

1922

AVERY COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MISSION BOARD AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. T. Lewis, Ch.
J. G. Buchanan,
N. A. Buchanan,
J. M. Gragg,
D. Buchanan,
Mrs. Dock Ollis.

Mrs. D. P. Bridges,	W. M. U.
I. C. Green,	B. Y. P. U.
P. L. Johnson,	S. S.
D. P. Bridges,	Pastorial.
W. W. Braswell,	Layman Work.

Standing Committees for 1923.

They are earnestly requested to have their Reports ready written for their associates to criticise at the next session.

- Com. on Woman's Work— Mrs. Lottie Pitman.
- State, Home, and Foreign Missions— D. P. Bridges.
- Education—J L Pyatte.
- Temperance—J D Braswell.
- Pastoral Support—J M Gragg.
- Periodicals—N S Hampton.
- Obituaries—P L Johnson.
- Orphanage—B R Kilgore.
- Sunday Schools—S M Pitman.
- State of Churches—L W Hall.
- Time and Place—Bertha Bently.
- Finance—J W Taylor.
- Resolutions—D A Greene.

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S. M. Pitman,	Newland, "
L. W. Hall,	Minneapolis, "
N. S. Hampton,	Pineola, "
R. L. Palmer,	Dark Ridge, "
B. R. Kilgore,	Montazuma, "

Ordained Ministers not Pastors

S. A. Hughs,	Valley, N. C.
T. Jones,	Newland, "

MINUTES OF THE AVERY COUNTY ASSOCIATION

W. G. Buchanan,	Elk Park,	"
Lewis Buchanan,	Montezuma,	"
W. C. Wilson,	Banners Elk,	"

Non Resident Pastors and P. O.

J. M. Whitaker,	Johnson City,	Tenn.
D. A. Greer,	Butler,	"
J. Y. Sparks,	Ledger,	N. C.
G. W. Trivett,	Vilas,	"
J. S. Pyatte,	Nebo,	"

LICENTIATES

Reuben Cook, W. C. Greene, J. C. Mann, Lloyd Sudderth.

Committees as follows :

- Woman's Work — Mrs. Lottie Pitman, Mrs. Jessa Buchanan,
S. C. Braswel. IMrs. D P. Bridges.
- Pastoral Support—G W McGuire, D A Green, N A Buchanan.
- State, Home, and Foreign Missions — L W Hall, B R Kilgore,
L C Shell.
- Education—J D Braswell, Frank Watson, W C Wilson.
- Temperance—J L Pyatte, S M Green, S M Pitman.
- Periodicals—N S Hampton, W A Braswell, S A Hughs.
- Orphanage—D P Bridges, W F Meredith, J S Pyatte.
- Sunday Schools—S C Braswell, I Woody, B A Ollis.
- State of Churches—W W Pyatte, D W Keller, N S Hampton.
- Time and Place—Lewis Buchanan, J M Gragg, A D Ollis, Mrs.
Bertha Bently, D A Green.
- Finance—J W Taylor, Myrtle Cooper, Cole Hopson.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENTS TO ASSOCIATIONS

- To Three Forks: D P Bridges, J D Braswell.
- To Roan Mountain: D Buchanan, J L Pyatte.
- To Yancey: R T Lewis, Lewis Hall.
- To Stony Fork: D R Kilgore, J G Buchanan.
N. S. Hampton, N. A. Buchanan, Com.

Delegates

Who attended the Association

- Aaron: Harry Ledford, C P Braswell, J G Buchanan, T W Childress, Lewis Buchanan, and Mrs J G Buchanan.
- Beech Mtn: Roy McGuire, T F Church, G W McGuire.

Bell View: Jess Cook, Henry Harliman.

Big Meadows: J A Dyson, D M Phillips.

Crossnore: W W B-nfield, Cordie Franklin.

Cranberry: Flossy Julian, Mose Thomas.

Chestnutdale: John Hall, S C Braswell, W M Wright, D Johnson.

Elk Valley: Bertha Bentley, Luther Riddle.

Elk Park: J N Pritchard, G C Winters.

Flat Springs: R M Green, S M Green, W C Green.

Green Valley: P F Grindstaff, Dock Ollis, Mrs Dock Ollis.

Henson Creek: J P Hughs.

Jonas Ridge: L C Shell, J D Clark.

Minneapolis: R T Lewis, W W Pyatte, A J Buchanan, Lola Pitman, J W Taylor.

Mt Pleasant: H S Burleson, Dock Carpenter, Stella Griffin.

Newland: D P Bridges, J M Gragg, B Buchanan, J D Braswell.

Oak Grove: Bertha Parker.

Pleasant Hill: B A Ollis, I W Woody, A D Ollis, C T Hicks,
Ida Buchanan, Dicy Cooper, Etta Hicks.

Pleasant Valley: Wm Hampton, Zora Combs, W L. Cook.

Powdermill: Hick Buchanan, Claude Stafford, Julia Buchanan.

Roaring Creek: Sam King, W L Hughs, S A Hughs.

Yellow Mt: Bill Burleson, Mrs D Buchanan, Stokes Buchanan.

PROCEEDINGS

Frank, N. C., Aug. 24, 1922.

The Avery County Association met in its 11 th annual session, with pleasant Hill Baptist Church on Thursday, Aug. 24.

