

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION**  
OF THE  
**BRUSHY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION**

HELD WITH  
**HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**AUGUST 22, 23 and 24, 1924.**

**C. C. WRIGHT, Moderator**

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## HISTORICAL

The Lewis Fork Association held a convention in April, 1835, and organized in 1836. This association convened at Lewis Fork church, in Wilkes County. Elder Philip Powell preached the Introductory Sermon, Smith Ferguson was elected moderator and John Carlton, clerk. There were seven churches that went into this organization. The seven churches combined had only 496 members. The names of the seven churches that went into the organization were: Lewis Fork, Beaver Creek, Lower Creek, Antioch, Zion Hill, New Hope and Yadkin. Other churches joined this body from time to time until there were about 40 in 1853.

The Lewis Fork Association was disturbed on the Temperance issue and divided into three parts in 1853. The associations were named, Lewis Fork, Lower Creek, and Taylorsville. Harmony was restored in 1859 and the three bodies having become Missionary by adopting the objects of the State Baptist Convention in 1857 reunited under the name of the United Baptist Association in 1860. This continued to the year 1862, when the Stony Fork Association organized and drew six of its churches to the new body. The following year eight of the remaining churches withdrew and reorganized the Lewis Fork Association. In 1871 the reunion of these two bodies was effected and in 1872 the Brushy Mountain Association was formed.

We have no data of the Lewis Fork Association from 1859 to 1868. The history seems to be lost.

I wish some brethren who have them would send me minutes of this association from 1859 to 1868. If I had them I could write a more complete history of the association than I can with the information I have. In 1868 the Lewis Fork Association was held at Beaver Creek church. Elder William Pool was moderator and Peter Eller was clerk. The ordained ministers attending that association were, Samuel Smith, R. L. Steel, Joel Brown and W. C. Meadows. In 1871 it was held with Pilgrim church, Elder William Pool was moderator and David Downs was clerk. In 1870 the United Baptist Association was held at Cub Creek church. It appointed the clerk, Rev. G. D. Sherrill, to write a letter of correspondence to the Lewis Fork Association, proposing a union of the two bodies. The letter was received by the Lewis Fork Association at Pilgrim church in 1871, and took into consideration the resolutions of the United Baptist Association with reference to consolidation. The proposition was agreed to, and the body appointed Friday before the 4th Sunday in November, 1871, to meet in convention at the Three Forks of Little River Meeting House. The churches were advised to send one delegate from each church to said convention and the United Baptist Association was requested to do the same.

At this convention, (Nov. 1871), The Brushy Mountain Association was organized and held its first session at Sulphur Springs Baptist church in 1872. At this session R. L. Steel was moderator

and G. D. Sherrill was clerk. In 1873 it was held at New Hope church, R. L. Steel moderator and J. B. Pool clerk. In 1874 it was held at Three Forks church with the same moderator and clerk. In 1875 it was held at Buffalo. In 1876 at Oak Forest. In 1877 at Union. In 1878 at Lewis Fork, R. L. Steel served as moderator seven years. In 1879 it was held at Antioch, Isaac Oxford was moderator. In 1880 it was held at Bethel, R. A. Spainhour was moderator. In 1881 at Cub Creek. In 1882 at Macedonia. In 1883 at Kings Creek. In 1884 at Three Forks. In 1885 at Zion Hill. In 1886 at Sulphur Springs. In 1887 at Wilkesboro. In 1888 at Walnut Grove. In 1889 at Mount Pleasant. In 1890 at Little Rock. In 1891 at Mount Carmel. In 1892 at Moravian Falls. In 1893 at Pleasant Home. In 1894 at North Wilkesboro. In 1895 at New Hope. In 1896 at Mount Zion. In 1897 at Edgewood. In 1898 at Beaver Creek. In 1899 at Lewis Fork. In 1900 at Zion Hill.

This Association was organized fifty-one years ago. It has made progress from the beginning. In 1885 there were 36 churches in the association. Ten of these churches were granted letters of dismission to join other associations. There are now twenty-six churches in the body with a membership of 3,800.

The following is a list of the moderators with the number of years served, viz: R. L. Steel 7, Isaac Oxford 1, R. A. Spainhour 15, J. L. Hemphill 6, W. M. Absher 2, I. T. Prevette 1, C. C. Wright 20.

The following is a list of the secretaries with the years served: G. D. Sherrill 1, J. B. Pool 10, W. E. White 4, W. P. Laws 1, J. L. Hemphill 1, John Crouch 1, W. R. Edwards 2, R. P. Blevins 1, W. H. Church 6, R. L. Proffit 6, V. McGhinnis 18.

### LIST OF DELEGATES

Beaver Creek—G. H. Walker, A. J. Gould, Thomas Marley.

Cub Creek—James Lankford, W. S. Smithey, J. L. Hemphill.

Edgewood—A. G. Hendren, C. G. Glass, J. W. Moore.

Fishing Creek—R. L. Wellborn, Quint Johnson, S. S. Jarvis.

Gordon—G. L. Canter, Everett Parsons, Will Carson.

Goshen—R. L. Proffit, T. F. Walsh, D. K. Greene.

Harmony—L. T. Barnard, Obe Martin, H. W. Mahaffey.

Lewis Fork—D. F. Sheppard, Conrad Jones, J. R. Triplett.

Little Rock—I. J. Broyhill, N. C. Andrews, S. M. Knight.

Moravian Falls—R. L. Earp, H. J. Steelman, E. M. Parlier.

Mount Carmel—

Mount Pleasant—H. I. Shomaker, W. G. Foster, A. G. Foster.

Mount Zion—Richard Wooten, G. F. Barnett, G. D. Wellborn.

