

6

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

EIGHTY SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Beulah Baptist Association

HELD WITH

ROCK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

AUGUST 8th and 9th, 1916

SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Next session will be held at Providence (C) Baptist
Church, Time, Tuesday after the third Sunday in
July 1917. Railroad Station, Danville, Va.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

D. F. Putnam, Moderator Roxboro, N. C.
 A. C. Gentry, Clerk Denniston, Va.
 R. A. Clay, Treasurer Roxboro, N. C.

Executive Board

C. M. Murchison Yanceyville, N. C.
 D. F. Putnam Roxboro, N. C.
 B. S. Graves Yanceyville, N. C.
 J. W. Noell Roxboro, N. C.
 T. H. Street Mill Creek, N. C.

Preachers in Association

H. T. Allison Milton, N. C.
 J. A. Beam Woodsdale, N. C.
 D. F. Putnam Roxboro, N. C.
 D. W. Overby Reidsville, N. C.
 C. M. Murchison Yanceyville, N. C.

Chairmen of the Committees for Next Session

State Missions J. A. Beam
 Foreign Missions H. T. Allison
 Home Missions C. M. Murchison
 Union Meetings C. J. Yarbrough
 Orphanage J. W. Noell
 Sunday Schools E. F. Upchurch
 Ministerial Relief T. H. Street
 Board of Education Thos. B. Woody
 Digest of Church Letters The Clerk
 Obituaries B. S. Graves
 Temperance C. J. Yarbrough
 Biblical Recorder A. J. Crutchfield

PROCEEDINGS

Rock Grove Baptist Church, Person County, N. C.,

August 8, 1916.

The eighty-second session of the Beulah Association met with Rock Grove Baptist Church at 10:30 o'clock this morning, Rev. D. F. Putnam presiding. Devotional exercises were conducted by the moderator.

The delegates were enrolled by card and the following were present: Ministers: H. T. Allison, J. A. Beam, D. F. Putnam, C. M. Murchison. Laymen—Antioch, H. C. Tapp, C. S. Ashley, W. J. Edwards; Baptist Memorial, L. F. Harrelson; Bethel, A. C. Gentry, A. J. Crutchfield, Thos. B. Woody; Clement, J. A. Whitfield, R. H. Malone, F. J. Hester; Kerr's Chapel, T. H. Patillo, O. E. Miles; Lambeth Memorial, A. L. Boyd, C. H. Dunkley, R. A. Clay; Longhurst, R. H. Dickerson, Wm. Morrell; Mill Creek, T. H. Street, Z. T. Gentry, W. C. Bailey; Milton, Hugh L. Bray; Providence (Caswell) R. T. Davis, J. A. Boswell, F. B. Goodson, W. W. Wilkerson, M. L. Dunavant; Providence (Person) J. H. Pentecost, E. M. Slaughter, Robt Buchanan; Roxboro, J. W. Noell, A. R. Foushee, J. L. Garrett, R. A. Spencer, E. J. Tucker, H. H. Masten; Rock Grove, S. R. Parham, N. B. Slaughter, J. H. Yarbrough, H. T. Wilkerson, J. L. Long, J. W. Wilbourn; Semora, Jno. B. Yarbrough, Clyde Allen; Trinity, C. J. Yarbrough; Thompsonville, R. T. Denny; Yanceyville, P. F. Sutton, R. S. Graves.

Rev. D. F. Putnam was elected Moderator, A. C. Gentry, Clerk, and R. A. Clay, Treasurer.

The door of the Association was opened and Antioch, Mill Creek, and Providence (Person) were received by letter from the Flat River Association. The Longhurst Baptist church was received upon its articles of faith, the same having been examined by a committee at a previous session of the Association.

The order of business as prepared by the moderator was adopted, subject to change.

The report on The Biblical Recorder was called for and the Moderator read the following report:

Report On Biblical Recorder.

Every enterprise needs a medium of communication. The Baptist of North Carolina are very fortunate in having the Biblical Recorder as their organ. It is owned by about one hundred Baptist, who have taken stock not as investment, but to serve the kingdom's interest. Not over six per cent is allowed to be realized in dividends, by the stock holders. The Baptist State convention elects half the directors, who elect the Editor and controls the policy of the paper.

We need the Recorder. It is our only medium through which we may discuss matters Baptistic and otherwise without restraint. It is the avenue through which we may inform ourselves about what Baptist are doing in our state. Without reading the Recorder no one can be well informed in Baptist life in North Carolina.

The Recorder needs our support. The subscription list is far too small, the present number of subscribers being about twelve thousand. From this number must be taken the exchanges and those who do not pay, which leaves about ten thousand who actually subscribe and pay for the same. The cost of paper has advanced, and other increasing expense has made it necessary to advance the price from one dollar and a half to two dollars per year. However subscriptions may be taken at the old rate until Oct. 1, 1916.

We most heartily commend the Recorder, and would urge all our Baptist families to subscribe for, and read it.

D. F. PUTNAM.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Brethren D. F. Putnam, H. C. Moore, T. H. Street, A. R. Foushee and W. Wilkerson.

The report was adopted.