Opened by singing. Devotional exercise was conducted by Rev. S. M. Pitman. Scripture lesson 3d chapt john. Prayer by him. Singing.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by L. W. Hall. Lesson Matthew 6: 1 to 24. Text, 24th verse. Prayer.

After the sermon the program was read and adopted excepting a change of time on report of Executive Committee to give the time to Missions first.

A motion sustained that the association reorganize, and on motion by N. S. Hampton, and second by D. P. Bridges, that R. T. Lewis and D. Buchanan hold the places as Moderator and Clerk for the next year, and that the vote of the entire body be cast by Dr. C. E. Madery. Rev. S. M. Green took the chair and the vote was cast by Dr. Maddy and the acting Moderator declared them unanimously elected, whereupon each officer accepted with appropriate words.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and welcomed to seats: Dr. C. E. Maddry, correspondng Sec'y of Baptist State Con., Rev. Wallace Hartsell, the Enlistment worker for Yancy Co. Asso., Frank Watson, the Mod. of Yancy Asso., Rev. S. M. Green of Mitchell Co Asso who is 85 years old and one who blazed the way of the Baptist cause in these Mtn. counties, Rev. J. S. Pyatte of Green River Asso., and W. J. Rogers of Watauga association.

Newly organized churches were recognized and Bell View church presented a petition to be received in the association.

A Com. was appointed to investigate their faith—D. P. Bridges, N. S. Hampton and L. W. Hall.-- who reported as follows:

We recommend that the Bellview church be received as we find the articles of faith sound.

N. S. Hampton,

L. W. Hall.

D. P. Bridges

Singing. Adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION, FIRST DAY.

Opened by singing. Prayer by W. Hartsell.

The Missions Report was not ready, but on account of Dr. Maddry's time being limited, he was allowed to make his speech on missions.

HOME MISSIONS

Last year was the greatest year in soul saving and in the enlistment of our forces in the work of the Kingdom, in advancement towards self-support in so many fields, all of which conspired to render the year memorable in our history.

Sometimes statistics are tiresome and uninteresting, but such as the following ought to cause thanksgiving to God on our part and resolutions to make it possible for even greater results through the labors of our Home Mission Board:

There, were last year under the employment of the Board, independent and co-operative workers, a total of 1,188 missionaries who supplied 3,131 churches and missions, delivered 165,445 sermons and addresses, made 236,992 religious visits, baptized 36,164 converts, received 83,994 additions to the churches, organized 308 churches, built or improved 456 houses of worship; organized 786 Sunday-schools and did a vast work in personal visitation among the sick and distributed millions of pages of tracts and thousands of copies of the Scriptures.

What a mighty work is being accomplished through this great agency of Southern Baptists, the Home Mission Board! Surely the Lord of Hosts is with us, making bare his mighty arm in the salvation of the lost!

The Board's work id done under the following Departments : Co-operative Missions, Enlistment, Evangelism, Mountain Schools, Foreigners, Indians and Negroes, Cuba, Panama, Soldiers and Seamen, Publicity, Southern Baptist Sanatorium, Church Extension.

In every department of the work there has been splendid progress especially on the lines of Evangelism and enlistment, which two departments have recently been more closely coordinated and are working hand in hand for the salvation of the lost and the development of the saved.

The Board for two years has been heavily in debt because of the enlargement of the work at the beginning of the 75 Million Campaign and a great falling off in receipts during the past year. This has made it necessary for retrenchment wherever possible and has at the same time made it impossible for the Board to respond to numerous and pressing calls for help

Financial conditions are improving and the Board is encouraged to believe that its receipts will be in advance of those for last year and thus make it possible to lessen the Board's debt and turn our forces towards the larger opportunities that are found on every hand

Free literature in the way of tracts and leaflets can be had on application to Home Mission Board, 1004 Healey Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

Signed L. W. Hall, Ch., L. C. Shell, D. R. Braswell.

In the associational year of 1922 there has been great progress. In the mission work in two and one-half years 35,000,000 has been raised in the 75-million campaign, 251,000 souls have been saved, and 75 missionaries sent to foreign countries.

In State Missions churches have been built in places of need. Education has been promoted among our people, the orphans have been fed and our old ministers taken care of by State Missions.

Also, 210 state missionaries have been sent to different counties to give their services to the upbuilding of the Kingdom.

Dr. Maddry's speech on Missions was able and enthusiastic, and was well listened to by the association.

On motion by D. P. Bridges and seconded by J. D. Braswell that we appoint a Mission Board of twelve for Avery county.

Report on Education was read and adopted.

Discussed by F. A. Watson, Wallace Hartsel and J. D. Braswell.

The following Resolution was offered by Mr. Watson and adopted:

Whereas the Avery County Baptist Association has no high school known as a Baptist High School, and whereas the Yancey County Association has one of the best high schools to be found in the country, the same being fostered by the Home Mission Board of the

Southern Baptist Convention, and whereas we believe that our boys and girls need the training of a Christian school; Therefore, be it resolved:

That we, the Avery County Baptist Association, do hereby adopt the Yancey Collegiate Institute of Burnsville N. C. as our Associational high school, and agree to give it our loyal support and hearty co-operation, reserving the right to name three trustees at this session of the association, whose terms of office shall be one, two and three years, respectively, and at each annual meeting of this body we reserve the right to appoint a successor to fill the term expiring each year.

