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☞ The next session will be held with the Rocky Mount Church, Anson County, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26th, 27th, 28th, 1923.

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Thompson.



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J. S. Tyson

MESSENGERS TO BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

M. D. L. Preslar, I. F. Thomas, H. M. Cox



☞ Next Meeting at Rocky Mount, October, 26, 27, 28, 1923
To preach the introductory sermon—J. S. Tyson.

PROCEEDINGS



Mt. Beulah, October 27th, 1922

The Anson Association met in its Thirteenth Annual Session. The annual sermon was preached by M. D. L. Preslar, using as a text 1st Timothy 4-16.

The Association was called to order. The roll of churches was called, which showed that twelve churches were represented. The Association was organized by electing :

M. D. L. Preslar, Moderator
W. F. Humbert, Vice-Moderator
J. M. Broadaway, Clerk
T. B. Goodman, Treasurer

Enrollment of delegates :

Henry Martin, Edgar Hendly, I. F. Thomas, J. W. Sullivan, J. S. Thomas, John A. Ratliff, E. G. Jones, E. F. Gullledge, J. B. Kelley, C. F. Kelley, R. T. Morton, B. B. Harris, J. D. Usery, H. M. Cox, H. W. Lowery, J. Q. Griffin, Joe Faulkner, J. K. Tyson, W. T. Brooks, Shaler Henry, G. H. Parker, H. W. Thomas, J. T. O'Neal, Hardy Allen, R. J. Harrington, A. J. Johnson, J. S. German, M. W. Goodman, Walter Smith, J. A. Turner, S. Baucom.

The Moderator announced the following committee on order of business : J. M. Broadaway, Jonah Thomas, S. Baucom. The Association adjourned for dinner. Prayer by C. L. Jackson.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Association re-assembled at 1 P. M. Was led in prayer by S. Baucom. Committee on order of business made report which on motion was adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Just back of every enterprise in the kingdom's work is a divine command. Deut. 6th chap, beginning with the 6th verse is first in line. "These words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house." Teaching children is a great hobby of the Catholics, but it should be more of a Protestant than a Catholic hobby; for the Protestant is interested with a kingdom building, out of childhood and heathen, that no other body on earth is intrusted with. Go ye into all the world and teach all nations to observe all things that I have taught you, is a pondrous task, but it is gloriously reasonable. It seems natural that mankind, taught of Christ, would want to do that very thing.

Our Sunday School Board, State and Conventional, are spirit and high filled in their work in literature, leading and planning. Our average Sunday School is not growing in proportion to our light and leadership. Our Convention literature is excellent along every line of our Sunday School work, and the Sunday School Times and the Sunday School Chronicle and the Sunday School World are additional lights of great helpfulness, but with this and much more, we hear much complaint of non-attendance and indifference, but we must move on until the Christ visualised millions are brought in and his will is done.

The International Convention is making great plans for Conventional work, but we need a medium to hand it down to the common people, for there is where the multitudes are found. There is the point of greatest need, and there is where Christ, our example, did his most telling work, and there is where we may expect our greatest success in his name.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. THOMPSON

The report, discussed by W. M. Thompson, G. S. Ager, I. F. Thomas, and adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It is with profound gratitude to our Lord that we report the continued and growing efficiency of our State and South-wide denominational colleges and secondary schools during the past year. The number of students applying for admission has exceeded in many instances the capacities of the schools, and the type of work accomplished fully entitles these schools to the designation of distinctively religious institutions.

It is upon these schools that we must depend almost exclusively for trained leaders in our churches and denominational work, and for this

reason, if for no other, we owe to them increased financial support. Most of them are functioning under the handicap of inadequate equipment and insufficient accommodations for students. This condition makes imperative the full payment of our 75 million campaign pledges, since the proportion of the amount allotted to the schools would, if paid, serve to meet the discouraging conditions that have been mentioned.

We would also earnestly urge our people to send their children to these denominational schools, as largely as possible, for their education, because of the moral and religious training which they combine with mental training, then giving an all-round education, such as it is not possible to secure in more secular institutions.

In view, however, of this impossibility of our schools taking care of all of our Baptist youth, thus making it inevitable that multitudes of them should get their mental training in our State schools of higher learning, we consider it of the first importance that our Christian homes, Sunday Schools and Churches should function to their full capacity in this distinctively religious training of our children that thereby they may be made proof against the tendencies to materialize and secularism which operates to so strong a degree in many of the schools that are non-religious.

