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▶ PROCEEDINGS. ▶

THURSDAY, September 30th, 1886.

▶ NAMES AND POSTOFFICES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS: ▶

G. W. Brooks, J. H. Duckworth, G. H. Church, Harrison Manly, Brevard, N. C.; A. W. Beck, Calhoun, N. C.; W. F. Lee, Hogback Valley, N. C.; J. E. Galloway, Zachary's, N. C.; W. C. Dunn, Balsam Grove, N. C.; S. G. Slone, Cedar Mountain, N. C.

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▶ OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. ▶

ELDER J. H. DUCKWORTH,	MODERATOR.
S. W. HAMILTON,	CLERK.
C. M. GALLAMORE,	HISTORIAN.

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▶ ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD. ▶

W. P. Southern, C. M. Gallamore, J. W. Orr, B. J. Wilson and H. C. Osborne.

The next session of this Association will be held with Cathey's Creek Church, commencing on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1887.

THE ASSOCIATION met at 11 o'clock. Listened to the introductory sermon by Elder W. F. Lee. Text: Romans 1:16. Prayer by Elder G. W. Brooks. Intermission for one hour.

Reassembled. The Moderator, Elder J. H. Duckworth, read the 121st Psalm. After singing and prayer, appointed R. W. Lee and J. M. Hamlin Reading Clerks.

Read letters from churches and enrolled delegates' names as follows:

Blue Ridge—N. M. Burns and Joseph Shipman.
Brevard—Elder G. H. Church, W. P. Southern, W. M. Crook, V. M. Goodson, C. M. Gallamore and J. M. Hamlin.

Cathey's Creek—Elder J. H. Duckworth, J. Bracken, Sr., D. B. F. Corn, Judson Corn, Elder H. Manly and James Wilson.

Carson's Creek—W. R. Garren, George Garren, C. O. Hilder.

Cedar Rock—Luke Osteen and J. B. Stamey.

Dunn's Creek—A. C. Landreth and B. P. Landreth.

Dunn's Rock—W. R. Moore.

Enon—H. C. Osborne, J. L. Cox, M. E. Fowler, Jeremiah Orr, J. G. Holden, S. B. Beck, J. W. Orr, W. L. Talley and G. W. Beck.

East Fork—C. M. Gillespie and J. B. Galloway.

Laurel Creek—Elder S. G. Slone and Leander Shipman.

Little River—S. W. Hamilton and W. F. Merrell.

Macedonia—Eli Galloway, A. J. McCall, Milford McCall and Marcus Galloway.

Mt. Moriah—Elder G. W. Brooks, W. F. Lyon, J. T. Batson and Wm. Whitmire.

New Prospect—J. L. Fisher and S. W. Reed.

Shoal Creek—Elder W. C. Dunn and J. G. McCall.

Toxaway—Elder W. F. Lee, J. E. Reese, W. C. Boren, W. J. Morgan and L. L. Powell.

Rocky Hill—J. D. Hooker, R. W. Lee and W. P. McGaha.

Then Elected officers as follows:—Elder J. H. Duckworth, Moderator; C. M. Gallamore, Historian; S. W. Hamilton, Clerk.

The Moderator then said that the Association was ready for the transaction of business.

Extended an invitation to churches to join our Association. Gladly Fork church presented a letter with the following named

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delegates: J. R. Galloway, J. Conley and W. J. C. Galloway, which, on motion, was received, and delegates welcomed to seats in our body.

Oak Grove church presented a letter with delegates: J. L. Thomas and G. W. Henderson. On motion, received and delegates welcomed to seats in our body.

On Motion, Minute of last year was adopted as the order of business for the evening.

Appointed Elder G. H. Church to fill vacancy on Home Mission committee.

Then appointed committees as follows:

On Preaching—Eli Galloway, J. Bracken, Sr., and W. R. Garren.

Finance—C. O. Hilder, G. W. Beck and J. T. Batson.

Arrangements—Elders G. W. Brooks, W. C. Dunn and W. F. Lee.

Ministers to preach Introductory sermon with alternates: W. R. Moore, R. W. Lee and N. M. Burns.

Invited A. W. Beck, a visiting minister, to a seat.

J. M. Hamlin offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

That the Association meet at the stand each day at 9:30 o'clock for devotional exercises; at ten enter on business; eleven, adjourn for preaching; 1:30, p. m., resume business, and adjourn at will.

W. P. Southern offered the following:

RESOLVED, That we appoint a committee on Conventional Missions. Adopted.

