MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Brushy Mountain Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

North Wilkesboro Baptist Church

North Wilkesboro, N. C.

August 22, 23, 24, and 25, 1907.

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MINUTES

OF THE

BRUSHY **MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION**

Thirty-Fourth Annual Session

NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C., August 22, 1907.

The Brushy Mountain Association met in its thirtyfourth annual session in the meeting-house of the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro, at 11:30 A. M., Thursday, August 22, 1907.

In the absence of A. T. Pardue, who was appointed to preach the annual sermon, it was delivered by J. S. Farmer; text 1st John 4:17,--"For as he was, so are we in this world."

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

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 P. M. the delegates assembled and the evening session was opened with prayer by Rev. M. McNeill.

On motion of W. C. Meadows the reading of letters was dispensed with, and the Moderator was instructed to appoint a committee of three to get up a digest report of the Churches, and submit same to the Association at tomorrows session. Committee appointed, -- F. B. Hendren, J. A. Carlton, J. S. Farmer.

On motion of Rev. M. McNeill, C. C. Wright was elected Moderator, and W. H. Church Clerk, by acclamation.

Bro. W. C. Meadows, through F. B. Hendren, presented the Association with a nice gavel, which was accepted by the Moderator, with thanks.

On motion of Rev. W. F. Staley, visiting brethren were invited to seats in our body, which was accepted by L. D. Burcham, of Elkin Association; Rev. W. B. Creasman, of Asheville, N. C.; J. S. Farmer, Representative of Biblical Recorder: S. F. Conrad of The North Carolina Baptist; F. P. Hobgood, President of Oxford Female Seminary; Rev. R. L. Owenby, of the Methodist Church of Wilkesboro; J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest College.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Foreign Missions-Rev. W. F. Staley, J. B. Leach, J. A. Glass. Home Missions-Rev. K. C. Horner, J. A. Carlton, O. F. Blevins. State Missions-Geo. W. White, J. S. Farmer, J. H. Crisp.

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Smithy. Obituaries-Rev. M. McNeill, C. T. Critcher, J. A. Pardue.

Temperance-Rev. W. C. Meadows, S. F. Conrad, J. E. German. Woman's Work—Mrs. W. F. Staley, Mrs. C. D. Coffey. Order of Business—S. J. Jennings, F. B. Hendren, W. F. Staley. Time and Place—J. A. Glass, M. McNeill, A. Eller.

Periodicals-Rev. J. S. Forester, J. E. Bentley, W. A. Brown. Executive Committee-W. F. Staley, A. T. Pardue, W. C.

Meadows, M. McNeill, K. C. Horner.

The Committee on Order of Business made the following report:

Thursday afternoon: Report of Committee on Periodicals.

Friday morning: 9 A. M., Devotional Services-Rev. K. C. Horner; 9:30 A. M., Report Committee on Home Missions; 10:30 A. M., Report of Committee on Education; 2 P. M., Report of Committee on Orphanage; 3 P. M., Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Saturday: 9 A. M., Devotional Exercises-W. C. Meadows; 9:30 A. M., Report of Committee on Temperance; 11 A. M., Report of Committee on Ministerial Re

lief; 2 p. m., Report of Committee on Obituaries; 2:30 Miscellaneous.

Sunday Morning: 9:45, A. M., Report of Committee on Sunday Schools; 3 P. M., Report of Committee on Woman's Work.

The Committee on Credentials reported Oak Grove Baptist Church thoroughly orthodox, and recommended that we receive said Church, which was unanimously done.

The Report on Periodicals was read by Rev. J. S. Forester, as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Since information precedes interest, and since our denominational press is the great present—nay medium—for the diffusion of religious intelligence, your committee would most earnestly urge that our people take in their homes and read one or more first-class Baptist Periodicals. We especially recommend: The Biblical Recorder, for three-quarters of a century the recognized organ of the Baptists of the State; Charity and Children. the organ of our orphanage; The North Carolina Baptist, which is particularly strong and successful in its advocacy of the Temperance Cause; The Foreign Mission Journal, the monthly organ of our Foreign Mission Board; Our Home Field, the monthly organ of our Home Mission Board, and for our Sunday Schools the periodicals of our Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, of Nashville Tenn.

