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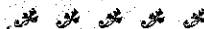
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The next session of this Association will be held with
the Catheys Creek Baptist Church, beginning on Thurs-
day before the Third Sunday in October, 1904.

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OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, }
Thursday, Oct. 15, 1903. }

On the date named above the Transylvania County Baptist Association met with the Oak Grove Baptist Church of Transylvania County. Engaged in singing and prayer, after which the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. F. M. Jordon from Phil. i, 9-11. Adjourned one hour for dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Reassembled at 1:30 p. m. Bro. I. T. Newton read a portion of Scripture and Bro. A. E. Brown led in prayer.

J. R. Owen and C. M. Gallamore were appointed readinn clerks. Read letters and enrolled delegates' names as follows:

Brevard—I. T. Newton, J. J. Shipman and C. M. Gallamore.

Boilston—A. O. Allison and Fred Scruggs.

Blue Ridge—

Enon—F. M. Nicholson, J. B. Clayton and E. B. Clayton.

East Fork—M. W. Garren and S. E. McCall.

Toxaway—Rev. J. E. Galloway, Rev. W. C. Boren and W. H. Summey.

Mount Moriah—Eld. F. M. Jordan and Wm. Aiken.

Little River—M. R. Corn and E. M. Allison.

Rocky Hill—H. E. Corn.

Macedonia—W. M. Mason, W. E. McCall, J. W. Owen, S. Galloway and A. J. McCall.

Zion—W. N. Gillispie and T. S. Galloway.

Catheys Creek—Clingman Galloway and W. E. Searcy.

Oak Grove—W. B. Henderson, J. B. Galloway, A. N. Collins, G. W. Henderson and R. G. Smith.

Gladys Branch—G. T. Glazener and J. A. Henderson.

Gladys Fork—J. L. Cantrell, Hampton Reece and James M. Powell.

Turkey Creek—

Shoul Creek—

Went into election of officers which resulted as follows: Moderator—C. M. Gallamore; Clerk—W. B. Henderson; Historian—J. R. Owen.

The moderator invited messengers representing the various denominational interests to a seat in council. Bro. A. E. Brown, representing the State Mission Board and education in the western counties, and Bro. C. S. Cashwell, from the Green River Association, representing the Thomasville Orphanage and *Charity and Children*, responded to the invitation.

On motion of Bro. Jordan the moderator appointed the following committee on order of business: J. R. Owen, F. M. Jordan and E. M. Allison. The committee submitted the following report, which was adapted:

That we meet each day at 9:30 a. m., standard time, and that further proceedings be left to the body for consideration.

They also arranged with the concurrence of the moderator, the following committees:

- On Preaching—The deacons of Oak Grove church and J. R. Owen.
- Home and State Missions—A. E. Brown and E. B. Clayton.
- Foreign Missions—I. T. Newton and Ashur Allison.
- Orphanage—C. S. Cashwell.
- Education—C. W. Henderson, W. C. McCall and A. E. Brown.
- Sunday Schools—F. M. Jordan and E. M. Allison.
- State of Religion—F. M. Jordan and Wm. Aiken.
- Time and Place of Meeting—Clingman Galloway, G. W. Henderson and Floyd Nicholson.
- Finance—S. Galloway, A. M. Collins and M. W. Garren.
- Periodicals—C. S. Cashwell and A. E. Brown.
- Temperance—I. T. Newton and E. B. Clayton.

On motion of Bro. Newton it was decided to have report on orphanage read and considered the first thing tomorrow after devotional exercises and hearing from the churches, if any others send reports.

Committee on Preaching arranged for Bro. W. C. Boren to preach tonight and Bro. C. S. Cashwell tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

Committee on Entertainment, appointed by Oak Grove Church, made its report, assigning homes to delegates.

Bro. Jordan pronounced the benediction after "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" was sung, and the association adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The association reassembled while choir engaged in singing "I Must Tell Jesus." Bro. Brown read the 12th chapter of Romans, and the choir sang "Glory Gates."

Called for letters from churches not represented yesterday, but none were presented.

Bro. A. S. Whitmire, from Oolenoy church, South Carolina, was welcomed to a seat by the moderator.

Bro. Cashwell read the following report on

THOMASVILLE ORPHANAGE.

