick, W J T Styers, E C Borders.

Religious Literature.—A C Irvin, D J Hamrick, T W Harmon.

Sunday Schools and Colportage.—G M Webb, S E Bostic, H Dedmon.

Education.—R F Tredway, M N Hamrick, W B Nix.

State Missions.—P R Elam, O N Hamrick, D B McBrayer.

Home and Indian Missions.—R L Limrick, J M Gillespie, J A Roberts.

Foreign Missions.—T Dixon, J F Williams, T D Lattimore.

Baptist Orphanage.—R N Hawkins, F L Deviney, W W Washburn.

Finance.—M N Hamrick, E B Hamrick, J E McBrayer.

Obituaries.—R F Tredway, G M Webb, J M Bridges.

Ministerial Support.—M L Putnam, J L Pruett, M O McEntyre.

Ministerial Relief.—C E Gower, W F Gold, T J Holland.

Place of Next Meeting.—E J Lovelace, A B Peeler, J Z Falls, J F Cline, G P Hamrick.

Rev. A. C. Irvin read the following

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

It is useless to emphasize the importance of Religious Literature in the homes of our people, and we may congratulate ourselves because our denomination furnishes religious papers so worthy the patronage of our people. The Biblical Recorder, the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, which has served us so many years, and which has been such a factor in the growth and development of our cause in the State has, we think, never been more ably edited, or a better paper than now. We commend it most heartily to the support and patronage of our people. We also commend the North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, the Foreign Mission Journal and Our Home Field; all of which have their special missions to fill. It is important that all should read these papers. A people, who read, think. Your committee recommend that the pastors of this Association be urged to press the claims of the above papers and try to get them in every Baptist family.

A C IRVIN,
T W HARMON, } Committee.
D J HAMRICK, }

The above report was discussed by Revs. A. C. Irvin, J. W. Cobb, J. B. Boone, C. E. Gower, John E. White, and Brother J. C. Caddell. The report was adopted.

On motion the body adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The invitation to visiting brethren was renewed when the following responded: Rev. A. P. Hollifield, Moderator of the Sandy Run Association; Rev. J. W. Suttle, of the Stanley Association; Bro. Hugh Long, of the Spartanburg Association.

Rev. R. N. Hawkins read the following

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

This Institution belongs to no one church or Association, but to every church and Association in the State of North Carolina. This being true, every Baptist should be proud that we have a home for those dear children that have no father or mother to care for them. Brethren, are we doing our duty, as we ought, caring for them? While all of us can not visit them in person we can all help them with some of the means that God has given to us. The central building has been completed and was occupied on the seventh day of last June, but there is still eight hundred dollars due on the building, which is in two notes: One due the 6th day of October and the other November, 1st. We have now 160 orphans and a large number of applicants. The need now is money that the necessary arrangements may be made to take some or all of those that are making application. Brethren, let us unite our hearts in prayer to God that these children may be so trained that they may all be brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, and become useful christians in their day and generation.

R N HAWKINS,
F L DEVINEY, } Committee.
W W WASHBURN, }

The Orphanage was discussed by Revs. R. N. Hawkins, J. B. Boone and Bro. J. C. Caddell. A cash collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$17.55. Corinth delegates pledged \$1.00, and King's Mountain delegates \$4.00 for Baptist Orphanage.

At 11 o'clock, a. m., Rev. John E. White read the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions is the local application of our Lord's commandment, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." It was fourteen years after this divine commission was given before any effort on the part of the disciples was made in Foreign Missions. They obeyed Christ's parting instructions and were "witnesses unto him" "both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria." The same Christ, our ascended Lord and Master, is commanding us to-day to preach the Gospel in all North Carolina. It is a startling fact that there are more unsaved men and women in our State to-day than ever in all her history. According to the last census there are in North Carolina over one million people out of Christ. In Eastern North Carolina there are vast fields of destitution almost as yet untouched. Around our factory towns and cities a large population is concentrating which demands attention of our churches through their Board of Missions. In Western North Carolina, State Missions is the agency we are to use as a lever to lift the people up and develop them in christian work. We can not give to this work too much of our sympathy and prayer nor support it too generously. As in the past, State Missions has been a mighty power in the extension of God's Kingdom in North Carolina, and in the development and progress of our Baptist people and in the propagation of Baptist principles. So it shall be, under God, in the future, a mighty power in the complete conquest of the State for Christ and his Truth. Our Board of Missions and Sunday Schools has commissioned eighty-nine Missionaries during this year. These faithful brethren are at work in over forty counties and are supplying over three hundred destitute points with the gospel. Up to this time they have baptized over 1000 members into the churches and organized 59 new Sunday Schools on mission territory. We do commend this work to every church in the King's Mountain Association. In the struggles and hardships of our missionaries we should feel the keenest interest and sympathy. As the year draws to a close, they are looking anxious to us for the small amounts promised them. As God has prospered us let us lay by in store for this great work which God has so significantly committed to the Baptist people.

