

Minutes

of the

Twenty-Seventh Annual Session

of the

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus

Association

Held With

First Baptist Church, Concord, North Carolina

September 11th. and 12th. 1912.

The next session will be held with the Matthews Church, Tuesday night before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1913. Rev. W. A. Smith to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. E. C. Andrews alternate.

BY-LAWS

1—The daily session of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2—Delegatas shall be recognized by letters from their churches, designating them as such.

3—The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers or the delegates of newly-received Churches by extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

4—The Clerk shall provide blank letters for the use of the Churches of the Association previous to the meeting of the Association, superintend the publication and distribution of the minutes, preserve a file of them and have it present at each annual session, read the proceedings of the preceeding session at the beginning of each morning session, and the last day's proceedings at the close of the annual session.

5—Members desiring to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator; Shall use the term "Brother," in speaking to each other; shall not speak on the same subject more than twice without permission, and shall observe the courtesy that becomes Christians.

6—Members shall not absent themselves from the session without permission of the Associatian.

7—A copy of the Minutes shall be sent to the Secretary or the State Mission Board, also a copy to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one to the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, and one to the Field Secretary for Sunday Schools in North Carolina.

8—All questions of order not herein provided shall be decided by "Parliamentary Law."

9—The report of the Executive Board and the missionary work of the Association with short reports from the missionaries shall take precedence of all other business during the morning session of the second day of the annual session.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The general order of business shall be:

- (1) Enrollment of delegates,
- (2) Election of officers,
- (3) Petitionary letters,
- (4) Appointment of committees for this season,
- (5) Appointment of standing committees,
- (6) Report of special committees,
- (7) Reports of standing committees;
- (8) Report of other committees,
- (9) Misœellaneous business,

PROGRAM FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

To Prepare Reports

State Missions	-	-	-	-	Rev. S. N. Watson.
Home Missions	-	-	-	-	Rev. W. A. Smith.
Foreign Missions	-	-	-	-	Rev. E. C. Andrews.
Orphanage	-	-	-	-	Rev. J. C. Gillespie.
Periodicals	-	-	-	-	Rev. J. L. Rogers.
Sunday Schools	-	-	-	-	Rev. J. W. Whittey.
Education	-	-	-	-	Rev. D. M. Austin
Temperance	-	-	-	-	Rev. W. H. Davis.

SOME IMPORTANT NOTES TO REMEMBER

Do not send any but your Minute money to the Association.

Send all other money for Home State and Foreign Missions, and Education Sunday School Missions and Old Ministers Relief direct to Walter Durham Treasurer at Raleigh.

Include your net gain in membership in the totals of membership.—So your Grand total will include all of your members.

Give value of your church property in the back of your letter in place marked for it, and the amount sent up for Minutes.

Take time in making out your letters so as to be accurate in your statements.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION

The 27th annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association was held with the First Baptist church of Concord beginning at 11 o'clock A. M. Sept. 11th. 1912.

The following churches composing the Association were represented by delegates, whose names are here recorded.

Arlington—No letter

Clear Creek—No letter

Cornelius—C. A. Hudspeth, T. B. White, R. D. Mooney.

Chadwick—Will Stephenson.

Charlotte, First Church—W. C. Dowd, J. P. Hackney, Rev. C. E. Gower

Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial—W. F. Dowd, J. J. Ezell, Rev. D. M. Austin.

Charlotte, Ninth Avenue—Rev. L. R. Pruett, W. J. Fite, D. W. Fink, R. J. Boyd, Fred S. Conrad.

Charlotte, Louise—Rev. C. F. Helms, Rev. J. C. Gillespie, J. W. Hasty, A. B. Hays.

Charlotte, North—Rev. S. F. Conrad, Miss Virginia Austin, Miss Oattie Cato.

Concord, First Church—A. W. Morgan, T. L. Lentz, B. McLester
T. D. Manness

Concord, McGill Street—A. L. Howell, F. P. Smith, D. R. Henderson.

Concord, West—T. V. Talbirt.

Friendship—L. W. Walker.

Huntersville—No delegate.

Independence Hill—J. R. McCurdy, Wm. Holton, J. A. Atkins,
I. B. Flowers, M. C. Groves.

Kannapolis—E. F. Carter, H. W. Owens, Rev. E. C. Andrews,
J. W. Fisher, J. W. White.

Long Creek—W. W. Austin, J. S. Underwood.

Matthews—T. J. Renfrow.

Newell—No delegates.

Oak Grove—J. P. Stroupe, W. A. Edwards Jr., H. M. Blackwelder,
W. A. McKinney.

Pleasant Plain—Rev. J. J. McLendon.

Stough Memorial—E. J. Price.

Union Grove—Hampton Hastings, Clayton Hager.

Wilson Grove—W. G. Stegall, W. R. Small, J. A. Kestler.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator W. C. Dowd and prayer was made by Rev. D. M. Austin of Charlotte.

On motion of Rev. J. R. Pace it was decided to defer the introductory sermon to the session at night. The association then proceeded to the election of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. W. C. Dowd, who has served the association for ten years declined re-election, stating that he had held the place as long as he thought he should hold it. After several attempts to elect some one else and all declining to accept, upon the motion of Rev. S. N. Watson W. C. Dowd was elected, but with a protest announcing that he would accept the place only for this year.

On motion Rev. S. F. Conrad was re-elected Clerk.

On motion J. J. Ezell was re-elected Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed Rev. S. N. Watson, W. F. Dowd and Rev. J. R. Pace to prepare a report of order of business.

Pending the preparation of their report, the Moderator recognized Rev. J. M. Greer, pastor of the Presbyterian church in the congregation and welcomed him to the sessions of the Association. Rev. W. A. Smith, the newly elected pastor of Pritchard Memorial church was welcomed as one of the new pastors to the association. Rev. E. C. Andrews of Kannapolis, Rev. J. L. Rogers McGill Street, Concord and Rev. W. H. Davis, Pineville, who are also new pastors in the body were welcomed to the association.

Rev. W. C. Tyree of High Point and representative of the Foreign Mission board was recognized and welcomed to the body.

Rev. J. D. Jameson of Mississippi, representing the Moody Library as traveling salesman, was recognized and welcomed to the body. Rev. J. J. Beach of Gastonia, was welcomed as a visitor to the association. Rev. W. R. Beach, representing the Biblical Recorder was recognized and welcomed to the sessions of the association.

A PARTIAL REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

The committee on order of business submitted the following partial report.

- 1 Association to meet at 2:30 P. M.
- 2 Devotional exercises to be led by Rev. J. C. Gillespie.
- 3 2:45 Report on Periodicals.
- 4 3:45 Report on Temperance.
- 5 7:30 Introductory sermon by Rev. L. R. Pruett.
- 6 8:15 Report on Foreign Missions,

Association adjourned with benediction by Rev. C. E. Gower.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Association met at 2:30 P. M. Devotional exercises were led by Rev. J. C. Gillespie.