New Hope—A. S. Eller, J. F. Hayes, W. H. Eller.

First North Wilkesboro—Mrs. W. L. Griggs, Miss Flos-  
sie Hendren, R. C. Hendren, E. M. Blackburn, E. E. Eller.  
Second North Wilkesboro—J. W. Wilson, John Ander-  
son, Thomas Hall.

Oak Grove—Green Blackburn, W. N. Alexander, Carey  
Pardue.

Oakwoods—W. T. Stroud, J. T. Jones, I. P. Anderson.  
Pleasant Grove—T. V. Church, W. E. Parsons, Albert

Evans.

Pleasant Home—C. C. Church, W. T. Kilby, W. V. Cau-  
dill.

Pilgrim—F. O. Foster, G. A. Parsons, B. L. Minton.  
Stony Hill—G. W. Walsh, Lee Beshears, W. H. Powell.

Shady Grove—

Walnut Grove—W. A. Jennings, N. C. Craven, R. C.  
Jennings.

Wilkesboro—F. B. Hendren, L. Bumgarner, F. G. Hol-  
man.

Zion Hill—

#### LIST OF COMMITTEES

Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Delegates of Har-  
mony Church.

Executive—W. C. Meadows, M. McNeil, V. McGhinnis,  
W. L. Griggs, A. T. Pardue, W. E. Linney, J. L. Shinn.

Digest of Church Letters—V. McGhinnis, R. L. Proffit,  
I. P. Anderson.

Foreign Missions—J. L. Shinn, G. H. Walker, A. G.  
Hendren.

Home Missions—V. McGhinnis, R. L. Wellborn, G. L.  
Canter.

State Missions—M. McNeil, H. W. Mahaffey, S. M.  
Knight.

Orphanage—W. C. Meadows, H. J. Steelman, R. L.  
Wooten.

Education—J. C. Pow, F. B. Hendren, A. S. Eller.

Ministerial Relief—W. C. Meadows, E. M. Blackburn,  
J. W. Wilson.

Christian Literature—F. B. Hendren, W. L. Griggs, M.  
Alexander.

Temperance—J. L. Shinn, Carey Pardue, W. T. Stroud.

Evangelism—A. T. Pardue, C. C. Church, B. L. Minton.

State of the Church—M. McNeil, U. G. Foster.

Fundamentals—W. L. Griggs, L. T. Barnard, H. I.  
Shoemaker.

Resolutions—W. C. Meadows, W. T. Kilby, L. Bumgar-  
ner.

Enlistment—V. McGhinnis, G. W. Walsh, F. G. Holman.

Time, Place and Preachers—W. A. Jennings, W. T.  
Stroud, J. W. Moore.

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Harmony Baptist Church, August 22, 1924.

The Brushy Mountain Baptist Association met at the morning hour this day with Harmony Baptist Church for devotional services. These services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Meadows. The choir rendered a very beautiful and appropriate song, after which Bro. J. L. Shinn led in prayer. Brother Meadows then read some verses of scripture and gave some wholesome advice to the assembled delegates. After another song by the choir, Brother A. T. Pardue closed the services by prayer. After an intermission of ten minutes the delegates and others reassembled in the house and Dr. W. L. Griggs preached the introductory sermon, using as a text the first and second verses of the 133rd Psalm, which reads as follows, viz: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments." Dr. Griggs's sermon was timely and practical, one of the greatest ever delivered at this association.

After an intermission of one hour for refreshments and recreation, the delegates reassembled in the house and were called to order by Bro. C. C. Wright, the moderator of last year. After the roll call of the churches with the response of delegates from 21 churches, the body proceeded with the annual election of officers. On motion the usual practice of electing the officers by ballot was dispensed with and the moderator and clerk were elected by acclamation. C. C. Wright was reelected moderator and V. McGhinnis was reelected clerk and treasurer.

The following correspondents and visitors were recognized and welcomed to seats in the body, viz: Brother M. A. Huggins, of Raleigh, representing the Board of Education; Brother F. B. Hamrick, representing the Baptist Orphanage; Prof. Story, of the Wilkesboro graded school; Rev. L. B. Murray, of Elkin Association; Revs. R. N. Garner and N. T. Jarvis, of Brier Creek Association; Brethren J. S. Kilby, W. S. Johnson and Prof. Pow, of Stone Mountain Association; Bro. Shinn and family, of Piedmont Association; Rev. W. M. Gilmore, representing State Missions and the Biblical Recorder.

The moderator then announced the different committees as they appear on another page in this minute.

The hour having arrived for the special order of business, the moderator called for the report on

### TEMPERANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Dr. J. L. Shinn read the report on that topic as follows:

Webster's definition of Temperance is, habitual moderation of the appetites and passions. Abstemiousness expresses a greater degree of selfdenial than the word temperance. The Bible definition of temperance is, "The moderate use of all things not hurtful, and the abstaining from all things hurtful." This report, relative to temperance, deals with only one thing used by man, namely, strong drink. God commands the people to let strong drink alone, Luke 21:34, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." Romans 13:13, "Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying."

The results of strong drink: Prov. 23:29, 30, "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babblings? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? they that tarry long at the wine." Prov. 23:32, "At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." The 18th Amendment to the Constitution of our government forbids the making and using strong drink. Laws have been made to carry out the spirit of this amendment. Any one who makes, sells, buys, or gives intoxicants; or aids therein has broken the law. What is law? Law is not a series of action, but the cause or principle from which they proceed, and of which they are the evidence. Law is a rule of action prescribed for the government of rational beings, to which rule they are bound to yield obedience, in default of which they are exposed to punishment. Laws are imperative or mandatory, prohibitory and permissive. Law should be obeyed. It is the duty of each and every citizen to stand by and uphold the law. If the law is broken, then it becomes the duty of each law abiding citizen to use all legitimate means to help bring the offender to the bar of justice. In Wilkes county, the making, selling and using of strong drink and law breaking is the greatest hinderance to a healthy growth of our homes, schools, churches and civic life. Something must be done to bring relief.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. L. SHINN,  
CAREY PARDUE,  
W. T. STROUD,  
Committee.

