## One Hundred Seventh Annual Session Brier Creek Baptist Association

## PROCEEDINGS

Union Church, October 4, 1928.

The Brier Creek Association met in regular session according to appointment and heard the introductory sermon by Rev. W. G. Mitchell from the text, found in Luke 10:42, "One thing is needful."

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Our Moderator having died since last session, the Association was called to order by the Clerk, and Rev. J. W. Rash Iras asked to preside as Moderator, pro tem. Prayer by 에. C. Teague. Letters were received and messengers from ज⿹\zh26灬che various churches were enrolled, as follows:

Antioch-C. F. Foster, G. H. Staley, Simon Curry, A. G. Segraves. Bethel-Colonel Green, N. E. Burchette, T. N. Green, Don S. Gilliam. Brier Creek-G. W. Sale, Worth Sale, W. A. Bentley, W. H. Pardue. Cranberry-C. A. Sparks, J. A. Wood, J. L. Masten, R. L. Sale.
Dennyville-J. T. Redding, Wade Walker, Alvin Welborn, J. F. Walker.

Fall Creek-M. J. Bryant, John L. Bray, A. H. Bryant, Roy Benton. Fishing Creek-T. C. Foster, B. O. Glass, B. G. Combs, N. Williams. Grassy Knob-H. N. Lonsford, Lee Mitchell, Clinty Jarvis, Jonah Rash.

Ham's Grove-J. E. Davis, S. R. Wilson, A. H. Wilson, R. W. Dobson. Hebron-J. E. Hendren, C. A. Johnson, Daniel Shoemaker, Ed Taylor.

Holly Springs-D. T. Binkley, W. G. Hayes, C. C. Tharpe, A. H. Shaver.

Hunting Creek-G. H. Hayes, H. F. Hayes, W. M. Moore, J. W. Johnson.

Lewis-N. C. Lewis, B. C. Souther, R. M. Hollar, A. K. Baity. Mt. Pisgah-J. P. McCarter, N. M. Felts, W. H. McCarter, S. C. Davis.

Mt. Sinai-W. A. Johnson, J. R. Anderson, J. N. Hendren, P. L. Henderson.

Mountain View-T. Y. Inscore, C. J. Johnson, J. W. Wright, Turner Privette.

Mt. Vernon-S. T. Goforth, D. J. Pharr, E. L. Shaver, Spurgeon Brown.

New Hope-J. W. Moore, M. Davis, John Canter.
New Prospect-Spencer Sprinkle, James E. Sprinkle, Rufus Lloyd, Mac Godfrey.

Oak Forest-Not represented.
Oak Grove-R. A. Dobbins, C. A. Pardue, J. A. Chipman, J. H Pleasant Grove-J. R. Pardue, R. H. Green, J. A. Caudle, W. B Mathis.
Pleasant View-Noah Hursey, Dollie Stroud, P. L. Cartner, Thomas Towell.
Roaring River-T. J. McNeil, J. B. Hutchens, A. T. Church, B. C Jordan.

Ronda-R. R. Crater, G. W. Curry, A. M. Blackburn, J. T. Martin Rocky Hill-W. I. Jolly, W. A. Campbell, G. H. Jolly, E. M. Jolly Shady Grove-J. E. Goforth, G. E. Robinette, S. A. Mitchell, W. P. Robins.
Madison-E. K Wooten, Chester Myers, J. P. Henderson, R. P. Madison
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Swan Creek-L. W. Weatherman, Ed Foster, C. A. Myers, William Bell.
Sweet Home-Jesse Souther, H. C. Norman, W. F. Henderson W. F. Lawrence.

Union-S. G. Crater, W. F. Rash, J. W. Robbins, J. W. Casey Zion-Claude Howard, W. M. Parks, E. M. Sale, E. A. Windsor.
A brief memorial service was held for our late Moderator, The audience stood in silent tribute to his memory, and in appreciation for his service to the Association. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. C. Holland. An obituary was read, and tributes were paid by Guss Myers, M. Walker, J. N. Brinkley and N. T. Jarvis

The Association was organized for business by the election by ballot of N. T. Jarvis, Moderator, and S. G. Crater, Clerk On motion by N. M. Felts the Association re-asserted it allegiance to our missionaries-Rev. T. L. Blalock in the foreign field, and Rev. H. A. Roshto in the home field.

