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DIRECTORY



OFFICERS

Moderator—M. L. Dorton Ansonville, N. C.
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MESSENGER TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

M. L. Dorton

MESSENGERS TO BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

J. S. Tyson, J. C. Meigs, F. G. Walker

PROCEEDINGS

Gum Springs, Oct. 29, 1926

The Seventeenth annual session of the Anson Association convened with the Gum Springs Baptist Church October the 29th, 1926, at 10:30 A. M. J. S. Tyson led the Association in the devotional service.

The Moderator, M. L. Dorton, called the Association to order. The roll of churches was called and nine of the twelve churches were represented.

The Association went into the election of officers, with the following results:

Moderator: M. L. Dorton.
Vice-Moderator: J. S. Tyson.
Clerk: J. M. Broadaway.
Treasurer: I. F. Thomas.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On order of business; J. C. Meigs, F. G. Walker, Burgess Tyson.

On Time and Place and to nominate delegates to S. Baptist and B. State Conventions: F. G. Walker, H. M. Cox, E. J. Hutchinson.

Visiting brethren: B. Craig and J. M. Page were recognized and welcomed.

By request of the Moderator, Rev. B. Craig preached the annual sermon from the text: "Have faith in God." Mark 11:23. At the conclusion of the sermon J. W. Sullivan read the report on the Biblical Recorder. The report was discussed by J. M. Page and adopted. The Association adjourned for dinner. Prayer by J. C. Meigs.

Churches and delegates as follows:

Brown Creek: J W Sullivan, Misses Anna Flake, Mary Sullivan.
Cedar Grove: J M Broadaway, J T Williams, Chas Thomas.
Deep Creek: E Y Ratliff, Clarence Tucker, C H Harrington.
Fall Branch: R T Morton, Frank Vaughn, Mattie Price.
Gum Springs: R T Howie, J P Harris, W M Thompson.
Mt. Beulah: J R Harrington, Willie Hooks, Paul Gray.
Mt. Zion: Willie Williams, A L Bailey, Clyde Simpson.
New Home: J S Williams, A H Nash, Hoyle Tucker.
N. Wadesboro: B F Treadaway, Clyde Kelly.
Polkton: Sanford Godwin, W R Thomas.
Rocky Mt.: Kathleen Thomas.
Rocky River: Earl Thompson.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association came together at 1.30 P. M., and I. B. Little led the devotional services. I. F. Thomas read and discussed the report on Aged Minister's Relief.

The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions was presented by J. C. Meigs. B. Craig delivered an address of some length on these subjects.

The delegates from Deep Ceek called for a letter of dismission, which was granted. The Association adjourned until tomorrow at 10:30. J S Tyson led the closing prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 10:30. E. J. Hutchinson conducted the devotional service. E. J. Hutchinson read and discussed the report on Orphanage.

The report on Christian Education was discussed by F. G. Walker. Report on Needs of the churches was read by J. S. Tyson and adopted. Report of committee on Time and Place: We recommend that the next session be held with the Brown Creek Baptist Church, commencing on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1927. To preach the introductory sermon, Rev. J. S. Tyson.

Delegates to S. Baptist and Baptist State Conventions. [See Directory.] The Association adjourned for dinner. Prayer by J. C. Meigs.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 1 P. M. After a short devotional service, W. M. Thompson read and spoke to the report on Temperance. After which M. L. Dorton read and discussed Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. report.

F. G. Walker presented the following report on Digest of church letters: Received by baptism 33, by letter 21, by restoration 4; total 58. Lost by letter 31, by exclusion 4, by death 8; total 43. Net gain 15. Baptisms from Sunday School 28.

Churches reporting no S. S. 1

" not paying to co-operate. P. 5.

Payment to co-operate, P.

" " local church exps.

" " all missions

Contributed by S. S. to local church's expenses

" W. M. S.

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Grand total 6,739.62

The Moderator announced the following writers for next session:

Biblical Recorder, Mrs J C Meigs
Orphanage, Miss Anna Flake
Christian Education, E J Hutchinson
Foreign Missions, M L Dorton
State and Home Missions, J S Tyson
Needs of Churches, H M Cox
Sunday Schools, F G Walker
Temperance, J W Sullivan
Aged Ministers R., J C Meigs

The usual vote of thanks was extended to Gum Springs church and community for the splendid hospitality shown us during the session of this Association.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Brown Creek Baptist Church on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1927, at 10:30 A. M. Prayer by M. L. Dorton.

