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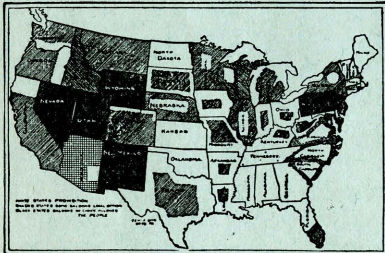
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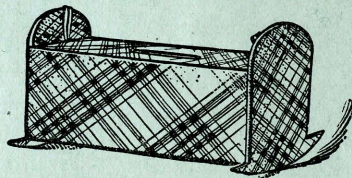
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MINUTES
OF THE
BRUSHY MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION

Thirty-Fifth Annual Session.

AUGUST 20TH, 1908.

The Brushy Mountain Association met in its thirty-fifth annual session, in the meeting-house of the New Hope Baptist Church, at 11:00 A. M. Thursday, August 20th, 1908.

In response to the appointment of last year, Rev. W. F. Staley, pastor of First Baptist Church at North Wilkesboro, preached the annual sermon.

The Association then adjourned to meet again at 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 P. M. the delegates assembled and the evening session was opened with song; prayer by W. C. Meadows.

The Moderator presented the Association with a Chart of Comparison, which shows a large gain in the last four years.

The roll of churches was called and the following were represented by delegates: Edgewood, Lewis Fork, Little Rock, Moravian Falls, Mt. Zion, North Wilkesboro, Pleasant Grove, Pilgrim, Stony Hill, Walnut Grove, Wilkesboro, Zion Hill, Beaver Creek, Mt. Pleasant, New Hope.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Foreign Missions—K. C. Horner, R. L. Earpp, T. L. Blalock.
Home Missions—W. F. Staley, S. G. Stout, J. S. Farmer.
State Missions—A. T. Pardue, J. H. Johnson, W. R. Bradshaw.
Orphanage—W. C. Meadows, A. Johnson, A. S. Eller.
Sunday Schools—Walter Horton, Wm. West, —— Norris.
Education—D. S. Lee, J. B. Hall, U. G. Foster.
Ministerial Relief—J. T. Nichols, W. A. Fairchild, L. B. Pierce.
Obituaries—B. F. Eller, A. J. Gould, S. H. Lovett.
Temperance—M. McNeil, S. J. Gennings, W. A. Bentley, K. C. Horner, W. F. Staley, T. L. Blalock.
Order of Business—J. C. Reins, W. C. Meadows.
Time and Place—T. C. Land, T. V. Church, A. G. Hendren.
Periodicals—T. L. Blalock, J. S. Farmer, A. Johnson.
Executive Committee—W. F. Staley, A. T. Pardue, W. C. Meadows, M. McNeil and K. C. Horner.
Committee on Devotional Exercises—Pastor and delegates of New Hope Church.
Committee on Resolutions—K. C. Horner, W. F. Staley and W. C. Meadows.

On motion of Rev. W. F. Staley the regular order of election of officers was dispensed with and the present officers, C. C. Wright, Moderator, W. H. Church, Clerk, and S. J. Gennings, Treasurer were re-elected by acclamation.

The Moderator extended to visiting brethren an invitation to seats in our body, which were accepted by Brethren John Taylor and L. W. Shumate of Stone Mountain Association, Rev. D. S. Lee of Caldwell, Rev. Mr. Norris of the Three Forks Association and Rev. T. L. Blalock, our missionary from China.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that Rev. T. S. Blalock would conduct the morning prayer service and Rev. Norris would preach at 11:00 o'clock, Friday.

The Committee on Order of Business made the following report:

Thursday afternoon—Report of Committee on Periodicals.

Friday morning—Foreign Missions and Home Missions.
 Friday afternoon—Report on Orphanage and Education.
 Saturday morning—Report on State Missions and Temperance.

Saturday afternoon—Report on Ministerial Relief, Obituaries and miscellaneous.

The report on Periodicals was read by Archibald Johnson.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Reading Christians are those who usually do most of the work in our churches. Where the Biblical Recorder circulates most freely, we find our most efficient churches. Unless we inform ourselves of what our people are doing all over the state, we lose the enthusiasm that comes from the knowledge of our progress. The Recorder is the general voice of the denomination. It is the sentinel on the watch tower. It has stood guard over our work for almost seventy-five years and has always been reliable and true, never leading us astray and never sounding a false note. It is now under admirable editorial management. Its editor is sound in the faith, and a man of uncommon culture and ability. Born in the mountain section, he is familiar with our needs. He is true as steel and in every way worthy of our confidence and love. We commend the Recorder and Charity and Children to all our people. Only one out of five Baptist families in the South take a denominational paper; 533,000 families are absolutely without this essential to intelligence and efficiency. Four fifths of Southern Baptists are ignorant about denominational affairs. Of the 205,000 white Baptists in North Carolina, there are sixty-five thousand families, and fully fifty thousand of these are unvisited by any Baptist paper! One dollar and fifty cents could hardly be more wisely expended than in paying the subscription of our own paper to keep the members in touch with the great movement of bringing the world to Christ.

