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MINISTERIAL REGISTRY.

Ammons, John, - - - - - Outlook, N. C.  
 Ammons, James M., - - - - - Halewood, "  
 Bradley, J. A., - - - - - Marshall, "  
 Briggs, W. R., - - - - - Briggsville, "  
 Corn, N. P. M., - - - - - Grapevine, "  
 Dewese, L., - - - - - Outlook, "  
 Gilbert, H. G., - - - - - Clear Branch, Tenn.  
 Honeycutt, T. M., - - - - - Marshall, N. C.  
 Jamison Wesley, - - - - - White Rock, "  
 Lewis Joseph, - - - - - Gage, "  
 McDevitt, P., - - - - - Flag Pond, Tenn.  
 Nelson, W. C., - - - - - Limestone Springs.  
 Pinner, R., - - - - - Little Creek, N. C.  
 Proffit, M. S., - - - - - Mars Hill, "  
 Ramsey, Garrett, - - - - - Marshall, "  
 Sams, L. W., - - - - - Mars Hill, "  
 Sams, W. A., - - - - - Clear Branch, Tenn.  
 Sprinkle, A. J., - - - - - Grapevine, N. C.  
 Wallin, Stephen, - - - - - Big Laurel, "  
 Wallin, Joseph, - - - - - " " "  
 Wallin Dr. Jesse, - - - - - Marshall, "

LICENTIATES.

A. Kard, E. W., Clear Branch, - - - - - Tenn.  
 Beaver, J. T., - - - - - Mars Hill, N. C.  
 Jackson, D. C., - - - - - Peek, "  
 Metcalf, C. C., - - - - - Paint Fork, "  
 Sams, J. R., - - - - - Mars Hill, "  
 Wild, J. M., - - - - - Walnut Run, "  
 Wild, G. C., - - - - - " " "

The next annual session of this Association will be held with Mars Hill church, Madison county, N. C., commencing Tuesday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1892. Rev. W. A. Sams to preach the annual sermon.

PROCEEDINGS.

THE FRENCH BROAD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its eighty-fourth annual session August 18, 19 and 20, 1891, with the Baptist Church at Walnut Creek, Madison county, N. C.

The services began with devotional exercises led by Rev. John Ammons, song "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Prayer by Rev. J. M. Hilliard, song "Amazing Grace" prayer by Rev. J. A. Speight. After singing "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" Rev. T. M. Honeycutt, who was to preach the annual sermon came forward and took his seat in the stand. According to previous arrangements Prof. White, of Mars Hill college read the 13th chapter of Romans and proceeded to preach the sermon, text Isaiah 40:8.

Brother White spoke of the great progress of the age in inventions in reading, in science and in every branch of human endeavor. In nothing, however, had there been greater progress than in that of criticism. He spoke of the Bible as the foundation, not only of the christian religion, but the real foundation upon which were built the laws of all civilized nations. In all things there had been great changes, the critic's pen had invaded every avenue of thought and had pulled down old established ideas and doctrines. But though infidels and skeptics had hurled their criticisms at the Bible for ages, it still stood unchanged and unchangeable.

Civilization is receiving new impetus of the Bible at every step of its progress. The foundation of civilization rests in the family, an institution established by God. Do away with the family, and kindred ties, and all would be Anarchy. We would be no better than the heathen,

Education is the handmaid of religion. Those who have not the Bible are far behind in civilization. Asia is one century behind the civilized nations of earth, Africa three centuries, China one and a half centuries, Japan, where the influences of the Bible have already been felt in a small degree, fifty centuries. He spoke of the great work the gospel was doing in Cuba, and said that in one hundred years, at the present rate, Cuba would be one of the foremost lands in point of civilization. He spoke of a statue in the capitol at Washington representing many pillars, all resting in the same pedestal, the same foundation. This represents our condition in respect to God's word, it being the foundation upon which rests all our laws and the whole fabric of our government. God's word is the bed rock of all the institutions of civilization. Spoke of the damning sin of divorce so prevalent in some of the Northern States, and thanked God that it was not so prevalent in our Southland.

The Bible was one of the chief sources in the settlement of this country.

The Pilgrim fathers fleeing from the persecutions in the east on account of their religious belief, their footsteps were guided by providence to the shores of the Plymouth Rock.

North Carolina was first colonized by refugees from Virginia, fleeing from the religious persecutions of Governor Berkeley.

Brother White closed with some eloquent quotations. The above short synopsis gives but a faint idea of what was a most eloquent sermon that was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it.

Adjourned to 1 o'clock p. m. Benediction by Rev. W. A. Robertson.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Sang "Ninety and Nine." Prayer by Rev. W. A. Robertson.

