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STANDARD PRINT  
HARRISVILLE, W. VA.

Home Missions

1904

1480 Missaries

1905

1509 net gain = 79

104 more Churches aided in the erection of Buildings than for any year in 10

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1904

Baptisms

5940

1905

7208 net gain = 1258

In 1904 the Society had 1480 Missaries

In 1905 1509 M

## Proceedings.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH, Grantsville, W. Va.

September 6, 1904.

The Mt. Pisgah Association met at the call of the Moderator at 10:00 a. m. for the purpose of celebrating its semi-centennial. Devotional service was conducted by the Moderator, T. V. Shock. Prayers were offered by Revs. Daniel Huffman, A. S. Kelley, M. A. Summers and E. J. Woofter.

The part of the provisional program relating to the Jubilee meeting, was, on motion, made the order of the day.

After noon, prayer and song service was continued, prayers offered by Bro. John S. Stout and Rev. Whitt Stump.

The Jubilee History prepared by the Clerk and published with these minutes, was read, and reminiscences of the fifty years given by Revs. Daniel Huffman, M. A. Summers, A. S. Kelley, Sister Polly Johnson, Bros. Knight, Sharps and A. H. Stump.

In the evening at 8:00, Rev. M. A. Summers preached, on the "Formation of Character."

Wednesday morning at 9:00 a. m., the Jubilee exercise was continued in a song and prayer service.

At 10:00 a. m. the Association was called to order in regular session. Letters and reports from the churches were read by J. W. Pell and W. C. West, and delegates enrolled as follows:

Arnoldsburg—Lois Keith, Sophronia Parsons.

Bethlehem—Peter Johnson, A. H. Stump, J. N. Cunningham.

Bone Creek—Clark Woofter.

At Bethlehem—Lewis Ball, Lelia Johnson, Rilla Francis.

Cedar Creek—Ella Stout, Howard Bailey, Warder Bailey.

Cedar Grove—S. E. Riddle, A. E. Fore, F. H. Lukens.

Crooked Fork—F. D. McElwe, French Frame, Annie Frame.

Eliam—E. Riddle, J. D. Bennett.

Ebenezer—Ira G. Reip, Mary Reip, Ida Reip.

Enon—J. H. Johnson Jr., Clinton Shock, Mary Johnson.

Glenville—Grace Hauman, Lona Morris, T. H. West.

Galilee—I. T. Law.

Harmony—W. H. Campfield, Sarah Coberly, M. M. Kirkpatrick.

Hezibah—W. B. Piercy.

Leading Creek—Jacob Bailey, M. B. Turner, Ida Goff.

Mt. Carmel—Scott Hewitt, S. S. Stump, A. M. Bennett.

Mt. Pisgah—John Robison, Iva Stump, O. C. Stump.

Mt. Olive—

Mt. Vernon—

Newport—

Oldfield Fork—

Polemic Run—

Road Run—

Rush Run—T. R. Stump, Whitt Stump, L. H. Stump.

Rosedale—T. V. Shock.

Sycamore—J. S. Sharps, P. A. Borne, D. T. Dawson.

Steer Run—W. L. Becket, Julia Becket, L. B. Cottrill.

Savannah—Represented by letter.

Stewarts Creek—Sam Simmons.

Shiloh—

Twolick Run—

Union—Lucinda Bush, H. P. Woofter, Rebecca Woofter.

Union Mills—

White Oak—

Yellow Creek—Wm. Ferrell, Elizabeth Jeffries, Jerry Knight.

Rev. M. B. Stump was elected Moderator, Clark Woofter Clerk and John S. Stout Treasurer.

Rev. L. E. Peters reported as representing the American Baptist Publication Society, The Journal and Messenger, and Baptist Banner; Rev. M. A. Summers as representing State Missions; and Rev. E. J. Woofter representing Home Missions.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. E. J. Woofter, who used as his text, Isaiah 54 :2.

#### RECESS.

The new church At Bethlehem, was received and the Stewarts Creek church was restored to fellowship in the Association.

#### STATE MISSIONS.

The report was read by Bro. Sharps and the subject discussed by Rev. M. A. Summers, William Burns and Daniel

Huffman, and a contribution of \$28.00 made for State Missions.

### HOME MISSIONS.

Report read and discussed by Rev. E. J. Wooffter, and adopted, as follows:

Your committee reports the following on Home Missions. What have we done through our great pioneer and constructive agency, for the evangelization of North America, the AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY, of NEW YORK CITY?

1. We sustained 1430 missionaries, in every State and Territory of the Union, in Alaska, Porto Rico, Cuba, Mexico and Canada.

2. We helped thereby in the organization of 113 churches, the baptism of 5,300 persons and the ingathering by letter of 8,000 more, and enabled 60 mission churches to become self-supporting.

3. We aided 102 homeless mission churches to build houses of worship, worth \$250,000.

4. We proclaimed the gospel to 23 nationalities and peoples, including two from heathen lands.

5. We co-operated in the support of State and general evangelists, and stimulated throughout the land the work of special evangelization.

6. We established a new Indian mission and wrought among 15 tribes.

7. We lengthened the cords and strengthened the stakes in Porto Rico and eastern Cuba, adding 564 to our members there, and erecting five houses of worship.

8. We helped maintain 31 schools for the colored people and Indians, with an enrollment of 7,800, including 500 students for the ministry.

What share had you in this grand work?

#### WHAT SHOULD WE DO.

1. Occupy 130 new mission fields in the rapidly growing west.

2. Employ TEN instead of FIVE missionaries in Utah, with its population of 400,000 and its menace to our civilization.

3. Help 148 homeless mission churches secure houses of worship.

4. Double the number of missionaries among several foreign nationalities—this vast mission field at our doors.

5. Broaden our work among many Indian tribes so long neglected and so needy.

6. Increase our American missionary forces in Mexico from three to six.

7. Double the number of missionaries in Porto Rico and Cuba, ripe for the reapers; establish there, schools auxiliary to our principal missions and build seven meeting houses.