Our Home and Foreign Mission Journals are also exceedingly valuable to us and we commend them to the brethren.

T. L. BLALOCK,
 ARCHIBALD JOHNSON,
 J. S. FARMER.

After a motion to adopt the report, it was discussed

by W. F. Staley, T. L. Blalock, D. S. Lee, W. C. Meadows, C. C. Wright, A. Johnson and J. S. Farmer and adopted.

Bro. G. W. Walch informed the Association that he had a very sick son and would not be able to be with us any more during the session and requested the prayers of the body for his son and himself. The Moderator asked Bro. Blalock to lead the Association in prayer for the recovery of this young man.

On motion the Association adjourned until 9:30, Friday morning. Benediction by K. C. Horner.

SECOND DAY MORNING.

AUGUST 21st, 1908.

The Association re-assembled at 9:30 A. M. and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. T. L. Blalock.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

An invitation to seats in our body was extended by the Moderator to visiting brethren, which was accepted by J. S. Farmer, business manager of Biblical Recorder, and Archibald Johnson, Editor of Charity and Children, published at Thomasville Orphanage.

New Hope, Beaver Creek and Mt. Pleasant churches handed in their Letters which were read.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. K. C. Horner.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This work of the Lord should make special claims upon us because of its Author, its origin and the work itself. God is the author of Foreign Missions. This work started in Heaven,

God so loved the world that he gave his Son. That Son coming from the grave, a conqueror over death and hell, meeting his disciples on the evening of the day of his resurrection said to them "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." This is the greatest commission ever given to mortal man. Christ promised the presence, power and guidance of his Holy Spirit in its execution.

He explicitly and definitely commanded his people to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. This is the work to which we as individual Christians, as churches, as an Association, are committed. It is this that should engage our thoughts, our purposes, our plans and prayers.

Having received our marching orders from the Great Captain of our salvation, it is our imperative duty to obey orders—"rescue the perishing, and to care for the dying" throughout the whole wide world. A failure here means to invite extinction. Our duty at home is to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest and to provide for their support and the needs of the work. We, as an Association, fail to do this. Six churches in this Association gave absolutely nothing for Foreign Missions last year. The entire Association gave on an average last year a fraction over ten cents per member. May these facts indeed become the "Fingers of God" to point us to the highest endeavor we have ever put forth in this great and needy cause.

We feel grateful for the progress, however, that is being made in this field of our Lord's Kingdom.

In 1900 the total number of our missionaries and native preachers and helpers was 227. By the report of 1906 this number has become 500 and additions have been made since then. In 1900 there were 1,341 baptisms; in 1907, 2,239 baptisms. In 1900 there were 6,537 church members; in 1907, there were 13,437 members.

There has also been an increase in contributions.

We recommend:

1. That the Churches increase their pledges to this object.
2. That the Foreign Mission Journal be placed in the homes of the people.
3. That the pastors manifest more interest and teach their people the duty of giving to all objects of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. HORNER,
For the Committee.

After a motion to adopt the report it was discussed by K. C. Horner, W. F. Staley, W. C. Meadows, T. S. Blalock, C. C. Wright and adopted.

The Association adjourned for dinner. Benediction by Rev. Mr. Norris.

SECOND DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the house to order and the choir rendered a selection. Bro. K. C. Horner led the Association in prayer.

Rev. W. F. Staley read the report on Home Missions for the Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions is the basis of our operation in the Southern Baptist Convention. Their work naturally appeals to the hearts of our Baptist hosts. We should hold on to the interest and opportunities of our South Land with one hand, and with the other extend the Gospel to the benighted lands. The claim of the hour is the Evangelization of the world. In order to bring it to pass we recognize that the "cords must be lengthened and stakes strengthened in our home-land." The possibilities for the redemption of the South were never greater than at the present. Our Board has several grave problems to solve, and it requires the co-operation of every Baptist.

1. The educational problem, building and supporting schools in the mountains; there is no more needed work than the education of our young; the hope of our country lies in the Christian education of our young men and women.

2. The building problem; our Board helps the struggling churches to erect an edifice in a growing town; the responsibility is especially heavy on the Board, hence it claims our contributions as well as our prayers.

3. The immigration problem; there are millions of foreigners coming within our borders. They entertain foreign ideas and perpetuate their customs. As a rule they do not make good citizens. They will paganize us unless we Christianize them.

4. The evangelistic problem, the wisdom of the home Board in selecting efficient evangelists to assist pastors at strategic points has never been questioned. Our missionaries are working on the frontiers, in Cuba and in Panama, and their work has been greatly blessed, our Board worked on a basis of \$500,000; \$35,000 was the amount apportioned to North Carolina. The Home Board reports the total receipts \$265,335.59, an increase over last year of \$33,501.56, a debt of \$22,208.29 remaining on the Board. They report 919 missionaries, 17,760 baptisms. In view of the present facts, your committee recommends an increase in contributions and enlargement of our work.

Submitted,
W. F. STALEY.

