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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

REV. F. M. JORDAN - - - - - MODERATOR.
J. M. HAMLIN - - - - - CLERK.
A. J. MANLY - - - - - HISTORIAN.

NAMES AND POSTOFFICES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

E. Allison, G. W. Brooks, and H. Manly, Brevard, N. C.; F. M. Jordan, East Fork; A. W. Beck, Calhoun; W. F. Lee, Tip-Top; T. E. Galloway, J. N. Reese, and W. C. Boren, Galloway; A. J. Corn, Grange; W. C. Dunn, Balsam Grove; O. O. Hilder, Cedar Mountain; J. F. Woodfin, Boilston.

ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD.

C. M. Gallamore, O. L. Osborne, J. M. Hamlin.

The next session of the Transylvania County Association will be held with Little River Church, east of Brevard, beginning on Thursday before the 3d Sunday in October, 1894. Introductory Sermon by E. Allison.

PROCEEDINGS.

Macedonia Church, N. C., October 12, 1893.

The Transylvania County Baptist Association met in its twelfth annual session on the above day and place. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. C. Holtsclaw. Text, II Kings 6:17. Prayer by Elder F. M. Jordan. Intermission.

Re-assembled. Elder F. M. Jordan in the chair. The former clerk being absent, on motion of Elder E. Allison Bro. J. M. Hamlin was requested to act as clerk *pro tem*. The Moderator read from the Scriptures. Prayer by Elder Manly.

The list of churches was called, and the names of Messengers were enrolled as follows, Elder Holtsclaw and J. R. Owen acting as readers:

Brevard—Elder E. Allison, B. N. Glazener, J. M. Hamlin.
Boilston—J. F. Garren, T. E. McKinney, Sherman Reese, D. J. Banning, N. O. Rickman, Elder T. C. Holtzclaw.
Blue Ridge—Not represented.
Carson's Creek—G. F. Garren, Ed Castle, W. R. Garren.
Cathey's Creek—B. J. Wilson, G. W. Barton, J. A. Bryson, W. D. Waldrop.
Cedar Rock—Not represented.
Dunn's Creek—Not represented.
Dunn's Rock—Not represented.
East Fork—O. M. Gillespie, A. H. Garren, E. M. Whitmire.
J. McD. Cantrell, W. M. Gillespie.
Enon—E. B. Clayton, Rev. A. W. Beck, J. L. Cox, E. M. Allison, H. C. Osborne, J. A. Middleton, M. E. Fowler, M. L. Morgan, E. O. Lyday.
Glady's Fork—T. E. Reese, H. R. Galloway.
Glady's Branch—E. M. Corn, B. J. Glazener.
Little River—B. W. Picklesimer, W. T. Merrell, P. C. Orr, Joseph W. McCall.
Macedonia—C. H. Robinson, S. Galloway, J. R. Owen, E. D. Owen, A. J. McCall, W. M. Mason.
Mt. Moriah—G. H. Moore, J. M. Morgan, J. L. Glazener, M. L. Orr, Birt Whitmire, P. G. Morgan, L. F. Foster.

New Prospect—T. B. Reed, R. J. Galloway, B. C. Owen, E. D. Reed, J. D. Reed.

Oak Grove—Rev. A. S. Whitmire, J. K. Henderson, J. E. Raines, G. W. Henderson, T. C. McCall.

Pink Bed—Not represented.

Shoal Creek—J. G. McCall, J. M. McCall, J. N. McCall, R. E. McCall.

Toxaway—Not represented.

Rocky Hill—Not represented.

Zion—Not represented.

On motion of G. H. Moore, all messengers from churches whose letters have not arrived shall be entitled to vote.

The Moderator announced that the election of officers was now in order, appointing E. D. Owen, J. K. Henderson, J. M. Morgan, and J. R. Owen tellers. After canvassing the votes, the tellers announced the following result: Elder F. M. Jordan, Moderator; J. M. Hamlin, Clerk.

On motion, the Moderator was authorized to cast the unanimous vote of this body for Bro. A. J. Manly for Historian.

The Moderator-elect responded to the report by the expression of thanks for the confidence reposed in him by his brethren, and declared the Association organized and ready for the transaction of business.