EDUCATION

Education in general and in any of its phases is always a live subject. Each age has had its ideals and has furnished its influences in shaping education. The time in which we live is certainly no exception. Many things profoundly impress us with the need of education, and education of the best sort, which is Christian Education. Certainly education under Christian guidance is one of the living questions for Baptists today. We should do our full part in helping to solve the problems which confront the world today: It should be the purpose of every Baptist parent in Avery County to see that his boys and girls have an education and that they go to the very best Christian schools possible. It is true that the mountain boys and girls have been grossly neglected in that they have had poor opportunities in the way of schools and colleges. But thanks be to God, the time is here when every boy and girl has an opportunity for an education, either in the State schools or in our Baptist schools which are being run by the great Baptist denomination in North Carolina.

We would therefore exhort our Baptist people to patronize our own schools in so far as it is possible to do.

The Baptists have the largest theological seminary in this country and perhaps in the world. They have fifteen theological seminaries, 102 colleges and universities and 118 academies.

Baptists have more money invested in property and endowments for educational institutions than any other religious body in the United States. Baptists also have their share of students in the state schools.

The world today is in great need of Baptist principles and let us resolve in our hearts to give these much needed principles to the world through our boys and girls by educating them in our own Baptist schools, such as Yancey Collegiate Institute, Wake Forest College for boys and Meredith College for girls.

J. D. Praswell, D. R. Kilgore, Frank Watson, Committee.

Delegates were assigned homes.

Association adjourned till 9 o'clock Friday.

Dismissed by B. R. Kilgore

SECOND DAY'S SESSION, MORNING.

Singing. Devotional exercises conducted by N. S. Hampton. Scripture lesson read, first Cor., 16 Chapt. 1 to 5 verses.

Prayer led by Rev. Lewis Buchanan. Singing.

Minutes of the preceding day's session was read by the clerk. On motion report was adopted.

Bro. J. M. Whitaker from Holston Association, Tenn., was welcomed to a seat with us.

Report on Temperance was read by J. L. Pyatte and adopted.

Discussed by him, S. M. Pitman, D. P. Bridges, W. F. Meredith, L. W. Hall and N. S. Hampton.

TEMPERANCE

We believe that one of the greatest evils confronting the people of today is intemperance. Not only the liquor habit but the cigarette habit. We have been favored with good Christian officers in the past years. Our future depends on the boys and young men of today. We insist that the good citizens of our county strive to do everything to keep out the liquor business, and especially our good Baptist people. We fear too many of our Baptist members tolerate the "dram drink" and little no-harm sins SO CALLED.

The place to begin to check these sins is at home. Our boys and girls of today are to be the men and women of the future.

We believe that if every church member would unite and stand against the liquor habit we would soon get rid of the rotten business.

Let us as a Baptist people try to get rid of such members who tolerate the stuff by showing them the great sin it leads to. God wants His people to be a clean people, willing to write and work as well as to pray.

J. L. Pyatte, S. M. Pitman, S. M. Green, Com.

Sermon by Rev. S. M. Green. Text, 37 chapt. Psalms.
Dinner.

EVENING SESSION, SECOND DAY

Singing. Devotional services led by B. R. Kilgore. Lesson, 5th chapter of Matthew, 1 to 6 verses.

On motion, Bro. Bridges asked for a contribution for Newland church. Discussed by him, S. M. Pitman, J. D. Braswell, and the contribution was taken.

Com. on Time and Place reported, and was adopted.

TIME AND PLACE

We the Committee on Time and Place recommend that the next session of this association be held with Newland Baptist church beginning on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1923, Rev. B. R. Kilgore to preach the Introductory sermon.

J M Gragg, D A Greene, Bertha Bentley, L M Buchanan, A D Ollis. Report on Woman's Work was read by D. P. Bridges. On motion report was adopted, and spoken to by him and Mrs. Lottie Pitman.

WOMAN'S WORK

"And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and behold the baby wept; And she had compassion on him, and said: This is one of the Hebrew's children."

And many women were there, beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto Him, among which Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children and certain women which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene out of whom went seven devils, and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others which ministered unto him of their substance."

Mrs. D. P. Bridges,
Mrs. Lottie Pitman,
Mrs. Jesse Buchanan. }

Report on nominations was read by L. W. Hall. Report was adopted as read.

NOMINATIONS

We the committee on Nominations submit the following report: Trustees for Yancey Collegiate Institute:

J. D. Braswell for one year.

J. L. Pyatte for two years.

R. T. Lewis for three years.

Delegates to State Convention: J. M. Gragg, N. S. Hampton, D. Buchanan.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: D. P. Bridges.
D. P. Bridges on Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted.

L. W. Hall, D. P. Bridges, D. R. Kilgore, Com.

Report on State of Churches was read by the clerk. Report was received and adopted as read.

STATE OF CHURCHES

We your committee on State of Churches have digested the letters and find the following to be as near exact condition as we can come at One new church organized.

Last year we had 20 churches, reporting 2011 members.

This year 22 churches with a membership of 2144.

Last year 19 churches paid pastors \$1935.57.

This year 22 churches paid pastors \$2736.74.