After a motion to adopt the report it was discussed by Rev. J. S. Farmer and W. F. Staley. The roll of churches was called and \$92.00 was pledged and the report adopted.

The report on the Orphanage was read by W. C. Meadows.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Our Orphanage never was in better condition or had more work to do than now. We have there a farm of 441 acres, well managed and worked by the boys. Also a woodworking shop, and a shoe shop operated by the boys. All of which adds greatly to the revenue needed to run the institution. In the last year we have completed, or nearly so, two new buildings and the new infirmary for the sick. These will be the best buildings on the grounds. We have a fine well of water, 876 feet deep and a splendid system of water works. The panic has affected us some and we owe \$3000.00.

We have 375 children who are supported at an average cost \$6.00 per month per child. The interest from invested funds, and the large donations are used to improve and enlarge the institution.

So, the orphans now and always will get their daily bread from the voluntary contributions of the churches and Sunday Schools. We wish especially to emphasize once a month collections in all the Sunday Schools and a club of Charity and Children if possible and that we make all we possibly can on Thanksgiving Day. Let the day be thought of as Orphanage

Day for the Baptists of North Carolina. We earnestly ask that a Thanksgiving service be held in all the churches and that we show our appreciation of the abundant blessings of God upon us, by giving liberally to the orphans. Take collections in cash, also in "kind," a box of such things as are needed by children, freight prepaid will be thankfully received.

Lastly, we want highly to commend the faithful work of our very efficient General Manager, Rev. M. L. Keesler, and to give him our hearty support in every way possible.

W. C. MEADOWS.

After a motion was made to adopt the report, it was discussed by W. C. Meadows, and A. Johnson. The roll of churches was called and \$238.00 was pledged and the report adopted.

The Report on Education was read by D. S. Lee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Sincerely believing Ignorance to be our greatest enemy, we earnestly insist on our Baptist people taking a greater interest in the cause of education. Never before in the history of our church was an educated ministry so demanded and essential as at the present. Our forefathers in the ministry accomplished a great work and deserve honor and praise but realizing the great effort that is being made by the various denominations to educate their people, we Baptists must put forth our strongest efforts for education. We emphasize the necessity of the public school system and our College Preparatory institutions and recommend Wake Forest College and Mars Hill College for young men desiring a college education, also Oxford Seminary and Baptist University for women. We further insist on our people reading good Baptist papers and literature as a medium of education. We should emphasize and encourage the necessity of our young preachers being educated that they may be more efficient servants in the Master's vineyard and the building up of the Baptist cause. We are glad to note the progress in education in Wilkes County (which is Baptist territory) from 1900 to 1908, and extend the Moderator of this Association our thanks for his earnest efforts as the leader in this great work.

D. S. LEE,
Chairman.

After a motion to adopt the report it was discussed by A. Johnson, W. F. Staley and T. S. Blalock. The roll of churches was called and \$26.00 pledged and the report adopted.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises announced that Rev. W. F. Staley would conduct the morning prayer service.

On motion the Association adjourned till 9:30 tomorrow. Prayer by Rev. M. McNeil.

THIRD DAY, MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled in the church and devotional exercises were conducted by W. F. Staley, after which he had to leave for Elkin to conduct the funeral of Miss Bowles, a member of his church at that point.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Letters from Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant Home, Yadkin Valley and Cub Creek were read, also a letter from Mt. Carmel was read which stated that they were without a pastor and in a critical condition and after a motion a committee consisting of W. C. Meadows, W. A. Bentley and S. G. Stout were appointed to visit the church and use their best judgment in helping them out of their trouble.

By order of the Association the Moderator appointed the following delegates:

Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. K. C. Horner.

Baptist State Convention, R. A. Spainhour and H. W. Horton.

On motion, any brother who could attend any sister Association was authorized to represent this body as messenger.

Brethren who attended other Associations were called

upon for reports and W. C. Meadows stated that he attended the Alexander Association and they were in good working order, but not exactly as we were. They pay to the different objects of the Association in advance and did not make pledges.

W. F. Eller made a motion that in case any church should not be willing to pledge the delegates suggest to their church that they pay the pledges made at this session and raise enough money to pay as much for the next year, so they will not have to make pledges for the following year. Motion carried.

The Committee on Time and Place made the following report: Time—Thursday before Fourth Sunday in August, 1909, at Little Rock. Introductory sermon to be preached by K. C. Horner, alternate W. F. Staley.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

To the Brethren of the Brushy Mountain Association. The task we are called upon to perform is to offer a report on State Missions. We acknowledge that at best we can only do that in part. We feel that prayer should be offered for the Lord of the Harvest of State Missions to send forth more laborers. We are sure that the state from the destitute counties of the East to the mountain tops of the West should be filled with the doctrine of salvation. And in order to do this and have the Lord's approval, we suggest that the churches maintain strict New Testament order among the members, that false members or false teachers, within or without may find less harm to do, because the power of God is freely offered to his obedient children rather than to the multitudes of the disobedient. So let us one and all observe our Master's command to give the Gospel to all the state.

