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96TH ANNIVERSARY.

HOLSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

INDIAN CREEK CHURCH.

1881

MINUTES

—OF THE—

NINETY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

—OF THE—

HOLSTON ASSOCIATION

OF BAPTIST,

—HELD WITH—

Indian Creek Church,

UNICOI COUNTY, TENN.

August 11th, 12th, and 13th, 1881,

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Standing Committee.

HOME MISSIONS..... N. W. G. BAXTER.

EDUCATION.....REV W. W. WORLEY

FOREIGN MISSIONS.....E. D. COX.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.....W. N. BROWN.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS..... J. K. P. HALL.

Next Session of the Association.

PLACE—Muddy Creek, Sullivan county, Tennessee. TIME—Thursday before the Second Friday in August, 1882. Introductory Sermon by Elder W. A. Keen. Alternate—T. H. Crouch. Delegates coming by Railroad should get off at Piney Flats, a station on the E. T., Va., & Ga., Railroad, six miles from the church. Address, B. F. Vance, C. C., Island Mills, Sullivan county, Tenn.

Holston Baptist Association,

THE 96th Anniversary convened with INDIAN CREEK Church, near Erwin, Unicoi county, Tennessee, August 11, "Thursday before second Friday." 1881.

MINUTES--FIRST DAY.

OPENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 11 A. M.

Worship was opened by a service of song. By request, Elder J. C. Davidson led the body in prayer. Eld. J. H. Moore, alternate, then read Romans 12, and proceeded to preach the Introductory Sermon from Neh. 4th chapter and a part of the 6th verse: "For the people had a mind to work." The session was closed by prayer offered by Elder W. A. Keen, and singing—

"Oh, for a closer walk with God,"

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30 P. M.

Re-convened at the sound of singing. Elder W. A. Keen, Moderator, announces that the body is ready for business pursuant to adjournment, and invites Elder G. P. Faw to lead in prayer.

By request of the Moderator, letters from the churches were presented and read by Elder Faw and Brother T. H. Reeves, and the Clerk recorded the following

ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES.

Antioch—J. T. Carr, Madison Peoples, David Saylor.

Barren Springs—Neither Letter nor Delegate.

Beech Creek—J. B. Dykes, Geo. W. Lucas.

Bethel—Thomas C. Murray.

Blountville—Elder E. D. Cox.

Buffalo Ridge—Elders G. P. Faw, J. C. Davidson, T. H. Crouch, and brother D. P. Hale.

Cherokee—Elder J. H. Moore, James Murdock, R. R. Bayless, A. H. Bayless, Joseph West.

Chinquapin Grove—Wm. Richards, W. H. Hicks.

Clear Fork—James E. Smith.

Double Springs—Elder N. W. G. Baxter, G. W. Irvin.

Enon—W. N. Brown, Dr. Wm. Smith, James Royer, A. J. Kyker.

- Fall Branch*—E. H. Bachman, Joseph Dykes, Jasper Dykes,
Fall Creek—Neither Letter nor Delegate.
Flag Branch—Elder S. H. Price.
Fordtown—P. H. Boring.
Greeneville—L. W. Tipton.
Harmony—Elders W. A. Keen, D. H. Barron.
Holston—E. J. Morrell, S. M. Jones.
Holston Valley—A. C. Garrett, J. K. Brown.
Indian Creek—J. B. Erwin, Nelson McLaughlin, W. N. Beales.
Johnson City—Geo. P. Crouch, Elder W. W. Worley.
Jonesboro—Dr. G. W. Griffin, D. W. F. Peoples, T. H. Reeves, R. H. Dungan.
Kingsport—Neither Letter nor Delegate.
Limestone—Jno. W. Galloway, Jno. D. Hale, J. W. Cox.
Long's Bend—Cornelius Vanover, David Bailey, Branch Tucker.
Lovelace—Geo. W. Basket, A. H. Pierce, J. K. P. Hall.
McPheter's Bend—Jno. E. Patterson, J. J. Maxwell, Lewis Patterson, A. B. Bailey.
Mt. Herman—J. D. Crouch.
Mt. Olivet—Robert Perry.
Mt. Pleasant—Neither Letter nor Delegate.
Muddy Creek—John Hawley.
New Hope—Neither Letter nor Delegate.
New Lebanon—U. Hunt, B. D. White.
New Salem—W. R. Bayless, W. H. Humphreys, W. E. Broyles.
Oak Grove—G. W. Walters, E. M. Arnott.
Philadelphia—M. Miller.
Roaring Springs—Neither Letter nor Delegate.
Romeo—W. C. Coffle, R. H. Clonch.
Union—Perry Hunter, Jasper Christy.
Susong's Memorial—Letter, but no Delegate.
Walker's Fork—J. P. Yopp.

