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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Executive Board.

J. W. Noell,.....	Roxboro, N. C.
R. T. Wilson,.....	Danville, Va., R F D No 5.
R. H. Bailey,.....	Woodsdale, N. C.
J. F. Swann.....	Semora, N. C.
A. C. Gentry,.....	Denniston, Va.

Ordained Ministers in The Association.

I. L. Bennett,.....	Roxboro, N. C.
J. A. Beam,.....	Woodsdale, N. C.
J. F. Davis,.....	Milton, N. C.
Paul Hartsell,.....	Semora, N. C.
J. M. Hester,.....	U S N
C. M. Murchison,.....	Yanceyville, N. C.
D. W. Overby,.....	Reidsville, N. C.
C. T. Plybon,.....	Roxboro, N. C.

Chairmen of Committees for Next Session.

Foreign Missions,.....	J. A. Beam
State Missions,.....	I. L. Bennett
Home Missions,.....	J. F. Davis
Union Meetings,.....	P. F. Sutton
Orphanage,.....	J. W. Noell
Sunday Schools,.....	E. J. Tucker
Ministerial Relief,.....	A. J. Crutchfield
Christian Education,.....	C. M. Murchison
Digest of Church Letters,.....	A. C. Gentry
Temperance,.....	Paul Hartsell
Biblical Recorder,.....	T. H. Street
Obituaries,.....	C. J. Yarbrough
Woman's Work,.....	B. S. Graves

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

Article 2. This Association shall be composed of, first, all the ordained ministers who are members of or have pastoral charge of the churches within this Association district, who shall be members of the Association, ex-officio; secondly, not more than six delegates from each church within the district, aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointments, in which said letters from the said churches shall show their conditions, losses and changes of membership, since the last Association.

Article 3. The Association shall be held at least once a year at such time and place as they may appoint and shall be organized at 11 o'clock a. m. of the first day's session, and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Article 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, one Clerk and Treasurer; the last two offices may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

Article 5. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each annual session of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members, and the Clerk shall be eligible to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

Article 6. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but may tender them advice, and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice, exclude such from their fellowship; and shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Article 7. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

Article 8. All committees of arrangement shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members ex-officio.

Article 9. It shall be the duty of Committee of Arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or in expediency of bringing any matter before the Association. The action of the committee, however, in relation to any matter shall not be conclusive; and any matter or proposition which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association by any member thereof, who may not concur in that decision.

Article 10. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the committee, whether queries or prop-

ositions from the churches, or suggestions from the committee, and to make such responses, and to offer such counsels as may be deemed fit and proper.

Article 11. The Association may invite Baptist ministers (who may be present) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of converse and debate only.

Article 12. An Executive Committee, consisting of five brethren, shall be appointed at each session of the Association, which committee shall direct the missionary operations of the Association and make an annual report of its proceedings to the body. Three of these brethren shall constitute a quorum for business, and all money sent up to these churches for Associational missions shall be paid over to this committee.

Article 13. The Constitution may be altered or amended at the annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair every day during the session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call for the Minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum, shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3. He shall rise to put the question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise and address himself to the Moderator.

7. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall name the person to speak first.

8. No man shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself finally from the Association without leave.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections avoided.

11. While the Moderator is putting the question, or addressing

the Association, no person shall speak, stand up or walk out or across the house nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on table, to postpone indefinitely, to a day certain, to commit or amend, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

15. No standing rules shall be rescinded, altered or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

16. The Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum shall be read on the first day of each session of this Association.

PROCEEDINGS

Bethel Baptist Church, Person County, N. C., July 23, 1918.

The Eighty-fourth Annual Session of the Beulah Baptist Association was held with Bethel Church beginning Tuesday morning July 23rd, 1918. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. C. M. Murchison. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. F. Davis, of Milton, N. C.

The Moderator, C. J. Yarbrough called the Association together and organization was effected by electing the following officers: Rev C T Plybon, Moderator, A C Gentry, Clerk, W A Woody, Treasurer. The Moderator-elect then called the Association together for business.