A. T. PARDUE,
For Committee.

The report on State Missions was discussed by W. R. Bradshaw as follows:

STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board has been doing work for 78 years, yet

there is great destitution, and therefore great need of State Mission work.

Our greatest destitution is in Eastern North Carolina. There are twenty counties lying on and East of Wilmington & Weldon R. R. between the Cape Fear and Roanoke Rivers. This territory covers nearly 10,000 square miles. In this territory there are about 200,000 white people and 175,000 negroes, but only one twenty-fifth of the white population is Baptist. There is only one Baptist church to every 80 square miles.

Here in the West where a Baptist church is on every hill and in every valley, we can hardly realize the destitution in the East. The need then for the East is more men, strong men and supported men. To secure these men will require money and that money will have to be furnished by the State Board. For the State Board to have it, the churches must give it and for the churches to give it each member will be required to give. So the responsibility of all the destitution must be made to rest where it belongs, on the individual members.

PIEDMONT NORTH CAROLINA.

Here we are doing most of our manufacturing for the present. New towns are built up in a few weeks. The people come from all parts of the state and at the beginning of these towns is the time to start them right.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

Here the country is filled with Baptists. Going down as far as Kings Mountain and Pilot Mountain Associations there are 87,948 Baptists, 769 churches. What did we give last year for State Missions? \$5,615.70. About forty-one per cent of the Baptists of the state and nearly 41 per cent of the churches, but we gave only one-eighth of what was raised for State Missions. We can no longer plead poverty in Western North Carolina. We have the money. We can do more and we will do more when we organize ourselves more perfectly until every man, woman and child shall take some definite part in the evangelization of North Carolina.

Great battles are fought and won, not by mobs, but by organized forces, trained and disciplined. This is the task before us in the West.

After this pledges were taken amounting to \$180.75. The report was adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned for dinner. Benediction by D. S. Lee.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association assembled in the house at the ringing of the bell and the choir rendered a selection. Bro. B. F. Eller led in prayer.

Rev. M. McNeil read the Temperance report for the Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance, in common with the thousands of anxious mothers and fathers of North Carolina rejoices over the early fruition of the long deferred hope for absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic in this good State. For years this Association, in common with the great Baptist host in all sections of the State, has prayed and labored for the day to dawn when intoxicating liquors could not be lawfully manufactured or sold in the borders of this commonwealth. Through these efforts and like efforts from other Churches and Associations there was created such a powerful moral sentiment among the people that they demanded of the Legislature that the question of prohibition be submitted to a popular vote. This demand was heeded and as is well known, this greatest of all moral questions was laid before the people for their decision. After a strenuous campaign in every corner of the state, led in large part by such great Baptists as John Oates, and Judge J. C. Pritchard and resisted by the united efforts of the whiskey interest, the people rendered a verdict in favor of absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic by the decisive majority of about 45,000. However, the passage of this legislation has not removed from the Christian citizenship of the state its duty. To be ever watchful for the welfare of the people through their freedom of the great temptation and destructive effect of the blighting liquor traffic. The church cannot afford to leave the duty of promoting temperance and Godliness to the State; through legislation the church's duty is enhanced rather than lessened. It must not only continue its zealous efforts to make temperance the wish and practice of the people, but it should also instill into the minds of all the people respect for the laws we have; and also a desire that they may be amended and strengthened in all parts where weak and ineffective, partial or in any sense defective, to the end that prohibition may be supported by a strong moral sentiment and religious zeal. We believe the sentiment for temperance among our own people is stronger than ever before, although

the vote of this county at the recent election on prohibition was strongly against the bill submitted to the people. We think this adverse vote was largely due to local reasons and to a feeling pretty generally disseminated that the fruit growing sections of the state had been discriminated against in favor of the wine making section and not to a sentiment in the county against temperance.

This might also be shown by a comparison of the vote this year and 1881 on the question. In 1881 Prohibition only received about 300 votes in the county, this year about 1200. Again let us say that it is the duty of our churches to do their utmost to win respect and obedience by all the people to the laws we have and to create a sentiment which will allow no backward step but which will mean further progress in securing the fullest measure of protection for the homes of our country from the insidious and heartless attacks of King Alcohol upon the happiness, health and future life of our people.

MILTON McNEIL,
W. A. BENTLEY,
S. J. GINNINGS,
Committee.

After a motion to adopt the report it was discussed by M. McNeil, T. L. Blalock and W. R. Bradshaw. The report was adopted.

The choir sang a good temperance song which was much enjoyed.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by D. S. Lee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Observing that in the report of the various churches of the Brushy Mountain Association some of the churches report no School work, or organization; we earnestly insist on every church in this body organizing and supporting an evergreen Sunday School. We are sorry that we have no statistics to present in this report, but we are glad to note that there is progress in the Sunday School cause. It has proven to be an important evangelistic agency. There are more additions to the Church from the Sunday School than from any other source. It is estimated that more than 80 per cent, of the young members of the church are from the Sunday School ranks. This being so, it is hard to estimate the power for good of the 23,000,000 Sunday School pupils in this

country and England. Not only are they the chief source of recruit for our churches, but are becoming a great missionary power, doing much efficient work in helping to send the Gospel to those who have it not. Therefore we heartily recommend that our churches go forward in the Sunday School work, seeing their labor is not in vain, but is telling mightily both for time and eternity in the salvation of precious souls.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. WEST,
D. S. LEE,
T. L. BLALOCK,
Committee.