ORGANIZATION.

The following Officers were chosen by ballot. [See first page.]

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES.

- French Broad*—Rev. J. Ammons, H. W. Gilbert, Stephen Wahlen, Ellis Higgins.
Watauga—Rev. J. H. Hyder.

VISITING BRETHREN.

Rev. A. J. F. Hyder, of Watauga Association; Rev. T. J. Murphy, representative of *Baptist Reflector*, and *Mary Sharpe Female College*; D. C. Wester, President of *Bristol Female College*; Brother P. H. C. Hale, *Nolachuckey Association*.

COMMITTEES.

- On Arrangement*—Elders G. P. Faw, J. H. Moore, J. C. Davidson, the Moderator and Clerk of this body.
Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this church. T. H. Reeves and Dr. Wm. Smith.
Finance—J. K. P. Hall, A. H. Pierce.
Resolutions—Bro. W. N. Brown, Elders A. J. F. Hyder, John Ammons.
Nominations—E. H. Bachman, Geo. W. Basket, Elder N. W. G. Baxter.
Digest of Letters—Elder S. H. Brice, J. B. Erwin.
Obituaries—D. W. F. Peoples, Jno. B. Dykes.
Periodicals—W. N. Brown, J. E. Patterson.
Colportage—Rev. T. J. Murphy.

NEW CHURCHES.

MT. HERMAN CHURCH—Petition:

DEAR BRETHREN COMPOSING THE HOLSTON ASSOCIATION—GREETING:

On the 30th day of April, 1881, fifty-eight Baptists, who had obtained letters for the purpose, were organized into a church, at Hodge's School House, by a presbyter composed of the following Brethren, Revs. J. C. Davidson, Thos. H. Crouch, and Geo. P. Faw, and called ourselves the Mount Hermon Church. For our abstract of Principles and church covenant we refer you to the Baptist Star Book. Our regular Church meetings are held on Saturday before the first Sunday in each month.

This is our petition, that if found to be orthodox, you receive us into the sisterhood that make up your body, as we will ever pray. Done by order of the Church in session, on Saturday before the first Sunday in July, 1881.

Geo. P. Faw, Pastor.

H. H. Crouch, Clerk.

On motion duly seconded, the church was unanimously received into the fellowship of the Association, and her delegates invited to seats with it.

On motion of Elder Moore, the body adjourned to meet at the Court House at 8:30 a. m., to-morrow. Prayer by Elder Murphy, Benediction by Dr. Griffin.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

ERWIN, Unicoi county, Tenn., Friday, August 12, 9 a. m.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing by the body, and an earnest prayer by Elder J. H. Hyder, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES

were announced by the committee at 11 a. m., at the church, by Rev. John Ammon; 2 p. m., by Elder Geo. P. Faw; to-night by Rev. J. C. Davidson.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS,

offered a report which was adopted and is indicated by the proceedings of the body.

The report on Ministerial Support was called for, but the committee was not ready to report.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are said to live in an age of progress. The wonderful changes and developments made in every avocation and department of life within the last twenty five years justifies the statement. In no department, civil, political, or religious, have more wonderful changes been made, or greater progress attained, than in Sunday-School work. System and organization is no less essential in religious work than in business enterprise. The systematic study of the Bible, inaugurated by the International Sunday-School Lessons, is calculated to accomplish greater results in the dissemination of Bible truth than any other agency of the Church of Christ.

It is the duty, therefore, of every church to encourage the Sunday-School work. It is the duty of every church member to attend Sunday-School and take part in the study of God's word. It is the duty of every Church to see that a Sunday-School is organized and kept open the year round within its bounds where an opportunity will be given every Sunday in the year for active obedience to that Divine command, "Teach all nations."

We therefore pledge ourselves to use our influence in our respective churches to secure the organization of a Sunday-School at some convenient place within the bounds of our church during the coming year, where none now exists, and to this end the Pastors of the churches are requested to impress the importance and duty of this work upon their churches, and that we may know what is being done in this matter, the statistics of our Sunday-Schools should be collated and published annually in the Minutes of this Association.

Let every church in the Holston Association at once take steps to spread the glad tidings of salvation, through the instrumentality of the Sunday-School, that our children may say I have known the way of life from my youth.

T. H. REEVES.

After motion, duly seconded, the report and the cause of Sunday Schools was earnestly advocated by brother T. H.