On motion, adjourned until 9:30 to-morrow. Prayer by H. Manley.

FRIDAY, October 1st, 1886.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Engaged in devotional exercises for 30 minutes, conducted by the Moderator. Resumed business. Called on Committee on arrangements to report. Submitted the minute of last year as their report. Adopted.

Committee on Preaching reported that Elder G. H. Church preach at 11 o'clock.

Committee on Foreign Missions granted until to-morrow 10:30 o'clock to report.

Committee on Temperance reported. After remarks by S. W. Hamilton and W. P. Southern, the hour arrived for preaching.

Elder G. H. Church preached. Text: Luke 8:11-15. Prayer by Elder J. H. Duckworth.

Intermission for one hour.

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EVENING SESSION.

Reassembled. Prayer by Elder G. W. Brooks. The Moderator in the Chair.

Resumed the discussion of the report on Temperance. After remarks by Elder G. H. Church, J. W. Orr, V. M. Goodson and H. C. Osborne, the report was adopted as follows:

Your committee on Temperance submit the following: Those best informed upon the subject, say that within the United States there are 50,000 deaths annually caused by intemperance, and that there are \$400,000,000 expended in the traffic of intoxicants, 25,000 wives made widows, 100,000 children made orphans. To counteract this gigantic evil with all its evil tendencies, three States have incorporated Prohibition in their Constitutions, nineteen States have partial Prohibition in the form of local option laws, fourteen States have passed laws requiring the study of the Physiological effects of intoxicants to be taught in the public schools. The anti-saloon convention met in Chicago two weeks ago, with a delegation of 300 of the most influential men in fourteen states, and passed strong resolutions in favor of temperance. The Southern Baptist Convention at its last meeting took a strong and decided stand in favor of the cause. We are glad to learn that the Baptists are taking the lead in the cause of temperance. We believe that within a very short time all Christians will be united on this subject, and will vote for no man for any office who is not strictly a temperance man.

S. W. HAMILTON, Chairman.

Committee on Time and Place reported.

TIME:—Tuesday before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1887. PLACE:—Cathey's Creek church.

W. L. LYON, Chairman.

Committee on Introductory sermon reported:

Elder G. H. Church to preach the Introductory sermon. Elder J. H. Duckworth alternate.

W. R. MOORE, Chairman.

Committee on Home Missions reported. Remarks by Elder G. H. Church and J. W. Orr, after which took up a collection amounting to \$5. The report was then adopted as follows:

Home Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention. This includes all the destitution in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention and therefore brings us under obligation to give the gospel to the colored man of the South and to the red man of the forest, and also to the Foreigner whom the Lord is sending to our shores. We believe that we are under greater obligation to give the gospel to the Indians than any other race of people, because we have dispossessed them of their hunting grounds, on which we have built our dwellings and our churches. Therefore let us give of our means to help on the worthy cause.

Respectfully,

G. H. CHURCH, Chairman.

Committee on Sabbath Schools asked that their report be postponed until 10 o'clock Sunday. Granted.

Report on Education postponed until 1:30 to-morrow. Report on Periodicals postponed until 3 p. m.

Associational Board reported nothing done.

Appointed committees as follows:

Conventional Missions—C. M. Gallamore, S. W. Hamilton and J. B. Galloway.

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Associational Board—W. P. Southern, J. W. Orr, B. J. Wilson, C. M. Gallamore and H. C. Osborne.

Home Missions—S. W. Hamilton, W. F. Lee and J. W. Fisher.

Foreign Missions—Elder G. H. Church, J. L. Cox and H. C. Osborne.

Sabbath Schools—W. P. Southern, W. R. Moore and Elder H. Manly.

Education—C. M. Gallamore, R. W. Lee and C. O. Hilder.

Temperance—J. M. Hamlin, Eli Galloway and W. L. Lyon.

Periodicals—Elders G. W. Brooks, S. G. Slone and C. M. Gillespie.

Elder G. H. Church offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

RESOLVED, That this body be governed by Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

On motion the following resolution, offered by S. W. Hamilton, was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the brethren and friends in the neighborhood for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association.

On motion, adjourned until 9:30 to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. A. Marshall.

SATURDAY, October 2nd, 1886:

Met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises for 30 minutes conducted by Elder J. A. Marshall.

The Moderator called the Association to order at 10 o'clock. The Historian submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

Brevard High School was founded at Brevard July 24, 1886. The Board of Trustees employed Prof. J. H. Hamilton, of Bingham High School, as principal, who opened the school August 9.