P R ELAM,	} Committee.
O N HAMRICK.	
D B McBRAYER,	

Pending the motion to adopt, State Missions was discussed by Rev. John E. White, and a cash collection taken for the same amounting to \$14.00

Pledges were made for State Missions as follows :

Beaver Dam.....	\$ 5 00	New Hope	\$ 4 00
Bethlehem	5 00	New Prospect	5 00
Boiling Springs	11 00	Patterson's Grove	1 00
Carpenter's Grove.....	3 00	Pleasant Grove.....	3 50
Casar.....	2 00	Patterson's Station.....	1 00
Cherryville.....	3 00	Ross' Grove.....	2 00
Corinth.....	2 00	Sandy Plains.....	3 50
Double Springs	15 00	Shady Grove.....	3 00
Elizabeth, paid	8 00	Shelby.....	60 00
Grover.....	10 00	Webb's Chapel	2 60
King's Mountain	2 00	Waco.....	6 00
Lattimore	10 00	Zion.....	6 00
Leonard's Fork	2 00	Zoar.....	5 00
Mt. Sinai.....	2 00		
Mt. Zion.....	4 00	Total	\$201 00
New Bethel.....	15 00		

Discussion on State Missions continued by Bro. W. W. Washburn and Revs. J. M. Bridges and G. M. Webb.

The report on State Missions was adopted,

On motion Sunday's collection will be applied to State Missions.

Rev. F. C. Hickson was recognized as a visiting brother and invited to a seat with us.

On motion adjourned for one hour and fifteen minutes.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The consideration of the report on Baptist Orphanage was again resumed when the following was offered as an amendment to said report :

That each church in the Association be requested to take a collection once a year and each Sunday School a collection once a month for the Orphanage.

The report with the amendment was adopted.

Rev. G. P. Hamrick read the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a principle and the time has come for us to treat it as such. The quiet, thinking people ought to band themselves together to fight in its defence. Intemperance is a demon and can not be downed in a day. It is only by the study, onward movement that the victory can be gained. Be temperate in all things means we should not eat too much, we should not talk too much, or drink too much. Let every christian fix his heel firmly upon the serpent's head, and then press it so hard that no life can exist. For the sake of those who now live; for the sake of the generations to come; for the sake of him who died for us; let us touch not, handle not; yea, let us not look upon the wine when it giveth its color in the cup, and the time will soon come when bar-rooms in Shelby and drunkenness in our midst will be a thing of the past.

G P HAMRICK, }
W J T STYERS, } Committee.
E C BORDERS, }

Pending the motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Revs. G. P. Hamrick and O. L. Stringfield.

The report on temperance was adopted.

Rev. R. F. Tredway read as follows, the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Notwithstanding the financial depression of the past year, the different institutions of learning under our supervision have been very successful. The report of the Board at the State Convention last year reported a debt of \$300, with more young ministers needing assistance than ever before. Unless we respond generously to this increased demand the Board will be driven to the necessity of cutting off a large percentage of those applying for assistance.

Wake Forest College is improving its course and increasing its advantages and equipments every year, and it is now prepared to do, and is doing, better work than ever before. Let us, therefore, render all the assistance we can in this direction.

It is with pleasure that we report progress on the work of our Female University, and in a little while we can offer our girls the same advantages that our boys are receiving at Wake Forest.

We would also call attention to the excellent work being done by the Baptist High School at Cleveland Mills, conducted by Prof. W. B. Dove.

R F TREDWAY, }
W B NIX, } Committee.
M N HAMRICK, }

The above report was discussed by Rev. O. L. Stringfield, Dr. John Mitchel and Bro. E. W. Sikes.

