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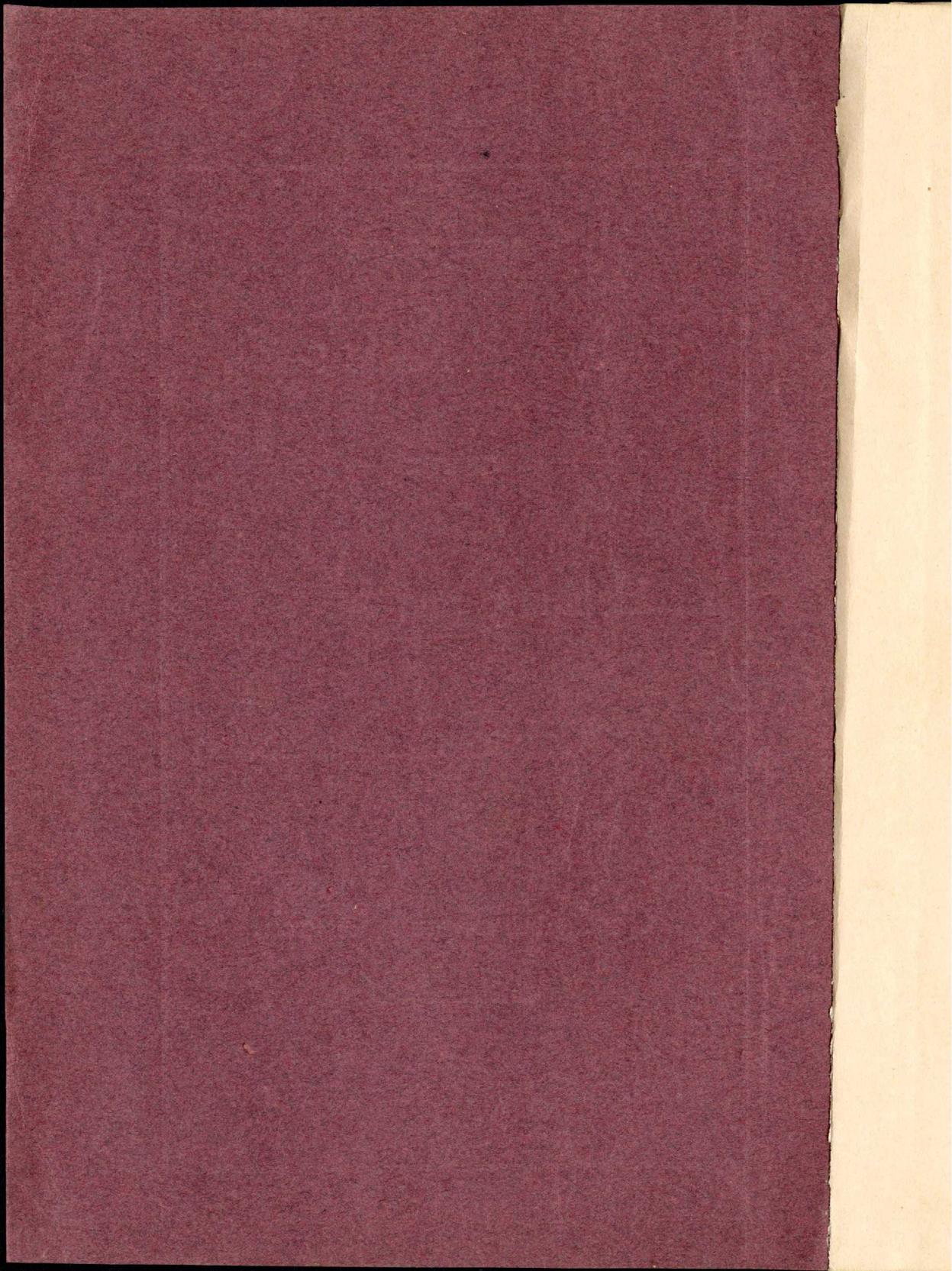
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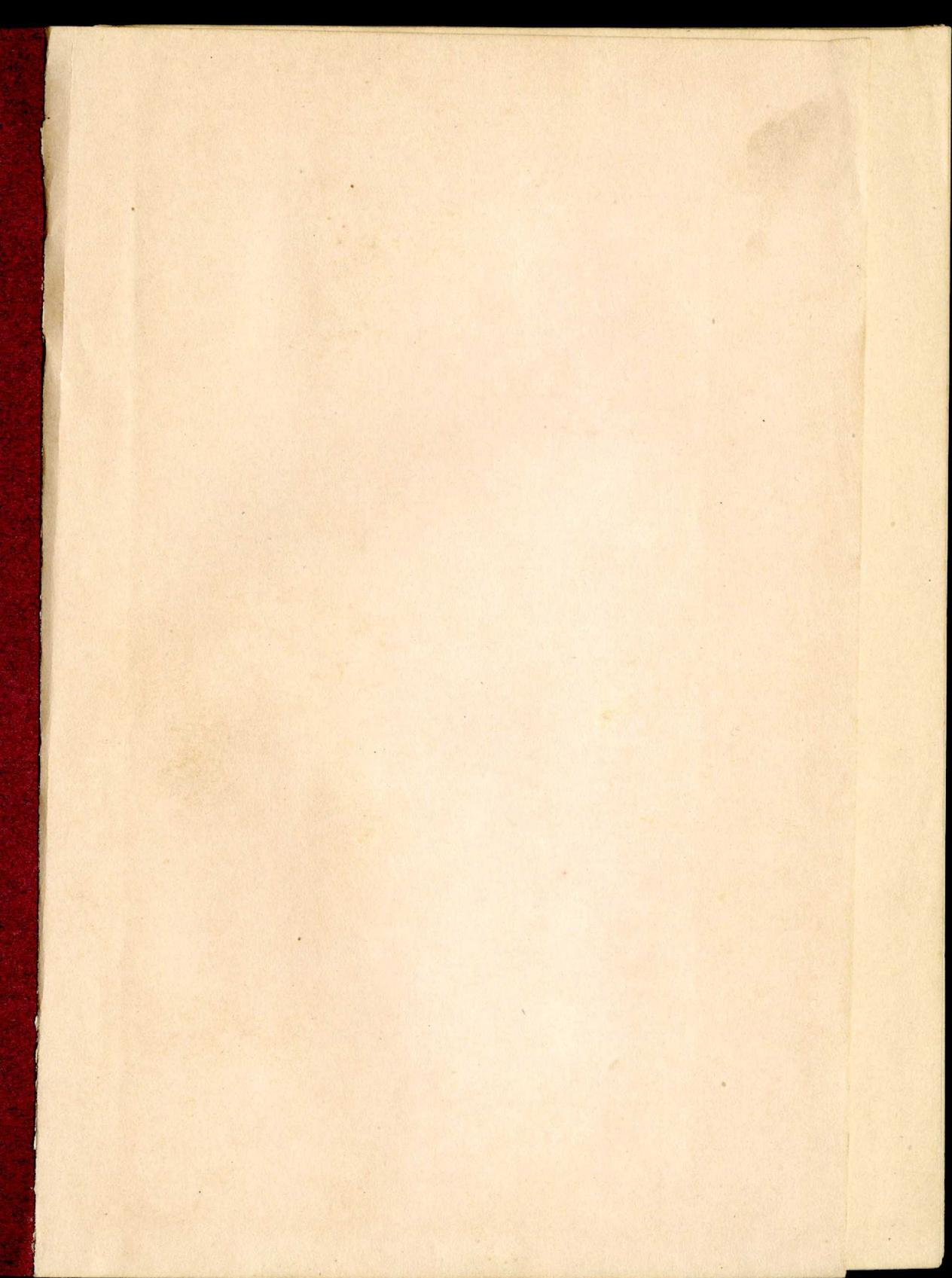
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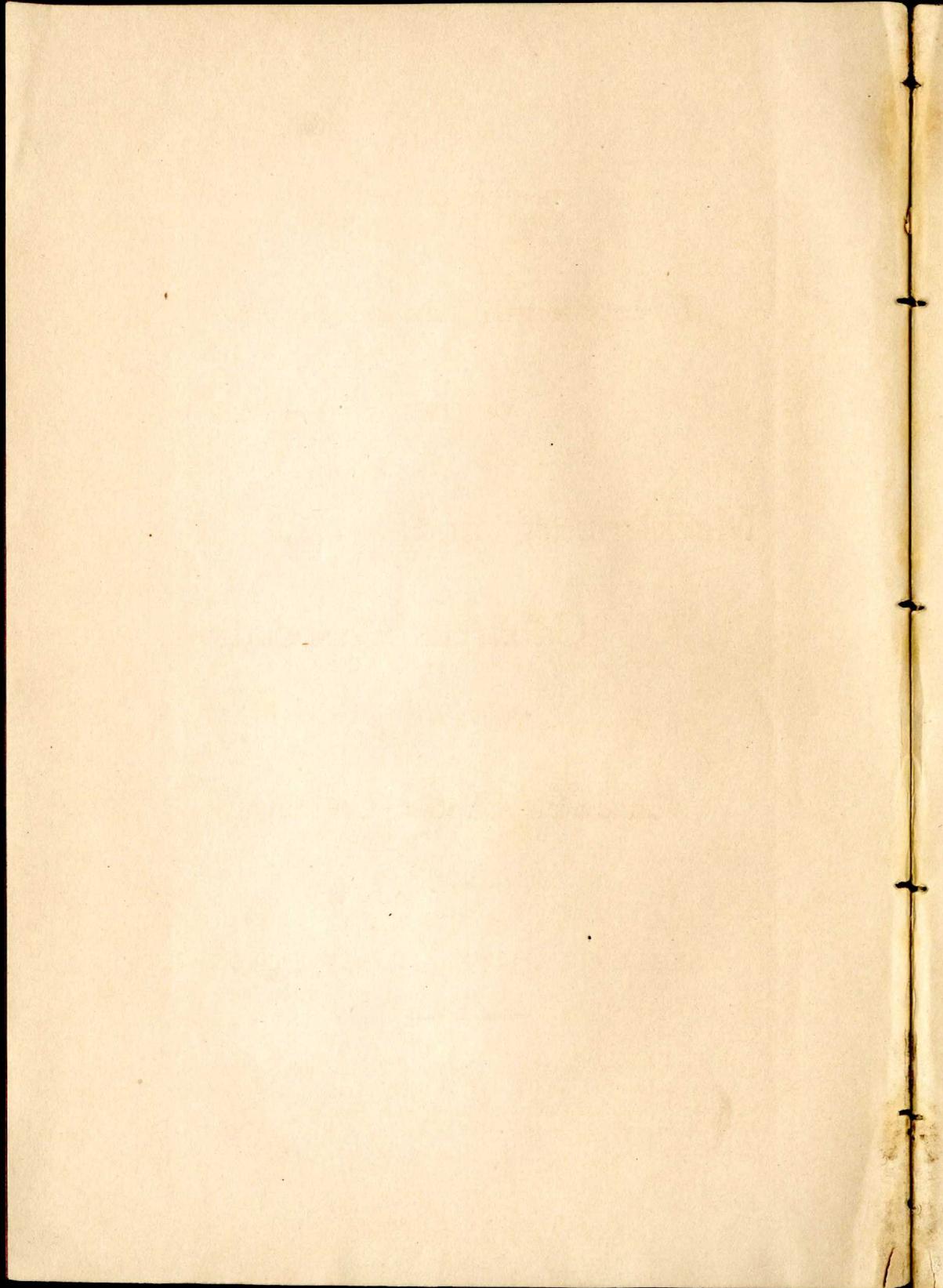
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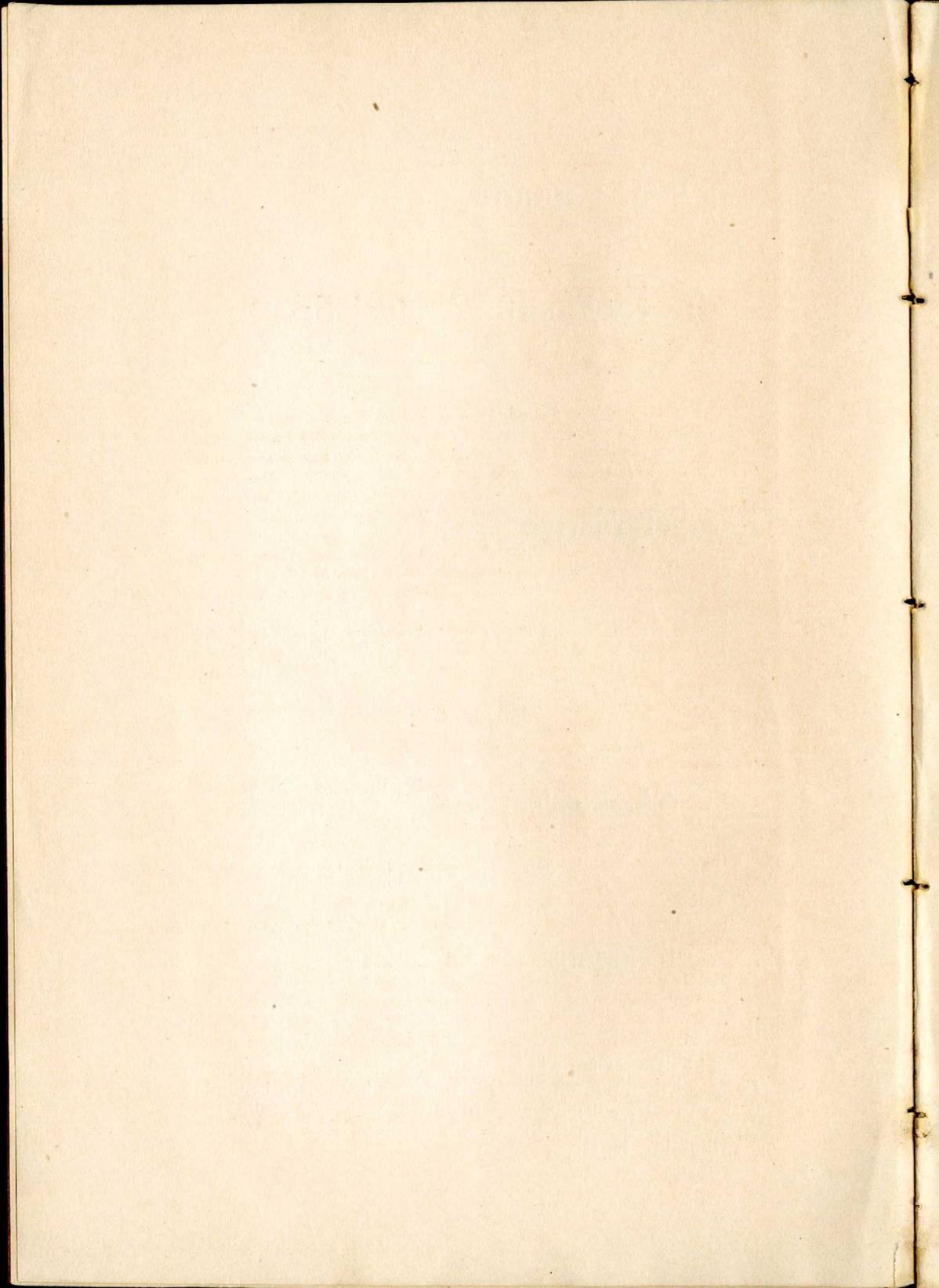
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The next session will be held with Independence Hill, on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, 1910, beginning at 10:30 a. m. Introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. W. P. Campbell, Charlotte, N. C.; alternate, Rev. K. W. Hogan, Pineville, N. C.