The report on Woman's Work as submitted by Bro. V. E. Duncan was read by the clerk, discussed by Brethren J. A. Beam and T. H. Street, and endorsed by the Association. The report is omitted here because of its length and of a fuller report contained in the minutes of the W. M. U. on another page.

The time having arrived for the annual sermon and in the absence of Bro. Overby who was appointed to preach, Rev. H. C. Moore of the Biblical Recorder preached from Laggai 2:4.

The Association then adjourned until 1.45 p. m.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

At 1:45 p. m. the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. J. H. Pentecost led in prayer.

The Moderator announced the following committees: Ministerial Relief, H. T. Allison, A. R. Foushee, P. F. Sutton. Education, J. A. Beam, J. H. Patillo, Henry Tapp. Finance, Z. T. Gentry, J. A. Boswell, R. S. Graves. By a ruling of the moderator and the consent of the body, the subject of Orphanage was discussed with the understanding that the report be submitted later. Bro. Arch Johnson very ably discussed the subject.

The report as submitted by Dr. E. J. Tucker later is as follows:

Report on Orphanage.

Recently there was delivered at the Orphanage a sermon from the text "The Cry of the Child". The preacher pictured several things of world wide effect which came about from the cry of the child, and proved conclusively that the man who was not touched by the cry of the child was certainly void of the finer sensibilities to which every man is entitled.

In answer to this cry this orphanage was established and the Baptist have answered whenever a call has been made. Last year when the Trustees reported a debt, brought about by things beyond their control, it was suggested that a campaign of "One day labor for the Orphanage" be inaugurated. The result was that the debt was almost wiped out, for the Baptist were determined that the cry of the child should not be heard at this institution occasioned by a want of something to eat, or something to wear.

And it is in answer to this cry that we, your committee beg to ask that we continue to increase our offerings to the object, insisting on every Sunday School taking an offering one Sunday a month for this cause.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE.

Bro. H. T. Allison submitted the following report on Ministerial Relief:

Report on Ministers Relief Board.

The report of the treasurer of this fund for the year ending Dec. 6, 1915 shows \$4107.98 raised from all the churches in the State convention, and \$838 interest received from investments, making a total of \$4945.98 for the year.

The total disbursements were \$3621.94 leaving a balance of \$1324.54 to be added to the permanent Interest Bearing Fund, or to be carried to the 1916 account.

The Beulah Association contributed to this fund \$35.30, that is 1550 members contributed this sum to the needy

ministers, or about 23-10 cents per member. Of the 19 churches in the Association, 7 contributed nothing to this object during the year.

There is a permanent interest bearing fund of \$186.70.

At present there are only about 35 beneficiaries of this Board. There are others in need. Aid should be extended to every aged or afflicted minister who is in need. It is our duty to look after and see that our ministers who have been faithful to the Master are properly provided for. This is a worthy cause and we ought to give more.

It is recommended that a collection be taken for this board, by each church in the Beulah Association at or near Christmas.

Respectfully submitted.

H. T. ALLISON,
A. R. FOUSHEE,
P. F. SUTTON.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Brethren H. T. Allison and A. J. Crutchfield, the motion was adopted.

The time for the report on Temperance having arrived Bro. J. A. Beam offered the following resolution:

We can congratulate ourselves on the work that is being done along the line of temperance. But yet we must not rest in our work, for we must remember that strong drink is the devil's best agent, and one that is ever at work. We must also remember that it has greatly hindered the cause of Christianity all over the world.

Therefore we the members of the Beulah Association pledge ourselves to do all in our power by prayer, word and deed to save our people, our schools and our churches from the destructive work of this awful monster, strong drink.

J. A. BEAM.

On motion to adopt, the resolution was discussed by Brethren J. A. Beam and Arch Johnson. The resolution was adopted.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

To nominate Executive Committee, C. J. Yarbrough,
A. L. Boyd, A. J. Crutchfield.

Foreign Missions, C. M. Murchison, J. H. Pentecost,
W. C. Bailey.

Sunday Schools, P. F. Sutton, T. H. Street, J. W. Noell.

Rev. D. F. Putnam was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Brethren T. H. Street, C. J. Yarbrough, and A. C.

Gentry were elected delegates to Baptist State Convention.

On motion Bro. C. M. Murchison was elected Vice-President of the Foreign Mission Board, and Bro. D. F. Putnam Vice-President of the Home Mission Board in the Association.

On motion the chairman of the Executive Committee as appointed shall be the Associational member of the State Mission Board.

The following amendment to the constitution as offered by Rev. C. M. Murchison was adopted:

In article 3, line 2, after the word "appoint" insert the following: "And shall be organized at 11 o'clock, A. M. of the first day's session each year."

The Moderator appointed Brethren A. C. Gentry, C. J. Yarbrough, P. E. Sutton committee on time, place and precher.

After announcements for the committee on hospitality, the Association adjourned until 9:15 a. m. Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

At 9:15 A. M. the Moderator called the Association to order and the session was opened with prayer by Bro. W. T. Swanson of Roxboro, N. C.

The proceedings of Tuesday's session was read, corrected, and approved. The roll of delegates was called and corrected.