The following pledges were made for Education :

Beaver Dam.....	\$ 1 00	Patterson's Grove.....	\$ 1 00
Bethlehem.....	2 00	Pleasant Grove.....	2 00
Boiling Springs.....	10 00	Ross' Grove.....	1 00
Carpenter's Grove.....	2 00	Shady Grove.....	1 00
Casar.....	50	Shelby.....	10 00
Grover.....	5 00	Waco.....	2 00
King's Mountain.....	2 50	Zion.....	2 00
Mt. Zion.....	2 00		
New Bethel.....	10 00	Total.....	\$56 00
New Prospect.....	2 00		

Discussion of the report on education was continued by Prof. E. W. Sikes.

The report on education was adopted.

On motion adjourned to 10 o'clock, a. m., on to-morrow. Prayer by Rev. E. C. Hickson.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Religious exercises conducted by Bev. W. H. McClure, of Henrietta.

At 10 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order. Roll called and list corrected.

Rev. G. M. Webb read the following

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND COLPORTAGE.

The Sunday School work is a great work. We are glad that nearly all of our churches have good Sunday Schools. We are glad

that so much progress has been made in this department of our work. We would still urge the great importance of Sunday Schools, and that we still put forth more energy in the work. Submitted,

G M WEBB,
H DEDMON,
S E BOSTIC, } Committee.

The report was discussed by Revs. G. M. Webb, Jno. E. White, A. P. Hollifield, and brethren T. D. Lattimore and S. E. Bostic.

On motion the report was adopted with the request that the discussion on Sunday Schools and Colportage be taken up at 9:30 on Sunday morning in the Sunday School mass meeting.

Rev. R. L. Limrick read as follows, the

REPORT ON HOME AND INDIAN MISSIONS.

We find from the report of the Home Board at the last Southern Baptist Convention which met in May, 1896, that the hardest year ever experienced by the Home Mission Board has just passed into history, and yet we are glad to know that the Board was, by the help of God, able to close the year's work with a very small debt. We find also from the report of this Board, that God has greatly blessed this part of our work. We find the work of the Home Mission Board for the past conventional year ending April 30th, 1896, to be as follows: Missionaries, 411; Churches and Stations, 1626; Baptisms, 5617; Received by letter, 6672; Total additions, 13295; Sunday Schools organized, 372; Houses of worship built, 92.

While we are glad to know that God has so greatly blessed us in the past; still this board is in great need of help now in order to be able to do the work that the Lord has given them to do. Brethren, we think that one of the greatest difficulties in the way of the work of the Board is, that people do not realize the great need of this field. Brethren, let us inform ourselves of the great need of this work.

R L LIMRICK,
J M GILLESPIE, } Committee.
J A ROBERTS,

The Association was addressed on the subject of Home and Indian Missions by Revs. R. L. Limrick, O. L. Stringfield, John E. White, and Bro. J. C. Caddell.

Pledges were made for Home and Indian Missions as follows:

Beaver Dam	\$ 3 00	New Hope	\$ 5 00
Bethlehem	3 00	New Prospect	5 00
Boiling Springs	5 00	Patterson's Grove	1 00
Carpenter's Grove	2 00	Pleasant Hill	3 00
Cherryville	1 00	Ross' Grove	2 00
Double Springs	5 00	Sandy Plains	4 00
Elizabeth, paid	8 00	Shady Grove	2 00
Grover	5 00	Shelby	25 00
King's Mountain	1 00	Waco	3 00
Lattimore	3 00	Zion	6 00
Leonard's Fork	2 00	Zoar	2 00
Mt. Sinai	1 50	Bro. J. C. Price, paid	2 00
Mt. Zion	2 00		
New Bethel	12 00	Total	\$113 00

The report on Home and Indian Missions was adopted.

Report of committee on place of meeting of next session of this body :

We recommend that next session of this body be held with the Sandy Plains Church at the usual time of the year, viz : On Thursday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1898.

On motion the report was adopted.

Rev. T. Dixon was appointed to preach the introductory sermon next year with Rev. R. F. Tredway alternate.

On motion adjourned for one hour.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the body to order.

Rev. R. F. Tredway read the following

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The letters from the churches report that since our last meeting fifty of our members have passed over the river and gone to their reward. Four Deacons being among the number who have finished their labors and have entered the Eternal City. Deacon J. J. Cornwell of the Leonard's Fork church, Deacon E. R. Welmon of the Mt. Zion church, and Deacons W. W. Green and V. McBrayer of the Shelby church.

