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Indian Association.
This body meets with Society Church, in Iredell County, on the first of September 1871.

The house is large, neatly painted, ceiled, warmed and lighted. The attendance of delegates is large.

Dr. Wingate preaches the Introductory Sermon on the presence and office of the Holy Spirit. Recess and dinner.

S P. M.
Moderator Lewellen reads Psalm XC. Hymn. Prayer.

Moderator Turner, of Liberty Association, leading.

The letters are read.

An election is held; and Elder J. H. Lewellen is reelected Moderator and Elder D. Horn Clerk. The clerk, by permission, selects Bro. J. B. Helman as assistant.

Yadkin River church applies for membership by letter—a delegate being present. The letter is laid on the table.

Trading Ford church applies for membership and is received.

Rocky Ford Church applies for membership and is received.

Elder Turner, of Liberty Association, Brother Gay of Brier Creek Association, Elder Howell and Brother Clark of King's Mountain Association, are invited to seats, the Moderator extending the right hand of welcome.

Dr. Wingate, and Elders Brown, Hufham, Griffith, Besent and Moore are invited to seats.

The Moderator appoints committees on the subjects usually considered, and the body adjourns till 9 A. M. to-morrow.

SATURDAY 9 A. M.
Moderator Lewellen reads a Psalm.

Hymn. "Love thy kingdom Lord."

Prayer, Elder Brown leading.

The report of the committee of arrangements is read and adopted.

Elder reports attendance on Brier Creek Association. Correspondents are appointed to other associations.

Several committees are called on, and ask further time.

The committee to revise the constitution offers a report.

Elder Howell goes to preach at the stand.

The Constitution is revised and adopted article by article. The articles of faith are read and adopted.

Elder Hinham reads the REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In many parts of the State the gospel, as we hold it, is not preached. In others there is little or no preaching of any sort. The duty and importance of supplying these waste places are admitted, though but few see or feel them in their full force. Some of the Associations are trying to accomplish this work within their own limits and are doing well. The Baptist State Convention from its organization, has been seeking to supply the waste places all over the State. Many of the strongest churches in the State were aided in this way. Since the last session of the Convention, eight energetic efficient missionaries have been in the field. Under their labor about one hundred persons have been baptized, one church has been organized, and four houses of worship are in contemplation.

Your committee would recommend that the pastors and churches of this body heartily cooperate with the Convention in this great work.

Elder Hufham addresses the body and is followed by Dr. Wingate. Elder Griffith and Elder Marsh also give an account of the great desolation in some sections. Brother Gay and Elder Brown also made remarks. Brother Eaton, Elder Besent, and Elder Baldwin make speeches.

Prayer, Elder Baldwin leading. Recess and dinner.

Hymn. Prayer, Elder Thompson leading. Several other speeches are made. Report adopted.

Two new churches applying for membership by letter, but having no delegates, a debate ensues, and the churches are not received. These churches number 60, which, added to the number reported in the letters, amount to 2225, the same being an increase of 117 members during the last 12 months.

Dr. Wingate offers the following:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The education of young men called of God to preach the gospel is an object of first importance. Many of these are poor, and need the assistance of the church. The Board of Education at Wake Forest has, at present, only four under its charge. This number should be greatly increased. The harvest is great but the laborers few. Are we not as a denomination too occupied to educate our young men? Several of the best schools have young men among them. They are educated, but not in the spirit of the gospel.

A solemn touched the earth to renew his strength. So we must have intercourse with heaven in our work. Our prayers and

contributions are the means. Our pennies coming together from every congregation, make a large sum. All our labors in various places united, make a great work.

Elder Turner also tells of his trip to Wake Forest. Thinks the Commencement was the nuptials of religion and learning.

Elder Baldwin gives an account of the prosperity of East Bend Academy. Elder Griffith also makes a collection for education.