The following correspondents were cordially welcomed to seats in this body:

J. P. Morgan, Corresponding Secretary of Conventional Board; Elder S. C. Owen, representing the Asheville Baptist; Wm. Ward, from Buncombe county; and Elder J. A. Galloway, from Tuckasiegee Association.

On motion of Elder E. Allison, the Moderator was authorized to appoint a special committee to investigate alleged reports of the moral condition of New Prospect church, and report to this body. The chair announced the following as such committee: Elder E. Allison, H. Manly, and W. F. Lee.

The chair announced the following standing committees:

Preaching—Pastor and deacons of Macedonia.

Finance—E. M. Whitmire and J. M. Morgan.

Time and Place—A. J. McCall, J. F. Garren, and M. L. Orr.

Education—J. M. Hamlin and Elder Wm. Ward.

Temperance—Elder A. W. Beck and E. O. Lyday.

Periodicals—Elder S. C. Owen and J. K. Henderson.

Home and Conventional Missions—Elder Wm. Ward and J. R. Owen.

Foreign Missions—Elder T. C. Holtsclaw and J. P. Morgan.

Orphanage—Elder S. C. Owen and G. H. Moore.

Sunday Schools—J. R. Owen, C. H. Robinson, and A. H. Garren.

After some announcements, adjourned to 9:30 a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Elder S. C. Owen.

SECOND DAY.

The Association, being detained by inclement weather, met after the time to which it had adjourned. Prayer by Elder Ward. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The messengers of Little River and Cathey's Creek churches presented letters which were read and names enrolled.

The report on Education, on motion of Elder Allison, was made the special order to-morrow at 2 p. m.

Elder A. W. Beck, as chairman of the committee, read the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee begs leave to report that intemperance is keeping pace with the progress of the gospel, and, in some places, perhaps, is getting before. We beg leave to call your attention to the fact that we are taught in God's Word that we should be temperate in all things.

Therefore, we should do all that we can to stop the tide of drunkenness which is destroying so many of our people. Neither should we forget to strive against the evils growing out of the intemperate use of the tongue.

We would recommend that we all pray earnestly to God to put it into our hearts to be temperate in all things. Respectfully submitted.

A. W. BECK,
E. O. LYDAY.

Pending a motion to adopt, pertinent and timely remarks were made by the chairman of the committee, Elders Ward, Allison, Holtsclaw, and the moderator.

The following resolution was introduced:

Resolved, That the special committee of yesterday be instructed to investigate the standing of other churches with regard to their action with intemperate members.

Elder Holtsclaw and Bro. C. H. Robinson were added to said special committee.

The previous question—adoption of the report—was called for, and it was adopted.

The report on Home and Conventional missions was made the special order 10 o'clock a. m., and Foreign missions for 1 o'clock p. m. to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned to 9:30 a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Elder Holtsclaw.

THIRD DAY.

Met according to adjournment. Moderator read the 84th Psalm. Prayer by Elder Lee. The minutes of yesterday's

bountiful repast spread in the yard by the ladies of Macedonia.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Sang "Am I a soldier of the cross."

Bro. Freeman from the committee on co-operation asked that his committee be raised, whereupon C. H. Robinson, C. M. Gillespie, W. F. Lee, W. B. Henderson, and H. Manley were added.

Elder T. C. Holtsclaw read the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on foreign missions feel keenly the need of reminding the churches of the great responsibilities resting on them in regard to the unconverted world, and the last and great command of our Lord and master. Brethren, as Baptists, we have long since learned to believe that ours is the faith once delivered to the saints. We hold that no other people can utter this claim so broadly, or maintain it so firmly. As Baptists we believe that those that followed the Master, refusing to go away, were Baptists. We hold that the little band waiting and praying in the upper room was a company of Baptists. We believe that the company that gathered on the mountain in Galilee to meet the dear Lord were Baptists. If this claim of ours is just, then it was to Baptists that the Master said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Great words are these. They should stir our blood like a call to battle. They should thrill our hearts like the touch of music. As God commanded his first disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel, so he commands in the nineteenth century. The great commission is as imperatively binding as it was the day it was given, and in no other way can we relieve ourselves of this solemn obligation but by giving ourselves or sending others to preach the gospel to the nations that know not God. The very aim of Christianity was to assail and subdue all false systems of religion, and therefore must be missionary in spirit and essence.

