

MINUTES  
OF THE  
FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
**Brushy Mountain Baptist  
Association**

HELD WITH  
OAKWOODS BAPTIST CHURCH  
AUGUST 24, 25 and 26, 1923.

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V. McGhinnis, Clerk and Treasurer.

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## CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This association shall be denominated and known as the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. This association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and ordained ministers having care of churches in the association and members of the Executive Board, and ordained ministers having their membership in churches belonging to the association and living within the bounds thereof.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 5. The officers of this association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this association, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 6. The moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, except the Executive which shall be nominated and elected by a majority of the delegates present. He shall be that the constitution and by-laws are properly respected.

Article 7. The clerk shall call the roll to keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and in the absence of the moderator, call the association to order.

Article 8. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association and at the close of the official term, shall report the amount received, and expended.

Article 9. The minutes of the Association shall be read and approved, and shall be signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Article 10. Any church not representing itself in this body three successive sessions, by letter or by delegates, shall be stricken from the roll of churches, unless satisfactory reasons are assigned.

Article 11. The Association shall withdraw fellowship from any church which shall be found disorderly in faith or practice.

Article 12. At each session of the Association delegates to the Baptist State convention and the Southern Baptist convention shall be chosen by vote.

Article 13. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body, through the delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article 14. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Article 15. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates, except that of voting.

Article 16. The annual session of this body shall commence on Friday before the Fourth Sabbath in August at such a place as the Association may select.

Article 17. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an introductory, a missionary and a denominational sermon.

Article 18. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

## BY-LAWS

1. The Association shall be composed of the pastors and messengers from the churches of the Association.

2. Daily sessions of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Delegates shall be recognized by letters from their churches designating them as such.

4. The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers or delegates of newly received churches by extending to them his right hand of fellowship.

5. The Clerk shall provide 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 preceding session at the beginning of each morning session, and the last day's proceedings at the close of the annual session.

6. 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.

7. Members are requested not to absent themselves from the sessions of the Association, but, to remain to the end of the meeting.



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

9. All questions of order not herein provided shall be decided by Parliamentary Law.

10. The order of business shall be made at the beginning of each session and shall be changed only by a vote of the body.

#### LIST OF DELEGATES

Beaver Creek—W. G. Materly, James Edmiston, G. H. Walker.

Cub Creek—James Lankford, W. S. Smithey, J. B. Hall.

Edgewood—A. G. Hendren, John Bumgarner, L. R. Miller.

Fishing Creek—Sanford Jarvis, George Holland, J. C. Jarvis.

Gordon—A. B. McNeil, G. L. Canter, N. H. Steelman, T. H. Curtis.

Goshen—H. A. Carlton, R. L. Proffit, T. F. Walsh.

Harmony—W. H. Staley, R. J. Farrington, H. W. Mahaffey, R. L. Lankford.

Lewis Fork—D. F. Shepherd, Conrad Jones, G. C. Hamby.

Little Rock—V. McGhinnis, N. C. Andrews, S. M. Knight.

Moravian Falls—

Mount Carmel—

Mount Pleasant—H. I. Shoemaker, W. G. Foster, Oscar Church.

Mount Zion—W. O. Barnett, G. F. Barnett, L. W. Triplett.

New Hope—A. S. Eller, W. L. Church, W. B. McNeil.

1st North Wilkesboro—E. E. Eller, C. M. Caudill, E. M. Blackburn.

2nd North Wilkesboro—J. W. Wilson, Nuton Wood, Charley Dancy.

Oak Grove—Green Blackburn, Carey Pardue, H. T. Pardue.

Oakwoods—W. T. Stroud, I. P. Henderson, J. T. Jones.

Pleasant Grove—T. V. Church, W. E. Parsons, F. M. Bumgarner, Albert Evans.

Pleasant Home—W. T. Kilby, J. J. Kilby, A. G. Bumgarner.

Pilgrim—J. A. Parsons, B. L. Minton, G. P. Foster.

Ronda—W. E. Edwards, L. E. Dobbins, Charles Mathis, G. C. Poplin.

Stony Hill—G. W. Walsh, J. M. Parsons, M. R. Hamby.

Shady Grove—

Walnut Grove—W. A. Jennings, E. P. Lowe, J. E. Bentley, W. C. Meadows.

Wilkesboro—W. L. Yates, A. C. Dennis, F. G. Holman, C. A. Lowe.

Zion Hill—

#### LIST OF COMMITTEES

Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Delegates of Oakwoods church.

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

Digest of Church Letters—R. L. Proffit, W. G. Foster, V. McGhinnis.

Missions—G. H. Walker, L. R. Miller, J. W. Wilson.

Orphanage—W. C. Meadows, A. S. Eller, A. B. McNeil.

Sunday Schools—J. M. Lankford, W. E. Parsons, Sanford Jarvis.

Education—W. L. Griggs, F. B. Hendren, Roscoe Pette.

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

Christian Literature—F. B. Hendren, D. F. Shepard, G. W. Walsh.

Temperance—Milton McNeil, F. G. Holman, W. S. Edwards.

Evangelism and Enlistment—L. R. Miller, G. W. Sebastian, R. C. Hendren.

State of the Church—F. B. Hendren, W. S. Edwards, N. C. Andrews.

Fundamentals—W. C. Meadows, W. L. Griggs, V. McGhinnis.

Resolutions—W. C. Meadows, W. L. Griggs, W. S. Edwards.