Report of Association.

The twenty-fourth annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association was held with Chadwick Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., and opened by religious services being conducted by Dr. E. E. Bomar, at 11 o'clock a. m. W. C. Dowd, Moderator, and T. D. Maness, Clerk. A quorum being present the roll of churches was called and the following messengers enrolled:

Arlington—Milas Medlin.

Clear Creek—Henry Pigg, A. W. McManus and Willie Hough.

Cold Water—J. W. Connell and V. C. Barnhardt.

Cornelius—W. A. Hough, J. P. Chistie, A. P. Sweet and R. D. Mooney.

Chadwick—E. L. Thomas, I. S. Wallace and W. L. Barrs.

First Church Charlotte—I. W. Durham, W. C. Dowd, J. A. Durham, L. L. Hackney, Bruce Howell, J. F. Mosteller, Julius Pruitt and Dr. H. H. Hulten.

First Church Concord—H. C. Herring, J. N. Parker, S. N. Watson and T. D. Maness.

Second Church Concord—J. N. Perry, E. J. Parnell, S. B. Hagler and D. F. Helms.

West Concord—J. W. Snyder, W. B. Zimmerman, D. Hill, W. Honeycutt, F. Coker and W. T. Talbirt.

Friendship—C. Garrison and A. C. Fisher.

Huntersville—W. A. Hough.

Independence Hill—H. B. Blackburn, I. B. Flowers and J. L. Philipps.

Kannapolis—R. M. Brauson, W. E. Carter and J. A. Combs.

Louise—E. C. McAlpine, J. H. Allen, S. A. Helms and W. P. Campbell.

Long Creek—L. L. Grass, F. T. Beaty and W. O. Smith.

Matthews—T. A. Newell, J. W. Griffin and J. E. M. Davenport.

Newell—John Austin, R. H. Monteith and W. C. Sutton.

Ninth Avenue Charlotte—J. H. Fidler, F. S. Conrad, C. B. Rogers, R. J. Boyd, D. W. Fink, C. T. Stroup, B. L. Kisiah and L. R. Pruett.

North Charlotte—W. A. Payseur, T. C. Honeycutt, B. F. Cato and S. F. Conrad.

Oak Grove—S. M. Garrison, J. P. Stroup, Miss Cora Edwards and Miss Mamie Garrison.

Pineville—Arch Helms, C. J. Price and K. W. Hogan.
 Pleasant Plain—H. L. Helms, J. J. McLendon and R. B. Fincher.

Pritchard Memorial Charlotte—E. E. Bomar, W. F. Dowd, R. L. Momack, D. M. Austin and J. J. Ezell.

Rock Hill—

Union Grove—J. C. Hager and R. H. Hasty.

Wilson's Grove—W. R. Small.

The enrollment being finished election of officers was taken up and resulted as follows:

Moderator—W. C. Dowd.

Clerk—T. D. Maness.

Treasurer—D. W. Fink.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on "Order of Business:"

W. L. Barrs, Dr. H. H. Hulten and S. N. Watson.

Upon motion the following committee was appointed to look into the "Constitution and By-laws" of the Association and report at the next session: (Motion Amended Later).

D. M. Austin, L. R. Pruett and S. F. Conrad.

At 1 o'clock meeting adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING, 3 P. M.

Devotions by Rev. W. P. Campbell.

Committee on "Order of Business" makes the following report:

REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Tuesday P. M. Call to Order 3:00.

Devotions—W. P. Campbell.

Report on Sunday School—T. S. Franklin.

Report on Periodicals—W. P. Campbell.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Call to order at 8 o'clock.

Devotions—J. W. Snyder.

Report on Orphanage—D. M. Austin.

Report on Associational Missions—Executive Committee.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Call to order at 10 o'clock.

Devotions—Julius Pruett.

Report on Temperance—W. A. Hough.

Report on Ministerial Relief—W. T. Talbirt.

Report on State Missions—S. N. Watson.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Call to order at 3 o'clock.

Devotions—K. W. Hogan.

Report on Home Missions—S. F. Conrad.
 Report on Foreign Missions—H. H. Hulten.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Call to order at 8 o'clock.
 Devotions—W. L. Barrs.
 Report on Education—L. R. Pruett.

Report adopted.

Motion made and carried to amend motion previously made by requesting committee on "Constitution and By-laws" to report at this session. Upon later motion it was ordered that the committee should not be required to make report at this association but should be allowed to file a report and have the same placed in the minutes of this association.

Upon suggestion of the Moderator there was a motion made that the committee on "Order of Business" make arrangements for dinner on the grounds Wednesday. Motion carried

Upon motion of Dr. Hulten the ladies of the Missionary Societies were invited to attend the association and be heard.

L. R. Pruett made a motion that a committee be appointed to apportion what each church shall pay to Foreign Missions. Motion carried. The Moderator appoints the following committee: L. R. Pruett, S. N. Watson and W. P. Campbell. (This motion was afterwards merged into a motion by which all funds should be apportioned by the Executive Committee).

3:45—Report on Sunday Schools was called. No Report filed.

Report discussed by E. L. Middleton, Sunday School Secretary, who made a stirring speech.

Motion was made by E. E. Bomar to appoint a committee to apportion among the churches of the association what each church should be requested to pay to the various objects. Motion by S. F. Conrad as substitute to proceed with pledges as heretofore. Substitute lost 12 to 27. The original motion was then unanimously carried.

The foregoing motions brought forward an interesting discussion in which great earnestness prevailed.

Report on Periodicals was called for by Moderator. A motion carried to adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock at which time report would be taken up.

At 5:30 meeting adjourns to meet at 8 o'clock Tuesday night.

TUESDAY NIGHT.

At 8 o'clock P. M., the Moderator being absent, at request Rev. D. M. Austin takes the chair. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. W. Snyder. As previously arranged, report of

Periodicals was called for and W. P. Campbell filed the following:

Report on Periodicals.