M. L. DORTON, Moderator.

J. M. BROADAWAY, Clerk.



REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AT THE CLOSE OF 1925

There are reported 2,202 schools, a gain of 33 over last year. Church letters give no place to report mission Sunday Schools. There are really over 2,250 schools. The membership is now 312,840, a gain of 26,047. In the last five years we have gained 91,812. The ratio of Sunday school membership to church membership is 86.1. This means that for every 100 church members there are 86.1 people in Sunday-schools. This is the best in the south unless some state has made phenomenal gains this year. The same is true with regard to the number of Sunday-schools as compared with number of churches.

There are about 125 churches with no Sunday-school and over 300 that close a part of the year. Local associations and State forces must combine to put a year-round Sunday-school in every church.

There are over 500,000 people belonging to our constituency in no Sunday-school. It is our duty and privilege to reach thousands of them. Let us make a net gain of 25,000 this year.

The supreme task is in soul-winning. With 650,000 lost men and women and 900,000 children in North Carolina the call to evangelism is our greatest challenge.

Respectfully submitted, M. L. DORTON

BIBLICAL RECORDER

It would be hard to imagine what our denomination in North Carolina would be, had we never had the Biblical Recorder. For over ninety years it has been carrying the Baptist message to our people and spreading Baptist doctrine throughout our State.

The Biblical Recorder would furnish good reading for the children as well as for the adults, and would counteract the flood of evil literature. We have many cases of young people getting their first impressions to do christian work from reading the Recorder. We need it also to keep us informed about our work at home and abroad. It is hard for a North Carolina Baptist to give intelligently who does not take this paper. It keeps us informed about the work and movements of our brethren in the state, thus enabling us to co-operate with them.

We need to increase its circulation. Hardly anything would so wake up a church like putting the Recorder in every home. If we need our daily papers, our farm papers, and our fraternal papers to help us keep up with these things, most certainly we need our religious paper. Remember it costs only two dollars per year.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. SULLIVAN

THE NEEDS OF OUR CHURCHES

As we think of the needs of our churches today, in the great whirl of the business and pleasure world, they are manifold and demand our serious consideration.

Many of us doubtless feel that since the crime wave is steadily increasing, that it is time to turn to the Lord in prayer that our country might be saved. 1. We need, as leaders in our churches, men and women that will keep themselves unspotted from the world. Leaders that are willing to "come out from among the world and be ye separate," saith the Lord. Until we, as leaders, do this we cannot expect it of the world.

2. The amusements of the world and the place of leadership in the church was never intended by Christ to go hand in hand to that extent that the church and Sunday School and other organization are led to the worldly places of amusement in search of satisfaction.

3. When the church members will separate themselves from the world, and the world from the church, it will not take twenty-eight (28) members to lead one soul to Christ as was the records of this Association last year.

4. The church needs a membership that has been touched by Jesus Christ to that extent that the world will take knowledge that we have been with Christ.—Acts 4:13. Also that we may show to the world that we have received principles for daily living. When this is done we will not stop at giving \$3.96 per capita to all causes as was the case in our Association last year. This will give us the needed co-operation.

5. We need trained workers, but first a knowledge of God in the forgiveness of our sins. Without this we have no foundation to build upon.

6. We need Sabbath observance in our church membership.

7. We need to warn our membership of the evils that are being presented today, as the recent canvas of the Southern States in behalf Sunday base ball.

8. We need a membership that will hear the crying need for consecration and prayer that we may lift up our eyes upon the harvest fields that are white unto harvest.

9. Last but not least, hearts and hands and means that will say, "here am I, send me."—Isaiah 6:8.

Respectfully submitted, J. S. TYSON

TEMPERANCE.

Among the many agencies of human destruction, intemperance stands first. Wars, pestilence and famine, storms and earthquakes, as merciless as they are, must take a second place in the destruction of mankind. It has no mercy on age or infirmity. The Bible sounds the danger signal. No drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven. The Bible gives a detailed discription of strong drink on character and conduct.

Christianity is the power that must save our people from strong drink. It goes to the bottom of evils and work there. Never has there been such a challenge to the churches of Christ as there is today. We are to safe-guard the 18th amendment of our Constitution. The millions of foreigners and as many more are striving for light wine and beer, but light wine and beer means heavy drinking. It is the cry of the spirit of anarchy. It is God's will and command to us, and our obedience to God and friendship to mankind, to suppress to the uttermost strong drink of any name. That which begins with a bite and ends with the sting of adder is intollerable, and must be done away with. No time or means should be spared to exterminate it.

W. M. THOMPSON.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Long ago Paul, writing to Timothy, set the ideal for Christian Education in these words, "For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of a sound mind." As pointed out by Dean Brown of Yale, Paul's ideal means that the young christian needs that equipment which may be called, "Stamina, sympathy, and scholarship. North Carolina Baptists believe that these three factors can and ought to be developed in the personality of their young christians. To this end they are pursuing a broad and systematic educational program.