The report was discussed by Dr. C. L. Jackson and adopted.

The B. Y. P. U. work was discussed by H. M. Cox.

B. Y. P. U. REPORT

The dark cloud overshadowing our churches in the past caused by lack of interest and workers among young people has begun to show its silver lining now since God blessed us by leading us into an organization known as the Baptist Young People's Union. Our young people have ceased to be beings who are dependent on the older heads for leadership altogether, though we say this with all reverence to the older heads, but they are becoming more independent thinkers and are demanding work and interests of their own.

Through the B. Y. P. U. we are fast training future church leaders much in need at present. Since the B. Y. P. U. work has begun it has become a compelling force that spurs on and on. Once a church has a lively B. Y. P. U. it ceases to be itself when the Union is not in session. The young people are restless. Of course there are the battles to be fought in this world just as young people have battles to fight, climbing life's ladder, but with faith surely we will grow to be ardent, strong and influential in the kingdom world.

As to the work done by our whole State, we have 611 B. Y. P. U., including Senior and Junior, with a gain of 161 over last year. There are 27,000 young people enlisted. Secretary Perry Morgan and Miss Elma Farabow and their co-workers cannot receive too much appreciation from us for their labors in this particular work. They have given over 2,000 B. Y. P. U. diplomas to the young people of North Carolina. Within our own Anson Association of 13 churches we have two active Unions, though others are being organized, and are struggling for life. The membership will exceed 60—quite a small number, but think what those 60 mean to us. What a spiritual influence they may have.

Respectfully submitted,

RACHEL FLAKE.

The report on Woman's Work, read by Mrs. M. D. L. Preslar, and discussed by Mrs T B Henry and adopted, as follows :

WOMAN'S WORK

From the beautiful story of the Infant Saviour, and His first visit to the temple, we see there is room in the kingdom of Christ for the service of women. Woman is as free to enter that kingdom as man. She is as welcome to render holy service, and is as certain to reap the reward of faithfulness in the kingdom of heaven. Women were the most faithful attendants on our Lord during His earthly ministry, and from that time to this they have been rendering valuable service to the cause of Jesus Christ.

On every hand women are waking up to a sense of religious and civic duty and are asking God, "What wilt thou have me to do?" The special effort that they have put forth in the great 75 million campaign is showing great results, but we need, (1) the prayers; (2) the gifts; and (3) the service of every woman in our Association to accomplish the things that God expects of us. There is only one correct reason for the possession of talents and that reason is that we may use them for others. The things we call ours are not ours. The time, the talents, the gifts of personality are His and we are to render unto Him that we owe. We say "All there is of me is God's estate and I am His agent."

Our duty as women laborers in His vineyard may be discharged only when we do as God commands. "Why call ye me Lord, LORD, and do not the things I command you." And so we pray and study to enlarge our vision and our usefulness in His great cause.

The chief aim of the W. M. S. is to reach every woman in all the churches and enlist them in this great work.

The great ideal of the W. M. S. is the ideal of Christ's, "That the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdoms of Christ."

The Missionary Society is a great power for bringing the women into the churches' life. If we want to be a living, working, powerful force in building up Christ's Kingdom here in the Anson Association, we must have an active Missionary Society in each church in the Association.

In the sixty-six Associations in N. C. there are sixty one W. M. U. Associational organizations. During last year there was added to the number of local societies 241, making the total number 1958, with a membership of 40,000. Their contributions for the objects of the Convention were \$314,000, or more than one third the amount raised by the entire Convention.

We must be deeply grateful for such a record, and continue to ask that the blessings and power of God abide with us as we labor in the Gospel, and that we may do unto God even greater things for Him.

In Anson Association we have only four active W. M. S. We should have thirteen. As it is we should have some consecrated woman as director of the work, to look after and organize the churches that do not have societies. If we could have this we might be able to grow to the extent that we could organize the Association and thereby be able to do more efficient service for the Master.

"He is able," and for this reason, we thank God and take courage.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. D. L. PRESLAR

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Our Baptist Orphanage located at Thomasville was founded in 1885. There has been enrolled all told 2097 children in this institution.

Those who take the full course at Thomasville are holding their own with the best citizens of this country.