Reeves, Dr. Griffin, Elders Murphy and Ammon; brethren A. H. Pierce and Geo. W. Basket; Elder Wallen and brother J. K. P. Hall. Col. Reeves, chairman of the committee, closed the discussion of this topic, and the report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Ministerial support should command the respect and prayerful consideration of all christians. God has chosen the ministers as one of the chief and probably the greatest instruments by which the Gospel of His Son is to be preached and published; the salvation of sinners, the perpetuity and final triumphant victory of the church to be accomplished.

It is the duty of the minister to spend his time in proclaiming the Gospel; to go into all the world, to visit the mansions of the rich, and the cabins of the poor, and preach the Word.

It is the duty of the lay membership of the church to support the missionary and pastor with their sympathies, prayers, and to pay such sufficiently for their sacrifices and toils for the salvation of sinners.

Members of the church who fail to pay the minister according as God has blessed them with the means, are out of the line of duty, and such should be taught, instructed and encouraged to aid in supporting the minister, which is a part of the work of the church. Members who stubbornly fail to do this part of the work of the church should finally be expelled.

WM. SMITH.

This report was zealously supported by the chairman, Dr. Griffin, brethren Dungan and Reeves; Elders Wallen and Murphy; and brother J. K. P. Hall, after which the report was adopted.

On motion of Dr. Wm. Smith, the Association adjourned for one hour. Prayer by Elder Moore.

EVENING SESSION—1:30 P. M.

Re-assembled at the sound of singing. The Moderator resumed the chair, after prayer by Dr. Griffin, called for the report on Periodicals. The committee asked for further time, which was granted, and the report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS,

was offered by Elder J. C. Davidson:

A motion for adoption was duly seconded, but after a brief discussion by Elders Davidson and Moore, brother T. H. Reeves offered the following

RESOLUTION ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

in lieu of the report.

"Resolved, That this Association advise the churches to take up collections during the year for Home and Foreign Missions, and report the same in their letters to this body, so that no public collections will be necessary for these purposes during the discussion on these subjects before the body.

"Resolved, That we earnestly recommend that the churches

divide the funds raised for Missions equally between the Home and Foreign cause; and it is the sense of this body that the Foreign work should in no case receive less than one-third of the whole fund."

The motion in lieu prevailed.

COLPORTAGE.

In the matter of Colportage, I have to report that little has been done during the past year. Brother J. D. Smith, the travelling agent, found it impossible to sell books enough to justify him in carrying them around. He has had books on hand all the year, and still has a fair stock. A recent order was made for a half-dozen copies of "Christian Doctrines," by J. M. Pendleton, D.D., to be sold in some of the lower counties of East Tennessee. A considerable portion of the books disposed of have been sold outside of the Holston Association, though perhaps not most of them. The larger portion of the fund raised for this purpose is now invested in books. The work is highly important to the churches, and should be continued.

The fund on hand last year, as seen on page 11 of

Minutes.....	\$81 00
There was sent to N. J. Phillips, from the Association by Brother Dungan, one year ago, August, 1880.....	6 39
Received, Nov. 30, 1880, of Fall Branch Church.....	90
" May 20, 1881, of Clear Fork Church, balance on note.....	1 65
" July 18, 1881, of Muddy Creek Church.....	75

Total Colportage Fund, including books on hand... \$90 75
Respectfully submitted.

N. J. PHILLIPS, Depository.

Rev. T. J. Murphy, in behalf of brother N. J. Phillips, to whom the work was committed by the Executive Board, read before the body the above report. After motion for adoption, Elder Murphy made a *money speech*, by taking a collection of \$2.85, as a Tract fund and still further discussed the Colportage work. After him followed brethren Reeves, Bachman and Dr. Griffin. Report adopted.

The report on Nominations being called for, the committee announced itself unprepared to report.

The next topic, Digest of Letters, was announced, but this committee was unprepared to offer a report.

Obituaries was called for, but this committee was likewise unprepared, and the Moderator passed to the subject of Education which on motion was fixed for 10:30 o'clock to-morrow.

HOME MISSIONS.

There is no work of the churches of Jesus Christ more important than Home Mission work. The Saviour in the great commission, made it binding on his disciples to preach the gos-

pel to every creature. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." And he said unto them, "Go ye unto all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." &c.

Every true believer in Christ should strive for the great work of the Home Mission cause—the work of the Master. In order to do this, we must support our ministers who have been called to the work; for it is said, he that preacheth the gospel shall live of the gospel. The gospel, as we understand it, is good news, glad tidings, etc. Then in order to hear this gospel we must give of our money, and of our substance, to support the gospel; we must loose the minister's hands that he may go as commanded. We may claim to be *Missionaries*, but if we have been blessed with the goods of this world, and withhold the same, then, in the true sense we are not *Missionaries*, but are anti-Missionaries.

