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PROCEEDINGS.

Pikeville, N. C., October 9th, 1930.

At 10:10 the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association met in its Forty-Eighth Annual Session with Hook's Grove Church. Rev. A. A. Smith, Mod-

erator, presiding.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. C. S. Moody and Rev. H. B. Joyner. Rev. Moody introduced services by lining "I heard the voice of Jesus say." Rev. Moody read Hebrews 11-1 to 10. Prayer by Rev. Joyner. The Reverend offered thanks for the many past blessings, "Many that met here with us when our last Association convened here. Seats are vacant." The Reverend pled for the visitation of the Holy Spirit. He was strong in his petition. Rev. Moody continued service by singing "I will be satisfied."

The Moderator now called for expression. Rev. H. B. Joyner, Bro. O. R. Shepard, Bro. L. S. Swinson, Bro. H. C. Carroll, Rev. J. H. Huston, Dr. C. C. Summerville, Bro. Marshall Grantham, Bro. Julius Grantham, Bro. Henry Draughn and Bro. T. I. Patterson all made some very timely remarks. They expressed themselves as being in peace and harmony. The Moderator in a few instructive remarks called for the roll of delegates and messengers. Amount collected \$37.75. The Finance Committee was named, E. C. Foye,

T. I. Patterson and O. R. Shepard.

The Association now suspended business to hear the Introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. R. W. Pate, of Goldsboro, N. C., assisted by Dr. C.

C. Somerville, of Portsmouth, Va.

Rev. Pate introduced the services with hymn No. 234. Dr. Summerville read Hebrew 7th chapter for a Scripture lesson. Prayer by Dr. Summerville. The Reverend offered many thanks to God for past and present blessings. He further thanked Him for the hope of the future. He prayed for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Second selection No. 345. The Moderator now introduced Rev. R. W. Pate, the Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church at LaGrange, N. C., to preach the Introductory sermon of the Association.

The Rev. Pate selected for a text Hebrew 7th chapter and 25th verse.

Subject, "Jesus Saving Ability." As an Introductor he presented Jesus Christ and His saving ability. The Reverend preached a most wonderful sermon on the subject of Jesus saving ability. Prayer by Rev. C. C. Gillette.

The Reverend was strong in his petitions.

Rev. H. B. Joyner sang, "I will answer when they call my name." Bro. A. W. Bizzell and Rev. C. S. Moody lifted a collection amounting to \$3.05. Dr. C. C. Summerville was presented to the Association. After a few remarks Dr. Summerville presented some books he had written. Among them he urged us to buy two of them he now has on sale.

We now adjourned by benediction by Rev. R. W. Pate.

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Augusta Chapel-Bros. C. H. Lane paid, Julius Grantham paid. Atkinson Chapel-Bro. Willie Best paid. Banks Chapel-T. I. Patterson paid. Barnes Chapel—Bro. A. Howell paid. Bests Grove—B. B. Best, J. S. Barnes paid. Buckhorn Chapel-Bro. C. J. Walls paid. Davis Chapel—Major Bizzell paid. Eastern Union-Ebenezer-Isaac Wooten paid.

First Baptist, Eureka—

First Baptist, Kinston— First Baptist, Dover—

First Baptist, Lucama—Bro. C. L. Battle, Elias Barnes paid.

Hooks Grove-Brother Kater Hamilton paid.

Holly Green-Bro. Arnold Coley paid.

Holly Hill-Johnny Dawson paid 25 cents.

Liberty Grove-Moses Ford paid.

Little Creek-John Darden paid.

Living Hope—By Letter.

Mount Calvary—J. W. Woods paid.

Mount Pleasant-Bro. L. S. Swinson paid, H. P. Newsom paid.

Mount Zion—H. C. Sutton paid Piney Grove—Jasper Jones paid.

Princeton Chapel—

Patterson Chapel—Bro. J. H. Cobb paid, W. M. Vause paid.

Rouse Chapel—George Speights paid. Rountree Chapel—W. M. Peirce paid.

Speights Chapel-Lauring Whitaker 25 cents.

Saint Delight-J. F. Evans paid.

Saint Stephen—Bro. Frank Hood paid. Shady Grove—Bro. Fred Isler paid.

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND DEACONS

Augusta Chapel—Bro. O. R. Shepard paid, Julius Grantham paid, Matthew Ford paid

Atkinson Chapel—C. R. Rogers paid, H. C. Carroll paid, H. Draughon paid,

W. O. Sykes paid, Walter Evans paid

Banks Chapel—T. I. Patterson paid, Bruce Patterson paid

Barnes Chapel—A. Howells paid, F. T. Truitt paid, J. C. Barnes, S. W. Williams, C. C. Williams, J. S. Smith

Bests Grove—E. C. Foye paid, B. B. Best paid, J. H. Coor 50 cents

Buckhorn-

Davis Chapel—Major Bizzell paid, Frank Parks, Bryant Bizzell paid

Ebenezer—Green Wooten, Isaac Wooten, M. F. Daniels, F. W. Bell paid two dollars

First Baptist, Eureka—George B. Exum paid, G. J. Johnson paid, Caesar Ford paid

First Baptist, Kinston-J. H. Jones paid

First Baptist, Dover-S. L. Oats, D. J. Joyner paid

First Baptist, Lucama—E. L. Battle paid, Elias Barnes paid, Walter Thompson paid, Johnny Newton paid

Hooks Grove—A. B. Jones paid, J. H. Aycock paid, Cater Hamilton paid,

Richard Yelverton paid, Dave Sears, Holly Hill—J. W. Williams paid Holly Green—Burke Daniels paid

Liberty Grove—Frank Bizzell paid, A. W. Bizzell paid.