Report on digest of church letters was submitted by Bro. A. J. Crutchfield, discussed and received as information.

Bro. J. W. Noell was then recognized and submitted the following report on State Missions.

Report On State Missions.

State Missions, as indicated by the name, is mission work done within the borders of North Carolina. We confess that probably too much has been said about the text, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, beginning at Jerusalem," for by these words many refuse to do their duty to the foreign cause. However, I believe it is a fact that when we are awakened to the needs of State Missions and our hearts are touched and our pocket books opened that we just naturally have a yearning for the salvation of the heathen.

We must admit, with shame, that we, as members of this Association, have never felt the call to any great extent, or at least have not responded very loudly. The Beulah has a membership of about 1526 and we contributed to

State Missions about \$381.89 during the year 1915, just 25 cents per member per year. Evidently some of us are not doing our duty.

Candidly, I do not believe it is a lack of religion or a desire to shirk a duty. What then? Simply the way in which we go about it. Just so long as we have no systematic way for giving just so long will we lag along in this backward way. Nearly every church in this Association probably waits until Secretary Johnson sends out his alarm call and the pastor at one of his monthly appointments preaches a sermon based on the Great Commission and takes up a collection—which is usually a great disappointment to the pastor.

There must be a change. Your committee would beg to suggest that each pastor insist on his churches adopting the budget plan and use the envelope system, paying weekly or monthly. Many of you will say, "We are farmers and can not do this." But you can, the trouble is you do not want to do it. Once adopt this method and get in the habit and you would not change it. There are many reasons why this is the best plan, but the strongest argument is that it is God's plan.

We will never accomplish the work to be done in this Association until we awake to the possibilities. Mission collections will lag just so long as strong churches are asleep, with good churches without pastors. We need more good strong ministers located on our country fields. We deplore the fact that the ministers of all denominations have largely deserted the country and have taken lodgings in the towns. Oh yes, we know about that argument—educating the children, etc. But we are told the Christian must bear his crosses.

Our churches are not exerting themselves, they are too easily satisfied. Not a church in this Association with a pastor full time, only two with services twice a month. Is it any wonder the Beulah does not show a marked growth? We know of one field where the pastor has work enough for two, and then some. One of his churches should take all of a pastor's time, another church two Sundays, and two other churches one Sunday each, and still there would be two churches on that field without a pastor. This field could easily pay two strong men comfortable living salaries.

Asleep! Yes, but we trust not hopelessly. May the day soon dawn and brighter things be in evidence in the Beulah Association.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Noell
Committee.

On motion to adopt the report was discussed by Brethren J. W. Noell, Wesley Wilkerson, J. A. Beam, C. M. Murchison.

The report was adopted.

The time for the report on Home Missions having arrived, the Moderator submitted the following:

The Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Georgia, is the agency through which Southern Baptists, as a single body, address themselves to the task of evangelizing the lost and building up the churches in the whole South.

The task of Home Mission is immense. The territory served by the Home Board embraces 1,000,000 square miles and has in it about 36,000,000 people. After counting out 4,000,000 as infants or other irresponsible persons, 18,000,000 persons in the South make no profession of religion.

To meet this immense need last year our Board maintained wholly or in part 1,409 missionaries. These reported 43,792 baptisms and brought into the churches 71,386 persons. They organized 167 Baptist Churches and 321 Sunday Schools. They held up before the eyes and hearts of men in more than 5,000 communities the Light of the World, the Saviour of mankind. No Mission Board in America was ever blessed with such large success or such marked evidences of the favor of God on its workers.

In the highlands and on the plains, in the cities and the countryside, among white and black, natives and foreigner, in Cuba and the Canal Zone, messengers of Christ have brought light for darkness, and driven out sin with divine love.

This year the Convention has apportioned \$438,750 for Home Missions, to be raised by Baptist Churches in seventeen States. This is less than \$18 for each church. Nearly every one of the smaller and weaker churches are able to raise this amount for so great a cause, and thousands of stronger ones should do far more than that.

We recommend—

1. That our churches be encouraged to order and use the instructive free tracts of the Board, which tell of each phase of its work, and that classes be formed to study its admirable book "Baptist Missions in the South," and its other Mission Study books.

2. That earnest prayer be made in all the churches for the Board and for its work, and that at least one sermon yearly be preached in every church on Home Missions.

3. That this Association take proper steps to apportion its Home Mission apportionment among the churches and publish the list in the minutes of our body, also that the

matter be pressed upon the churches throughout the year.

Fraternally submitted,

D. F. Putnam.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Brethren D. F. Putnam, C. E. Brewer and W. T. Swanson. The report was adopted.

The Moderator then recognized Bro. C. M. Murchison who read the following report on Foreign Missions:

Report On Foreign Missions.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Richmond, Virginia, in its last report tells of a year of triumphant success both at home and abroad. The total contributions for the year, including the amount raised on the debt and on the Judson Centennial Fund, were \$806,729. The only drawback on the year's work was the fact that the contributions for the current support amounting to \$518,323, left a deficit which, combined with the old debt, made a total indebtedness of \$180,000. During the meeting of the Convention in Asheville a great movement was started for the purpose of paying off this heavy indebtedness, and many of our brethren and sisters have made beautiful and joyful responses to this appeal.