We will close by referring you to the Indian Missionary who called upon gold to come out of his honest, and assist in the great work of Missions, and if he could do no more, send a bank-note. Now, if we can do no more, let us give some of our bank notes to aid in this great and glorious work.

D. W. F. PEOPLES.

A motion for adoption was duly seconded. The topic was freely discussed by Dr. Griffin, Elder Davidson, Geo. W. Basket, and R. H. Dungan, who concluded the consideration of the subject by taking a volunteer contribution for this work amounting to \$189.25. A list of the contributors has been filed with the Executive Board.

A motion for adjournment was entertained, but on motion of brother W. N. Brown, was amended by the clause, that when we adjourn it be to meet at Indian Creek church instead of at the Court House. The motion, as amended, prevailed, and the body was adjourned by prayer offered by Elder Hyder and benediction by Elder Faw.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

INDIAN CREEK CHURCH, Saturday, August 13, 9 a. m.

The Association convened at the sound of singing—

"There is a fountain filled with blood,"

Prayer by Dr. Worley.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES,

Preaching at 10 a. m. in the Court House by Dr. Worley; at 3 p. m., by Elder Cox.

Read and approved minutes of yesterday. Called roll of delegates.

The report on Periodicals was called for, but the committee being unprepared, the following report on Nom-

inations was offered. After motion and second for adoption, Dr. Smith moved to strike out "Muddy Creek" and insert New Salem. Remarks by Dr. Smith, Elder G. P. Faw, W. R. Bayless, R. H. Dungan. The amendment was lost. On motion of Elder Moore the report was re-committed.

PERIODICALS.

The necessity for periodicals lies in the fact that they alone can keep before us the information that we must have to put us in full intelligent sympathy and co-operation with our brethren. The efficacy of our annual meetings no one questions, yet it is because through our Associations the churches are kept advised as to the work done and designed to be done within our bounds, with the plans for its accomplishment. Now the same is accomplished by the religious paper, only on a larger scale, and much more accurately and effectually than in these meetings, because the paper gives us the facts immediately after they transpire, making them interesting, and because it reaches a much greater number, and if supported by the masses in the churches canvasses a subject the most thoroughly of any known means. Efficient, active christians are all found taking religious papers. Very few take them, and are found without an interest in the work and non-progressive. What is the connection between these two facts? Is it not safe to say that these evangelical papers make christians grow?

We heartily re-affirm our last year's endorsement of and promise of aid to the *Beacon*, and cordially recommend the *Reflector* to the people's patronage. We advise that an earnest effort be made to raise a large club in each church for the Foreign Missionary Journal.

W. N. BROWN,
J. E. PATTERSON,
Com.

A motion for adoption was seconded. Elder Murphy advocated the claims of the *Baptist Reflector*; Prof. Wester presented the claims of the *Baptist Beacon*, Dr. Griffin advocated all the papers, but thought that they ought not to be forced upon the consideration of the Association.

The report was adopted.

Under the order of the day, Dr. Griffin offered his report on

EDUCATION.

It has become the custom in our Associations, and State Conventions, to have reports on the subject of Education. This custom may indicate a disposition to imitate others, rather than a real purpose to support and foster schools and Colleges. These reports should attest our purpose to encourage institutions of learning and show an active interest in general education. We should acquaint ourselves with such Schools as are under the management of pious scholarly and judicious brothers. As honest Christian men, we must be careful not to mislead the people by recommending institutions which are not doing real educational work. We need good schools, but we cannot have

them unless we are willing to maintain and support them. In many cases money is wasted because of mismanagement, or because we will not render the aid needful to complete the work commenced with seeming zeal. Again, many of our schools fail to become efficient and useful because we conclude they exist with our sympathy and support. The work we undertake in this matter should be well and thoroughly done. When we say we are the friends of schools and Colleges, let us show that we mean what we say.

We suggest that your Standing Committee should have such opportunities as will enable it to know for itself, the character and work of our schools, and report at your next meeting the condition and management of such seeking our patronage. This course will enable you to give the aid needed and deserved.

We cannot afford to neglect an agency so important to our churches and community as the school. It is manifest that we are under a most solemn and sacred obligation to sustain and encourage schools and Colleges. We would urge that we assist them to increase their means of profitable work, and we demand that this standard of education and culture accord with the progress and requirements of the age.