Correspondents and visitors from sister associations were invited to sit with us. L. T. Younger, of the Alexander Association; J. W. Rash and L. D. Ballard, of the South Yadkin Association; W. V. Brown and C. J. Hambricks, of the Yadkin Association; C. C. Holland, of the Brushy Mountain Association; R. R. Crater, of the Elkin Association J. A. McKaughan, representing the Biblical Recorder the Thomasville Orphanage; Dr. I. M. Mercer, of the Baptist State Convention; and D. C. Thompson, of the Alexande Association presented themselves and were welcomed by the Moderator.

## Correspondents Reported

J. L. Bray, I. W. Vestal, J. F. Walker, and N. T. Jarvis reported a pleasant visit to the Yadkin Association; N. T. Jarvis attended the Brushy Mountain and reported a good
session.

Vacancies on the various committees were filled as follows:
Hospitals-J. L. Bray.
Orphanage-J. N. Binkley
Finance-C. C. Tharpe.
Nominating Committee-T. J. McNeil, L. M. Jarvis, C. C. Holland.
Correspondents Appointed
I. W. Vestal will attend the Yadkin Association, G. E. Robinette and T. J. McNeil, the Brushy Mountain Association, and D. J. Pharr and G. D. White, the Alexander.

A motion by N. M. Felts, that the rule of attendance be enforced to the effect that no member may abruptly leave the sessions without consent of the Association, was adopted.

By agreement J. A. McKaughan was given opportunity to present the cause of the Biblical Recorder at this time.

## REPORT ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES

W. F. Lawrance will conduct prayer services tomorrow morning at nine-thirty, and G. D. White will preach at eleven o'elock.

On motion the Association will meet for worship at ninethirty, for business at ten, recess for preaching at eleven convene at one and adjourn at will.

Adjourned. Prayer by N. M. Felts.

## FRIDAY MORNING

In the absence of W. F. Lawrence, who was appointed to lead the devotional service, Rev. N. T. Jarvis took charge of the morning worship.

The Association was called to order, and prayer was offered by N. C. Teague. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Upon call of the Moderator, Mt. Vernon letter was presented and read to the Association.

On invitation Dr. Charles E. Brewer, of Meredith, came forward and was welcomed by the Moderator.

## REPORT ON HOSPITALS

"And Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing ale. And the disease and all manner of sickness among the peope. Anto him all that were sick, holden with divers diseases and torments, possessed with demons, and epileptic and palsied; and he healed them." Matt. 4:23-25.

Thus we see by the actions of the Master while he was on earth that the afflictions of the body as well as the sin-sick soul appealed to his sympathies, and every appeal to him met a sympathetic response, whether physical or spiritual.
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The prime business of the Baptists of North Carolina is to carry the message of salvation to those who are lost, and then to teach those who have been saved how best to serve the most high teach Service is what God, the Father, rewards his children for, and minis -I wervice of the Master, for se said was sick and ye visited me."
perated by the hospital at Winston-Salem, an institution owned and each year those who ack of means to can be taken to procure medical or surgical aid. These needy case means. Therefore your only as we support the institution with our and liberally to this cause, and that Day, in each Sunday School, for the anfering be taken on Mothers
charity patients.
J. L. BRAY.

After discussion by J. L. Bray, N. C. Teague, W V Brown, and Dr. I. M. Mercer, the report was adopted.

## ORPHANAGE REPORT

The last annual report on a home, only it is many times multiplied were at the Kennedy hildren, making in all 900 will mothers there were aided 282 On account of shortage of funds feared for
wer were cared for by mother's Some six ar ago.
no more could be hundred were turned away for lack of room, and For 43 years this stream of children for lack of funds.
passing on out into life with added preparation foen coming in and That they be fitted and fortified for real living is the struggle there, oncern. Our infirmary with a trained nurse and skilled physichef farm, dairy a moment's call, look after the health; our housekeeping, to their hands ; religious hands; a standard school looks after their minds; and the religious life led by Pastor E. N. Gardner, also a teacher of the There is a painful d
pplications for help and the contributions the number of pressing not as badly in debt as the contributions coming in. So far we are butions are far below our expenditures, ago at this time, but contri-

Again every Baptist Sunday Schol is
once a month. In some schools single classes sumake a contribution ber the Thanksgiving offering measured by support a child. Rememas an expression of gratitude and thus enable the work or income its work. We would encourage a club of Charity orphanage to do every school, 60 cents a copy in clubs of ten or more to Children in It is one dollar to a single subscriber. We ask that a to one address. representative be appointed to aid the institution in Orphanage

The Association adopted this report after it was discussed by J. B. Ray, J. A. McKaughan, and N. T. Jarvis

The Association recessed for preaching. Sermon by Dr. I. M. Mercer from the text: "Whom we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: whereunto I also labor, striving according to his workings which worketh in me mightily,'