This is an age when our homes cannot be too well guarded against mischevous literature, for the market is flooded with immoral journals and pernicious books of all sorts. This corrupting literature with its obscure pictures and flaming head lines, is in abundance, and can be obtained at almost every bookstore and news stand, or purchased from the news boys that peddle such trash on the streets of our cities and towns, and on the trains, and even our villages and the country districts are being infested with this great curse.

The harmful effect of evil literature is being felt all over our land, and is arousing anxious thought in the minds of our best people—but just how to stop this mighty flood of wit, presents a problem yet to be solved.

It is stated upon good authority that bad journalism in New York City is a worse evil than the whiskey traffic of that place. With these facts before us, it behooves us as a christian denomination, to foster and support only such literature as will tend to elevate our people, and that will inculcate ideals of noble living in the minds of our children.

The Baptists of North Carolina are fortunate in having published within the bounds of our State Convention the Biblical Recorder, which is the duly recognized organ of the Convention.

The Recorder is now in its seventy-fifth year, and continues to improve with its age.

Brother Moore has greatly pleased our people as editor in chief, and under his management the Recorder still retains its old-time ring for Godliness and truth.

Some reasons in favor of Baptists taking and reading the Recorder:

It is a newspaper whose specialty is the news of the Kingdom to which they belong.

It is strictly a religious paper.

It aims true to its name, to be thoroughly Biblical.

It is just like putting money into State Missions, for it is an evangelizing agency.

Unless you read the Recorder you cannot know the glorious strength and achievements of the company to which you belong. A liberally patronized, and carefully read church paper means a well informed, loyal, aggressive, cultured people. A continued reading of the Recorder will settle all the doubts one may have as to the glorious Bible doctrines we hold and teach. It will tend to impart the Missionary Spirit.

In connection with the Recorder we indorse and commend to our people, Charity and Children, published in the interest of the Orphanage; the Home Field, published in Atlanta in the interest

of Home Missions; the Foreign Mission Journal, published in Richmond, Va., in the interest of Foreign Missions.

W. P. CAMPBELL.

Rev. Hight C. Moore, Editor of the Recorder, made an interesting and helpful address on the report as filed. The report was also discussed by Rev. A. L. Betts, representative of the Recorder. Report unanimously adopted.

9 P. M. Report on Orphanage was called for by the Moderator, and Rev. D. M. Austin files the following:

Report on Orphanage.

Our Orphanage has had a very successful year. There have been a few deaths, but the general health has been good. There has been some improvements in the buildings. There has been a decided effort to improve the grounds and make them more attractive for the children. We suggest that all the Sunday Schools take one collection monthly for the Orphanage and also take a collection for them on Thanksgiving Day. It costs about \$6.50 per month to support each child.

This work appeals to us all—Let us heartily support it.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. AUSTIN.

Report received and discussed by Rev. M. L. Kestler, Superintendent of the Orphanage. His address was powerful and full of information. The report was unanimously adopted.

Prayer by Rev. L. R. Pruett.

10:10 P. M. Upon motion meeting adjourns to convene at 9:30 A. M. Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

9:30 A. M. Devotions conducted by W. T. Talbirt.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation."

Prayer by Dr. E. E. Bomar.

10 A. M. The Moderator being absent, at request Rev. D. M. Austin takes the chair.

The chair announced that the hour had arrived for report on Associational Missions, and Rev. L. R. Pruett made an excellent report as to the work being done this association.

Revs. J. L. Kirk, J. W. Snyder, W. T. Talbirt, D. F. Helms, J. J. McLendon, W. A. Hough, J. E. M. Davenport and K. W. Hogan made splendid reports of their respective fields, W. T. Talbirt being City Missionary in the city of Concord.

The Moderator appoints the following committees:

"Finance Committee," D. M. Austin, J. J. Ezell and C. B.

Rogers.

"Committee to Nominate Delegates to State Convention"

H. C. Herring, J. W. Snyder and A. W. McManus.

"Committee to nominate Executive Committee," S. N. Watson, H. H. Hulten and W. A. Hough.

"Committee on Time, Place and Preacher," E. E. Bomar, D. M. Austin and J. W. Snyder.

"Committee on Digest of Church Letters," S. F. Conrad, D. F. Helms and J. L. Kirk.

"Committee to nominate Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention," W. P. Campbell, S. N. Watson, and J. J. McLendon.

10:45 A. M. W. C. Dowd, Moderator, takes the chair.

Oak Grove Baptist Church makes application to be admitted to this association as follows:

The York Baptist Association,

To the Meeklenburg and Cabarrus Association.

Dear Brethren:

This is to certify that Oak Grove Baptist Church has been associated with us in good and regular standing since its organization in 1903, and at its own request, is hereby dismissed from us for purpose of becoming associated with you. May the divine blessings rest upon it and upon you. Done by the order of York Baptist Association, September 9th, 1909, while assembled in annual session with Flint Hill Church.

EDWARD L. REAVES, Moderator.

SAM M. GRIST, Clerk.

Motion made and carried and Oak Grove Baptist Church was duly admitted to this association.

The Moderator recognizes President W. L. Poteat of Wake Forest College, Rev. R. T. Vann of Meredith College and J. S. Porter, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

11:10 A. M. Moderator calls for report on Ministerial Relief and Rev. W. T. Talbirt files the following:

We are under obligations to help the poor who have come to poverty by riotous living and idleness. We cannot turn the tramp away from our doors empty handed, for fear we turn away one of the Lord's poor. Our wornout ministers are a special class of poor who have come to poverty, not through idleness and worthlessness, but through toil and sacrifice for the good of others. Therefore, there rests upon us double obligation to support them, not only as poor, but as a reward for their work.

W. T. TALBIRT.

Report was ably discussed by Rev. W. T. Talbirt.

Rev. Livingston Johnston, by request, made a statement to the Association as to the management of this department. His statement showed that two-thirds of these funds were used for immediate use, that one-third went to the Endowment Fund, and that no one received any salary whatever from the Ministerial Relief Fund.

Report was unanimously adopted.

11:20 A. M. Report on State Missions was called for by the Moderator and S. N. Watson files the following:

Report on State Missions.

State Missions has for its objects the preaching of the gospel to the poor and destitute, assisting weak churches, and the establishment of churches in centers of influence where there is a probability that by and by they will become self-sustaining. This work was begun in this State nearly three-quarters of a century ago. In the beginning it was small, owing to the financial condition of our country and to the fact that the majority of our people were bitterly opposed to the movement, but year by year it has grown until now it has become prominent as one of the most important features of our church work. All over our State today are churches which were founded, and in the first years of their existence, largely sustained by our State Board. In the beginning of the work there were many important towns and large areas of country in which there was no Baptist Church. Today there are but few county-seats, or towns of importance, within the borders of our State, but what have a Baptist Church, and much of the territory which was once destitute through the untiring zeal of our State Secretary and his corps of laborers, has been redeemed and today presents some of our most promising fields of labor. But brethren, while much has been accomplished there is yet much to be done. There are still promising and inviting fields, and some of them in the bounds of our associatin, which should be occupied, still many places of destitution where preaching is seldom, if ever, heard and Sabbath Schools almost unknown. These people have souls to save. There are children there who must grow up in ignorance and vice unless we send them the Gospel, will we do it? Will we gather the harvest which God has placed at our very door, or shall we sit with folded hands and see it grow up, ripen and then fall down and be burned with the stubble? Let us brethren, arise, shake off our lethargy and seize the golden opportunities which God is giving us for the building up of his kingdom. The Board needs our help, needs our prayers, needs the means which God has intrusted to our care.