At present there are 453 children at Thomasville and 98 at Kenedy home.

At present there are 105 children being aided in their own homes (monthly cost of \$5.88 each.)

It costs \$19.40 per month to support a child in the Orphanage.

The annual cost to support 543 children is \$126,123.40.

The farm and dairy products made and consumed by the Orphanage is \$36,646.40. Profit of printing department \$4,682.99.

Profits of Kenedy home farm and dairy \$1,013.90.

Current fund last year \$140,833.86.

The health of the Orphanage last year was the best of any year of its history.

We would ask N. C. Baptists to stand by the Orphanage with heart, prayer, hand and money.

Respectfully submitted,

JONAH W. THOMAS

The report was discussed by Jonah Thomas and adopted.

The Association adjourned. Prayer by J. S. Tyson.

SATURDAY MORNING

Devotional services conducted by W. M. Gilmore.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The chair welcomed Rev. W. M. Gilmore of Sanford, representing State and Home Missions.

AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF

For many years the old ministers endured untold hardships. In their last days they were often compelled to live in a manner that indicated want and suffering. Those times and conditions are rapidly passing away. The heart of our great Baptist denomination has been touched by the sad story. The needs of the destitute minister are now, in a great measure, provided for. This is done in two ways. First, by personal relief. There are now nearly 1000 in this class, and they receive from \$60 to \$600 yearly from the Board. Second, relief is granted in the form of an annuity. Nearly 800 have taken advantage of this system, which is somewhat in the nature of life insurance, and becomes available when the candidate reaches 68 years of age. Rev. William Lunsford of Dallas, Texas, is chairman of the Board. He has in hand a total of more than one million dollars, which has come through the 75 million dollar fund and a personal gift of \$300,000 from John Rockefeller. No nobler work

can engage the consideration of our people. The old minister spent his life "at the front," where the battle was hottest and compensation least. In his last days he is entitled to the relief that a generous people alone can give. Respectfully submitted,

JOE H. THOMAS

The report was read by J. H. Thomas, and discussed by W. M. Gilmore, I. F. Thomas and adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

have become world-wide. The voice of our missionaries is heard in every section of earth's wide domain. The story of the crucified Christ is told wherever civilization penetrates, and wherever the heart of humanity throbs for noble living.

In Brazil, the greatest country of South America, the Baptists will soon not only be self-sustaining, but will be sending their own missionaries to teach the unbeliever of other lands the way of eternal life. Baptist development in China is necessarily slow, but the cause is on solid ground, and its steady growth is beyond question.

In Africa, Baptist mission work seems to be well established, and the islands of the sea are responding to the entreaties of our missionaries as never before.

Perhaps the most fruitful field for Baptist work at present is in Europe. In Rome a Baptist church building has been erected hard by the Vatican, the official residence of the Pope. Spain, Bulgaria, Hungary and other states are developing Baptist strength and growth to a surprising degree. However the most promising field for Baptist development in Europe is in Russia. Crushed for centuries by the iron heel of absolutism, her people are at last passing from "under the yoke," and are asserting their natural rights. Their "Macedonian cry" reaches us and to that land of Baptist promise and opportunity our best workers and most generous support should go.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. HUMBERT

The report was discussed by W. F. Humbert, W. M. Gilmore and adopted.

The Association adjourned for one hour. Benediction by J. S. Tyson.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Association re-assembled. "How firm a foundation" was sung, and prayer was offered by I. F. Thomas. Vice-Moderator called the body to order. The report on Biblical Recorder was read and discussed by M. D. L. Preslar and adopted.

BIBLICAL RECORDER

At the annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention which met with Reeves Chapel Baptist Church August 3-7, 1832, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, this body has been informed that brother T. Meredith of Edenton contemplates the publication of a religious periodical to be issued monthly at the moderate price of one dollar per annum, therefore resolved, that this convention highly approves the undertaking and earnestly recommend their brethren to give it a liberal patronage. Thus we have the first intimation of a denominational paper for Baptists of N. C.

It seems however that the first issue did not appear till some time in 1833 when it appeared bearing the name, Interpreter. However, the noble man whose faith and love led him to undertake the work soon felt that kingdom interests in North Carolina demanded more than a monthly paper, so in 1835 it was changed to a weekly and the name changed to Biblical Recorder.