The delegates were enrolled as follows: Ministers: J A Beam, I L Bennett, Paul Hartsell, J F Davis, C T Plybon, C M Murchison.

Laymen: Antioch, E L Wilkerson, W A Barton, C S Ashley; Baptist Memorial, L F Harrelson, Jno Kimbro, Dora Baynes, Bernard Walker; Blanch, D J Mebane, Wm Lea, J B Walters; Bethel, S C Humphries, S P Gentry, J B Barrett, J S Woody, W A Woody; Beulah, Bryly Stephens, Vann Stephens, Troy Webster; Clement, W C Warren, J H Rogers; Ephesus, W W Walker, R E Pulliam, L P Duncan; Kerr's Chapel, W S Underwood, T H Pottello, P M Somers; Lamberth Memorial, Theo Watson, W T Dixon, R E Dixon; Mill Creek, W T Whitt, H F Link, Wm Wrenn; Lea Bethel, R W Murray, Lula Barnwell; Milton, F P Tucker Hugh Bray; North Roxboro, W W Morrell, Walter Suit, Petra Morrell; Providence (C) F B Goodson, W L Dunevant, J J Shelton; Providence (P), J H Pentecost, J D Perkins, E M Slaughter, J R Whitt, O C Gravitt, R P Woody; Roxboro, R A Spencer, H H Masten, J W Noell; Rock Grove M T Slaughter, S R Parham, J H Yarboro, J O Long, M O Yarboro, S T Slaughter; Semora, J B Yarbrough, T M Allen, Mrs. Paul Hartsell; Shiloh, H C Myers, G H Myers, Banks Myers, W A Jordan, Bernice Yarboro; Trinity, R J Gillespie, W R Stamps, Robt Stanly; Thompsonville, M D Walters, J R Brown, G H Faucett; Yanceyville, Mr. and Mrs P F Sutton, J H Kerr, Mrs Murchison.

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

The roll of the chairmen of Committees appointed at last session was called and the places of absent members were filled.

The following visiting brethren were welcomed: Prof F P Hobgood, of Oxford College, Dr C E Brewer of Meredith College, Dr L Johnson Editor of Biblical Recorder, Rev. A Moore of Alton Baptist Church and Bro. G T Crowder of the Methodist Church.

The report of the Biblical Recorder was called for and Rev. J F Davis read the following:

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

We are very much a part of all we see, hear and of what surrounds us. Men have been made and are made by the influences brought to bear upon them in their homes and in their own community. It is said a girl became very wicked by the study of the life of Marie Antoinette, another girl became a good and useful woman by the study of the life of Joan of Arch. If we introduce or allow impure or unwholesome literature to come into our homes we need not be surprised if our children take the course of characters portrayed in the "Blood and Thunder" stories told in magazines and papers of this character.

The Biblical Recorder is free from anything of a damaging nature on the other hand it is a pure upright religious paper devoted to the upbuilding of our Schools, Women's Missionary Societies, Baptists young Peoples Unions, and any other interest that is for the upbuilding of the Baptist Cause and the Kingdom of Christ in Carolina and throughout the world. Every Baptist family should subscribe for and read the Recorder, as compared with books we buy, it is a cheap paper. We get much more reading matter for the money than we do in buying books and then the character of the matter is so much better. Let us all subscribe for and read the Recorder, the paper will be upheld and we will be benefited and all will be happy.

J. F. DAVIS.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Dr. L. Johnson. The report was adopted.

The time for the report on Union Meetings having arrived, Bro. T. H. Street was recognized and read the following report:

UNION MEETINGS.

"In Union there is Strength," has often been quoted and undoubtedly true for good or evil. It becomes us as Christians to push and emphasize the good as we find it from God's word, and also to watch the evil that may come to us through influences brought by war, or rather unsettled conditions of the minds of our Baptist people. For instance, "Union Movement," as spoken of by Dr. Gambrell in the last Recorder. He says very few people have any idea of the complexities, the strength and the ongoings of the Union Movement both at home and abroad. It is led by men, men of tremendous ability and financed practically without limit. It definitely aims at the merging of the denominations. The same spirit in England has destroyed the power of the Baptist and is now knocking at our doors. I say, brethren, watch new things and stand up for the old gospel as once delivered to the Saints. Our last meeting at Antioch was a great success and very helpful.