Little Creek-John Darden, Joe Battle paid

Living Hope—A. J. Batts, W. M. Forsyth, Charlie Pathrum paid

Mount Calvary-

Mount Pleasant—L. S. Swinson paid, H. P. Newsom paid, Levi Thompson paid, J. B. Black paid.

Mount Zion—E. K. Patterson paid 50 cents, Joe Dawson, C. L. Lewis,

James Holloway, Will Hood paid

Piney Grove—Walter Moore, Jasper Jones, Henry Steward, Author Williams, W. M. Moore, Floyd Eason paid

Princeton Chapel-

Patterson Chapel—W. M. Vause paid, J. D. Baker paid, John Cobb paid Rouse Chapel—George Speights paid 50 cents, John Speight paid 50 cents, H. B. Taylor 50 cents, Nathan Mosely 50 cents, John Best 50 cents.

Rountree Chapel—W. M. Peirce paid Speights Chapel—M. J. Lewis paid

Saint Delight-Wyatt Williams, J. F. Evans, Jessie Baker, Elias Speights, Richard Ross paid \$2.50.

Saint Stephen's-Timothy Underwood paid, Deacon Frank Hood paid, Aaron Staton paid, Morris Jones paid, Reddick Thompson paid, Lemuel Peel paid, Cicero Garner paid

Shady Grove—N. W. Wooten, Thomas Wooten, Fred Isler, Essie Isler, J. C. Coor, C. L. Loften paid

Bro. W. J. Rogers....

Sister Cora A. Smith.....

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Sister Aldonia Daniels.....

Sister Mary E. Morgan.....

Sister Mollie McKinnie.....

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At 2:05 Bro. W. M. Daniels lined hymn No. 492, "Amaing Grace how sweet it sounds." Rev. J. O. Badger read Romans 8th chapter 1-7. Prayer by Rev. Badger. He offered thanks for past blessings and begged for divine guidance. Second selection 350, "Come ye that love the Lord."

The Moderator gave some very instructive remarks.

The minutes of the morning session were read and the roll was called. Amount collected \$24.00.

We were now favored with some encouraging remarks by Dr. B. F. Johnson, of Goldsboro and Rev. Elijah Thompson.

The Committee on Ordination was appointed, Dr. C. C. Summerville Chairman.

We now listened to Bro. J. C. Carroll who was presented to the Association for assistance in defraying the expense of a book he was trying to get published. A collection was taken for Brother Carroll amounting to \$1.57.

The Committees on New Churches, on Temperance and Obituaries were

appointed.

We now adjourned.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION.

At seven thirty the Association re-assembled. After several selections by the Rouse Chapel choir, Rev. C. S. Moody led in prayer. The choir continued with some very sweet music.

The Committee on Ordination made its report. (See the same).

We now listened to addresses of welcome; first by the Pastor of the Church Rev. J. E. Bowden.

Local Program rendered by Hooks Grove Church as follows:

Mistress of Ceremonies Miss Cora Evans.

Welcome on the part of the Disciple Church, Rev. Aycock; on the part of the Lodges, Rev. E. T. Jones; on the part of the Business men, Brother Fobbs.

Brother L. W. Cox very timely accepted the Addresses of Welcome.

Rev. C. C. Crawford was now introduced to preach the Missionary sermon of the Association. Rev. S. Pittman read a part of the 7th chapter of St. St. Matthew after a sweet selection by the choir. The Moderator arose and introduced Rev. C. C. Crawford who selected for a text Isaiah 54:2: Subject "Enlargement by Consolidation," from which he preached a strong sermon. After which the choir rendered another one of those sweet selections. Then Dr. Moore came forward to represent the Lott-Carey Convention. In the meantime he spoke of mission work throughout the state. His remarks were full of thought.

Rev. S. Pittman and Rev. Foster now lifted for him a collection of \$3.00. After homes were assigned by the local committee we adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

October 10th, 1930.

At 9:55 Rev. J. O. Badger introduced services with hymn No. 231. Rev. R. P. Lawson read Matthew 5:1-21 for a Scripture lesson. Prayer by Brother C. L. Battle. The Brother plead for peace and harmony to exist during our meeting. Second selection No. 350 "Come you that love the Lord."

The Moderator in a few remarks called for the Minutes of Thursday after-

noon and night session which were read and adopted.

The roll was called. Collected \$19.25 Annual and Joining fees.

The Committee on Constitution and Resolutions; Committee on Officers, and Committee on Place were appointed.

Annual fees further collected \$5.78.

Committees out at work.

The body adjourned for 30 minutes.

