## MINUTES

OF THE

## ONE HUNDRED-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# Brier Creek Baptist Association 

## HELD WITH

## ROCKY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 1, 1925
SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST THEOLOCOFHICERS

Rev. R. N. GARNER, Moderator. Spurgeon, N. C.
S. G. CRATER, Clerk and Treas. Cycle, N. C.

## ExECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. N. Garner, ex-officio Chairman.
S. G. Crater, ex-officio Secretary.
J. M. Crater
N. T. Jarvis
S. T. Goforth

ORDAINED MINISTERS

| N. Binkley | Houstonville, N. C. |
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| D. C. Clanton, | Gilreath, N. C. |
| W. T. Comer | New Castle, N. C. |
| R. J. Davis | Hamptonville, N. C. |
| J. W. Duncan | Congo, N. C. |
| M. Felts | Jennings, N. C. |
| J. A. Foster | Call, N. C. |
| R. N. Garner | Spurgeon, N. C. |
| D. I. Heglar | Winston-Salem, N. C. |
| C. C. Holland | Statesville, R. 5, N. C. |
| J. G. Horne | Statesville, N. C. |
| N. T. Jarvis | Roaring River, N. C. |
| W. L. Johnson | Hamptonville, N. C. |
| L. G. Lambert | New Hope, N. C. |
| W. F. Lawrence | Hamptonville, N. C. |
| J. W. Moore | - Gilreath, N. C. |
| A. S. Mathis | ... Cycle, N .C. |
| J. E. Prevette | Jennings, N. C. |
| Robel | Roaring River, N. C. |
| S. F. Simmons | Gilreath, N. C. |
| M. Walker | Jonesville, N. C |
| J. G. Weatherman |  |
| M. Wright | gs, N. C. |

## MISSIONARIES <br> Foreign Field:

Rev. T. L. Blalock Tai An Fu, Shantung, China

## Home Field:

Rev. H. A. Roshto ...............................
TRUSTEES MOUNTAIN Louisiana TRUSTEES MOUNTAIN VIEW INSTITUTE
N. T. Jarvis, term expires
R. N. Garner, term expires 1926
T. J. McNeil, term expires 1927 1928

## PROCEEDINGS

Rocky Hill Baptist Church October 1, 1925.
The Brier Creek Association met on the above date, and was led in prayer by W. C. Meadows. Rev. J. M. Wright preached the introductory sermon; text, Heb. 3:2.

After dinner the Association was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by W. G. Mitchelll. Letters were received and messengers enrolled as follows:

Antioch-C. T. Foster, S. Curry, G. H. Staley, A. Segraves.
Bethel-Don Gilliam, Colonel Green, Wm. Morrison.
Brier Creek-G. W. Sale, Worth Sale, W. A. Bentley O. D. Bentley.

Cranberry-L. M. Jarvis, J. R. Byrd, J. M. Sale, R. L. Sale.
Dennyville-J. F. Walker, R. P. Walker, W. H. Elledge, E. J. C. Myers.

Fall Creek-J. L. Bray, J. J. Vestal, A. H. Bryant, I. W. Vestal.
Fishing Creek-B. O. Glass, T. C. Foster, Bruce Combs, L. G. Call.

Grassy Knob-W. C. Nicholson, Clinty Jarvis, W. G. Mitchell, L. C. Myers.
Ham's Grove-J. E. Davis, W. C. Barnett, R. W. Dobson.
Hebron-J. E. Hendren, J. P. Watts, Ed Taylor, Tom Johnson.
Hunting Creek-G. H. Hayes, P. H. Moore, Wm. Moore, T. R. Moore.

Holly Springs-Z. R. Tharpe, A. H. Shaver, Virge Shore, Dewey Binkley.
Lewis-N. C. Lewis, A. K. Baity, L. Souther, H. Souther.
Mount Pisgah-J. P. McCarter, L. W. Felts, R. G. Wright, P. S. Henderson.
Mount Sinai-W. A. Johnston, C. T. Anderson, J. M. Henderson, H. M. Anderson.
Mount Vernon-S. T. Goforth, D. J. Pharr, E. L. Shaver, C. S. Brown.
New Hope-J. A. Revis, Mac Hayes, M. Davis.
New Prospect-B. E. Weisner, J. E. Sprinkle, A. P. Sprinkle, H. R. Lloyd.
Dak Forest-
Oak Grove-R. A. Dobbins, A. R. Sale.
Pleasant Grove-R. H. Green, W. B. Mathis, Thos. Gray, Wm. Mathis.