The report was very ably discussed by J. L. Shinn, J. L. Hemphill, L. B. Murray, N. T. Jarvis and G. W. Walsh.

On motion the report was adopted and the committee discharged.

F. B. Hendren read the report on

### RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Your committee respectfully recommend that Baptist families in this Association take and read the following papers: The Biblical Recorder for general information along denominational lines. It is indispensable to the man or woman who wishes to be posted on the work of the denomination. Charity and Children, a paper at once interesting and fascinating to all members of the family, to be taken in clubs of ten or more at the rate of sixty cents per copy, and distributed in the Sunday School to all families therein represented. The Home and Foreign Fields for those desiring an intimate knowledge of missions.

Respectfully submitted,  
F. B. HENDREN,  
W. L. GRIGGS,  
M. ALEXANDER,  
Committee.

The report was spoken to by F. B. Hendren and others, and adopted and the committee discharged.

W. C. Meadows read the report on

### THE ORPHANAGE

Our Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville has passed its thirty-ninth mile stone. The health of all the children has been good. The work is encouraging. Twenty-one boys and girls were graduated and have gone out to serve and bless humanity. Every department of the work is well cared for by efficient managers, teachers and matrons, through which the children learn habits of obedience, industry and economy, coupled with moral and religious influence, which prepares them for usefulness through life and happiness beyond this life.

Receipts for current funds and special contributions reached to \$194,186.18, which covered all running expenses with a fair surplus on hand. We now have at Thomasville 462 children. At the Kennedy Home 90 boys and girls.

Our mothers aid department in care of Miss Hattie Edwards, has accomplished all that could be hoped for. Seventy-one mothers are being made able to hold their little home together by the timely aid they are receiving from the Orphanage treasury, and three hundred children are kept under their mothers love and care through this agency.

The Orphanage has ever been dear to our people. Let us learn to love it more and more as the years go by.

Nothing reaches the hearts and purses of men as does the cry of a child. Do not forget our motto: "ONE DAY'S WORK" for the orphans at Thanksgiving.

Let our Thanksgiving offering be worthy of Him who said, "In as much as ye did it to one of these little ones, ye did it to me."

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MEADOWS,

H. J. STEELMAN,

R. L. WOOTEN, Committee.

The report was ably and feelingly discussed by W. C. Meadows, F. B. Hamrick, and others. On motion the report was adopted and the committee discharged.

The committee on devotional exercises reported Rev. Milton McNeil to conduct the exercises tomorrow morning at 9:30 A. M.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Saturday, August 23, 1924.

The Association met according to appointment. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. M. McNeil.

At this hour Rev. O. E. Shaver, a Methodist minister who led the singing for the Association, was extended a vote of thanks for the splendid music which he rendered for the body.

The report on

### EDUCATION

was then handed in, which reads as follows, viz:

The life of a nation depends upon its schools; the value of a school depends upon its ideals; the ideals of a school have their highest worth only as they are Christian. It is the duty of the churches to make these ideals dominant in education. To this end North Carolina Baptists have inaugurated a broad and systematic educational program. They are undertaking to maintain in this State one college for men at Wake Forest, and two for women, Meredith, at Raleigh, and Chowan, at Murfreesboro. From last reports, Wake Forest enrolled 845 students, including 8 ministerial students and seven volunteers for the foreign fields. The two women colleges enrolled together 503, including 23 student volunteers. The combined property value of the three, including plants, equipment and endowments, is \$3,865,494.87.

We also maintain two junior colleges for both sexes, Mars Hill, at Mars Hill, and Wingate, at Wingate. These two enrolled 685 pupils, including 64 ministerial students, and 20 student volunteers. Their property value was \$340,000.00.

Our three high schools are Buie's Creek, Boiling Springs, and Liberty-Piedmont, enrolling 1121 pupils, including 48 ministerial students and 8 student volunteers. Their property value is \$431,000.00.

We also have 100 high school students in the Thomasville Orphanage.

So the Baptist high schools and colleges in this State owned and controlled by Associations and the State Convention, enrolled 3,254

students, including 193 ministerial students and 58 mission volunteers, and own property worth \$4,336,494.87.

In addition to these institutions, our Home Mission Board, in Atlanta, maintains 7 high schools, which enrolled 1196 pupils, and are worth \$340,850.00. Their student bodies include 35 ministerial students and 44 student volunteers. So the total number of students enrolled in our North Carolina Baptist schools was 4,450 with 228 ministerial students and 102 student volunteers, and their total property value was \$4,977,344.87.

Southwide institutions in which we have a part includes the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Ky; the Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans. These institutions altogether enrolled 1613 pupils and their property is valued at \$3,929,404.34. It is for the maintenance of these institutions that our Education Board is laboring.

While the \$5,000,000.00, in round numbers, which we have invested in school property in this State seems a large sum, it is small in comparison with the many millions invested in State schools; and the few thousands which we raise annually for our schools is a trifling sum when compared with the State's annual appropriations to her high schools, colleges and university. In addition to maintaining these institutions themselves, we are helping to support our 330 young ministerial and missionary students which are being trained in them, on these we expend about \$14,000 a year.