8. Equip more thoroughly our schools as christian factors in solving the negro problem.

9. Undertake on a larger scale mission work in our great cities.

10. Enter into further co-operation with States and Territories for developing evangelistic effort.

11. Increase our offerings for these purposes by at least \$60,000 this year.

What share will you take in this work?

#### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Report read by W. C. West and discussed by J. W. Pell, L. E. Peters, William Burns, E. J. Wooffter and W. C. West.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following: The West Virginia Educational Society is an incorporated body composed of members of the Baptist churches of this State, whose object is to prepare competent pastors for the churches. This society has been doing effective work since its organization. Last year it aided 9 worthy young men for the Gospel Ministry.

The demand for an educated ministry in this Association is becoming more and more apparent every year. Pastors of Baptist churches, representing as they do, the Baptist principles of New Testament freedom, must themselves possess that freedom of thought, which thorough training alone can give, or the Baptist cause must lose prestige among the people. Your committee would urge upon the young men now preaching the word in this Association the necessity of special preparation by means of a course in some school or college; and when the man has been found who is willing to help himself, the churches should show themselves willing to help him.

Let every member of every church ask himself: "What am I doing to encourage ministerial education?" We would heartily recommend Broadus Institute, Alderson Academy, and the Glenville Normal School for the consideration of those interested.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. PELL, }  
W. C. WEST, } Com.



A resolution of condolence and sympathy for the friends of the unfortunate victims of the fire in the Yellow Creek oil field was adopted by a standing vote.

RECESS.

At 7:30 the Association re-assembled and after engaging in devotional service, the work of the American Baptist Publication Society was presented by Rev. L. E. Peters in a sermon, his subject being, "A bonfire of bad books." In his discourse he set forth the influence of literature for good or evil, and emphasized the importance of providing good literature.

Adjourned until 9:00 a. m. Thursday.

**THURSDAY MORNING.**

At 9:00 devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator, prayer was offered by Rev. M. A. Summers, L. B. Cottrill and M. S. Gherke.

Report on the work of the Publication Society read and adopted, as follows:

The past year has been one of toil and varied success. The business department is still self-supporting, but has so much competition in trade that it has hard work to "make ends meet." A number of excellent books have been added to our catalog. We have increased the number of our excellent series of periodicals and at the same time reduced the price. Last year 46,767,645 copies were published.

The outlook of the Society's missionary department and work was never brighter than to-day. We have in the field 144 workers, 35 colporter wagons, and 6 chapel cars. One wagon has traveled over 26,000 miles. These missionaries have performed 33,131 days' service; traveled 693,045 miles; sold 25,346 books; given away 1853 books; delivered 22,446 sermons and addresses; held 8,007 prayer meetings; visited 82,707 families; baptized 1,076 converts; organized 30 churches and 304 Sunday schools; held and attended 887 Institutes; aided 2,751 Sunday schools and individuals by donations; furnished 369 needy ministers and Ministerial students with libraries.

The Bible work has declined for want of contributions, only about one-third as much is contributed by the churches as formerly to give the Bible to the needy. The total re-

ceipts for the year in the Missionary department were \$146,056.47, and for Bible work of the whole denomination, only \$9,000

We are very sorry to report that the past year, only three churches in the Mt. Pisgah Association report contributions to the Society's Mission work, and nothing for Bible work. These three churches are Bethlehem, \$13.97; Bone Creek, \$5.35; Rosedale, \$3.22; total, \$27.56. We feel that it is the duty of Baptists over the country to support their only Publication Society with their patronage, prayers, and offerings.

We therefore recommend:

1. That we urge all our churches, Sunday schools and families to purchase their books and supplies from our own Society; sending orders to our State Missionary, Rev. L. E. Peters, Clarksburg, W. Va.
2. That every church make an annual offering to the Society's Mission and Bible work.
3. That our Sunday schools observe Children's Day.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. E. PETERS.

### **Church Edifice Work.**

Church Edifice Work was organized 15 years ago by the General Association of West Virginia, but for seven years did not accomplish much. The last eight years have been more successful; seventeen churches have been helped to the amount of \$1481.36 in building.

#### **THE NEEDS OF THE WORK.**

1. More money to meet the calls from needy and worthy places.
2. An awakening of the churches to greater interest in this work.

We recommend this object to all our churches.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. J. WOOFER.

### **Foreign Mission.**

The Baptists of the United States are seeking to give the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the heathen world through two great agencies: The Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Missionary Union

From the annual report of the Missionary Union, May

11, 1904, we now have in the foreign field, 2111 organized Baptist churches, with a membership of 22658. The Society has in its employ, 2918 missionaries and Christian workers. God's blessing continues upon their work, and 13418 were baptized during the year. Contributions for the Society's work from all sources have been \$556,225. Is this the extent of our ability? Can it be said of us as of one of old, "they have done what they could?"

We recommend that greater efforts be made to execute the divine will in giving the gospel of the Son of God to a perishing world.

WILLIAM BURNS,  
JOHN S. STOUT,  
Committee.

The relation between missions and the advancement of the Kingdom of God, was the subject of an earnest address by Rev. M. A. Summers.

Rev. L. E. Peters gave a very instructive address on the subject, Christ's purpose in a Christian church.

The Treasurer reported the following contributions:

For minutes	-	-	-	-	\$ 32 88
State Missions	.	-	-	-	146 02
Home Missions	-	-	-	-	47 21
A. B. P. Society	-	-	-	-	24 58
Foreign Missions	-	-	-	-	31 22
Education	-	-	-	-	3 33

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JOHN S. STOUT.

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### Obituaries.