Carson College, and the Baptist Female College, at Bristol, need your patronage in the way of Students, and your money to increase their means of usefulness.

We call attention to the report on this subject which was offered to your body last year, and urge your favorable consideration of its reference to an efficient system of Public Instruction. We believe that the opinions there expressed are worthy of your careful attention. It is undoubtedly true, that the more efficient the Public Schools become, the more rapidly will our Colleges be supplied with students.

We must insist that our annual reports do not sufficiently indicate our interest in the subject of general education. We should in some more substantial way show our appreciation of the subject. We cannot be true to ourselves, and our history, nor consistent with our principles without some adequate effort to train and direct the thought of the rising generation. Our duty as citizens, and as christians demand an earnest and prolonged effort for the education and instruction of our people.

We take pleasure in recommending to the favorable consideration of this body Mary Sharp College, at Winchester, Tenn.
G. W. GRIFFIN, Chm'n.

After a motion, duly seconded, for the adoption of the report, Dr. Griffin led in an earnest discussion of the topic. He was followed by Rev. T. J. Murphy, in behalf of Mary Sharpe Female College, at Winchester, Tenn., and Prof. D. C. Wester, in behalf of Bristol Female College.

The report was unanimously adopted.

NOMINATIONS.

The committee offered the following report which was unanimously adopted.

DELEGATES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

Nelachucky Association meets at Cedar Creek, Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1881. Corresponding Messengers—Dr. W. W. Worley, and G. W. Griffin, D.D.

Mulberry Gap Association meets at Hickory Cove, Hawkins county, Tenn., Thursday before the First Sunday in September, 1881. Corresponding Messengers—Elds. J. C. Davidson, N. W. G. Raxter; brethren Branch Tucker, J. E. Patterson, G. W. Walters, A. Bailey.

Watauga Association meets at Pleasant Grove Church, Johnson county, Tenn., Thursday before the Second Friday in September 1881. Corresponding Messengers—Elds. T. H. Crouch, G. P. Faw; brother E. R. Bayless.

French Broad Association meets at Bull Creek Church, Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1881. Corresponding Messengers—Eld. J. H. Moore, R. A. Bayless.

For Executive Board, Standing Committees, and place of next meeting, see second page.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. BACHMAN,
N. W. G. BAXTER,
G. W. BASKE..

On motion the body adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—1:30 P. M.

The Moderator in the chair. An opportunity was extended to Rev. W. A. Therrell, State S. S. Missionary to explain the nature and object of his work.

On motion of Dr. Worley the speeches of the evening were limited to five minutes.

At the request of the chairman, the committee on Obituaries was granted time to prepare their report, and the privilege to deliver the same to the Clerk at a future day. The report is as follows:

OBITUARIES.

During the past year, fifty of our brethren and sisters have died, and are gone from the troubles of this world to their reward. We trust it has been said to them, "Come up higher."

One of the above named brethren, was our beloved brother Jacob Hamilton, who professed religion when he was quite young. As a citizen he was one of the best men of Hawkins county, Tenn. In the year 1857 he was the representative of Hawkins county. He was one of the Deacons of the church at McPheter's Bend. He was also clerk of the church for many years. He held the office of Moderator of the Holston Association for about five years in succession. He was about fifty-four years old when he died. His place will be hard to fill.

Brother S. H. Ball was another good man; he held the office of Deacon and Clerk of the church at Beech Creek, Hawkins county, Tenn. He was an acting Justice of the Peace for many years. He held the office of Treasurer of the Holston Association for several years. Brother Ball was about sixty-one years of age when he died. He too, will be greatly missed in his county, and his place hard to fill. Respectfully submitted,

D. W. F. PEOPLES, Chm'n.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Executive Board has done what it could in the Home Mission field considering the funds in its hands, and the circumstances surrounding it. We began work with \$31.90 in our

treasury. We have employed several of our brethren in the ministry at different times and places during the Associational year, viz:

REV. J. C. DAVIDSON.

Oak Grove, Mission point near Johnson City, 11 days labor; fund collected, \$15 66. Douglas' School House Mission point, 10 days labor; funds collected, \$7 25. Mt. Herman, new church established, 18 days labor; funds collected, \$19 06. Antioch church, 12 days labor; funds collected, \$12 43. Cave Spring church, 12 days labor; funds collected, \$7 27. Collected at Bethel church, \$3 20. On the field as collecting agent 13 days.

Totals—Labored 76 days; collected \$64 37; Received of Clerk and Treasurer \$93 77; donated \$15 23; Conversions witnessed 45; Baptisms 38.