At 12:20 the body reassembled. Brother Grantham sang "I heard the Voice of Jesus say." Prayer by Rev. Willie Bryant. The Brother pled earnestly for the visitation of the Holy Spirit.

The Moderator now presented Dr. E. E. Smith, President of the State Normal School of Fayetteville, and one of the leading ministers of the country, Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention. Dr. Smith gave us a brief sketch of the organization of the Association. He also gave us some of his experiences as a steward of God. The Doctor was very helpful in his address. The work of the State Convention was clearly set before us; we were urged to represent in our State Convention.

The Committee on Ordination made a supplementary report. It recom-

mended Brother S. D. Loftin for Ordination.

ORDINATION PROGRAM.

Candidates, Brother Marshall Grantham and Brother S. D. Loften.

First Selection—Rev. C. S. Moody from hymn No. 441. Scripture lesson by Rev. T. T. Williams, three verses of the 13th chapter of Acts of the Apostles. Prayer by Rev. C. C. Gillette.

"My soul in sad exile," was sung.

Presentation of the speaker by Dr. E. E. Smith.

Rev. Dr. C. C. Summerville was presented. Text Acts 13:2. Subject, Divine order for Ordination: Ordination prayer by Rev. B. F. Johnson. charge and presenting of the Bible and hymn book by Rev. R. W. Pate.

The right-hand of fellowship was given by Rev. J. A. Nimmo, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Greenville, was introduced to the Association. Rev. Nimmo expressed himself as being very much pleased to be with us. Rev. Nimmo is the Secretary of the Roanoke Association.

A collection was taken by Rev. J. Q. Nimmo and Bro. A. W. Bizzell

amounting to \$5.37. Dr. E. E. Smith donated \$1.00.

We adjourned.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3:25 P. M. Bro. Willie Bryant introduced with hymn No. 492. Brother John Cobb read Romans 6:1-4. Prayer by Brother Cobb. The Brother was strong in his petitions.

Minutes of the Morning session were read and adopted.

The roll was called; amount collected \$7.00.

A joint meeting of the Board of the Association and Convention met. They decided on a joint meeting at Goldsboro, N. C., on the first Monday in December, 1930.

The Committee on Constitution and Resolutions made their report.

The Committee on New Churches made their report.

The report of the Executive and Trustee Boards was made, received and adopted.

The Treasurer made his report. He reported \$191.42. The Field Agent, Mrs. Daisy Williams, reported \$15.00.

Home Missions through Sister Carrie Smith \$3.00 paid. Delegates fees 25 cents.

Western Union reported through J. C. Barnes \$1.00.

The Committee on Officers made their report. They recommended that Rev. Pate be on the Executive Board; Rev. C. C. Gillette be on the Survey Committee.

Annual fees \$4.50.

Committee on Obituaries made its report. See report.

Bro. H. C. Carroll now reported to the Association \$2.00. The same was turned over to the Convention Treasurer. After a few remarks by Rev. Summerville we adjourned.

Benediction by Rev. Summerville.

At 7:15 P.M., The body re-assembled. The Sisters and brethren engaged in song service. After which the Moderator addressed in short and then called Bro. J. C. Barnes and Rev. D. A. Williams to lift a collection which amounted to \$5.50, while the Ebenezer Choir rendered music. After which a motion prevailed that the Moderator be delegate to the State Convention.

The Finance Committee made its report. Amount collected from all

sources amounted to \$366.07.

After a very splendid selection by the choir Rev. A. A. Smith, the Moderator presented Rev. G. W. Todd, of Smithfield, N. C., and Pastor of The Mount Zion Baptist Church, of Kinston, N. C. After some preliminaries Rev. Todd selected for a text Solomon 6:10. Subject: The Progressive Glory of The Church. The Reverend preached a strong and soul-reviving sermon. His message was one of information and inspiration. Prayer by Rev. J. O. Badger. The Reverend offered many thanks for past blessings and the guidance of the Holy Spirit during our session.

Music by the choir. The choir rendered some very excellent music for us. A vote of thanks was turned to the good people of Pikeville for so well

caring for this Association.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

This service was a record breaker. Long before the hour for opening service the house was filled to its utmost capacity.

The Moderator paid a high tribute of respect to the good people of Pike-

ville for their hospitality during the sitting of our Association.

Our line of Service. At 11 o'clock, preaching by Rev. A. A. Smith; at 3 o'clock—Preaching by Rev. C. C. Gillette; at night—Preaching by Rev. J. E. Bowden.

Collection for the day was \$19.50.

Mount Calvary Church made its report. Then Brother Woods, Brother J. W. Wood, of Holly Hill, paid Deacon fees of 50 cents each.

The Association adjourned to meet with Winn's Chapel Church, Mount Olive, N. C.

REV. A. A. SMITH, Moderator.

E. K. PATTERSON, Clerk.

ANNUAL SERMONS FOR 1931.

Introductory Sermon—Rev. T. T. Williams. Thursday night, Missionary Sermon-Rev. U. G. Moye. Friday 11 O'clock, Sunday School Sermon—Rev. Charles S. Moody. Friday Night, Doctrinal Sermon-Rev. C. W. Brown.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE MODERATOR FOR THE ASSO-CIATION, BY. REV. A. A. SMITH.