Visitors to Other Associations—Johnson J. Hayes, F. B. Hendren, W. L. Griggs.

Time, Place and Preachers—G. W. Walsh, R. L. Lankford, J. T. Jones.



## PROCEEDINGS

Oakwoods, N. C., Aug. 24, 1923.

The Brushy Mountain Baptist Association met in its fiftieth annual session with Oakwoods Baptist Church, August 24, 1923, 10:30 o'clock A. M.

The delegates and others assembled in the house at the appointed hour. The choir then rendered a very beautiful and appropriate hymn, after which Rev. W. C. Meadows led in prayer. C. C. Wright then introduced Rev. G. W. Sebastian who led in prayer after which he preached the Introductory Sermon, Text, Romans 1:16, "For I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek".

An intermission of one hour was then taken for rest and refreshments.

At 1:30 o'clock P. M. the delegates reassembled in the church and were called to order by C. C. Wright, the moderator of last year.

After the roll call of churches, with response of delegates from eighteen, the Association proceeded with the annual election of officers, C. C. Wright of Hunting Creek, the moderator of last year was nominated by W. C. Meadows for moderator. There being no other names before the body. Brother Wright was reelected by acclamation.

On motion of R. L. Proffit, V. McGhinnis was reelected for Clerk and Treasurer by acclamation.

The Moderator recognized the following correspondents and visitors and welcomed them to seats in the body, viz; Dr. C. E. Maddry, corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, Rev. W. R. Beach representing the Biblical Recorder, Miss Edwards of the Baptist Orphanage, J. S. Kilby and Rev. Mr. Johnson of Mountain View College, Rev. Holloway of Elkin, and Revs. Stevens and McMillan.

Letters from the different churches were then handed in and messengers enrolled as they appear in this minute.

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

Rev. Milton McNeil read the report on that topic as follows:

Your committee on Temperance and Law Enforcement beg leave to submit the following report:

We are sorry to have to report that the cause of Temperance has not advanced in Wilkes County nor in the State of North Carolina as we hoped it would after the adoption of the Prohibition Act.

The manufacture of intoxicating liquors is going on over all the State and especially in Wilkes County, men who have taken the oath to support the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of North Carolina, are engaged in the manufacture of liquor in almost every township in Wilkes County, in violation of the oath they have taken. We want to urge the good law abiding citizens of Wilkes, both men and women, to see that no blockade still is allowed to be operated in your section of the county. If one should be put up in your section of the county, report it to the United States officers and to the Sheriff of your county. We want to urge the various officers to enforce the law and break up the violation of the laws in our county.

Respectfully submitted,

MILTON MCNEIL,

F. G. HOLMAN,

W. S. EDWARDS,

Committee.

The report was ably discussed by Brother McNeil and R. L. Proffit.

On motion the report was adopted and the committee discharged.

Rev. W. C. Meadows read the report on

### FUNDAMENTALS

Fundamental as defined in the dictionary means, serving as a foundation or basis; essential; primary and original.

Fundamentalism is the opposite of modernism. Modernism accepts as truth all the theories of modern science as taught by some teachers, but it is in conflict with the Bible. Fundamentalists accept the Bible as the infallible word of God and it is our sufficient guide and rule of faith and practice.



According to the Bible we understand that the entire universe and all things therein were made by the word and the power of God. That He created man of the dust of the earth and breathed into him the breath of life and man became a living soul. That he was made in, the image of God and free from sin. That by disobedience he fell from that holy state into a state of sin and depravity.

We also believe that Jesus Christ is Divine, was born of the virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Ghost. That by His vicarious death He procured redemption for all mankind. That salvation comes to all who repent and believe in him as their personal saviour and that only those are fit subjects for baptism and church membership. We believe that baptism is the immersion of the believer in water and only such are entitled to partake of the Lord's supper.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. C. MEADOWS,  
For Committee.

F. B. Hendren read the report on

### RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The Biblical Recorder is the organ of our denomination in this state. It is the paper our fathers and mothers read and loved. It is loyal, sound and conservative. A Baptist who fails to read it cannot justly claim to be well informed respecting those matters that most vitally affects him, his family and his church.

Charity and Children is the organ of the Baptist Orphanage and is perhaps the most widely read paper published in North Carolina. None is more ably edited. None is more eagerly or profitably read by intelligent Baptists, both old and young.

We earnestly urge every Baptist family within the bounds of this association to take both the Recorder and Charity and Children. The Sunday School Builder, published by our Sunday School Board, should be read by every Sunday School Superintendent.

We heartily commend Home and Foreign Fields to our people.

F. B. HENDREN,  
D. F. SHEPARD,  
G. W. WALSH,  
Committee.

This report was discussed by F. B. Hendren and W. R. Beach.

On motion it was adopted and the committee discharged.

Rev. W. C. Meadows read the report on

### THE ORPHANAGE

Our Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville has passed its thirty-eighth mile stone.

This report, like all others is noted for what is left out. Like the inner life of the home, the deep things most forever remain unwritten.

The health of the children in general has been good. We are pained to report the death of one of our little boys. We had some cases of "flu", but not bad enough to stop the school. Thirty four children completed the eleventh grade.

The contributions have been all we could ask: \$169,260 was contributed last year.