16 churches last year reported 115 baptisms.

21 churches this year reported 183 baptisms.

11 churches last year gave to missions \$311.97.

14 churchess this year gave to missions \$468.21.

18 churches report Sunday-school, 4 report W. M. U., 5 report B. Y. P. U. Last year there was no S. B. B. This year there are 9.

The average is 124.30. Aaron church paid the largest salary of any church, and we commend them for their zeal. Leaving out Aaron the 21 churches averaged paying pastors \$96.35.

We recommend that all churches take pattern after them.

W. W. Pyatte, D. W. Keller, N. S. Hampton.

On motion that this association help Bro. L. M. Buchanan to complete his education, and that the Board of Trustees of this Asso. help him as he is a young minister. The same was left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

Report of Com. on Finance was read by the clerk and adopted as read.

FINANCE

We your Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:

We received from the different churches for

Minute Fund,	\$41.54
Orphanage,	2.25

Total, - - - \$43.79

We recommend that the Clerk have 500 copies of the proceedings of this association printed and that the Clerk have \$8.00 for his services. Respectfully submitted,

John W. Taylor, Cole Hopson, Myrtle Cooper.

On motion the association adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning Singing. Adjourned by Rev. S. M. Green.

MORNING SESSION, -THIRD DAY

Opened by singing. Devotional service conducted by Rev. L. M. Buchanan. Prayer led by D. P. Bridges. Scripture lesson was read from Matthew 26, 1 to 3 verses and commented from same. Singing.

Association business was taken up. Miscellaneous business was called for. Bro. D. A. Green presented a request for help on Roaring Creek church. On motion that a collection be taken up for that which amounted, in subscriptions and cash, to \$45.90.

On motion that we help build a church at Pineola, N. C., they being without a place to worship.

Report on Orphanage read by D. P. Bridges. On motion report was adopted. Spoken to by him and W. F. Meredith.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

With each passing year we feel more keenly our obligation to the children who cry to us for help and friendship. And as this obligation is more clearly seen and felt we are gradually providing more and better room.

The Thomasville Orphanage has in its care the largest group of children of any other organized body in the state. Counting the 105 children aided in their own homes we are now caring for 647 boys and girls that are growing into promising manhood and womanhood. More than 2100 have received this most helpful service and it is ever the aim of our management to make them happier, healthier, wiser and purer in spirit. It is a training institution that builds character, dignifies labor and trains for life.

Our health record has been so good that we scarcely think of the sickness side of it at all. One of our fine boys, Thurman McDaniel, was killed in February almost instantly by being thrown from a mule.

Our dairy herd at Thomasville and the Kennedy Home are gradually being improved. Several cows have given as much as ten gallons per day and every child has an average of over a quart of milk per day. Our supply of home made bacon is the best in our history, saving us the necessity of buying any during the year. The farm and dairy at the Kennedy Home made a small profit. The printing department made a profit of \$4,682 99, all of which went into the general treasury to help support the children.

One of our greatest fields of enlargement is Mothers Aid. We are now helping more than 100 children with their mothers at about one third of the cost of keeping them in the Orphanage. This work is appealing more and more to the popular mind as it not only keeps the child with his own mother but is much more economical.

At the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees they threw out a challenge to individuals and associations for three more dormitories so that we may take more children that are clamouring for admittance. There were 611 applications turned away last year on account of lack of room. To give relief to this great throng of children we must largely increase our Current Fund. What comes into the treasury is barely enough to take care of those already in the Orphanage.

Your committee would again recommend:

1. A monthly contribution from every Sunday-school in this Asso.
2. The plan of setting apart ONE DAY FOR THE ORPHANAGE at or near Thanksgiving by every man, woman and child in this association.

3 A club of Charity and Children in the well organized Sunday schools with an individual copy to as many others as possible.

D. P. Bridges, W. F. Meredith, J. S. Pyatte.

Took recess till 1:30.

EVENING SESSION, —THIRD DAY

Opened by singing. Prayer led by D. P. Bridges. Singing.

Business session was continued.

Report of Clerk and Treasurer read by clerk. On motion was adopted.

REPORT of TREASURER and CLERK

I received from Finance Committee \$29 03 for Minute funds.

The printing of 500 Minutes cost \$30.30. Postage \$1.30. Total cost \$31.60. This leaves a debt of \$2.57 besides the \$7.00 allowed for my services. Total indebtedness \$9.57 for last year, but with what is on hand this year we will be out of debt or more.

Respt.,

D. Buchanan, Clerk.

Report on Obituaries was read by the clerk and adopted.

OBITUARIES

The reports from the various churches show the deaths of 19 members in the last year.

Resolved, That we as a committee in behalf of the Avery County Association offer our sympathy to each bereft family, and pray that the Lord will fill the vacancy caused by death in the churches.

W. W. Pyatte, N. S. Hampton.

Report on Resolutions was read by N. S. Hampton and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved first, That we this association are deeply grateful to the Pleasant Hill church and the people of this community for the wonderful care in entertaining this association. We trust they will be more than repaid in Spiritual betterment.

Resolved second, That the Moderator of this association call at least one meeting of the pastors, ministers and deacons of this association.

S. M. Pitman,
N. S. Hampton.

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention be published in connection with the associational minutes, and that the proceeds of the convention for minutes be turned over to the clerk of the association.