REV. J. S. FORESTER, W. A. BROWN, J. E. BENTLEY.

The Report was discussed by J. S. Farmer, S. F. Conrad, F. P. Hobgood, W. F. Staley and C. C. Wright.

The Association adjourned until 8 p. m. Benediction by K. C. Horner.

At 8 P. M. the delegates assembled, and listened to an excellent sermon delivered by Rev A. T. Pardue.

SECOND DAY MORNING

August 23, 1907.

The Association reassembled at the hour appointed, and devotional exercises were conducted by K.C.Horner. The Minutes of yesterday's session was read and approved.

J. S. Farmer for the Committee presented the following digest report of the Letters as follows:

REPORT OF THE LETTERS.

Your Committee finds that there were One Hundred and Fifty persons baptized this year, an increase of nineteen over last year; total membership 2147, an increase of 112 from last year.

Four Churches report no baptisms.

Last year we paid to Pastor's salary \$1315.87; this year \$1546.05, an increase of \$230.18.

This year we pay our Sunday School Expenses \$86.81, a decrease of \$8.83: to State Missions this year \$195.65, a decrease of \$13.82; for Home Missions this year we raised \$63.67, a loss of \$31.83. We reported for Foreign Missions last year \$249.05; this year \$159.35 a loss of \$89.70—this is a tremendous loss.

For the Sunday School work we paid \$11.50, which is a decrease of \$3 87. We raised for Orphanage \$237.37, a loss of \$11.62. Last year we contributed to all objects \$2218.26: this year \$2756.-

Last year we contributed to all objects \$2218.26: this year \$2756.-06 showing an increase of \$62.20. Counting our four Churches the same as last year, we have raised \$2938.64, which is an increase of \$115.28 over last year.

J. S. FARMER.

Invitations to a seat in our body was extended visiting brethren, which was accepted by A. Johnson, of the Thomasville Orphanage, and Rev. T. L. Blalock, Missionary from China.

On Motion of J. S. Forester, the regular order of business was suspended, and the Report on Education was read by F. B. Hendren, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The progress made by the people of Wilkes County during the past few years has been highly gratifying. Few counties have done better. She leads all the Counties in the number of her rural libraries, and is surpassed only by Guilford County in the number of her local taxation districts The increase in average attendance and improvement in school houses is remarkable. This has been very largely due to a wise and energetic superintendence of the work.

This improvement in our public schools is already beginning to bear visible fruits. It is seen in a more intelligent and profitable system of farming, in the building of better homes and churches, in the organization and maintanance of more and better Sunday Schools, and generally in the dress and deportment of our people.

This improvement in the condition of our schools is rapidly bringing about a stronger demand for more and better high schools. We need at least one high school of the character and grade of Moravian Falls twenty-five years ago.

A greater interest has been stimulated among our young men and women for collegiate education. To our yeung men desiring to go to college we heartily commend Wake Forest College, which is now doing the best work of her history; to our girls we commend the Baptist, University for Women, at Raleigh, and Oxford Female Seminary, Oxford.

We congratulate our people upon the hopeful outlook for their better education, and bid them Godspeed in this basic work for the home, the Church and the State.

COMMITTEE.

The report was discussed by F. B. Hendren, F. P. Hobgood, A. Johnson, T. L. Blalock. Pledges were taken amounting to \$32.00, and report adopted.

The Yadkin Valley Baptist Church made application, by delegates with letter, for membership in our association which letter was immediately referred to Committee on Credentials, which soon reported said Church thoroughly orthodox, and recommended that they be received. The report was unanimously adopted.

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

REPORT ON HOME MISSONS.

The work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is one that should claim the sympathy, the hearty cooperation, the liberal support and prayerful consideration of every loval Baptist in this great Southland of ours.

To the Home Board has been given all our home land, Cuba. The Isle of Pines and Panama. This work should appeal, in a peculiar way, to the Churches and individuals, and certainly it deserves a conjunction of the forces to be utilized, and a unity of effort to carry out the Master's will in saving the lost within its terriory.