The campaign to raise the Judson Centennial Fund of \$1,250,000 has been successful. There is need that our pastors encourage the prompt collection of the subscriptions to this fund.

During the year there have been 6,471 converts baptized and 77 churches instituted. Our foreign missionaries now number 315, of whom 133 are men and 182 women. The membership of our mission churches is now 42,632 organized into 459 churches, 95 of which are self-supporting. The native Christians contributed \$129,561 to the work in their midst. We have 462 Sunday schools which report 10,490 scholars. There are 453 mission schools with 13,531 students. Of these mission schools six are Women's Bible Training Schools, with 200 students, and ten are Theological Training Schools, with 191 students. We have now 13 medical missionaries, 9 hospitals, and 10 dispensaries. Our medical missionaries treated 74,866 patients last year.

Attention should be called to the great strides which the native churches are taking toward self-support, self-government and self-propagation. One field will serve to illustrate this. In Brazil the per capita gifts for all objects is \$5.72. Our Brazilian Baptists have their own Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Amongst our members in foreign lands there are many tithers. There are indeed churches

which make tithing a test of fellowship. Many churches in the foreign fields are building their own houses of worship, paying the salaries of their pastors, and contributing to the support of missionary work in their own lands and elsewhere. Native workers are being trained, and as we look into the near and far future the outlook is indeed bright.

Like everything that grows, our Foreign Mission work has increasing necessities. Our success has carried us into a situation from which there is no turning back and which lays new claims upon us. We have tasks which we can neither turn loose nor turn over to others. To turn loose means to ignore opportunities, forsake converts and churches or turn them over to other denominations. We ought not to do either. Perhaps there is nothing connected with Foreign Missions so imperfectly understood by the masses of our people as this of the unescapable necessities of the work. Conditions at home may be pieced out by other means, and in emergencies matters can be deferred for the time being, but such is not the case on the foreign fields where foreign missionary salaries and other items have to be met.

We would urge that our churches make use of the many free tracts which can be secured from the Foreign Mission Board.

The Convention at Asheville ordered the consolidation of the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field into one Magazine to be published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville. This consolidated magazine will still be the organ through which the Board and its missionaries will be able to speak most effectively to the churches at home. It is of very great importance that all the churches take steps immediately looking to a large circulation of this magazine.

In addition to the mass of material in tract form, the Educational Department of the Foreign Mission Board calls special attention to the mission study class method. We would urge that a larger number of classes be organized to study the latest Foreign Mission Board Report which will be put into text-book form, and can be secured from the Educational Department of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia. This Report is a valuable study on our own foreign mission work. We wish that a large number of our men and young people would study the Report in mission study classes or discussion groups, and that the women would see to it that special classes are organized for the men and young people, or that these be invited to the sessions of the women's classes.

In view of the imperative need of re-enforcement on all our foreign fields and the very great importance of meeting

the current support of this work this year and avoiding another debt, we recommend that this Association divide among the churches on an equitable basis the apportionment for this year, and earnestly urge the churches to undertake to raise the amounts asked of them before April 30, 1917. The amount asked of this State is \$55,000, of which this Association is asked to give \$

In order to save the large amount of interest paid out on borrowed money, we earnestly suggest that our churches send in their contributions regularly each month through the regular channels. We recommend the Every Member Canvass and Systematic Giving as the Biblical plan for contributing to foreign missions.

In a thousand ways God is calling upon Southern Baptists to make a great advance in Foreign Mission work. We would plead that sacrificial effort and constant prayer for the success of this year be practiced in all the churches.

C. M. Murchison,
J. H. Pentecost.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Brethren C. M. Murchison and J. A. Beam.

The report was adopted.

The Association then adjourned until 1:45 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

At 1:45 P. M. the Association was called to order by the Moderator and Bro. C. J. Yarbrough led in prayer.

The report on Sunday Schools was called for and Bro. P. F. Sutton read the following report:

Report On Sunday Schools.

This is a subject that is of vital importance to all of our churches. Far without a Sunday School no church can do its best work. We have a great deal to be thankful for. During the last ten years there has been an increase of 23 per cent in the number of churches in N. C. But an increase of 63 per cent in the number of Sunday Schools.

The church membership made an increase of 54 per cent during this period but the Sunday School made an increase of 106 per cent in membership.

Still there is a great work before us yet to be done.

Every church should have an evergreen Sunday School and almost all should have one or more Mission Schools.

Every school should have separate apartments for each class so far as is possible curtains should be used in one roomed churches to separate classes.

Then we need at least two organized classes in each

school. And they should be registered with the Convention adult Bible class department.

Then we should urge systematic giving in our schools, to the various objects such as the orphanage, Sunday School Missions etc. And then what a great work there is for us in enlisting the 175000 church members who do not attend any Sunday School. What a blessing it would be to them and us if they would attend our Sunday Schools. We have in the Beulah Association between three and four hundred more church members than we have Sunday School members.