After a motion was made to adopt the report it was discussed by D. S. Lee, W. R. Bradshaw and T. L. Blalock. The roll of churches was called and pledges taken amounting to \$18.50. The report was adopted.

There being no deaths of ministers in the bounds of the Association, the Committee on Obituaries had no report to make.

An invitation to seats in our body was extended to visiting brethren, which was accepted by J. P. Robbin of the Three Forks Association, and W. R. Bradshaw, representing State Missions.

Rev. M. McNeil read the following report for the Committee on Resolutions, which was unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved that the thanks of this Association be extended to this church and to the people of this community for the cordial hospitality extended to the delegates and visitors while attending this Association.

K. C. HORNER,
W. F. STALEY,
MILTON McNEIL,
Committee.

The Moderator asked M. McNeil to lead the Association in prayer and ask the blessing of the Heavenly Father to rest upon our Bro. W. R. Bradshaw as he

goes through the State, and Bro. Blalock as he returns to his mission field in China.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that Rev. T. L. Blalock would conduct prayer service at 10 o'clock and Rev. W. R. Bradshaw would preach at 11.

The report on Ministerial Relief was read by Jas. T. Nichols.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

From reports gathered we learn that there are now thirty-four aged ministers and widows who are needing help and who are largely dependent on the churches for relief. This being an increase of four over the preceding year. We hope to see the various churches respond with an increase in their contributions to meet the demand, and thereby show our appreciation for the service of those who preached the gospel to our fathers and mothers, ever remembering "In as much as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren, you did it unto me." We further recommend that each church contribute unto the aged and needy that may be in their bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. NICHOLS,
L. B. PIERCE,
W. A. FAIRCHILDS,
Committee.

After the report was ably discussed, pledges were taken amounting to \$22.00. The report was adopted.

The Clerk was authorized to have minutes printed and distributed among the churches, and he be allowed \$5.00 out of Minute fund as compensation for the same.

Minutes of the day read and approved.

There being no farther business the Association adjourned with song by the choir and prayer by W. C. Meadows.

SUNDAY MORNING.

At 10 A. M. the audience assembled in the house and prayer service was conducted by T. L. Blalock. At 11:00 the congregation went to the grove and was addressed by W. R. Bradshaw, which was much enjoyed by all.

The Association then adjourned to meet at Little Rock Church, August 19th, 1909, at 11:00 A. M.

W. H. CHURCH,
Clerk.

C. C. WRIGHT,
Moderator.

STATISTICS

PLEDGES

CHURCHES	STATISTICS						PLEDGES											
	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	State Mis's	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Blaylock	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	State Sun-day School Work	Education	Total
Beaver Creek...	1						18	38	56	\$				\$2 00	\$1 00			\$4 00
Cub Creek	5			2	4		37	26	63				10 00	10 00				22 00
Edgwood	5	1		3			50	58	108	7 00	5 00	5 00		12 00		1 00	2 00	32 00
Harmony				1	3	1	12	25	37	5 00			5 00	5 00	2 00			17 00
Lewis Fork	11		1		1	2	49	113	162	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00			5 00
Little Rock				2	7	1	19	30	49	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00		1 00		5 00
Moravian Falls				2	2		22	43	65	3 50	1 00		5 00	6 00		50		15 50
Mt. Carmel							16	23	39									8 00
Mt. Pleasant...	14	3	4	2	4	3	98	159	257	2 00	1 00		1 00	3 00	1 00			5 50
Mt. Zion	1						28	33	61	1 50	1 00	1 00		2 00				14 00
New Hope	7	1	1	8	2	2	68	118	186	2 00	2 00	1 00		6 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	33 00
N. Wilkesboro.	6	10	1	17	1		89	111	200	75 00	60 00	75 00	10 00	85 00	8 00	10 00	15 00	335 00
Pleasant Grove		5	1	6	7		34	78	112				1 00					1 00
Pleasant Home	5	3		1	5	1	44	74	118									2 00
Pilgrim.....	15	2	12	13	8	1	28	57	85				1 00					1 00
Shady Grove...																		2 00
Stony Hill.....	7	6				1	16	20	36		1 00			1 00				2 00
Walnut Grove	6				3	1	71	120	191	6 25	3 00		15 00	8 00				32 25
Wilkesboro.....				2			24	58	82	65 00	10 00	50 00		75 00	5 00	4 00	5 00	214 00
Zion Hill.....	3	3		7	1	1	41	77	118	10 00	4 00		15 00	20 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	56 00
Oak Grove				8	1		10	14	25									
Yadkin Valley	5	9	1	20	9	1	16	26	42		2 00	3 00		2 00				7 00
Total	91	43	21	97	56	15	790	1301	2091	180 75	92 00	135 00	69 00	238 00	22 08	18 50	26 00	781 25

FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	Pastors Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Exp.	The Poor	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	State S. S. Work	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Old Minist's Relief	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Total
Beaver Creek.....	\$25 00						1 00			1 00			36		27 36
Cub Creek	50 00				6 00			10 00		12 35			60		78 95
Edgwood	75 00		10 75	7 75		5 00	5 00	11 00	2 00	12 00	2 00	2 00	1 00		133 50
Harmony	40 00					5 00		8 00		3 00		3 00	50		59 50
Lewis Fork.....	28 00						11 40			2 00			1 20		42 60
Little Rock.....	20 00						55	25		1 00			70		22 45
Moravian Falls						3 00		5 49		7 50		3 00	80		19 79
Mt. Carmel				3 00		1 00				2 00			50		6 50
Mt. Pleasant	40 00		3 03	11 00	11 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		5 00		1 00	1 45	13 10	88 58
Mt. Zion	23 00			4 00		1 00		2 00		1 00		1 00	75	1 00	33 75
New Hope		168 00		1 40		2 03	2 31	1 27	1 27	9 59	1 27	1 27	1 59		190 00
No. Wilkesboro.....	475 00	218 24	207 69	53 00	43 49	75 00	50 00	113 16	10 00	86 95	10 00	8 00	1 50	7 00	1361 53
Pleasant Home	50 00	200 00		2 00	16 00	3 00		4 00		6 00		1 00	75	14 00	296 75
Pleasant Grove	26 00	100 00		2 80					1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	55		136 35
Pilgrim.....	38 00				5 00		1 00			1 16			50		45 63
Shady Grove.....															
Stony Hill.....	25 00					1 00		1 00		2 00	50		65		30 15
Walnut Grove.....	50 00			3 00		5 00		15 75		8 00			85		82 60
Wilkesboro	350 00					65 00	10 00	50 00	4 00	121 50	5 00	5 00	1 50		612 00
Zion Hill.....	80 00			6 00	5 00	10 00	4 00	15 00	2 00	20 00	2 00	3 00	1 06		148 06
Oak Grove.....	40 00			3 00	5 00	25 00		5 00		5 00			1 00		84 00
Yadkin Valley.....	32 00		6 87	2 00	1 35	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	30		55 52
Total	1467 00	686 74	228 34	100 95	92 84	204 28	87 96	244 92	21 27	312 05	23 77	32 27	18 11	35 10	3555 60

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND DELEGATES.

CHURCHES	Sabbath of Worship	Pastors	Clerks and Addresses	Delegates.
Beaver Creek	First	G. Z. Bumgarner	Z. T. Ferguson, Barlow	J. M. Haine, and A. J. Gould.
Cub Creek	Second	D. W. Pool	W. E. Smithy, Moravian Falls	J. B. Hall.
Edgewood	Second	K. C. Horner	C. C. Wright, Hunting Creek	A. G. Hendren, Wm. Stroud, and Walter Stroud.
Harmony	Second	A. T. Pardeu	J. A. Pardeu, No. Wilkesboro	J. J. Kilby, and T. J. Broyhill.
Lewis Fork	First	W. F. Carlton	J. W. Dyer, Purlear	J. W. Dyer, and William West.
Little Rock	First	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. W. Livingston, Boomer	W. A. Fairchilds, and Isaac Broyhill.
Moravian Falls	Second	K. C. Horner	J. B. Leach, Moravian Falls	S. G. Stout, C. D. Harris, and C. C. Waynscott.
Mt. Carmel	Second	No Pastor	J. T. Rogers, Moravian Falls	No Delegates.
Mt. Pleasant	Second	W. F. Carlton	W. G. Foster, Champion	U. G. Foster, Philip Walsh and Benj. Huffman.
Mt. Zion	Fourth	Asa Brown	W. D. Barnett, Mt. Zion	J. C. Land, R. Z. Robinett and S. J. Barnett.
New Hope	Fourth	M. McNeill	W. H. Eller, Purlear	J. M. Eller, J. H. Davis and A. S. Eller.
No. Wilkesboro	2nd & 4th	W. F. Staley	S. E. Absher, No. Wilkesboro	J. C. Reins, S. L. Pardew and W. F. Staley.
Oak Grove	First	A. T. Pardeu	J. G. Pardeu, No. Wilkesboro	No delegates.
Pleasant Grove	First	L. B. Murry	A. P. Minton, Buck	M. B. Dancy and John Bumgarner.
Pleasant Home	Third	L. B. Murry	W. T. Kilby, Millers Creek	H. C. Kilby, W. T. Kilby and L. B. Pierce.
Pilgrim	Third	W. F. Carlton	Z. V. Church, Congo	T. V. Church,
Shady Grove	Second	No Report	G. W. Walsh, Parsonville	G. W. Walsh and J. M. Parsons.
Stony Hill	Second	James Nichols	W. A. Brown, Poors Knob	W. A. Bentley and W. C. Meadows.
Walnut Grove	Second	D. W. Pool	S. J. Ginnings, Wilkesboro	S. J. Ginnings, M. McNeill and K. C. Horner.
Wilkesboro	1st & 3rd	K. C. Horner	Winton Ball, No. Wilkesboro	Thos. Shumaker and S. A. Lovett.
Yadkin Valley	First	Azure Hays	J. E. German, Boomer	R. L. Earp.
Zion Hill	Fourth	W. J. Bumgarner		