The first Womans Missionary society formed in this Association was organized in Brevard church, May 15th. Mrs. T. N. Cooper was elected President. Mrs. Ella T. Duckworth Secretary. Contribution for present quarter was \$5.00.

Elder G. H. Church was settled in the Pastorate at Brevard, Dec. 1st, 1885.

Elder Harrison Manly united with Cathey's Creek church September 18th.

W. R. Galloway, a member of Macedonia church, departed this life September 21st, in the 69th year of his age. He professed faith in Christ and united with Macedonia church in early life. He leaves a large train of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

J. M. HAMLIN, Historian.

The motion to reconsider the report on Sabbath Schools was, on motion of J. M. Hamlin, laid on the table.

Committee on Conventional Missions reported. Remarks by Elders G. H. Church, W. F. Lee and W. P. Southern. At this

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point the Moderator invited Elders J. A. Marshall and A. C. Queen to seats.

The hour for preaching having arrived, on motion was dispensed with.

The report on Conventional Missions was then adopted as follows:

Your committee on Conventional Missions having examined the report of the Boards of the Western Baptist Convention for last year, and from what information we have been able to gather of the present years work, report great progress. The Mission Board of the Convention is now locating good men at the towns and railroad centers in Western N. C., and also building good houses of worship. For the last two years our Boards have had under their supervision more than twenty Missionaries, who, with the aid of brother Carter as General Missionary, have been able to more fully unite the Baptist brotherhood of Western North Carolina. And we are beginning to feel that the Western Baptist Convention is our Convention, and the Boards all our Boards, and all their interests our interests. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this, the Transylvania Association, do more heartily cooperate with the workings of the Western Baptist Convention.

Respectfully,

C. M. GALLAMORE, Chm'n.

The following resolution, by J. M. Hamlin, was adopted.

RESOLVED, That this Association be divided into three divisions, and that Union meetings of the churches be held in one, on each fifth Sunday, except last Sunday in July, the time of annual meeting Sunday School Convention. That a committee be appointed to make the division and appoint the first meeting.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported: Remarks by W. P. Southern and Elder G. H. Church, after which took up a collection for the same, amounting to \$6.85. The report was then adopted as follows:

The nineteen churches represented in this meeting, with a membership of 1400, have contributed for Foreign Missions, during the past year, \$19.20, or 1 1/3 cts. per capita. The Baptists for 1885, gave 49 cts. per capita; Congregational, \$1.66; Presbyterian, \$1.16; M. E. church, 21 cts. As a denomination we are far behind in this important work, and as an association we scarcely deserve the name of Missionary Baptists. The criminal indifference is wholly attributable to a want of a deeper and more enlightened piety. It is quite probable that 19-20ths of the Baptists in this country are indulging the false hope that some of the heathen will be saved without the gospel.

We would therefore urge our pastors to preach on and take collections for the work on Sunday the 7th day of November, this being the day set apart by the Mission Board of Great Britain and America for special prayer throughout the world in behalf of Foreign Missions. We further recommend the distribution of Mission tracts and books, and especially the circulation of the "Foreign Mission Journal." We have the greatest encouragement possible to obey the last command of our blessed Master. In 1793 Carey went to India to tell the heathen of Jesus. Now there are in India some five hundred thousand souls who delight to say of Jesus, "My Lord and my God." In 1814 the Baptists of the United States organized to support the first Missionary, the immortal Judson. To-day we have some one hundred thousand converts in heathen lands. How vast the field yet unoccupied. There are upwards of

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300,000,000 souls who have never heard of Jesus. In Africa alone it is estimated that 720 die every hour, of whom only two have heard the gospel. Go ye brethren, 'ere they die.

W. P. SOUTHERN, Chairman.

Following is the committee on Union Meetings:—J. M. Hamlin, D. B. F. Corn and R. W. Lee, which made the following report:

REPORT ON UNION DIVISIONS.

No. 1. New Prospect, Toxaway, Oak Grove, Macedonia, Shoal Creek, Cedar Rock and Gladly Fork.

No. 2. East Fork, Carson's Creek, Dunn's Creek, Dunn's Rock, Rocky Hill and Blue Ridge.

No. 3. Mt. Moriah, Cathey's Creek, Brevard, Enon, Little River and Laurel Creek.