This work cannot be carried on without money any more than you can run your farm or business without it. Then let us obey the divine command and "lay by in store as God has prospered us," and not be satisfied until a Baptist church is placed in every town, hamlet and community in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,
S. N. WATSON.

Rev. Watson yields to Rev. Livingston Johnston who makes an interesting and stirring speech from a practical and business like stand point as to State Missions.

Report adopted.

12:30 P. M. Committee on Digest of Church Letters" makes the following report:

Report on Digest of Church Letters.

The Association opened this year with the largest attendance of any year in its history and reported the fullest representation on the first day in my knowledge of its work. New life seems to have been infused into every department of our work and a wider and deeper interest seems manifest in the work of the association than at any previous time. Still some of our smaller churches seem to be practically dead. Rock Hill has no preaching—no pastor and no Sunday School and often is unheard from. Some others seem to have merely an existence. It is evident our Board needs to provide some assistance or to put new life into these weaker points or they will be a reproach to the Association.

We report this year 346 baptisms against 350 last year, and a net gain of 488 against 383 last year. The letters show we have added 411 by letter, which makes it evident that without these letter additions some of our churches are making very little progress spiritually. 190 baptisms are reported from the Sunday Schools, while some of our largest churches report either none or a very small number from this source. Four churches report a loss in membership, viz.: Cold Water, 1, Friendship 3, Newell 3, Union Grove 9, and First Concord with no gain. The largest net increase in membership is shown to be from the First Church Charlotte with 72, Ninth Avenue 57, West Concord 52, Second Concord 51, Kannapolis 50, North Charlotte 44, Pleasant Plain 37, Pritchard Memorial 36, Louise 32, Arlington 18, Pineville 17, Matthews 12, Chadwick 10.

We report 3708 Sunday School scholars enrolled against 3371 last year—With two churches without letters, Wilson's Grove and Clear Creek, (Clear Creek files letter later) with Cold Water, Rock Hill, Union Grove and Zion reporting no schools—With Huntersvilles in a union school. In our Benevolent work we have made commendable progress.

We have paid this year for Pastor's salaries \$9,692.15 against \$9824.00 last year. For building and repairs we have paid this year \$32,374.85 as against \$18,314.00. For incidentals \$2878.61 For missions we have reported in the letters \$1205.06 as against \$535.03 last year Home Missions \$814.51 against \$1262.24 last year. For Foreign Missions we have raised this year \$2800.82 against \$1878.89 last year. For the Orphanage this year \$453.00 against \$1063.72 last year. It will be seen we have lessened on some of these objects and raised on others. For Sunday School expenses we raised this year \$2052.10 against \$2100.25 last year. For Sunday School Missions this year \$15.81. Ministerial Education \$58.80 against \$24.65 last year. Old Ministers Relief this year

\$40.23 as against \$36.36 last year.

The grand total of contributions to all objects is \$56,087.05 as against \$36,051.00 last year.

Only four of our schools report libraries and they are exceedingly small. Upon the whole the work of the year has been attended with progress and encouragement as five new houses have been built and a sixth will be completed before the close of the year.

S. F. CONRAD, For Committee.

Report discussed by S. F. Conrad and unanimously adopted.

Motion made and carried to rescind action appointing committee to apportion the amount each church should pay for Foreign Missions and leave the same to the "Executive Committee."

Prayer by Dr. R. T. Vann.

12:45 P. M. Upon motion the meeting adjourned to meet at 2:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY P. M.

2:30—Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. K. W. Hogan.

J. H. Brown made an interesting talk on the mission work in the Canary Islands.

3 P. M. The Moderator announced that the hour for the report on Home Missions had arrived, and S. F. Conrad filed the following:

Report on Home Missions.

The Home Mission Board was organized 64 years ago. Since its organization it has done a work with hardly a parallel in this country. Under its work 5917 churches have been organized, and 188,003 have been baptized. The past conventional year 316 new churches were organized, and 24,628 persons were baptized, making an average of 67 for every day in the year. Twenty-two thousand six hundred and sixty persons were added to the churches by letter, making a grand total of 47,297 additions during the year. Nine hundred and fifty-nine Sunday Schools were organized and 368 new houses of worship built. The report of the Home Board was never better and the outlook never more bright with promise and hope than now. It says, "We have come into the open field of opportunity, and the horizon stretches in every direction."

The work of the Home Board appeals to us with more force and power than any work we are doing.

1. It is saving our Southland and preserving intact our foundation principals upon which we have achieved our success and victories in the past.

2. The Home Board work is enlarging our Foreign Mission Work as every church or plant as organized becomes at once a

supporter of Foreign Missions. But it is doing more than this. It is compounding the work of Home Missions, and is multiplying the strength and resources of the Home Mission Board. It is largely those churches which the Home Board has brought into being which now constitute its most valuable assets. The work it has done is its own argument and makes its own appeal to us.

But as miraculous and wonderful as this work is, North Carolina Baptists contributed to it a fraction over eight cents per capita last year. On the monument of Ben Hill in Atlanta, Ga., is this inscription, "He who saves his country saves all things and all things saved bless him. He who lets his country die lets all things die, and all things dying curse him."

Let us at once lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes.

S. F. CONRAD.

Report discussed by Rev. C. E. Madry and by Rev. Kendrick.

Report adopted.

The "Committee to Nominate Executive Committee" makes the following report:

We nominate L. R. Pruett, T. D. Maness, T. J. Renfrow, E. E. Bomar and W. C. Dowd.

S. N. WATSON,
H. H. HULTEN,
W. A. HOUGH.

Committee.

Report unanimously adopted.

Upon motion the Clerks of the various churches are requested to send all contributions for the various objects to the place to which it belongs, and not bring to the Association. (The pastors will please call attention to this suggestion).

S. F. Conrad offers the following resolution:

Resolution.

Whereas, the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association is organized to do the work of our Lord as it is committed to us,

And, whereas, it requires the utilization of both day and night sessions to give any time to the consideration of all the important objects which need to be considered by this body,

And, whereas, before a number of the reports are made and before the work of the association is done many of the delegates leave the body for their homes without leave or license either from the Moderator or the Association,

Therefore, resolved, that we condemn this practice as bad in precedent and in spirit and fraught with harm and damage to the work of our Lord, and that hereafter the delegates who come to represent the churches be requested to stay until the work is done and that the churches be requested to send such brethren as will remain until the work is done.

The same being adopted.

The "Committee to nominate Delegates to State Convention" makes the following report:

We nominate W. C. Dowd, W. P. Campbell, T. D. Maness, K. W. Hogan and J. H. Fidler.

Report adopted.

4 o'clock P. M. The chair announced that the ladies representing the Woman's Missionary Society were present and that they would now be heard.

Mrs. C. E. Mason and Miss Eva Liddell addressed the body in the interest of this work. The facts represented showed that in the Baptist churches of North Carolina there are 519 auxiliaries of Women's Societies, 138 Young Women's Auxiliaries and 331 Sunbeam Bands, all of which raised a total amount of \$9001.00 during the year. These ladies impressed the fact that the Woman's Missionary Society desires the co-operation of the pastors of the various churches with a view of organizing additional societies. Mrs. J. H. Northey being the one in charge of this feature of the work and will visit the different churches when requested to do so.