The report on Periodicals was then read and discussed by Rev. J. R. Pace, Rev. W. R. Beach and S. F. Conrad, and on motion was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

This is a reading age. People are reading more than ever before. More cheap books are being sold. Cheap papers are being broadcasted over the country as never before. This is an age of great activity. People rush from one thing to another. They snatch up the daily paper and read what time they have to spare, or spend their time reading some cheap book or magazine, but many of our Baptist people never read our denominational periodicals. The Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, The Foreign Mission Journal and The Home Field should be read regularly by every Baptist. They contain information that no Baptist can afford to be without. Information about the work of our denomination makes stronger and more useful baptists. There is no way of estimating the loss to our cause by the failure of our people to read our denominational papers. Is there not some way to get more of our people to read our papers named above?

J. R. Pace

In connection with the report Rev. S. F. Conrad offered the following resolution, which was adopted. Whereas there is an alarming lack of information by many of us to our work, many of our young members being almost wholly ignorant as to what we are doing, and greatly need the information given in our papers and whereas, conditions demand that some aggressive steps should be taken to awaken a deeper interest in reading our Baptist papers Therefore, Resolved, that we recommend that our pastors have special Rally Day services and practical addresses made on the importance of our literature in connection with our work, and that special effort be made in all our churches to extend the circulation of the Biblical Recorder.

The report on Temperance was read and discussed by Rev. S. F. Conrad after which the report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

In our report a year ago we noted that commendable progress had been made in law enforcement, and in the punishment of evil doers, and in the suppression of the liquor traffic. We are glad to note that there has been no going backward in temperance reform and the drink evil. In Mecklenburg county especially most advanced steps have been taken, and in the suppression of the clubs and the elimination of liquor from the drug stores has been most beneficial in effect. Sentiment is growing throughout the country and the good effects of prohibition in the state is being felt in every department of business. Patronage in the public schools has greatly increased, public morals have been improved and the appearance of a man intoxicated attracts more attention than ever before, because of its less frequent appearance. The Year Book of the U. S. Brewers association for 1911 contains some most significant facts and figures as illustrative of the good effects of prohibition. It states that in the Prohibition states, some of which prohibition is only partial, that the consumption of intoxicating liquors per capita is 1.35 gallons, while in licensed states, grouping them all together, the consumption is 35.23 per capita. In some of these license states as in New York, it runs up to 45.35 per capita and in Wisconsin as high as 64 gallons. So the ratio of consumption stands 35.23 to 135 where prohibition prevails. So when you hear it said that more liquor is sold now than ever before in this state, you pronounce it a lie with a big "L", the liquor dealers themselves being witnesses. Let eternal vigilance be our watchword and every pastor and church member keep before the people, the ruinous effects of strong drink, and keep up the fight against it.

S. F. Conrad

Rev. S. N. Watson for the committee on order of business offered a further report which after much discussion was referred back to the committee to report to the session tonight. Association then adjourned until 7:45.

NIGHT SESSION

The association met according to appointment at 7:45 P.M. and the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. L. R. Pruett of Charlotte, from Hosea 8:2. I have written unto them the great things of my law, in which a parallel was drawn in the sin of Ephraim and the present times in the spirit of intense worldliness, pleasure seeking, and forgetfulness of God.

After the sermon the Moderator called the association to order and the report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. D. M. Austin

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We are informed now as never before as to the conditions in our Foreign Mission work. We have clear pungent facts acquainting us with the needs of all the people. We have an open Bible that we may carry everywhere under the assurance of lawful protection. Do we read aright the spirit of Christ as revealed to us in the Bible. It is in evidence that the early disciples of our Lord felt impelled to go every where preaching the gospel. The command to them doubtless looked clear and plain. They did marvelous things, although they were few in number and financially poor. We have large numbers, great wealth, and ample information; and it looks as if we are doing comparatively little. Of our 21,296 churches 11,178 contributed last year to Foreign Missions, 10,118 did not contribute. This state of things hardly indicates that we are suited to wear the livery of Missionary Baptists.

I submit that in my judgment that our greatest weakness is the want of the spirit of missions.

The report was discussed by Rev. D. M. Austin, Rev. J. D. Jamieson and Dr. W. C. Tyree the vice President of the Foreign Mission Board. This was an intensely interesting discussion, and it was unfortunate that a subject of such momentous importance could not have had a clear field as to time and hour.

Report was adopted.

REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

The committee on order of business completed its report and made following order for tomorrow.

Meet at 9:00 A. M.

Devotional exercises to be led by Rev. W. H. Davis.

10:00 A. M. Ministerial Relief.

10:30 A. M. Digest of Church Letters.

11:00 A. M. State Missions.

11:45 Secondary Schools.

12:30 Adjournment.

Meet at 2-30 P. M-

2:45 Report on the Orphanage.

3:30 Home Missions.

4:15 Miscellaneous.

7:30 Devotional exercises led by Rev. D. F. Helms.

7:45 Education—Address by President W. L. Poteat of Wake Forest College.

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. L. R. Pruett took the chair and welcomed to seats in the body, Rev. L. Johnson, Secretary of the Board of Missions and President W. L. Poteat of Wake Forest College. Association then adjourned with prayer by Rev. L. Johnson.

THURSDAY SESSION

The association met at 9 A. M. and was led in devotional exercises by Rev. W. H. Davis. In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. L. R. Pruett was called to the chair. The clerk read the minutes of the association for the afternoon and night of yesterday, which was approved.

The following committees were then announced.

To nominate delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—Rev. W. H. Davis, R. J. Connell and W. R. Small.

To nominate delegates to State Convention—J. J. McLendon, A. B. Hays and J. S. Underwood.

Time and Place of next meeting, and Preacher—Rev. D. F. Helms, Rev. J. W. Snyder and Dr. H. C. Herring.

Finance Committee—J. J. Ezell, D. W. Fink and J. W. Hasty.

To prepare reports for next session.

State Missions—Rev. S. N. Watson.

Home Missions—Rev. W. A. Smith.

Foreign Missions—Rev. E. C. Andrews.

Orphanage—Rev. J. C. Gillespie.
Sunday Schools—Rev. W. A. Hough.
Education—Rev. D. M. Austin.
Temperance—Rev. W. H. Davis.
Old Ministers Relief—Rev. J. W. Snyder.
Secondary Schools—Rev. J. W. Whitley.
Womans Work—Mrs. J. D. Withers.

No report being ready on Sunday Schools, the report on Ministerial Relief was read by Rev. J. W. Snyder.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The Baptist Ministers Relief Board was instituted 22 years ago. The object of this Board is to afford relief to needy Baptist ministers of North Carolina and their widows. There are at present thirty-five beneficiaries. But there are several applications before the board, showing that the gradual increase of the number of beneficiaries will continue. These beneficiaries receive from forty to two hundred dollars a year. Many of them need more. Some of them have no means of support except the amount they receive from the Board. It should be the desire and effort of every Baptist of the State that not one of those who have been worthy proclaimers of Gods truth should suffer for the actual necessities of life. All mony for this Board should be sent to the Treasurer of the Convention. Application for aid must receive the endorsement of the Moderator and Executive Committee of the Association in which the applicant resides, and also of the pastor of the one applying for aid. To entitle a minister or his widow to help from the Board, he must be a Baptist minister of North Carolina, or if not a native, he must have served as pastor or evangelist for five years prior to his application. The applicant is required to inform the Board of his physical or mental disability for active service; of what private means of support he or his wife has, and as to what amount will supply his actual necessities. In most cases the Board is entirely dependent upon the Pastor, the Moderator and the Executive Committee for information concerning applications. The brethren should always investigate before giving their endorsement. In many cases those who are most worthy and most needy do not apply. The Pastors and officers of the Association where these old brethren live, should look after them and inform the Board of their condition. The work of the Board has been most highly appreciated by those who have received its benefits. We further recommend that every church in our Association take a collection for this cause on the nearest Sunday to Christmas, so that the blessing of a generous gift may bring gladness and joy to our aged ones.