The result of the "One Day's Work" Thanks offering went beyond our expectations. This Motto is growing with our people, and we again ask that this plan be stressed and urged in all of our churches. Who could not afford to give those fatherless children one day's work in a year? We now have at Thomasville 456 children and at the Kennedy Home 91,547 in both.

The cost of maintenance per month for each child, is \$19.85. This includes every thing needed. The Mothers' Aid department in care of Miss Mattie Edwards is doing a great work. By this, we visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, exhibiting pure and undefiled religion to the extent of 227 children and 49 mothers of which one mother and five children are in our association.

Now brethren, the orphanage needs us, but we need the orphanage more. It has done more to awaken our people to a sense of duty in giving of their means to God than any thing else. We think it safe to say, the orphanage has been the means of increasing the contributions of North Carolina Baptist 500 percent.

May the good work continue till all our people have their hearts filled with the love of God. They will hear Jesus saying, "In as much as ye have done it to one of these little ones, ye have done it unto me".

Respectfully submitted,  
W. C. MEADOWS,  
A. S. ELLER,  
A. B. McNEIL,  
Committee.

This report was discussed by Rev. W. C. Meadows, Miss Mattie Edwards and others and on motion was adopted and the committee discharged.

Committee on devotional exercises reported Dr. Charles E. Maddy to conduct devotional exercises tomorrow morning. On motion adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Brother Winkler.



## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Friday, August 25, 1923.

The Association met according to appointment. Devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. C. E. Maddry.

F. B. Hendren read the report on

### THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

There are 99 Baptist churches in Wilkes County and 27 of them in this association. Many of them are inactive if not decadent. The Pastoral work has not been and is not now stressed as its importance in our denominational progress demands. Many of our pastors stress evangelism and neglect pastoral work. Our churches cannot wield the influence on community life as they should until they are led by loyal and active pastors. We recommend:

1. That this association cooperate with the Stone Mountain, Brier Creek and Elkin Associations in county wide Fifth Sunday meetings.

2. That this association appoint a committee to visit the Stone Mountain, Elkin and Brier Creek associations and lay before them the question of consolidation and the organization of a larger association to be called the Wilkes county association.

F. B. HENDREN,  
W. S. EDWARDS,  
N. C. ANDREWS,

Committee.

In connection with the above report the following resolutions were offered and adopted:

Resolved: That we the Brushy Mountain Association favor consolidation with the Stone Mountain, the Brier Creek and Elkin Associations, in the formation of a greater association to be called the Wilkes County Association.

2. That the moderator appoint a committee to visit the next sessions of the above associations to invite them to so consolidate.

3. That in the event that any or all of the above associations shall vote to consolidate, the executive committee of this association is authorized to cooperate with the executive committees of the other associations above named, in effecting such consolidation.

The report and resolutions were ably and interestingly discussed by F. B. Hendren, Brother Holloway and others and adopted and committee discharged.

The report on Christian Education and Mountain View College was read by Rev. W. L. Griggs.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MOUNTAIN VIEW COLLEGE

Our people are seeking an education today as never before. The most serious question before parents is the selection of the schools and colleges they are going to patronize, if our children are trained correctly it means their success, but if not it means their failure. What do we think of as we face this question? Many think of the cheapest schools, or the nearest to their homes. We should ask who the teachers are and what will the children get? The teacher of our children will stamp his life upon the child's life for good or bad. He will give them the right or wrong impressions, and the right or wrong conceptions of the subject matter found in the text books. A book on science in the hands of a Godless teacher will do harm, but that same book in the hands of a Godly teacher will do good. A Godless education is expensive. Any school where the mind is not trained to think in terms of religion and to understand the great responsibilities of life and ones obligations to God and to his fellow man is an expensive school and dangerous.

We must educate our children for service in the highest sense of that word. We have here such a school in our county, Mountain View College, and we should support it with our prayers, patronage and money. We should built at Mountain View a great Christian school. We have a splendid faculty there, and we must stand by them and encourage them, and make that school go, or it will die on our hands.

W. L. GRIGGS,  
F. B. HENDREN,  
ROSCOE PREVETTE,  
Committee.

The report was discussed by W. L. Griggs, F. B. Hendren and J. S. Kilby. On motion the report was adopted and committee discharged.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Met at 1:30 o'clock P. M. After a song and prayer by Brother Beach, the report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. Nichols.

### WOMAN'S WORK

To the Brushy Mountain Association, Greeting. The Superintendent of Woman's Work, Mrs. J. W. Nichols, called an annual meeting apart from the regular association, on July 10th, 1923. Meeting opened by singing, "Stand Up For Jesus". Devotional Exercises by Miss Lucy Stout. Prayer for God's guidance, a vision of his plans in our lives and for consecrated service, led



by Rev. W. L. Griggs. Song, "Break Thou the Bread of Life". Mrs. W. L. Griggs and Mrs. F. G. Holman gave helpful talks, on the importance of the mission work and study in all of our churches. Thereby giving our young people something to do and encouragement to work in their home churches.

Superintendents report as follows: 126 letters written; about 36 miles traveled; three churches visited; two societies organized. To the 75 Million Campaign, \$777.40; 24 Young Women Auxiliary members, contributed \$12.00; Girls Auxiliary contributed \$15.00; Sunbeams have 75 members contributed \$47.27. Splendid work has been done in the Social Service Work. Hundreds of visits to the sick and shutins, jail and county home, etc.

Mrs. Nichols offered her resignation as superintendent of Woman's Work.