In November, 1884, plans for the establishment of an orphanage assumed definite shape. Bro. J. H. Mills took charge as general manager on the 12th day of January, 1885. The first child was received on November 17, 1885. Since then about seven hundred helpless ones have been cared for, many of whom have taken their places in the business circles of life and are now, themselves, helping the orphan and living to bless the world. There are, at this time, 260 children in the institution.

The estimated cost of caring for a child at Thomasville is \$4.50 per month, which includes feeding, clothing and training. So that the running expenses at present amount to a little more than \$14,000 per year.

Your committee would recommend that each church in this association take at least one collection and each Sunday school a monthly collection for the Orphanage.

We call special attention to *Charity and Children*, the Orphanage paper, which can be had at the following rates: Single subscription—one year, \$1.00; six months, 60c; three months, 35c. In clubs of ten or more to one address, one year, 60c.

COMMITTEE.

Bro. Cashwell led in a very touching prayer for the children at Thomasville and for blessings upon us. He then read the 29th chapter of Job, after which he and Bro. Brown discussed the report. It was then adopted as read.

Bro. Cashwell received quite a number of subscriptions to *Charity and Children* and a collection of \$2.00 for the Orphanage.

Then Bro. Newton read the report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Southern Baptist Convention, through the Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., is doing work in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico and Brazil. On these fields there are 127 missionaries, 192 native helpers, 157 churches, with a membership of 8,880, including 1,790 baptisms last year; \$218,512.62 were contributed last year to this work.

The increase within the last five years has been approximately; Missionaries, 70 per cent; native helpers, 60 per cent; churches, 53 per cent; baptisms, 155 per cent; membership, 89 per cent; contributions, 79 per cent.

Seven churches of this association contributed last year \$79.76, of which \$19.80 were sent to the Foreign Mission Board and \$59.96 were sent directly to missionaries of the Gospel Missions. This is an increase in this association of \$11.09 over last year.

I. T. NEWTON,

ASHUR ALLISON,

Committee.

Bro. Newton discussed the report briefly, and it was then referred to the afternoon for further consideration.

"Glory Over There" was sung, the story of Phillip and the Eunuch was read by Bro. Cashwell, Bro. Jordan led in prayer, and then the congregation listened to a very beautiful and appropriate sermon, founded on the above story, by Bro. Cashwell.

Bro. Brown led in prayer, "Blessed Assurance" was sung, and after the benediction by Bro. Jordan the association adjourned one hour for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

At 2 o'clock the congregation reassembled while the choir engaged in singing "How Firm a Foundation" and "On Jordan's Stormy Banks," after which Bro. Whitmire led in prayer.

The report on Foreign Missions was further discussed by Bro. Ashur Allison and then adopted.

On motion of Bro. Jordan the report on Home and State Missions is made a special order for 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Bro. Jesse Owen read the report on

TEMPERANCE.

The agitation of the temperance question has never before run so high as at the present day. While we hold that the Scriptures teach us to "be temperate in all things"—such as our eating, the use of our tongues, our enjoyment of human pleasures, and our interest in political issues—yet we believe the liquor traffic, with its different degrees of power and influence and its varied methods of enterprise, is the question of chief concern. We understand that there are at least four effective agencies for the suppression of this evil and the building up of the cause of temperance: 1st—A faithful ministry who, in the spirit of Christ, preach and teach constantly the truth of the Bible on this matter. 2nd—The churches in maintaining a pure gospel discipline in reference to this as well as other sins. 3rd—New papers and other literature edited and published by God-fearing and liberty-loving men. 4th—A united citizenship—the most definite and effective form of which is the Anti-Saloon League.

Surely there are sufficient opportunities and agencies for earnest and Godly men and women to exert their powers and employ their energies in the great cause of temperance.

I. T. NEWTON,
E. B. CLAYTON,

Committee.

The report was discussed by E. B. Clayton and F. M. Jordan. Bro. Owen offered the following resolution as an appendix to the report:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the advisability of securing literature and effecting an organization of an Anti-Saloon or Temperance League in the bounds of this association.

The resolution was discussed by Bro. Brown and the report, with the resolution, was adopted.

The committee made the following report on

TIME AND PLACE AND STATED SERVICES.

The next session of the Transylvania County Baptist Association will convene with Cathey's Creek Baptist Church, Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1904. Introductory sermon, S. W. Hall; alternate, I. T. Newton.

COMMITTEE.

After some remarks by Bro. Jordan the report was adopted.

Committee on Preaching arranged that Bro. Ashur Allison preach tonight and Bro. Brown on Sunday at 11 o'clock.