Report on Sunday-schools was read by S. C. Braswell and adopted, spoken to by him, D. P. Bridges and N. S. Hampton.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday-school is the church in its teaching capacity, therefore the Sunday-school teacher, next to the minister of the gospel, occupies the highest office in church service. Therefore the church should secure officers and teachers for their Sunday - schools who have the great cause of the Master at heart and who diligently study the Word, proving themselves worthy workmen, not being ashamed rightly dividing the words of truth.

Solomon said, "Wisdom is the principal thing therefore get wisdom." He also said, Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that geteth understanding For the gaining of it is better than the gaining of silver and the profit there of than fine gold." etc.

Gladstone said, "The Sunday-school is the worlds greatest institution for popularizing the worlds greatest Book."

Some one has said, "If the ideals of any nation are to be realized they must be stamped in the hearts of its children."

While the Sunday-school is by no means just for children; its aim is for the salvation of all, but our best work lies with the children. A life in youth given to Christ is a soul saved, plus a life for His service.

God speaking through Moses to Israel said: "These words which I command thee this day shall be upon thy heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto the children."

We find from visiting some of the Sunday-schools in this county, and from the reports at the Sunday-school convention, much to encourage us. A number of new buildings going up, some with ample class rooms, larger attendance than ever before in most places. The Home Mission Board is helping some in the county but nothing yet to suffice.

The best is yet in the future for us if we press on.

There are greater needs now than ever before for trained teachers and leaders in our Sunday-schools as we have no denominational schools in our county and have to depend almost entirely upon our public schools to educate our children, we should strive hard and not be content until we make our Sunday-schools real educational institutions that they may pour great streams of Christian education into our county.

There are many people in our county not attending any Sunday-school, many places needing a Baptist Sunday-school and a Baptist church. We do'nt have to leave our own threshold to hear the cry, "Come over and help us." Will we go?

Respectfully submitted.

S. C. Braswell, Chairman of Committee.

Report on Pastoral Support was read by N. A. Buchanan. Spoken to by him and S. C. Braswell. Report was adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Invention and progress is the order of the day. The floodgate of sin stands wide. The man of God must equip and fortify as never before. To be successful in the Master's cause, he must pose as a model man, and dress as the times require, and burn the midnight oil in search for the proper food for the flock. He must catch the fancies of the day and convert them to the glory of God. We as churches hold the key to the pastor's success or failure. We should contribute sufficient, that even the thought of food or clothing is driven from the pastor's mind. 'Tis then he can outline his field of labor, and sacrifice his manhood, his life and his all, to the cause of Christ, and the building up of the churches.

We find our pastors for Avery County are not being paid as much as they could earn from other callings, and a large per cent. of our members are not paying any thing at all to the pastor.

The Lord says--Mal, 3: 10-- "Prove me, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

G. W. McGuire, D. A. Greene, N. A. Buchanan, Com.

Report on Periodicals was read by N. S. Hampton. Report was discussed by him and D. P. Bridges and adopted.

PERIODICALS

Study to show thyself approved unto God" is the exhortation of Paul, 2 Tim. 2: 15.

If we are to be transformed through the renewing of our minds, we shall need the inspiration not only to know what was written when holy men of old spoke as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost, but we need to know what men of spiritual minds today say as they are filled with zeal by the in-dwelling of the Spirit of God.

Our denomination is rich in such periodical literature.

But to bring this subject close to us, to inform us of the needs and what Baptists are doing to Educate, Christianize and Evangelize the world, a Baptist should not do less than to read Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, Royal Service, and Home and Foreign Fields.

As we cannot be spiritually minded without the Bible, even so we cannot be well informed and vitally interested in the extension of God's Kingdom unless we study through our periodicals.

N. S. Hampton, Chm., S. A. Hughes, W. A. Braswell, Com.

Report on Correspondence was offered by N. S. Hampton and adopted as read. [See page 2 for list of correspondents.]

MINUTES OF THE AVERY COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On motion the association extends its sincere thanks to the Pleasant Hill choir for their excellent singing and prompt attendance.

Brethren Hampton, Bridges and Meredith made speeches on our harmonious session, good attendance etc., after which the association was turned over to Rev. S. M. Green to close and he made a nice talk. Singing. The parting hand was exchanged.

Dismissed by prayer by Rev. D. P. Bridges.