In view of the work that has been done (with enlargement along many lines) and the hopeful outlook of the Board's work in the future, we have many reasons to come together rejoicing, shouting praises to God for His goodness, His mercy, and His wonderful works to the Children of Men.

The Roard has behind it a record of sixty-two years, of which none of us should be ashamed; and its prospects and hopes of great-er success in the future are so flattering that we may all be justly proud of this agency through which God is revealing Himself to so many lost souls. It sustains a vital and inseparable connection to the other agencies of our Church work, so that a failure here has a tendency to weaken and paralyze the other agencies.

Note the order in which the Boards are named, viz: State, Home and Foreign, It requires only a glance of intelligence, therefore, to see that the Home Board is sandwiched between the other two, and if you separate it from them they are impaired.

Now for my part, I must confess that I do not believe that we recognize the claims made upon us by this Board as we should. The Minutes of our Association for last year show a lack of interest here: The pledges for State and Foreign Missions last year far exceed those made for Home Missions. It is my humble judgement that we should not give less for State and Foreign Missions, but more for Home Missions.

.The work of the Board this year has been most gratifying, both materially and spiritally. The record in gifts to Home Missions has far suspassed any year of our history, the total increase being \$55,422.73, or 31 per cent over last year. The reports of the Mission-aries show an augmented interest spiritually. Baptism reported last year 15,436; this year 18,798-an average of fifty a day.

Total additions to the Church this year 33,005; Churches constituted 271; houses of worship built and improved 309; Sunday Schools organized 703; Bibles and Testaments distributed 33,747. These fig-The opportunities of the Board were never so great, and the re-

sponsibilities never so grave and demanding. In no period of our history bave Southern Baptists been confronted with such opportunities and responsibilities. Shall we retract in our own Home? It is impossible; it would be perilous. Shall we go forward? It is imperative. "The Sonth for Christ and for Truth". Let this be our battle crv.

In view of the facts as they exist, with faith in the God of Mis-sions and our Baptist people, we recommend further enlargement and a call for larger contributions for the work during the next year.

J. A. CARLTON O. F. BLEVINS Com. K. C. HORNER

The report was discussed by K. C. Horner, S. F. Conrad, and pledges taken amounting to \$79.00, and the report was unanimously adopted.

The association adjourned with praver by W. C. Meadows.

SECOND DAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association assembled at 2 p. m., and prayer was offered by Archibald Johnson.

The report on the Orphanage was read by R. A. Spainhour.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

The last years work at our Orphanage has been the most succes-

ful of its history. All the work laid out for last year has been completed, viz: The building of the Aydlette House; rebuilding the Watson House; building and fitting up the large arbor, and greatly improving the cooking and dining arrangement. And still the Orphanage is not as much in debt as at the beginning of the year.

For the coming year we earnestly desire greater success, that we may build the Infirmary so much needed in sickness. Some ladies have made liberal donations for it, and we hope the ladies of the State will finish getting up the money for this purpose. We earnestly urge each delegate to put this before his Church, and to ask the ladies of each Church to get up a contribution for this purpose.

Money does not make men and women. I should not be surprised if in the years to come these orphans will take the place of the children who have had good parents, plenty of money, and but little government. We ought to all visit the orphanage and learn some lessons. R. A. SPAINHOUR)

R. A. SPAINHOUR J. W. EARP J. G. PARDUE.

After motion to adopt the report, it was discussed by R. A. Spainhour, who told how the Orphanage was managed, which was very instructive to all present.

Next Archibald Johnson made an instructive talk on the Orphanage, giving us an idea of the grounds and improvements that have been made. His address was much enjoyed.

Then Rev. Hight C. Moore made some very instructive remarks and insisted that each Sunday School take a collection at least once a month for the benefit of the Orphanage, also that they ought to take the Charity and Children in clubs of ten, and by so doing get the reduced rates.

The roll of Churches was then called, and they all contributed except Stony Hill, Pilgrim, Little Rock and South Fork; amount of pledges being \$277.