Disappointment came however, and in 1841 Thomas Meredith who was still Editor reported to the convention that he would be forced to suspend the publication for lack of support. However a work so vitally important to the Baptist cause in North Carolina was not to be neglected long, so at the meeting of the Convention in 1842 a committee was appointed to confer with Mr. Meredith upon the "expediency and probability of publishing a weekly paper." It seems that as a result of this action the publication of the Biblical Recorder was resumed about January 1843.

At the time of which I have written North Carolina Baptists were a weak and feeble folk numerically. To-day we number more than 313,000 and constitute a religious and educational force in the State second to none. It is undoubtedly true that a very large per cent of our success should be attributed either directly, or indirectly to the faithful ministry of the Biblical Recorder. Week after week it has carried a message to both old and young. It has pointed out our need, and also told the story of our achievements both as a state and as a denomination. Its messages have kindled the fires of ambition that lay smoldering in many of our young people and sent them fourth to lives of usefulness.

However much that might be said of its past it was perhaps never quite so efficient as at this time. Almost every issue carries one or more articles from the pen of some of our strongest men on some vital theme. Then the editorials of Dr. Johnson are always strong and clearly expressed. Then usually the best part of a page is devoted to Current Topics. These are discussed in an unbiased way, and are designed to keep the reader in touch with the issues of the day.

Then the Sunday School, W. M. U. and B. Y. P. U. departments which are very helpful to those who want to keep in touch with the various departments of our work. Your committee feels that the Biblical Recorder is not receiving the support from our people that it should, and therefore recommends that a special effort be made to place it in the homes of as many of our people as possible.

Respectfully, M. D. L. PRESLAR

The question of Temperance was discussed by W. F. Humbert.

TEMPERANCE

We recommend that we, as an Association, give our hearty endorsement to every measure inaugurated for the suppression of the liquor traffic, social vices and all other practices that tend to corrupt public morals, and that we see that the law is enforced, prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to our boys, and that we, as parents, restrain our children from all practices and privileges that are degrading in their nature, especially automobile rides in the night, except under the care of responsible persons; that we condemn the practice of social card playing and dancing, profanity, drunkenness, general Sabbath breaking, and any and every practice that tends to destroy or degrade the morals of our people.

J. M. BROADAWAY.

The Moderator announced writers for next session as follows:

Christian Education, J. S. Tyson.
Orphanage, W. F. Humbert.
State Mission, W. B. Holmes.
Home Missions, G. S. Ager.
Foreign Missions, J. M. Smith.
Biblical Recorder, Jonah W. Thomas.
Aged Ministers Relief, I. F. Thomas.
Sunday Schools, S. J. Turner.
Temperance, J. H. Thomas.
Woman's Work, Miss Lela Goodman.
B. Y. P. U., H. M. Cox.

The usual vote of thanks was extended to the Mt. Beulah church and community for the splendid manner in which they entertained the Association.

The Association appointed J. S. Tyson delegate to Southern Baptist Convention. Delegates to Baptist State Convention: M. D. L. Preslar, I. F. Thomas, H. M. Cox.

On motion the Association decided the next place of meeting: Rocky Mt. Time, Friday before fourth Sunday in October, 1923. To preach the annual sermon, Rev. J. S. Tyson.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at Rocky Mt. Church, Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1923, at 11 A. M.

M. D. L. PRESLAR

J. M. BROADAWAY, Clerk

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Incidentals	Build'g & Repairs.	Ministerial Help	Help for Local Poor	Lit. for S. S. B. Y. P. U.	Printing & Publicity	Total Local Church Contributions	Total 75 Million Campaign
Brown Creek	\$ 500		\$26 00	52 00	8 45	59 00	4 00	3223 00	121 50
Cedar Grove	200	12 50	35 00	27 00		15 00	3 50	293 60	174 50
Deep Creek	200	5 00	25 00	32 00		75 00		2812 00	325 00
Fall Branch	75 00		360 00	20 00		25 00	2 00	680 00	22 00
Gum Springs	\$ 150	10 00	85 00		11 50	25 00	3 00	335 15	18 00
Mineral Springs	100			40 00				140 00	23 55
Mt. Beulah	150			30 00	20 00	15 00	3 00	215 00	
Mt. Zion									
New Home	125			27 00	30 00	16 00	3 00	199 00	47 00
Polkton	350	28 00	13 50	32 00		\$ 106 50	5 00	555 00	248 19
Peachland	253	\$ 156				40 2 50		251 50	55 40
Rocky River	200		185 00			13 2 50		220 00	108 90
Rocky Mt.	225			47 00	14 30	13 3 00		299 50	



SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS & THEIR P. O.	SECTY & THEIR POSTOFFICES	Officers and Teacher	Total Enrollment	Average attendance for the year	Baptisms from schools	Contributed to local Expenses	Total Contributions
Brown Creek	I F Thomas, Wadesboro, N C	Burgess Tyson, Wadesboro, N C	7	98	50	2	56	90
Cedar Grove	J H Thomas, Polkton	Miss Mary Gulledege, Wadesboro, N C	6	66	35	15	15	90
Deep Creek	C H Harrington, Wadesboro	Claude Tarlton, Lilesville	7	71	45	18	18	18
Fall Branch	J B Kelley, Lilesville	Mrs C A Morrison, Pee Dee	7	69	49	15	15	15
Gum Springs	R B Gathings, Pee Dee	Mary Lowry, Polkton,	6	88	65	8	15	15
Mineral Springs	J Q Griffin, Peachland	Frank Harrington, Wadesboro	5	75	50	4	41	41
Mt. Beulah	J K Tyson, Wadesboro	Route A	5	60	40	20	20	20
Mt Zion	H W Thomas, Marshville	Route 4	6	67	40	16	16	16
New Home	W F Humbert, Polkton	Clarence Little, Peachland	10	140	87	106	106	106
Peachland	A D Griffin, Peachland	Cathline Smith, Polkton	8	87	80	5	40	40
Rocky River	J E Efrid, Polkton	Vera Thompson, Polkton	4	49	30	2	15	15
Rocky Mt.	John Turner, Polkton	Eugene Howard, Polkton	5	62	35	8	1	50

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	When Constituted	Pastors and Their Postoffice	Clerks and Their Postoffice	Gains		Losses		Totals	Revival M't'gs	Lords's Supper	Rec'd Bap. P'pr	When Built	Material Used	Persons Seated	No. of Rooms	Value of Church Property
				Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorat'ns									
Brown Creek	1822	M D L Preslar, Polkton	N C	Miss Rachel Flake, Wadesboro	2-4	2	2	155	1	1	1	1	1870 w'd	700	5	7 000
Cedar Grove	1866	M D L Preslar, Polkton	"	J M Broadaway, Polkton, N.C.	2-4	4	4	158	1	1	1	5 1896	300	3	4 000	
Deep Creek	1866	G S Ager, Lilesville	"	W C Webb, Wadesboro	1st	1	1	113	1	1	1	1	300	3	4 000	
Fall Branch	1915	I B Little, Porter	"	W W Tarton, Lilesville	3d	12	11	55	1	1	2	7 1916	300	1	1 500	
Gum Springs	1840	G S Ager, Lilesville	"	W M Thompson, Pee Dee	3d	3	1	105	1	1	3	1840	250	1	1 200	
Min'l Springs	1845	M D L Preslar, Polkton	"	Miss Minnie Allen, Peachland	3d	3	1	58	1	2	2	1885	300	1	1 500	
Mt. Beulah	1887	J S Tyson, Cheraw, S C	"	J K Tyson, Wadesboro	4th	24	3	204	1	1	1	1907	320	1	1 000	
Mt. Zion	1894	J M Smith, Albemarle	"	G H Parker, Polkton, R.F.D. 3	1st	4	2	77	1	1	1	1 1895	300	1	1 000	
New Home	1853	M D L Preslar, Polkton	"	Mrs W F Humbert, Polkton	1-3	2	2	115	1	1	1	12 1872	400	4	4 000	
Polkton	1890	D F Helms, Unionville	"	J S German, Peachland	2-4	7	2	181	1	1	7	1919	400	1	10 000	
Peachland	1776	E C Snyder, Monroe	"	C L Waddell, Polkton	4	2	2	71	1	1	1	1880 w'd	300	1	1 000	
Rocky River	1865	W J Russell, Oakboro	"	R.H.Thomas, Marshville, R. 5	3	11	2	164	1	1	1	5 1899	300	1	1 000	