Denominational literature was discussed by Rev. W. L. Griggs followed by a talk on Missionary Literature by Valera Bell Nichols. The Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Baptist State convention of North Carolina, is one of the greatest assets in Kingdom work.

The purpose of this organization as stated in the constitution, is to stimulate the missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and children of the churches and aiding in the collection of funds.

Since its organization in 1886, a substantial increase in the work has been made. They report efficient organizations in fifty six associations. Last year meetings were held in fifty one and nearly all of these were attended by officers of the union.

As stated above, the purpose is to stimulate missionary spirit. This can best be done through mission study classes, so a study course for the different grades has been prepared for the completion of which certificates and seals are awarded. They are now in the fourth year in which mission study has been made a real feature, 2,489 certificates and 3,800 small seals were issued last year.

Another important aim is to stimulate the grace of giving among all its members which includes all the women and young people individual responsibility is stressed. We find in the associations where there are no W. M. U. organizations, the gifts to missions from the churches are very small. One of their objectives is to reach the women and young people in these associations and enlist them in missionary activities. They earnestly ask the sympathy and cooperation of the pastors in this effort.

Since the union was organized, thirty seven years ago, its contributions to missions have been, to May 31, 1923, \$1,843,354.97. Since the beginning of the campaign counting gifts from May 1919, to May 31, 1923, they have paid, \$1,163,277.56. In the

apportionment of the 75 Million Campaign they were asked for \$1,100,000, and have already exceeded this amount. But the women through their societies pledged, not this amount, but \$2,167,000 and every effort possible will be made to redeem this large voluntary pledge. The aim for this year is \$350,000. They have third place.

At the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Training School at Louisville, Ky., there were twenty students from our state last year, fifteen holding scholarships.

There has been an interest in all lines. Fitting and stewardship have been stressed over all the state. The number of tithers added this year was 1,394 which brings the total to 2,598.

May the brothers be co-workers with us and carry out the injunction of Paul, "Help those women who are laboring with us in the Gospel".

MRS. J. W. NICHOLS,  
Committee.

The report was spoken to briefly by Mrs. Nichols and adopted.

State, Home and Foreign Missions were blended and discussed together under the head of missions. The reports were handed in and read as follows; viz:

### STATE MISSIONS

The State Mission Board began its work ninety-two years ago when there were only about fifteen thousand Baptist in the State. Now there are more than three hundred thousand white Baptist. The work of State Missions is not over. Less than fifty per cent of the people of the State are even nominal christians. We need to reach these people and lead them to Christ for the sake of their own immortal souls, for the sake of the State and Nation, and that they may strengthen our forces as we march under the banner of Jesus Christ to other fields.

State Missions is caring for the weak and destitute parts in our State. The work is both intensive and extensive. Extensively there are many sections where the Gospel needs to be preached and reinforced by strong and able men. The intensive work consists in enlisting the unenlisted churches, developing and enlarging their sense of responsibility for the spread of the Gospel both at home and abroad.

### HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board made a great report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City last May. When the convention met in that city eighteen years ago, the board's receipts for the year were \$169,988.92. This year they were \$1,002,193.07.



Then the board reported 10,551 baptisms, this year 38,770. Then there were 20,570 additions to the churches, this year 59,597. In 1905 the board had no special department of Evangelism. Shortly after that the department was organized and through it there have been 152,856 converts baptized, 208,643 additions to the churches and 23,260 volunteers for the ministry or definite mission work.

All the other departments of the board's work have advanced in a similar way. Surely we have reason for abundant thanksgiving to God for His marvelous favor upon the work of our Home Mission Board.

It is our one great Southwide Missionary Agency and has been the greatest single factor in helping to make the South a mighty Baptist empire, especially has its power been felt in the newer sections of the South, the Mississippi Valley and great Southwest. While Southern Baptist have made mighty progress there are greater needs and vaster opportunities at present than ever before in our history.

There are millions of lost souls whom we must reach and our people must be enlisted in all our denominational life and activities.

Our Home Mission Board is heavily in debt on account of the great enlargement of the work and the falling off in receipts, due largely to the deflation in prices in general.

The last report of the board states, that we raise \$75,000,000 by the close of the 75 Million Campaign and the Home Board receives its due proportion, the Board's debt can be paid and the board's work increased fifty per cent, over its present operations.

Let us come to the help of this great work and all our other interests as well.

Write to the Home Mission Board, 1,004 Healey Building, Atlanta, Georgia, and secure free its fine assortment of excellent tracts, and buy their splendid new Home Mission Books.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

Our Foreign Mission work grows. We have now 891 churches in sixteen foreign lands; 211 or practically one-fourth of these churches are self-supporting; 442 or one-half have their own houses of worship. In addition to the churches there are 2,896 out stations which give us a total of practically 4,000 stations where the word of God is preached regularly. Last year was the crowning year in baptisms, 12,611 were baptized, which is 4,720 more than reported the year before. We have passed the 100,000 mark in membership. We have 103, 328 members. These gave \$4.23 per capita last year. We have 796 schools which were attended last year by 32,789 scholars. This is about equal to the number of students in Baptist schools in the Southland. Of

course all of our schools in foreign lands are not of equal grade to those in the South, but we have our students in these foreign lands under our tutelage quite as long as we have the students in our Southern schools.