On motion of Rev. W. F. Staley, the Secretary was instructed to write to the Churches which had failed to make pledges and ask them to make a pledge to the objects that were called after their delegates had gone home.

Mr. F. B. Hendren then made a few remarks, in which he stated that each Church ought to take at least ten copies of the Charity and Children. The report was then adopted. Pleasant Home Church handed in their letter and the delegates were enrolled.

The report on Ministerial Relief was read by Rev. A. T. Pardue.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

From reports gathered from the different sources, we learn there are about thirty aged ministers needing help. We hope to see the thurches honor this good work with liberal contrbution, thus showing their appreciation of the work done so well among our fathers gnd mothers, that we might see the happy day of a peaceful life aained by their glorous toils.

A. T. PARDUE, A. M. CHURCH, IRA SMITHY, Committee.

The report was discussed by Rev. A. T. Pardue and Archibald Johnson, after which pledges were taken amounting to \$32.00, and the report was adopted.

J. S. Forester moved that no Church letter be recognized by the Association unless it be brought to the Association by a delegate from the said Church.

The Committee on Time and Place made the following report:

Place – New Hope Church, 11 miles west of North Wilkesboro. Time – Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1908. Introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. W. F. Staley, of North Wilkesboro: alternate, K. C. Horner, of Wilkesboro.

The report on Obituaries was read by Rev. M. Mc-Neill, and adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Rev. J. F. Eller, for many years a prominent minister of the Brushy Mountain Association, has during the year passed from earthly gatherings into the General Assembly and Church of the first born on high.

It is pleasant to know that there was no protracted illness and that the end was sudden and painless, and peaceful.

He was born in Wilkes County in about the year 1840, and died at his home near Stonv Fork Postoffice, in Watauga County, July 15, 1907. He professed faith in Christ about the year 1863 or '64, and

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joined Pilgrim Church Aug. 13, 1864. Ordained October 20, 1873, by Revs. John Adams and James Tinsley.

He was a man of limited education, but from the time of his entering the ministry up to the time of his death he made the Bible the main of his council.

He has kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for him a Crown of Righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give him at that day-2 Tim. 4, 7-8.

MILTON MCNEILL, J. O. PARDUE, C. T. CRITCHER, Committee.

On motion of K. C. Horner, it was ordered that we discuss Temperance tonight (Friday) at 8 P. M.

W. C. Meadows made the following report for Rev. T. A. Redman, who has been doing missionary work in the southeastern part of the Association, which shows that he has spent some two months and has done a good work, for which he asks the Association for \$25.00, as agreed upon last session.

A motion was made by Rev. W. C. Meadows to invite Rev. W. R. Bradshaw to do special work in the locality of Walnut Grove and Moravian Falls, and that the clerk be instructed to write Bro. Bradshaw for a date.

The Association adjourned to meet at 8. P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The delegates assembled at 8 P. M. The moderator called the house to order, and the choir sang No. 82, after which Rev. Hight C. Moore offered a special prayer for the temperance cause, and the choir sang 586.

Report of Temperance was read by S. F. Conrad.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Daniel Webster is reported to have said--"Temperance is the moderate use of all things necessary, and total abstinence from all things that are evils."

Temperance, as applied to the use of liquor as a beverage, is a misnomer, as we could with equal propriety talk about the temperate use of opium, morphine or cocaine. The temperate use of anything which is morally wrong cannot be justified or approved It

is wrong for all classes and conditions of men to use intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and it is also wrong for the State to license their sale for a monetary consideration. If it be said the people want them, and for this reason their open and public sale should be granted, it could also be said that some people want gambling houses, some want lotteries, some want licentiousness, and for this reason should be licensed; The liquor traffic is condemned by the highest courts in the State and Nation as an evil within itself. As a crime producer, it stands without a parallel in the history of the world. It destroys more lives and damns more souls than any other one agency on earth. It is declared as more destructive to human life than the three curses of War, Famine and Pestilence, combined. Eighty-five per cent of all the crime coming before our criminal courts has its foundation in liquor; seventy-five per cent of all the criminals in our jails and penitentiaries are there from liquor: seventy-five per cent of all the orphans and paupers in our land are made so by liquor. Liquor has wrecked more lives and ruined the peace and happiness of more homes than all other agencies combined: We therefore favor its abolition as a traffic, and its licensed sale as a beverage, as a crime against the people and the moral dignity of the State.