The incentives to go.

The success which has attended the modern missionary enterprise.

In 1775 there was a fourteen-year-old boy in England whom God put to school. A shoe shop served as the theological seminary and shoemaking was the first study prescribed. But by and by the Bible, geography, and the voyages of Captain Cook were embraced. God said to him: "Go tell the heathen of Christ and his dying love." In 1792 he preached that memorable sermon from Isaiah 54: 2, 5, before the Baptist Association. Out of this grew the first modern missionary movement. In October of this same year the society whose object was to give the gospel to the heathen was formed by some Baptist preachers. From this small beginning the work has grown, and now, at the end of a hundred years, there are over 250 missionary organizations at work in heathen lands, and the annual income has grown from a few pounds to over eleven million dollars; are represented in the field by 3,500 missionaries, and support 35,000 native assistants.

Brethren, we have many things to encourage us. God has pledged himself to give to Christ the heathen for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. Alas, our faith! How feebly it takes hold of this divine assurance. Let us take courage, for God is opening to us other sources of hope, for China, the last great Pagan empire, was a few years ago a walled city to the world, but now its gates are thrown wide open, its walls are torn down, and the cry is, "come over and help us." Some time ago the emperor issued an edict in which he speaks of the missionaries as guests, and declares that they shall not be

molested. Another encouraging feature is the gain in converts for the last ten years has been 120 per cent. greater than that of the entire period of missionary effort. While we should work for the salvation of all, let us make a grand effort to redeem China, for as China goes, so goes the East, whether for or against Christ.

Your committee advise that all our churches be urged to give their money to and pray for the support of the work. For—

"Over the deep blue sea,
Over the trackless flood,
A little band has gone
In the service of our God.

But, O, speak not of the noble few
Who the gospel sickle wield,
And reap some sheaves with weary hands
On the edge of its harvest field.

Far beyond their utmost efforts
Four hundred million lie,
And a thousand preachers are too few
To reach them ere they die."

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. HOLTSCLAW,
A. W. BECK,
JNO. P. MORGAN.

Remarks were made by the Chairman of the committee, after which subscribers were solicited for the *Foreign Mission Journal*.

Ordered that the collection to be raised tomorrow be for foreign missions. The report was adopted.

Elder S. C. Owen read report on

PERIODICALS.

Your committee firmly believe that, next to the pulpit, the religious press is the most potent factor in our denominational work, but we are sorry to state the fact that our Baptist people are slow in realizing this. Other denominations, with far less numbers, support successfully their papers, but it is a continued up-hill pull with us to do so. Many of our people read secular, political, and even novel papers, full of nonsense, scandalous stories, etc., etc., and thereby poison the minds of their children—but their own denominational papers cannot be found in their houses. Brethren, there is evidently a wrong somewhere. Many seem to think that an editor of a religious paper is an unworthy object of charity, or is running his paper alone for the money and at the expense of the people without value received. We must come to realize that it is a denominational necessity. The Baptists would soon take the world if they unite as others in supporting their denominational enterprises. A reading people are a thinking people. They know what is to be done, why it is done, and are ready to do it.

Our Home Board, at Atlanta, Ga., publishes *Our Home Field*, a monthly paper at twenty-five cents per annum. Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., publishes the *Foreign Mission Journal*, at fifty cents, each giving the work of their respective boards. We recommend to our Sunday schools the *Kind Word* series, published at Nashville, Tenn., as being eminently sound in doctrine, and peculiarly adapted to the Southern people. But we come to the *Asheville Baptist*, our own conventional organ. We are glad to note that under its present management, with

Rev. Geo. Wharton and J. D. Boon as editors, it has been so improved that it will compare favorably with other papers of its kind, and the present management gives greater assurance of its success than in the past. We ask the pastors to present the claims of their paper to their people, the need of it in their families, the necessity of supporting it for the sake of our common cause. We further ask that, in connection with their other work, the pastors make the month of November next a specialty in securing subscribers. Five subscribers from each pastor in Western North Carolina, will amply support our paper. This can be done with a very small amount of labor, and the pastor will greatly help his people in so doing.