Respectfully submitted, T. H. STREET.

On motion to adopt the report was discussed by Brethren T H Street, J W Noell, C M Murchison. The report was adopted with the part regarding division stricken out.

The Association then adjourned for dinner.

TUESDAY P. M.

Promptly at 2:30 the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Rev. I. L. Bennett conducted the devotional

The program for the afternoon was slightly changed to suit the convenience of the body. The report on Christian Education was read by Rev. C. M. Murchison and on motion to adopt was discussed by Rev. C. M. Murchison, Dr C E Brewer and Prof F P Hobgood. The report was adopted. The report is as follows:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

There are many reasons why a discussion of education from the standpoint of Christianity is vital and timely. Powerful influences are at work to discourage all denominational control over institutions of learning. The attitude of the learned world toward religious problems has undergone a remarkable change during the last forty years.

Today religion in its historic and psychological, as well as its practical, aspects easily occupies the center of human interests. Nations leaving the greatest impressions upon human history have been those whose leaders were religious and intellectual. Peoples whom have gone furthest in civilization have been the most cultured. Yet, Geo. Elliott says, "Culture merely for culture's sake can never be anything but a sapless root capable of producing at best only a shriveled branch." Three things in human life need the best development and training for service. These are intellect, morality and religion. They are a Trinity needing to be cultivated equally to obtain best results.

Eby, in "Christianity and Education" says, "An exclusively intellectual education leads by a very devious route to arrogance and a cynical contempt for all moral inferences. An exclusively moral education ends in bigotry, if it does not take a directly opposite course, and lead to Atheism." Christian education, to my mind, meets the requirements, in that its very content is to develop the best specimens of human life.

What are we doing along this line? In the U. S. Baptists have 14 Theological Seminaries with 1251 students. We have 75 junior colleges, or academies, with 11,210 students. The property and endowments of these various institutions reach the magnificent sum of \$89,614,365.

Seventeen of these schools are in our own state, with a property value of \$1,441,000, aggregate endowments of \$786,340, and with a combined student enrollment of 3,535, including 150 preparing for the ministry and 24 for foreign fields.

Denominational schools are the hope of Christian education. Baptists do not oppose State aid to schools. According to Cathcart, the historian, Dr. John Clark, a Baptist, led in establishing the first free school in America. Baptists patronize and support State schools. Yet we claim the right and privilege of having our own schools which we support without State aid.

Every growing denomination in this country is taking fresh interest just now in its schools, while every denomination that is neglecting its schools has ceased to grow.

The great leaders of Church and State have been products of denominational schools. Presidents, Supreme Court Judges and Congressmen range from 75 to 85 per cent as products of Christian schools. Ministers and missionaries from 90 to 95 per cent. Baptists are endeavoring to raise \$15,000,000 in the bounds of the Southern Convention for Christian Education. One million of this amount is to be raised in North Carolina for the endowment of our own schools and colleges.

We advise that the churches of this Association align themselves with this movement. Also that there be some organized effort thoroughly to canvass the entire membership for this purpose.

May this be our motto:

"O grant us light, that we may learn
How dead is life from Thee apart,
How sure is joy for all who turn
To Thee an undivided heart."

Signed: C. M. MURCHISON, for Committee.

The report on Sunday Schools was called for and Bro. J. W. Noell not having the report prepared asked permission to write the report for the minutes and forward same to the Clerk. On motion permission was granted. The time allotted to this subject was taken up in discussion by J W Noell, T H Street and C M Murchison. The report follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Considering the work done we doubt if there is another agency of the Church which has accomplished more than the Sunday School. Yet, how few of the members of the various churches take any active part or interest in this great work. The one problem of the Sunday School Superintendents today is, how to enlist the church members in this work. The children, as a rule, attend, but how few of the church members are there to teach them.