R. T. Lewis, Mod.

D. Buchanan, Clerk.

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Incidentals	Building & Repairs	Ministerial Help	Local Poor	Literature for S. & B. Y. P. U.	Printing	Other Objects	Total Local Contributions
Aaron	617.00	25.00	3000.		19.00	53.84	3.00		3714.84
Beech Mtn	72.01			14.00					102.72
Bellview	100.00	25.00	150.00	5.00		10.00	1.37	5.00	296.37
Big Meadows	105.42	3.00			15.00	16.00	2.20		141.60
Crossnore	137.00	4.00	15.00	20.00		60.00	2.00	25.00	263.00
Cranberry	120.00						3.37		123.37
Chestnutdale	172.41		800.00			20.00	2.00	20.00	214.41
Elk Valley	122.00	10.00		36.00	5.00		2.10		168.00
Elk Park	43.47								43.47
Flat Springs	75.65	.75			5.00	13.87	2.00		97.27
Green Valley	90.15		75.00	20.72			2.50		188.87
Henson Creek	28.81		100.00			20.00	1.10		149.91
Jonas Ridge	102.50	5.00	10.00		10.00	15.00	1.60		169.10
Minneapolis	141.11	20.00		60.00	40.00	24.00	2.50		287.11
Mt. Pleasant	50.00					6.00	.35		56.35
Newland	252.02	6.00			7.00	25.54	4.00	20.00	3615.00
Oak Grove	100.00				3.00	14.11	1.50		117.11
Pleasant Hill	176.01	21.00		35.62	100.00	45.00	3.00		377.63
Pleasant Valley	71.35		31.80		21.80	7.64	1.20	2.00	135.79
Powdermill	20.22								20.22
Roaring Creek	50.00				50.00	12.00	.60	62.00	174.00
Yellow Mtn	88.87		75.00				3.30		167.17

Beech Mt reports \$5, and Jonas Ridge \$35 for "Other Salares."

FINANCIAL TABLE

75 Million (Undes.)	Foreign D Missions	Home D Missions	State D Missions	Asso. D Missions	Ministerial Educ'tn	Orphanage	Total 75-Million	Other Beneficence	Total all Contributions
15.00						2.25			3729.84
									104.97
									296.37
						40.20			192.82
11.00						15.25	62.50	3.30	351.80
45.00		2.25							123.37
						5.00	22.00		223.14
17.00						1.00	5.00		173.00
									50.03
4.00									132.08
6.66									221.99
34.81				2.50		1.40	23.52	9.60	149.91
19.12					5.00				201.65
	6.00					20.55	31.55		337.97
						17.50	50.86		56.35
33.36									3725.18
					3.15	11.00	110.12		117.11
60.00	5.00	17.12	73.00						412.03
						12.00	20.40	7.00	155.76
8.40							19.88		20.22
19.88							6.00		180.00
						2.00			171.17
4.00							4.00		
4.00									

Special Treas. & P.O.

- Reg. Treas & P.O.
 Aaron S. L. Franklin, Montezuma, N. C.
 Beech Mt David Trivett, Dark Ridge
 Bellview Jess Cook, Cranberry
 Big Meadows J L Pyatte, Pyatte.
 Crossnore W W Benfield, Crossnore
 Chestnutdale Sylvester Huffman, Hughs.
 Flat Springs R M Green, Whaley
 Green Valley D T Weatherman, Ingalls
 Henson Creek L S Vance, Spear
 Jonas Ridge L C Shell, Jonas Ridge
 Minneapolis R T Lewis, Minneapolis
 Mt Pleasant R E Carpenter, Hughs
 Pleasant Hill Ed W Buchanan, Minneapolis
 Pleasant Valley Wm L. Cook, Elk Park
 Roaring Creek N V Hughs, Valley
 Yellow Mtn. Vester Stafford (No post office given.)

- David Trivett, Dark Ridge
 N M Pyatte, Pyatte
 W W Benfield, Crossnore
 Sylvester Huffman, Hughs
 R L Hall, Spruce Pine
 R T Lewis, Minneapolis
 R E Carpenter, Hughs
 Ed W Buchanan, Minneapolis
 Wm L Cook, Elk Park

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	Cons	PASTOR	P. O.	CLERK	P. O.	Meeting Time	Received by Baptism	By Letters	Statements	Restored	Lost by letter	Excluded	Deaths	Total Present	Members during the yr	Lord's Supper	Fam. Bap. pap.	When Built	Persons Scald	No. of Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds
Aaron		B. R. Kilgore	Montezuma	H. F. Ledford,	Montezuma	2:45	6	12					2	189	1	2	1897	300	1	1	\$500
Beech Mtn	1869	R. L. Palmer	Dark Ridge	L. L. Church,	Dark Ridge	1	1	1					1	216	1	2	1892	500	1	1	400
Bellview	1922	L. W. Hall	Minneapolis	Mark Googe,	Minneapolis	3	19	31	3	3	2		1	53	1	1	1922	250	1	1	400
Big Meadows	1830	J. S. Pyatte	Nebo	J. L. Pyatte,	Pyatte	4	6	1	1	1				136	1	1	1899	400	1	1	500
Crossnore	1900	D. P. Bridges	Newland	Enoch Cornutt,	Pineola	2	4				17	3	1	136	1	2	1903	450	5	2	2000
Cranberry		J. M. Whitaker	Johnson City	Tenn S L Staton,	Cranberry	1	1	2						81	1						800
Chestnutdale	1915	D. R. Kilgore	Montezuma	S. C. Braswell,	Minneapolis	1	5		2	1	1	1	1	107	1	1	1904	500	1	1	800
Elk Valley	1887	G. W. Trivett	Vilas	D. T. Bailiff,	Menory	4	15	1	4	2	2			15							800
Elk Park		D. P. Bridges	Newland	B. M. Hamrick,	Elk Park	4								15	4						800
Flat Springs	1902	D. A. Green	Butler, Tenn.	J. W. Green,	Whaley	4	4	2	1	1	3			90	1	3	1906	300	2	2	800
Green Valley	1885	N. S. Hampton,	Pineola	R. L. Hall,	Spruce Pine	4	12		1	1	1			102	1	1	1885	200	1	1	1000
Henson Creek		J. Y. Sparks	Ledger	L. S. Vance,	Spear	3	1							30			1910	300	1	1	500
Jonas Ridge		J. S. Pyatte	Nebo	L. C. Shell,	Jonas Ridge	3	3	2			2	17		89	1						450
Minneapolis		J. W. Whitaker,	Johnson City	Tenn R T Lewis,	Minneapolis	1	4	2	2	1	1			101	1	1	1906	300	2	2	800
Mt. Pleasant	1869	L. W. Hall	Minneapolis	H. S. Burlison,	Hughes	1	15	1	2	1	1			101	1	1	1880	300	1	1	500
Newland	1916	D. P. Bridges	Newland	J. M. Gragg,	Newland	28	25							75	1	1	1922	500	10	10	5500
Oak Grove		S. M. Pitman	Newland	T. Jones,	Newland	3	3	3	2	1	3			45	1						2000
Pleasant Hill	1894	W. Whitaker,	Johnson City	L. A. Ollis,	Frank	1	8	1	1	1	6			222	3	3	1921	300	1	1	2000
Pleasant Valley	1894	N. S. Hampton	Pineola	W. L. Cook,	Elk Park	2	11							143	3	3	1895	200	2	2	500
Powdermill		G. V. D. Green	Butler, Tenn.	Tom Green,	Senia	3	3							40	2						500
Roaring Creek	1906	D. A. Green	Butler, Tenn.	J. G. Hughes	Valley	3	17	3	1	3	2			134	2	2	1906	300	1	1	400
Yellow Mtn	1872	L. W. Hall	Minneapolis	Vester Stafford,	Spear	4	2	2	1	2	2			18	1	1	1881	300	1	1	1000