After singing "I Must Tell Jesus," and benediction by Bro. Brown, adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The association met according to yesterday's adjournment while the choir engaged in singing the "Unclouded Day." Bro. Jordan read a Psalm and led in prayer.

The committee provided for by resolution of J. R. Owen to take into consideration the advisability of organizing an Anti-Saloon League, was appointed by the moderator, viz.: J. R. Owen, Tullie Glazener and E. B. Clayton.

Bro. Brown read as follows the report on

PERIODICALS.

Seeing that it is important that our homes be supplied with good, pure reading matter, we recommend the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field. It is only through the reading of these periodicals that our churches can be kept in touch with the great efforts of our people along the lines of work represented by these periodicals.

THE COMMITTEE.

In the discussion of the report Bro. Brown made a powerful appeal for us to supply our homes with good, religious literature. It was further discussed by Bro. Jordan and then adopted:

Bro. Shipman read report on

STATE OF RELIGION.

The state of Godliness and true piety seems to be at a low ebb among the churches. There are several causes: among them are want of consecration, worldly mindedness, covetousness, which is idolatry, a want of more purer preaching of the Son of God and visiting the people, encouraging them to greater liberality. They have failed to bring in tithes, and the curse of God seems to be resting upon the churches as recorded in Mal iii, 8-11. Let us obey the injunction and realize the promise of God. Respectfully submitted,

F. M. JORDAN,
WM. AIKEN.

The report was discussed by Bro. Jordan and Bro. Brown, after which it was laid aside for further consideration in the afternoon. "Yield Not to Temptation" was sung, and then Bro. Brown read the report on

HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

Last year was characterized for its great prosperity in both spiritual and temporal things. Baptists in North Carolina gave a larger amount than ever before to the Lord's cause. In return, God not only favored us in temporal things, but poured out upon us rich spiritual blessings. Reports of gracious revivals come from every quarter of the state.

We would call attention also to the spirit of unity which continues to prevail. This unity is something for the continuance of which we should not cease to pray. Never was the spirit of progress so manifest among our people, and never were the possibilities for a rapid forward movement so great as they are today. With a united brotherhood having confidence in each other and faith in the God above us, there is nothing we may not accomplish in the name of our Great Leader.

We give below a partial summary of the work of last year: Number of missionaries employed, 102; churches and stations supplied, 756; protracted meetings held, 225; conversions witnessed, 2,222; baptisms, 1,176; churches organized, 25; church-houses finished, 10; church-houses building, 53. The missionaries raised on their fields for all objects, \$27,963 41. Every dollar invested in state missions last year was returned with 27 per cent on the investment. The report shows an average of over 11 baptisms and nearly 22 conversions to the missionary. It may be ascertained by a simple calculation that 8 4-5 per cent covers all the expenses connected with the administration of our mission work. We have been planning our state mission work on a basis of \$25,000 per year, but the demands for a further enlargement are so great that we must enlarge this to at least \$30,000 for next year.

We are sorry to note in closing that the churches of this association do not report one cent for this work. In this matter you stand alone among the associations of the state. Your committee is at a loss to understand why the pastors have taken this attitude toward this work when it is apparent that our increase to foreign missions, etc., depends so largely upon the development of our state work. We commend this work to the churches and ask that they contribute next year to this work.

THE COMMITTEE

The report was adopted after being discussed by Bro. Brown and Bro. Jordan.

After the benediction by Bro. Brown the association adjourned one hour for dinner.

Sister Johanna Brown contributed \$1 to state missions in behalf of Blue Ridge church.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Reassembled at 1:30 o'clock. The choir engaged in singing "Jesus Will Forsake You Never" and "Glory By and By," and Bro. Ashur Allison led in prayer.

The report on State of Religion still being before the body, it was further discussed by Bro. Whitmire and Bro. Brown. Bro. Brown suggested the plan of grouping the churches into pastorates, three or four in each, and having a committee from each church to consult with each other about a pastor; then all of the churches in the pastorate unite on one man, locate him in their midst, pay him for all his time, and let him spend his whole time, when not preaching, in visiting the members of his churches. The suggestion was, on motion, referred to the Union meeting for further consideration.

After some further remarks by Bro. Jordan and Bro. Gallamore on State of Religion, the report was adopted.