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer was offered by L. D. Ballard. The letter from Dennyville church was presented and read.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS
This is a day of papers and periodicals of all kinds; this is an age in which people are seeking to be informed along all lines. No ommunity can hope to be informed unless it is a reading community t is sad to note that a few people among us are still depending upon second hand information in the face of the fact that almost papers and weekly and monthly magazines are offered to the public at a very low rate. We believe that as a whole our people are ecoming a reading people. It is important that we read the secular papers in order to be well informed in political and commercial matters. How much more important it is that we read the religious papers that we may be informed on matters pertaining to the Kingdom of God. We would urge that our people be very careful about what we and our children read. We would recommend the Biblical Recorder, Fore-Runner, and Charity and Children.

## GUSS MYERS,

N. C. TEAGUE.

This report was discussed by N. C. Teague, Guss Myers, J. B. Ray, J. L. Bray, N. T. Jarvis, and N. Hayes, and was adopted by the Association

## REPORT ON EDUCATION

Denominational education spreads the denomination's influence and increases its membership. Years ago the Baptist denomination divided on the question of chureh schools-one group being against any denominational schools. That branch of the church has never grown ither in service or numbers.
The Missionary Baptists of North Carolina have about three thouand young men and women in our own schools, being taught by three thousand young people we Baptists have invested approximately six millions of dollars, and we of the Brier Creek Association are owners-along with our brothers-of these great institutions-probably the greatest single influence for good in the state
The Baptist Centennial Campaign in North Carolina represents a hundred years of church progress. The funds being collected will go for permanent improvements, buildings and equipment for the cause of education among our own people.

Many of the state's greatest leaders in political, social, moral, and spiritual life are products of our own schools. Our schools and colleges, therefore, merit our patronage, our money, and our prayers. S. G. ERATER,
J. M. WRIGHT.

After remarks by S. G. Crater, Dr. Charles E. Brewer, C. C. Holland, and N. C. Teague the report was adopted. On call from the Moderator, messengers from the Ronda Baptist Church came forward bearing a letter of dismission from the Elkin Association, and asked for admission to our body. The church was received by a unanimous vote of the Association, and the Moderator extended a fellowship greeting to the messengers.

## REPORT ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES

J. W. Rash will preach tonight at seven o'clock, N. M. Felts will conduct devotional service tomorrow morning, and N. C. Teague will preach at eleven o'clock

Adjourned. Prayer by J. B. Ray.

## SATURDAY MORNING

Prayer service was conducted by N. M. Felts, after which the Association was convened for business. Prayer by Guss Myers. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

REPORT ON PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS
The relation between pastor and church ought to be maternal, tender. The true pastor has the good of his church heavily on his heart, to keep them in union and harmony, to indoctrinate and show than to know that he has the love and confidence of his flock more may he know this? It is evidenced by their attendance flock. How striving for peace, being burdened for lost souls, and willingness to make sacrifice to help preach the gospel at home and abroad are some of the characteristics of a good church member.

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After discussion of this report by N. M. Felts, S. F Goforth, J. B. Ray, G. E. Robinette, and others, it was adopted by the Association.

By special request J. A. McKaughan was given time to discuss Home Missions before the preaching hour. Adjourned for preaching. Sermon by N. C. Teague on the parable of the Ten Virgins.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Association was convened with prayer, led by J. W. Rash.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

## Garner

Rev. R. N. Garner was born May 20, 1860, and died January 16, Rev. R. N. Garner was born ars time to Miss Mary Ann Staley, ho was the mother of three children, and the second time to Miss Laetitia Martin.

At about the age of twenty-eight Brother Garner professed faith n Christ and joined the church at Hunting Creek; soon thereafter he was ordained a deacon. On July 2, 1910, he was ordained to the public ministry of the Gospel, and served ably as preacher and pastor, optizing 522 persons of this Association, being elected to that place in eats as 1900 . As a presiding officer he had few being always patient, impartial, and unbiased.
He loved his people, and was himself highly esteemed by all who new him, but most of all he loved his Lord. We believe he could have said, in the language of Paul: "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith."

## Felts

Elisha Reynolds Felts was born January 15, 1846, and died June 17, 1927. He is survived by his wife and six children. He professed faith in Christ in young manhood, joined Pleasant Grove church, and soon after, in 1874, was ordained a deacon, which office he filled till his leath. Upon the organization of Roaring River church in 1908, he transferred his membe
Brother Felts was faithful in his home, church, and community. is long service as deacon, 53 years, was a great contribution to the cause of the Master. He was always a faithful attendant of the Brier Creek Association. We miss him, but hope to meet him "in the sweet by and by."