REV. J. H. MOORE.

Hale's School House Mission point, labored 9 days; conversions 2; received of Clerk and Treasurer, \$13 50.

REV. W. W. WORLEY.

Philadelphia church, assisted by Elder D. H. Barron; Labored 13 days; conversions, 30; baptisms, 15; collected \$27 35; received from Clerk and Treasurer, \$36 00, of which \$10 00 was paid to Elder D. H. Barron.

REV. A. ROUTH,

held a meeting of days at Blountville, and received \$3 00 as missionary funds.

REV. GEO. P. FAW

has held and assisted in holding revival meetings at various points in the bounds of the Association, but has neither reported service nor made charges for the same.

REV. W. A. CLARK,

of the Bristol church held a meeting of days at Jonesboro, and received by collection from the church and congregation \$3 00.

ELDERS N. W. G. BAXTER and ELI RATLIFF.

Elder Baxter labored as Missionary at Romeo church 11 days, and in connection with Elder Ratliff, at Childress' School House, 16 days; witnessed 13 conversions; 8 baptisms, and preached 30 sermons. Received of Clerk and Treasurer, \$40,50.

RECAPITULATION.

Days of labor by Missionaries, paid for by the Board, 125; conversions, 110; Baptisms, 61; amount collected on the field by Missionaries, \$91,72.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT—HOME MISSIONS.	CB.
By amount in Treasury from last year.....	\$31,90
“ “ collected by Missionaries.....	91,72
“ “ “ at M. & D. meeting, Jonesboro,...	8,75
“ “ paid by John B. White for New Lebanon ch.	7,89
“ “ “ “ Jonesboro Church.....	6,00
“ “ “ “ Fall Branch Church.....	2,00
“ “ collected at M. & D. meeting, Fall Branch,	6,59
“ “ paid by Holston Valley Church.....	2,20
“ “ received from E. H. Bachman, Treasurer,...	83,48

Total..... \$239,06

HOME MISSIONS,		Dr.
To amount paid Rev. J. C. Davidson, Missionary.....		\$98,77
" " " Dr. W. W. Worley.....		36,00
" " " Rev. J. H. Moore, ".....		13,50
" " " Rev. N. W. G. Baxter, ".....		16,50
" " " Elders Baxter and Ratliff, ".....		24,00
Total.....		\$188,77
Balance in Treasury.....	\$50,28.	
FOREIGN MISSIONS,		Cr.
By amount received from Jas. E. Deacon, Treas'r 1880.....		\$69,08
" " " " New Lebanon church.....		7,50
" " " " Holston Valley church.....		3,06
" " " " E.H. Bachman, Treas'r 1881,.....		65,85
Total.....		\$145,49
FOREIGN MISSION,		Dr.
To amount forwarded Dr. Tupper, Richmond, Va., 1887,.....		\$69,08
" " " " " " " " 1881,.....		76,41
Total to Foreign Missions.....		\$145,49
COLPORTAGE.		
Funds on hands in cash.....		\$1,85
" " " " Books and Tracts on hand.....		90,75
Total.....		\$93,60

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Your committee find forty-one churches on the roll of the Association- From thirty-ix of these we have letters, leaving five from which no letters have come into the hands of your committee. From the thirty-six letters in our hands we deduce the following exhibit:

INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
By Letter.....	96	By Letter.....	157
By Baptism.....	98	By Exclusion.....	82
By Restoration.....	10	By Death.....	50
Total.....	204	Total.....	289
Net decrease.....			85

3,601 communicants are thus represented, to which if we add the totals of the minutes of last session of four out of the five churches unrepresented this year, we find that our grand total, as far as we are able to ascertain, is 3,812, leaving Barren Springs unrepresented in this sum. As specialties we gather from the letters that,

Boech Creek has a Sabbath-School with 11 officers and teachers; 69 pupils; 55 volumes in their library. \$3,25 expended for school purposes.

Blountville, reports a small evergreen Sunday-School, supplied with fifteen copies of Kind Words, and one Baptist Teacher.

Lovelace, reports a flourishing Sabbath-School, with 17 officers and teachers; 214 pupils, and an extensive use of Sunday-School Literature; 3 conversions; \$47,25 expended for school purposes; \$10,25 for benevolent purposes, and \$3,85 for Foreign Missions. Evergreen, with an average attendance of 120.

Enon, has a Sunday-School with 12 officers and teachers and 50 pupils.

Harmony, reports a flourishing and interesting Sunday-School. *Johnson City*, has a Sunday-School of 81 pupils, and 8 officers and teachers, well supplied with books and papers. This church has no house of worship, but is preparing to build.