S. C. OWEN.

After an able speech by the chairman of the committee, and after he and Bro. J. P. Morgan had canvassed the congregation, soliciting subscribers for the *Asheville Baptist*, the report was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Your committee on Sunday school work beg leave to report:

That they regard the subject as one of the most important of all the questions at issue the present day. Its influence for good upon the lives of young people of our church cannot be overestimated. The Sunday school work deals, in a very large measure, with the children, and affords boundless opportunities of impressing them with the wonderful story of Jesus, and leading them to Him. The spiritual prosperity of the future generation is largely dependent upon the Sunday school work of to-day.

We are glad to note the progress of the work, in selecting consecrated men and women as officers and teachers; and we, as a denomination, should feel under obligations to home enterprises, we take great pleasure in recommending the *Kind Word* services, published at Nashville, Tenn. and also the series published by the American Publication Society.

Respectfully,

COMMITTEE.

Remarks were made by Elder E. Allison, brother Morgan and sister Sue Robinson, the latter concerning Sunday school Normal work for training teachers. On motion of S. C. Owen,

Resolved, That this Association recommend the Sunday school normal department to the church.

Report adopted.

Report of committee on time and place. Adopted. See first page.

The report of special committee of first day was read at this point, in the absence of the clerk, a copy of which was not handed him.

Elder S. C. Owen, read report on

ORPHANAGE.

Many of the destitute objects of charity are responsible, more or less, for their condition, but none believe the little orphan children to be responsible for theirs. God sends children into the world as helpless and dependent on their parents as we are dependent upon Him for salvation. If their parents die they are left dependent on the church for moral and religious education. The Lord who made this special duty incumbent upon his people of all ages of the world.

"In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." In order to meet this grave responsibility, the Baptists of North Carolina, a few years ago, bought something over 300 acres of land at Thomasville, and have since been building just as fast as money could be collected, and now have shelter for about 130 children, while no doubt 1,000 children could be found in our State that need the care and attention that is now given to those there.

Brethren, those children are dependent upon the contributions from the churches and Sunday schools for their support. Brother J. H. Mills, the superintendent is one of the best of men, and is eminently qualified for his work. He asks the Sunday schools to take collections every three months and forward the same to him. Can we not afford to do this? We recommend to all the families in our churches the orphanage paper, *Charity and Children*, which is published in the interest of orphanage, and costs \$1 a year. Brethren, what are we going to do for our orphanage for the ensuing year?

S. C. OWEN,
G. H. MORE,

Committee.

After some remarks by the chairman, the report was adopted. The letter from Brevard church was read, and messengers' names enrolled.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Amount collected for printing minutes..... \$14.69.
A. E. GLAZNER,
Chairman.

Adopted.

Ordered that the clerk receive \$5 for his services and have as many copies of these minutes printed as the remaining funds may warrant.

Bro. J. B. Freeman, from committee on co-operation, reported that such co-operation was eminently advisable and recommended Elder E. Allison to the conventional board as in their judgment the most suitable person for appointment as missionary to enter this field. Adopted.

The Moderator called the list of churches and secured the following pledges for conventional missions: Brevard, \$15; Carson Creek, \$2.00; Cathey's Creek, \$3.00; East Fork, \$5.00; Enon, \$10.00; Gladys's Fork, \$2.00; Glade Branch, \$2.50; Little River, \$5.00; Macedonia, \$5.00; Mt. Moriah, \$10.00; New Prospect, \$2.00; Shoal Creek, \$2.00; Oak Grove, \$3.00; Boilston, \$5.00; total, \$71.50.

Elder F. M. Jordan, county missionary, made the following report:

Days of service, 27, at \$1, \$27.00; miles traveled, 156; sermons delivered, 25; Religious visits, 17; prayer meetings, 5; professions witnessed, 2.
Collected on the field:

Carson's Creek.....	.85
Island Ford school house	4.36
B. N. Glazener80
Hogback	3.13
C. M. Gillespie	1.00
Mt. Moriah	5.00
County board	12.73
Total.....	27.87
Due county board.....	.87

F. M. JORDAN, *Missionary.*

The special committee on high school reported that—

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of establishing a high school wish to report that the erection of a school as contemplated in the report on education is altogether advisable, and would respectfully nominate the names following as a board of trustees: Rev E Allison, G T. Lyday, H. L. Hart, J. S. Heath, C. H. Robinson, M. L. Shipman, L. W. Brooks, C. M. Gillespie, P. P. Orr, Rev. W. F. Lee, E. A. Glazener, and M. L. Orr.