We should have all the church members and their families at least in our Sunday Schools. And then we should pay special attention to the training and equipment of our officers and teachers and thereby greatly enlarge the efficiency and usefulness of our Sunday Schools.

Let us labor and pray to this end.

P. F. SUTTON,
T. H. STREET,
J. W. NOELL.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Brethren T. H. Street, C. J. Yarbrough, A. L. Boyd, R. A. Spencer.

The report was adopted.

Bro. J. A. Beam was recognized and submitted the following report on Education:

Report On Education

A great wave of educational enthusiasm is sweeping over our land. Our people are becoming enlightened and no longer declare that "ignorance is bliss" and "it is folly to be wise." Each year adds some new phase to our curriculum and now our educational system is one complex problem, including seemingly at least, many useless fads. Vocational training after years of knocking at has entered the wide open door and is wielding a powerful influence in our educational household. We give it a hearty welcome, yet with misgiving for fear that the pendulum may swing too far to the other side.

As an Association we heartily endorse the action of the Baptist State Convention in appointing an Educational Board. We also endorse the board and pledge our hearty support and cooperation and assistance in every possible way to increase the efficiency and to enlarge the field of usefulness of all our own Baptist schools giving two fourths as much to education as we give to State Missions.

We lift our hearts in gratitude to our Father for His blessings upon Wake Forest College since it has come to pass through His blessings that throughout the length and breadth of our land in nearly every important convention whether of state or church the voice of a Wake Forest man is heard and heeded for the uplift of our nation. Indeed the

states of the Union call her blessed because of the manly men, the men of power, of heart and head, the men with a vision and noble purpose, she sends forth to bless the world.

And what shall I say of our own Meredith College? Shall I say she stands second to no school in N. C. for women? Nay, shall I not say more, she stands second to none in all our Southland in the fine type of women she sends forth to bless humanity.

Therefore we most heartily commend Wake Forest and Meredith as worthy of our earnest prayers and our liberal patronage. We also commend our secondary schools, as blessed institutions.

We would urge all our churches to lend a helping hand in the education of the large number of noble young ministerial students of Wake Forest College. And we urge that all our people pledge to the cause of general education in the consolidation of our public schools and let's make the one teacher school a thing of the past. Signed,

T. H. PATTILLA,
J. A. BEAM.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Brethren J. A. Beam and C. E. Brewer.

The report was adopted.

Bro. C. M. Murchison the chm. of the executive committee offered a verbal report.

Report On Time, Place and Preacher.

The report on time, place, and preacher as amended and adopted is as follows:

Time, Tuesday after 3rd Sunday in July; place, Providence (Caswell), preacher J. A. Beam, Alternate—D. F. Putnam.

Railroad Station, Danville, Va.

A. C. Gentry, P. F. Sutton, C. J. Yarbrough, Com.

The committee to recommend the Executive Committee submitted the following report:

We, your committee, recommend for the Executive Board the following brethren: C. M. Murchison, D. F. Putnam, B. S. Graves, J. W. Noell, T. H. Street.

C. J. YARBROUGH,
A. J. CRUTCHFIELD,
A. L. BOYD. Com.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this body extend many thanks to the good people of the church and surrounding community for their unexcelled hospitality in entertaining the delegates and visitors to the session of our Association. P. F. Sutton.

The treasurer's report is as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

R. A. Clay Treasurer in account with the Beulah Association for the year ending July 31st, 1916.

Dr.

To amount received from the churches as per the financial committee report in the minutes of July 1915. \$159.65
Cr.

1915.

| | |
|--|----------|
| Aug.—By amt. paid the clerk for minutes— | \$ 32.23 |
| “ —By amt. paid Orphanage— | 22.74 |
| “ —By amt. paid Walters Durham— | 104.68 |
| Total | \$159.65 |

The Moderator then announced the chairman of the committees for next session.

There being no further business the Association adjourned to meet with Providence Baptist church (Caswell County) on Tuesday after the 3rd Sunday in July 1917.

D. F. PUTNAM, Moderator,
A. C. GENTRY, Clerk.

Proceedings of the Woman's Missionary Union.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Beulah Baptist Association, met for its fourth annual session with the Rock Grove Society at 10 a. m., Aug. 9th, 1916. The meeting was opened by singing the Doxology, after which the vice-president read and explained the 100th Psalm. The sisters then engaged in silent prayer that God's blessings might abide with us and that we might be strengthened to go on to greater victories. The president concluded with an earnest prayer for consecration.

With Mrs. C. M. Murchison presiding, the union proceeded to organization. Mrs. G. W. Thomas and Miss Evie Street were appointed an enrolling committee and entered the names of the following delegates:

Baptist Memorial, Miss Bessie Rudd; Milton, Mrs. F. P. Tucker, Mrs. H. T. Allison; Roxboro, Mrs. W. E. Ashley, Mrs. A. R. Foushee; Rock Grove. Mrs. A. G. Riley, Mrs. S. R. Parham; Providence, Mrs. V. B. Nash, Miss Bertha Wilson; Yanceyville, Miss Belle Graves, Mrs. C. M. Murchison; Lambeth Memorial Sunbeams, Miss Inez Boyd, Miss Mabel Dixon, Mrs. A. L. Boyd; Roxboro Sunbeams Mrs. H. H. Masten.