Jonesboro, has services twice every Sabbath, and a weekly prayer-meeting; an evergreen Sunday-School with 14 officers and teachers; 162 pupils; \$58,00 expended for the School. A very extensive use of Sunday-School Literature, and claims to be a model school.

Mt. Olive reports the church in good condition; a Sabbath-School with 97 pupils, and an average attendance of 55.

Mt. Hermon is a newly organized church, which now appears for the first time on our roll, and starts out with more than an average contribution for gospel purposes, and reports a prosperous Sunday-School, with an increasing interest; numbers 50 pupils with 10 officers and teachers, and uses Uniform Lessons.

New Salem, we are so ry to say, sends a deplorable report as to the spiritual life of the members, but encourages our hopes by a Sunday-School attended by the children.

Philadelphia has a Sunday-School, composed of 7 officers and teachers, 40 pupils, an extensive use of papers and \$7,65 expended for the school.

Union has an active Sunday-School, and pays their pastor \$150 annually.

S. H. PRICE, Chm'n.

ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report:

Received of the churches for Foreign Missions.....	\$65,85
" " " " Home Missions.....	83,48
" " " " Printing Minutes.....	55,23
" for Foreign Missions by Sunday-Schools.....	1,25

Total amount received..... \$205,81
All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. K. P. HALL, Chm'n.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby extended to the brethren and citizens generally of Erwin and vicinity for the kindness and hospitality extended to its delegates and visitors during its session.

W. N. BROWN, Chm'n.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Committee on Finance Two Hundred and Five Dollars and eighty-one cents for purposes shown by the report of the Committee.

E. H. BACHMAN.

On motion of Dr. Smith the Clerk was instructed to have one thousand copies of the Minutes printed and to distribute the same among the churches in exact proportion to the money sent up by each for that purpose; and that he be allowed \$10,00 for his services in this connection.

A motion for final adjournment prevailed. Prayer by Elder Davidson, followed by singing—

“How firm a foundation,” &c., with a promiscuous hand shaking of the brethren and delegates. Benediction by Elder Cox.

W. A. KEEN, MODERATOR.

R. H. DUNGAN, Clerk.

Appendix,

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

First Session of the Executive Board, held August 15th, 1881,

Organization.

DR. WM. SMITH, Chm'n. | W. N. BROWN, Record'g Sect'y.
R. H. DUNGAN, Cor. Sect'y and Treas. Jonesboro, Tenn.

FUNDS IN HANDS OF TREASURER.

Home Missions..... \$90.28
Foreign Missions..... 76.41
Colportage. Books, &c., \$90.75, cash..... 2.85

On motion, duly seconded, Rev. N. W. G. Baxter, Clover Bottom, Sullivan county, Tenn., was unanaimously elected as Missionary for the home field, and his entire time was secured for the work at a salary of \$300.00, to be paid monthly in advance.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet at the next session of the Ministers' and Deacons' meeting, to be held at New Salem Church, Friday and Saturday, 28th and 29th of October next.

W. N. BROWN, Sect'y.

WM. SMITH, Chm'n.



Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Increase		Decrease		Total.	Contributions.		
	Baptism	Letter	Rest'd	Excl'd		Deaths.	Home Mission	Foreign Mission
Sullivan County.								
*Barren Springs, Va.								
Blountville,.....		1			3	\$ 3 00		\$ 1 40
Chinquipin Grove,.....					1	1 55		1 50
Double Springs,.....	16	1			2	1 40	\$ 3 25	2 50
*Fall Creek,.....					61			
Fordtown,.....		2			5	4 75	2 50	1 50
Holston,.....		2	1		7	1 38	1 35	1 50
Holston Valley,.....	1	3			2	2 15	3 00	1 50
*Kingsport,.....					72			
Mount Herman,.....		7				19 06	3 80	1 00
Mount Olivet,.....	6	8	1		2	1 75	1 50	2 00
*Mount Pleasant,.....					87			
Muddy Creek,.....	2				3	2 84	2 85	1 25
Watkin's Fork,.....					7			2 25
Carter County.								
Bethel,.....			1		2	47	3 70	1 00
Washington County.								
Antioch,.....	10	1	1		3	69	12 43	3 62
Buffalo Ridge,.....		4	3		3	177	11 11	8 13
Cherokee,.....		1	7		3	178	7 63	2 50
Enon,.....			11		2	125		1 53
Fall Branch,.....	7	2			3	214	9 65	2 35
Johnson City,.....	2	11			5		5 74	1 20
Jonesboro,.....	2	12	1		8	101	45 00	5 00
Harmony,.....			2		7	125	2 50	2 50
Limestone,.....		4			3	175	4 20	3 00
New Salem,.....					8	95	4 25	1 50
Philadelphia,.....	16	3				59	29 05	2 26
Union,.....	32	5			3	69	125	9 33
Unicoi County.								
Indian Creek,.....					2	4		2
Green County.								
*Caney Branch,.....						13		
Clear Fork,.....		1				46	80	1 05
Flag Branch,.....	6		1			29	2 80	75
Greeneville,.....	1	3			2	38	2 00	1 00
Lovelace,.....	1	1			2	67	7 70	7 12
New Lebanon,.....		3			3	125	7 50	7 50
*Roaring Springs,.....						41		
Susongs Memorial,.....						12	1 35	50
Hawkins County.								
Beech Creek,.....	1				3	6		5 00
Longs Bend,.....	3	7				2	1 10	1 25
McPheter's Bend,.....		1			5	4	2 00	1 15
New Hope,.....		1	4		5		72	
Oak Grove,.....		2			2		54	1 10
Romeo,.....	8	2			1	8	35	1 00
	114	86	6	82	157	50	3763	209 22
								\$90 00
								\$55 48