That the first Union be held at New Prospect, District No. 1, commencing Friday before the fifth Sunday in January, 1887. Introductory sermon by A. W. Peck; Alternate, S. G. Slone, Associational Board to publish programme. D. B. F. CORN, Chairman.

Committee on Finance reported: Received from the churches for printing minutes \$18.65.

C. O. HILDER, Chairman.

Intermission for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

Reassembled. The Moderator in the chair.

Invited Elder Joseph E. Carter, Editor "Western N. C. Baptist," and General Agent Western Convention, to a seat.

Invited Prof. J. H. Hamilton, of Brevard High School, to a seat.

Committee on Education reported. Remarks by C. M. Gallamore, R. W. Lee. Elder's Joseph E. Carter, J. H. Duckworth and Prof. J. H. Hamilton.

On motion the report was adopted as follows:

Your committee on education beg leave to report that in their judgement the cause of education is steadily growing in favor within the bounds of this Association. Evidence is seen in the fact that better school houses for the accommodation of our common schools are building in various localities. More enlightened teachers are demanded in the schools. Some localities are undertaking to extend their public terms into longer terms by individual contribution. Carson's Creek under the supervision of C. O. Hilder and Little River with C. M. Gallamore have good schools to whom we wish to offer encouragement. The church at Enon are laying a broad foundation for a school of grade and character. For the last two years the brethren have been discussing the feasibility of establishing a proprietary school in our midst. After several meetings discussing thoroughly the practicability of such an enterprise, a school has been organized at Brevard under the control of a large Board of Trustees, representing the interests of every section of our Association and is presided over by Prof. J. H. Hamilton, of the Bingham High School, and the University State Normal School of Nashville, Tennessee, who is prepared to do good and efficient work. We again commend Judson College as worthy the patronage of our Association, regarding as we do our own schools as feed-

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ers of this. The work done there in the way of educating the ministry meets our warmest commendation. In this work particularly, as well as the general work of education done by the College, we should feel the deepest interest and lend it our heartiest support.

Respectfully,

G. W. BROOKS, Chm'n.

Took up report on Periodicals. Remarks by Elder Joseph E. Carter. Report adopted as follows:

Your committee recognizing the influence of the press in improving the minds and shaping the sentiments of the people do, with pleasure, report that Periodicals within the bounds of this Association are plentiful. To begin at home there is the "Western N. C. Baptist," which has been removed to Asheville, improved in size, matter and price to suit. Among those printed elsewhere are the "Biblical Recorder," printed at Raleigh, N. C., the "International Lessons" and other publications by the American Baptist Society at Philadelphia, Pa., "Kind Words" and other papers, which we are obliged to prescribe, and which are used in this country, we do heartily recommend to the use of the people.

R. W. LEE, Chairman.

On Motion of J. M. Hamlin the Clerk was allowed \$6 for making the minutes.

The Associational Board submitted the following, which was adopted:

Your Associational Board do recommend the appointment of a Missionary in the bounds of this Association and ask the churches now to make pledges for his support.

W. P. SOUTHERN, Chairman.

The following pledges were made: Blue Ridge, \$1; Brevard, \$20; Cathey's Creek, \$5; Carson's Creek, \$5; L. Osteen, \$1; Dunn's Creek, \$1; Dunn's Rock, \$5; Enon, \$20; East Fork, \$5; Laurel Creek, \$5; Little River \$10; Macedonia, \$3; Mt. Moriah, \$10; New Prospect, \$10; J. G. McCall, \$1; Toxaway, \$5; Rocky Hill, \$5; Gladly Fork, \$2.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Elder A. C. Queen. Benediction by Elder J. E. Carter.

SUNDAY, October 3, 1886.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by J. T. Fisher and W. P. Southern. The Moderator called the Association to order at 10 o'clock.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Remarks by J. M. Hamlin, S. W. Hamilton, C. M. Gallamore, Elder G. H. Church and V. M. Goodson. Report adopted as follows:

Your committee having had the subject of Sunday-schools under their observation for the last associational year, are able to report progress from the field. At the first annual meeting of this Association in 1882, there were three churches supporting their own schools. What was the exception is now the rule. We have nineteen Baptist schools, supported by seventeen churches.