Pleasant View-Noah Hursey, J. W. Hursey, Mannie Hursey.
Rocky Hill-W. I. Jolly, E. M. Marlow, G. H. Jolly, R. A aring Piv Felts, W. E. Parks. Morrison, T. J. McNeill, E. R. Shady Grove-G. E. Robinett, E. E. Mayberry, W. P.
Roberts. Swan Creek Weatherman, C. Adams, J. C. Armstrong, L. W. Sweet Home - C. C. A. Myer ers, T. Gregory. Shiloh P P. Henderson. Union-J. M. Crater, J. W. Robbins, S. G. Crater, J. A.
Howard. Zion-G. B. Hemric, E. M. Sale, John Chaffin.

## Election of Officers

R. N. Garmer was elected Modicers

Clerk and Treasurer by acclamation Crater was elected Clerk pro tem.

## Correspondents and Visitors

On invitation W. C. Meadows from the Brushy Mountain Association, J. A. McMillan from Wake Forest, Woun- M. J. W. Rash and L. D. Ballard Farthing from Oklahoma, sociation, and K. D. Stukenbrok from the South Yadkin Astain Association accepted seats with us, Brushy Moun-
A. H. Shaver was appointed to us.
sociation; R. N. Garner and N. T. Jarvis to Yadkin Association; R. N. Garner and N. T. Jarvis to attend the Garner to the Baptist State Convention. Jarvis and R. N.

## REPORT ON EDUCATION

The life of a nation depends upon its schon
school depends upon its ideals. The idealsols. The value of a highest worth only as they are Christian. It is a school have the to make these ideals dominant in education is the duty of a church The Baptist of North Cant in education.
colleges: Chowan College, Meredith Collentaining three standard lege; two junior colleges. Weredith College, and Wake Forest Colschools: Buie's Creek and Boilingate and Mars Hill; two hitch we had enrolled last year 3,704 stadenings. In these institutions for the ministry and 97 special voluntents including 226 candidates Our Baptist program for volunteers.
to mission schools, training schools for yoludes general assistance to enter church work, Bible institutes, for young women who expect to enter church work, Bible institutes, and seminaries in which al
the Southern states cooperate.

As Baptist we outnumber any other denomination in North Carolina. There are 347,000 white Baptist in our State. As a great denomination we owe to the social life of the State, contributions in the way of trained citizenship in keeping with the host that follows us. The cost of denominational education in North Carolina should not be thought of in addition to the cost of public education. Without denominational education taxes would have to be greatly increased to provide training in the public educational institutions. As Baptist we are under obligation to give Christian training for the citizens and leaders of our denomination that shall be a credit to the great body which we represent.
The fact of unprecedented progress in public schools and the expenditure of millions in buildings and equipment does not lessen the burden upon denominational education; it rather increases it because our church schools must measure up in equipment and efficiency and hold the same high standards in education as public institutions, the chief difference being we must insist upon Christian teachers of high ideals. It is unfair to our Christian ideals for our institutions to give an inferior training to those who go to them. The challenge is greater to-day than ever before
As Baptist we feel that we have made and are still making a contribution to the llfe of our State and country. The simple principles of our Baptist faith, we believe, is essential in the building of character and the welfare of our State. We must maintain creditable leadership. Baptist institutions and training in Baptist schools should be second to none in North Carolina. In the past our denominational leaders have come from our church schools. This fact is still true. There cannot be a successful leadership in our denomination without a well informed membership. Business men and professional men are exerting an increased influence in our denominational life. There is only one way for us to maintain a membership in sympathy with our denominational program and that way is through education in our schools where the simple principles of our faith and loyalty are developed.
We feel a profound sense of gratitude for the great work of our educational institutions and pray for divine guidance that they may continue to lead a great denomination in the principles of love and loyalty to Jesus Christ.

> J. W. RASH, J. M. CRATER

The report on education was discussed by J. A. McMillan, K. D. Stukenbrok, W. C. Meadows, and was held open for further discussion tomorrow.