## Weatherman

Rev. John G. Weatherman was born in the year 1850, and died May 7, 1927. He was a man of strong personality, and was loved by all with whom he came in contact. At one time or another he served as pastor of most of the churches of this Association, serving Hebron chureh continuously for twenty years. During his ministry he baptized more than 2,500 persons.
He was always cheerful, always ready to lift up the down-trodden and lend aid to any one in distress. He was a loving husband and father, and a faithful minister. His passing has left a place vacant that can never be filled.

## Ladd

Martin Ladd was born May 10, 1884, and died June 23, 1928. In 1919 he professed faith in Christ and joined Sweet Home church, and soon afterwards was ordained deacon. He served faithfully and well in this capacity till his death. We feel that our loss is his gain.

## Putnam

Sidney Putnam, a licensed minister, and a good faithful member Sweet Home church, died October 11, 1927

## Pinnix

Martin Pinnix was born September 8, 1839; he died October 1, 1927 In early life he joined Swan Creek Baptist church, and was made a deacon there March 3, 1888. He gave himself freely to this service and was always true and faithful to his church. He will be missed in

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The report of the Committee on Obituaries was received and ordered spread upon the Minutes.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Mattie Staley
A. Mathis

Mrs. M. E. Mathi
James Johnson
Miss Sarah Rose
Mrs. Huldah Cockerham
A. I. Tharpe

Mrs. Hester Byrd
Mrs. J. M. Snow
Mrs. John Lundy
Mrs. Dock, Myers
T. V. Bell

Mrs. J. Marlow
Mrs. E. R. Souther
Miss Tiny Marlow
Rev. R. N. Garner
Miss Eliza J McCarter
Miss Grace Goforth
Toy Sloan
Mrs. M. L. Holland
Mrs. M. J. Reddick
Mrs. Caroline Speece
Mrs. Louise Holland

Mrs. Bettie Jordan Rev. J. G. Weatherman H. Garris
J. F. Duncan

Mrs. Mard Mrs. Matilda Harris S. E. Harris Mrs. Margaret Mayberry Mrs. Martha Sale Miss Emily Ann Robbins Martin Pinnix
Miss Nannie Adams Mrs. Louisa Hemric Mrs. A. H. Money Gurney Sparks R. S. Putnam Martin Ladd John Everidge Turner Sal J. A. Whitlock Elza Brown Mrs. Clement Mrs. Clementine Mullis Mrs. Mary Welb

## REPORT ON MISSIONS

The spirit of missions had its origin with God, and is the fruits of love., "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son to die.' John $3: 16$. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not, but as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God." John 1:11-12. "And other sheep I have which are
not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." John $10: 16$. The last commission given by our risen Lord and Master, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, is in full force today. The mission was to begin at Jerusalem after the arrival of the Holy Spirit; the extent is to every creature in all the nations, with the promise, "Lo, I am with you always, evisionary. "As thou her world." John 17:18.

Our task is great. There are approximately $9,100,000$ Baptists in the United States, and about $11,369,000$ in the entire world, with more than a billion non-Christians. With a burning zeal for the salvation of this vast multitude, and with a love that will overshadow all strife and discord, let us go to the work assigned us by our Lord.
N. T. JARVIS,
C. C. HOLLAND

This report was discussed by N. T. Jarvis, Dr. I. M. Mercer, J. B. Ray, and Guss Myers, and was adopted by the Association.

## REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE

We recommend that the Association meet on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1929, with the church at Pleasant View, and that J. W. Moore preach the introductory sermon; W. F. Lawrence, alternate.

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An amendment to this report was offered, changing the time of meeting back to Thursday, but it failed to carry, and the report of the committee was adopted by the Association.

On motion N. T. Jarvis and T. J. McNeil were re-elected to the Board of Trustees of Mountain View Institute.
S. T. Goforth, J. M. Crater, J. E. Hendren were appointed as members of the Executive Committee of this Association.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

| Pastors' Support | 3,160.63 |
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| Ministerial Help and Supply | 4.00 |
| Building and Repairs | 1,742.00 |
| Incidentals | 167.30 |
| Literature for Sunday Schools | 211.25 |
| Help for Local Poor | 97.13 |
| Minute Fund | 59.15 |
| Other Objects | 98.77 |
| Co-operative Program | 47.24 |
| State Missions | 10.41 |
| Home Missions | 31.55 |
| Foreign Missions | 169.33 |
| Ministerial Education | 11. |