Bro. Jordan was, on motion, appointed to preach for the people of New Prospect church and to look after the property belonging to that church. A committee of three, consisting of J. R. Owen, W. H. Duckworth and W. B. Henderson was appointed to assist Bro. Jordan in looking after the needs of the people in the region around the lake and in other destitute portions of the county, and to help in devising means to build a modern house of worship for the scattered flock around New Prospect.

C. W. Henderson read the report on

EDUCATION.

We are living in a progressive age of the world's history. The great battle for success in life is now being carried on, and those who are prepared for the contest are marching to the front, while millions who are unprepared must drop out of the ranks and give place to the ones who are counted worthy. So let us arm ourselves with that preparation necessary for life's duties and then march forward to victory. On the young people of our country rests the hope and destiny of the nation, and the great problem which now confronts our people is how to develop properly these precious gems. In the little child are hidden three distinct faculties which must unfold and be developed during life. These may be classified as physical, mental and moral. And, in order to become useful men and women, it is highly necessary that all these faculties be educated.

There are many bright-minded boys and girls throughout the bounds of this association that need to be properly trained. The field of knowledge in our county has been so widened during the last few years through the efforts of the Broad Valley Institute and the increased interest in the public schools that it has brought within the reach of the masses of our children the possibilities of securing that training so essential to life's duties. And we would insist that our people take greater interest in the training and development of our precious boys and girls. We are proud that we have in our county an institution worthy the patronage of all our Baptist people. For those desiring higher education we recommend Wake Forest College and the Baptist Female University at Raleigh. Respectfully submitted,

C. W. HENDERSON, for committee.

C. W. Henderson and A. E. Brown discussed the report, after which it was adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported that they had collected \$14.75 for printing minutes. This being considered insufficient to have the work done a collection of \$1.71 was taken to aid in having a sufficient number of copies of minutes printed to supply the needs of the churches.

On motion of Bro. Jordan the clerk is allowed \$5 for his services.

The report on Sunday Schools is, by motion, made a special order for 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Adjourned after singing "Are you Washed in the Blood," and benediction by Bro. Jordan.

The congregation assembled while the choir was singing "How Firm a Foundation." Bro. Owen led the prayer.

On motion the names of delegates not present during the session were stricken from the minutes.

Bro. Jordan read the report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Sunday schools, when properly organized and conducted, are a great blessing, both in learning the Scriptures and in winning souls to Christ. David said, "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee." Every church should have a Sunday school, if possible, and parents and children should attend regularly if not providentially prevented; should prepare and recite good lessons and in every way encourage and throw life into the school.

It requires time, patience and hard labor to run a successful Sunday school. A regular attendance on the part of superintendent and teachers will, as a general rule, secure a regular attendance of scholars.

F. M JORDAN,
WM AIKEN,
Committee.

The report was adopted after discussion by Bro. Owen, Bro. Gal-
lamore, Bro. Whitmire and Bro. Harris, a Presbyterian, of Dills-
boro.

On motion of Bro. Owen the moderator appointed a committee, viz., J. R. Owen, F. M. Jordan and E. M. Allison to organize the Sunday schools of this county that they may do more efficient work.

On motion the collection today is to go to state missions.

The thanks of the delegates is, on motion, tendered the pastor and members of Oak Grove church for their hospitality and entertainment of delegates and visitors during the session of the association.

Adjourned the business of the association to meet at the place appointed in October, 1904.

The congregation then engaged in singing "When I Can Read My Titles Clear." Bro. Brown read the first chapter of Revelation and then led in prayer. "My Home is There" was sung, and then Bro. Brown preached from the text: "Behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it."—Rev. iii, 8. Bro. Jordan led in prayer, after which a collection for state missions was taken, amounting to \$7.57. Bro. Brown dismissed the congregation and the delegates and visitors returned to their homes pleased with the harmony, good will and brotherly love manifested by all during meeting.

To God be all the glory.

C. M. GALLAMORE, Moderator.

W. B. HENDERSON, Clerk.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

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FINANCIAL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

| CHURCHES | Pastor's Salary | Church Improvements | Incidental Church Expenses | County Missions | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Orphanage | Aged Ministers | Other Benevolent Objects | Minutes | Education | Sunday Schools | S. S. Superintendent. | Officers and Teachers | Pupils Enrolled | Average Attendance | Support of School | Missions and Other Objects |
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the cloud and Introducing
him to the multitude for
they Did not know him
till then

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