Your committee recommends that the Pastors and Superintend-

ents make an earnest effort to enlist the services of the mature members in this work, and see if it is not possible to have more A1 Sunday Schools in the Beulah Association. A live Sunday School means a live Church, and a live pastor, assisted by a live Sunday School Superintendent almost guarantees a live Sunday School. What is your Sunday School doing?

Respectfully Submitted, J. W. NOELL, Committee.

Under head of miscellaneous, the Moderator introduced the following resolution:

Whereas we believe that it will be for the best interests of the Kingdom in our bounds, therefore be it resolved:

1.—That we pay our respects and thanks to the men who have done such excellent work as members of our Executive Board in the past.

2.—That in the future the Executive Board shall consist of Laymen chosen from the various churches of the Association.

Respectfully submitted, C. T. PLYBON.

The motion to adopt the resolution was carried after discussion by the Moderator, C M Murchison, J W Noell and others.

On motion the former executive board was asked to nominate members for the new board.

Rev. I. L. Bennett introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION REGARDING ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Whereas there is a great need for more intensive and some extensive work in the territory of the Beulah Association, and whereas we realize that we must meet this need before we can do an equitable part for those outside our territory, therefore be it resolved:

1st.—That every church in the Association be requested to place on its regular budget the object of Associational Missions.

2nd.—That each church be requested to contribute to this object one-third the amount contributed to State, Home and Foreign Missions.

3rd.—That the money contributed for this object be placed in the hands of our Executive Committee to be used within our own territory for Associational betterment.

Respectfully Submitted, IVAN L. BENNETT.

The motion to adopt the resolution was tabled until Wednesday.

After announcements the Association adjourned to meet again Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 24th.

The Association was called to order at 10:30 o'clock, Moderator C. T. Plybon, presiding. After scripture reading and prayer by

Rev. J. A. Beam the regular order of business was taken up.

Dr. E. J. Tucker was recognized and read the report on Ministers' Relief which is as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

It is customary to say in reports on Ministerial Relief that ministers are unfortunately poor business men. In order to be a business expert it is necessary for a man to give his best thought to business. A man who gives his best thought to making or saving money cannot be a faithful preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He cannot be a faithful preacher of Jesus who gives his best thought to anything other than the Gospel. It does not follow that the necessity for taking care of aged ministers is a result of waste, or incompetent stewardship on the part of ministers. Some of the ministers of the past provided for the rainy day. Others worked where it was not possible to do so. In many places of this kind churches have had few conscientious scruples in turning loose one of these aged servants of God without a means of support. Actions of this kind on the part of churches and the failure of the Christian people to provide a liberal support may be a reason why so many young men are refusing to hear the call of God to enter the Ministry. If society should return to these aged servants of God the values, social, intellectual, spiritual and financial which their unselfish service has created and saved, the old world would not be so pleasant a place for the rest of us but they would have goods laid up for many years.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. TUCKER.

On motion to adopt the report was discussed by J F Davis and C T Plybon and was adopted.

Report on State Missions by I L Bennett, on Home Missions by C T Plybon and on Foreign Missions by J A Beam were read and on motion to adopt, these reports were discussed by I L Bennett, Sec W N Johnson and J A Beam. Sec. Johnson introduced a resolution which was included in the report on State Missions.

The three reports were then adopted. They are as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee notes with pleasure some hopeful signs of a better day. We believe that the success of the nine schools for pastors and workers means two things of vast importance to our Baptist cause in North Carolina: It shows that our Secretary and the board are planning for big things for the future, and in their planning are beginning at the heart of the problem. It is the harbinger of a day when our churches shall recognize the importance of placing the teaching principle along side by side with the principle of evangelism, when we shall admit that it is necessary to save the

life by imparting truth as well as save the soul by proclaiming the favor of God.

We respectfully ask that the churches urge pastors and workers to attend these schools in the future. When the pastors and workers return let the churches demand that they reproduce the schools in their communities. We need weeks set apart during the year to teach our converts as well as weeks to preach to the unsaved. Such cooperation with the board will greatly supplement its powers for doing the good it has planned.

Let us put a greater emphasis on State Missions when we come to worship God with our offerings. Let us pray God's blessing on those who serve as missionaries of the board that their efforts may be crowned with success.