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total	Average Attendance	Volumes in Library	Quarterlies and Papers Taken	Baptized from School	Months Kept Open
Beaver Creek	No Report.								
Cub Creek	No Report.								
Edgewood	C. C. Wright, Hunting Creek	6	118	124	60	185	130	3	9
Harmony	T. J. Broyhill, Millers Creek	2	25	27	15		12		6
Lewis Fork	No Report								
Little Rock	Isaac Broyhill, Boomer R. F. D. 1	3	61	64	30				5
Moravian Falls	D. J. Pardue, Moravian Falls	5	63	68	27		70		12
Mt. Carmel	J. Isaacs, Poors Knob	4	52	56	25				
Mt. Pleasant	A. L. Barrett, Champion	6	85	91	50	20	280	7	12
" " Branch	B. F. Huffman, Purlear	5	87	92	57		220		12
Mt. Zion	William Minton, Mt. Zion	10	99	109	61	50	200	1	9
New Hope	A. S. Eller, Purlear	6	130	136	40		35		12
No. Wilkesboro	W. H. Church, No. Wilkesboro	14	268	282	110	200	350	6	12
Oak Grove	I. N. Bangus, Knottville	4	20	24	15		12		4
Pleasant Home	S. B. Pierce, Millers Creek	10	100	110			50		6
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Nichols, Buck	5	50	55	24		47		6
Pilgrim	Thos. V. Church, Congo	6	70	76	40		36		12
Shady Grove	No Report.								
Stony Hill	G. W. Walsh, Parsonville	7	71	78	40		50		7
Walnut Grove	W. C. Meadows, Poors Knob	4	90	94	50		40	3	6
Wilkesboro	F. B. Hendren, Wilkesboro	9	95	84	50	100	50		12
Yadkin Valley	Winton Ball, No. Wilkesboro	5	35	40	20		45		6
Zion Hill	A. M. McGhinnis, Boomer	7	60	57	50		70	3	10
		118	1559	1677	765	555	1697	23	154

Sunday School Convention

WALNUT GROVE CHURCH, MAY 30TH, 1908.

The Sunday School Convention of the Brushy Mountain Association met to-day in its eighth session with Walnut Grove Church at 11 A. M.

The delegates assembled in the church and the President being absent Bro. Meadows was asked to act as President pro tem. The choir sang "Come to me," and Bro. Staley offered prayer. President Wright, having arrived, took charge of the Convention, and on account of the absence of Rev. D. W. Pool he asked Bro. Staley to discuss "The Significance of the Sunday School Work."

The roll of churches was called and the following churches were represented: Edgewood, Moravian Falls, New Hope, North Wilkesboro, Shady Grove, Walnut Grove, Zion Hill and Little Rock.

The President delivered a most excellent address, giving us some statistics showing the progress made by the Sunday Schools since the Convention was organized.

Bro. W. C. Meadows, gave a fine description of a model Sunday School and how to maintain it; which was ordered by the Convention printed and distributed among the Sunday Schools of the convention.

Bro. Staley gave us some good thoughts and highly commended the President for his noble work and the Chart of Comparison, which he presented to the Convention.

Rev. K. C. Horner being absent, Rev. C. F. Fields was asked to lead the discussion "The Bible and its Place in the Sunday School."

Bros. Meadows, Staley and Horton also made a few remarks, all emphasizing the fact that the Bible should have first place in the Sunday School and insisted on all schools using the helps of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The President announced Bro. W. C. Meadows, C. F. Fields and W. H. Church as a committee to get up a digest of the report of the Sunday Schools.

The Convention adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:00 P. M. the congregation assembled in the house and the choir sang, after which Bro. Fields led in prayer and the choir sang another selection.

"The Superintendent, His Qualifications," was discussed by C. F. Fields, who emphasized the fact that the Superintendent should be a Christian, man of public prayer, one that wears a smile on his face and one that is prompt every Sunday.

Rev. W. F. Staley made a good talk, explaining the qualifications of Superintendents. Bro. W. C. Meadows made some explanations which were very instructive.

"The Secretary and Treasurer, his Records," was discussed by H. W. Horton and Rev. W. F. Staley, who emphasized the fact that the Secretary should keep a neat and accurate report of all the proceedings and attendance and the Treasurer should keep a correct account of all funds coming into his hands.

The choir sang "Let me Hide Myself in Thee."

Mr. J. H. Johnson being absent, "The Teacher, his Qualifications," was discussed by H. W. Horton, who gave his method of teaching.