Elder Baldwin offers the REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The BIBLICAL RECORDER, the organ of the Baptist denomination in this State, is sound in doctrine and ably edited, and should be extensively circulated and read. We respectfully urge upon Baptists generally to subscribe for it at once. It is of such importance in the religious information which it imparts, that no Baptist family can afford to be without it. *Kind Words*, a Sunday school paper, published in Memphis, Tenn., and *Home and Foreign Correspondent*, devoted to missionary intelligence, published in Richmond Va., are valuable periodicals and should have an extensive circulation.

M. BALDWIN,
W. M. WINGATE.

Addresses are made by Elders Baldwin, Turner, Hufham, McCurdy and J. H. Mills. Report is adopted.

The body adjourns.

SUNDAY 10 A. M.
The Sunday school Convention meets, and after the usual opening service, proceeds to business; the former officers are reelected. The secretary reads his report, and the same approved. Agreed to hold the next session with New Bethany Church, commencing Friday before the 5th Sunday in October.

The business is interspersed with songs, and short speeches, are made by Moderator Lewellen, J. H. Mills, Moderator Turner and Elder Hufham. The convention adjourns to meet at the time and place appointed.

SUNDAY 11 A. M.

Here is a great concourse under the Arbor. Hymn. Prayer, Dr. Wingate leading.

Reads Numbers viii. Many are anxious to hear the President of Wake Forest College, and good attention is given.

Hymn. "Am I a soldier?"

Text: "And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." Numbers xiii. 30. Human wisdom was against the Israelites. Poorly armed, without any base of operation and having suffered much in the Wilderness, they seemed hardly able to meet a nation of giants. But the Lord had promised them the land, and they should have believed him.

So we should have faith in God, and use our best efforts to bring the land under the dominion of Christ. The desitution here at home is appalling, not to mention whole nations of heathen. Surely we are as grasshoppers before them. Some of these nations are shut up in idolatry, and it seems impossible to reach them.

How are we to possess the land? Not by numbers. Christianity succeeded best when its professors were few. Not by learning. Germany has great learning; but her high Universities are but little for Christianity.

Not by wealth. Alas, the rich are worldly and often clog the way. Cortez burned his ships to cut off his own retreat. So Israel had no hope of a safe retreat.

Faith in God was their only resource. We have our marching orders: Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Some suppose the commission was given to the apostles only. But the Savior said, "Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

This expression shows that the commission was not confined to the apostles. Luther Rice said he would preach at least till it fail, if God commanded it. When Israel was hemmed in God said, "go forward" and God opened the way. Jesus told a man to stretch forth his withered hand: How could he but by faith he did it. Ministers are ait to trust themselves on the Lord. How many laymen are willing to make a bold venture for Jesus. So many collections for the various objects. Can we do this because God tells us, and we are not afraid? We must submit to self-denial, and labor with zeal. We must be soldiers of the cross. *Abnegation*. So must we. We must go in the spirit of prayer.

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contributions are the means. Our pennies coming together from every congregation, make a large sum. All our labors in various places united, make a great work.

Elder Baldwin reports in fellowship 70, Pastor's salary \$103. Increase 10.

Trading Ford reports in fellowship 103, in Sunday school none. Pastor's salary \$105. Increase 11.

Brookland reports in fellowship 61, in Sunday school none. Pastor's salary \$105. Increase 11.

Swann's reports in fellowship 70, in Sunday school none. Pastor's salary \$105. Increase 11.

Sunday reports in fellowship 70, in Sunday school 30. Pastor's salary \$105. Increase 11.

Yadkin school 70. Pastor's salary \$103. Increase 10. Contributions to the objects of the Convention 10.

Mocksville reports in fellowship 13, in Sunday school none, no pastor, no preaching—asks for a missionary.

Island Ford reports in fellowship 45, in Sunday school 40. Pastor's salary \$105. Increase 10.

New B. shiny reports in fellowship 94, in Sunday school 100. Pastor's salary \$105. Increase 10.