Respectfully submitted, I. L. BENNETT.

RESOLVED 1.—That the Beulah Association join heartily with our Board of Missions in the effort to add 12,000 new subscribers to the list of the Biblical Recorder; that we undertake to secure one hundred of these in this Association, and that we apportion this number of New Subscribers to the churches at the rate of one new subscriber to every twenty of its members and that this apportionment be sent directly to the church from this session of the Association with request that each church at its first meeting arrange to secure its portion of these new subscribers and send them at once to the Board of Missions, Raleigh, N. C.

2.—That, in order to get more of our people into touch with our great Baptist Work and to help each church in keeping the Recorder before all its members we urge the churches to take clubs of the Monthly Bulletin printed by the Board of Missions, each copy always enclosing month a good tract also, at the rate of one dollar per dozen per year.

3.—That this Association work with the Board in the location and the operation of one of the uniform simultaneous schools of pastors and workers to be held throughout North Carolina each year for five years.

A LARGER PROGRAM FOR HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board has in its employment: Evangelist 9, Evangelist Singers 6, Evangelist to negroes 3, Enlistment workers 12, Italian workers 4, workers among Cubans at Tampa, Fla., 4, workers among the Mexicans in Texas 5, other workers among Foreigners 23, Italian workers 7, Mexican workers 5, Special workers 2, Negroes 25, Cuban workers 34.

It is gratifying beyond measure that in the midst of this most strenuous year of our history, when our people have been called upon so heavily to furnish the sinews of war, that their contribution to Home Missions gained nearly \$200,000 beyond that of last year.

From what has just been said it is easy to see that we must have a larger program to meet the imperative needs that are upon us. The changes incident to our participation in the world war are stupendous and staggering.

For the time immigration has well-nigh ceased, but conditions are being created that call for masterful treatment. Thousands upon thousands of workers in the ship-building plants from Baltimore and Galveston constitute a new field where our social and religious problems are going to be acute.

A nitrate plant at Mussel shoals, Alabama has been built by the Government, and thousands of employees have moved in there. The town of Florence, adjacent, has more than doubled in population in the last few months. A similar condition exists around Nashville, Tenn., where the great munition plants, costing sixty of one hundred million dollars, is being erected by the government. These are but samples of mighty changes that are calling for immediate and heroic treatment by our Mission Boards.

Our educational institutions must be strengthened and millions in endowment furnished. That is a specific field for education boards. But there is an equally great need for efficient church plants to rightly discharge our obligations to the students in our educational institutions.

Ten million dollars in the next five years ought to be spent by Baptists in church building at these educational centers. If the denomination would place in the hands of the Home Mission Board \$500,000 a year for this work during the five years, we could stimulate the expenditure of \$2,000,000 a year in addition by the local forces. In this way we would be prepared to put our religious convictions and life into our schools and especially our State schools, where sectarian religious instruction is prohibited.

At this point our mission boards and our educational boards must have a sympathetic and cooperative program worth while, as the progress of our cause will be irretrievably impaired.

America today and especially our soldier camps, presents the greatest opportunity in the world for preaching the gospel and winning the lost to Christ. Before our report again to the convention, in all probability there will be at least 3,000,000 additional soldiers brought into our camps, and we must have hundreds of our best men in addition to our present force of camp pastors to reach our young men, our sons, those who have gone from our homes to fill our camps and to fill their place at the battle front.

What we have said in reference to a few departments of our work can be truthfully said concerning the other departments. We have come to the day of large things. The wonderful favor of God upon our work in the past should be a sufficient stimulus for a larger program. Fifteen years ago we received for current expense

and evangelism \$125,000. This year just closed we received \$583,996, an increase of 450 per cent. Fifteen years ago we reported 7,500 baptisms, this year about 31,000, an increase of more than 400 per cent. Why may we not expect even a greater ratio of increase in the next fifteen years? If the proportion of increase should be maintained fifteen years hence, we will report 125,000 baptisms and \$2,630,000 for Home Missions in one year.

Indications are now that the needs and opportunities at that time would call for such a sum for Home Missions.