The Moderator, Rev. J. A. Bradley, announced the body in session and ready for the transaction of business.

Brethren L. M. Bryan and P. M. Hudgins were appointed Reading Clerks.

Letters were read and delegates names enrolled from the following churches:

Walnut Creek—L. Peek, Job Rice, A. J. Runnion, John M. Wild and F. M. Hamric.

Marshall—P. M. Hudgins and Rev. Garrett Ramsey.

California—J. B. Sprinkle, J. D. Hamlin, J. M. Olliver and W. M. Jervis.

Pleasant Hill—Rev. W. C. Wilson, G. W. Kuykendall and C. P. McHard.

Terry's Fork—J. N. Brown and R. H. Anderson.

Little Ivy—W. E. N. Edwards, E. Ponder and S. E. Edwards.

Gabriel's Creek—Rev. J. M. Ammons, P. D. An 'ress, W. L. Treadway, G. W. Andress and Willie Dabrule.

Shallow Ford—William Callahan.

Grapevine—Rev. N. P. M. Corn, J. F. Tilson, S. S. Coats, J. B. Gosnell, L. H. Dill, B. J. Sams, C. W. Cargile and T. P. Briggs.

Paint Gap—D. C. Marchbanks and W. B. Holcombe.

Madison Seminary—Revs. J. A. Bradly, Jesse Wallin and J. A. Ammons, W. C. Sprinkle, W. P. Jervis, L. M. Bryan and W. P. Waldroupe.

Lower Walnut Creek—H. A. Bradley and J. N. Jones.

Foster's Creek—Revs. A. J. Sprinkle, Joseph Lewis and Elisha Rice.

East Fork—S. A. Hallifield, C. A. McHone, J. A. Clark and D. E. Hallifield.

Clear Branch—Revs. H. W. Gilbert, W. A. Sams and David Guinn.

Bull Creek—H. M. Fagan, Joel Callahan and P. Buckner.

Flag Pond—J. B. Sams, W. F. Guinn, J. E. Tilson, H. F. Hastings and T. C. Hensley.

French Broad—C. D. Cole, Lewis Allman and P. Reese.

Forks of Ivy—J. L. Corn and G. W. Corn.

Big Laurel—Revs. S. Wallin, Joseph Wallin, J. B. Rice and J. A. Rice.

Mars Hill—Revs. T. M. Honeycutt, John Ammons, L. W. Sams, M. S. Proffit and Brethren J. L. Phillips, L. J. Ammons, Wm. Bryan and J. R. Sams.

Laurel Branch—Jesse Fisher, John Metcalf, Willie Tillery, Anderson Moore and Z. V. Hunter.

Union Valley—M. Gosnell.

On motion, the newly constituted church, at Union Valley, was received into the body; also Shallow Ford Church, which had taken a letter sometime ago, and had never joined another Association, was received back into the body.

Rev. J. A. Bradley was then elected Moderator, W. C. Sprinkle, Clerk, and Rev. J. M. Ammons, Historian.

On motion of Bro. T. M. Honeycutt, correspondents were invited, and the following brethren were received and accepted seats with this body:

Rev. J. A. Speight, in the interest of the *Asheville Baptist*, Rev. W. A. Robertson, from Yancey County Association; Rev. J. M. Hilliard, in the interest of the Baptist Orphanage, at Thomasville; Rev. John Ammons, corresponding secretary of the Western Baptist Convention, in interest of the Mission Board; Rev. S. J. Morgan, G. W. Gosnell and Lewis Allman, from Buncombe County Association; J. H. Sams, New Providence Association, Tennessee; J. B. Cogdill, East Tennessee Association, Tenn.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

On Sunday Schools—J. B. Sams, S. J. Morgan and Joseph Lewis.

On Home and Conventional Missions—Revs. L. W. Sams, John Ammons and W. A. Robertson.

On Baptist Orphanage—Revs. J. M. Hilliard, J. M. Ammons and H. W. Gilbert.

On Foreign Missions—Prof. J. E. White, P. M. Hudgins and Rev. M. S. Proffit.

On Education—Profs. T. M. Huffham, W. P. Jervis and L. M. Bryan.

On Temperance—J. L. Phillips, Z. V. Hunter and Joel Callahan.

On Periodicals—Rev. J. A. Speight and Dr. Jesse Wallin.

On Finance—J. A. Ammons and B. V. Beek.

On Public Worship—Delegates of Walnut Creek Church with J. B. Sams and John Brown.

On Time and Place—W. L. Treadway, P. Reese and L. J. Ammons.

On motion of Rev. L. W. Sams, the hour of 10 o'clock tomorrow was set as the special hour for Rev. J. E. Speight to present the claims of the Asheville Baptist.