Jerusalem reports in fellowship 76, in Sunday school 30. Pastor's salary \$103. Increase 9. Senda \$10.10 for missions.

New Hope reports in fellowship 55, in Sunday school 28. Pastor's salary \$118. Decrease 1.

Sands for education \$14 and \$8.50 for Sunday school purposes.

Beau Shoals reports in fellowship 58, in Sunday school none. Pastor's salary unknown.

Dobson reports in fellowship 12, in Sunday school 20. Pastor's salary \$105.

Antioch reports in fellowship 33, in Sunday school none. Pastor's salary \$118.

Holly Springs reports in fellowship 53, in Sunday school 35. Pastor's salary \$25. Decrease 7.

Union Hill reports in fellowship 44, in Sunday school none, no pastor. Sends \$14.50 to Yates Chapel.

Yadkinville reports in fellowship 29, No pastor, Sunday school 60. Decrease 4.

Union Grove reports in fellowship 59, in Sunday school none. Pastor's salary unknown. Decrease 4.

Rockford reports in fellowship 32, in Sunday school 50. Pastor's salary \$15. Increase 1.

White Plains sends no letter, but has 100 in Sunday school. Pastor's salary \$20.

Twenty-six churches reported, 2162 in fellowship, the same being an increase of 54.

We beg leave to suggest, to the churches:

1. That more information be given in their letters, in the future.

2. That more liberal salaries be paid to their pastors.

3. That while there are so many unemployed ministers in this association there is no excuse for having preaching only once a month.

Every church organized for the evangelization of the world should make frequent contributions to benevolent objects and report the same in its annual letters.

W. G. BROWN,
J. H. MILLS.

Remarks are made by Elder Brown and J. H. Mills. Report adopted. Elder Hufham offers a resolution which is referred to the committee on resolutions.

Brother Eaton from the mission of the Southern association reports \$93 received and expended.

Elder Thompson also reads a report of the Mission work in the Northern section of the association by Elder Lewellen.

Elder Lewellen reads his report as missionary:

After serving four churches as pastor, I have gone into the regions beyond as missionary, and preached 40 sermons, and baptized two in the ordination of one minister and in the constitution of one church.

From the congregations outside of the churches I have received \$100. Our progress in this field is slow but steady, the indications are more favorable than formerly.

J. H. LEWELLEN, Missionary.

Elder Thompson states that there is great destination in Surry, and Carroll and Wythe in Va. There are 9 churches in Surry.

Moderator Lewellen tells that he receives only \$200 a year. His wife and children work at home for him to preach.

They use no tobacco and drink their coffee without sugar. I am invited to be pastor of churches able to pay, but I cannot leave these people.

Elders Brown, Wingate and McCurdy make remarks, while Elder Turner is preaching to a large congregation at the stand.

Report on Foreign Missions called up.

Remarks are made by Dr. Wingate, Eld. J. D. Hathaway.

A collection is made for Yates Chapel. A wife goes to her husband, and after he has made his contribution, she takes the pocket book, and puts in a contribution for herself. It is a malting time.

The committee on Finance reports, and the report is adopted. The following report on letters is offered.

REPORT ON LETTERS.

Bow Creek has in fellowship 38, in Sunday school, none. Pastor's salary \$105. Decrease 6.

Cove Roads has in fellowship 210, in Sunday school 30. Pastor's salary \$75. Decrease 3.

Swann's reports in fellowship 172, in Sunday school 75. Pastor's salary \$105. Decrease 27.

Rock reports in fellowship 103, in Sunday school 45. Pastor's salary \$105. Increase 11.

Trading Ford reports in fellowship 111, in Sunday school 50. Pastor's salary \$105. Increase 11.

Brookland reports in fellowship 65, in Sunday school 25. Pastor's salary \$75. Decrease 7.

White Plains reports in fellowship 70, in Sunday school none. Pastor's salary \$105. Increase 11.

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