## REPORT ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES

N. M. Felts to conduct devotions at 9:30 and N. T Jarvis to preach at 11:00 tomorrow.

Adjourned; Prayer by N. M. Felts, and benediction by J. N. Binkley.

## FRIDAY MORNING

Devotional services were conducted by N. M. Felts. The terday were read and approved . D. W. Pool read and approved.

Comer from the Yadkin Association Association, J. L. I. N. Smith from the Alexander, and A. A. Leak and seats with us.

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P. McCarter, and J. N. Binkley was of N. M. Felts, J. The report on Education
W. Pool, J. W. Rash, Uriah Farthead and discussed by D. Meadows, J. N. Binkley, and N. T. Jarvis, Holland, W. C. was adopted.

## MISSIONS

Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. He declared
to his disciples: "As my father hath sent so, send I you." He gave as his last sent me into the world, even world and preach the gospel to every creature," "Go ye into all the So the mission of gospel to every creature."
is to make Christ known around the of each individual Christian preaching the gospel in seventeen foreign Southern Baptist are our missionaries baptized more than foreign countries. Last year Our Home Mission Board, through its
to evangelize and train all through its many agencies, is seeking Mission Board is seeking to save Noople in the southland. Our State Mission Board is seeking to save North Carolina, and bring all the people to the feet of Jesus. We believe this the most effective way of winning the lost world to the side and the service of the Savior suspended for preaching. Sermon by the discussion was John 5:39.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Business was resumed. Prayer by J. G. Horn.
After remarks by D. W. Pool, K. D. Stukenbro Uriah Farthing, the report on Missions was adopted.

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS

The public press is our greatest source of information; and the public responds to an appeal according to the information the Your committee is of the opnion that if the Baptists of ion given. olina were properly informed as to opportunities they would respond for Kingdom servinal needs and way. Our people cannot know of our needs service in a glorious formed, therefore your committee our needs unless they are intake our denominational papers, and keep their that our pastors formed as to our denominational needs, and to congregations ineach family to take such papers as Biblical to urge some one in Children, and The Fore-runner.
T. J. MeNEILL.

This report was discussed by T. J. McNeill, and J. N. Binkley, and adopted by the Association.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES
M. Walker will conduct prayer service tomorrow at $9: 30$, D. W. Pool will preach at 11:00, and K. D. Stukenbrok will preach Sunday at 11:00.

## ORPHANAGE REPORT

Forty years ago the Baptists of North Carolina began the blessed work of caring for helpless children. Nearly 3000 have felt the touch of the helping hand since that day. There are in round numbers 600 children in the institution; 110 of these are in the Kennedy Home, our eastern branch. At present there are 83 mothers with 386 children being aided in their own homes-nearly a thousand in all. Seven cottages have recently been equipped with dining rooms and kitchens, thus completing this system for the entire Orphanage. Every cottage is now a complete home within itself, approaching the normal home as nearly as possible.
The school work ranges from the kindergarten up through the high school. The activities of the children through the work hours are to be considered a part of the system of training. The cottage life, playground, industrial features, church, Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. activities, constitute the effort to work out a well rounded life.
The Orphanage has enjoyed a good year, especially in health, The support of the regular collections has fallen below what it was a year ago. The treasurer has been compelled to borrow money in order to keep going. The drought has caused considerable loss.
We urge the following suggestions: A once a month collection in every Sunday school; a club of Charity and Children in every Sunday school, and a great Thanksgiving offering from every church and Sunday school. Many churches will find it better to select a Sunday near Thanksgiving day for this offering. Urge that the offering be made equal to one day's work or income, and that it be a real thank offering. Such an offering, along with the once a month giving, will meet the needs of the Orphanage.
After discussion by N. T. Jarvis, J. E. Hendren, Guss Myers and J. L. Comer the report was adopted.

## TIME AND PLACE

We, your committee on Time and Place, recommend that the next session of the Association be held with Zion church, sixteen miles south of Elkin, beginning Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1926. N. T. Jarvis will preach the introductory sermon, G. D. White, alternate.
D. J. PHARR,
E. M. SALE.

On motion the report is adopted.
Adjourned; prayer by J. G. Horn.