Your committee would submit the following:

During the past year the Lord has called from labor to rest the Brethren and Sisters named below: Sister Martha Stump, of Bethlehem; Sister Emily Garrison, of Bone Creek; Jane Stump, of Mt. Pisgah; Emily Messenger and Jane Keith, of Harmony; Arthelia Greenleaf and Etta Garrison, of Cedar Grove; Sister Wilmoth, of Hepzibah; Rev. A. C. Burns, Rosedale; George F. Bush, Union; Isaiah Jenkins, Mt. Carmel; Lafayette Stump, Rush Run; Carr Bailey, Leading

Creek; Granville Lamb, Worthy Fitzpatrick, and Dea Elijah Godfrey, of Eliam; William Ferrell, of Yellow Creek; Rachel Barr, of Sycamore; and Glenville, reports two whose names are not given.

While we keenly feel the loss of the departed ones, yet we bow in humble submission to these dispensations of Providence, realizing that He doeth all things well.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. F. BAILEY,  
C. E. BURNS,  
Committee.

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### Resolutions.

Whereas the meetings of our District Associations are so arranged that our representatives of Denominational work can attend but few of them. Therefore Resolved: That we as an Association express our willingness to the General Association to consider a proposition to change the time of our meeting, if necessary. Whereas the training of our young people for more and better service for Christ is a great necessity at the present time. Therefore be it Resolved: That we recommend to the churches, the Baptist Young People's Union, and ask a place in the program of your meetings for the discussion of this work.

Resolved: That the thanks of this Association are due and hereby tendered to Bros. Peters, Summers and Woofter for their responses to the invitation to deliver addresses on the very interesting topics assigned them.

Resolved: That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to Bethlehem Church and to the citizens of Grantsville and vicinity for courtesies and hospitality.

Resolved: That the clerk superintend the printing, and distributing of the minutes and that he be allowed \$8.00 for his service.

After taking a recess for dinner, the Association re-assembled at 1:30, p. m.

Devotional service was held by T. V. Shock and A. Huffman.

Lessons of 50 years was the subject of an address by Rev. William Burns, who was followed on the same theme by Revs. M. B. Stump, W. J. Coberly and Daniel Huffman.

### NEXT ANNIAERSARY.

The committee on next anniversary reported as follows:

Time, Wednesday and Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in September 1905; place Rush Run church; preacher, M. B. Stump.

Alternate—W. J. Coberly.

Respectfully submitted,

D. HUFFMAN,  
J. SHARPS,  
L. H. STUMP,  
Committee.

Bros. Whit Stump, J. S. Stout, J. W. Pell, A. M. Bennett and Lemuel Huffman, were appointed delegates to the General Association at Wheeling.

Rev. William Burns, Rev. W. J. Coberly and Rev. J. S. Sharps were appointed a committee to consider and pass upon applications of Ministerial Students to the Education Board, for aid.

ON NEW CHURCHES—Whit Stump, William Burns.

STATE MISSIONS—A. H. Stump, Lemuel Huffman.

HOME MISSIONS—C. E. Burns, W. C. West.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—E. J. James, L. B. Cottrill.

EDUCATION—T. V. Shock, Floyd McElwe.

OBITUARIES—J. S. Stout, Howard Bailey.

DOCTRINAL SERMON—C. E. Burns.

PUBLICATION SOCIETY—C. L. James, M. S. Gherke.

CHURCH EDIFICE WORK—A. M. Bennett, Walter Reecer.

SERMON ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—William Burns.

The program having been completed, the Association adjourned to meet next year with Rush Run church.

M. B. STUMP, MOD. Normantown,  
CLARK WOOFER, CLERK. Auburn.

## HISTORICAL TABLE.

place	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk	Treasurer	Churches.	Baptisms.	Total.
1854 Mt. Pisgah	J. S. Griffin	J. Bennett	J. Woofter	J. Woofter	13	408	
1855 Mt. Pisgah	J. Woofter	J. Woofter	John Stump	J. Stump	16	24	551
1856 Little Creek	J. Bennett	Same	same	J. Bennett	19	132	816
1857 Grass Lick	J. Stump	Same	same	same	22	72	842
1858 Flat Fork	J. Smith	J. Bennett	same	J. Smith	22	93	893
1859 Big Sand Creek	J. Smith	J. Woofter	same	same	25	119	979
1860 Blue Creek	J. Woofter	same	same	same			
1865 Mt. Pisgah	Jno. Smith	same	same	D. Huffman	27	92	926
1866 Leading Creek	J. Bennett	J. Smith	same	same	28	103	1209
1867 Bethlehem	J. Woofter	J. Woofter	same	same	34	157	1347
1868 Good Hope	J. Stump	same	same	same	34	437	1857
1869 Mt. Carmel	P. Murry	P. Murray	M. A. McClung	same	35	413	2497
1870 Leading Creek	L. J. Hoffman	same	same	same	39	282	2410
1871 Flat Fork	J. Woofter	J. Bennett	same	same	41	236	2574
1872 Mt. Moriah	J. C. Richardson	J. Stump	same	same	46	242	1721
1873 Good Hope	J. Bennett	same	same	same	46	135	2890
1874 Little Creek	J. Woofter	same	same	same	45	141	2642
1875 Henry's Fork	S. M. Ferrell	L. J. Huffman	C. L. Broadies	same	36	109	2242
1876 Sutton	J. Smith	J. Smith	E. S. Hyer	same	38	149	2525
1877 Mt. Pisgah	H. Cofer	same	E. S. Hyer	same	40	96	2503
1878 Little Creek	J. Stump	same	same	same	32	162	1761
1879 Bethlehem	W. Burns	J. Stump	J. C. Stump	same	32	90	1930
1880 Tanner's Fork	G. A. Woofter	same	G. A. Woofter	same	33	91	1930
1881 Indian Creek	L. J. Huffman	same	same	same	35	219	2157
1882 Mt. Carmel	W. W. Yerkey	same	same	same	31	174	2315
1883 Jopzibah	L. J. Huffman	same	E. Stump	same	36	160	1554
1884 Bone Creek	L. W. Holden	same	same	same	36	60	2162
1885 Mt. Pisgah	T. Given	same	same	same	37	251	2219
1886 Glenville	L. J. Huffman	same	same	same	41	132	2366
1887 Bethlehem	W. W. Yerkey	same	J. W. Pell	same	41	274	2606
1888 Leading Creek	T. Given	same	same	same	38	238	2578
1889 Mt. Pisgah	W. T. Napier	same	same	same	33	139	2302
1890 Elk River	M. B. Stump	same	same	same	31	88	2124
1891 Chapel	W. Burns	T. Given	same	same	38	147	2250
1892 Cedar Creek	L. E. Peters	M. B. Stump	C. Woofter	same	40	186	2362
1893 Union	W. W. Yerkey	T. R. Stump	same	same	41	130	2573
1894 Middle Run	E. J. Woofter	same	same	E. A. Goff	44	207	2827
1895 Leading Creek	J. E. Hutchinson	same	same	same	46	136	2245
1896 Mt. Pisgah	W. M. Comp're	same	same	same	45	143	2649
1897 Bethlehem	A. S. Kelley	same	same	same	46	121	2420
1898 Cutlip	W. Burns	same	same	same	47	122	2545
1899 Sycamore	Jno. Smith	same	same	same	49	74	2420
1900 Leading Creek	M. B. Stump	T. V. Shock	same	same	50	29	2657
1901 Bone Creek	W. Burns	same	same	same	38	70	1572
1902 Duck Creek	J. E. Hutchinson	same	same	same	38	56	1587
1903 Cedar Creek	M. B. Stump	same	same	J. S. Stout			
1904 Bethlehem	E. J. Woofter	M. B. Stump	same	same			

## CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	ADDRESS.
Arnoldsburg .....			
Betheltem .....	M. B. Stump .....	I. W. Pell .....	Grantsville..
At Betheltem .....	William Burns .....	J. F. Griffin .....	Grantsville..
Bone Creek .....	A. J. Robinson .....	Clark Woofter .....	Auburn .....
Cedar Creek .....	M. B. Stump .....	D. S. Rutherford .....	Cedarville ..
Cedar Grove .....	W. J. Coberly .....	G. C. Connolly .....	Richardson ..
Crooked Fork .....	T. G. Stump .....	A. P. Frame .....	Progress .....
Eliam .....	C. L. James .....	N. F. Kuhl .....	Latonia .....
Enon .....	Whit Stump .....	J. H. Johnson, Jr .....	Henrietta .....
Ebenezer .....	P. G. Stump .....	I. G. Reip .....	Euclid .....
Glenville .....	C. E. Burns .....	Lona Morris .....	Glenville .....
Gaulee .....	W. J. Coberly .....	P. H. Greathouse .....	Purdy .....
Hepzibah .....	W. W. Yerkey .....	W. B. Peirey .....	Stout's Mills..
Harmony .....	M. E. Martin .....	F. W. Coberly .....	Sand Fork .....
Leading Creek .....	A. E. Burns .....	A. E. Goff .....	Glenville .....
Mt Carmel .....	Walter Reeser .....	A. M. Bennett .....	Bennett .....
Mt Pisgah .....	M. B. Stump .....	Elihu Stump .....	Stumptown ..
Mt Olive .....			
Oldfield Fork .....		John Shoals .....	Donlan .....
Rush Run .....	M. B. Stump .....	O. W. Shock .....	Staten .....
Road Run .....			
Rosedale .....	E. J. James .....	Mellie Shock .....	Rosedale .....
Sycamore .....	M. L. Hall .....	B. B. Bond .....	Sycamore .....
Steer Run .....	J. L. James .....	L. B. Cottrill .....	Normantown ..
Stewarts Creek .....	C. E. Burns .....	Myrtle Collins .....	Baldwin .....
Savannah .....	Walter Reeser .....	I. P. Nichols .....	Euclid .....
Union .....	E. J. James .....	F. F. Bush .....	Lucerne .....
White Oak .....			
Yellow Creek .....	William Burns .....	Rhoda Coberly .....	Big Bend .....

## Sunday School Report.

Name of sch'l.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teach'rs.	Scholars.	Total enrollment.	Conversions.	Church Members in School	Helps Taken.	Volumes in Libraries	Expenses.	Missions.	Months Open.	Supt.
Bethlehem	1	8	44	52	12	36		7 56			8	J. N. Cunningham Grantsville
Bone Creek	1	9	68	77	35	90	50	9 00	5 35		6	Clark Woofter, Auburn.
Cedarville	1	8	80	88	220	158		20 00			12	John S. Stout, Cedarville.
Crooked Fork	2	14	102	116	16	57		6 29			6	D. W. Stump, Progress.
Cather	1	7	45	52	10	48		3 04			6	Jasper Cather, Revel.
Eliam	1	10	58	63	421	72		4 42	1 00		6	A. Riddle, Withers.
Enon	1	7	26	33	215	35		1 79	1 00		4	R. M. Marshall, Mt Zion
Grantsville	1	7	62	69	16	30		28 47	12 57		12	L. Huffman, Grantsville.
Glenville	1	9	150	159	510		120	30 00			12	T. H. Griffith, Glenville.
Hepzibah	1	6	60	66		76	90	5 56	5 57		6	Sada M. Martin, Stouts Mills
Leading Creek	1	8	120	123	27	80	75	9 50			6	W. Bailey, Alice.
Mt. Pisgah	2	8	45	53				5 84	2 10		7	E. T. Blackshire, E. B. Fetty, Stumptown.
Mt. Carmel	2	9	67	76		70	40	4 92			6	Scott Hewitt, S. McClaskey, Bennett.
Normantown	1	10	79	89		92		4 93			6	H. L. Gaston Normantown.
Rush Run	2	15	200	215	462			11 00			6	A. H. Vannoy, Stumptown.
Rosedale	1	7	60	67	621	54		8 88	3 22		6	T. V. Shock, Rosedale.
Steer Run	1	7	60	67	25	38					6	Homer Bell, Normantown.
Union	1	7	45	52	30	63		7 42		75	6	J. A. Jeffries, Lucerne.
Sycamore	1	7	28	30	320	30	40	5 00			6	B. B. Bond, Sycamore.
Cedar Grove	1	6	80	86	10						6	E. A. Fore, Richardson.
Total	24	167	1619	1786	2637	1017	375	16 65	17 50	119		

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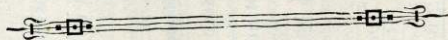
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# Fifty Years of Baptist Effort in Mt. Pisgah Association.