There were 1,447 Sunday Schools, which had an enrollment of 67,407. We have now 501 Foreign Missionaries and 2,820 native missionaries. This is almost twice as many Foreign Missionaries and almost four times as many native missionaries as we had in 1919 at the beginning of the 75 Million Campaign.

The Board reported a debt of \$403,000 at the last Southern Baptist Convention. There has been no disposition to criticize the Board because every body has realized that the Board has been very conservative in making appropriations. It has appropriated only a little above one-half of the amount that was proposed for it in the 75 Million Campaign. The convention was very serious about the situation, and was anxious to do something to set this great Board forward in its wonderful work.

After hearing of the Board's financial condition and of the more than fifty young people who were ready to be sent out to the foreign fields this year, the convention passed a most remarkable endorsement of the Board by raising through voluntary subscriptions from delegates present, enough money to send out these new missionaries. That was a very practical endorsement. It took place in one of the most spiritual hours the Southern Baptist convention ever experienced. The story of that Friday night's session of the convention has carried inspiration not only to great numbers of churches in the homeland but has enheartened the missionaries in every foreign field.

In the spirit of what took place at the Southern Baptist convention the Board at its June meeting appointed forty-eight new missionaries who in the early fall of this year will go to their fields.

The practical suggestion for everybody to take to heart at this critical time when the Board is burdened with debt, overwhelmed by the growth of the work, and appalled by vast unmet needs, is that every one should do his utmost to pay his 75 Million Campaign pledge in full this year. If these pledges are paid fully, the Board can pay its debts, support the missionaries and provide for many, many more distressing needs. The simple solution of our present situation is the payment of our 75 Million Campaign pledges. This is the biggest need for Foreign Missions this year. Now is the time to go forward.

G. H. WALKER,  
L. R. MILLER,  
J. W. WILSON,

Committee.



The above reports were ably discussed by Dr. Madry, and others and on motion adopted and the committee discharged.

Rev. W. C. Meadows read the report on

### MINISTERIAL RELIEF

From the best estimate that we can get, Southern Baptist, in all the states put together, paid their old preachers in the three years preceding the 75 Million Campaign, in round numbers, \$116,000.00. In the past three years, since the beginning of the Campaign, we have increased the yearly allowance paid to our beneficiaries over the estimated three years immediately preceding the Campaign, \$184,173.31, an average of more than \$61,000.00 per year. While this increase is gratifying, we are by no means doing what we should do. With the fixed income herein referred to, in addition to current receipts, we shall be enabled to increase the stipends of our beneficiaries at least 60 per cent, which will bring us to a point in our work where we shall have made great strides in solving our relief problem.

The immediate and imperative need of the Relief and Annuity Board, at this time, is a fixed income of \$100,000.00 per year on the relief side of the work alone, in addition to what the Board is now receiving and will continue to receive from the states, whatever the plan may be. This will take an interest bearing fund, for relief alone, of at least one and a half million dollars, of which we now have about five hundred thousand, including endowment and reserve.

The Board has now a beneficiary list of between eight and nine hundred. Others are being added from month to month. While we have made great strides since the organization of the new convention Board, we are not beginning to do what we should do.

Our aim is to persuade our people to make it clear to the minister that after he has given himself whole-heartedly to the work, and spent himself freely, in his ministry, that if he should fall in his work, or die in it, or grow old in it, the denomination will not permit his family to suffer nor him to suffer in his declining years. We want to make our young preachers feel that the denomination has thus spoken to them, and that they can accept its word at par. To do this will put new life in our preachers, greatly increase their efficiency and the denomination would be the real beneficiary.

The number of beneficiaries in North Carolina are 43 men and 35 women, making a total of 78.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. C. MEADOWS,  
J. F. JONES,  
E. M. BLACKBURN,  
Committee.

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

The subject of Sunday Schools was discussed by a number of the brethren, but no report was written nor handed in, consequently we insert the report of last year.

### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

For well written detailed data and lengthy learned dissertations on the great Sunday School question, you are respectfully referred to the Minutes of our North Carolina State convention and Southern Baptist convention. These may be had by addressing a request to Baptist Mission Rooms, Raleigh, N. C.

Actual facts of the number of schools present membership and other matters will be found in the statistical tables of our Association Minutes, hence we will make no attempt to give statistics in this report. So far as we are informed, every church in the Brushy Mountain Association has a Sunday School.

Teacher training is highly important in all of our local Sunday Schools, as well as in our State work. Why should not every school have a teacher-training class and thereby better equip our teachers? Nothing means more to the efficient and good work of our Sunday Schools than consecrated well trained teachers.

We would recommend that every individual school establish a teacher Training Class, using the course prescribed by the State Convention.

Many who undertake to teach are poorly trained and have little or no special equipment in the way of books and helps for their work. Many of these workers have plodded on for years in a faithful effort to do their work against tremendous odds. Proof accumulates from direction that the great mass of our people do not know their Bibles and in many instances, our efforts to really teach them the precious word of God are falling far short of the mark. Many of the children and of our adult population, including a large per cent of our church members need to be attracted to our Sunday schools and taught the word of life. In view of this condition of affairs your committee would suggest the closest and fullest contact and cooperation with Secretary Middleton and our Sunday School Department at Raleigh.



The institutes and teacher training work could be utilized to fine advantage here. This work alone will do wonders toward solving our Sunday School problems. It is a great eternal business we are about, error, sin and falsehood are being sown all around. God help us to improve efforts in our Sunday Schools.