The necessity for maintaining our schools, great as it has been in the past, must increase rather than diminish for the future.

1st. Because our institutions must be kept in the front rank, along with those of the State in the cultural training that they give, or we cannot hope to keep our Baptist boys and girls in our schools.

2nd. Heretofore, practically nine-tenths of our educated ministers and missionaries have come out of our Baptist institutions; and in the nature of the case, these still must be trained in our schools or no where. Moreover, the State is rapidly enlarging and strengthening her educational program, and compelling all her children to be educated. This, of course, means a much more intelligent membership in our churches, and that we must educate a still larger proportion of our ministers and leaders; for an educated membership will demand an educated leadership.

3rd. Because of the tendency of some students of science to attack the Bible from the standpoint of science, we must train our God-fearing men and women to meet these scientists on their own ground, and while pursuing all knowledge in all realms, to relate all knowledge and all science to God Almighty. In our schools the Bible is revered and taught as the inspired word of God, and the study of it is required of all.

4th. The denominational school emphasizes not only the religious spirit but the denominational principles as well; and thus they

help to enlighten their students in respect to our distinctive doctrines, and also to enlist them loyally in our Baptist enterprises.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. POW,

F. B. HENDREN,

A. S. ELLER, Committee.

The report was spoken to by J. C. Pow, F. B. Hendren and others. On motion the report was adopted and the committee discharged.

M. McNeil read the report on

### STATE MISSIONS

Your committee on State Missions beg leave to make the following report:

The Baptist State Mission convention was contrived in the consecrated brain of Martin Ross. The convention was organized at Greenville, N. C., March 26th, 1830. A board of directors was appointed at that meeting. Our information is, when the convention was organized there were only 15,000 Baptist in the State, white and colored. Now there are 340,000 white Baptist and 230,000 colored Baptist, making a total of 570,000 out of a population of 3,500,000.

There have been 100,000 Baptists, we are informed, baptized and added to our Baptist churches in North Carolina since 1919.

The financial achievement in their contributions during the past four years of the 75-Million campaign, has been great.

The Baptist of the State have paid the following named amounts on the 75-Million campaign each year:

First year .....	\$1,426,629.54
Second year .....	1,281,742.58
Third year .....	950,442.27
Fourth year .....	795,441.06

State Missions only get 13 cents out of the dollar. In the year 1925 the State Missions are to get 20 cents out of every dollar collected. With this increase we ought to enlarge our State Mission program. We, your committee, urge all the Baptist churches in the Brushy Mountain Association to pay the balance on the 75-Million campaign, and to contribute all they can in the 1925 program for State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

MILTON McNEIL,

H. W. MAHAFFEY, Committee.

The report was discussed by a number of the brethren and on motion was adopted and the committee discharged.

The report on Home Missions not being ready at the time set for it on the program, the clerk was instructed by the other committee to write the report on that topic and insert in the proper place in the minutes, which he did as follows:

### HOME MISSIONS

It is said that the Home Mission Board is the only great interstate missionary organization of Southern Baptist. Its work is largely co-operative in connection with various State Mission agencies. It thus forms a board of union, and has probably been the greatest force among Southern Baptist for the unification of our denomination.

Through this way Southern Baptist in the largest way make it possible for the strong to help the weak. The principal work of the Board is, therefore, in the weaker states of the Mississippi valley and Western states of our territory. Yet the changes in our industrial and business life, and in the cities and country side of the older States, are so great that increasing attention must be given to the needs in the older sections.

The problem in the cities of the South is growing acute in many places like Birmingham, St. Louis, New Orleans and Memphis. The Home Mission Board is helping to solve this problem and to meet the demands as rapidly as funds will justify.

Evangelistic campaigns by the Evangelistic Department of the Home Mission Board are proving to be a mighty factor in the evangelization of the cities.

An opposite problem is presented in the changing conditions of country life, where we must go with greater forces of men and money. In the country lies the greatest numerical strength of Southern Baptist, and yet there is found our greatest weakness in point of efficiency.

Through the missionary and enlistment forces of the Home Mission Board much is being done to conserve our vast host of country Baptist and to enlist them in our denominational work.

Evangelism, enlightenment, and enlistment form the keynote of the work of the Home Mission Board. During the four years of the campaign period and through its co-operative work an average of (according to the latest data we have at hand), 1,495 missionaries and reports for that period 134,832 baptisms, 218,371 additions to the churches, 2,276 Sunday Schools and 759 churches organized, 1,409 houses of worship built or repaired, and 9,523 volunteers for special Christian service. In addition to its work along evangelistic and enlistment lines, the Home Board reports the completion of its \$1,000,000 Church Building Loan Fund, launching of an encouraging work among the Jews, establishment at Jacksonville, Fla., of the Seamen's Institute, vast improvement in 38 mountain mission schools with more than 6000 pupils, establishment at El Paso of a modern tuberculosis sanatorium, and strengthening of its work in Panama and Cuba, and among the foreigners, Indians and Negroes.

Such is the work we are doing under God through the Home Mission Board. Let us continue to offer our loyal support through our

means and our prayers, that the message of salvation may be carried to all parts of our Southland.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. L. WELLBORN,  
G. L. CANTER,  
V. McGHINNIS, Committee.

The report was discussed in connection with Foreign Missions, and on motion was adopted and committee discharged.

Dr. J. L. Shinn read the report on

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Here is a brief glance at the statistics of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. This glance brings a most inspiring assurance of the success of our Foreign Mission cause:

I. We have on our field 1,095 churches. About one-third of them are self-supporting. There are quite a number of stations where we have no church organizations. There are 111,872 church members.

II. 54 new missionaries were sent out last year, bringing the total of our missionaries up to 544. We have a native working force of 2,494. A large majority of the churches have native pastors.