If this program is to be carried out our Baptist people must provide more adequate equipment, a greater annual support, and an ample endowment. Our need is solely one of financial support, for the students are already knocking at our doors. Our high schools, junior colleges, and senior colleges are calling to us to come over into Macedonia and help them. Let us trust in the most High and Supreme Architect of the universe that He will put it into the heart of some ministering saints to endow these institutions, and thus build for themselves a monument on earth as eternal as the hills, and reap in the great beyond wreaths of jewels which can never be taken away. For as Daniel Webster said, "If we work upon marble it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with just principles, with the fear of God, and love of fellowmen, we engrave upon these tablets something which will brighten to all eternity."

Respectfully submitted, F. G. WALKER

ORPHANAGE.

The Thomasville Orphanage is one of the most sacred institutions the Baptist of North Carolina have. It is a place where we take the fatherless and motherless children of this State. This institution is an asset to the Kingdom of God, and also to the State; because here they are trained by Godly men and women for christian service and good citizenship. We have at the Thomasville Orphanage 471 children and at the Kennedy Home 110—making a total of 581. Children aided in their homes with their mothers 373. Monthly cost per child \$24.92. Annual cost per year \$299.00. Total number of children aided by Orphanage 954. Present indebtedness about \$50,000, with the probability of its being \$60,000 by the date of Thanksgiving offering. The great need is for a once a month collection in the Sunday Schools. A great Thanksgiving offering and subscriptions to Charity and Children. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Respectfully submitted, E. J. HUTCHINSON

Wadesboro, N. C., October 28, 1926

REPORT ON AGED MINISTER'S RELIEF.

Our Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has on roll 611 ministers, 422 widows, and 150 dependent children, making a total of 1,183. There was collected by this Board from all sources. \$690,519.03 and the cost for handling this fund amounted to \$21,000.00. On the roll of our State Board we have 114 beneficiaries. A sum of \$17,310.48 per year is being spent upon these, which give each one \$151.48 per year.

I. F. THOMAS

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

For nearly a century we have been promoting what we know as State missions. There was a time when we thought that State missions would no longer be necessary and we could turn our attention more to foreign missions or some other phase of the work. We no longer have such dreams but realize that we shall continue to multiply on the face of the earth. The character of the work done changes from time to time with the change of conditions, but never growing less significant.

As the State of North Carolina changes from an agricultural to an industrial center the State mission task grows larger—towns and hamlets spring up over night, with ever growing need of help in church leadership and houses of worship. The character of the people who inhabit these towns forbid their financing, adequately, the church problems in their midst.

There is another problem that has lately aroused religious leaders and it ought to arouse us all. We refer to the religious training of our Baptist boys and girls in the State schools and universities. We are not now, nor will we be in the future, able to provide schools and colleges for all the boys and girls of Baptist persuasion that are going to high school and college. They must attend state institutions if they attend at all. State missions would be amply justified in existing and the total amount now raised could be wisely spent on student pastors, church equipment and christian workers among the students that are now in state schools. The board is doing some work of this kind and must do more or lose large numbers of bright boys and girls to the denominational cause and from christian activity.

Space will not allow us to but mention, the Sunday School work, B. Y. P. U. work, enlistment and evangelism, training of pastors in pastors schools. These are all worthy of our best effort. Let us rally to the support of our State mission board, pay our indebtedness and enlarge her usefulness.

Respectfully submitted, J. C. MEIGS.

ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Contrary to the belief of many, Home missions has a separate and distinct field of endeavor. It neither takes the place of State missions nor over laps other agencies in the performance of its duties. No one phase of our work is complete in itself. They each supplement the other. God has given to us America. Any student of geography and history such as is being made now can but see that we have the most commanding position of any nation on the face of the earth today. God has always placed the people who were to avangelize and enlarge His kingdom in strategic places on the globe. The challenge is ours to command faithfully our God-given position.

The whole world is our field and we have been commanded to take it. Our strength abroad will be no greater than our strength at home. Home missions is unique in its manifold performances. It is the greatest single evangelizing agency we have. In the field of education the Home Board has done marvelous things. A string of schools all across the mountains have been and are, training some of our most worthy and promising denominational leaders, and these from among a people who never would have been developed without the help of the board. Hundreds of churches stand as testimony bearers to the permanent work done by it. The Home Board seeks to christianize the heathen as they come to our shores, rather than have them heathenize us. A great hospital stands at the gateway of America ready to lend a friendly hand to the sick and suffering.