R F TREDWAY, }
G M WEBB. } Committee.
J M BRIDGES, }

Report on Obituaries was adopted.

Bro. E. B. Hamrick read the

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Amount reported for State Missions	\$115 59
Amount reported for Home and Indian Missions.....	64 10
Amount reported for Foreign Missions.....	65 37
Amount reported for Education	62 00
Amount reported for Baptist Orphanage	11 16
Amount reported for Ministerial Relief.....	12 00
Amount reported for Minute Fund	35 25

\$365 47

The above report was adopted.

A telegram announced that at this hour, (2:30, p. m.,) Rev. G. P. Bostic and family would embark for China, and at the request of Rev. C. E. Gower, the Association, led by Rev. Jno. E. White, engaged in prayer for a safe voyage for Bro. Bostic.

Rev. C. E. Gower read the following

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

God is love. God's servants are moved by love; all of them, more or less. Where can we look for nobler examples of self-sacrifice and constant devotion to duty, for pure love's sake, than we find among our Baptist ministers. If we have in our land, those who prove by their actions that they love the truth, God and humanity, we find them here. Should they not have proof that they are loved in return? Is it love? Is it justice after they have worn themselves out trying to do the people real good, if they are left to eke out an old age of suffering without a decent burial? Ought we not to esteem it a privilege to minister unto these since, by so doing, we not only help ourselves and them but the blessed Master himself, who will say at last, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. In as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me." To aid in helping these old ministers most effectively, the Baptists have appointed a committee or board at Durham, to investigate, collect and disburse funds to the best advantage. Much has been done since but much more needs to be done. We are truly glad the churches in this Association are falling in line and helping in this noble work. Will not all help a little? We recommend that this matter be presented to the churches and one collection taken for it during the year. Respectfully submitted.

C E GOWER,
W F GOLD,
T J HOLLAND, } Committee.

Remarks by Revs. C. E. Gower, G. M. Webb, and Bro. J. C. Caddell.

The following pledges were made for Ministerial Relief:

Beaver Dam	\$ 1 00	New Hope	\$ 1 50
Bethlehem	2 00	New Prospect	1 00
Boiling Springs	2 00	Patterson's Grove	1 00
Carpenter's Grove	1 00	Pleasant Grove	1 00
Casar	1 00	Patterson's Station	50
Corinth	50	Pleasant Hill	1 00
Double Springs	1 00	Ross' Grove	1 00
Elizabeth, paid	1 00	Shelby	5 00
Grover	2 00	Webb's Chapel	1 00
King's Mountain	1 00	Waco	1 00
Lattimore	1 00	Zion	1 00
Leonard's Fork	1 00	Zoar	1 00
Mt. Sinai	50		
Mt. Zion	1 00		
New Bethel	5 00	Total	\$37 00

A cash collection was taken for the benefit of Elder N. H. Moss, an old and feeble minister, amounting to \$11.00.

The report on Ministerial Relief was adopted.

Bro. T. D. Lattimore, Treasurer, made his annual report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. D. LATTIMORE, Treasurer, In Account with the King's Mountain Association:

STATE MISSIONS.

1896, Sept. 24,	To amount received from Finance Committee	\$ 99 25
" " "	To amount collection at Association	17 15
" Nov. 2,	To amt. from Boiling Springs church	4 00
" " 4,	To amt. from Bessimer Mission	1 15
" " 5,	To amt. from Shelby church	19 00
" " 9,	To amt. from Elizabeth church	5 00
" Dec. 7,	To amt. from Boiling Springs church	5 78
" " 9,	To amt. from Zion church	3 00
" " 16,	To amt. from New Hope church	97
" " 23,	To amt. from Sandy Plains church	1 12
" " 28,	To amt. from Beaver Dam church	1 36
1897, Jan. 7,	To amt. from Mt. Zion church	1 11
" Ap'l 3,	To amt. from Double Springs church	10 00
" " 5,	To amt. from Zion church	3 00
" " 19,	To amt. from Elizabeth church	10 00
" May 18,	To amt. from Lattimore church	10 00
		\$191 89

1896, Sept. 24,	By paid J E White	\$ 3 84
" " 30,	By paid J D Boushall	112 56
" Nov. 5,	" " " "	24 15
" " 16,	" " " "	5 00
" Dec. 24,	" " " "	10 87
" Jan. 7,	" " " "	2 47
" Ap'l 19,	" " " "	23 00
" Jan. 3,	" " " "	10 00