We lift our grateful thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for his manifold goodness and renew our pledges for greater fidelity in the future and with firmer faith in his gracious guidance and sustaining strength.

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. PLYBON.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Today we stand amazed at the multiplied opportunities for service. But a little over one year and nearly all the nations of the earth have become akin. Old differences have been forever buried and the true conception of the brotherhood of mankind is being enthroned in the hearts of our people. Already we are living in almost a new world. To our distressed and suffering neighbors just across the seas we are giving our thought, our sympathy, our money, our men, yea, the very flower of our nation, placing all on the altar of service and sacrifice.

Our trained men in the camps are impatiently waiting to cross the seas to join their brothers in giving their blood, even their lives as a token of their love and devotion to the principles most sacred to the human race.

The foundation of it all is the religion of Jesus Christ. But for this there would be no Red Cross, no Y M C A work, not even Liberty Loan Bonds nor War Saving Stamps.

Never in all the history of the world have the great sayings of Jesus been more applicable than today, as He says, "Lift up your eyes and behold the fields white, already to harvest and the laborers are few." Then hear Him say in thunderous tones, pray ye the Lord of the Harvest to send forth more laborers into the field.

The United States must give the world the Bread of Eternal Life even more abundantly than she is feeding the Allies across the seas. The United States must save the world from sin for Jesus as she is saving the world from slavery.

Again I say, the United States must bring the world not simply to democracy, but to Jesus—must save the world from sin for service of our God and every member of the Beulah Association must nobly and joyfully do his part.

Respectfully submitted, J. A. BEAM.

Bro. A. J. Crutchfield was recognized and read the report on the Baptist Orphanage which is as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville, N. C., is now in the 33rd year of its existence and the last year was the most prosperous in its history. It has sheltered, clothed, trained and been foster parents to more than 2000 children. More than 500 children are now in the institution. It is supported alone by charitable contribution and it has become the largest orphanage in the State, yet so wise has been its management and so noble its work, that the people have voluntarily given it a liberal support. Surely there is no work that commends itself more to the churches than the care of helpless orphans. The best investment that any one can make is to care for and train children for service in the Kingdom of God. The Sunday School report of last year showed that only 12 schools made contributions to the orphanage. We would urge that every school in this Association make a monthly contribution to this most noble and worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. CRUTCHFIELD, Chairman of Committee.

The report was discussed by Bro. Crutchfield and Manager M. L. Kesler and Bro. J. W. Noell, The report was adopted

On account of the indications of rain the remainder of the morning's program except report on Digest of Letters was passed over until the afternoon.

The report on Digest of Church Letters was read by the Clerk, briefly discussed and received as information. The Association then adjourned for dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Paul Hartsell led in prayer.

Miscellaneous business was taken up and the report on Place and Preacher was read. The report follows:

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER.

Providence Baptist Church, Person County and Blanch Baptist Church, Caswell County, asked for the Association to meet with them. The judgment of the Committee is that the Annual meeting should alternate between the two Counties and therefore selected Blanch, Caswell County as the next meeting place. The Committee selected Rev. I. L. Bennett to preach the introductory sermon with C. M. Murchison alternate. The time to be Tuesday and Wednesday after the third Sunday in July 1919. Respectfully submitted,

W T WHITT, J H KERR, E J TUCKER, Committee.

The report was adopted.

church was recommended for help unless cooperating with other churches to form a field.

No pastor was recommended to churches or for appropriations unless he agreed to live on the field among his people. The Executive Committee has insisted on retaining the same chairman for five years or more, and it is to be presumed that they did so because they believed that he had the matter of the Association's development in his mind and on his heart, and would look after it to the best of his knowledge and ability. He has labored under embarrassment all the while on account of the fact that he has been a beneficiary of the Committee of which he was Chairman. Some of the years the same man has been Moderator of the association and of the Union Meetings and Chairman of the Executive Committee, with other things attached. Now it is different, for there is much material from which to fill all positions. The majority of the pastors are College men, some of them Seminary graduates or matriculates.