SANFORD JARVIS,  
W. E. PARSONS,  
J. M. LANKFORD,  
Committee.

Report on

### BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

The Baptist Young People's Union of America was organized in 1890. It came into life because of the wide-spread effect of the Christian Endeavor Movement, and was a noble effort to so organize the Baptist Young People as to keep them identified with our own work and under our own influence. The first convention was held in Chicago in 1891.

In the South, the new organization attracted much attention. Many of the Brethren found in it that which they especially desired.

In 1893, a committee reported to the Southern Baptist convention, commending the organization of societies in the local churches, and that these societies "be under the sole authority of the church, without interdenomination affiliation".

The Southern B. Y. P. U. was organized in Atlanta, Georgia, November 1896.

The present B. Y. P. U. of North Carolina was organized at Ridge Crest in 1902. The first State convention was held with the Second Baptist Church, of Durham, June 1910. About ten unions with approximately 350 members were there. There are now in the State 1180 unions with a membership of over forty thousand.

There are two whole time B. Y. P. U. workers. They are available for both city and country churches. The B. Y. P. U. Headquarters is 214 Biblical Recorder Building, Raleigh, N. C. The workers are Perry Morgan, General Secretary and Miss Elma Leigh Farabow, Secretary Junior and Intermediate Work.

The object of the Baptist Young People's Union, as given in the B. Y. P. U. Manual, shall be the increased spirituality of the young christians. their training in essential church activities; their edification in scriptural knowledge; their instructions in Baptist doctrine and history; their enlistment in all forms of missionary endeavor through existing demonstrational organizations. The meaning of which is, in brief, Inspiration, Preparation and Service.

The B. Y. P. U. is the training service of a Baptist church and as such should be under church control, supported by the church financially and otherwise. The church should elect its officers, publicly install them and recognize them as church officers and call upon them for reports. The B. Y. P. U. is a church task and should be assumed seriously as such by the church. Churches are weak because the members are weak. In the future our churches will be strong in just the proportion that we train and enlist our constituency in Kingdom Service.

If we are diligent to conserve the possibilities wrapped up in the youth of our churches the time will speedily come when we will have a trained constituency that will completely and effectively revolutionize the life of the same. May North Carolina Baptists seize upon the opportunity which is now golden, to conserve, harness and develop the wonderful and powerful mines and reservoirs of unused spiritual and material resources lying dormant in the hearts and lives of our fine young people.

Today the B. Y. P. U. outlook is splendid in every way. The work is featured in local churches, conventions, assemblies, city training schools, colleges and seminaries. Our literature is well adapted to the needs of our young church members. Our standard of Excellence has unified the activities of the unions. Our text books are being studied widely, our Bible Readers' course is increasingly popular and helpful. Pastors are friends of the work almost without exception. Sunday School Superintendents depend upon the B. Y. P. U. to train up workers. The ministry and the mission fields get their recruits from the B. Y. P. U. more and more. Thank God for the B. Y. P. U.

V. McGHINNIS.

### HISTORIANS' REPORT

W. C. Meadows, Mont Jones, Robert Jones and V. Mc-Ghinnis were appointed to get up a history of Oakwoods Baptist Church which they did as follows:

It is high time that our Baptist people 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. We would urge upon the brethren of our association the vital importance of gathering the historical facts of our churches and having them recorded for the information of future generations.

It is a duty we owe to ourselves and to future generations to keep history straight.

Oakwoods Baptist church was organized on November 1st, 1917. During the autumn of that year preaching services were held



in the school house in that community by Rev. W. C. Meadows.

Those services resulted in getting together a few Baptist men and women of the community who after due consideration and prayer to God for guidance, decided that they wished to be organized into a church. Where upon, a Presbytery was called, consisting of Revs. Milton McNeil, W. E. Linney, W. S. Edwards and W. C. Meadows. Letters from thirteen brethren and sisters from Edgewood Baptist church were presented. Those brethren and sisters were duly examined by the Presbytery, and found orthodox and they unanimously voted to endorse the articles of faith, contained in the minutes of the Brushy Mountain Association, and were duly organized into the Oakwoods Baptist church. This church then called as its pastor Rev. W. E. Linney who served in that capacity until about 1921.

The church continued to worship in the school house until sometime in 1918.

By the the assistance of W. C. Meadows, it purchased the present house, then standing near the public road, which was later moved to the present site which was donated by M. C. Jones and wife by making a warranty deed to the church.

The church has prospered from its organization. It now has 72 members and a house of worship valued at \$600. A total enrollment in Sunday School of 96. May the good Lord continue to bless this church and may such be added to it from time to time as He would have to be saved.

Committee.

Ronda Baptist church was granted a letter of dismission to join Elkin Association.

Its letter of request reads as follows, viz:

Ronda, N. C., August 24, 1923.

To the Brushy Mountain Association:

The Ronda Baptist church asks for a letter of dismission from your body to join the Elkin Association as it is more conveniently located. Done by order of the church in conference, August 12th 1923.

A. M. BLACKBURN,  
Mod. Pro. Tem.

E. D. BYRD,  
Clerk Pro. Tem.

The committee on time and place report as follows:

Time—Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1924, at 11 a. m.

Place—Harmony church four miles north of North Wilkesboro.

To preach introductory sermon Dr. W. L. Griggs. Alternate Rev. Milton McNeil.