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

" Sept. 24,	To amt. received of Finance Committee	\$ 191 89
" Dec. 9,	To amt. from Zion church	\$121 29
" " 9,	To amt. from Elizabeth church	5 00
1897, Ap'l 19,	To amt. from Shelby church	5 00
" " 11,	To amt. from Cherryville church	31 07
" " 20,	To amt. from New Prospect church	1 86
" " 21,	To amt. from New Bethel church	5 00
" May 3,	To amt. from Sandy Plains church	18 20
" " 12,	To amt. from Lattimore church	4 00
" " 18,	To amt. from Bethlehem church	5 00
" June 6,	To amt. from New Bethel church	3 45
" " 14,	To amt. from Elizabeth church	4 08
" " "	To amt. from Elizabeth church	4 30

\$208 25

1896, Sept. 30,	By paid J D Boushal	\$121 29
" Dec. 24,	" " " "	5 00
1897, Ap'l 19,	" " " "	36 07
" " 30,	" " " "	6 86
" May 3,	" " " "	18 20
" June 3,	" " " "	9 00
" " 18,	" " " "	11 83

\$208 25

HOME MISSIONS.

1896,	To balance last report	50
" Sept. 24,	To amt. rec'd from Finance Committee	\$ 65 96
1897, Ap'l 19,	To amt. from Elizabeth church	5 00
" " 20,	To amt. from Cherryville church	1 20
" " 21,	To amt. from New Prospect church	5 00
" May 3,	To amt. from Zion church	1 50

new forces quickened into life. More conversions and more baptisms have been reported this year than in any previous year in the history of our Board. The Missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention are located in the following fields: China, Africa, Brazil, Mexico, Japan and Italy.

This year's report gives us: Missionaries, 80; Native helpers, 111; Churches, 95; Members, 4324; Baptisms, 660. Judson prayed that he might live to see 100 converts, but he lived to see 7361 converts. That was not a failure. Among the Tolugus in 1866, there were 11 baptisms and 38 members. In 1889, there were 6,000 baptisms and 40,000 members. That was not a failure. In Africa it is estimated that there are over 17,000 converts annually. That is not a failure. In '72 the first church was organized in Japan. Twenty years afterwards there were 365 churches and 35,000 church members. That was not a failure.

To-day, with 12,011 Foreign Missionaries, 60,164 native assistants and 1,251,175 communicants in the foreign lands. Time would fail us to tell of all the work that is now being done in the foreign fields.

We are made to rejoice when we look back and remember the names of Carey, Fuller, Judson, Rice, Yates and others who laid the foundation of the Baptists in foreign lands.

T DIXON,	} Committee.
J F WILLIAMS,	
T D LATTIMORE }	

Rev. John E. White discussed the above report.

Churches pledged as follows for Foreign Missions:

Bethlehem	\$ 6 00	New Hope	\$ 2 00
Boiling Springs	10 00	New Prospect	5 00
Carpenter's Grove	2 00	Patterson's Grove	1 00
Casar	2 00	Pleasant Grove	5 00
Cherryville	1 00	Patterson's Station	1 00
Corinth	1 00	Ross' Grove	2 00
Double Springs	10 00	Sandy Plain	3 00
Elizabeth, paid	8 00	Shelby	50 00
Grover	5 00	Webb's Chapel	1 00
Lattimore	5 00	Waco	3 00
Leonard's Fork	1 00	Zion	5 00
Mt. Sinai	1 00	Zoar	1 00
Mt. Zion	2 00		
New Bethel	25 00	Total	\$158 00

The report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

On motion of Rev. R. N. Hawkins a collection was taken to aid Oak Grove, a newly constituted church, in building a house of worship, and churches pledged as follows for the same:

Beaver Dam paid	\$ 1 00	L W Hoyle and J F	} pd. \$1 00
Bethlehem	1 00	Cline for New Prospect	
Boiling Springs	1 00	G W Green, paid	1 00
Carpenter's Grove	1 00	I H Patterson	5 00
Elizabeth	1 00	J C Price, paid	1 00
Grover paid	1 00		
New Bethel	1 00	Total	\$16 00
Ross' Grove	1 00		