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A union school in a Baptist church is a thing of the past, there not being one in the county. Nearly the same progress has been made in the use of lesson helps; thirteen use Baptist helps. Let us look at the work doing: Our churches have sent out 117 teachers with Bibles in hand to stand alongside the pastors in the promulgation of the gospel. These teachers address an average audience every Sunday, for eight months in the year, of 705 souls. There are 1,137 pupils enrolled, giving a total of 1,154 engaged in the work. Sixty have professed conversion; \$75.00 have been spent for lesson helps; \$19.25 have been raised for Missions by those schools. Two churches are not engaged in the work. The total membership of all our churches is 1,404, of whom 368 are engaged in the Sunday schools, and 1,036 members, or 66% of our strength unavailable. The great barriers heretofore to the progress of the Sunday school cause have been opposition to denominational organization and the use of lesson helps. This opposition has give way. The pioneer work is done, now what? Our superintendents should study management and organization. Teachers should study now more than ever, in addition to his preparation of the lesson in hand, the best methods of imparting knowledge. The subject of Missions and giving should be permanently incorporated in our work and kept constantly before the schools. Respectfully,

J. M. HAMLIN, Chairman.

Prayer by Elder J. H. Duckworth. Elder Joseph E. Carter then preached to a large and attentive audience; text 1 Thess. 4:18, after which a collection was taken for Conventional Missions amounting to \$11.00.

The following named brethren were appointed delegates to the Western Baptist Convention: Elders J. H. Duckworth, A. W. Beck, C. O. Hilder and J. M. Hamlin.

On motion adjourned to Time and Place designated by the Committee.

* J. H. DUCKWORTH, MODERATOR.

S. W. HAMILTON, CLERK.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR 1886.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	P. OFFICES.	Meeting Day.	Baptized.	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Minute Fund.	Membership.	Pastors' Salaries.	Paid for Missions.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers & Teach'rs.	Scholars.	Av. Attendance.
Blue Ridge, ...	L. C. Hamilton,	N. M. Burns,	Cedar Mountain,	2	13	12	21	1	4	3	\$ 55	53			1	5	3425	
Brevard, ...	G. H. Church,	J. M. Hamlin,	Brevard, ...	2	12	21	1	1	4	3	30	135	\$250 00	\$31 75	1	11	181 50	
Cathey's Creek, ...	J. H. Duckworth,	S. King,	Robert,	3	2	1	1	14	1	1	95	145			10		5045	
Carson's Creek, ...	G. W. Brooks,	W. P. Hogged,	Cedar Mountain,	4	3	2	2	6		6	75	61	25 00				2521	
Cedar Rock, ...	I. H. Owens,	Luke Osteen,	Brevard, ...	3	6	2	2	2			65	26					5042	
Dunn's Creek, ...	W. C. Dunn,	A. C. Landreth,	Brevard, ...	3	8	7	2				25	35	7 00	1 00	1	5	2521	
Dunn's Rock, ...	A. W. Beck,	G. T. Lyday,	Carson's Creek,	2	4	4	3	0	1	1	75	53			1	8	5042	
Enon, ...	G. H. Church,	C. M. Gillespie,	Calhoun, ...	2	12	6	3	0	1	1	00	202	250 00	13 11	1	9	120 34	
East Fork, ...	J. H. Duckworth,	J. E. Reese,	East Fork, ...	2	2	2	2				85	95			2	9	95	
Glady Fork, ...	W. F. Lee,	W. C. Ray,	Grange, ...	1	11	8	4	3	1	1	80	65	18 50	1 00	1	5	3525	
Laurel Creek, ...	A. W. Beck,	S. W. Hamilton,	Grange, ...	3	11	8	4	3	1	1	100	117			1	8	5030	
Little River, ...	J. A. Galloway,	E. J. Galloway,	Balsam Grove,	2	1	23	5	6	1	1	10	111			1	5	5032	
Macedonia, ...	G. W. Brooks,	W. Brooks,	Zachary's, ...	1	2	2	1		3	2	80	99			1	8	7560	
Mt Moriah, ...	A. S. Whitnure,	John Whitnure,	Tip Top, N. C.	1	2						50	11						
Oak Grove, ...	W. F. Lee,	E. D. Owen,	Hogback Valley	1	11	2		5			80	113			1	5	3530	
New Prospect, ...	W. C. Dunn,	Wm. McCall,	Balsam Grove, ...	1	6			2			50	43			1	5	3530	
Shoal Creek, ...	W. F. Lee,	W. J. Morgan,	Zachary's, ...	4	2	4	1	2	1	1	00	104			1	4	3530	
Rosaway, ...	J. H. Duckworth,	R. W. Lee,	Cedar Mountain,	4	1	2	2				75	48			1	5	4030	