The report was discussed by Rev. J. M. Arnette the Secretary

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

The report was read and discussed by Rev. S. F. Conrad, Rev. C. E. Gower, D. M. Austin and Dr. W. L. Poteat-

REPORT

In reporting on the work of the year, we can only approximate the aggregate of contributions as four of the churches failed to send in their letters, viz; Arlington, Clear Creek, First Church, Charlotte and Newell.

From the figures reported in the letters in hand we have made a material advance over the work of last year making a decided gain in baptisms and membership. The letters report 296 against 259 last year. Our net gain last year was 263, this year it is 300, with the above churches to hear from.

Note; The letter of the First Church was sent to the association but by oversight was not handed in, so the corrected figures are made here as to our finances. We gave last year for State Missions \$964.17, this year we gave \$1093.33. We gave last year for Home Missions \$1449.10, this year \$1293.10. We gave last year for Foreign Missions, \$2209.33. this year \$2350 51. Last year we gave for the Orphanage \$891.27, this year \$829.69. With three missing churches to hear from which will increase these figures somewhat

To the smaller objects many of our churches fail to contribute. To Education twelve gave nothing, and seven gave nothing for the Old Ministers. Eleven gave nothing for Sunday School Missions. Among these we find some of our strongest churches.

It should be to us a matter of pride that Kannapolis, our youngest mission leads the procession in increase in membership, reporting a net gain of 122, with 98 baptisms, the largest number reported from any church.

S. F. Conrad

Report adopted.

The report on State Missions was read by S. F. Conrad for Rev. L. R. Pruett and discussed by Rev. L. R. Pruett and Rev. L. Johnson Secretary of the State Mission Board.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

As we discern the sign of the times, the more we are impressed with the importance of preaching the gospel to all the people. There are the signs of the vastly increased intelligence, of the intense pursuit of pleasure, of the pressure of business and of the demand for a moral, rather than a spiritual preaching. A spiritual gospel is the supreme need of the age.

The reasons for preaching the gospel in North Carolina and in all the States; are very evident. The Word of God is a call to us to preach the gospel at home. Our Lord said: "That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all

the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.' The great apostle, though he heard the "Macedonian cry," said: I say the truth in Christ, I lie not. my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,"

The apparent decline in conviction in things Christian, is a call for continued effort in preaching the gospel of Christ. The fact that North Carolina and all of America should be made and kept Christian, is a tremendous reason for preaching the gospel in every section of the State and country. It means not only the strength of the kingdom at home but a more liberal support and enlargement of our Foreign Mission work.

As far as we can see now, there will never come a time when there will be no need for the State Mission Board. With an increased material, social, commercial, and intellectual prosperity abroad in the land, the work of State Missions will go on, in one way or another, to the end.

As far as the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association is concerned, the work of the board will continue for many years to come. A great deal has been done but there is much unoccupied territory within our bounds. Eighteen years ago there were only three resident pastors in the whole association, now there are fourteen. During the last eighteen years, nineteen new churches have been organized, making a little more than one church each year. Many of these churches, perhaps none would have come into existence but for the aid of the board. There is one thing to which the special attention of our churches needs to be directed, that is, the importance of making larger contributions to State Missions. Last year the association gave \$1,936.40 to Foreign Missions, \$1,449.10 to Home Missions and only \$64.17 to State Missions. We are all sure that we are not doing too much for Foreign and Home Missions, but are we doing our duty by State Missions? Let us not give less to our Boards at Richmond and Atlanta but let us stand by our Board at Raleigh, with an increased liberality.

L. R. Pruett

Following the report Rev. S. F. Conrad moved that the thanks of the association be extended to Brother Johnson for the strong address made, and with a request that the facts and figures so striking and relevant be given for a place in the minutes of the association. Motion adopted.

EXTRACTS FROM SPEECH OF REV. L. JOHNSON

State Missions has put North Carolina in the front rank, numerically. 48 per cent of the christian population is Baptist. There are 230,007 white Baptists in the state.

	1902	1912
Number of Baptists	173,668	230,007
Contributed to Missions	23,611.54	128,285.48
Increase in membership in ten years		35 per cent
Increase in contributions in ten years		140 per cent

Comparison between Northern and Southern Baptists, Territory covered by Northern Convention twice as large as that covered by Southern, and much richer, yet Southern Baptists are extending twice as much in State Mission work as Northern Baptists

In the South one out of every five is a Baptist.

In the North one out of every fifty five is a Baptist.

From 1902 to 1912 Northern Baptists gained 14 per cent.

From 1902 to 1912 Southern Baptists gained 33 per cent.

REPORT ON SECONDARY SCHOOLS

No report being ready and upon request of G. E. Lineberry that a report of the Wingate School be incorporated in the minutes to be supplied by the Trustees of the school was accepted.

THE REPORT OF THE WINGATE SCHOOL

The Board of Trustees of The Wingate School appreciates the privilege of submitting this report. For sixteen years we have been maintaining an institution with a grade desirable in every way. Every year seems to be the best year of the school. Without ample equipment and with little expense the school has done telling work.

Last year the enrollment reached 306. including 91 boarding students and six ministerial students. Four states and sixteen counties were represented. In March a meeting was held with the church here which resulted in thirty-six baptisms all of whom were students in school except one. This fall fourteen students left for college, and were received by the leading colleges of the South without examination. This session has opened better than any previous one. The present enrollment is 250, including 73 boarding students. The school is doing a fine work for this section of the state.

Its growth demanded a modern brick building. The Trustees and friends of the school erected a new building, comprising six recitation rooms, two society halls, an auditorium, an office and a

library. The building was completed Nov. 11, 1911 at a cost of \$12,776 73. New equipment was \$537.61. The present value of building and equipment is \$16,000. The school lot of 20 acres is valued at \$4,000. Total value of property is \$20,000. The indebtedness is \$10,100. Notes in hand amount to \$4,032. Subscriptions unsecured amount to \$1,000. The part of the debt unprovided for in any way is \$5.068. This debt must be removed. Once more our appeal is to the loyalty and the liberality of the churches of association and to the friends of the school.

J. L. Bennett,

Chm. Board of Trustees.