## SATURDAY MORNING

Prayer meeting was conducted by M. Walker, and the Association was convened for business. Minutes of yesterday were read, amended, and approved.
J. P. Gwaltney of the Alexander Association was welcomed as a visitor
REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS

We are sorry to announce that no session of the Bible School has been held this year. We urge the brethren to get behind this school, the purpose of which is to help the preachers and others of
the Brier Creek and Alo the Brier Creek and Alexander Associations in the study of the
Bible. The next session will

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L. G. LAMBERT

After remarks by L. G. Lambert, and N. M. Felts, the report was adopted.
REPORT OF THE DUTY OF THE ASSOCIATION TO YOUNG PREACHERS
We insistently urge the Association to help the young ministers. We can uphold them with our prayers, aid them in the work in His cause, and strengthen them in their determination work in His the Master. We can advise with them, and admonish them to keep on with a critical eye.

After discussion by R. N. GARNER.
Farthing, N. T. Jarvis, C. C. Garner, M. Walker, Uriah Davis, and J. E. Prevette the report , D. W. Pool, J. E.
Adjourned for preaching; seport was adopted.
ney; text, 2 Cor. $9: 15$.
The Association was convened AFTENOON
by C. C. Holland. C. J. Hemric, and prayer was offered pondent. C. J. Hemric accepted a seat as corres-

## REPORT ON CHRISTIAN DUTY TOWARD LAW ENFORCEMENT

1st. A Christian should be a perfect example of obediance to 2nd. A Christian should willingly bear his part of the burden law enforcement.
3rd. A Christian should withdraw his fellowship from every one
hat walketh disorderly.

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After remarks by N J. W. RASH.
Gwaltney the report was adopted. J. W. Rash, and J. P.

## RESOLUTIONS

Resolved first: That we tender our sincere thanks to the people of Rocky Hill church and the community for their hospitality to this body.

Second: That it is the sense of this body that the trustees of Wake Forest College ought to ask for the immediate resignation of Dr. William L. Poteat on account of his views on evolution.
Third: That we are grateful for the harmony that has prevailed throughout this session.

> N. C. LEWIS,
> M. WALKER.

The report was adopted without discussion.
REPORT ON WHY THE CHURCH IS AN EXECUTIVE BODY
The church is the executive court of Christ, not his legislative court. The church is to execute his divine law, given by himself (See Matt. 18:15-18 and 28:19-20; Gal. 6:1; 1 Cor. 5:11-13; Titus 3:10-12; Thess. 3:6) but she is nowhere authorized to legislate laws. Christ organized his church and "he goeth up into a mountain and calleth unto him whom he would, and they come unto him, and he ordained twelve." ( 1 Cor. $12: 28$, his church). Then he gave his church a code of discipline which we have divided into four parts, viz. : personal offences (Matt. 18:15-18); ordinary offences (Gal. $6: 1$ ); gross offences ( 1 Cor . 5:11-13) ; error in doctrine (Titus ${ }_{3: 10}$ ) Then he gave his church a commission (Matt. 28:19-20). This plorious commission embraces two primary departments, the missionary and the pastoral, with two sublime encouragements. First is the missionary department (Matt. 28:19) and second, the pastoral department (Matt, 28, 28-20); the first encouragement, "All power in heaven"; the second encouragement, "And lo! I am with you always." In the commission are inserted the ordinances, rules, discipline, and laws; thus the church is his executive body, not his legislative body.

> N. M. FELTS,
> D. W. POOL.

After remarks by N. M. Felts, D. W. Pool, and N. T. Jarvis the report was adopted.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Religious Exercises-J. P. McCarter with pastor and messengers of Zion Church.

Periodicals-Guss Myers, J. M. Crater.
Orphanage-M. Walker, Willie Mitchell.
Orphanage-M. Warvis, J. M. Wright.
Obituaries-T. J. McNeill, Z. R. Tharpe.
Bible Schools-E. M. Sale, N. M. Felts.
Education-J. N. Binkley, J. P. Roberson.
The Evils of the Day-R. N. Garner, L. G. Lambert.
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Finance-J. E. Hendren, J. P. Watts.
Time and Place-J. L. Bray, Noah Hursey. Resolutions-L. M. Jarvis, D. T. Binkley.