## Prefatory Remarks.

In 1853-54, the Broad Run Association extended over so large a territory as to make it difficult for the representatives of churches in extreme localities to attend its annual session, including as it did, churches in Harrison, Barbour, Tyler, Upshur, Doddridge, Ritchie, Lewis, Gilmer, Calhoun, Braxton, Jackson and Kanawha counties.

In 1854, Rev. Jonathan Smith published in the "*Mountain Messenger*," of Morgantown, a notice to the churches, composing the Broad Run Association; that a motion would be made at the next session to divide the Association, by the Little Kanawha River as the line. The motion was duly made and carried, and the Mt. Pisgah Association was organized as the result.

The Association has now existed for 50 years, and it has been thought fitting to celebrate its jubilee by a special service. It is, therefore, the purpose of this sketch to give in outline a brief history of the Association, some of the churches composing it, and the pioneer missionaries and pastors, who labored in its bounds, and as far as possible, to glean the results of their efforts.

This would be a pleasant and easy thing to do, had the records been properly kept and preserved; but since, in some instances, records have been destroyed or lost; this outline will lack completeness. But trusting we shall be able to rescue from oblivion important history, and that the workers of to-day may be constrained to "thank God and take courage;" this sketch is dedicated to the memory of those

who have wrought so well and faithfully in the Lord's vineyard in Mt. Pisgah Association.

### **Organization.**

At a regular meeting of the Broad Run Association, held with the Big Sandy Church, now Clendennen, Kanawha county, W. Va. Sept. 1-3, 1854, the subject of a division in the Association for the purpose of organizing a new Association, was introduced and after due deliberation, a division was agreed upon, with the Little Kanawha River as the boundary line, churches on or near that line to have the privilege of joining the new Association or remaining in the old, at their option, and the clerk was empowered to issue letters of dismission to such churches as desired to join the new organization.

In accordance with this agreement, letters were issued to Mt. Pisgah, Leading Creek, Hepzibah, Bethlehem, Tanner's Fork, Elk River, Big Sandy, Mt. Carmel, Hollywood, Flat Fork, Cedar Creek, Grass Lick and Little Creek Churches.

Delegates representing these churches, met with the Mt. Pisgah Church in Gilmer county, W. Va., Oct. 27, 1854, for the purpose of organizing a new Association.

The council was called to order by Rev. John Woofter, and organized by appointing Rev. J. S. Griffin, Moderator, and Rev. John Woofter, Secretary.

Delegates from 13 churches were enrolled, representing a membership of 408.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. S. Griffin.

Rev. John Stump and Rev. Daniel Huffman were appointed a committee to draft a constitution, and Articles of Faith.

The council met the next day at the house of Rev. Daniel Huffman.

After singing a hymn of praise, a consecrating prayer was offered by Rev. J. A. Wright, charge by Rev. J. S. Griffin. Rev. John Bennett lead in extending the hand of tel.

lowship, and was followed by various other brethren.

The churches through their delegates, signed Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.

As permanent officers for the ensuing year, Rev. John Bennett was elected Moderator and Rev. John Woofter, Clerk and Treasurer.

After transacting some routine business, the Association adjourned to meet the next year with the Mt. Pisgah church and the minutes of this first meeting were published in the "Mountain Messenger" and "Baptist Recorder."

### **Second Session.**

On August 24th, 1854, the Association met with the Mt. Pisgah church.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. John Woofter, whose subject was "Reciprocal duties of Pastor and People."

At this session the number of churches represented was 16, and total membership, 551. Rev. John Woofter was elected Mod, and Rev John Stump, Clerk.

At this session the mission cause was considered, and Rev. Theodore Given was requested to continue his service as colporter until another could be appointed.

Rev. Jonathan Smith was recommended as colporter, for three months, and \$30.00 per month appropriated for his salary.

The pastors at that time, were John Woofter, John Bennett, John Stump, Daniel Huffman, Joseph Smith, Jonathan Smith, J. A. Wright, J. Hindman, T. H. Cain, J. A. Petty, and G. G. Denison.

### **Third Session.**

The third session was held with the Little Creek Church, Sept. 12, 13, 14, 1856. Rev. John Bennett preached the annual sermon from the text: "Give an account of thy Stewardship."

Elder S. Sigfield, editor of the Messenger and Recorder, of Morgantown, was present and participated in the deliberations

The number of churches reported was 19; total membership, 716; Blue Creek, Johnson's Creek and Mt. Moriah churches were admitted at that meeting.

Besides the consideration of the various mission causes, the following resolution was adopted in regard to Sunday schools: "Your committee on Sabbath Schools would report: That in our opinion, Sabbath Schools for the young, are not second to any other institution of the age, being better adapted to the spiritual interests of children than even the ministry.

We therefore recommend that each church in this Association, have at least one Sabbath school, and that they report the same in their letters to the Association.

Signed, JONATHAN SMITH, Chairman.

#### **Fourth Session.**

The fourth session convened with the Grass Lick church, in Jackson county, Sept. 11, 12, 13, 1857.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. John Stump, from James, 5:16.

At that session 22 churches reported a total membership of 842, and six Sunday schools.