J. W. Bivens,
Secretary.

The subject of secondary schools was most ably discussed by Rev. D. M. Austin, J. J. McLenden, C. D. Manness and G. E. Lineberry Secretary of denominational schools. Pending the discussion Prof. Walter Thompson of the Jackson Training School near Concord was recognized and welcomed to the association. By request of Rev. D. M. Austin Rev. J. R. Pace led in a most earnest prayer for our young people.

By permission of the Moderator Rev. E. C. Andrews made some further remarks on the question of schools. Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. F. Davis.

EVENING SESSION

The report on the orphanage was read by Rev. W. A. Hough and discussed by Rev. M. L. Kesler the General Manager of the Orphanage and Rev. J. L. Rogers after which it was adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

The Baptists of North Carolina should be proud of the record of our Orphanage for the past year. God has blessed the institution with the highest blessings. Unusual good health and no death is the record according to report of General Manager. With the improved facilities for caring for the children who get sick together with the skillful management, sickness has been reduced almost to a minimum.

Because the institution has been almost free from any serious disease there has been practically no interruptions in its work and with no serious interruptions the years work has been above the average. The work in all departments has shown a marked progress.

The school work, with another teacher added to its worthy corps has been far more satisfactory than ever before.

The religious life of the institution has made hopeful progress.

During the year 53 have been baptized. The meeting held by Pastor Martin assisted by Bro. T. H. King, together with the informal services of Bro. Martin held once a week at some house on grounds, the spiritual life of the institution has been greatly quickened. Nineteen of the boys and girls have taken the teachers training course given by the Sunday School Board.

Progress in all other departments of training has been gratifying. The very nature of the work of the Orphanage appeals to the tenderest chords of love and sympathy. The love we have for our children is closest akin to our love for God: and all of us, to some extent, at least are drawn towards this institution which, as far as can be, furnishes parental love and care for orphaned and helpless children. No one would say that he does not love our Orphanage. But this love must be manifested in more than words: more than sympathy, more than prayers and tears. The Orphanage needs these but it needs more.

We parents know that we cannot feed, clothe and educate our children on sympathy alone.

Just so with the family of 375 children at Thomasville it requires toil, care and much planning and much hard work to meet the needs of your home life. Likewise it requires an outlay of nearly \$109. each day to keep our family at the orphanage comfortable and happy.

As our families have their daily needs so the Orphanage has its daily need,

Like all our denominational interests, the orphanage work is growing in importance every day and therefore its demands for support are increasing.

We would recommend, therefore, that our churches show their love for the Orphanage by increasing their contributions as demands increase.

That our Sunday Schools emphasize their monthly collections for the orphanage and that every Sunday School take "Charity and Children" in a club.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. A. Hough.

The report on Home Missions was read by Rev. J. M. Kester and after an extended discussion by him it was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

It is declared that the meeting of the Home Board last July was the most representative it has ever had. We learn that thirteen of the State Vice-Presidents were present and participated in making up the budget for the year and planning the work. Evidently the Vice Presidents contributed much to the occasion and it was the enthusiastic conviction of those present that to supply the urgent demands for help that came up from all over the South, the

Board could not do less than it was empowered to do, and then put its faith in the brethren every where that they will come up to the help of this great cause and raise every dollar of the apportionment, remembering that the work is not the work of the Home Board but of Baptist brethren throughout the South.

The watchword of the Home Board is Forward! and it has planned a distinctly aggressive campaign for the present year. Besides the regular work steps forward were taken in two ways:

The first was in conformity to the instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention that the Board at once should take steps to raise a \$1,000,000 church Building Loan Fund. It was decided to complete the raising of this Fund within three years and to employ special workers for this purpose at the earliest possible moment. There are 3,000 or more houseless Baptist churches in our territory and in hundreds of these the establishment of strong centers for Christ and his truth only awaits some aid in erecting church houses.

The second large step taken was in response to repeated reports of the Board to the Southern Baptist Convention and repeated committee reports before that body calling for the Home Board to put forth larger efforts to help in training and enlisting backward churches. This note, first sounded in recent years by the lamented Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, has become stronger and stronger until now several of the State Boards have made requests of the Home Board for aid in this work. At its July meeting the Board ordered the establishment of a Department of Enlistment and Cooperation and provided for the election of a special representative to labor in this Department.

We believe that in this movement there are prospective blessings for Southern Baptists and their usefulness that are almost beyond our conception. It looks to "teaching them to observe all things" as well as to saving the lost and baptizing the converted. It will provide for helping to train the churches more fully in all the ways of the Lord as well as enlisting them in larger giving.

Our Board is leading Southern Baptist in a worthy way in the great and fundamental work of saving the South. Your committee warmly commends it and its work to the prayers and enthusiastic and liberal support of the churches in our Association. We recommend:

- 1.—That clubs of subscribers be raised in every church for The Home Field, the splendid monthly of the Board. Price 35 cents, single copies, or 25 cents in clubs of five or more.

- 2.—That pastors and workers secure and read the Board's instructive new book, "The Home Mission Task," Price 50 cents in cloth, 10 cents extra for postage; 35 cents in paper, 7 cents extra for postage.

3.—That large use be made of the varied and helpful tracts of the Board, which are mailed free on application.

4.—That this Association provide for apportioning among its churches the amount we are asked to raise for Home Missions this year.

5.—That all of our pastors be requested to preach upon this great cause at least once during the year. The Board will gladly furnish material for special study of pastors on request.

Committee to nominate delegates to Southern Baptist Convention reported that Rev. L. R. Pruett be selected as the delegate and Rev. S. F. Conrad as alternate. Report adopted.

The committee to nominate Executive Board reported that the following brethren should constitute the members of the Board, Rev. L. R. Pruett, W. C. Dowd, T. D. Maness, T. J. Renfrow and Rev. W. A. Smith.

On motion Rev. L. R. Pruett was elected as the Vice President of the Foreign Mission Board for the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus association.

On motion Rev. L. R. Pruett was elected as the member from his association of the State Mission Board.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher, reported Mattnews as the place and Tuesday night before the 3rd. Sunday in September 1913. The introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. W. A. Smith and Rev. E. C. Andrews as alternate.

On motion Rev. W. A. Hough of Cornelius was elected as the Representative of Sunday Schools in the association.

On motion the association decided that no money be sent up to the association except the minute fund.

J. J. Ezell reported for the Finance committee that \$30.00 were sent up for the minutes with no report from the First church and Pritchard Memorial and Arlington, Clear Creek and Newell,

By consent of the association Rev. E. C. Andrews addressed the association on the work at Kannapolis outlining the urgent need for aid in the building of a house of worship.

Rev. S. F. Conrad moved that the association most heartily commends this work to the churches of the association and invites the pastor at Kannapolis to visit the churches and appeal to them for aid.

The report of the Womans Missionary Societies, by motion was read and ordered printed in the minutes of the Association.

The association then adjourned until 7:30 tonight.

NIGHT SESSION

Association met at 7:30 P. M. after devotional exercises led by Rev. D. F. Helms the association was called to order by Rev. L. R. Pruett, Acting Moderator. The minutes of the afternoon

REPORT ON EDUCATION

A report on education has two main objects in view: One to impart information, the other to arouse an interest in the cause of education. If we can but enlist the sympathy and an interest we have then accomplished much for the cause.