Bro. M. L. Putnam read the following
REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The labor laid out by Christ for his servants as well as all other worthy labor, deserves compensation. Those whom God has called to work in his vineyard, to proclaim his Gospel from the pulpit and explain his teachings to the world, must, if he fills his calling well, sacrifice his time in preparing for that work. He should be paid enough so that he can live comfortably and educate his family. He should be able to procure such literature as will best advance his Biblical knowledge and avail himself of the best means to become an active worker for the Master; spending his whole time in his service. For this reason it is necessary for the churches, in order to advance the cause of Christ, to maintain a good support of the ministry. Christ has said in his word, "They that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel." The New Testament gives us a strong confirmation of the support of the ministry, and we know of no better way to develop the cause of Christ than to give means to support his servants.

Respectfully submitted,

M L PUTNAM.

J L PRUETT,

M O McENTYRE,

} Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Moderator announced the following as chairmen of the respective committees to report at next session of this body:

Temperance—H F Schenck. *Religious Literature*—G. P. Hamrick. *Sunday Schools and Colportage*—W. J. T. Styers. *Education*—R. F. Tredway. *State Missions*—G. M. Webb. *Home and Indian Missions*—R. N. Hawkins. *Foreign Missions*—A. C. Irvin. *Baptist Orphanage*—R. L. Limrick.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the delegates and visitors hereby tender their sincere thanks to the brethren and friends of this community for their kind and bountiful hospitality during this session of the Association.

The Clerk was authorized to superintend the printing and distribution of Minutes and retain ten dollars for his services.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in Sept., 1898, with the Sandy Plains church, situated 12 miles North West from Shelby, N. C., and 6 miles North of Lattimore, (a station on the C. C. and on the O. R. & C. R. R.)

E. Y. WEBB, Moderator.

D. S. LOVELACE, Clerk.

Religious exercises during the session:

Rev J W Cobb preached Thursday night.

Rev A P Hollifield preached Friday night.

Rev G P Hamrick preached Saturday night.

Rev R F Tredway preached at 11 a. m. on Saturday.

Rev O L Stringfield preached in house at 11 a. m. Sunday.

Rev John E White preached at stand at 11 a. m. Sunday.

Rev G M Webb preached in house Sunday at 2 p. m.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

Early on Sunday morning the people began to assemble at the church ; coming by staff, steed, wheel and rail until a vast concourse had gathered. A Sunday School mass-meeting was conducted in the house by Rev. A. C. Irvin, and a similar one at the stand by Bro. E. Y. Webb. Both meetings were well attended and the Sunday School work ably discussed.

At 11, a. m., Rev. O. L. Stringfield occupied the pulpit in the house and read for his text, Phillipians 4th Chapter and 4th verse, "Rejoice in the Lord always ; and again I say rejoice." In his own peculiar style the speaker held his audience spell-bound for an hour, driving many truths home to the hearts of the people with irresistible force, showing clearly that christians have cause for rejoicing under all considerations, while the joys of the worldling are dependant upon surrounding circumstances.

At the same hour Rev. John E. White preached to a vast throng at the stand in the grove, and those who heard his discourse pronounce it a very able and timely sermon. While it may be presumed that some were there for the purpose of seeing and being seen, it is beyond a doubt that many true worshippers were in the assembly, and that much and lasting good was accomplished during the day as well as during the extremely pleasant session of the Association.

The collection on Sunday in the house was \$10.95, and at stand \$16.17, total \$27.12 ; will be applied to State Missions by order of the Body.

CLERK.