III. The work of our Foreign Mission schools is encouraging. Never have students flocked in such numbers, many were accepted and many were turned away because of lack of room and instructors. We have 860 schools of all grades, in which were enrolled 35,106. This number is about the same as the number of students in all our Baptist schools in the Southland. Twenty of these schools are kindergartens; five are colleges; thirteen are normal and training schools; seventeen are Bible and Theological schools and eight hundred and five are of the lower primary and middle school grades. Our schools are tremendous evangelizing agencies. A large number are won to Christ in these schools and are received into the churches.

IV. We have medical work in three countries, China, Africa and Mexico. There are sixteen male and three male physicians and seven trained nurses among our foreign missionary forces. Also there are 19 native physicians and 29 native nurses. There are 23 buildings of all descriptions in our nine hospital plants. In these are rooms for 796 beds. In these hospitals were treated last year 6,229 patients. The patients outside of the hospital were 70,415. The total treatments given reached the amazing number of 294,422.

V. We have publishing houses organized in China, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Italy and Argentina, and embryonic publishing interests in all the other fields. These publishing plants brought out books, tracts, Bibles, Testaments, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. quarterlies, S. S. leaflets and denominational papers in vast quantities. 84,944,180 pages of literature were distributed. Many have been

converted to the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ by reading Gospel tracts or a Testament. A number of churches have been organized as a result of some one having read the word of God from the printed page. Thus our work abroad presses forward with the favor of God upon it.

Southern Baptist rejoice in it, yet they are not supporting it as they ought and can. The Board has been compelled to halt in its great program right at the time when it could press the work most advantageously.

VI. The present situation is distressing. In May, 1924, the Board reported a debt of \$711,000. When appropriations were made, just after the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, over \$1,600,000 in requests from the fields were denied for the lack of funds. Appropriations were made for current expenses only. No new missionaries were appointed and sent except where the salary and expenses were provided by individual churches or people.

The only hope for the mission work to advance is in the payment of our 75-million pledges and to swing into the 1925 program with all our soul, mind, strength and means. Let the people trust in God and do their best.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. SHINN,  
G. H. WALKER,  
A. G. HENDREN, Committee.

Able and convincing speeches were made on the report, and on motion it was unanimously adopted and the committee discharged.

### SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Met at 1:30 P. M. After singing a hymn by the choir, the moderator called the Association to order.

W. L. Griggs then read his report on the

### 75-MILLION CAMPAIGN

And for the 1925 Program:

Nearly five years ago our denomination launched at Atlanta during the session of the Southern Baptist Convention what is known as the 75-Million Campaign. The churches over our convention territory were asked to make pledges to this campaign. Everyone will recall the very intensive work done from November 30th, to December 7th, 1919, by our people in most of our churches. Now it goes without saying that more money has been turned into our denominational treasury than ever before in the same period of time. The credit is due largely to our pastors who have been in hearty accord with this great movement. There have been more baptisms, more schools aided, more churches built, more missionaries sent out, and a greater work accomplished than ever before. The denomination has put itself on record the world over as having seen a vision of opportunity, and of having accepted the challenge to carry out that vision.

All of the churches of the Association did not take part in securing pledges. Some churches closed their doors against this for-



ward movement. Alas, some pastors and preachers have taken a stand against this forward movement, and they should have our prayers and sympathy and love. We deplore the thought that we have a single man in our Association opposed to enlarging the Lord's work, much less having churches with no spirit of co-operation with our denominational policies. Those churches which pledged have done well.

Some country churches deserve special mention: Pleasant Home and Walnut Grove have paid in full to the end of the campaign. There may be others of which the director has not been notified.

Edgewood church has led in the amount pledged and paid in on the campaign.

Your director makes this appeal that our churches shall pay their pledges. We want it said that our Baptist people are honest and interested in our work. We can pay every cent promised. Your director makes this suggestion: That we shall go back home and raise every cent pledged and where no pledges were made, take a special cash offering for the cause, and especially on Thanksgiving make a special offering of one day's wages or income for our Orphanage at Thomasville. We must come to the front in the matter of taking care of our missionaries on the fields. Let every pastor preach on missions, and the great commission of our blessed Lord, and urge their people to do their best for our campaign, and send to Walter Durham, Treasurer, Raleigh, N. C., the money before December 30th.

We have a plan for our 1925 work as follows, viz: Let a canvass be made November 30th, to December 7th, of this year of every member for pledges for Missions and Benevolences for next year, and let every church make such of every member. Our Association is asked to raise \$3500 for 1925 for Missions and Benevolences, the Orphanage included.

We can, if we will, and we should do our duty by our denominational plans and program. Let every church take a collection for others at each regular meeting, and catch step with our great forward vision of evangelizing, teaching, and training our people for service in the Kingdom of our Lord.

W. L. GRIGGS, Your Director.

This report was discussed and on motion adopted.

D. F. Sheppard read the report on

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Sunday School work is one of the most important of all our endeavors in trying to bring in the Kingdom of Christ. There is nothing that will take the place of teaching the people the word of God. We know that most of the additions to our churches come from the Sunday School. It is in the Sunday School that our children get their impressions and truth is planted in their hearts that will spring up into great blessings. The Sunday School is not simply for children, but for adults as well. More people are get-

ting into the habit of attending Sunday School; but we urge that more of our church members shall be found in our Sunday Schools in the Brushy Mountain Association. May we not have a larger attendance next year than ever before. Let our pastors make much of Sunday Schools, and give their presence and attention toward encouraging our people to take a deeper interest in Sunday School work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. SHEPPARD, For Committee.