The different grades of schools claim our attention. Nearest our people are the public schools, scattered over the country. Some run for a short time, one, two or three months of the year. This is a little better than no schooling. Others are supplementing the public school fund by tuition charges, so as to do work the usual period of a scholastic year. The academy or high school fills a want that is most urged. If the ordinary school constitutes the basis or foundation of the educational structure or edifice, the high school certainly is the body of the building necessary to the common school, as showing why it is built, exercising a cohesive and preserving power over the foundation walls, and attractive in the invitation to the pupils below to come up higher in the educational life. The high school is the proper and best entrance to college education, forcing the college to rear its dome higher and make its halls more inviting. The Baptists everywhere it is practicable should establish schools under their influence or control. If they are strong enough in any community they should see to it, that their children are taught in the day schools by a teacher of their own faith. Cultured and capable Baptist young ladies and young men as teachers of their schools are not hard to find. We advocate the establishment of a high school within the bounds of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association. Our brethren on the southeast have founded a most successful high school at Wingate. The brethren of other associations are making every effort to establish good high schools within the bounds of their associations, and why should not we imitate their example?

A serious danger now menaces our denominational colleges, unless the Baptists in this Association and throughout the State realize the situation and steadily maintain their colleges. The State, with its practically unlimited resources through teachers and other funds at its command, maintains three institutions of learning for our boys, young men and young ladies. We do not wish to be understood as opposing any of these institutions or underestimating their importance for the special object had in view by their establishment. The danger of these institutions to our denominational colleges lies in their superseding them with our Baptist people. The State cannot, from the very nature of the case exercise in any of its colleges a decided and persuasive religious

influence. State and Church are, and should be, dissociated in education as in government. But Carolinians are a religious people. The professors and teachers of State institutions are usually, not always however, members of churches and it is claimed that through them religion exercises over the students its due sway. But the State cannot exclude, and the history of State education in North and South Carolina shows that it has not in the past done so, infidels and ungodly teachers from its colleges. One such teacher of your daughters and sons will cast an evil shade over all their subsequent life. The present and more especially the past shows that Baptists, though the most numerous body of christians in the State, have the smallest representation upon the faculties of the State colleges-

The question presented to the Baptists of this Association and the State is: Shall we hand over to the State or to other denominations the education of our boys and girls?

There is no small danger of this being done. Wake Forest, Meredith College and many of our secondary schools are struggling with inadequate means to educate our young men and maidens. Let these colleges and schools sink from want of patronage or want of proper endowment or equipment and a few generations hence what would become of Baptist influence and power in North Carolina? The epitaph of North Carolina Baptists would be, "They were, and are not."

S. N. Watson.

The association was then addressed by President W. L. Poteat of Wake Forest College on Education. The address was regarded as one of the finest ever delivered before the association, replete with facts and designed to awaken a deeper interest in our schools and the cause of general education,

The association then resumed its business session.

A hearty vote of thanks were extended to the First Church of Concord and the citizens of the town for their generous hospitality

The association voted by motion the usual compensation to the Clerk.

AMENDED REPORT ON TIME OF MEETING

It was decided to meet on Tuesday night before the 3rd. Sunday in September 1913. The remainder of the report remaining as previously adopted.

"Blessed be the tie that binds," was sung and the association adjourned by benediction by Rev. L. Johnson.

MINUTE FUND

The following churches sent up the following amounts which the Clerk of the Assoiation here acknowledges.

S. F. Conrad, Clerk

Charlotte, First Church	-	-	-	\$10.00
Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial	-	-	-	5.00
Charlotte, Ninth Avenuc	-	-	-	5.00
Charlotte, Loutse	-	-	-	3.25
Charlotte, North	-	-	-	1,25
Chadwick	-	-	-	2,00
Cornelius,	-	-	-	2.50
Concord, First Church	-	-	-	3.83
Concord, McGill Street	-	-	-	3.00
Concord, West	-	-	-	1-50
Friendship,	-	-	-	2.00
Independence Hill	-	-	-	1.75
Kannapolis,	-	-	-	2.50
Long Creek,	-	-	-	1.50
Pineville,	-	-	-	2.00
Union Grove,	-	-	-	1,00

No letter or money received from Arlington. Clear Creek or Newell.

S- F. Conrad

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE

Churches:	Superintendents and Addresses.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Enrollment	Number of Schools	Volumes in Library	Quartries Taken	Months Kept Open	Average Attendance	Number of Baptisms	Contribution for Missions, Orphanage etc	School Expenses	Total Contribution
Arlington	Charles B. Money, Davidson, N. C.	6	82	88	1		125	12	60	8	28.65	69.91	28.65
Clear Creek	J. S. Wallace, Chadwick, Charlotte, N. C.	11	209	220	1		310	12	125	10		513.27	85.84
Cornelius	W. C. Dowd, Charlotte, N. C.	35	765	800	1		2000	12	375		616.67		1,129.94
Chadwick	Fred S. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C.	16	350	366	1		850	12	190	37	255.50	161.60	255.50
Charlotte First Church	W. F. Dowd, Charlotte, N. C.	16	260	276	1		200	12	125	10			
Charlotte, Pritchard Mem	M. J. Green, Charlotte, N. C.	14	300	314	1		300	12	133	21	36.10	74.27	110.37
Charlotte, 9th Ave.	B. F. Cato, North Charlotte, N. C.	12	200	212	1	75	758	12	125	4		260.00	264.51
Charlotte, Louise	S. N. Watson, Concord, N. C.	20	160	180	1	150	479	12	100	4	4.51	124.00	168.09
Charlotte, West	J. P. Shankle, Concord, N. C.	13	267	280	1		250	12	170	7	44.03	131.04	131.04
Concord, First Church	W. F. Stegall, Concord, N. C.	13	175	188	1		329	12	122		15.00	13.20	28.20
Concord, McGill Street	C. Garrison, Charlotte, N. C., Route 12.	4	23	27	1		70	12	15	1			
Concord, North	Union School.												
Friendship	H. B. Blackman, Huntersville, N. C., R. 2	6	70	76	1		75	12	50	46	7.50	11.98	19.48
Huntersville	E. F. Carter, Kannapolis, N. C.	12	403	415	1		728	12	220		10.00	83.10	93.10
Independence Hill	F. T. Beaty, Paw Creek, N. C.	6	45	51	1		75	12	36			40.00	40.00
Kannapolis	C. P. Bivens, Matthews, N. C.	8	80	88	1		125	12	50			25.00	25.00
Long Creek													
Mathews	B. M. Potts, Pineville, N. C.	8	50	58	1		96	12	35			24.00	24.00
Newell	J. E. Broom, Matthews, N. C.	7	40	47	1		200	12	30			12.00	12.00
Oak Grove	H. M. Stroup, Pineville, N. C.	6	85	91	1		80	12	50	1		6.92	6.92
Pleasant Plain													
Stough Memorial													
Union Grove	W. R. Small, Pineville, N. C.	8	50	58	1		50	6	45	8			
Wilson Grove		221	3614	3835	19	225	7100		2056	157	1,018.02	1,550.29	2,410.64