A nominating committee consisting of Mrs. V. B. Nash, Miss Belle Graves, Mrs. J. D. Morris, Mrs. A. R. Foushee and Mrs. F. P. Tucker reported the following nominees: Vice-President, Mrs. C. M. Murchison; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Margaret Page; Assistant Sec.-Treas, Miss Bertha

Wilson; Sunbeam superintendent, Mrs. H. W. Perry; Assistant, Mrs. B. S. Graves; Y. W. A. Superintendent, Mrs. E. F. Upchurch. All of whom were declared duly elected.

Appropriate addresses of welcome were delivered by Mrs. A. G. Riley and Mrs. S. R. Parham, which were responded to most happily by Miss Bessie Rudd. All then joined in singing. "Stand up for Jesus," after which the reports on the Standard of Excellence were received. While they were incomplete and therefore not entirely satisfactory, they showed remarkable improvement over former reports.

Mrs. C. M. Murchison then presented a summary of the year's work. We were delighted to learn that we had more than reached the suggested apportionment of the State W. M. U. Also that four new societies had been organized, —two Sunbeam Bands, one Y. W. A., and one Woman's Missionary Society.

An informal discussion of State Missions was entered into by a number of the delegates. The service rendered by the State Mission Board and our obligation thereto, were interestingly and profitably discussed.

Mrs. G. W. Thomas of Roxboro, read a most instructive paper on the creation of a Missionary Library in the Association. She pointed out in a most forceful manner the benefits to be derived from the establishment of such an agency.

A cordial welcome was extended to the Mill Creek, Antioch and Providence (Person County) Societies, and we are looking forward with pleasure to their co-operation and assistance in our great work.

On motion the meeting was adjourned until 2 P. M.

At two o'clock devotional exercises were conducted by T. H. Street. In a most vivid and striking manner she presented the call of Paul, "that we present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service."

Then followed prayer by Mrs. S. R. Parham. After singing, "How Firm a Foundation," the Sunbeam Band of Roxboro, under the leadership of Mrs. H. H. Masten, gave an interesting demonstration Sunbeam meeting.

Mrs. C. M. Murchison spoke interestingly of the importance of Y. W. A. work, after which a conference on methods was held. The Louisville Training School and Heck Memorial Fund were then discussed and enthusiastic plans were made for the present year.

An executive committee consisting of Miss Evie Street, Miss Bertha Wilson and Mrs. G. W. Thomas was appointed, after which the meeting was dismissed by Mrs. H. H. Masten.

Bertha H. Wilson,
Assistant Secretary.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

| Churches | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Orphanage | Ministerial Education | Ministerial Relief | Minute Fund | S. S. Missions | Total |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|-------|
| Antioch..... | | | | | | | 1 10 | | 1 10 |
| Beulah..... | | 1 00 | | | | | 1 00 | | 1 00 |
| Blanch..... | | | | | | | 1 50 | | 1 50 |
| Baptist Memorial..... | | 4 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 4 00 | 2 50 | 3 75 | 1 50 | 3 75 |
| Bethel..... | 11 00 | | | | | | 2 50 | | 35 50 |
| Clement..... | | 2 00 | 2 00 | | 2 50 | 1 50 | 3 29 | | 3 29 |
| Ephesus..... | 6 00 | 3 00 | 5 00 | 2 02 | | | 2 00 | | 16 00 |
| Kerr's Chapel..... | 6 50 | | | | | | 2 00 | | 18 52 |
| Lambeth Memorial..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Lea's Chapel..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Longhurst..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Mill Creek..... | 5 00 | 3 75 | 3 00 | 2 00 | 2 25 | 25 | 75 | 25 | 17 25 |
| Milton..... | 7 00 | 7 00 | 6 00 | 2 00 | | 2 00 | 3 00 | | 27 00 |
| Providence (C)..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Providence (P)..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Roxboro..... | | | 2 75 | | | | 4 00 | | 4 00 |
| Rock Grove..... | 2 35 | | | | | | 1 65 | | 6 75 |
| Semora..... | | | | | | | 2 30 | | 2 30 |
| Shiloh..... | | | | | | | 2 31 | | 2 31 |
| Trinity..... | | 3 00 | 2 50 | 2 00 | | 1 78 | 1 25 | | 14 88 |
| Thompsonville..... | 5 00 | | | | | | 3 75 | | 1 25 |
| Yanceyville..... | | | | | | | | | 3 75 |
| Station..... | | | | | | | | | |
| | \$ 26 25 | \$ 13 02 | \$ 8 75 | \$ 8 03 | \$ 37 25 | \$ 1 75 | \$ 161 65 | | |