Total

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash received from Finance Committee ....................... $\$ 164.48$


Printing
15.30

Clerk 53.00 6.15

## $\$ 164.48$

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Religious Exercises-J. M. Crater with pastor and messengers of
Pleasant View Church.
Friday
$9: 30-$ Devotional Service, D. C. Thompson
10:00-Organization.
$10: 30$-Report of Committee on Constitution and Rules of Decorum. $10: b 5$-Report of Special Committee on Church Rules of
11:00-Introductory Sermon.
11:45-Orphanage, Guss Myers, J. B. Ray
12:30-Intermission
12:30-Intermission.
1:30-Hospital, G. E. Robinette, I. W. Vestal.
2:00-Digest of Church Letters
2:00-Digest of Church Letters-S. G. Crater, N. C. Teague.
2:15-Missions, N. C. Teague, J. M. Wright
3:00-Education, S. G. Crater, O. T. Bright

9:30-Devotional.
Saturday
20.0. Periodicals, R. R. Crater, G. D. White

10:30-Condition of Churches, and Disciplinary Practices
11:45-Theological Schools, N. M. Felts, J. W. Rash
12:15-Intermission.
1:30-Obituaries, and Memorial Service, W. G. Mitchell, W. L.
Jehnson. 2:00-Finance, J. E. Hendren, R. H. Green
2:15-Resolutionis, J. W. Robbins, J. P. McCarter.
2:25-Time and Place, N. C. Lewis, John L. Bray.
2:30-Miscellaneous.

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## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Resolved, that we tender our thanks to the people of Union church
and the community for their splendid hospitality. That we, the Brier Creek Association,
think seriously on the present and future welfare of the rising gen
eration, and declare for the maintenance and upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom here on earth.

## M. WALKER,

W. L. JOHNSON

This report was adopted without discussion.
A motion that a committee be appointed to study the Constitution and Rules of Decorum with a view of clarifying certain sections prevailed, and the Moderator named S. G. Crater, T. J. MeNeil, and J. B. Ray as members of the committee to report at the next session of the Association

A report that some of the churches were allowing their members to walk disorderly without disciplinary action being taken having reached the floor of the Association, a motion was made that a committee be appointed to investigate such reports and bring their findings before this body. The motion prevailed, and J. W. Robbins and N. T. Jarvis constitute the committee.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to have the usual number of Minutes printed, and be allowed the usual fee for his services

Adjourned. Prayer by Dr. I. M. Mercer.
Note: Sweet Home Church, through an error, was not credited in 928 minutes with $\$ 5.30$ which she had contributed to the orphanage.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION The Sunday School Convention of the Brier Creek Association the congregation, the opening expercisuly 28, 1928. After singing met The convention was called to order were conducted by N. M. Felts the ensuing year, Guss Myers being elected Chairman were elected for Secretary. The Chairman announced Chairman and J. T. Redding Program-S. F. Goforth, N. T. Jarvis.
Time and Place-L. M. Jarvis, John An
Resolutions-G. E. Robinette, D. Jarvis
Binkley; text, Luke $9: 23$.
The afternoon session Afternoon prayer led by J. G. Horne. The following by the congregation, and How Can We Enlist a Larger Percentage of Chere discussed : in Sunday Schools. Speakers were W. V. Brown, S. Fhurch Members harpe, L. D. Ballard, N. T. Jarvis, and T. J. MeNeil Goforth, C. C. T. Binkley.

信 Teach More Liberal Giving? -N. T. Jarvis, W. V. Browhould We Not We all agree that active work makvis, W. V. Brown, J. W. Rash and plans for enlisting workers.-J. G. Hornehurch. Discuss means Ballard.

## Sunday Morning

After opening exercises consisting
vention adjourned for preaching. Sermon by and prayer, the con-

## Time and Place

The next session of the convention will be held with Cranberry
Threh, June 29, 1929.

## Program for Next Convention

## Saturday Morning

10:00-Devotional, N. M. Felts.
10:30-Name and Discuss Some of the Greatest Needs of the Country 11:00-Sermon, J. M. Wright.
12:00-Intermission.
Should Sunday Schools use graded literature? If not, why?
J. L. Bray, O. T. Binkley.
School, and how can we failure of children to attend Sund McCarter.
What is the duty of the pastor toward the Sunday School?
Guss Myers, N. T. Jarvis.
Sunday Morning

Devotional service by W. G. Mitchell.
Round Table Discussion led by Guss Myers. Sermon by O. T. Binkley

GUSS MYERS, Chairman
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