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J. C. Dowd, Charlotte, N. C.	35 765	800	1		2000	12	375	
Ed S. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C.	16 350	366	1		850	12	190	
F. J. Dowd, Charlotte, N. C.	16 260	276	1		200	12	125	
J. Green, Charlotte, N. C.	14 300	314	1		300	12	133	
F. Cato, North Charlotte, N. C.	12 200	212	1	75	758	12	125	
N. Watson, Concord, N. C.	20 160	180	1	150	479	12	100	
P. Shankle, Concord, N. C.	13 267	280	1		250	12	170	
F. Stegall, Concord, N. C.	13 175	188	1		329	12	122	
Garrison, Charlotte, N. C., Route 12, Union School.	4 23	27	1		70	12	15	
B. Blackman, Huntersville, N. C., R. 2.	6 70	76	1		75	12	50	
F. Carter, Kannapolis, N. C.	12 403	415	1		728	12	220	
T. Beaty, Paw Creek, N. C.	6 45	51	1		75	12	36	
P. Bivens, Matthews, N. C.	8 80	88	1		125	12	50	
M. Potts, Pineville, N. C.	8 50	58	1		96	12	35	
E. Broom, Matthews, N. C.	7 40	47	1		200	12	30	
M. Stroup, Pineville, N. C.	6 85	91	1		80	12	50	
T. R. Small, Pineville, N. C.	8 50	58	1		50	6	45	
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STATISTICAL TABLE

Addresses.	Clerks and Addresses	Time of Discharge
us, N. C.	D. W. Speaks, Cornelius, N. C.	Week
Charlotte, N. C.	C. H. Bogan, Chadwick, Charlatta, N. C.	Week
Charlotte, N. C.	J. A. Durham, Charlotte, N. C.	Week
te, N. C.	J. J. Ezell, Charlotte, N. C.	Week
e, N. C.	Fred S. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C.	Week
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e, N. C.	B. F. Cato, North Charlotte, N. C.	Week
l, N. C.	Dr. H. C. Herring, Concord, N. C.	Week
N. C.	J. P. Crowder, Concord, N. C.	Week
l, N. C.	W. F. Stegall, Concord, N. C.	Week
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e, N. C.	J. E. Broom, Matthews, N. C.	3rd Su
us, N. C.	C. J. Price, Pineville, N. C.	4th Su
e, N. C.	R. H. Hastings, Huntersville, N. C.	
	T. E. Pigg, Charlotte, N. C., R. F. D. 9.	Month

FINANCIAL TABLE

Churches:	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sun. School Expenses	The Poor	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sun. School Missions	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Other Objects	TOTAL
Arlington																
Clear Creek																
Cornelius	275.00	60.00	37.00	25.20	10.00		38.00	15.55		7.00	28.65		5.00	2.00	14.50	517.90
Chadwick	300.00	285.48	47.50	69.91	3.10		20.00	15.50	22.00	2.00	20.08	2.50	7.00	2.00	94.75	891.82
Charlotte First Church	3,980.00	1,011.57	2,936.83	113.37	35.76		408.65	842.00	1,704.00		316.66		110.05		586.58	12,295.47
Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial	1,650.00	152.00	661.39		36.75		142.22	104.26	352.63		81.61	7.00	15.00		16.11	3,221.07
Charlotte, 9th Ave.	1,500.00	747.36	299.22	161.60	39.07		123.29	65.34	126.00	5.00	71.07		5.00	5.00	103.49	3,251.43
Charlotte, Louise	800.00	230.55	72.95	74.27	11.31		50.00	22.21	43.05	2.00	53.11		5.00	5.00	141.30	1,510.75
Charlotte, West	488.47	1,592.71	70.00	100.00			30.00	14.50	30.00	1.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	1.00	25.00	2,379.34
Concord, First Church	900.00	60.00	215.90	260.00	30.00		18.35	88.27	69.65		65.00	20.00		8.05	450.00	2,224.32
Concord, McGill Street	900.00	114.00	40.00	124.00	13.50	34.00	27.50	17.50	25.00		44.09			6.50	57.46	1,403.55
Concord, North	315.90	73.35	171.23	131.00	14.50		25.00	6.90	15.05		60.00			10.00	11.95	834.03
Friendship	100.00			13.20			33.40	16.00	46.25		17.00	6.85		1.00	2.45	236.15
Huntersville	40.00		13.00				2.50	1.75	2.81		10.00					70.06
Independence Hill	175.90	10.00	27.85	11.98			15.00	7.50	7.75	1.58	7.50		1.00	1.00		266.16
Kannapolis	400.00	1,200.00	43.00	83.10	1.75		25.00	10.00	15.00	5.00	11.00		1.00	1.00	100.00	1,895.85
Long Creek	100.00	1,000.00	20.00	40.00			5.00		5.00							1,170.00
Matthews	500.00		55.00	25.00			25.00	15.00	20.00		15.00			5.00		660.00
Newell																
Oak Grove	300.00		18.00	24.00			21.42	19.71	22.87						26.20	432.20
Pleasant Plain	200.00			12.00			17.00	6.00	5.00		12.00					252.00
Stough Memorial	200.00	51.00	27.40	23.87			10.20	16.50	23.50	4.37	6.92	5.00			1.35	370.11
Union Grove	75.00		1.00				5.00	2.00	2.00		4.00			1.00	8.25	98.25
Wilson Grove	150.00		19.00	3.00			10.50	6.50	13.00	5.00	1.00		1.00	1.00		201.00
	\$13,349.37	\$6,588.02	\$4,824.37	\$1,698.54	\$195.72	34.00	\$1,093.03	\$1,293.10	\$2,350.56	32.95	\$829.69	58.01	\$155.05	50.15	\$1,639.39	\$34,181.46