Report on Temperance called for and W. A. Hough files the following:

Report on Temperance.

In discussing temperance our minds usually center on the drink evil. This, to an extent, at least is misleading and should be corrected. Temperance, strictly speaking, is a moderate use of a lawful thing. In this sense all ought to be temperance. But the use of strong drinks as a beverage is plainly and positively forbidden by the word of God, and, hence cannot be considered as a temperance question. It is purely a question of right or wrong. The evils of strong drink are so many and so great that all can see and know them. Almost every man, woman and child has suffered either directly or indirectly from this evil. Its hurtful touch is felt everywhere.

To indulge in the use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, to the least degree is a violation of God's law, for it teaches us to avoid the very appearance of evil. Anything that produces evil, and evil only, must of necessity be evil in itself. The Master teaches us to judge a tree by its fruits.

But the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages are now forbidden by the laws of our State, and it only remains for us as Christians and loyal citizens to stand firm by the enacted laws and aid and assist in its execution.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HOUGH.

Report adopted.

The "Finance Committee" files the following report:

Report on Finance Committee.

Your Finance Committee makes the following report,

Minute Fund -----	\$ 23.15
State Missions -----	58.87
Home Missions -----	37.20
Foreign Missions -----	16.45
Sunday School Missions -----	4.00
Orphanage -----	17.00
Ministral Education -----	4.82
Aged Ministers -----	11.50

Total ----- \$175.99

D. M. AUSTIN, Chairman.

Report adopted.

The "Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention makes the following report:

Delegate, Dr. H. H. Hulten,
Alternate, Rev. L. R. Pruett.

Report adopted.

The Moderator announced the following program for the next Association:

To make report on State Missions, Rev. W. P. Campbell.

To make report on Foreign Missions, Rev. L. R. Pruett.

To make report on Home Missions, Dr. E. E. Bomar.

To make report on Orphanage, Rev. S. N. Watson.

To make report on Periodicals, Rev. J. E. M. Davenport.

To make report on Sunday Schools, W. F. Dowd.

To make report on Education, K. W. Hogan.

To make report on Temperance, Rev. S. F. Conrad.

The "Committee on Time, Place and Preacher" files the following report:

Place, Independence Hill.

Time, Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, 1910,
beginning at 10:30 A. M.

Preacher, Rev. W. P. Campbell.

Alternate, Rev. K. W. Hogan.

Report adopted.

5:30 P. M. Meeting adjourns to meet at 7:45.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7:45 P. M. Devotional Exercises conducted by Rev. D. M. Austin.

8 P. M. The Moderator announced that the time had arrived for report on Foreign Missions, and Dr. Hulten files the following report:

Foreign Mission Report.

Since ignorance is so often the cause of indifference, and since

information is so often the source of interest and inspiration, the Foreign Mission Board has sent out the following facts and figures which we embody in this report. We earnestly ask that our association prayerfully consider these things.

Workers and Equipment.

There were sent out during last year twenty-one new missionaries. We have now on the field 231 missionaries and 375 native helpers, making a total of 606 workers.

There were 259 churches and 559 out-stations, with a total membership of 16,596. There are 162 houses of worship; 325 Sunday Schools with a total of 10,430 scholars. These churches with the missionaries contributed last year \$40,287. There are 128 day schools with 3,269 scholars; nine boys' boarding schools with 428 scholars, and thirteen girls' boarding with 586 scholars; two colleges with 100 students; four women's training schools with 37 students, and eight theological training schools with 176 students.

Methods of Work.

Of course the main thing is the preaching of the gospel, and all that is done is aimed directly towards reaching the people with the gospel. There are some valuable aids to the work of evangelization which experience has taught our missionaries to use.

One important aid is the work of teaching. All of our schools, even those in which elementary branches are taught, have in view the training of native workers. We do not find in foreign lands as in this country, material already prepared for our training schools and seminaries. Moreover we can not afford to put the children of native Christians into unchristian schools. More and more the work of teaching will have to be carried on along with the preaching of the gospel.

Another feature of the work is our Medical Missions. We have thirteen medical missionaries, three hospitals, eleven dispensaries with a total number of patients last year of 42,659. All of these patients, with their friends and relatives, heard the gospel before they received treatment.

The printing press, also, is used for the spread of the truth. We have four excellent printing plants, which sent out during the year hundreds of thousands of religious tracts, periodicals, books and Bibles in the languages of the various countries. The colporter often accompanies the missionary, and sometimes goes into distant places which the missionary does not reach.

One of the results of these labors was the baptism of 2,905 converts last year, but the largest results, due to the leavening power of the gospel among the people, can not be tabulated.

There were 11,178 contributing churches last year, and 10,118 churches which did not give anything to the cause; in other words, nearly half of our churches did not contribute anything to foreign

missions. This large number of non-contributing churches, together with many more that gave very little, reduces the average gift to 22 cents per member. While the average has increased in the last ten years from 7 cents per member to 22 cents, our giving is still pitifully small compared with what it ought to be, in view of our resources, the needs of a lost world and the Savior's sacrificial love.

Respectfully,

H. H. HULTEN.

The report was discussed by Rev. J. S. Porter, Secretary of Foreign Mission Board in a masterful address on the great work which he represents and with which he is thoroughly in touch.

Report was unanimously adopted.

8:45 P. M. Report of Education was called for and L. R. Pruett filed the same as follows:

Report on Education.

Education is power. It is a power that brings things to pass, either for good or for bad. It is a power which observes, judges, expresses and appreciates. Such a power should be turned into the one supreme end and purpose of service to God and man. Every educated man or woman has cost something and should be made to render a service commensurate with the outlay of time and means.

A well constructed and costly instrument, such as a watch or a locomotive should be made to justify its cost in the service rendered. Some one has said: "An educated mind is the most complicated and costly mechanism we know, and it must justify itself in work done. It is deep selfishness and sin for one to acquire an education that equips him with large powers and then to let them rust in idleness or pervert them to many ends. An educated man is just that much more of a man and should do just that much more for the welfare of his fellowmen and for the glory of God. This is the chief end of education, and all its powers should shine as stars in this crown."

With this definition and description of education, we may consider the central plants in the State, from which radiate the beauty, the light, the power and the glory of education.

There are several High Schools in the State under Baptist control, which are centers of power for the elevation and culture of our boys and girls. Some of our strongest and most useful men and women come from these schools, who never go further into College or University. This fact shows the work done by these institutions and the important place they occupy in the educational world. The Baptists of the State should send their boys and girls to these schools, for many of them will never go to the college or to the University, and here is the place to prepare for the higher schools and for greater achievements in education.

Wake Forest stands today without a superior in the South; and with her 350 or 400 young men, with her increasing Endowment Fund and with her strong Faculty and superb buildings, she is indeed a great factor in the training and the making of the men who go forth to bless the world. There are between 50 and 100 young men there, who are preparing themselves for the ministry, the larger per cent of whom are poor and must have the aid of the Education Board. We, therefore, call the attention of the churches of this Association to the importance of contributing to the work of this Board. About 60 young men were aided last year.