On motion of Rev. T. M. Honeycutt, the hour of 11 tomorrow was set as the special hour for Rev. J. M. Hilliard to present the claims for the Baptist Orphanage.

On motion of Prof. W. P. Jervis, 1 o'clock p. m., tomorrow was set as the hour for Rev. John Ammons to present claims of the Mission Board of the W. N. C. Baptist Convention.

After some interesting remarks by Revs. J. A. Speight and John Ammons, adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow. Benediction by Rev. T. M. Honeycutt.

Wednesday morning, 9 a. m., Devotional Services, conducted by Rev. S. J. Morgan. Sang "Rock of Ages." Read XXXIV Psalm. Prayer by Rev. S. Wallin.

After devotional exercises, letters were received from

Pleasant Hill and California churches and delegates enrolled.

On motion of Rev. T. M. Honeycutt the hour of 10 o'clock tomorrow was set as the special time for the report on education.

Prof. W. P. Jervis then read his report as Historian for the year.

Report:—The 83d annual session of the French Broad Baptist Convention was held with California church, Madison county, North Carolina, August 22 to 25 inclusive, 1890. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. M. Ammons, and was a sermon of unprecedented force in the presentation of the duties of the association in the great mission work.

Twenty one churches were represented and a careful digest of the letters show the following facts. There had been baptized 279. Received by letters 157. Restorations 22. Total increase, 458. Dismissed by letters 176. Excluded 67. Dead 24. Making a net increase of 191.

The aggregate amount of pastors salaries for the year as reported was \$900.91. Amounts reported for missions, \$183.75.

Association was presided over by our devoted brother elder, J. A. Bradley, and our practical and efficient brother J. F. Tilson was again clerk.

Madison Seminary, a newly constituted church, was received into the body and bids fair to become a strong church. Correspondents from sister associations were from Buncombe county. Elders W. T. Bradley, S. J. Morgan and brethren J. C. Sams, J. N. Morgan, John P. Morgan and J. A. Porter.

Yancey County: R. W. King and H. Roland.

Our worthy Brother Elder John Ammons, while a member of our association was received as the corresponding secretary of the W. N. C. Baptist Convention and as the

representative of the Mission Board of that body.

Reports on Home and Foreign Missions, Education, Periodicals, Temperance and Sunday School books were submitted and discussed, which showed a determined purpose on the part of the Convention to broaden its practises in the prosecution of its work in their respective fields.

The report on education shows the fact that the trustees of Mars Hill college had elected to the presidency of that time-honored institution, Prof. T. M. Huffman, of Scotland Neck, N. C., and that their purpose was to raise the standard of education to that height contemplated by its founders. Their wisdom in the choice of the president and triumphant success of their plans of work will be closely shown when the report of education for this session is read.

The Sunday school work was shown to be in a prosperous condition and its results are reported immediately to the French Broad Sunday School Convention, which is acting under the organization and auspices of the Association.

This field of work presents itself to the Association as well worthy of its considerate attention. It is doing an efficient work in improving old plans and devising new ones for the purpose of making our Sunday School work more efficient, and also teaching our distinctive church doctrines.

The session for 1890 was held at the Forks of Ivy and under all the circumstances was a prosperous session. There is much to be gained by the churches taking a devoted interest in the work of the Convention. By doing so they will greatly improve their plans of Sunday School work.

The Mission Board thought the Laurel Mission which has for a number of years been conducted should be

discontinued and this field turned over to the Western Baptist Convention.

Brother Jamison was recommended to said board as a missionary to supply this field.

During the year just closed it has pleased our Allwise God to call from among us our aged and devoted Brother Elder J. M. McDevett. While he was a man of ordinary ability, he was one of spotless character and consecrated integrity. We shall miss him as a comrade in Israel.

Since our last association we have inaugurated a system of meetings, known as Mission Meetings, which meet on each fifth Sunday. Their object is to discuss the different phases of our Mission work, and take collections to that end. These meetings commend themselves to your prayerful attention, and we ask you to send delegates to each of them during the next year. Send your young men who are fresh for the conflict, and who, by proper cultivation, will make better soldiers than those who still cling to the old ideas and practice of this the chiefest of all our work.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. P. JERVIS,  
Historian.

The following resolution was read by Rev. J. M. Ammons and after some discussion was adopted.

WHEREAS; It is a matter of great importance for us to know what our ministers are doing from year to year, therefore

*Resolved*, That the constitution of this Association be so amended as to require all our ministers to make their report to this Association at its annual meetings of the work done by them during the year.