STATISTICS

CHURCHES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	PASTORS.	Sabbaths of Preaching.	No. Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.
Beaver Dam	T P Hamrick, Darfer	N. C. B M Bridges	4	35	4	1	10	1	5
Bethlehem	J F Herndon, King's Mountn	" R L Limrick	1	15	6	5	4		2
Boiling Springs	O N Hamrick, Metal	" G P Hamrick	1	8		2	7		0
Corinth	G W Hood, Plateau	" J M Bridges	2	4	7		2		
Casar	J A Newton, Casar	" W J Hopkins	4	23	6		2		
Cherryville	W G Stroup, Cherryville	" G M Webb	3	3	11		4	3	
Carpenter's Grove	A B Peeler, Knob Creek,	" W J Hopkins	1	4	5		12		
Double Springs	J L Green, DePew	" G P Hamrick	2	19	12		4		
Elizabeth	G W Kendrick, Shelby	" T Dixon [son	2	13	5	1	3	1	
Grover	D J Keeter, Grover	" D W Thoma	4	11	3	1	6		
King's Mountain	W A Williams, King's Mt'n	" A M Ross	2	7	22	1	11		
Lattimore	J H Jones, Lattimore	" A P Hollifield	1	4	6		5	1	
Leonard's Fork	W H Hoover, Crouse	" R L Limrick	4	3	1		1		
Mt. Sinai	E A Weaver, Stices	" R N Hawkins	3	19	7	1	1	4	
Mt. Vernon	Not represented								
Mt. Zion	E L McGinnis, Cherryville	" J M Bridges	1	23	1	4	5	2	
New Bethel	J G Parker, Lawndale	" A P Hollifield	2	13	23		1		
New Hope	J P Rippy, Earl	" C E Gower	2		10		8	6	
New Prospect	L W Hoyle, Jr., Waco	" T Dixon	3	20	7	3	5		
Oak Grove	T M Weir, Fancy	" J C Blanton	3						
Patterson's Stat'n	W A Gladden, Paterson Sp'gs	" A P Bumgarner	3	24	2		16	1	
Pleasant Grove	R W Gardner, Beam's Mill	" A P Hollifield	4	19	1	1	8		
Pleasant Hill	J A Roberts, Patterson Sp'gs	" D W Thomason	1	3	4	2	1	2	
Patterson's Grove	J F Elam, King's Mountain	" P R Elam	1	13		1	12		
Ross' Grove	Geo A Elam, Shelby	" T Dixon	4	7	4	1	7	1	
Sandy Plains	CR Whitaker, New House	" R L Limrick	3	6	3		9	2	
Shady Grove	D R Stroup, Cherryville	" R N Hawkins	1	5	2	1	2		
Shelby	H E Fulenwider, Shelby	" R F Tredway	E S	11	27	2	13		
Waco	N B Kendrick, Cherryville	" J M Bridges	1		10		7	2	
Webb's Chapel	F B Carpenter, Crouse	" G M Webb	4			1			
Zion	F P Gold, Pearl	" A C Irvin	1	13	2	1	16	4	
Zoar	S J Weaver, Sharon	" Z D Harrell	3	10	4		21	5	
			283	195	29	203	35		5

NOTE.—In addition to the amounts in the above table, churches sent up for Min Double Springs \$1, Grover \$1, King's Mountain \$2, Leonard's Fork \$1, New Hope \$2.25 Boiling Springs, G. P. Bostic \$4; Double Springs, Foreign Missions direct \$6.25; direct \$26.86. Total \$40.76. Cherryville Associational Missions (Convention) \$8. E

TABLE.

Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total Membership.	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Home and Indian Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Church Expenses.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Total Contributions.	Value of Church Property.	
10 1	5	121	202	323	\$100 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 2 91	\$ 16 50	\$ 3 75	\$ 1 15	\$111 90	\$1000 00	
4 2	2	84	128	212	100 00	7 00	2 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	2 91	16 50	43 70	2 00	116 00	800 00	
4 4	6	154	166	320	200 00	11 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	50	90	300 01	500 00	
2 2	29	41	70	75	75 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	50	1 05	80 55	500 00	
2 2	27	40	67	75	75 00	1 00	4 00	4 15	4 15	1 00	1 00	80 00	13 00	67	141 82	675 00	
4 3	30	45	75	40	00	4 00	3 50	2 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	4 00	65	99 15	800 00	
12 1	36	36	72	80	00	3 50	2 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	12 00	81 39	1 85	275 24	800 00	
4 4	1	103	154	257	150 00	15 00	5 00	10 00	9 30	5 00	5 00	32 06	31 07	1 56	162 92	800 00	
3 1	3	105	147	252	100 00	8 50	5 00	9 14	5 00	5 00	5 00	4 10	80 17	65	199 36	600 00	
6 3	85	145	230	130	00	2 50	1 00	1 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	8 00	19 25	1 00	217 77	1000 00	
11 1	1	37	81	118	125 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	1 50	154 75	1000 00	
5 1	2	54	62	116	108 00	2 50	2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	42 00	6 61	90	105 01	400 00	
1 1	2	17	39	56	60 00	2 00	1 50	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 26	11 22	1 32	84 58	335 00	
5 2	2	57	112	169	69 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	93 89	8 30	11 22	2 00	294 10	1000 00	
1 1	1	103	145	248	110 54	15 00	18 15	25 00	10 00	1 00	5 20	6 00	293 36	1 55	434 71	1000 00	
8 6	1	98	117	275	114 60	6 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	5 20	6 00	293 36	1 50	268 50	1500 00	
5 2	2	117	151	268	100 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	150 00	150 00	150 00	1 50	268 50	1500 00	
16 1	15	16	31	60	00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	335 00	335 00	9 00	50	407 50	400 00	
8 1	8	117	170	287	120 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	40 00	40 00	20 00	1 25	187 25	1000 00	
1 2	1	90	84	174	100 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	702 00	7 00	75	807 75	900 00	
12 7	1	41	37	78	91	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	7 00	50	17 50	800 07	
9 2	3	66	140	206	75 00	3 50	3 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	1 65	87 15	500 00	
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16 4	3	84	145	229	100 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 40	5 75	6 50	2 15	128 32	1000 00	
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isterial Relief as follows: Beaver Dam \$1, Bethlehem \$1, Casar \$1, Carpenter's Grove \$1, Waco \$1, Zion \$1. Total \$13.52.
Elizabeth, Gospel Missions \$2.15; New Hope, Gospel Missions \$1.50; Zoar, Foreign Missions \$1.50; Ministerial support \$1.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES.	No. Officers & Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	School Expenses.	Contrib'ts By School.	No. Q. & P. Taken.
Beaver Dam	R L Butler, Beattyville	10	130	40	\$ 8 00	---	80
Bethlehem	J R Crocker, Crocker	7	75	40	---	---	---
Boiling Springs	M D Hollifield, Boiling Sp'gs	11	119	65	11 02	\$18 22	122
Carpenter's Grove	A T Mull, Knob Creek	4	50	25	---	---	---
Casar	J H Magness, Casar	8	25	---	7 16	---	---
Cherryville	W J T Styers, Cherryville	7	137	80	7 00	8 70	147
Corinth	J M Platt, Jugtown	5	56	21	5 47	3 04	56
Double Springs	T B Hamrick, DePew	9	130	78	15 30	23 50	149
Elizabeth	E C Borders, Shelby	10	106	50	29 69	29 91	108
Grover	A J Hughes, Grover	8	75	---	11 31	7 78	70
Grover Mission S.	H Dedmon, Grover	7	62	---	8 55	10 00	70
King's Mountain	J F Dickey, King's Mount'n	7	150	90	22 00	---	90
Lattimore	D A F Hamrick, Lattimore	8	70	40	15 00	---	100
Mt. Sinai	J F Blanton, Stices	7	52	50	3 55	---	---
Mt. Zion	J W Dellinger, Cherryville	10	68	48	3 32	2 78	81
New Hope	A E Bettis, Earl	7	81	65	3 00	3 00	117
New Prospect	D H Elliott, Waco	7	50	35	5 00	---	---
Patterson's Grove	J W Williams, Bes'mer City	6	80	35	3 40	---	60
Patterson's Stat'n	T W Gladden, Pat'rs'n Sp'gs	8	35	2 56	---	---	55
Pleasant Grove	L A Wright, Beam's Mill	8	80	60	5 00	---	80
Pleasant Hill	L I Kendrick, Pat'son Sp'gs	5	50	35	6 00	6 00	50
Ross' Grove	A J Dedmon, Shelby	6	75	40	7 00	---	60
Sandy Plains	J D Bridges, New House	7	79	50	---	8 16	---
Shady Grove	W H Homesly, Cherryville	4	40	185	---	125 79	50
Shelby	E Y Webb, Shelby	19	235	---	---	---	---
Waco	S L Dellinger, Waco	7	40	---	6 00	2 23	60
Zion	J W Irvin, Pearl	7	76	40	4 00	4 00	80
Zoar	J M Putnam, Shelby	11	75	20	14 00	14 43	85
		233	2346		\$203 76	\$268 06	1720

Elizabeth church has 50 volumes in Library and Grover church, 68; total 118.
 Leonard's Fork S. School, W. H. Hoover, Superintendent, Crouse, N. C., has five officers and teachers.
 Webb's Chapel, Columbus Weaver, Superintendent, Crouse, N. C., has 45 scholars, and an average attendance of 35.

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