In view of the enormous evils and ruinous effects, we favor the prohibition of its open and public sale in the whole State, and urge our people in all proper ways to secure this end.

W. C. MEADOWS, S. F. CONRAD, J. E. GERMAN, Committee.

After a motion was made to adopt the report, it was ably discussed by S. F. Conrad. Then Archibald Johnson made a few remarks on the subject, and emphasized the idea that we should look at liquor in its tone and keep our Churches clean. Wilkes County is now going to see a new day dawn. Mr. Holloway followed with a practical talk on the evil of liquor. Bro. W. C. Meadows stated that he agreed with the brethern. H. C. Moore emphasized the importance of teaching the temperance lesson to our chilcren.

H. J. Steelman made the timely remark that he had never had a drop of liquor in his house.

Adjourned with prayer.

THIRD DAY-MORNING SESSION.

At 9 A. M. the delegates assembled, and were called to order by the Moderator. Devotional exercises conducted by W. C. Meadows. The Report on Sunday Schools was read by H. W. Horton.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is the channel through which flows the great majority of the working membership of the Church. It is the preparatory school fitting the workers for the larger duties in the Church: hence the great importance of Sunday School. Statistics show that 83 out of 131 of those who joined the Church last year came out of the Sunday School.

came out of the Sunday School. Referring to our record, we find that out of a Church membershep of 2091 we have only 1573 scholars enrolled. That means that about one-third of the Church members attend Sunday School, as at least one-half of the above scholars are children or adults who are not church members. Is it not time for us to arouse the Church members to a sense of their duty?

Realizing that the future welfare of the denomination lies in the training of the young in the Sunday School work. we recommend that a committee of three be appointed to ask for volunteer Sunday School workers to go out and visit the schools that are weakest, and especially the Churches where there is no Sunday School, and conduct a kind of Sunday School rally, with a view to arouse enthusiasm in the Sunday School work. We believe that there are capable Sunday School workers in our Association who will be willing to devote three or four Sundays a year to this work, and possibly every one of the twenty-one churches can be visited. We want to endorse the good work of the Sunday School Convention of the Brushy Mountain Association, which meets annually, and to recommend it, as well as all the Sunday School work to the hearty support of this Association.

> H. W. HORTON, P. C. JONES, H. J. STEELMAN, Committee.

After a motion of adoption, the report was discussed by H. W. Horton, who suggested that the Association appoint a committee to secure men who would volunteer to visit Churches having no Sunday Schools, and endeavor to organize one; also visit those where small interest is manifested and hold rallies, thereby creating a greater interest in Sunday School work.

Bro. Holloway made a few remarks, in which he told the Association of some points where he thought profitable work could be done. Bro. H. C. Moore made an excellent address on Sunday School work. He insisted on the Association endeavoring to secure a larger attendance. 13

The roll of Churches was called and \$25 pledged to State Sunday School work.

The Moderator asked for volunteers who would visit the Churches as above suggested, and the following brethen responded: W. F. Staley, J. S. Forester, K. C. Horner, A. T. Pardue, H. J. Steelman, H. W. Horton, George White and C. C. Wright.

The report on State Missions was read by Geo. W. White.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions has primarily for its object the evangelization of onr own State by preaching as we believe the Scriptures enjoin, and thus indoctrinating the people in the truth. We, as Baptists, believe that we hold the truth in all pureness, and so we cannot overestimate the importance of this work. While we would not in any way minimize the work of foreign missions or home missions—but rather magnify them—yet we think that State Missions is as the corner stone to the structure, while these others are the cap stone. Our faithful workers in the field, like the old pioneers of our civilization, are doing the mud sill and foundation building that will tell for the future, and it is our duty to encourage their hearts and hold up their hands in every way possible. God in his mercy and love is prospering His people, and we should bring the tithes into His store-house and prove Him.