#### **Fifth Session.**

The fifth session was held with the Flat Fork church in Roane county, Sept. 10, 11, 12, 1858. Elder Joseph Smith preached the annual sermon, and as officers, Rev. John Bennett, was chosen Moderator and Rev. John Stump, clerk and Rev. Jonathan Smith, Treasurer.

Twenty-two churches reported and three Sunday schools. Gilboa Church was disfellowshipped by the Association for retaining members addicted to drunkenness, and contiguous churches directed to receive such of her members as they could fellowship, without formal letters.

The Association co-operated with the North Western Association of Virginia, in the prosecution of Missionary work.

A resolution was passed urging greater exertion on the

part of pastors to supply destitute places with the Gospel.

The meeting of 1859 was held with the Big Sand Creek church, Sept. 9, 10, 11.

The usual sermon preached by Rev. Jonathan Smith, was requested for publication.

The annual routine of business was transacted and a good meeting enjoyed.

The seventh anniversary was held with the Blue Creek church, and as the minutes were not returned from the printing office, no record is attainable, but a note by the clerk, says the usual amount of business was transacted in a spirit of love and harmony, and the body adjourned to meet with the Mt. Pisgah church, the 2nd Lord's day in Sept., 1861.

In consequence of the Civil War the Association did not convene again for four years.

In 1865, the Association met with the Mt. Pisgah church, Sept. 8, 9, 10.

This being the first meeting after the Civil War, the work of the churches was in bad condition, having been much neglected. At that meeting, Spencer church applied for admission and was received.

Ten delegates were appointed to meet with like delegations from other Associations at Parkersburg, to compose a State convention, auxiliary to the American Baptist Home Mission Society. And as such delegates, Elders John Bennett, John Stump, John Woofter, Jonathan Smith, Daniel Huffman, L. J. Huffman, T. H. Cain, and Bros. B. A. Armstrong and W. W. Warder were appointed.

This was the beginning of the Baptist General Association of West Virginia.

The business of the session was transacted in a Christian spirit, and thus was conserved the saying: "Behold how good and how pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

The Leading Creek Church entertained the meeting for 1866, on the 7, 8, 9th of Sept. D. T. C. Farrow made his first visit to the Association as Sunday School Missionary.

Henry's Fork church was received at that session. The Big Bend Church, having mutually dissolved, was dropped from the roll.

The tenth session was held with the Bethlehem Church, Sept, 6, 7, 8, 1867. Arnoldsburg, Middle Run, Crooked Fork, and Montovers, were admitted as new churches.

At this session a Sunday School convention was organized.

State and Foreign Missions were considered.

Having traced the history of events through the formative period with more or less of detail, let us now pass more rapidly through the remaining epochs, noticing only events of more general interest,

In 1878, there were 38 churches, with a membership of 2433.

In that year the churches in Wirt, Raone, Jackson, and Kanawha counties, procured letters of dismission to form the Harmony Association.

Again the course of events continued with even tenor until 1889, when various churches obtained letters of dismission to join the Harrisville Association.

In 1902 the number of churches had grown to 50, with a membership of 2659.

At that time permission was granted to the churches in Clay, Braxton and Webster counties, to unite with the new organization known as the Elk Valley Association.

### **Mission Work.**

In the interest of State Mission work, the churches have contributed and some individuals have made donations and bequests to the State Mission Board, while the pastors have to the extent of their ability, supplied destitute localities in the bounds of the Association, with the gospel.

In the interest of Foreign Missions, this Association has contributed regularly, and in 1878 it resolved to support a native preacher in Burmah, contributing annually, \$75.00 for his salary. This was continued until 1890, when its contributions were placed at the disposal of the American Baptist

Missionary Union.

Home Missions have annually received contributions from it, Rev. John S. Stump, formerly a member of mt. Pisgah church, is the efficient District Secretary of the Home Mission Board, succeeding the lamented Dr. W. E. Powell. And Miss Laura Stump has recently been appointed a missionary to the Cherokee Nation.

In 1889, one of the young men preparing for the ministry, Jay C. Stump, was in need of funds to complete his theological course. The Association came to his assistance with a contribution of \$62.

This led to the organization of the West Virginia Baptist Education Society, which has aided many young men by furnishing them the means to complete their education for the ministry.

### **Sunday Schools.**

This department of church work has been prosecuted in the Association with varying results, since an early period of its existence. A Sunday school convention was maintained for a number of years and some profitable meetings were held. But from lack of interest on the part of many, the few, on whose shoulders rested the burden of carrying forward this work, became discouraged and abandoned the convention plan, for a number of years. But no satisfactory plan of securing united effort, and obtaining statistics of our Sunday school work, having been evolved and put into practice, the Association returned to the convention plan, and since 1891, the convention has met annually with growing interest.

Having thus noted the work of the Association, let us make brief mention of some of the churches, which are now, or have been members of it.

The Leading Creek church, organized in 1832, is the oldest.

### **Leading Creek Church.**

The Leading Creek Church was organized Nov. 26, 1832, as a result of the Missionary labors, of Rev. Benjamin Hold-



en, who became its first pastor, John Woofter, L. S. Vannoy, G. H. Gainer, E. J. Woofter, W. L. Compere, A. S. Kelley, and C. E. Burns, have succeeded him in that capacity.

This church has been a center of influence from which have gone out a number of other churches, all of which owe their origin, perhaps, to the efforts of Benjamin Holden laboring under the Home Mission Board. Of the members of this church, Jacob Springston, J. M. Springston, A. S. Kelley, E. J. Woofter, E. S. West, and Ernest Ervin have entered the ministry.

Owing to the loss of the records, much of the history of this church cannot be found.

#### **Bethlehem Church.**

The Bethlehem Baptist Church was organized in 1833, by Rev. J. W. B. Tisdale. Its constituent members were: Alexander Huffman, Hannah Huffman, Joseph Bennett, Catharine Bennett, Robert Bennett and Elizabeth Bennett.