J. M. AMMONS.

The special hour having arrived for the report on Periodicals, Brother J. A. Speight read the report.

Your committee would impress upon the members of

all our churches, the value of a religious newspaper in the home. The day has come when the people more than ever before are going to read.

We rejoice at this evidence of increased knowledge and in order that the young of our homes may be provided with suitable religious matter, we commend the *Ashville Baptist* to the membership of our churches and to the homes of the people. The *Baptist* is run in the interest of the Baptist Churches of our section. It is sound in doctrine, progressive in spirit and worthy of the confidence of our people. *Charity and Children*, with *Foreign Mission Journal* and *The Home Field* are all worthy of the confidence of our people.

DR. JESSE WALLEN,

J. A. SPEIGHT,

Committee.

Bro. John Ammons, in speaking to the report, referred to the success of the Western Convention and to his success as Corresponding Secretary for the past two years as owing, chiefly, to the aid received through the *Ashville Baptist*, and thinks that every church member ought to take the *Baptist*. Rev. J. M. Hilliard, said: "We must patronize the Baptist or it cannot live." Rev. J. A. Speight said: "I hope the brethren will take the paper, and I think the fault is greatly with the Ministers if they do not take it."

At the close of these remarks time was given to take subscribers for the paper.

Report on Orphanage read by Rev. J. M. Hilliard.

The Orphanage Association was organized in the Pastor's Study of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh, on November 10, 1884. The location was chosen January, 1885, and during the summer of the same year the John Mitchell building was erected. The first annual meeting was held in July under the "Big Hickory" and the first orphan registered November 11, 1885. There have reg-

istered up to this time over 225. Of these 88 have been discharged, and with a few exceptions are doing well. Five left without leave, acting under the influence of those claiming to be their friends. Eight are dead. The number present now s over 130.

Now, brethren, all these children must be fed and clothed by our contributions, and let no one excuse himself from contributing to these, the Lord's poor orphans. And we must come up to the help of the Lord in this great work. The Orphanage also publishes a paper, *Charity and Children*, in the interest of the institution and it is only one dollar a year, and when we pay one dollar to *Charity and Children* it is paid to the support of the children. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. HILLIARD, }  
J. M. AMMONS, } Committee.  
H. W. GILBERT, }

Bro. John W. Starnes in speaking to the report, said: When we hear about the needy orphans there is nothing that sooner touches our hearts. The poorest boy who lives among these mountains may have implanted in him the germ to make a most useful citizen. A man or a woman has no soul who does not feel for the motherless child, and the man who is not ready and willing to give to the orphans is certainly not living up to his duty.

The question is, are we going to share with others the privilege of caring for these children. I don't know that there is any object to which I contribute in which I have more feeling than to these little children. I plead for *Charity and Children*, but more especially the children. Let us all give something to this work, even though it is small.

Rev. J. M. Hilliard said: Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this "To visit the fatherless and the widow in their affliction and keep himself unspotted from the world." We rejoice to-day that we

have a place where the orphans can be taken care of. We have at Thomasville fourteen brick buildings. A building is composed of two houses, thirty feet wide and ninety feet long, and in each house are kept twenty-four children. These children are cared for and educated by the best of teachers. The general manager, Bro. Mills, is one of the grandest men I ever knew. He is giving his life and his labor to this work. I believe everybody here will give me something for the work. "Even as ye have done unto the least of these my disciples ye have done it unto me."

Collection for Orphanage, \$10; subscriptions to *Charity and Children*, amounting to \$12.40. Adjourned one hour for dinner. Benediction by Rev. T. M. Honeycutt.

One o'clock P. M., reassembled by singing "Take the Name of Jesus With You." The Moderator announced the body ready for business. The special hour for Home and Conventional Missions having arrived, Rev. John Ammons arose and read the report.

A retrospect of the work of the Home Board gives us to understand how God through it as our agency preached the gospel to the destitute in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. The work of the Home Board has been extended and enlarged from year to year till it is now extended over the Southern States, Indian Territory, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Cuba. The number of Missionaries under appointment last year was 406. These Missionaries baptised during the year more than five thousand persons, making an average of twelve or more persons to each Missionary. The work in Cuba has been wonderfully blessed. Starting about three years ago with but a single member, there are now in the Cuban churches nearly two thousand members.

Let us take courage and press forward. Our preachers ought to keep the work of the Home Board before the churches and take stated collections for its support.

Conventional Missions is only a branch of Home Missions. The Home Board has been aiding us in the support of the work within our bounds during the last several years. The progress of our work has been exceedingly encouraging. We had under our appointment last year seventeen Missionaries. These Missionaries baptised during the year more than 300 persons, making an average of seventeen persons baptized by each Missionary. This is an excellent showing. We made an advance of more than one hundred and fifty per cent over former years.