The report was spoken to by D. F. Sheppard and others and adopted.

E. M. Blackburn offered the following report on

### MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The Relief and Annuity Board has had a little more than five years of actual functioning. In the meantime it has paid to its old and retired preachers \$538,944.96. This board paid out during the past year to its relief beneficiaries the sum of \$125,449.60 which is \$12,000.00 in excess of what we paid them last year.

The first great need of the board is an interest bearing fund that will yield on the relief side of the work alone \$100,000.00 annually, independently of what the board would receive from the annual budget. A fund of this sort would enable us to greatly increase our benefits to our retired preachers until we could at least appropriate something in the way of adequate aid.

Southern Baptist should deal with the Relief and Annuity Board in the most liberal manner possible, and should see that a program is provided by which it can go on and accumulate at least five millions of interest bearing funds. and then to its higher goal for ten millions.

### A NEW SLOGAN

Southern Baptist have reached a point in Ministerial Relief work when they should adopt a new "Slogan," as follows: A Pension for Every Baptist Minister, and from Every Baptist Church a Full Share of the Cost.

It is so easy for us to forget the part which the minister plays in our lives. If we could keep that before us constantly, and in mind, it would not be difficult for us to do what we should do in this great matter.

E. M. BLACKBURN,

W. C. MEADOWS,

J. W. WILSON, Committee.

The report was discussed by a number of the brethren and adopted.

The report on Woman's Work by Mrs. W. L. Griggs was handed in and read by the clerk.

### WOMAN'S WORK

I herewith present the following report of the Woman's Work of the Brushy Mountain Association for the year. We have organized three societies, one of which is active and doing good work. We have three societies in the Association that are doing well;

namely, Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro and Goshen. We have held our annual meeting at Wilkesboro in June with a splendid attendance, and in fine spirit. We had our State Vice-President, Mrs. W. N. Jones, of Raleigh, who made us a fine address. There were other addresses which were inspiring. Our women are just taking hold of our part of the work with a beautiful spirit, and we are hoping to have a Woman's Society in all our churches as soon as possible.

We have the Y. W. A. of which Mrs. Triplett is the leader for the Association and with Mrs. C. E. Jenkins as our secretary, we are expecting to do our best year's work.

The society at North Wilkesboro is on the Standard of Excellence, and we have there a loyal band of women.

Our next annual meeting goes to Goshen and we hope to have a large delegation there. Let all the churches desiring a Woman's Society be known to Mrs. W. L. Griggs, North Wilkesboro, and we will visit your church and organize such society. We crave the prayers of our people for our work. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. L. GRIGGS, Superintendent,

Of the W. M. S. of Brushy Mountain Association.

The report was unanimously adopted.

A formal report of the Baptist Young Peoples Union was not handed in at any session of the Association. For lack of time, it was overlooked. Because of its importance, the secretary takes the liberty to insert here a short report on that topic:

The object of the B. Y. P. U. as given in the Manual by L. P. Leavell, Field Secretary of the Sunday School Board, shall be the increased spirituality of the young christians, their training in essential church activities; their edification in scriptural knowledge; their instruction in Baptist doctrine and history; their enlistment in all forms of missionary endeavors through existing denominational organizations. It is the training service of a Baptist church. It is a Baptist church at work in, for and among its young people.

The active membership in the Baptist Young Peoples Union is made up of young church members, as young soldiers who have enlisted in the Lord's army. Their efficiency as soldiers will depend largely upon their training.

What relation does the B. Y. P. U. bear to the church? The same relation that the preaching service bears to the church; the same that the prayer meeting bears to a church; the same that the Sunday School bears to a church. The preaching service is a church worshipping. The Sunday School is a church teaching the Bible. The B. Y. P. U. is a church developing and training its young members in service. Let us all get busy and do more along this line.

V. McGHINNIS.

### HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Again we would urge our Baptist people to gather and organize the wealth of Baptist historical data and information that may

now be found in the Brushy Mountain Association. Baptist have through all the ages been great makers of history, but have always been reluctant to record and preserve what they have done. It is a duty we owe to ourselves and to future generations to keep the history straight.

Harmony Baptist church was organized in 1901. Rev. J. J. Beach and Rev. A. T. Pardue were the ministers who led in this movement. From its organization, this church has made progress. It now has a beautiful church house valued at \$2500. The church has 110 members and a well organized Sunday School with an enrollment of 97. Its contributions the past year were \$390.23. This church has been greatly blessed and may the good Lord continue to bless it and add to it from time to time such as he would have to be saved.

Committee.

The committee on **Time, Place and Preacher**, report as follows:

**Time**—Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1925, at 11 a. m.

**Place**—Walnut Grove church, seven miles southwest of North Wilkesboro and thirteen miles north of Taylorsville.

**To Preach Introductory Sermon**—Rev. J. L. Shinn.

The following resolution of thanks offered by W. C. Meadows was heartily and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the sincere and heartfelt thanks of this Association be extended to this the Harmony Baptist church and community for the most excellent entertainment during its session. We especially thank the good ladies of this community for the splendid dinners served each day.

The committee on devotional exercises report:

Rev. J. L. Shinn to conduct devotional exercises tomorrow at 9:30 a. m. C. C. Wright to conduct Sunday School tomorrow at 10:00 a. m. Rev. Walter M. Gilmore to preach tomorrow at 11:00 a. m.

On motion adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9:30 a. m.

### SABBATH

As per adjournment, the Association met at 9:30 a. m. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. L. Shinn.

At 10:00 a. m. Prof. C. C. Wright conducted the Sunday School.

At 11:00 a. m. Walter M. Gilmore preached a very able and interesting sermon on the subject of missions. A collection was taken for the various objects of the church amounting to a very handsome sum.