All above Church Buildings are constructed of wood. Jonas Ridge carries 500 insurance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE

CHURCHES	SUP'NS. & P. O.	SEC'Y. & P. O.	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	Number on Cradle Roll	Is the School Graded?	Teachers holding Diplomas	No. Organized Classes	Baptisms from School	Local Expenses	To Missions	Total Contributions
Aaron	J. W. Hayes, Mentezuma	Miss M. Pritchard, Montezuma	9	156	90	31					35.00	22.00	57.00
Beech Mtn	David Privett, Dark Ridge	Roy McGuire, Dark Ridge	6	53	87						7.31		7.31
Bellview	Jess Cook, Cranberry	Cordia Googe, Minneapolis	10	53	50			1	4		12.00		12.00
Big Meadows	J. A. Dyson, Pyatte	N. M. Pyatte, Pyatte	8	125	82	20					16.00		16.00
Crossnore	P. L. Johnson, Crossnore	Enoch Cornutt, Pineola	11	100	75		yes	8	4	1	60.00		60.00
Chestnutdale	W. M. Wright, Hughes	Rosa Holtscaw, Hughes	7	107	70	20		5	5	5	30.00		30.00
Elk Valley	H. M. Horney, Banners	Minnie Bentley, Memory	6	80	69	10		4	12				
Flat Springs	R. M. Green, Whaley	Lina Green, Whaley	9	73	60	22		2			11.37	35.00	46.37
Green Valley	R. L. Hall, Spruce Pine	Emer Edwards, Linville Falls	7	52	33	8		4			4.98		4.98
Henson Creek	J. M. Houston, Spear	L. S. Vance, Spear	5	30							2.00		2.00
Minneapolis	R. T. Lewis, Minneapolis	W. W. Pyatte, Minneapolis	7	70	50			5	4		6.00		6.00
Mt. Pleasant	H. S. Burlison, Hughes	Charlie Wilson, Hughes	6	43	25	10					31.54		31.54
Newland	D. P. Bridges, Newland	Uta Vance, Newland	8	115							14.11		14.11
Oak Grove	Brown Vance, Newland	Dorothy Parker, Newland	5	100	78			5			63.00	12.00	75.00
Pleasant Hill	N. A. Buchanan, Minneapolis	Myrtle Cooper, Frank	7	121	100						7.64		7.64
Pleasant Valley	J. T. Combs, Elk Park	W. H. Presnell, Elk Park	7	66	50	20							
Powdermill	Claud Stafford, Senia	Idna Buchanan, Senia	7	101	68	25		4	17		12.00		12.00
Roaring Creek	Isaac Woody, Valley	J. G. Hughes, Valley	7	101	68	25		5	2		28.00		28.00
Yellow Mtn	Paul Buchanan, Spear	Geneva Buchanan, Spear	7	87	55	15							

WOMAN'S WORK

CHURCH	LEADER	P. O.	Woman's Societies	Y. W. A.'s	Sunbeams	Total enrolled in all Organ's	New Organiza-tions
Aaron.....	Mrs Ruth Kilgore,	Montezuma	1	17	1
Beech Mt.....	C F Cook	Whaley			1		2
Big Meadows.....	Mrs J L Pyatte	Pyatte	1		1	30	2
Crossnore.....	Blanche Johnson	Crossnore			1	30	3
Flat Springs.....	Myrtle Green	Whaley			1	46	
Green Valley.....	Mrs Dock Ollis	Linville Falls			1	17	
Jonas Ridge.....	Mrs Violet Barrier	Jonas Ridge			1	16	
Minneapolis.....	Lota Pitman	Minneapolis	1	17			
Newland.....	Miss Lois Brown	Newland			1		
Pleasant Val.....	S M Presnell	Elk Park			1	40	
Powdermill.....	Julia Buchanan	Senia			1	12	