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches:	Pastors and Addresses.	Clerks and Addresses	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Seating Capacity	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Net Gain	Net Loss	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
Arlington																
Clear Creek																
Cornelius	W. A. Hough, Cornelius, N. C.	D. W. Speaks, Cornelius, N. C.	Weekly	3,000	500	12	2		8			6		64	93	162
Chadwick	J. R. Pace, Chadwick, Charlotte, N. C.	C. H. Bogan, Chadwick, Charlotte, N. C.	Weekly	3,300	400	24	36		20	10	1	29		65	111	176
Charlotte First Church	Dr. H. H. Hulton, Charlotte, N. C.	J. A. Durham, Charlotte, N. C.	Weekly	75,000	1500	28	55				7	28				998
Charlotte, Pritchard Mem	W. A. Smith, Charlotte, N. C.	J. J. Ezell, Charlotte, N. C.	Weekly			16	26	2	43	1	2		2	106	180	286
Charlotte, 9th Ave.	L. R. Pruett, Charlotte, N. C.	Fred S. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C.	Weekly	18,000	500	47	43		36		2	52		189	350	539
Charlotte, Louise	J. C. Gillespie, Charlotte, N. C.	Lackey Allen, Charlotte, N. C.	Weekly	4,500	400	25	26	2	28	4	2	16		83	159	236
Charlotte, West	S. F. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C.	B. F. Cato, North Charlotte, N. C.	Weekly	7,725	600	4	11	1	3	1	2	10		38	101	139
Concord, First Church	S. N. Watson, Concord, N. C.	Dr. H. C. Herring, Concord, N. C.	Weekly	14,000	900	8	17	3	21	5		2		83	150	233
Concord, McGill Street	J. L. Rogers, Concord, N. C.	J. P. Crowder, Concord, N. C.	Weekly	3,000	400	28	41	2	7	5	2	57		94	145	239
Concord, North	J. W. Snyder, Concord, N. C.	W. F. Stegall, Concord, N. C.	Weekly	1,800	400	10	22	1	9	11	2	11		80	126	206
Friendship	W. H. Davis, Pineville, N. C.	C. Garrison, Charlotte, N. C., R. F. D. 12.	2nd p.m.	1,500	300		1		2				1	11	24	35
Huntersville	W. A. Hough, Cornelius, N. C.	S. L. Mullen, Huntersville, N. C.	1 and 2	300		2	3		3			2		10	13	23
Independence Hill	W. A. Hough, Cornelius, N. C.	C. S. Davis, Charlotte, N. C., R. F. D. 7.	2 and 4	1,800	350	1	3		8	1			5	20	42	62
Kannapolis	E. C. Andrews, Kannapolis, N. C.	J. W. Bounds, Kannapolis, N. C.	Weekly	2,000	400	98	31	10	16		1	122		93	131	224
Long Creek	W. H. Davis, Pineville, N. C.	J. S. Underwood, Paw Creek, N. C.	2nd Sun	1,000	300	1			1					19	32	51
Matthews	J. W. Whitley, Matthews, N. C.	W. L. Hatfield, Matthews, N. C.	2 and 4	7,000	350		1	1	9	3	1		11	44	61	105
Newell																
Oak Grove	W. H. Davis, Pineville, N. C.	W. E. Smith, Pineville, N. C.	1 and 3	1,000	400	7		1	2			6				71
Pleasant Plain		J. E. Broom, Matthews, N. C.	3rd Sun						4		1		5	89	72	160
Stough Memorial	W. H. Davis, Pineville, N. C.	C. J. Price, Pineville, N. C.	4th Sun	2,500	500	3	6		2		2	5		27	70	97
Union Grove	W. A. Hough, Cornelius, N. C.	R. H. Hastings, Huntersville, N. C.				1	6	1				8		12	18	35
Wilson Grove	R. M. Hagler, Wingate, N. C.	T. E. Pigg, Charlotte, N. C., R. F. D. 9.	Monthly	1,500	350	12	2	1	6		1	8		41	62	103
				\$136,325		327	332	25	228	41	26	359	24	1168	3004	4172

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3,300	400	24	36		20	10	1	29		65	111	176
75,000	1500	28	55				7	28				998
		16	26	2	43	1	2		2	106	180	286
18,000	500	47	43		36		2	52		189	350	539
4,500	400	25	26	2	28	4	2	16		83	159	236
7,725	600	4	11	1	3	1	2	10		38	101	139
14,000	900	8	17	3	21	5		2		83	150	233
3,000	400	28	41	2	7	5	2	57		94	145	239
1,800	400	10	22	1	9	11	2	11		80	126	206
1,500	300		1		2				1	11	24	35
300		2	3		3					10	13	23
1,800	350	1	3		8	1		2		20	42	62
2,000	400	98	31	10	16		1	122	5	93	131	224
1,000	300	1			1					19	32	51
7,000	350		1	1	9	3	1		11	44	61	105
1,000	400	7		1	2			6				71
2,500	500	3	6		4		1	5	5	89	72	160
		1	6	1	2		2	8		27	70	97
1,500	350	12	2	1	6			8		12	18	35
\$136,325		327	332	25	228	41	26	359	24	1168	3004	4172

Minutes

of the

Woman's Missionary Union

of the

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus

Association

Held With

First Baptist Church, Concord, North Carolina

September 11th, and 12th, 1912.

The Womans Missionary Union of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association met in its second annual meeting with the First Baptist Church of Concord on Mach 7th, 1912.

The meeting was opened by singing hymn From Greenlands Icy Mountains.

Mrs. C. E. Craven, of Concord, led the devotional exercise, reading the 17th chapter of Acts.

Mrs. Williams, of Concord, making the address, welcoming the ladies and Mrs. King, of the Ninth Ave., Baptist church, of Charlotte, responding.

Rev. Dr. Bomar and Rev. Mr. Watson addressed the ladies with words of encouragement, Dr. Bomar offering the following resolution.

Resolved that a committee from the ladies be appointed to cooperate with the Brethren of the Association in the fifth Sunday meetings and such other meetings as may be determined on.

Upon motion, the resolution was adopted.

The enrollment of delegates showed representatives of ten churches were present.

The Vice-President, Mrs. Withers, made the following report.

As we come to this meeting, we close the first years work in our history and begin a new year. We look up to God with grateful hearts for what has been accomplished. On every hand we have much to encourage us. One year ago, we held our first association meeting, then we were quite young, just an infant. To-day we stand equipped and strengthened by the past for achievements yet undreamed of. In an article by Dr. Willingham on "Things that make for progress in the kingdom" he says as never before our people are becoming aroused on the subject of "World-wide Missions" and nothing can stay the onward sweep of Missionary enthusiasm. The churches of Christ are beginning to realize that the serious business for which they exist is to make disciples of all nations. All our lives, we have prayed, "Thy Kingdom Come," expecting, I fear, the answer in some distance indefinite future, and, yet, to-day when we run the moral up lift all over the home land, the note of evangelism sounded from almost all of our pulpits, and the growing missionary spirit, are we not given splendid hope for the coming of the kingdom in the world? Again, I quote from our loved Secretary. "Two things need to be done. Let us pray with a large faith and an intense desire, our hearts burdened with longing for the coming of the kingdom. Then let us give our-selves with deep consecration to unnceasing effort, stopping at no sacrifice that we can make."

"The restless millions wait, The light Whose doings maketh all things new. Christ also waits, but men are slow and late. Have we done what we could? Have I? Have you?"

Not what we could have done perhaps, though we have done marvelously well, and we come with an increase in our gifts and a greater lover for our work,—are we not making for progress in the coming of the kingdom?

During the year 75 letters and 25 postals have been written. Letters received 35. Postals received 25. Leaflets, pamphlets and other literature distributed 95. Miles traveled 65. Churches visited 3. Societies organized 9. Associational meetings held 1. And a report made before the body of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association. There has been a steady increase of Societies reporting to me. The amount reported to me for the year closed being \$2,312.15.

Let us look to God from whence cometh our strength. Take courage from the progress we have made and press forward for greater and higher things.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. J. D. Withers.

On motion of Mrs. C. E. Mason the report was adopted and a rising vote of thanks tendered Mrs. Withers for her faithful services.

Miss Liddell read the suggested constitution and bylaws and after discussion it was adopted.

The President appointed the following committees.