Our board of missions has outlined this work on a basis of \$40,-000 for this year, an insignificant sum for the great needs, and a pittance truly when divided among so many.

We have not fully appreciated our opportunity, so let us now adopt as our watchword—Forward.

GEO. W. WHITE, J. S. FARMER, J. A. CRIST. Committee.

After a motion was made to adopt the report, it was discussed by Geo. W. White, who gave us some interesting statistics of work done by the State Missionaries.

Rev. Hight C. Moore made an interesting address, defining the work of the State Mission Board and showing the necessity of the work they were doing, and insisted on the Churches contributing more liberally to State Missions.

The roll of churches was called and \$184.50 pledged to this object, and the report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Holloway, K. C. Horner, W. F. Staley and A. T. Pardue were appointed committee to draft resolutions controlling the attendance of delegates.

After several announcements the body adjourned for dinner, with prayer by W. C. Meadows.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 P. M. the delegates assembled in the house, and after the singing of a hymn Bro. J. W. Burchette lead in prayer.

Bro. Staley called the roll of Churches for pledges to the Wake Forest endowment fund. W. C. Meadows gave fifty cents in cash, J. F. Dimmette twenty-five cents, I. T. McNeill twenty-five cents, H. C. Kilby one dollar. Upon investigation we found that North Wilkesboro Baptist Church had pledged \$100, H. W. Horton \$50, C. C. Wright \$10, M. McNeill \$10, K. C. Horner \$25, T. N. Hayes \$20, R. A. Spainhour & Co. \$100. W. H. Church \$40. Total \$357.00.

On motion of M. McNeill, Bro. S. J. Ginnings was reelected treasurer by acclamation.

The report of Foreign Missions was read by W.F. Staley.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

With God there is no such a thing as foreign missions. His sovereign grace and matchless love provided for the redemtion of the world. Jesus's parting message was in the form of a commission to evangelize the world by sending heralds into the uttermost parts of the earth. Hence the responsibility devolves upon the church today to carry out the spirit of this commission by preaching the gospel to every creature.

We regret to say that not all is being done for foreign missions that should be done, when we consider that, out of \$25 that is contributed for all objects, only one dollar is given for foreign missions. Is it not unfair for proportion to consume \$24 at home and send \$1.00 abroad? Even our forces are unequally divided: at home we have one preacher to every 750 of our people, while in the foreign fields there exist whole towns, cities and territiries with hundreds of thousands of perishing souls. Our Foreign Mission Board was instructed by The Southern Baptist Convention at Richmond to fix as a basis for this year's work the sum of \$750. God has blessed our efforts in the foreign field. There were 2239 converts baptized on our foreign field last year. Our forces have increased. We have 500 workers on the field, 203 missionaries and 297 native helpers. But our needs are great: more money is needed for better equipment; educational work is suffering because of lack of funds; medical missionaries are greatly in demand, and better homes for our missionaries, together with meeting houses, are the pressing needs of the present time. Our missionaries are training the converts in the foreign field to give cheerfully of their means to the Lord; last year they gave \$200 per capita.

Your committee recommends the use of The Foreign Mission Journal, which has been enlarged, which will greatly increase our knowledge and zeal.

We further recommend that a liberal advance in our offerings be made this year, and that a fifth Sunday be devoted to a mission rally once a year. Lastly, that special prayer be engaged in for the work of missoins.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. STALEY, J. B. LEACH, J. A. GLASS. Committee.

After motion was made to adopt the report, Bro. Staley introduced to the Association Bro. Blalock, to whom we have been contributing while he worked among the heathen in China. Bro. Blalock gave us a description of the country, and the history of the work he and his wife had been doing.

Bro. Staley made an earnest appeal to the Churches for them to increase their pledges to this grand cause. The pledges amounted to \$202.00.

The following reports of the Woman's Missionary Societies were handed in:

EDGEWOOD, President, Valerie Glass, Straw, N. C.; number of members 6; total amount contributed \$2.80.