During the present year the Board has made appropriations to the amount of about \$2,000. The receipts have fallen short of the liabilities and at the present time we are indebted to our Missionaries.

These things ought not to be. Our people have the money, the Lord's cause demands it and we cannot withhold it without wronging ourselves and the Lord's cause. Twenty cents to the member would give French Broad Association \$500, and a proper effort upon the part of the pastor's would secure this amount.

Your committee are of the opinion that there is great neglect on the part of the preachers. The preachers are the leaders and the churches are what the pastors make them, both in spirituality and liberality.

We suggest to each pastor to preach sermons explaining the nature of the Convention's work, and take stated collections for its support.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN AMMONS,  
W. A. ROBERTSON,  
L. M. BRYAN,  
Committee.

Remarks were made upon the adoption of the report by Rev. John Ammons, and others. Collections for Home and Conventional Missions, \$13.66. The following

resolution was read by Rev. T. M. Honeycutt:

*Resolved*, That French Broad Association undertake to raise \$200 for Home Missions next year.

Resolution adopted.

Rev. W. A. Sams offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all the churches within the French Broad Association be requested to take up collections for the Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C.

Report on time and place read by brother W. L. Treadaway. Report amended by striking out Gabriel's Creek and inserting Mars Hill. We, your committee, on time and place submit the following: Time, Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1892, Mars Hill, Madison County, N. C. Rev. W. A. Sams to preach the introductory sermon.

W. L. TREADAWAY,  
L. J. AMMONS,  
P. REESE,  
Committee.

On motion, adopted.

Resolution by Prof. W. P. Jarvis:

*Resolved*, That the Historian for this Association be elected for an indefinite time.

Resolution adopted.

On motion of Rev. T. M. Honeycutt the Moderator was authorized to appoint delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Motion carried.

The Moderator proceeded to appoint the following brethren as delegates, viz.: Rev. T. M. Honeycutt, and alternates, Rev. John Ammons and M. S. Proffit.

On motion of L. J. Ammons the resolution offered by Rev. J. M. Ammons and passed by this body was reconsidered.

After considerable discussion the verbiage of the resolution was ordered changed as follows to strike out the

word "require" and insert the word "request," so that the resolution as amended shall read as follows:

Whereas, It is a matter of great importance for us to know what our Ministers are doing from year to year. Therefore

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of this Association be so amended as to request all our Ministers to make their reports to this Association at its annual meetings of the work done by them during the year. J. M. AMMONS.

On motion the special hour for Foreign Missions was set for to-morrow immediately following report on Education.

On motion adjourned till 9 A. M. to-morrow morning. Singing doxology. Benediction by Rev. John Ammons.

THURSDAY MORNING, August 20, 9 A. M.

Met according to adjournment. Sang "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Rev. W. A. Robertson read and commented on fifth chapter of Romans. Song, "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Rev. W. A. Robertson. Song, "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Prayer by Rev. S. J. Morgan.

Resolution offered by Rev. Jesse Wallin as follows:

Inasmuch as the Orphanage work at Thomasville is a work that appeals to our strongest sympathies and demands our constant aid, therefore

*Resolved*, That this Association set apart the first day of May as an annual day upon which the churches through her delegates and all the people are requested to meet together at a place to be designated for the purpose of giving aid and encouragement to said work.

*Resolved, further*, That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to locate the place of meeting and arrange a programme of proceedings.

JESSE WALLIN.

Resolution unanimously adopted, and the Moderator proceeded to appoint the Committee as follows: Dr. Jesse Wallin, Rev. T. M. Honeycutt and J. B. Sams.

Report on Finance read by J. A. Ammons.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows: We have received from the churches of this Association \$30.48 for printing minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. AMMONS,  
B. V. PECK.

Bro. J. B. Sams then read the report on Sunday schools. Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to submit the following: The Sunday school work in the bounds of this Association is moving steadily onward and upward. But notwithstanding the great work that is being accomplished in the bounds of this Association there are not more than half of the churches represented in our Sunday School Convention. About one-half of our churches are "true blue" on Baptist principles in the Sunday school work. The other half is after the order of "Katy did, and Katy didn't." They want to be known as Baptists, but are ashamed to stand firm in teaching our principles in the Sunday school. Our Convention, which met this year with the Forks of Ivy church, was a splendid session, notwithstanding the great floods which were caused by the continuous rains at that time.

Your Committee wishes to say that the churches of this Association should come forward and engage in our Conventional work, or notify the Convention that they are no longer to be depended on in this work. Bro. M. S. Proffit has been employed by this Convention to go on a mission to recruit these dead churches during the next year if possible.