This closed one of the most harmonious sessions of the Brushy Mountain Association.

V. McGHINNIS,  
Clerk-Treasurer

C. C. WRIGHT,  
Moderator.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	Pastor and Postoffice	Clerk and Postoffice	Treasurer and Postoffice	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Value of Pastor's Home	GAINS				LOSS	
							By Baptism	By Letter	Statement	Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion
Beaver Creek	Milton McNeil, Wilkesboro	G. H. Walker, Boomer	G. H. Walker, Boomer	3	1000						1	1
Cub Creek	R. N. Garner, Hunting Creek	James Lankford, Wilkesboro	James Lankford, Wilkesboro	4	1000						2	
Edgewood	J. W. Watts, Taylorsville	A. G. Hendren, Straw	L. R. Miller, Straw	2	2000		18					
Fishing Creek	J. W. Watts, Taylorsville	R. L. Wellborn, Wilkesboro	R. L. Wellborn, Wilkesboro	2	500		5					
Gordon	L. B. Murray, State Road	Isaac Curtis, N. Wilkesboro	Ed. Eller, N. Wilkesboro	1	5000		1	3			5	
Goshen	I. C. Woodruff, Hays	H. A. Carlton, Goshen	H. A. Carlton, Goshen	1	1500		7				2	
Harmony	L. B. Murray, State Road	H. W. Mahaffey, Crickett	H. W. Mahaffey, Crickett	1	2500		17	4	1		8	1
Lewis Fork	Levi Greene, Boone	J.M. Shepherd, Ready Branch	D.F. Shepherd, Ready Branch	1	2000		5	4		1	2	2
Little Rock	J. W. Watts, Taylorsville	S. M. Knight, Boomer	S. M. Knight, Boomer	2	2000		18	6			1	
Moravian Falls	Atwell Watts, Patterson	D. J. Pardue, Moravian Falls	R. L. Earp, Moravian Falls	3	1500		8					1
Mount Carmel	G.W. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	J. C. McNeil, Champion	J. C. McNeil, Champion	2	1500		18	1			7	6
Mount Pleasant	Levi Greene, Boone	W. O. Barnett, Mt. Zion	Lela Barnett, Mt. Zion	4	500		5		4		2	4
Mount Zion	W. T. Eller, Purlear	W. T. Eller, Purlear	W. T. Eller, Purlear	4	800		6	1			6	5
New Hope	I. C. Woodruff, Hays	J. E. Caudill, N. Wilkesboro	E.M. Blackburn, N. Wilkesboro	twice	33000	10000	25	26				
1st N. Wilkesboro	W. L. Griggs, N. Wilkesboro	J. W. Wilson, N. Wilkesboro	W. Wilson, N. Wilkesboro	2	1000		6	1			5	
2d N. Wilkesboro	J. M. Absher, Offen	W.N. Alexander, N. Wilkesboro	W.N. Alexander, N. Wilkesboro	2	600		10	7	2	1	1	
Oak Grove	A. T. Pardue, N. Wilkesboro	R. L. Jones, Wilkesboro	R. L. Jones, Wilkesboro	1	600		4	4		2	2	5
Oakwoods	J. M. McAlpine, Stony Point	R. L. Jones, Wilkesboro	R. L. Jones, Wilkesboro	1	1000		5			1	4	1
Pleasant Grove	Melvin Michael, Patton Ridge	J. G. Parsons, Buck	J. G. Parsons, Buck	3	1200		9	7		6	5	1
Pleasant Home	Grant Cothren, Lomax	J.C. Whittington, Wilkesboro	C. C. Church, Millers Creek	3	1000		5	7		1	5	
Pilgrim	Melvin Michael, Patton Ridge	F. O. Foster, Congo	F. O. Foster, Congo	3	1500		5	7				
Stony Hill	E. O. Miller, Wilbar	Lee Beshears, Parsonville	Lee Beshears, Parsonville	3			2	2				
Shady Grove	W. E. Linney, Wilkesboro	W. A. Jennings, Pores Knob	W. C. Meadows, Pores Knob	4	1000		2	2				
Walnut Grove	J. L. Shinn, Wilkesboro	L. Bumgarner, Wilkesboro	Mrs. W.E. Harris, Wilkesboro	twice	12000	3000	14	9	2		4	
Wilkesboro							71900	13000	169	88	912	69
Zion Hill												19
Total												