Dear Brethren and Delegates: We are blessed to meet in the 58th Annual Session of the Bear Creek Association. We are in debt to sod for the privilege through health and strength to be here. I have met it for many years in succession. I have followed it these many years to help put its program over. I came to this body at LaGrange, N. C., right from College, a young chap in my bloom.

My Blessed Master has enabled me not to miss a single session since my connection with it. When I come to it I found the immigration South in its

fervor among our people. I denounced it as a great mistake.

The Association went from here the next year to Mount Olive, N. C. Between these dates the Secretary Mr. Calhoun had joined the immigration. At this session I was elected Secretary. I held this position more than 20 years. About 16 years ago I was ushered or elected as its Moderator, which position I have occupied ever since. Since then I have been in its trails, combats and its success. I have remained in all its battles, storms and differences. I have been in its rains and sunshine.

I have contended for its flag to float above the waves and it to march forward towards the hills. I have been here and have seen many fall by the way side and new ones take their places. I have endeavored to lead in

many of its achievements.

Among the brethren that I found when I came to this body were Rev. James Wellons, Rev. R. H. Harper, Rev. Washington Winn, Rev. I. Patterson, Rev. G. L. Hood, Rev. C. B. Waters, Rev. E. M. Croom, Rev. J. H. Britt, Rev. R. C. Carroll, Rev. S. M. Jones, Rev. A. B. Williams. Among the laymen were Deacon Thomas Hawkins, Deacon Luke Best, Deacon John Edmundson, Deacon Amos Green, Deacon Ed. Kornegay, Deacon Jacob Smith, Deacon Henry Hand, Deacon L. S. Swinson, Deacon B. S. Sasser, and others.

Dr. E. E. Smith, its first Secretary, had gone to new fields of labor. Broth-

or ministers and delegates, these pioneers have passed away.

But they have fought well and were loyal in their day, under the circumstances and the little training they had. But a new day has dawned upon us. New changes, customs, and new everything. But the religion of man may take on a new form, but the religion of our God stands the same, through the changing ages. True religion never changes. You may say what you will or may, education and intelligence have about swept ignorance and superstition off their feet. This new uprising generation is making different domards upon the leaders and ministers. They are asking for light and genuine instruction. The people are tired of the shadow; they want the substance.

We have talked golden sleeps, long white robes, the crown of stars, the golden streets and seas of glass mingled with fire until it is almost a thing of the past. The time is here when we must tell the people how to live, in order that they may obtain their blessings. The people need to be taught that they must first live right on earth, that is purify their lives, clean their hearts, be converted, be born again and then look to heaven for these attributes. First help them on their feet and then point them to the road that leads them to the Lamb. Let us stop urging people in the church, before they are born of the Spirit of God. Stop telling mourners they are good enough to join the church until they are converted. A church full of sinners is nothing but trouble. There is no such thing as carrying sin and filthy deeds in heaven. I believe it is wrong and a sin for us to try to excite men, women and young folks into the church before they are fit. Preach the gospel and if they will not believe leave the matter with them and God.

You preachers stop tearing up the Bible, jumping all over the floor of the rostrum, hooting to the top of your voice and saying nothing worth hearing and teach the people and preach the gospel. Teach them to live right, to pray with the Spirit and if God says so shout with the Spirit. Stop having them to believe they have no religion if they don't jump the benches or tear up the seats. Stop taking one another's members in an unlawful way. Follow the Baptist discipline. You know it is wrong, or unlawful, to take each other's members without applying the law. Let the member get his letter or go back to his church and get straightened. Education, intelligence and religion are associated together. They move higher and onward as changes advance. Farming, merchandizing, banking, traveling, handling the mail and industrial pursuits are conducted in a more intelligent way. And the church must advance in its building program and make the best preparation possible, for the accommodation of the people, but it must not slacken in its purity, consecration and spiritual power. We have almost lost our identity as Baptists. What is a Baptist? It is one of a Christian denomination which basis its administration and government on the New Testament only, and believe that Christians should be immersed completely, or put under water in the baptismal ceremony after a public declaration of faith has been made; the denomination described. The Baptists have no creed. An applicant before entering the church, should repent, be convert-

ed, voted upon as a fit subject, baptized and admitted to the table. We have for policy sake almost turned the entire public to our table. Anybody can come to our table, regardless of their mode of baptism. Another erroneous idea has gotten into the church that the minister and deacons are bosses of the church. We have no presiding elders and bishops. We all are on an equality in the church, as to our sphere as to duty. Throw away this nonsense and let the church move on. You can't make anybody have religion, it is a free gift from heaven. Every member should be given credit for service rendered. There is an old story of a prince-bishop who wished to build a church for God. He asked all the people to give and they gave gladly of their time and toil and wealth, and he himself gave more than all. In time the great Abbey was built, and the bishop's heart was filled with pride. He spoke of it as his church and in a central place he sat a statue of himself, and over the arch he had his own name inscribed.

When people from other lands came to visit he wanted them to remember that the noble pile was the work of his hands. One night in a dream, an angel appeared to him and bade him follow. Come, and I will show you

some of those who helped you to build your Cathedral, he said.