J. B. SAMS,  
S. J. MORGAN.  
JOSEPH LEWIS,

After interesting remarks by Bro. J. B. Sams and Prof. W. P. Jervis, the report was adopted.

The hour for the report on Education having arrived, Prof. Huffham, President of Mars Hill College read the report: We believe that the human mind in order to attain the highest degree of usefulness and power for which it has been by nature fitted must be given every possible advantage in its care and training. Education is but the unfolding and the development of the intellectual faculties. Under proper care, attended by favoring circumstances, there are all over Western North Carolina a vast number of young men and women who are possessed of talents of a high order and who ought therefore to be given an opportunity to train themselves well, so that they may be prepared at the proper time to go forth into life to fight its active battles. We have profound confidence in the final triumph of Baptist principles and in the universal spread of Baptist belief and we hold that there is no better means of accomplishing this end than by founding and maintaining schools of high grade near every town and community. The satisfactory solution of the great questions now before the people can come only by educating the hearts and the minds of the people. An educated mind to discover what is right, and an educated heart to prompt the will towards doing what is right.

Your Committee recommends to your consideration Mars Hill College as an institution in every way worthy of the patronage of this Association. We ask in its behalf a large and generous support.

This Institution was founded in 1856, and was the first Baptist school planted on the soil of Western North Carolina.

In those days, before the spirit of progress had began a stir among the people, it was a source of unspeakable benefit to hundreds of young people, whose only hope for

the blessings of an education consisted in the instruction offered by Mars Hill College.

Through all those years of its past history, in war and in peace, in sunshine and in shadow, its doors have stood open and a continual train of students have gone in and out, made better and stronger by the advantages offered there.

In the opinion of your Committee this Association owes a debt of gratitude to the men of large heart and large hope who in that day and time struck the first blow for higher education among the people.

During the course of the last ten months this school has entered upon a course of unprecedented prosperity. Two hundred students, representing three different States of this Union, have been enrolled upon its books.

The present school building, having proved inadequate to its needs, a large and commodious building containing rooms for the chapel, society halls, and library is in process of erection.

The Faculty are all full graduates, holding Diplomas from two of the leading Colleges in North Carolina. Looking back over the past we recall the large measure of success that has attended it, and remember with thankfulness, all that, with the help and direction of God, has been done for the benefit, the advancement and the uplifting of those communities who have stood hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder in carrying on this great work. Your committee also recommend Judson College, knowing it to be a thoroughly equipped and worthy institution. We trust that the means will soon be provided to pay off the heavy indebtedness resting on it, that it may be carried on most successfully in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. HUFFHAM,  
W. P. JERVIS,  
L. M. BRYAN,  
Committee

Prof. Huffham said: I want to give you the definition of the word education. It comes from E Dueo, from the Latin meaning to lead out. Education is then a "leading out" from darkness and ignorance into light and knowledge.

I take it for granted that I am talking to an intelligent people. If you want to develop the muscle you must pound at the anvil. If you want to develop the minds of your children you must support your institutions of learning. It is a pressing necessity to educate the young and rising generation, and I wish to impress upon the minds of the parents that the time spent in school by their boys and girls is not lost. If you would keep your children from being "hewers of wood and drawers of water" you must educate them. If you would have them successfully compete in the race of life with the influx of educated people, who yearly come to this section from other States, you must educate them. If anything it is of greater importance to educate your daughters than your sons. The future prosperity of this country in large measure depends upon the educated mothers. I am President of Mars Hill College, and were it not for the influence of the Christian and educated mothers of that section I would abandon the field. We have all the natural advantages in Western North Carolina, and there is a grand future awaiting us, if we will educate our children and prepare them to develop our resources and take part in working out the grand destiny that is in store for this God favored section. There is no country that I love more than this mountain land of ours. The Baptists of Western North Carolina outnumber all other denominations, but I am sorry to say that they are not awake to the educational interest as they should be. Now we are trying to build a school at Mars Hill and need your co-operation and support and without it we cannot succeed.

Prof. White, in speaking to the report, said: Most of the opposition to religion comes from the uneducated. The truly educated man sees more beauty in religion and is better prepared to accept and believe the grand doctrines of Christianity. There is a question of duty depending upon this matter. God has implanted talents in the minds of your children and it is your duty to develop them. The truly educated boys are not so easily led off with the vices and damning sins of the day.