Colportage.—Limestone, \$10.00; Fall Branch, 90 cents.

* This Church is unrepresented by either delegate or letter. Total membership of last year the only statistic to be had.

Churches, Clerks and Pastors.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS, AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	PASTORS, AND THEIR ADDRESSES.
JONESBORO,	D. W. F. Peoples, Jonesboro, Tenn.	G. W. Griffin, D. D. Jonesboro, Tenn.
LONGS BEND,	Wm. Long, Esq., Hawkins county, Tenn.	E. F. Hincebels, Haw's Cross Roads, Tenn.
INDIAN CREEK,	J. B. Lewis, Lewis, Tenn.	A. J. F. Hyder, not given.
HOLSTON,	B. E. Vance, Ashland Mills, Tenn.	David Kitzmiller, Watauga, Tenn.
HOLSTON,	A. W. Walker, Greene City, Tenn.	Without Pastor.
GREENVILLE,	J. H. Ranges, Johnson City, Tenn.	S. H. Price, Greenville, Tenn.
JOHNSON'S CANY,	Henry Woods, Greeneville, Tenn.	D. H. Barron, Haw's Cross Roads.
SUSONG BRANCH,	H. H. Finkle, Woodfin College, Tenn.	T. H. Conch, Boone's Creek, Tenn.
WALKER'S FORK,	A. J. Gibson, not given.	A. Routh, Piney Flats, Tenn.
CLEAR FORK,	John Wheeler, Clear Fork, Tenn.	
HARMONY,	J. J. Carr, Jonesboro, Tenn.	
ANTIOCH,	John Deacons, Harpeth, Tenn.	
BEHEL,	John L. Martin, Harpeth, Tenn.	
HOLSTON VALLEY,	John W. Horton, Kings Mill, Va.	
UNION,	Jas. W. Hoots, Alps Springs, Tenn.	
BEECH CREEK,	J. B. Pyles, Blair Gap, Tenn.	
FORDTOWN,	G. W. Kitzmiller, Fall Branch, Tenn.	
FALL BRANCH,	E. H. Beckman, Fall Branch, Tenn.	
MCPHEER'S BEND,	A. B. Bailey, New Canton, Tenn.	
BIOTNSVILLE,	N. J. Phillips, Bionville, Tenn.	
BUFFALO RIDGE,	Fred Devault, not given.	
DOUBLE SPRINGS,	G. W. Pickett, not given.	
LOVELACE,	A. H. Fletee, Lovelace, Tenn.	
LIMESTONE,	E. M. K. Deakins, Johnson State, Tenn.	
CHEROKEE,	J. H. Hicks, Union, Tenn.	
CHINQUIPIN GROVE,	Jas. E. Hodges, not given.	
ENON,	W. K. Hodges, not given.	
MIDDY CREEK,	G. A. White, " "	
NEW HOPE,	Not given.	
NEW SALEM,	Not given.	
MR. OLIVER,	H. H. Cochran, Union, Tenn.	
MR. HERBON,	H. H. Cochran, Lot Grove, Tenn.	
NEW LEBANON,	John B. White, Blair Gap, Tenn.	
OAK GROVE,	E. M. Alford, Kohlerwood, Tenn.	
ROCK,	J. M. Wilson, Romeo, Tenn.	
PHILADELPHIA,	M. Miller, Leesburg, Tenn.	