Out into a country lane they went, and there saw two oxen resting awhile, for they were tired and their work of drawing stones for the cathedral was hard. As they rested, a poor child from a hut nearby came and gave each a wisp of straw. When they had eaten they seemed refreshed and began to strain at the stones again. Seeing this, the prince began to understand that after all he had not built the church alone. Others had done what they could, and without their toil and love, the work would never have been done. And he was filled with sorrow because of his pride and self-conceit. In the morning he sent for the sculptor and bade him make an image of two oxen and a little child with a wisp of straw in his hand. He did so, and when the people came they saw not the prince-bishop, but the oxen and the child. They loved to see them, for some how it helped them to do their daily tasks all the better, and they loved the bishop who had grown so humble. But for him it looks as though the Christian religion might have remained a sort of Jewish sect. He stands in a certain splendid isolation.

But one of the fine things about him is that he sees himself not in isolation, or by himself, but in a great fellowship. He constantly refers to his comrades, gives many lovely and inspiring glimpses of them. He at least escaped the sin of the prince-bishop. Some of them are household names—Barnabas, Silas, Mark, Timothy and Luke. Others are not so well known.

They become possible only as these little and often anonymous tributaries flow down hills and mountain side, to lose their identity in larger waters.

The river of Christianity, flowing in fertilizing power in that first century through the ancient world, depended on innumerable tributaries named and unnamed. History has fixed on a few outstanding names, constantly written and preached about, and about which traditions and legends accumulate, while most of their fellow helpers have fallen out of remembrance. Paul has been spoken of as the founder of world-wide Christianity, and who prized the smallest service done by love.

In great achievements and movements there are always many laymen in the movement and often forgotten helpers. History emblazens a few great names on her scroll but fails for the most part to do justice to their fellowlaborers, on whose faithful devotion and endurance almost everything de-

pended.

In the case of recognized rivers, there is one name on the map. While the innumerable streams, lucks, burns, rivulets, tricklets, go unnamed and even unmarked, yet rivers are wholly dependent on such contributing waters.

Dr. C. S. Prown in making his annual address before the Lott-Carey Convention, said preachers ought to preach—ought to stick to their job; ought rot be unequally yoked with the world. For they cannot serve God and manmon. Says he, we then appeal to our preachers to stop twaddling to the applause of men, but to apply themselves seriously to their heavengiven task. The world is sick of the pulpit monkey, the divinity dude, the clerical good timer, the high-chested structure with Bible in hand. They want and need spiritual advisers whose chief adornment is consecration and whose chief work is soul-saving.

Nothing is more evident than the fact that Christianity is Missionary propaganda, that the Bible is a Missionary book, and that the hero whose life it illustrates was a Missionary, and that the men whom he called to put the program over were missionaries in the strictest sense. As we study the spirit of the great social reformation we are irresistably driven to the conclusion that Missions were made the center of gravity of the Christian church, and so long as this fact was adhered to, the work prospered with amazing rapidity. Christianity is at its best when unencumbered with world ly cares and adventures. It has been difficult for the leaders to hold to the first and original idea so powerfully set forth in the last great commission.

Attracted by the lucrativeness of other vocations, urged by the selfish desire to gain wealth and repularity, fascinated by the massion to gain worldly power and influence, and justified our voung people that are being educated must be provided for in our church program if we expect to hold them in our church. They are meeting with opposition among the old leaders.

In the choir, B. Y. P. U.. Sunday School teachers and other positions you may open the way; intelligence is on its march. There are three things that roust have the right-of-way work. Education and Christianity by the seductive theory that we are living in a rew age, our leaders have made the fatal blunder to attempt to change the center of gravity. It simply cannot be done, and every such attempt reacts in serious disaster to the church.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I recommend that any church of our group, that receives a member from any Baptist Church without the proper method, should be considered out of Gospel order.

We further recommend: That we shall put in operation as soon as possible a three months Institute each year for ministers, deacons and Christian Workers. I recommend to our Churches seeking a pastor, first consult the Moderator and the leading brethren of the Association.

I recommend that we continue to donate to Shaw and the State Work,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS

October the 10th, 1930.

We, your Committee on Nomination of Officers beg leave to submit the following report: 1st. Moderator, Rev. A. A. Smith; 2nd. Vice-Moderator, Rev. T. T. Williams; 3rd. Secretary, Bro. E. K. Patterson; 4th. Corresponding Secretary, Brother H. Draughan; 5th. Treasurer, Bro. E. C. Foye; 6th. Superannuated Treasurer, Rev. H. B. Joyner. 7th. Executive Board: Rev. R. W. Pate, Rev. J. O. Badger, Rev. J. E. Bowden, New Bern, N. C., Bro. H. C. Sutton, Bro. L. S. Swinson, Bro. J. S. Barnes, Bro. W. J. Rogers.

8th. Trustee Board-Bro. W. M. Peirce, Bro. J. H. Coor, Bro. J. G. Grantham, Bro. H. C. Carroll, Rev. C. S. Moody, Bro. L. W. Cox and Bro. Charlie

Loften.