On motion, Hon. J. C. Pritchard was invited to make a speech on this subject, he said: I am a friend to education. We are just entering upon a new era in this country, and we must educate our children to prepare them to meet the emergencies of life. We have the natural advantages and our boys have as strong and bright minds as those of any country. It is our duty to educate them, and we must do so if we would keep up with the progress of the times. The history of this country shows that nine-tenths of our great men who fill the important positions in our government are self-made men, and that the majority of them are from the country and spring from the laboring classes. The truly educated are prepared to enter any of the avocations of life. I would rather my child have an education than to have the riches of Vanderbilt, and go through life an ignoramus. We should all educate our children, and Mars Hill is the only College in our midst, therefore we should rally to its support and send our boys and girls there.

I am not a member of the Baptist church, but I am a firm believer in its doctrines and would impress upon you all the moral and religious character of the faculty at Mars Hill. It is surpassed by no faculty in my knowledge.

Report adopted.

The hour of 11 a. m. having arrived the chairman on Religious Exercises announced that according to arrange-

ments of the committee Rev. J. A. Speight would preach at that hour.

Owing to the press of business and inclemency of the weather, on motion, it was decided to dispense with preaching in order that the business of the body might be continued.

Prof. J. E. White read the report on Foreign Missions.

The great denomination to which we belong is distinguished from other Religious Sects which practice immersion by the title of Missionary and we are known throughout the world as Missionary baptists. The schism which resulted in one separate organization was accomplished by nothing less than the voice of God, crying in the hearts of the people "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

We then all pledged as a Christian Denomination by the struggles of our Fathers and by the necessity of preserving our autonomy as a people who subscribe to no creed and agree to no ritual save that of God's Word, to support the Gospel in all lands and to consecrate our means to plant the standard of our Master wherever superstition and ignorance are cursing mankind.

Mahomedanism forced itself on the East at the point of the sword.

To refuse it meant war and pestilence.

Brethren our weapons are not carnal, but sharper than the sword of Islam, more potent than the broadaxe of Richard—we fight with the sword of God's Spirit—we wage a war of humanity, we offer love, mercy and divine grace, we come with branches from the tree of Life. Human hearts cannot always prove obdurate. This is the crisis of Missions. Let the Christian Army fall back let it falter at the fortifications and the day is lost. The Heathen, now almost holding out its pagan hands, will sink back in the awful abyss of utter helplessness, and how shall we stand when the weight of our responsi-

bility forces itself upon us. General Grant was accustomed to say "There comes a time in every battle when to strike means victory, when to delay means defeat."

Now is our time to strike for God whose mercy has preserved us, for Christ who died for us and for the world which is lost without our aid; we are breaking stones for the temple of the future. Shall it be the temple of truth or the temple of error? We shall know hereafter. Our age demands much at our hands, but our opportunities are great. "We are living, we are dwelling, in a grand and awful time. In an age on ages telling, to be living is sublime."

The problem is ours. Associations of Baptists are taking advanced steps in its solution. Our sister Association of Buncombe has pledged itself to raise \$1,200 per annum for six years for the support of two Missionaries. Cannot 30 churches in French Broad Association pay \$6.00 for the support of one Missionary? This means twenty cents for each member of the church per year. This will bring the work directly in contact with ourselves. Our Missionary will keep us in touch with the Heathen, the uniting link. We will know when and how our money is appropriated. Brethren the matter is before you

Your committee recommend the passage of a resolution pledging French Broad Association to the support of one missionary of its own selection.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. WHITE,  
M. S. PROFFIT,  
P. M. HUDGINS,  
Committee.

Prof. White spoke to the adoption of the report.  
Report adopted.

The following resolution was then offered and adopted:  
*Resolved*, That we, the French Broad Baptist Association, pledge ourselves to raise \$600 for the support of

one missionary in the foreign field, of its own selection.

J. E. WHITE.

Interesting speeches were made on the resolution by Revs. T. M. Honeycutt and S. J. Morgan.

Rev. John Ammons offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the second day of the next annual meeting of this Association be devoted to the subject of Missions.

Adopted.

On motion of Prof. W. P. Jervis, this Association gave a unanimous expression in favor of the organization of a Western North Carolina Baptist Sunday School Convention in the early future.

Report on Temperance read by Prof. J. L. Phillips.

Temperance—Your Committee on Temperance respectfully submit this report:

Reaffirming the position of this Association so often heretofore expressed, we feel that there should be no uncertain grounds as to where we stand as a collective body and as individual Churches. As to the use of intoxicating drinks, let us step squarely on the platform—"Touch no, taste not, handle not the unclean thing," and we very earnestly suggest that we raise the standard of our practices as high as that of our theory. Let us see that we teach total abstinence in our families, in our Sunday Schools and in our pulpits; and then if, after being thus taught, our church members persist in tipping with the poisonous stuff, let us exclude them, and show to the world that we practice what we teach. In short, we would say, let us teach and practice total abstinence both in our relationship to Church and State.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. PHILLIPS,  
Z. V. HUNTER,  
Committee.