Bro. Staley made a talk in which he asserted that a teacher should gain the confidence of the class in order to hold the class and the teacher should be apt to teach, they should have attractiveness and in order to have this they should live like Christ.

"The Pupil, How can we Reach Him?" was discussed by Revs. C. F. Fields, W. C. Meadows, W. H. Church, H. W. Horton, C. C. Wright and J. A. Glass.

The Chair appointed Bros. Staley, Horton and German a Committee on resolutions; F. D. Meadows, J. A. Glass and Bentley on Time and Place.

The choir sang and the Convention was dismissed with prayer by W. F. Staley.

SECOND DAY—MORNING.

At 10:00 A. M. the congregation assembled in the house and song service was conducted by W. A. Brown. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. C. Meadows and M. McNeil.

"How to get Attendance" was discussed by C. F. Fields and H. W. Horton.

The choir sang a selection. "The Parent's Relation to the Sunday School" was discussed by H. J. Steelman, C. F. Fields following, who emphasized the fact that "The Parent's Relation to the Sunday School" was very close and they should attend regularly every Sunday, and study the Word of God.

Rev. K. C. Horner being absent, the subject of "Missions in the Sunday School" was first discussed by W. C. Meadows, who set forth the fact that missions was taught in the Bible, and as the Sunday School was the place to study the Bible, it was our place to teach the children that it was their duty and a Biblical command to contribute to missions.

A "Chalk Talk" was delivered by H. W. Horton, who made an excellent demonstration of the use of a black-board in teaching a class of children. In this he used the subject Character Building.

Rev. D. W. Pool being absent, the discussion of "Value of Home-training" was led by Rev. M. McNeil, who impressed the fact that the home-training of the mother was the most important of anything and the first impressions made by the mother's teachings would follow the child into old age. C. P. Burchette, made a talk, bringing out the thought, that it was the parent's duty to gather the children around them on

Sunday morning and say to them, "Get ready and go with me to Sunday School," thereby teaching them by our example that it is their duty to go to Sunday School.

Dismissed by M. McNeil.

SECOND DAY, AFTERNOON.

At 2:00 P. M. the Convention assembled in the house, after being served a sumptuous dinner and the choir sang, after which Bro. M. McNeil asked the blessing of God to rest upon the Convention.

The President extended an invitation to visiting brethren to a seat in our body, which was accepted by Rev. C. F. Fields of the Surry Association.

"Song and its Mission in Sunday School Work" was discussed first by Mr. Grant Hendren, who developed the idea that singing in the Sunday School should be next to the teaching of the Bible.

Bro. H. J. Steelman asserted the fact that he had learned to love the song service, hence had found its mission, and any school without singing was either dead or dying.

"The Sunday School as a Feeder to the Church" was discussed by Bro. M. McNeil, who emphasized the fact that a Sunday School was the church studying the word of God, therefore it is the nursery of the Church, in which the children are brought and there taught the way of salvation, which they accept and are added to the church.

C. F. Fields made a few remarks in which he plainly showed that the Sunday School was a feeder of the church by comparing the Primitive Baptist, which is very rapidly decreasing in number by opposing Sunday School work, with the Baptist which is rapidly increasing by the aid of their great Sunday School work.

On motion of W. C. Meadows and second by W. H. Horton, the present officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Resolutions adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Realizing that the interest and work of the Convention is hampered on account of so many speakers being absent we, the Sunday School Convention of The Brushy Mountain Association in session at Walnut Grove Church feel that it is our duty to try to remedy the same, therefore,

Be it resolved, That when a speaker is assigned to a subject and receives notice of same he make an earnest effort to be present to open the discussion, and that if he finds he cannot be present he notify the Secretary or President of the Association in time for a substitute to be selected; and a speaker's failure to give such notice will be considered as his acceptance of the trust.

W. F. STALEY,
H. W. HORTON,
J. E. GERMAN,
Committee.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That we, the officers, delegates and visitors of the Sunday School Convention of the Brushy Mountain Association in session at Walnut Grove Church do hereby extend our sincere thanks to the members of Walnut Grove Church and the good people of the community for their generous hospitality and kindness extended to us during the Convention and to the choir for their splendid music.

W. F. STALEY,
H. W. HORTON,
J. E. GERMAN,
Committee.

A collection of \$2.35 was taken and turned over to the Treasury to defray the expenses of having the proceedings of the convention printed in the Association Minutes.

On motion the committee on Digest of Letters was asked to make their report to the Association which meets in August.

The Committee on Time and place made the following report:

Saturday before the fifth Sunday and Sunday in August, the 29th and 30th, at Zion Hill.

The President appointed the following committee on Program: H. W. Horton, W. H. Church, F. B. Hendren.

Minutes of the Convention were read and approved.

Rev. C. F. Fields offered prayer, asking the blessing and guidance of our Heavenly Father to be with us until we meet at Zion Hill.

The choir sang, "God be with you till we meet."

Dismissed by W. C. Meadows.

C. C. WRIGHT, W. H. CHURCH,
President. Secy. & Treasurer.

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