9th. Finance and Survey Committee—Rev. A. A. Smith, Bro. E. K. Patterson, Rev. C. C. Crawford, Rev. C. C. Gillette and Bro. E. C. Foye.

D. A. WILLIAMS, J. G. GRANTHAM, ARNOLD COLEY, L. S. SWINSON, B. B. BEST, W. M. PEIRCE, ISAAC WOOTEN.

J. O. BADGER. KATER HAMILTON. JOHN COBB, J. S. BARNES, W. J. ROGERS, C. S. MOODY, Committee.

REPORT ON ORDINATION.

Pikeville, N. C., October 9th, 1930.

Brother Moderator and Brethren: We, your Committee on Ordination, beg. leave to submit our report. After carefully examining Bro. W. M. Daniels and Brother M. Grantham, we recommend Brother Daniels back for further studies. We recommend Brother M. Grantham for Ordination.

REV. C. C. SUMMERVILLE, REV. R. W. PATE, REV. T. T. WILLIAMS, REV. H. B. JOYNER, REV. C. W. BROWN, REV. C. C. GILLETTE.

REV. C. C. CRAWFORD, Secretary.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Brother Moderator and Messengers: We, your Committee on Temperance,

beg leave to submit our report:

Whereas, we Christians are the light of the world. We should be temperate in speech, dress, drink and all things, and earnestly pray that the time will come when these evils will be blotted out from among us as Christains. Respectfully submitted,

> MARY E. MORGAN, Chmn. ALDONA DANIELS, Secy. MOSES WOOD, J. F. EVANS, Committee.

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATED TREASURER.

October 10th, 1930. Balance Superannuated money on hand _______\$ 11.50 REV. H. B. JOYNER, Treasurer.

REPORT ON NEW CHURCHES.

Brother Moderator and Brethren, we your Committee on New Churches, beg leave to submit our report: We find no new churches coming before us at this session. Respectfully submitted,

G. FRANK HOOD, WILLIE BEST. A. HOWELL,

MAJOR BIZZELL, ELIAS BARNES, Committee.

REPORT ON PLACE.

Brother Moderator and Delegates: We, your Committee on Place, beg leave to make our report: We find two churches asking for the Association for 1931. After carefully considering, we recommend for our next sitting Winn's Chapel, Mount Olive, N. C.

BRO. J. C. BARNES,
BRO. CHARLIE LOFTEN,
BRO. S. D. LOFTEN,
BRO. S. D. LOFTEN,
BRO. S. D. LOFTEN,
BRO. A HOWELL

BRO. A. HOWELL,

Committee.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee, beg leave to make our report: We find the following have been called from labor to reward: Bros. W. E. Baker, of Patterson Chapel Church; Bro. S. M. Walters, of Mount Pleasant; Bro. H. V. Ford, Sister Roxanna Dawson of the Zion Baptist Church, Sister Ella McSwain, and many others in the bounds We bow to Him who doeth all things well, and trust our loss is heaven's gain. Respectfully submitted,

W. M. VAUSE, LEVI THOMPSON, ELIAS BARNES, R. P. LAWSON.

W. M. DANIELS. J. W. WOODS, J. H. AYCOCK,

W. M. MARTIN, Committee.

REPORT ON CONSTITUTION AND RESOLUTIONS.

We, the Committee on Constitution beg leave to report the following: We, the Committee on Constitution and Resolutions recommend that the Association order and demand that the Printing Committee in compliance with Article 8 shall have the minutes printed and distributed within ninety

There shall be preached in each Association an Introductory, Missionary, Doctrinal, and a Sunday School sermon by direction of the Choir, and that the remainder of the Constitution remain the same.

C. H. LAIN, MAJOR BIZZELL, J. H. COOR. FRANK HOOD, C. J. WALLS, H. P. NEWSOME, H. C. SUTTON, W. M. VAUSE.

FRED ISLER, A. W. BIZZELL. REV. J. E. BOWDEN, REV. C. C. SUMERVILLE, J. H. JONES, REV. G. W. TODD, I. C. BATTLE, L. W. COX, Committee.

REPORT OF THE WESTERN UNION.

To the Bear Creek Association—Greeting. We the officers and members of the Western Union, beg leave to sour report as follows:	subn	ait
Number of Elders		10
Number of Licentiates		3
Number of Deacons		14
Number of Lay Members—Men		3
Number of Lay members—Sisters		4
Union fees collected		
For Education		
Public Collections		
After collections	7.	60
DISBURSED.		
DIGDORGID,		
To those who preached		
To churches		
To officers		
For other expense		
To sick		
Paid on back accounts		
On hand	5.	81
Sent to this Association	1.	.00
REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.		
Collected Annual and Joining fees	90	25
Representing fees	224	87
Field Agent Mrs Daisy Williams		

Representing fees	224.87
Field Agent, Mrs. Daisy Williams	15.00
Woman's Home Missions	3.00
Western Union	1.00
For Charity Donations	4.57
Public Collections	20.62
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Total collected	\$368.21
Paid out	
-	
Turned over to Treasurer.	153.84

Total Disbursed	$ \begin{array}{c} 191.43 \\ 7.00 \\ 60.00 \\ 27.00 \end{array} $
	\$ 436.77 50.00 4.00

Balance \$382.77

Peceived of Rev. T. T. Williams 50 cents for Alonza Kornegay, Deacon's fees.