The Beulah is in line with the progressive associations of the State or Southern States. Tho' it is almost entirely rural, we are not at all ashamed of it. Roxboro is our largest town, population about 2000, in which is the most liberal church of the entire association. There are two country churches in the association that are well able to have a pastor each for full time, living among their membership. Within the next few years they will see the opportunity and measure up to it.

Then there are others that might easily form fields of two churches with one pastor between them. These are our next problems to be solved.

It is believed by a few of us that a few of the problems confronting the Baptists of the South relative to the country churches, are being solved among our churches in this association in a quiet way. Where there has been much discussion and theory elsewhere, here is actual practice speaking for itself.

Sincerely,
C. M. MURCHISON,
Yanceyville, N. C.

For Executive Committee.

Rev Paul Hartsell and Rev C T Plybon made brief addresses on Temperance, giving some facts and figures, comparing the price paid for liquor, soft drinks, etc., with the amount contributed to Missions. Bro. Hartsell was requested to send report by mail to be incorporated in the minutes. The report follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Within the last decade the Temperance forces have been making rapid and broad strides for the abolition of alcohol. Through legislation it has been made impossible to obtain lawfully alcoholic

beverages in our State. Many states have prohibition laws as stringent as ours. A few of the States have failed to pass such laws, but all men everywhere who are looking and working for the betterment of human Society are lining themselves up against alcoholic beverages. This great war in which the world is engaged shows not only a need of national but of a world prohibition.

Public sentiment necessarily preceded legislation, but there is much that sentiment can do yet. There are men holding offices who do not enforce the law. Therefore we have still the illicit liquor business. Our laws are weak or strong as the people demand officers who will enforce them.

There are other intemperances that seem to us now small matters that will soon be revealed to be monstrous enemies of the human race.

Our people are wasting their money and destroying their vitality and their efficiency to grapple with the problems of life by the use of soft drinks, tobacco and other things which are not only non-essentials, but are things which hurt.

Respectfully submitted, PAUL HARTSELL, Com.

On motion the resolution concerning the appointment of ministers on the executive board as introduced by the Moderator and carried at the Tuesday's session was annulled.

The Moderator then appointed the following to constitute the Executive Board for the next year: J W Noell, R H Bailey, R T Wilson, J F Swann and A C Gentry.

The Moderator appointed the Chairman of Committees for next session: Dr E J Tucker introduced the following resolution which was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the Beulah Baptist Association extend Bethel Hill Church and community heartfelt thanks for the splendid entertainment during this meeting.

The tabled motion to add Associational Missions to the budget for next year was taken up and after a long discussion was lost.

Rev. C. T. Plybon was appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention with Rev C. M. Murchison as alternate.

The delegates to the Baptist State Convention as appointed are J A Beam, E J Tucker and T H Street.

Rev. I. L. Bennett was appointed vice-president of the State Mission Board, Rev. J. A. Beam of the Foreign Mission Board and Rev. C. M. Murchison of the Home Board for the Beulah Association. There being no further business the Association adjourned.

