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PROCEEDINGS

OF A CONVENTION

Of Baptists, held at Salem Meeting House, Brunswick Co., N. C., April 4th and 5th, 1845.

Pursuant to an appointment made by the Salem Association, at its last annual meeting, and after a sermon by Elder James Blythe, came to order, and requested Elder M. Rickman to act as Moderator, and James Brevard, Clerk, until the meeting was over.

The following delegation—James Brevard, elder N. P. From Salem As. M. Lance, L. Fullum, elder M. Rickman, Thos. M. H. Holbert, elder James Blythe, elder man, elder John Davis, S. Cantril, D. King, elder Martin R. Jourdan, Jonathan King, Hodge Raburn.

Massey Broad Association—Elder Wm. Keith, elder P. H. Brookshire, Ebed Jones, elder S. Morgan, F. Wild, D. W. Murray, J. Holyfield, J. Washburn, elder R. Patterson, G. Byrd, E. Sams, S. M. Collis, A. Bradshaw, S. Green, William Deaton.

Big Ivy Association—Elder S. Byrd, elder J. M. Bryan, elder L. Buchanan, E. Stewart, L. Buchanan, elder W. C. Berry, elder T. J. Rollins, elder C. M. Phillips, J. Fox, J. M. Runyon, P. Vance.

Green River Association—Elder J. C. Grayson. Tuckasego Association—Elder G. F. Caler.

1. Chose James Blythe, Moderator, and Lewis Palmer, Clerk.

2. The following brethren being present, were invited and took seats in the Convention, viz: Elder William Haynes, A. Creaman, Thos. B. Justice, Jos. Manning, Peter Owen, John Brown, Wm. Bridges, S. Coward, A. Galamer, J. Taylor, R. Coward, D. Garzan, J. Cantril, T. Strady, B. Bruce.

3. Appointed R. Patterson, J. M. Bryan, S. Byrd, Jas. Brevard, B. Bruce, J. Manning, J. C. Grayson, William C. Berry, William Haynes, with the moderator and clerk, a select committee to arrange business, and draft Articles of Union, and report to-morrow.

Adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

APRIL 5, 1845.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

4. The Report of the Committee of Arrangements called for, read, received, and the committee discharged.

5. Adopted so much of the rules of decorum of Salem Association as relates to discussion, to be observed in the Convention.

The Convention recommend the following Articles to the Associations and Churches represented in this body, for their consideration:

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in the only living and true God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, coexistent, coequal, and eternal, and these three are one.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only unerring standard of faith and practice.

3. We believe the scriptures unequivocally teach the fall of man from that state of moral purity in which he was created; his total depravity, alienation of affection from God and all that is good, and his entire inability, of himself, to restore to his soul the moral image of God, which was effaced by the fall.

4. We believe in redemption from the guilt and condemnation of the fall, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world, and that there is salvation in no other.

5. We believe that God is omniscient and almighty, that he is just in all his ways, and holy and benevolent in all his works, declaring the end from the beginning, saying, my counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

6. We believe that, as a necessary result of the attributes of God, all things past, present, and future, are intimately present to his all pervading intelligence, and that he chose his people in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world, that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, but that he chose them in such a manner that salvation is freely and sincerely offered to all in a manner that, while the righteous in eternity ascribe their salvation to the free and sovereign grace of God, the finally impenitent shall see and acknowledge their own perdition to be the natural and necessary result of their own incorrigible wickedness and opposition to God, and so every knee shall bow and every tongue confess to the glory of God the Father.

7. We believe in the doctrine of regeneration by the Holy Spirit, and justification by faith alone, without the law, by the righteousness of Christ received, and that the saints shall persevere in grace, and shall fall finally away.

8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the church of perpetual obligation, and that they include three things:—1. A credible profession of a Christian's voluntary made by the subject, 2. That it be administered by a man of the necessary qualifications of those on whom the ordinance was originally enjoined.

9. We believe in the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead, and of general Judgment, and that the happy and righteous and punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

10. We believe that such a baptism has been administered to a considerable number of members by the ministers of the Big Ivy Association, and the separation, the Convention pronounced the validity of said baptism, and after public discussion, the question was called and decided in favor of the same.

11. We believe that the first General Assembly so elected, in the city of Raleigh, on Monday, the 29th of June next, shall be the first General Assembly of the State.

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8. On motion, agreed that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the proceedings of this Convention, and divide the copies equally among the Associations represented in this body.

To the Public. We certify that we have been acquainted with a certain FOLLY SHOOT for several years past, and from what we know of her we could not believe anything she would tell on any person, for she is a woman of no half wit, and can be persuaded to do or say any thing; and as for the tale she has told of one Thomas Woolley, who lives on French Broad river in Buncombe county, N. C., that he and his wife should have killed a man for his money, we believe it all to be false and without any grounds of truth; and we further certify that we have known the above named Thomas Woolley for many years, and that we live in the neighborhood where he was born and raised, and never heard anything alleged against him of any kind;—we have been in his company and never saw any harm of him nor heard any thing laid to his charge before we heard of the above named tale.

ZACHARIAH CANDLER, A. B. GUFFEY, DAVID FARNSWORTH, A. E. BAIRD, J. M. HOPPER, W. M. H. RUNNION, STEPHEN PEEK, JOS. HUTCHISON, Esq., Capt. JOS. FROSHOUR, CHRISTOPHER MILLS, JACOB STEPHENS, WARREN HOUSTON, JOHN WADDILL. We have been acquainted with Thomas Woolley a number of years, and believe him to be an honest and upright man; and further say, we have no confidence in the tale that he and his wife should have murdered a man, as reported.

DR. JAYNE'S MEDICINES. "Is this Medicine?" we exclaimed the first. It is on tasting some of Jayne's Tonic Vermifuge. It is our patient's life. It is a radical and permanent cure of all the ailments of the stomach and bowels, and is a most valuable medicine for the young, the old, the feeble, and the infirm. It is a most valuable medicine for the young, the old, the feeble, and the infirm. It is a most valuable medicine for the young, the old, the feeble, and the infirm.

North Carolina Institution FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB. We learn from the Baltimore 37th day of April 1845. The Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, have the honor to inform you that the same has been organized, and is now in the city of Raleigh, N. C. The Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, have the honor to inform you that the same has been organized, and is now in the city of Raleigh, N. C.

POPULAR LECTURES. ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS IN NATURAL SCIENCE. Delivered in the chief Cities and Towns in the U. S. By Dr. J. C. GRAYSON, D.D., of the University of North Carolina.

PLASTERING. The undersigned begs leave most respectfully to inform the citizens of Western North Carolina, that he is prepared to execute all work in plastering, in a superior manner. He feels confident in saying that his public will be greatly benefited by the use of his plaster, which is made of the best materials, and is of a superior quality.

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