Pioneer missionaries in this vicinity were: James W. B. Tisdale, John Curry, Thomas and Matthew Maddox, A. J. Garrett, Edmund Denison, Timothy Maxson, Jacob Veach, J. S. Griffin, Carr Bailey and Cornelius Huff.

Its pastors at different times have been A. J. Garrett, Matthhew Maddox, A. C. Holden, John Bennett, John Stump, Daniel Huffman, J. C. Richardson, John Woofter, J. M. Wood, M. B. Stump, William Burns, A. S. Kelley and G. A. Burdett.

Of its members, Jonathan Smith, Daniel Huffman, John Bennett, Joseph Smith, B. N. Smith, J. W. Taylor, have entered the ministry.

A number of other churches have gone out from the mother church and are occupying important fields.

Alexander Huffman was the first Clerk and served 46 years; Peter Johnson served from 1879 to 1895, and J. W. Pell, the present Clerk, has served since that time.

#### **Mt. Pisgah Church.**

The Mt. Pisgah Church was organized Sept. 29, 1835, on

Steer Creek, Gilmer county, W. Va.

The constituent members were: Absalom Stump, Margaret Stump, Michael Stump, Elizabeth Stump, John Selby, Mahala Selby, Jacob Stump, Jane Stump, William Boggs, Sarah Boggs, Elizabeth Boggs, Felix Norman, Mary Norman.

Pioneer missionaries, who labored in the vicinity of this church were: Revs. James Tisdale, Cornelius Huff, A. J. Garrett, Matthew Maddox, Carr Bailey.

As pastors these have served: Revs. A. J. Garrett, Matthew Maddox, Carr Bailey, John Bennett, Daniel Huffman, John Stump, L. J. Huffman, J. C. Richardson, J. M. Wood, William Burns, L. S. Vannoy and M. B. Stump.

Of its members, Daniel Huffman, John Stump, J. C. Richardson, Harvey Cofer, William Burns, J. C. Stump, E. J. Stump, J. G. Stump, John S. Stump, M. L. Hall and L. J. Huffman have entered the ministry.

A number of churches have branched off from this one, so that it may be regarded as not only a mother of preachers, but of churches also.

#### **Mt. Carmel Church.**

The Mt. Carmel Church was organized Aug. 10, 1846, by Elders John Bennett and John Woofter.

Its first pastor was Rev. John Bennett, who was succeeded by John Stump, Daniel Huffman, William Burns, M. B. Stump, E. J. James, W. J. Coberly, M. L. Hall and Walter Reecer.

The members of this church who have been ordained to the ministry were: W. J. Coberly, Adam Westfall, M. B. Stump, E. J. James, and Walter Reecer.

Members of this church have united in the organization of Cedar Creek, Crooked Fork, Steer Run churches.

Owing to loss of records the sketch is not complete.

#### **Bone Creek.**

The Bone Creek Baptist Church was organized May 31, 1846, by Revs. John Woofter and John Bennett, at the house of Lemuel Hall, with twelve members.

Rev. John Woofter served as the first pastor and was succeeded by James Woods, Joseph Smith, John Stump, R. A. Kemper, John Bennett, Alison Barnett, J. M. Wood, W. W. Yerkey, J. S. Riblet, Samuel Reese, E. J. Woofter and A. J. Robinson.

Two members of this church, E. M. Hall and George A. Woofter have been ordained to the ministry.

The Spruce Creek Church grew out of this church.

For a number of years this church has been active in Sunday school work.

#### **Glenville Church.**

The Glenville Baptist Church was organized June 29, 1850, by Revs. John Woofter and Matthew Maddox.

The constituent members were: Preston Pew and wife, Jane Pew, James Cather and wife, Malinda Cather, James Arnold and wife, Thirza Arnold.

Its pastors have been Revs. John Woofter, W. N. Fisher, John Bennett, John Stump, E. J. Woofter, J. M. Wood, A. S. Kelley and C. E. Burns.

One of its members, Benjamin Murphy, entered the ministry.

Rev. John Woofter was sent there as a missionary in 1850.

The church occupies an important field and with wise leadership is destined to wield a strong influence for good.

#### **Cedar Creek Church.**

The Cedar Creek Baptist Church was organized May 6, 1854, by Elders Daniel Huffman and John Stump, at the house of Frances Vanhorn.

The constituent members were: Deacon Francis Vanhorn, Margaret Vanhorn, George White, Margaret White and Rebecca Marks, Mary Furr, who had been baptized by Rev. John Bennett was received.

Emsy Rutherford came in by letter and Noah Greenleaf, Weden White and wife by baptism.

Rev. John Stump was called as pastor, George White was ordained Deacon, and Weden White was elected Clerk.

As the new church had no meeting house, its meetings were held from house to house, until a log church was built. In this they worshiped until 1886, when the present meeting house was erected.

Revs. John Stump, Daniel Huffman, William Rakes, Adam Westfall, W. W. Yerkey, William Burns and M. B. Stump have served the church as pastors.

Of the first 11 members, three are yet living, viz.: Phillip and Emsy Rutherford and Ruhama Cottrill, Daniel S. Rutherford has served the church as Clerk since 1865.

The church occupies an important field and has grown from 5 to 143 members.

It has a number of active members and a good Sunday school.

#### **Sutton Church.**

The Sutton Baptist Church was organized April 1857. Revs. John Stump and John Bennett being the officiating ministers.

The constituent members were: Benjamin Huffman and wife, Drusilla Huffman, Dennis O. Wade and wife, Lucinda J. Wade, P. B. Berry, Catharine Rogers and Evaline C. Warder. Three of these seven members are living, viz.: Huffman, Berry and Mrs. Warder.

Rev. John Stump, L. J. Huffman, Theodore Given, J. F. Brown, T. T. Valkoff, J. E. Hutchinson and G. W. Tupper, have served as pastors.

One of the members of this church have entered the ministry, viz.: Matthew Perrine.