NORTH WILKESBORO, President, Mrs. W. F. Staley, North Wilkesboro, N. C.; number of members 23; total contributed \$86.53.

WILKESBORO, President, Mrs. K. C. Horner, Wilkesboro, N. C.; nnmber of members 18; total contributed \$175.00.

The following letter from the North Wilkesboro Society was read by Rev. W. F. Staley: To The Women of The Brushy Mountain Association:

By writing a letter to the Association you can better see what the ladies of the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro are doing to help spread the Gospel.

We have been organized four years. Each year we have gone forward in numbers and comtributions to missions Last year we paid out more money for parsonage improvements than this, but for missions we have given more this year.

Can't some of you ladies go home from the Association and organize a Society? It will be a help to your Church and community.

We hope to do more another year than we have done this. "To do more for Christ" should be the aim of all of us.

MRS. W. F. STALEY, Pres.

The Moderator appointed delegates and representatives as follows:

Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. W. F. Staley.

Baptist State Convention, Rev. W. F. Staley, K. C. Horner, W. C. Meadows, J. S. Forester.

Correspondents to the Associations:

Brier Creek, Rev. A. T. Pardue, J. W. Burchette and J. A. Glass. Caldwell, Henry Laws.

Stone Mountain, Rev. J. W. Burchette, A. T. Pardue and Nathaniel Burchetts

Alexander, Rev. W. C. Meadows.

Bro. I. N. Shugart, of Surry Association, was recognized and invited to a seat in our body.

The following resolution was read by Rev. K. C. Horner. and unanimously adopted :

Whereas we believe it to be detrimental to our Church work in this Association, and also to the general progress of our Master's kingdom, for delegates representing their churches to leave the Association until it has completed its work, we beg permission to offer the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved: 1, That any delegate leaving the Association before it has completed its work, without a plausible excuse and permission from the Moderator; and furthermore, in case he has such an excuse and permission from Moderator to leave, that he be required to leave information with the Clerk relative to the pledges and other interests of his Church.

2, That the name of any delegate who fails to comply with these requirements shall not appear in our Associational Minutes as a representative of his respective Church.

3, That the delegate, before coming to the Association, be instructed by the pastor and the Church to make pledges to the various objects of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. HORNER, W. F. STALEY, A. T. PARDUE, Committee. South Fork Church sent a request for a letter of dismission. After much discussion the Association decided best to grant their request, and the Clerk was ordered to write a letter and forward to them at once.

On motion of Rev. W. F. Staley, R. A. Spainhour was elected to represent the Brushy Mountain Association on the State Mission Board.

On motion of W. C. Meadows, the Clerk was authorized to have the Minutes of the Association printed in pamphlet form, and distributed among the Churches in proportion to the amount contributed to the Minute Fund, and that he be allowed \$5.00 out of said fund for his work.

The treasurer read his report, which shows that \$763.-68 and had been paid to him, the same having been paid out to the different objects of the Association. The report was adopted.

The following resolution was read and unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association be extended to this Church and the town of North Wilkesboro for the cordial hospitality extended to the delegates and visitors while attending this Association.

> MILTON MCNIELL, W. C. MEADOWS, H. J. STEELMAN, Committee.

Thus closes the most successful business session and financial year of the Association, which can readily be seen by a comparison of the tables. We have contributed to all the objects \$3550.41 this year, against \$2818.26 last year, which shows an increase of \$732.15. And we intend to do more this year, as we have advanced our pledges \$136.50 above last years.

This shows that the old Brushy Mountain Association is on the progressive march. Let each and every member take upon himself the personal responsibility of seeing that his church sends a full delegation to the next session with all their pledges fully paid.

The session was dismissed with prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING.

At 10 A. M. the delegates listened to a very instructive ad-dress from Bro. Blaylock, in which he gave us an idea of how economical the Chinese lived. At 11 o'clock Bro. K. C. Horner delivered a most excellent

Church. sermon to an overflow house. The thirty-fourth session of the Brushy Mountain Associa-tion then adjourned, to meet one year hence at New Hope

C. C. WRIGHT, Moderator.

W. H. CHURCH, Clerk.

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PROCEEDINGS

Sunday School Convention

OF THE

CHAMPION, N. C., Saturday, June 29, 1907.