Brother J. L. Phillips made an interesting talk on the adoption of the report.

Adopted report.

The Moderator called attention of the body to the fact that there had been no correspondents appointed to Sister Associations, on motion of Rev. T. M. Honeycutt all brethren attending any of the sister Associations be considered delegates.

On motion of Rev. John Ammons the Moderator was directed to appoint delegates to the W. N. C. B. Convention, which meets at Waynesville, N. C., commencing Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1891. He proceeded to appoint the following: Revs. John Ammons, T. M. Honeycutt, M. S. Proffit, J. M. Ammons, and Brother J. E. Tilson.

RESOLUTION.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he have the usual fee (\$10) for his services.

W. P. JERVIS.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered, to Walnut Creek Church and community for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members during this session. The Committee on Time and Programme of the meeting in the interest of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville on the 1st of May, report as follows: Place—Grapevine Church, Madison County, N. C., eight miles north of Marshall. Programme—

MORNING.

10 A. M.—Address by Rev. J. M. Ammons on the plans of the Orphan Work.

11 A. M.—Sermon on Missions by Rev. T. M. Honeycutt. Alternate, Dr. Jesse Wallin.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. J. E. White, Prof. W. P. Jervis, P. M. Hudgins, and J. Q. Tilson are requested to speak on the general Orphanage Work. The Grapevine Choir will render music for the occasion, and the community is requested to prepare and have dinner on the grounds.

This meeting will be entirely for the purpose of helping the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville. A committee will be appointed at that time to receive any and all donations the brethren may be desirous of giving, either in money, clothing or provisions. We hope all will come prepared to give something. All the Churches are requested to appoint delegates.

JESSE WALLIN,  
T. M. HONEYCUTT,  
J. B. SAMS,  
Committee.

On motion adjourned, to meet on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1892, with Mars Hill Church, Madison County, N. C. Sang Doxology. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Speight.

REV. J. A. BRADLEY, Moderator, Marshall, N. C.  
W. C. SPRINKLE, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1891.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Salary.	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Total Increase.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total Deceased.	Total.	Missions.	For Minutes.
Marshall	J. A. Bradley	100 00	40	7	3	50	7	3	1	10	37	2 58	1 35
Mars Hill	T. M. Honeycutt	150 00	10	10	1	30	1	1	1	1	227	21 51	2 50
Madison Seminary	J. A. Bradley	75 00	18	13	1	32	1	5	4	10	73	13 85	1 75
Laurel Branch	J. M. Ammons	44 00	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	167	2 43	1 50
Walnut Creek	S. Wallin	50 00	7	4	5	11	2	16	1	23	170	5 07	1 08
Big Laurel	C. C. Metcalf	75 00	12	12	5	30	3	17	3	13	213	5 86	1 70
Little Ivy	T. M. Honeycutt	50 00	1	2	2	5	0	0	0	10	87	2 55	1 05
Grapevine	M. S. Proffit	60 00	1	5	3	9	0	0	0	8	100	3 73	2 00
French Broad	J. A. Bradley	50 00	1	2	2	5	0	17	2	25	100	3 73	1 15
East Fork	A. J. Sprinkle	16 80	1	2	2	5	0	0	0	11	237	37 43	2 00
Flint Pond	T. M. Honeycutt	100 00	8	12	1	21	6	3	3	11	113	2 34	2 00
Hull Creek	A. J. Sprinkle	50 00	8	11	3	22	2	3	3	11	97	2 30	2 00
Cedar Branch	W. A. Sams	40 00	8	10	2	20	4	1	4	6	88	6 75	1 40
Rooster's Creek	A. J. Sprinkle	60 00	6	4	4	14	1	1	3	9	88	5 10	1 25
Gabriel's Creek	J. M. Ammons	60 00	6	6	6	18	5	2	4	6	75	3 05	1 10
Terry's Fork	H. W. Briggs	60 00	34	2	2	38	2	4	6	6	62	90	1 60
Calhoun's Creek	W. T. Bradley	60 00	2	2	1	5	1	2	2	6	20	25	2 50
Terry's Fork	T. M. Honeycutt	60 00	2	2	2	6	2	4	4	6	20	20	59
Lower Walnut Creek	J. A. Bradley	75 00	2	2	1	5	1	2	2	6	20	20	80
Pleasant Hill	W. C. Nelson												
Shallow Ford	W. A. Sams												
Union Valley	Joseph Lewis												
Total		1065 30	154	103	30	377 117	70	29	212	351	111 84	39 43	