Our college for the education of our girls is located in the heart of Raleigh, and stands at the head of the list of colleges of the country. The name "Baptist University for Women" has been appropriately and permanently changed to "Meredith" in honor of the first editor of the Biblical Recorder. This was a wise change. There were nearly 400 girls who attended this college last year, and if this institution had an endowment of at least \$100,000. with her wise and devout President and scholarly Faculty, her efficiency would be greatly increased. May it soon be thought advisable to launch the measure of an Endowment Fund.

L. R. PRUETT.

The report on Education was discussed by Dr. R. T. Vann and President W. L. Poteat, both of whom made an excellent address.

10:15 P. M. The Moderator announced that the session of the twenty-fourth Annual Session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association had been completed, and a motion was made and carried to adjourn to meet as per previous announcement. After song, "Blest be the Tie That Binds," and benediction, the Association closed.

W. C. DOWD, Moderator.

T. D. MANESS, Clerk.

P. S.—For Financial Statement Statistical Table and Sunday School Table reported in letters, see statements hereafter attached. For apportionments recommended to the various churches for the different objects, see table hereafter attached.

T. D. MANESS, Clerk.

BY-LAWS.

1. The daily session of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Delegates shall be recognized by letters from their Churches designing them as such.
3. The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers

or the delegates of newly-received Churches by extending to them his right hand of fellowship.

4. The Clerk shall provide blank letters for the use of the Churches of the Association previous to the meeting of the Association, superintend the publication and distribution of the minutes, preserve a file of them and have it present at each annual session, read the proceedings of the preceding session at the beginning of each morning session, and the last day's proceedings at the close of the annual session.

5. Members desiring to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator; shall use the term "brother," in speaking to each other; shall not speak on the same subject more than twice without permission, and shall observe the courtesy that becomes Christians.

6. Members shall not absent themselves from the session without permission of the association.

7. A copy of the Minutes shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Mission Board, also one copy to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one to the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, and one to the Field Secretary for Sunday Schools in North Carolina.

8. All questions of order not herein provided shall be decided by "Parliamentary Law."

9. The report of the Executive Board and the missionary work of the Association with short reports from the missionaries shall take precedence of all other business during the morning session of the second day of the annual session.

12. The general order of business shall be:

- (1) Enrollment of delegates.
- (2) Election of officers.
- (3) Petitionary letters.
- (4) Appointment of Committees for this session.
- (5) Appointment of standing committees.
- (6) Report of special committees.
- (7) Reports of standing committees.
- (8) Reports of other committees.
- (9) Miscellaneous business.

10. Order of business to be printed on front inside page as well as here.

REV. L. R. PRUETT,
REV. D. M. AUSTIN,
REV. S. F. CONRAD.
Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT---TAKEN FROM LETTERS

Churches.	Pastor's Salary	Incidentals	Building and Repairing.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Sunday School	Poor Fund	Old Ministers Relief.	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	Carpentage	Grand Total
Arlington	\$ 114.00	\$ 96.71	\$ 1.50	\$ 15.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 29.72	\$ 6.10	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 251.55	
Clear Creek	75.00			6.00	4.00	3.00	6.82	6.82	5.00		1.00		2.00	111.82	
Cold Water				25.00	7.50	5.00	7.00	7.00			1.00			21.00	
Cornelius	275.00	34.66	305.00	10.00	6.30	10.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	6.00	2.00		17.00	713.16	
Chadwick	400.00	10.00	4.25	62.00	25.00	2,326.26	64.54	200.00	1,000.00	160.00		500.00		38,550.81	
First Church, Charlotte	3,833.34	2,741.31	26,547.57	677.75	530.24	91.11	5.00	5.00	1,000.00	18.00	5.00			1,670.17	
First Church, Concord	900.00	270.80	8.50	25.00	10.00	22.67	13.00	4.25	231.76	10.00	2.50		55.80	2,080.09	
Second Church, Concord	650.00	35.25	1,107.01	38.25	10.00	6.00	6.50	4.25	132.61	10.00	4.00		58.32	664.97	
West Concord	120.67	91.79	352.44	23.00	10.35	14.75	12.50	3.50	11.55	10.00	1.00	.75		175.10	
Friendship	75.00		22.50	6.00	1.80	6.00	2.00	6.00	4.00		1.00		5.00	46.80	
Huntersville	30.00	2.00		15.00	5.00	6.00	8.00	1.00	15.00		1.00		10.00	190.00	
Independence Hill	135.00	4.00		4.90	1.70	1.75	6.62	1.00	96.11	28.61	5.91		69.32	267.51	
Kannapolis	150.00	19.22	332.16	41.38	9.00	37.05	46.30	5.00	8.30				5.30	1,528.32	
Louisville	700.00	221.50	46.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	55.00	5.00	7.00			242.63	
Long Creek	100.00	84.33	200.00	26.00	7.00	10.00	15.00	1.00	58.00	1.95			8.00	808.00	
Matthews	400.00	83.00	200.00	6.50	3.00	4.00	2.50	5.00	141.46			10.00		77.45	
Newell	50.00	1.50	541.00	58.30	40.00	40.00	92.58	5.00	56.94			10.00	85.70	2,736.42	
Ninth Avenue, Charlotte	1,102.04	664.40	2,411.52	21.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	1.00			1.00		2,703.44	
North Charlotte	136.10	36.57													
*Oak Grove				11.00	8.50	9.75	23.34	1.00	56.37				2.00	422.95	
Pineville	187.77	58.92	59.30	17.00	6.00	5.00	11.00	1.00	27.20				56.50	340.80	
Pleasant Plain	200.00	70.60		163.98	119.91	256.59	40.81	6.55	178.50	35.00				3,047.39	
Pritchard Memorial	1,650.00	485.70	53.85	6.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	1.00							
Rock Hill			700.00	10.00					3.00				1.00	74.82	
Union Grove	60.00			10.00					3.00						
Wilson's Grove	80.00			10.00					3.00					794.00	
Totals	\$ 11,443.92	\$ 5,032.26	\$ 32,692.40	\$ 1,219.12	\$ 816.50	\$ 2,797.82	\$ 483.06	\$ 236.30	\$ 2,161.86	\$ 270.66	\$ 46.23	\$ 510.75	\$ 286.62	\$ 44.00	\$ 58,859.50

*Admitted to Association September 1, 1909.