The Sunday School Convention of the Brushy Mountain Association met today in its seventh session with Mt. Pleasant Church. At 2 P. M. the delegates assembled in the Church and, on account of the absence of the President and Secretary, Bro. B. F. Eller was elected President, pro tem, and A. L. Foster Secretary, pro tem. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. C. Meadows. The President asked delegates to hand in their letters, which were read by W. C. Meadows and J. O. McNeill. The delegates enrolled as follows:

Moravian Falls: S. G. Stout.

Mt. Pleasant: Jesse McGee, U. G. Foster.

Mt. Zion: A. L. Barnett, J. G. Eller, J. W. Wilborn and W. O. Barnett.

Boiling Spring (Branch of Mt. Pleasant:) B. F. Huffman, J. A. Eller, Philip Wash. New Hope: D. V. Nichols, W. G. Eller, J. F. Nichols. Branch of New Hope: B. F. Eller, T. I. McNeill, A. S. Eller. North Wilkesboro: H. W. Horton, W. F. Staley.

Pilgrim: Z. V. Church A. L. Foster, M. B. Dancy.

Shady Grove, Crossby Church: Sankey Steelman and Marshall Church.

Walnut Grove: W. A. Brown, J. S. Jennings, W. C. Meadows. Yadkin Valley: H. S. Lovett, A. H. Lovett, Geo. White.

As several of the speakers on the programme had not arrived, the first subject discussed was-"The object of the Sunday School, and How to Organize It," lead by W. C. Meadows, and followed by J. S. Stout, J. O. McNeill and B. F. Eller.

2 "The Lesson Helps, What to Use and How to Use Them," discussed by J. O. MoNeill, J. S. Stout, Z. V. Church. 3 "The Superintendent: His Qualifications," by Rev. W. C. Meadows.

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4 "What and What not to Teach," discussed by Rev. B. F. Eller.

5 "The Teacher: Who should be Teachers", by W. F. Staley.

On motion the convention adjourned, with benediction by W. F. Staley.

SECOND DAY-SUNDAY MORNING.

At 10 A. M. the Convention assembled, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. C. Meadows.

Letters were brought in from the following Sunday Schools; Mt. Zion, Shady Grove. These were read and delegates enrolled.

The chair announced the following Committee on Programme: Geo. W. White, W. F. Staley and H. W. Horton.

Time and Place, J. O. McNeill, W. C. Meadows, W. F. Carlton.

The Convention went into permanent organization by reelecting the old officers by acclamation.

The committee on Time and Place reported that the Convention would meet with Walnut Grove Church on the fifth Sunday in May, 1908 and the Saturday before.

The query was taken up and "How to get Attendance" was discussed by G. W. White and H. W. Horton.

Who to get Into Sunday School, was descussed by A. L. Foster, W. C. Meadows, B. F. Eller.

How to Keep Them, J. F. Eller.

Practical Teaching of Lesson and Blackboard Work, was discussed and practical illustrations made by H. W. Horton Song and its Mission in Sunday School Work, was earnestly discussed by B. F. Huffan, W. C. Meadows, Geo. W. White, H. W. Horton and W. F. Staley.

The address by W. F. Staley on The Book of Genesis, was very instructive, and was enjoyed very much by the Convention.

At 2 P. M. the Convention assembled in house, and devotional exercises were conducted by W. F. Carlton, A hat collection, amounting to \$3.29, was taken to defray the expense of having the record of Convention printed in the Association Minutes.

The regular programme was dispensed with and Rev. W. F. Staley preached a very helpful sermon, which was greatly enjoyed by every one present.

A unanimous vote of thanks was extended to the Church, Pastor and community for their kind hospitality to the delegates.

There being no further business, the Convention adjourned

W. H. CHURCH, Sec. & Treas. REV. B. F. ELLER, Pres. Pro tem.