TABLE II—FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S.S. and B.Y.P. U. Expenses	Local Poor	Minute Fund, etc.	Other Objects	Home Total	75-Million (Un-designated)	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State and Asso. Missions	Christian Edu.	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Other Benevolences	Denominational Total
Beaver Creek								1.00				2 15	2 00			6 00			11 15
Cub Creek	82.00							1.00			10 00								65 00
Edgewood	100.00		50.00		4.00	10.00		1.00		165.50	50 00				15				144 00
Fishing Creek								1.40								13 00			14 40
Gordon	90.00		25.00			15.00		1.00		131.00						3 00			3 00
Goshen	90.00					10.00		1.00		101.00	200 00								200 00
Harmony	150.00			104.00		26.95		1.50	3.25	286.23						24 00		80 00	104 00
Lewis Fork	177.00					11.37	14.75	1.50	11.00	215.62						15 55			15 55
Little Rock	100.00		50.00	1.00		6.00	18.00	2.00		173.00						7 20			
Moravian Falls	60.00	8.00	296.00	396.15				.50	3.00			10 00			12 00	9 50			31 50
Mount Carmel																			
Mount Pleasant	226.00		24.00	83.68	22.45	91.17	4.25	1.80		453.35	26 15					12 45		13 59	52 19
Mount Zion	92.75		25.00		10.00	22.83	20.00	.90		172.05	11 11	11 10		9 25		12 50			41 96
New Hope	85.00		11.00					.85		96.85	13 14					20 64			33 78
1st N. Wilkesboro	2,800.00	600.00		3,690.11	511.37	1,287.33	4.75	5.00		9,017.61	1103 70				427 27				1530 97
2d N. Wilkesboro	80.00		20.00			8.29				108.29						3 00	2 00		5 00
Oak Grove	60.00						75.00	.50		135.50		20 00		300 00		10 00			330 00
Oakwoods	105.38		12.30	85.00				.50		203.18		3 00			8 00	3 00			14 00
Pleasant Grove	85.00	21.35		23.50		6.67		2.00		138.52	8 55								8 55
Pleasant Home	100.00		50.00		119.00		80.00	1.00		350.00	58 00								58 00
Pilgrim	63.76				6.84	14.36		1.00		85.96			1 00			1 00			2 00
Stony Hill	90.87				22.50		20.00	.85				1 00	1 00	1 00		2 00			5 00
Shady Grove																			
Walnut Grove	200.00		50.00	10.00	6.00	36.00	25.00	1.75	50.00	378.75		7 55	7 55	5 00	25 30 00	10 00			85 40
Wilkesboro	1,500.00	34.24	135.00	124.83	258.34	173.63	25.00	3.00	193.10	2,464.54	171 93	42 30	42 29	10 00	277 70		80 41		624 63
Zion Hill																			
Total	6,337.76	672.59	748.30	4,518.27	760.50	1,719.60	299.05	31.05	260.35	14,676.95	1652 58	97 10	53 84	325 25	40 872 81	37 00	174 00	3328 08	

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	Supt. and Postoffice	Secretary and Postoffice	Officers, Teach.	Beginners, 3-5	Primary, 6-8	Junior, 9-12	Intermediate	Senior & Adult	Home Dept.	Total	Cradle Roll	Is School Graded	Is School Stand.	Normal Diplo.	Baptisms from School	Contributions for Home Exp.	Contributions for Orphanage Missions, etc.	Total Contributions
Beaver Creek.....																		
Cub Creek.....	James Lankford, Wilkesboro.		4							54	no							
Edgewood.....	C. C. Wright, Hunting Creek.	Valeria Glass, Wilkesboro.	7							101	no							
Fishing Creek.....	E. F. Anderson, Wilkesboro.	Lois Holland, Wilkesboro.	7	29	19	16	17	57		145	yes				2			
Gordon.....	A. B. McNeil, N. Wilkesboro.	Clora McNeil, N. Wilkesboro.	4							80	no							
Goshen.....	R. L. Proffit, Goshen.	Lola Proffit, Goshen.	4	6	10	10	6	15		47	yes							
Harmony.....	H. D. Caudill, Millers Creek.	Clora Minton, Wilkesboro.	7	10	10	4	15	44		97	yes				17	26	98	26
Lewis Fork.....	D.F. Shepherd, Ready Branch.	Conrad Jones, Ready Branch.	4		22	18		28		68	yes				5			
Little Rock.....	J. W. Livingston, Boomer.	S. M. Knight, Boomer.	3	18	7	10	11	25		43	yes					5	00	5
Moravian Falls.....	W. G. Lowe, Moravian Falls.	Mrs. R. L. Earp, M. Falls.	8							91	no					100	00	135
Mount Carmel.....																		
Mount Pleasant.....	Ralph Dockery, Champion.	James Ellis, Champion.	14		22	30		50		116	yes					46	61	57
Mount Zion.....	Mrs. J. S. Walsh, Mt. Zion.	Lela Barnett, Mt. Zion.	7		12	9		40		68	yes				5	28	83	28
New Hope.....	A. S. Eller, Purlear.	Vertie Watts, Purlear.	7		28	19	22	59		135	yes				1	18	82	37
1st N. Wilkesboro.....	E.M. Blackburn, N. Wilkesboro.	C.N. Myers, N. Wilkesboro.	52	59	104	107	85	192	84	683	58	yes	yes	40	25	1118	65	1287
2d N. Wilkesboro.....	J.M. Anderson, N. Wilkesboro.	O.E. Chambers, N. Wilkesboro.	5							35	yes							15
Oak Grove.....	W.N. Alexander, N. Wilkesboro.	Carey Pardue, N. Wilkesboro.																
Oakwoods.....	I. P. Anderson, Wilkesboro.	R. L. Jones, Wilkesboro.	6	16	12	21		36		90	no				4	10	73	10
Pleasant Grove.....	J. G. Parsons, Buck.	W. E. Parsons, Buck.	5	10	10	15		11		51	yes							
Pleasant Home.....	C. C. Church, Millers Creek.	Minnie McNeil, Wilkesboro.	6	30	20	15	20	30		121	no	no	3	1	15	80	50	6
Pilgrim.....	J. A. Parsons, Congo.	Zora Church, Congo.	6	6	10	20	19	10		71	no					4	00	
Stony Hill.....	Lee Beshears, Parsonville.	Mrs. J. M. Laws, Parsonville.	6							59	no							
Shady Grove.....																		
Walnut Grove.....	R. C. Jennings, Pores Knob.	Eula Brock, Pores Knob.	6							125	no				2	10	00	1
Wilkesboro.....	F. B. Hendren, Wilkesboro.	Pauline Linney, Wilkesboro.	15	13	16	25	38	65	72	244	33	yes	no		14	173	63	50
Zion Hill.....																		
Total.....			182	197	302	318	233	662	156	2524	91			43	76	1559	05	219