STATISTICAL TABLE--REPORTED IN LETTERS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	Baptiz-d.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Gained.	Lost.	Male Members.	Female Membership.	Total Membership
Arlington	C. H. Martin, Polkton	W. A. Connell, R. F. D. 11, Charlotte	27	4	31	6	7	13	18	1	137	147	284		
Clear Creek	C. H. Martin, Polkton	I. S. Pigg, R. F. D., Unionville	3	2	6	3	3	7	1	45	66	111			
Cold Water	S. N. Watson, Concord	J. W. Connell, Concord	2	1	3	4	1	4	1	25	29	54			
Cornelius	W. A. Hough, Cornelius	R. D. Mooney, Davidson	2	1	3	5	1	6	3	48	57	105			
Chadwick	W. I. Barrs, Charlotte	C. C. Ingle, Charlotte	16	20	36	23	3	26	10	27	65	92			
First Church, Charlotte	M. H. Hulten, Charlotte	J. A. Durham, Charlotte	16	84	111	33	6	39	72	90	152	242			
First Church, Concord	S. N. Watson, Concord	H. C. Herrink, Concord	10	14	26	20	4	2	26	20	51	81	122		
First Church, Concord	D. F. Helms, Concord	S. B. Hagler, Concord	26	43	71	14	5	1	20	51	57	71	128		
Second Church, Concord	W. Snyder, Concord	W. F. Stegall, Concord	31	34	65	13	2	13	52	3	13	22	35		
Friendship	K. W. Hozen, Pineville	C. Garrison, R. F. D. 12, Charlotte	1		3		4								
Huntersville	W. A. Hough, Cornelius	S. I. Mullen, Huntersville	6	6	12						12	12	14	26	
Independence Hill	W. A. Hough, Cornelius	C. S. Davis, R. F. D. 7, Charlotte	17	38	55						12	27	34	61	
Kannapolis	W. I. Kirk, Kannapolis	S. T. Reider, Kannapolis	39	34	74	35	2	5	42	32		94	142	236	
Long Creek	W. I. Barrs, Charlotte	J. S. Underwood, Paw Creek	16	6	22	11	1	1	12	10		57	71	128	
Matthews	F. E. M. Davenport, Matthews	W. L. Hatfield, Matthews	3	3	6	5	5	5	5	5		22	27	49	
Newell	T. L. Kirk, Kannapolis	W. C. Sutton, Newell	42	45	90	30	1	2	33	57		155	279	434	
North Avenue, Charlotte	T. R. Pruitt, Charlotte	J. H. Fiddler, Charlotte	28	31	64	16	1	2	19	45		2	90	132	
*Oak Grove	S. F. Conrad, Charlotte	J. D. Turner, North Charlotte	13	13	28	5	3	3	11	17		33	63	96	
Pineville	K. W. Hogan, Pineville	C. J. Price, Matthews	33	13	42	5	3	3	5	37		48	74	122	
Pleasant Hill	E. E. M. Davenport, Matthews	J. E. Bro m, Matthews	16	29	48	10	2	2	12	36		80	153	233	
Richland Memorial	E. E. Bomar, Charlotte	J. J. Eckel, Charlotte	3	1	5	2	12	14	2	9		13	21	36	
Rock Hill	W. A. Hough, Cornelius	H. Hastings, Huntersville	1	1	2							9	18	23	
Union Grove	C. H. Martin, Polkton	W. G. Stegall, R. F. D. 9, Charlotte	3	1	5	2	2	2	2	4		2	10	10	
Wilson Grove			1	1	2								3	5	83
Totals			361	414	800	244	42	29	315	449	19	1133	1829	3831	

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE—REPORTED IN LETTERS.

Churches.	Superintendent's Addresses.	Secretaries and Addresses.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Baptized From Scholars.	Quartermen and Papers.	No. Schools.	Months Kept Open.
Arlington	A. R. Harts, rfd 11, Charlotte	L. J. Mullis, rfd 11, Charlotte	9	150	159	74	17	172	1	12
Clear Creek	H. W. Pigg, Unionville	S. J. Estridge, rfd 11, Charlotte	7	95	102		3	325	1	9
Cold Water										
Cornelius	E. D. Mooney, Davidson	R. Hudspeth, Mt. Mourne	9	87	96	65	2	100	1	12
Chadwick	W. A. Parker, Charlotte	S. M. Thomas, Charlotte	10	155	165	90	10	80	1	12
First Church, Charlotte	T. S. Franklin, Charlotte	R. F. Zickler, Charlotte	47	1000	1047	433		2000	1	12
First Church, Concord	T. D. Maness, Concord	Floyd Corzine, Concord	14	246	260	169		60	2	12
Second Church, Concord	B. B. Howard, Concord	F. J. Mills, Concord	10	194	204	110	5	190	1	12
West Concord	W. F. Stegall, Concord	H. F. Elliott, Concord	7	200	207	90	15	190	1	12
Friendship	C. Garrison, rfd 12, Charlotte	L. W. Walker, rfd 4, Charlotte	5	15	20	20	1	80	1	12
Huntersville										
Independence Hill	H. B. Blackman, Huntersville	C. F. Davis, rfd 7, Charlotte	4	45	49	35	4	50	1	9
Kannapolis	J. A. Combs, Kannapolis	C. W. Wright, Kannapolis	9	202	211	79	7	126	1	12
Louise	M. J. Green, Charlotte	J. H. Allen, Charlotte	14	139	153	111	25	460	1	12
Long Creek	R. F. Beaty, Paw Creek	R. S. Underwood, Paw Creek	4	35	39	29		62	1	12
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	E. A. Funderburk, Matthews	10	100	110	60	11	175	1	12
Newell										
Ninth Ave., Charlotte	F. S. Conrad, Charlotte	J. H. Fidler, Charlotte	17	350	367	195	33	500	1	12
North Charlotte	B. F. Cato, North Charlotte	G. P. Heneycutt, North Charlotte	8	232	240	102	24	300	1	12
*Oak Grove										
Pineville	J. E. McClure, Pineville	Miss M. Culp, Pineville	15	83	98	65	5	83	1	12
Pleasant Plain	W. S. Paxton, Matthews	J. E. Broom, Matthews	7	60	67	40	20	90	1	12
Pritchard Memorial	W. F. Dowd, Charlotte	F. D. Lethco, Charlotte	12	204	214	118	11	200	1	12
Rock Hill										
Union Grove										
Wilson's Grove	J. M. Hough, Matthews	A. Small, rfd 9, Charlotte	7	74	81	50		10	1	9
			225	3666	3889	1935	193	5253	21	231

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Apportionments Recommended for this Associational Year.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Relief.	Ministerial Education.	Sunday School Missions.	Orphanage.
Arlington	5	7	7	2	3	5	10
Clear Creek	5	14	5	1	1	2	10
Cold Water	5	6	3	1	1	1	5
Cornelius	10	30	15	2	3	2	17
Chadwick	10	10	10	3	5	2	10
First Church, Charlotte	750	750	1000	10	30	10	250
First Church, Concord	30	65	35	5	5	3	75
Second Church, Concord	10	25	15	3	5	3	15
West Concord	6	12	7	2	2	2	15
Friendship	5	20	15	1	1	1	10
Huntersville	3	6	3	1	1	1	3
Independence Hill	5	15	6	1	2	1	10
Kannapolis	3	4	5	1	1	1	5
Louise	8	50	34	12	7	4	50
Long Creek	4	10	4	1	1	1	3
Matthews	10	25	10	2	5	2	15
Newell	4	10	5	1	2	1	8
Ninth Avenue, Charlotte	50	60	50	5	5	5	85
North Charlotte	5	20	5	1	1	1	5
Oak Grove	20	25	25	5	5	2	20
Pineville	5	12	10	3	3	1	20
Pleasant Plain	6	17	5	3	1	---	11
Pritchard Memorial	100	125	225	5	20	10	50
Rock Hill	3	6	3	1	2	1	5
Union Grove	2	2	2	1	1	1	3
Wilson's Grove	2	5	3	1	1	1	3
Totals	\$1066	\$1331	\$1507	\$74	\$114	\$64	\$713