Just at this time the Board has more than its share of work thrust upon by the new religious and political conflict in Mexico. Many Catholics are moving across the border into our territory seeking religious freedom. Unless the home board has funds sufficient to meet the situation we shall be the losers.

Respectfully submitted, J. C. MEIGS.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has closed the eighty-first year of its greatest service as a clearing house of Southern Baptists for the dissemination of the gospel in the most destitute parts of the earth. These eighty-one years have been filled with perplexing problems, hard work, and often with discouragement. But there has been an almost unbroken progress in evangelistic achievement and expansion of the kingdom of Christ. The last year was the best year in all the years of the Board's history and work.

13,269 persons were baptized on foreign mission fields during the last Convention year, a gain of 1,135 over the previous year. The total membership is now 140,488. This membership is organized into 1,215 churches, 557 of which are self-supporting. These churches contributed last year \$444,258, or nearly \$4 00 per member.

The medical work of the board for the year consisted of 214,910 treatments administered to 69,583 patients, of which 5,498 were in-patients. 934 of the operations performed by the board's medical staff were major operations.

The board started the year 1925-26, with a heavy debt. During the year the board received from the co-operative program \$1,071,834.16; in designated gifts \$240,613 05; and total gifts to the Christmas Love offering \$811,344.11. There was left an indebtedness of \$727,000. The women

of the South have undertaken to contribute as a Christmas offering about Christmas time \$300,000 toward the further reduction of the debt.

The world which the foreign mission board is facing is a world in desperate need, but a world ready for Christ, its only hope. Will the Baptists of this Association suffer their beloved missionaries and their foreign mission board to appeal in vain? The world needs the gospel, hundreds of young people are ready to carry it, and our people have to send them, if they would only give it.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. THOMAS.

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	SUPT. AND P. O.	No. Of rs & Teach'rs	Enrollment	Bap's fm SS	Gifts to local Ch. & S S Ex.
Brown Creek	H C Martin, Wadesboro	8	81	4	92.65
Cedar Grove	S L Thomas, Polkton	8	65		55.00
Deep Creek	J W Carrick, Wadesboro	8	94	2	36.62
Fall Branch	F M Poplin, Lilesville	6	34		420.
Gum Springs	W W Marks, Pee Dee	8	80	10	35.
Mt. Beulah	J K Tyson, Wadesboro	7	110		440.
Mt. Zion	No Report				
New Home	J S Williams, Peachland	6	80		
N. Wadesboro	H T Montgomery, W'b'ro	7	98	4	
Polkton	W R Thomas, Polkton	12	110	1	120.
Rocky Mt.	S J Turner, Polkton	7	97		16.50
Rocky River	D L Thompson, Polkton	4	40		

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTOR AND P. O.	CLERK AND P. O.	Time of preaching	Baptisms	Total Membership	Gifts for sup't of local church work	For Missions	Education and Benevolence	Total Contributions	Value of Church Houses and Grounds
Brown Creek	M L Dorton, Ansonville	Burgess Tyson, Wadesboro	2-4	7	167 689	75 253	68 943	42	4 000	
Cedar Grove	J C Meigs, Polkton	J M Broadaway, Polkton	2	1	138 309	60 10 368	00	1 200		
Deep Creek	M L Dorton, Ansonville	W C Webb, Wadesboro	1-3	4	138 719	08 43 39 762	47	5 000		
Fall Branch	D P Morris, Norwood	Mattie Pryce, Lilesville	3	4	49 233	05 12 45 245	50	2 000		
Gum Springs	F G Walker, Lilesville	R B Gathings, Pee Dee	1-3	10	110 443	33 00 479	30	1 200		
Mt. Beulah	J S Tyson, Cheraw, S C	J K Tyson, Wadesboro	2-4	5	255 610	10 50 49 660	09	1 500		
Mt. Zion	E J Hutchinson, Wadesboro	W Williams, Wadesboro	2		81 122	05 6 00 128	05	1 000		
New Home	I B Little, Marshville	G H Parker, Polkton	1		78 422	25 8 50 430	75	3 000		
N. Wadesboro	J B Kelly, Wadesboro	S D Chinnis, Wadesboro	2-4	4	25 352	93 12 00 364	93	2 000		
Polkton	J C Meigs, Polkton	Jonah W Thomas, Polkton	1-3	1	110 469	30 110 82 580	10	3 500		
Rocky Mt.	J S Tyson, Cheraw, S C	S J Turner, Polkton	3	2	190 403	43 76 46 479	89	1 500		
Rocky River	J S Tyson, Cheraw, S C	Earl Tompson, Polkton	3	2	60 137	52 30 00 157	52	1 500		