54.00

REPORT OF TREASURER.

I, your humble servant, beg leave to make the following report: At the close of the setting of last Association the sum of \$191.43 was turned over to me.

Yours,

E. C. FOYE.

DISBURSEMENTS.

October 10, 1	
O. R. Shepard, Finance Committee	3,00
T. I. Fatterson, Finance Committee	3.00
E. C. Foye	3.00
Rev. A. A. Smith, Moderator	15.00
Rev. T. T. Williams, Vice-Moderator	7.00
H. Draughn Corresponding-Secretary	5.00
Rev. R. W. Pate, Preaching	3.00
Rev. C. C. Summerville, Preaching	3.00
E. K. Patterson, Clerk	20.00
Express and distributing the Minutes	6.00
Stationery	4.50
Insurance	13.80
Programs	3.00
W. K. Knight, Deacon, per C. L. Battle	2.50
Frank Bizzell, Deacon	2.50
Council Dawson	2.50
A. A. Smith, Delegate to the State Convention	10.00
A. A. Smith, Missions.	15.00
A. A. Smith, Shaw	15.00
Field Agent, Mrs. Daisy Williams	7.50
J. H. Jones	2.50
Rev. P. P. Parks.	$\frac{2.50}{2.50}$
Hooks Grove, Rev. Bowden	10.00
J. H. Moore	3.00
C. C. Crawford	3.00
J. C. Carroll	1.57
Liberty Grove—A. W. Bizzell	10.00
Patterson Chapel	10.00
Rountrees	10.00
Barnes Chapel J. C.	5.00
Rev. J. W. Todd.	3.00
Repair on School.	10.00
Repair on School	10.00

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING.

Monday, December 1, 1930.

At 11 o'clock, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator of the Association Rev. A. A. Smith. The Reverend stated the object of the board meeting and asked Rev. R. W. Pate to conduct the Devotional exercises. Rev. Pate introduced services by lining hymn No. 250. Rev. Pate read Matthew 22, 1 to 21. Prayer by Rev. H. B. Joyner. Second selection 196, "Come holy spirit, heavenly Dove."

The Moderator further stated the object of the meeeting.

The Finance Committee made a report.

Bro. E. K. Patterson reported on hand \$998.95.

A motion prevailed that Bro. E. K. Patterson be allowed the use of the money for three years payable at the Association, one-third to be paid at

each year, with 6 per cent interest.

A motion prevailed that Rev. A. A. Smith's account of \$450.00 be extended for 3 years, one-third due at each annual Association. First payment due October, 1931. This is balance due by him on the house he bought.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BEAR CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of the Association shall be to promote Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament. Pastors should encourage Christian Education to assist in the Home and Foreign Missions and to do all in their power for the support of an active prayer meeting and Sunday School in all churches and in every way possible strive to conform to the teaching of the word of God.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of Messengers, Pastors and Deacons chosen by the churches they represent. Each church is entitled to three delegates who shall be in good standing in the churches they represent. All ordained ministers belonging to this Association shall pay \$2.00 annually; Licentiate Ministers \$1.00 annually; Ordained Deacons 50 cents annually, to maintain their membership. Ministers who are not members of this Association may become members by bringing a letter of recommendation from the Association from whence they came and the payment of \$2 down and \$2.00 annually thereafter; said monies to maintain a superan-nuated fund. All disabled ministers and deacons shall be paid annually.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall present a letter certifying

their appointments, and also stating the condition of their church.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, a Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and an Executive Board of seven members, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberation of this body; in observance of the Constitution preserve order, decide all questions, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion, after those wishing to speak shall have spoken, or when called upon to give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assume the

duties of the Moderator in his absence.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session. The Clerk, Corresponding Secretary and Moderator to compose the printing committee and to superintend the printing of the Minutes and distribute them among the churches in ninety days.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to keep correspondence with the various bodies representing the object of the Association, and shall keep a faithful register of all ordained ministers and historical events of the Association, and make report to each annual session, and assist the Clerk.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up from the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association, when drawn by the Clerk and signed by the Moderator. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury. He shall give good security.

Art. 11. The Executive Board may meet when it is necessary and do business for the Association of any of its churches, and the church or Association calling for the Board shall defray the expenses of the Board and in no wise attempt to interfere with the business of any church unless called

for by the church.

Art. 12. Any church desiring to connect herself with this body shall present a petition at an annual session, through a delegate appointed for that purpose and if received the presiding officer shall extend the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 13. This Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches that neglect to preserve Gospel order. Churches may continue their fellowship by contributing twenty-five (25c.) cents per member as representative fee in the Association.

Art. 14. The Association may invite brethren to seats, and extend to them

all the privleges of this body, except that of voting.

Art. 15. This body shall hold its session annually and at such time and

place as it may select.

Art. 16. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory, Missionary, Doctrinal, and Sunday School sermon during the session, directed by the Chair.

Art. 17. Messengers to the Association shall bring 25 cents for Educa-

tional purposes.