The following resolution of thanks offered by W. L. Griggs was heartily and unanimously adopted:

Resolved. That the sincere and heartfelt thanks of this Association be extended to this the Oakwoods 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 reported:

Rev. Milton McNeil to conduct devotional exercises tomorrow at 9:30 a. m. Dr. Lumpkin to address the people with reference to the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, at 10 a. m. Rev. T. L. Blalock to preach on Foreign Missions at 11 a. m. Rev. W. R. Beach to preach the annual sermon at 12 m.

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

### SABBATH

Pursuant to adjournment, the Association met at 9:30 o'clock and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Milton McNeil.

At 10 o'clock Dr. Lumpkin of the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem addressed the congregation telling them the story of the erection of the hospital, its equipment, something of the work it has already done, etc.

At 11 o'clock Rev. T. L. Blalock, missionary to China, addressed the audience on the work which the missionaries to that country are doing, stressed and emphasized the needs over there and urged our people to support their missionaries.

At 12 o'clock Rev. W. R. Beach delivered the annual sermon taking for his text Mark 11:27.

After announcements by the moderator and the closing song by the congregation, Rev. A. T. Pardue led the closing prayer.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Milton McNeil, closing one of the best and most successful sessions of the Brushy Mountain Association.

V. McGHINNIS,  
Clerk-Treas.

C. C. WRIGHT,  
Moderator.



TABLE I—STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	Pastor and P. O.	Clerk and P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS			LOSS			Total Membership	
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death		
Beaver Creek	Milton, McNeil, Wilkesboro	G. H. Walker, Boomer	3	\$1500	1		1			1	119	
Cub Creek	R. N. Garner, Hunting Creek	James Lankford, Wilkesboro	4	1500							45	
Edgewood	J. W. Watts, Taylorsville	A. G. Hendren, Straw	2	2000	4	1		4			155	
Fishing Creek	J. W. Watts, Taylorsville	R. L. Wellborn, Wilkesboro	2	500	29		1			1	129	
Gordon	L. B. Murray, State Road	J. H. Curtis, N. Wilkesboro	1	5000		3		5	1		64	
Goshen	L. C. Woodruff, Lomax	H. A. Carlton, Goshen	1	1500	1				3	3	72	
Harmony	L. B. Murray, State Road	H. M. Phillips, N. Wilkesboro	3	2500	16	8		1	1		99	
Lewis Fork	G. W. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	J. W. Dyer, Purlear	4	2000	7	1	1	1	2	5	250	
Little Rock	J. W. Watts, Taylorsville	S. M. Knight, Boomer	2	2000	7	1	1	1	2		114	
Moravian Falls	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	D. J. Pardue, Moravian Falls	2	1200							68	
Mount Carmel	W. C. Clanton, Gilreath	James Isaacs, Pores Knob	1	4000							79	
Mount Pleasant	G. W. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	J. C. McNeil, Champion	2&4	1500	11	1		8	4	6	286	
Mount Zion	Levi Greene, Hopkins	W. O. Barnett, Mount Zion	3	500	7		3		1		146	
New Hope	G. W. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	W. T. Eller, Purlear	4	800			2	7	1	3	250	
1st N. Wilkesboro	W. L. Griggs, N. Wilkesboro	J. E. Caudill, N. Wilkesboro	Every S.	31500	46	103	1	23	1	2	500	
2nd N. Wilkesboro	B. L. Minton, Congo	J. W. Wilson, N. Wilkesboro	2	1000	28	4		1	9	10	104	
Oak Grove	A. T. Pardue, N. Wilkesboro	M. Alexander, N. Wilkesboro	2	500							60	
Oakwoods	J. W. M. Alpine, Stony Point	R. L. Jones, Wilkesboro	1	600	8	4			5		72	
Pleasant Grove	Melvin Michael, Patton Ridge	J. G. Parsons, Buck	1	1000	9	5	1	16	3	3	200	
Pleasant Home	Grant Cothrer, Lomax	W. T. Kilby, Millers Creek	3	1200	14			9		1	175	
Pilgrim	Melvin Michael, Patton Ridge	E. M. Huffman, Congo	3	1000	1	2	2	1	17	2	60	
Ronda	W. E. Linney, Wilkesboro	C. B. Butner, Ronda	4	2600	9	4			7		104	
Stony Hill	Melvin Michael, Patton Ridge	L. D. Whittington, Parsonville	2	1500	5	5		2	2		103	
Shady Grove	Isaac Watts, Boomer	Bumen Jarvis, Wilkesboro	2	600							80	
Walnut Grove	J. W. McAlpine, Stony Point	W. A. Jennings, Pores Knob	4	1000	5	6		6	1	5	271	
Wilkesboro	J. L. Shinn, Wilkesboro	J. E. Spainhour, Wilkesboro	1&3	10000	2	2		1		1	166	
Zion Hill	J. W. Watts, Taylorsville	J. E. German, Boomer	2	2000								
Total					81000	210	149	12	86	58	43	3771