Time and place—Miss Liddell, Mrs. C. B. Rogers, Mrs. Bell Price and Mrs. S. N. Watson.

Resolutions—Mrs. W. C. Dowd, Mrs. E. E. Bomar, Mrs. J. A. Durham and Mrs. J. R. Pace.

Nominations—Mrs. T. B. Lee, Mrs. C. B. Floyd, Mrs. E. P. King and Miss Eva Liddell.

Brief reports were made by the different societies the reports being very encouraging nine new societies being organized during the past year.

Miss Liddell read the recommendations of the Central Committee and upon motion of Mrs. J. A. Durham it was decided that we take as our associational aim \$3,000.00 for the year 1912—13, also that there be an effort made organize a Womans Missionary Society in every church in the Association.

Following is the list of delegates present.

Mrs. J. R. Pace, Miss Ona Blackman, W. M. S. Chadwick.

Mrs. C. E. Mason, Mrs. J. A. Durham, Mrs. T. W. Chambliss,
Miss Liddell, W. M. S. First church, Charlotte.

Mrs. C. B. Floyd, Sunbeams, Charlotte.

Mrs. W. C. Dowd, Y. W. A., Charlotte.

Mrs. F. D. Lethco, Mrs. D. M. Austin, W. M. S., Pritchard Memorial, Charlotte.

Mrs. E. E. Bomar, Sunbeams, Pritchard Memorial, Charlotte.

Mrs. T. B. Lee, Y. W. A., Pritchard Memorial, Charlotte.

Mrs. P. A. Bowden, Mrs. C. B. Rogers, Mrs. E. P. King, W. M. S., Ninth Ave., Charlotte.

Mrs. B. F. Duncan, Sunbeams, Ninth Ave., Charlotte.

Mrs. L. R. Pruett, Y. P. M. B., Ninth Ave., Charlotte.

Mrs. S. M. Watson, Mrs. J. L. Howell, Miss Mattie Lentz, Miss Lillie McLester, Mrs. A. W. Morgan, Mrs. K. L. Craven, Mrs. H. S. Williams, Mrs. J. A. Walker and Mrs. W. S. Dean, W. M. S. First Church, Concord.

Mrs. J. L. Rogers, Mrs. L. E. Mullins, McGill St., Concord, W. M. S.

Mrs. Belle Fromm, Miss Nolie Thompson, Miss Sallie Brantley
Miss Jane Penigar, West Concord, W. M. S.

Mrs. Bell Price, Friendship, W. M. S.

Mrs. J. D. Withers, W. M. S., Oak Grove.

Miss Effie Stroup, Miss Louise Blackwelder, Y. W. A., Oak Grove.

Miss Jennie Cole, W. M. S., Stough Memorial.

Mrs. C. B. Carter, W. M. S., Kannapolis.

After singing a hymn and a prayer being offered the morning session adjourned.

The afternoon session was opened by singing hymn "Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to thee."

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. R. Pace who read the 60th. chapter of Isaiah, prayer was offered by Mrs. Mason.

Mrs. W. C. Dowd spoke on the standard of excellence for each missionary society and a general discussion of the subject followed.

Mrs. C. B. Floyd spoke on the work of the Sunbeams and a very helpful discussion following.

Mrs. E. E. Bomar read an interesting paper on our Women in Foreign fields.

Mrs. T. W. Chambliss spoke on the Young Womans Auxilliary.

Mrs. W. C. Houston of the Methodist church was introduced and welcomed.

Mrs. J. D. Withers and other ladies spoke on the problems of a country church society.

Mrs. F. D. Lethco spoke on the observance of the week of prayer and a very helpful discussion followed.

On motion of Mrs. Liddell a collection was taken to defray the expenses of the meeting and \$8 00 was raised.

No further business appearing the session adjourned.

EVENING SESSION

The evening session was opened with selection by the choir. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. L. R. Pruett, who read the 8th. chapter of Romans and a prayer was offered by Mrs. S. N. Watson.

Mrs. C. E. Mason made a very helpful talk on Tithing.

The ladies greatly enjoyed a duet rendered by Misses Mattie Lentz and Neta Grissett.

Mrs. H. S. Williams gave a reading on The Missionaries dream' The nominating committee reported as follows;

President—Mrs. J. D. Withers.

Vice President—Mrs. F. D. Lethco,

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. L. R. Pruett.

Signed—Mrs. T. B. Lee, Mrs. C. B. Floyd, Mrs. E. P. King and Miss Eva Liddell,

Upon proper motion the report was adopted.

The committee on time and place for next meeting, reported as follows.

We recommend that the Womans Missionary Union of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association meet the Thursday after the first Sunday in March 1913, and that the place of meeting be left with the executive committee to be decided before the meeting of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association in Sept. 1912.

Miss Eva Liddell

Mrs. S. N. Watson

Mrs. D. B. Price

Mrs. D. M. Austin

Mrs. C. B. Rogers

Upon proper motion the report was adopted.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

The committee on Resolutions reported as follows.

Whatever of success we have had during the year has been accomplished by the guiding hand of our Heavenly Father. To Him we bring our offering of thanksgiving in acknowledging our large indebtedness to our sisters and friends in Concord be it "Resolved; that we express our grateful appreciation first to the good people of Concord for their most generous hospitality, not only to Baptists, but friends of other denominations for hospitality, Second, to our efficient Vice President and our Secretary for their wise and painstaking efforts which have made this meeting such a success, Third, to the ladies of the church for their delightful luncheon at the Pastors home.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. C. Dowd

Mrs. J. R. Pace

Mrs. J. A. Durham

Mrs. E. E. Bomar

Upon proper motion this report was adopted.

The executive committee reported the selection of Matthews as place of next meeting.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned with prayer led by Rev. J. W. Snyder.

Mrs. L. R. Pruett, Sec.

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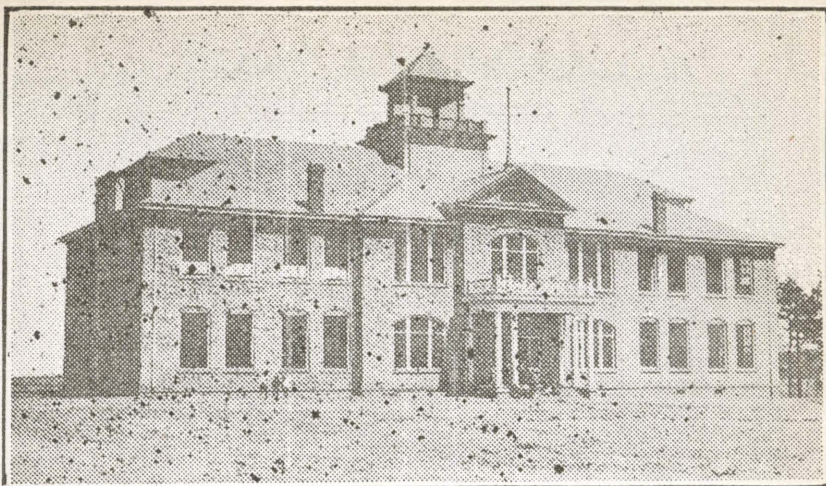
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