Art. 18. The Association will not recognize the ordination of any minister in its bounds unless done by the Association while in session or the Executive Board.

Art. 19. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a

vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Art. 20. It shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Association and Directory Board of the Sunday School Convention to have full control of the legal business of the Association coming under their supervision.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven members whose term of office shall be fixed by the Association and they shall meet as often

as they find it necessary.

AMENDMENT.

All moines raised during the year between the sittings of the Association by the Sunday School Convention, Home Mission Convention, Eastern and Western Unions, and from various sources, be represented at the Association and turned in to Associational Treasurer.

Art. 21. That there be an amendment to the effect that all churches be urged to give each fifth Sunday in the interest of the Unions.

Fees of Deacons shall be 25 cents quarterly to the Union.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED APPLICANTS WHEN APPLYING FOR LICENSE TO PREACH.

1. What is grace?

2. How do you know that you are called to preach the gospel?

3. What is the gospel?

4. What is repentance?

5. What is religion?

6. What is faith in the Lord?

7. What is the law of God?

8. How do the Scriptures describe God?

9. Who is God?

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10. What is a Gospel Church?

11. What is a Church?

12. How is a Baptist Church governed?

13. Who are Scriptural Officers of a Baptist Church?

14. What is necessary to be saved?

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or such other person as he may designate.

2. At each daily session the names of delegates, shall be called and the proceedings of the previous session read before entering upon the business

of the day.

3. The members shall exhibit towards the officers and each other that courtesy which belongs to Christians.

4. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor longer than five minutes at a time, without permission from the body.

5. Any member desiring to speak shall arise and address the Moderator.

6. All motions which meet a second shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before being discussed.

7. When a subject is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be in order except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely.

8. After a vote is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move to reconsider.

9. The Association shall reserve the right to determine what questions shall be admitted to its consideration.

10. No member shall present himself during the session without permission from the Moderator.

11. These rules may be amended at any regular session by a majority of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Enrollment of members.

2. Declaration of business.

3. Inviting to seats corresponding delegates and visitors.

4. Appoint committees.

5. Read Church Letters.

6. Petitionery Letters of New Churches.

7. Appoint corresponding delegates.

8. Reports of standing committees.

9. Report of special committees.

10. Report of Treasurer.

11. Miscellaneous.

12. Adjournment.

For applicants who apply for ordination

Applicants for ordination must be preficient in spelling, reading, writing, historic work of the Bible and Theology

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER.

We, the	Missionary Baptist
Church, at do send gre	
Creek Missionary Baptist Association:	
Number of Members	**********************
Number received by baptism	
Number received by Letter	
Received by Experience	
Excommunicated	
Dismissed by Letter	*
Deceased	***************************************
Days of Worship	
Funds sent up	
Value of Church Property	\$
Pastor's Salary	\$ 6.66.
Donated to McDaniel School	
Donated to Foreign Missions	
Donated to Home Missions	
Number of Sunday School Scholars baptized	
Number of Male Members	
Number of Female Members	
Done by order of the	-
Church, this day of	
Pastor	
Post Office	
Clerk	
Post Office	

STATISTICAL TABLE

Representa-	3.50 6.50	3.25 8.50 3.50 6.75	.50 26.50 .40 5.25	2.75 3.70 3.00 10.50
Pastor's Salary	240.00 240.00 140.00 260.00	50.00 240.00 120.00	150.00 600.00 240.00 320.00 100.00	
Value Church Property	\$2000.00 \$ 4000.00 2500.00 3500.00	1000.00 500.00 2500.00 1500.00	$\begin{array}{c} 1200.00\\ 75.00\\ 15000.00\\ 4500.00\\ 4500.00\\ 1100.00\\ 1000.00\\ \end{array}$	2000.00 1350.00 300.00
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Deceased	H 4 1			02 02 00
Dismissed	30 30	H 10	7 1 1 2 1 1 2 1	HHH I
Received	26 30 8 16	4 11		: H H 67 :
Members	113 81 105 105 100 6 6	20 150 150 80 144 174	11 11 150 76 61 61 20 61	60 82 88 49 60 60
Clerk and Post Office.	W. J. Rogers, W. J. Rogers, W. M. Jones, B. J. C. Barnes, R. Royal Barnes, G. J. Walls, Go F. P. Parks, La	N. C. C. R. 3,		Suggs, Lassiter, B. Atk
Church and Pastor.	Augusta Chapel—Rev. A. A. Smutu	1st Bap. Eureka—Rev. U. A. Carlton 1st Bap., Dover—Rev. H. B. Joyner 1st Baptist, Lucama—Rev. R. Crockett Hooks Grove—Rev. J. E. Bowden Holly Green—Rev. A. A. Smith 1though Hill—Rev. J. E. Bowden	Libberty Grove—Rev. J. E. Bowuer Little Creek—Rev. R. P. Lawson Living Hope Mt. Calvary—Rev. I. S. Reddick Mt. Pleasant—Rev. C. C. Gillette Mt. Zion, Kinston—Rev. G. W. Todd Piney Grove—Rev. R. H. Hinton Patterson Chapel—Rev. J. O. Badgen	Gill Gill Og