Your committee would further advise that the above board of trustees organize and take all matters relating to the erection and prosecution of such an enterprise into their immediate consideration.

J. M. HAMLIN, *Chairman.*

On motion the clerk was added to the board of trustees. Report adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of the members and visitors of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the members of this church and citizens of this community for kind hospitality during the session of this body.

E. ALLISON.

The Chair appointed J. M. Hamlin, C. M. Gallamore, and C. L. Osborne as such board.

Resolved, That a committee on state of religion be added to the list of standing committees.

J. M. HAMLIN.

The chair appointed Elder A. W. Beck, B. N. Glazener, and A. J. McCall as such, with instructions to report to next meeting.

Prof. Hord, of Glenville school, made some statements relative to his school.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder E. Allison.

FOURTH DAY.

October 15th, 1893.

Elder S. C. Owen, by appointment, preached to a large audience in the grove. Theme: Bible Law of Giving. Text:

I. Cor. 16:2. Mal. 3:8-10, followed by a collection for Foreign missions amounting to \$5.62. Also, a collection to help defray expenses of moderator to Western Convention, \$4.80.

Benediction by Elder T. C. Holtsclaw.

F. M. JORDAN, *Moderator,*
East Fork, N. C.

J. M. HAMLIN, *Clerk,*
Brevard, N. C.

Resolved, That the county board be located at Brevard, and consist of three members

E. ALLISON.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE CHURCHES FOR 1893.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Male Members.	Female Members.	Total Membership.	Value of Church Property.	When Constituted.	Pastors' Salaries.	Minutes Fund.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Pupils.	Expenses.
*Blue Ridge																				
Boilston	T. C. Holtsclaw	T. E. McKinna	Boilston	15	1		5	1	2	58	86	139	\$ 350	1861	\$ 50 00	\$1 55	1	8	79	\$ 8 00
Brevard	E. Allison	W. B. Duckworth	Brevard	2	9	1	5	1		58	95	153	1300	1861	150 00		1	12	120	16 40
Carson Creek		J. H. Bagwell	Loftis		2					14	20	34		1879		50	1	7	45	2 65
*Dunn's Creek										13	22	35		1882						
*Dunn's Creek																				
East Fork	F. M. Jordan	E. M. Whitmire	East Fork		2		7	2	2	35	46	81	400	1842	50 00		1			
Ruon	E. Allison	G. T. Lyday	Calhoun	12		6	3		3	73	130	203	1500	1862	150 00	30	1	8	75	12 00
Glady's Fork	J. T. Bordine	T. E. Reese	East Fork	5	1	1	5	2		12	27	39	75	1874	6 00	70	1	5	38	2 10
Glade Branch	A. W. Beck	E. M. Corn	Brevard	2		1	10			10	14	24	75	1891		30	1	6	48	3 00
*Laurel Creek										12	23	35								
Little River	J. G. Gray	Perry Merrell	Grange	21	3	2	3	1		39	60	99								
Macedonia	F. M. Jordan	W. W. Galloway	Balsam Grove		5		1	7	4			191		1844	100 00		1	8	110	6 48
Mt. Moriah	E. Allison	E. A. Glazener	Jephtha	21	10	5	8	2		49	81	128	500	1877	100 00	1 94	1	8	65	5 00
Oak Grove	A. S. Whitmire	C. W. Henderson	Tip-Top		4		2			24	18	42		1880	20 35	1 50	1	6	65	3 35
Cathy's Creek	E. Allison	G. T. Barton	Cherryfield	7	7		3			17	20	37	250	1812			1	6	45	2 10
New Prospect	J. A. Galloway	T. B. Reed	Hogback Valley	1	3		8		2	30	54	84			25 00		1	7	82	2 32
Shoal Creek	W. C. Dunn	R. E. McCall	Balsam Grove	14	3		7			37	24	61	75	1867	25 50	50	1	4	59	2 75
*Rocky Hill										25	27	52		1875						
*Cedar Rock																				
*Pink Bed																				
*Foxaway																				
*Zion																				
Total				100	50	16	68	16	13	532	780	1312	3375		\$876 20	7 26	13	85	832	\$66 15

* Not represented.