| Church | Pastor | Postoffice | Clerk | Postoffice | Time of Preaching | Value of church Property | Gains | | | Losses | | | No. of Males | Number of Females | Total Membership |
|------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|----------|-----------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | | | By Baptism | By Letter | By Restoration | By Exclusion | By Death | By Letter | | | |
| Antioch | D F Putnam | Roxboro | W A Barton | Roxboro R 5 | 1st S | 1000 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 36 | 64 | 100 | |
| Blanch | H T Allison | Milton | Wm Lea | Blanch | 1st S | 1000 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 14 | 21 | | |
| Baptist Memorial | C M Murchison | Yanceyville | L F Harrelson | Union Ridge | 2d S | 1500 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 23 | 31 | | |
| Bethel | J A Beam | Woodsdale | A J Crutchfield | Woodsdale | 1st S | 2000 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 70 | 99 | 169 | | |
| Clement | | | | | 3d S | 2000 | 5 | 1 | 12 | 5 | 41 | 71 | 112 | | |
| Ephesus | | | S M Green | Alton | 1st S | 2000 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 70 | 96 | 166 | | |
| Kerr's Chapel | D W Overby | Reidsville | W S Underwood | Union Ridge | 3d S | 1500 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 34 | 61 | 95 | | |
| Lambeth Memorial | A C McCall | Wake Forest | R A Clay | Roxboro | 1st S | 600 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 32 | 30 | 62 | | |
| Lea Bethel | | | M D Dunkley | Prospect Hill | 3d S | 600 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 15 | 26 | | |
| Longhurst | D F Putnam | Roxboro | C S Cozart | Jalong | 3d S p m | 1500 | 28 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 130 | 185 | 315 | | |
| Mill Creek | D F Putnam | Roxboro | Geo W Walker | Roxboro | 3d S | 1500 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 16 | 32 | 48 | | |
| Milton | H T Allison | Milton | F P Tucker | Milton | 1st S | 1500 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 18 | 29 | | |
| Providence (C) | H T Allison | Milton | J A Boswell | Danville R 5 | 1st S | 1200 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 57 | 83 | 140 | | |
| Providence (P) | D F Putnam | Roxboro | L D Veazey | Roxboro | 4th S | 1600 | 15 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 53 | 111 | 164 | | |
| Roxboro | D F Putnam | Roxboro | S T Slaughtier | Roxboro | 2d & 4 S | 7500 | 27 | 13 | 12 | 2 | 119 | 160 | 279 | | |
| Rock Grove | D F Putnam | Roxboro | Mary J Yarbrough | Roxboro | 2d S | 1000 | 13 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 35 | 52 | 87 | | |
| Semora | | | | Semora | 4th S | 1500 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 14 | 20 | | |
| Shiloh | H T Allison | Milton | G B Yarbrough | Blanch | 2d S | 600 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 36 | 41 | 77 | | |
| Trinity | D W Overby | Reidsville | C J Yarbrough | McIver | 1st S | 1200 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 21 | 18 | 39 | | |
| Thompsonville | D W Overby | Reidsville | J H Pritchett | Forshee | 1st S | 2000 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 50 | 66 | 116 | | |
| Yanceyville | C M Murchison | Yanceyville | R S Graves | Yancey | 4th S | 2000 | 17 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 46 | 89 | 125 | | |
| Beulah | H T Allison | Milton | J C King | Blanch | 1st S | 2000 | 17 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 25 | 41 | | |

TABLE I - STATISTICAL

TABLE II - FINANCIAL

| Churches | Pastors Salary | Building and Repairs | Incidentals | S. S. Expenses | The Poor | Minute Fund | Associational Missions | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | S. S. Missions | Orphanage | Ministerial Education | Ministerial Relief | Colleges and Schools | Other Objects | Total |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|----------|-------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------|
| Antioch | 225 00 | | 12 00 | 5 00 | | 1 00 | | 5 00 | 1 00 | 2 50 | | 1 00 | | 2 00 | 1 50 | 30 00 | 59 00 |
| Blanch | 50 00 | | | 5 00 | | 1 50 | | 10 00 | 2 50 | 6 50 | | | | 5 00 | 211 85 | 260 00 | 260 00 |
| Baptist Memorial | 225 00 | 7 00 | 39 00 | 36 00 | 23 00 | 2 50 | | 3 00 | 10 30 | 103 26 | | 91 30 | 4 00 | 5 00 | | 738 16 | 738 16 |
| Bethel | 200 00 | 8 00 | 50 00 | 12 00 | 5 00 | 3 29 | | 11 00 | 4 00 | 5 00 | 1 50 | 5 00 | 4 00 | 2 50 | 36 00 | 235 50 | 235 50 |
| Clement | 225 00 | | | 5 00 | | 2 00 | | 4 00 | 4 00 | 26 00 | | 19 50 | 2 50 | 1 50 | | 876 34 | 876 34 |
| Ephesus | 100 00 | | | 3 69 | | 2 00 | | 4 00 | 5 60 | 6 25 | 1 50 | 8 00 | 2 50 | | | 127 00 | 127 00 |
| Kerr's Chapel | 101 06 | | | 14 01 | | 2 00 | | 10 00 | 6 50 | 7 00 | | 4 02 | | | | 134 17 | 134 17 |
| Lambeth Memorial | 75 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 88 50 | 88 50 |
| Lea Bethel | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 77 01 | 77 01 |
| Longhurst | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mill Creek | 100 00 | | | 8 50 | | 75 | | 17 50 | 10 00 | 9 25 | 25 | 2 00 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 6 00 | 208 00 | 208 00 |
| Providence (C) | 109 00 | | | 47 43 | | 3 00 | | 15 00 | 17 75 | 12 76 | | 8 30 | | | | 238 33 | 238 33 |
| Providence (P) | 675 00 | 202 11 | 161 58 | 41 98 | 3 15 | | | 93 50 | 77 23 | 87 84 | 9 93 | 141 40 | | | 206 67 | 1704 39 | 1704 39 |
| Roxboro | 100 00 | 8 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 4 00 | 4 00 | | 4 00 | 3 40 | 2 75 | | | | | 10 29 | 146 28 | 146 28 |
| Rock Grove | 100 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Semora | 167 59 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shiloh | 125 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trinity | 85 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thompsonville | 100 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yanceyville | 100 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beulah | 100 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ** Report to Flat River Association. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