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On motion the report was adopted.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE



TREASURER'S REPORT
Cash received from Finance Committee. . 228.10
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Incidentals 15.00


Balance

## S. G. CRATER, Treas.

The Association ordered that the Clerk be paid $\$ 16.00$ for his services, and that he have 700 copies of Minutes printed.

Adjourned; prayer by Rev. J. P. Gwaltney.

## SUNDAY

Sermon at eleven o'clock by Rev. K. D. Stukenbrok Collection for Foreign Missions $\$ 20.30$.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION
The Sunday School Convention of the Brier Creek Baptist Association met with Dennyville Church August 29, 1925. The devotional service was conducted by J. W. Robbins. Sermon at eleven o'clock by Guss Myers.

Letters from the various chools were called for and the messeners seated. On motion J. P. McCarter was re-elected Chairman, and B. T. Henderson was elected Secretary.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

The Convention re-assembled and was led in prayer by J. E. prinkle. The following queries were discussed:

1. Sunday School Evangelism-R. N. Garner, E. K. Wooten.
2. Sunday School Organization-N. T. Jarvis, I. W. Vestal, J. L.

Bray, J. T. Redding, G. E. Robinett, L. W. Weatherman, J. E. M. Crater, J. P. McCarter, and T. J. McNeill.
3. How to Build Up a Sunday School-Guss Myers, B. T. Henderson, John L. Bray, J. M. Crater , and N. T. Jarvis.

## SUNDAY MORNING

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. M. Welborn. The proDevotional serverday were read and
Rong Sho Should Go to Sunday Rod Why Led Jarvis.
General Offering for Dennyville Sunday School
The following essay was read:
SUNDAY SCHOOL EVANGELISM
To Sunday School Evangelism justice an unlimited time To give Sunday School Evange with greater vision, knowledge would be required,
and speech than .
Could we know and realize the gove Sunday Schools of our the Sunday Schools of our natio Baptist Churches-we would be inspired with areatest things of our Baptis Sunday Schools one of the greatest things of our tion to make our sunday to do more for our community, our homes, lives. We would the glory of God.
our churches, and for the glory of God. means life to the pastor. In the the church the Sunday School meastor to come into the Could we imagine the joy Sunday School, and to know that his School, that alone would preach the gospel through the Sunday School, that all; the Sunamply repay us for our feeble efforts. But that is not all; the Sunamply repay us lor the church. There lessons are taught that are day School is life to the churchations for manhood and womanhood are laid, and from these foundations some day will come great preachers, teachers, and missionaries.
In the community the Sunday School means love-love for our church, love for our neighbors, love for our homes, and most of all, love for God.

Nothing can speak louder for a community than a Sunday School. The little white church on the hill should be our beacon light and our goal every Sunday morning. There one can see the bright faced boys and girls eager to learn something about Jesus. Out from these Sunday Schools came our leaders of today, and out from these same schools must come our leaders for tomorrow. Did we only realize the tremendous infiuence of our Sunday Schools we would go down on our knees and ask God to help us to do more.

Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate,
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.,
MISS DADE WELBORN.
Collection for Rev. H. A. Roshto, Home Missionary ,followed by an address by Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Secretary of Baptist State Convention

## RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Dennyville Church and the community for their kind hospitality in entertaining this convention.

## J. M. CRATER, <br> J. W. ROBBINS.

## PROGRAM FOR NEXT CONVENTION

1. How Can We Interest and Enlist Those Who Do Not Attend Sunday School?-N. M. Felts, J. B. Ray, L. M. Jarvis.
2. Name and Discuss Three Main Obstacles in the Way of the Sunday Schools.-J. L. Bray, J. N. Binkley, J. W. Robbins.
3. What Are Three Chief Requisites for a Successful Sunday School Teacher, and to What Extent Is He Responsible if He Does Not Possess Them?-C. C. Holland, W. T. Comer, M. Walker.
4. To What Extent Does the Personnel of a Sunday School Class Contribute to the Success of its Teacher?-T. J. McNeill, J. M. Wright, Mrs. Addie Sale.

> R. N. GARNER,
> N. T. JARVIS,
> GUSS MYERS.

The next session of this convention will be held with Fishing Creek Church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August, 1926. J. P. McCARTER, Chairman, BUFORD T. HENDERSON, Secretary
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TABLE III-SUNDAY SCHOOLS