C. T. PLYBON, Moderator.

A. C. GENTRY, Clerk.

CHURCH	PASTOR	P. O.	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	Time of Preaching	GAINS		LOSS		No. of Males	No. of Females	Total Membership
						By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Exclusion			
Antioch	C. T. Plybon	Roxboro	W. A. Barton	Roxboro	2d & 4th S.	7	1	2	1	40	71	111
Baptist Memorial	C. M. Murchison	Yanceyville	L. F. Harrelson	Union Ridge	2nd Sun	3	1	1	1	9	27	36
Bethel			A. J. Crutchfield	Woodstate	1st Sun	13	16	2	11	88	106	194
Beulah	J. F. Davis	Milton	J. C. King	Blanch	3d Sun	2	1	1	2	11	12	19
Blanch	J. F. Davis	Milton	F. J. Hester	Roxboro	1st Sun					7	7	14
Clement	Paul Hartsell	Semora	Wm. Lea	Blanch	3d Sun					11	17	28
Ephesus	Paul Hartsell	Semora	S. M. Green	Roxboro	1st Sun					40	74	114
Kerr's Chapel	D. W. Overby	Semora	R. A. Clay	Alton, Va.	1st Sun					59	88	147
Lambert Memorial	Paul Hartsell	Semora	J. Underwood	Union Ridge	3d Sun					32	64	96
Lea Bethel	Paul Hartsell	Semora	Lula Barnwell	Roxboro	3d Sun					26	33	59
Mill Creek	C. T. Plybon	Roxboro	J. Lark Gentry	Prospect Hill	2d S. P. M.					9	15	24
Milton	J. F. Davis	Milton	F. P. Tucker	Roxboro, R 2	1st & 3d S.					138	147	285
North Roxboro	C. T. Plybon	Roxboro	S. B. Cozart	Milton	1st Sun					9	17	26
Providence (C)	J. F. Davis	Milton	F. S. Goodson	Jalong	Every S. P. M.					32	40	72
Providence (P)	C. T. Plybon	Roxboro	T. G. Buchanan	Danville, Va. R 5	4th Sun					63	87	150
Roxboro	I. L. Bennett	Roxboro	A. R. Foushee	Roxboro, R 2	2d and 4th S.					1	69	115
Rock Grove	C. T. Plybon	Roxboro	S. T. Slaughter	Roxboro	Every Sun					2	63	184
Semora	Paul Hartsell	Semora	Mrs. W. L. Taylor	Roxboro, R 2	Every Sun					2	115	160
Shiloh	J. F. Davis	Milton	W. A. Jordan	Roxboro, R 2	1st & 3d S.					1	49	54
Trinity	D. W. Overby	Reidsville	C. J. Yarbrough	Milton	2nd Sun					7	21	28
Thompsonville	D. W. Overby	Reidsville	J. H. Prichett	McIvor	1st Sun					37	40	77
Yanceyville	C. M. Murchison	Yanceyville	S. S. Graves	Reidsville	4th Sun					24	17	46
				Yanceyville	3d & 4th S.					32	33	65
										60	68	128

TABLE I - STATISTICAL

TABLE II - FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects	TOTAL
Antioch	500	1000	25	31	10	5	54	54	54	8	40	18	15	7	422 91
Baptist Memorial	75	250	8	22	0	2	16	7	10	1	2	4	6	23	400 61
Bethel	00	00	00	00	00	00	11	45	81	10	187	87	10	366	1324 22
Beulah	00	00	00	00	00	00	2	6	7	2	3	4	0	0	89 34
Blanch	00	00	00	00	00	00	2	3	4	2	6	8	2	0	83 27
Clement	00	00	00	00	00	00	3	8	0	3	5	5	2	45	344 50
Ephesus	200	200	4	7	7	3	5	7	3	0	23	2	2	47	391 92
Kerr's Chapel	200	200	2	5	2	2	8	8	0	0	4	4	1	17	258 68
Lambert Memorial	208	00	2	5	0	0	12	6	5	0	4	1	1	2	108 00
Lea Bethel	00	00	00	00	00	00	8	8	12	0	6	10	10	88	1142 48
Milton	00	00	00	00	00	00	11	4	25	1	16	50	3	74	194 45
Mill Creek	00	00	00	00	00	00	18	7	11	4	18	00	5	1	381 95
North Roxboro	241	66	3	10	1	5	18	16	11	20	50	15	26	1	366 50
Providence (C)	98	57	10	22	3	2	13	26	24	00	83	5	60	164	744 03
Providence (P)	300	00	73	35	11	0	125	104	60	225	218	50	10	507	3317 22
Roxboro	1200	00	235	10	15	4	406	2	6	9	9	16	10	101	465 46
Rock Grove	00	00	85	00	05	0	2	19	20	27	4	15	8	7	392 87
Semora	391	01	11	26	00	2	21	34	35	00	3	25	4	06	266 13
Shiloh	175	00	4	00	00	1	7	35	4	00	4	00	2	00	238 80
Trinity	86	00	00	4	00	1	5	05	5	00	2	00	2	00	160 05
Thompsonville	100	00	30	00	00	5	54	23	54	22	8	15	10	00	1790 00
Yanceyville	505	00	25	31	94	10	54	23	54	22	8	18	15	00	