B. Y. P. U. TABLE

CHURCH	PRESIDENT	P. O.	Seniors Enrolled	Total Unions
Aaron.....	W W Braswell	Montezuma	1
Beech Mt.....	David Trivett	Dark Ridge	35	1
Crossnore.....	P L Johnson	Crossnore	30	1
Flat Springs.....	A J Green	Whaley	19	1
Jonas Ridge.....	L. G. Reid	Jonas Ridge	26	1

MINUTES

- OF THE -

Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention, 1922.

Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention met at Chestnutdale Baptist church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July, being July 28, 1922.

1. Introductory sermon preached by Bro. S. M. Pitman. Text: Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

The Convention enjoyed a strong sermon.

2. Called to order by D. P. Bridges and the convention proceeded to organize by electing Bro. R. T. Lewis Moderator and L. W. Sudderth Secretary.

3. Called for letters from sister Sunday schools and the following were handed to the secretary: Aaron, Big Meadows, Chestnutdale, Crossnore, Minneapolis, Yellow Mtn., Pleasant Hill, Oak Grove.

Paid to the convention for Minute Fund:

Newland 1.71, Mt. Pleasant .25, Pleasant Hill .35, Crossnore 1.00, Chestnutdale .90, Minneapolis 1.00, Oak Grove .75.
Total, \$5 96.

5. The following Committees were appointed:
Programme—Stokes Braswell, P. L. Johnson, D. P. Bridges.
Preaching—A. D. Ollis, J. W. Hayes, Officers of Chestnutdale.
Finance—W M Right, Oscar Ollis, L. W. Sudderth.
Time & Place—S. M. Pitman, P. L. Johnson, L. W. Sudderth.
Temperance—N. S. Hampton, H. Burleson, P. L. Johnson.
Orphanage—D. R. Kilgore, S. M. Pitman, D. P. Bridges.

Recess of one hour.

6. Dismissed with prayer by N. S. Hampton, until 2 o'clock.

7. House called to order by the Moderator.

Song No. 140. Prayer by Rev. D. R. Kilgore.

8. Moved and carried that the reports of the several committees be read.

PROGRAM. Rev. S. M. Pitman preached the first sermon Friday at 11. Rev. Lloyd W. Sudderth to preach Friday night. Text: An Efficient Religion.

FINANCE. Reported \$5.96 from the several Sunday-schools. Rev. D. P. Bridges Saturday at 11. Text, Psalms 32.

TIME & PLACE. Our next convention to meet at (Miller Gap) Oak Grove church on Friday before the 5th Sun. in July 1923.

TEMPERANCE. We believe that the Temperance laws should be

enforced to the fullest extent. We heartily endorse the work of our present sheriff's enforcement of the prohibition laws, which has greatly improved the moral status of our people.

We earnestly insist that the citizens of this county assist the officers in the discovery of lawlessness and the enforcement of the prohibition laws.

We insist that the voters of this county investigate the past records of candidates for office and vote only for those who abstain from and oppose intemperance.

We would recommend to the next Gen. Assembly of N. C. that they repeal the quart law, especially in Avery county.

ORPHANAGE. Our Baptist Orphanage is located at Thomasville and is now taking care of about 600 children. We also have a branch home at the Kenedy farm. The Baptists are planning for an Orphanage Home in Haywood county. We heartily endorse the plan.

We recommend that every Sunday-school make an offering one Sunday in each month for the Orphanage. We suggest that on each Thanksgiving day that each Sunday-school make an offering as well as send to the Home, of our home grown provisions.

The above reports were read and approved by the convention with thorough discussion.

9. The object of the S. S. discussed by N. S Hampton and Stokes Braswell.

10. The evils of whiskey discussed by D. R. Kilgore, N.S. Hampton

Recess until Saturday 9:30.

Sat. Morning 9:30

Devotional exercises by Rev. L. W. Sudderth. The morning services conducted by Rev. D. P. Bridges who delivered an excellent sermon. Dinner served on the grounds with abundance for all.

12. Saturday evening session.

Discussion of general S. S. work, duty and opportunity by the members of the convention at large--a round table discussion which was inspiring and elevating.

13. Motion carried to adjourn till Sunday morning.

14. Sunday 11. Closing sermon by the pastor of Chestnut Dale church. A large audience and splendid attention and the crowning service of the convention.

The Chestnut Dale choir, assisted by the choir from Montezuma, led by J. W. Hayes, and the choir from Pleasant Hill, led by A. Ollis, furnished the singing.

15. Resolved, That we as a body, tender our heart-felt thanks to the church and this community for the very hearty and bountiful way in which they have entertained this convention

D. P. BRIDGES.

16. Motion carried that Rev. D. P. Bridges preach the introductory sermon 1923.

Motion carried to adjourn till next year.

Resolved, The convention wishes to thank the singing choir for their fine music.

LLOYD W. SUDDERTH, Sec'y.

R. T. LEWIS, Moderator.