From the Sutton church have branched off the Little Otter church and part of the Flatwoods church.

#### **Rosedale.**

The Roseale Baptist church was organized May 3, 1895, with 27 members, who had a mind to work.

Rev. W. L. Compere was called as pastor, and he, being a man of deep spirituality, greatly strengthened the church and endeared himself to his people.

He was succeeded by Revs. William Burns and E. J. James.

Two of the members of this church, Charles Burrell and A. C. Burns, were licensed to preach, while two others, C. E. Burns and J. F. Frame, who had previously been licensed, were ordained.

This church has always enjoyed perfect harmony; has built a good meeting house, worth \$2000, and has a good Sunday school.

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## Biographical Sketches.

This history would be incomplete without the biography of some of the pioneer pastors, who were instruments in God's hand, in beginning, extending, and building up, the Lord's work in this Association.

We mention first, in this connection, Rev John Bennett, who was the first Moderator.

### Rev. John Bennett.

John Bennett was born June 28, 1816, died October 7, 1874, aged 58 years.

He made a profession of faith in Christ and was baptized by Rev. J. W. B. Tisdale, on April 13, 1834, and united with the Bethlehem church, Calhoun county, W. Va.

He was licensed to preach the gospel Nov. 6, 1843, and ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry, Sept. 7, 1845, by Elders A. C. Holden, James Woods, Matthew Maddox, John Wooster and Carr Bailey.

He was for many years a missionary of the General Association of Virginia.

His labors were confined chiefly to what are now Cal-

houn, Gilmer, Roane, Kanawha, and Clay counties.

As the fruits of his labors, churches were organized at various points in his field, from which have sprung a number of other churches. He was a faithful and devoted pastor; a firm friend of both State and Foreign Missions, and was identified with the General Association of West Virginia, being one of the constituents in its organization.

But his labors on earth are finished, and he has gone to join the Association and Church of the first-born, whose names are written in heaven.

### **Rev. David Frame.**

Elder David Frame, of Braxton county, was converted in his youth, and in after years, entered the gospel ministry. His piety was sincere; his labors many, and God blessed his work in the salvation of sinners.

He held Baptist principles with the tenacity of a martyr.

### **Rev. John Wooster.**

Rev. John Wooster was born Jan. 22, 1816, near Freemansburg, W. Va., and died, May 15, 1890, at the age of 74 years.

He experienced hope in Christ and was baptized by Rev. Benjamin Holden; began preaching in 1842, and was ordained to the ministry in 1843.

He became pastor of Leading Creek Church in 1844, and continued in that relation until his death; 46 years.

He labored as pastor or missionary in the interior counties of West Virginia, serving as pastor; Leading Creek, Hepzibah, Holly River, Fink's Creek, Bone Creek, South Fork, Indian Creek, Harrisville, Smithville, Harmony, Buckhannon, Weston, Tanner's Fork, Glenville, Burning Springs, Elizabeth, Pine Grove, Union, Elk River and Kanawha churches.

We have not the means of knowing how many churches he organized; how many sermons he preached, nor how many persons he baptized, but his was a long and busy life. He was a man fervent in spirit, wise in counsel, and of indomit-

able will.

To the Association he was a wise leader, to the churches a faithful pastor, and to young ministers, a loving friend. All who were personally acquainted with "Father Woofter" cannot but feel a personal interest in meeting him with Christ in glory. We earnestly pray the "Lord of the Harvest" to send other such servants into his vineyard.

### Rev. John Stump.

The life of Rev. John Stump, who was born in 1823, and died in 1898, is one on which we may well fix our attention.

Having professed faith in Christ in his youth, he was baptized by one of the Holdens; joined the Mt. Pisgah church, and began his ministerial work in 1843.

In the 55th year of his ministry, he preached as pastor or missionary in about 25 counties. He was instrumental in organizing a number of churches and baptized more than a thousand converts.

He was recognized as a leader in church work, and served the Mt. Pisgah Association ten years as Clerk, and fifteen years as Moderator.

In manner he was always courteous, and dignified. As a preacher, his sermons were characterized by purity of diction, and beauty of force and imagery. As a servant of the Lord, he strove to make Christ his model, and life a "living epistle, known and read of all, "bearing testimony for Christ.

And though he has gone to the "Home of the Soul," of which he loved to sing, yet he has stamped his personality on many of the churches and people with whom he came in contact, and what he was, will live over and over again in the lives of many who have been taught by him.

With reverent and thankful hearts for the life and work of this "father in Isreal," let us strive to emulate his virtues, imitating him as he followed Christ.



Of the ministers who were present and participated in the organization, but two are living. These are Rev. Daniel Huffman and Rev. Jonathan Smith.

These two venerable brethren have been faithful to the trust committed to them. Bro. Huffman served as Treasurer 29 years and has attended all the annual meetings. Bro. Smith has served the Association as Moderator and Treasurer and to the faithful service of these two brethren the Association owes much.

In these pages we have tried to give, in panorama, a review of the work and workers of the Association. Many noteworthy events and persons have not been mentioned for lack of space and other circumstances.

But now as we stand at the summit of fifty years of Baptist effort in Mt Pisgah Association and look back over the achievements of these years, whose annals are recorded in the book of eternity, as we face them, we are constrained to solemnly ask: "What hath God wrought?"

Many successes and likewise many failures appear before us.

Our successes should cause us to "thank God and take courage," whereas from the mistakes and failures of the past we should learn wisdom, and be warned.

And while the scroll of 50 years is rolled together and sealed, for the future, new opportunities are laid upon us of the present generation.

Our forefathers have wrought nobly, traveling over hill and stream, in fair and foul weather, at the Lord's call, to rescue the perishing.

They have finished their work and have gone to their reward.

Will not we seize the opportunities of the present, and reverently and trustfully assume the responsibility of the work they have lain down, and carry it forward, to the end, that more souls may be saved, and the banner of King Emmanuel placed higher in the future than in the past.

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