| Churches | Superintendent | Postoffice | Secretary | Postoffice | No. of Schools | Officers and Teachers | Pupils | Total Enrollment | Church Members in S. S. | Months Kept Open from School | Baptisms from School | School Expenses | Missions | Orphanage | Other Objects | Total Contributions |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|
| Antioch | W J Edwards | Roxboro | R B Tapp | Roxboro | 1 | 5 | 88 | 99 | | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Beulah | J B Walters | Blanch | L L Powell | Blanch | 1 | 3 | 15 | 18 | | | | 5 00 | | | | 5 00 |
| Baptist Memorial | J H Potilla | Union Ridge | L F Harrelson | Union Ridge | 1 | 6 | 42 | 48 | 12 | 9 | | 36 00 | 56 12 | 49 59 | | 142 31 |
| Bethel | A J Crutchfield | Woodsdale | Thos B Woody | Woodsdale | 1 | 12 | 81 | 93 | 60 | 12 | | 11 77 | 1 31 | | | 13 08 |
| Clement | J A Whitfield | Hurdle Mills | F J Hester | Roxboro | 1 | 6 | 27 | 33 | 16 | 12 | | 12 00 | | 10 00 | | 22 00 |
| Ephesus | Jesse Reaves | Alton | Mrs LP Duncan | Woodsdale | 1 | 4 | 30 | 34 | | 12 | | 4 00 | 1 00 | | | 5 00 |
| Kerr's Chapel | WS Underwood | Union Ridge | Ray Somers | Altamahaw | 1 | 6 | 61 | 67 | | 9 | 1 | 3 69 | 4 00 | | | 7 69 |
| Lambeth Memorial | R A Clay | Roxboro | R E Dixon | Roxboro | 1 | 7 | 25 | 32 | 20 | 12 | | | | | | |
| Lea Bethel | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Longhurst | R A Spencer | Roxboro | Ira Dickerson | JalLong | 1 | 5 | 55 | 63 | 19 | 12 | 6 | 14 01 | | 10 00 | 3 00 | 27 01 |
| Mill Creek | T H Street | Mill Creek | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Milton | Hugh L Bray | Milton | Lottie Tucker | Milton | 1 | 5 | 20 | 25 | 15 | 12 | 1 | 8 50 | | | 8 50 | |
| Providence (C) | F B Goodson | Danville Va | Bertha Whitson | Danville Va | 1 | 11 | 55 | 66 | 40 | 12 | 1 | 47 73 | 2 50 | 1 05 | 6 00 | 57 28 |
| Providence (P) | E M Slaughtner | Mill Creek | A C Grautt | Mill Creek | 1 | 8 | 103 | 111 | 65 | 12 | 13 | 16 66 | 9 75 | 29 00 | | 55 41 |
| Roxboro | J W Noell | Roxboro | J G Moore | Roxboro | 1 | 14 | 150 | 164 | | 12 | | 41 98 | 9 93 | 64 09 | 206 67 | 322 67 |
| Rock Grove | S T Slaughtner | Roxboro | A G Riley | Roxboro | 1 | 7 | 52 | 54 | | 10 | 6 | 6 00 | | 7 72 | 13 72 | 19 72 |
| Semora | J B Yarborough | Semora | Maud Perkins | Semora | 1 | 6 | 3 ³ | | | 10 | 6 | 8 46 | | 51 50 | | 59 96 |
| Shiloh | G B Yarborough | Blanch | C B Yarborough | Milton | 1 | 1 | | | | 12 | | | | 3 50 | | 3 50 |
| Trinity | C J Yarborough | Melver | Z T Yarborough | Melver | 1 | 2 | 24 | 13 | 9 | 9 | | 24 13 | 1 00 | | | 1 00 |
| Thompsonville | R P Denny | Reidsville | G H Faucette | Reidsville | 1 | 1 | 56 | 21 | 12 | 12 | 5 | 15 00 | 2 50 | 13 14 | 1 25 | 31 89 |
| Yanceyville | R S Graves | Yanceyville | Clyde Fitch | Yanceyville | 1 | 2 | 69 | | | | | | | | | |

anch