TABLE II—FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	75 Million (Undesignated)	State and Associational Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Ministers' Relief	TOTAL
Cub Creek	60 00					1 00				2 00	2 91	6 71			72 61
Beaver Creek	60 00					1 00					15 00				76 00
Edgewood	100 00		45 00			1 00		50 00				25 00	15 00		236 00
Fishing Creek	80 00					2 35		5 00							87 35
Gordon	100 00	1000 00	700 00			1 00				8 50					1824 50
Goshen	100 00	200 00	5 00			1 00		40 00							351 00
Harmony	146 00	60 00		24 90		1 00	5 00								235 90
Lewis Fork	125 00		3 00	4 32		1 50				25 00		5 00			163 80
Little Rock	100 00	2 00			20 00	1 75						2 45			126 20
Moravian Falls															
Mount Carmel															
Mount Pleasant	196 69	20 00	4 11	64 78	63 35	60	25 36		5 00	5 00	5 00			30 00	471 29
Mount Zion	78 00	5 00		25 00		1 60	32 35		8 00	10 00	10 00		5 80		172 45
New Hope	103 00		48 30		3 35	1 50	13 00	11 80				20 08			199 53
1st N. Wilkesboro	2630 00	1698 27	505 42	550 00	40 15	5 00	355 78	1079 60	90 33	20 50	21 50	250 76	95 40	386 00	7805 21
2nd N. Wilkesboro	100 00		94 00	12 00	10 00	1 44						2 56			217 44
Oak Grove	60 00			10 00	40 00	50				300 00	15 00	20 00			445 00
Oakwoods	120 00	54 00	3 00	23 25	4 00	1 00	13 00			3 00	5 00	19 50		3 00	248 75
Pleasant Grove	86 35	11 10	1 00	10 50	12 15	2 00	9 75	25 85				7 00			158 15
Pleasant Home	100 00			15 00		1 00	36 00	80 00							232 00
Pilgrim	47 65														47 65
Ronda	230 00		4 00			1 50	1 50								
Stony Hill	94 06		20 00		20 00	85									138 86
Shady Grove															
Walnut Grove	100 00				12 28	1 70	40 00		8 43	8 42	8 43	37 35	5 00	1 00	222 61
Wilkesboro	651 84	650 00	81 32				50 00	439 60	13 55	15 00	15 00				2327 76
Zion Hill															
TOTAL	5468 59	3700 37	1514 15	739 75	225 28	30 29	581 74	1731 85	125 31	377 42	97 84	421 41	121 20	420 00	15860 06



TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	Superintendent and P. O.	Secretary and P. O.	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment	Mos. Kept Open	Baptisms from School	Orphanage	School Expenses	Total Contributions				
Beaver Creek	A. J. Foster, Boomer		1	4	60	64	6							
Cub Creek	James Lankford, Wilkesboro		1	4	50	54	6							
Edgewood	C. C. Wright, Hunting Creek	Miss Valera Glass, Wilkesboro	1	4	80	84	8			10 00				
Fishing Creek	E. F. Anderson, Wilkesboro	Elizabeth Berry, Wilkesboro	1	8	113	121	8			5 00				
Gordon	A. B. McNeil, N. Wilkesboro	Clara McNeil, N. Wilkesboro	1	8	84	92	12							
Goshen	T. R. Barlow, Boomer	R. L. Proffitt, Goshen	1	3	50	53	8							
Harmony	H. D. Caudill, Wilkesboro	Mrs. H. D. Caudill, Wilkesboro	1	7	90	97	8							
Lewis Fork	D. F. Shepard, Ready Branch	Conrad Jones, Ready Branch	1	3	72	75	8			10 94				
Little Rock	V. McGhinnis, Boomer	N. C. Andrews, Boomer	1	3	58	61	8	4	5 00	2 45				
Moravian Falls														
Mount Carmel														
Mount Pleasant	U. G. Foster, Congo	Miss Bernice Foster, Purlear	1	12	114	126	12	46	78	46 78				
Mount Zion	S. J. Barnett, Mt. Zion	S. J. Barnett, Mt. Zion	1	7	74	81	8	6	25 00	16 80				
New Hope	A. S. Eller, Purlear	Vertie Watts, Purlear	1	7	150	157			48 02	48 02				
1st. N. Wilkesboro	E. M. Blackburn, N. Wilkesboro	A. W. Horton, N. Wilkesboro	1	36	490	532	12	37		451 28				
2nd. N. Wilkesboro	Nute Wood, N. Wilkesboro	J. F. Davis, N. Wilkesboro	1	5	40	45	12							
Oak Grove	Carey Pardue, N. Wilkesboro	G. Blackburn, N. Wilkesboro												
Oakwoods	I. P. Anderson, Wilkesboro	R. L. Jones, Wilkesboro	1	6	90	96		6		23 25				
Pleasant Grove	J. G. Parsons, Buck	W. E. Parsons, Buck	1	5	55	60		9		10 50				
Pleasant Home	C. C. Church, Millers Creek	Minnie McNeil, Wilkesboro	1	6	106	112		8	25 50	25 50				
Pilgrim	J. A. Parsons, Congo	Zora Church, Congo	1	5	65	70								
Renda	W. S. Edwards, Ronda	Miss Perue Martin, Ronda	1	7	120	127								
Stony Hill	Dora Hamby, Parsonville	Martie Baker, Parsonville	1	5	88	93				3 53				
Shady Grove														
Walnut Grove	R. C. Meadows, Pores Knob	Margaret Foster, Pores Knob	2	8	150	158		8 00	6 00	14 00				
Wilkesboro	F. B. Herrens, Wilkesboro	Pauline Linney, Wilkesboro	1	12	138	150		2	53 79	63 47				
Zion Hill	J. E. German, Boomer	Mattie Greer, Boomer												
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>23</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>2337</b>	<b>2408</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>21</b>