

MINUTES
—OF THE—
Three Forks Baptist Association
83rd Annual Session

Rutherford, N. C., August 28, 1923.

THE Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its eighty-third annual session, with Laurel Springs Baptist church.

Nearer My God to Thee was sung. Prayer was then offered by L. A. Wilson leading.

B. W. Eggers then read Acts 20th chap. beginning with 17th ver. after which he led in prayer.

The congregation then sang How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord. Bro. Eggers announced his text, Acts 20:35. Subject: Christian Giving. F. M. Huggins then led in prayer. L. C. Wilson led in singing, My Soul Be On Thy Guard.

The Moderator then called for the letters from the churches which had not been sent to the clerk. On motion of John Norris they were referred to the clerk.

The term of office of the present officers having expired, on motion of L. C. Wilson, W. R. Bradshaw was requested to cast the ballot of the association for the present officers, Smith Hagaman for Moderator and W. Y. Perry for Clerk. The vote was so cast.

The moderator announced the following committees:

Religious Exercises: Pastor and Messengers of Laurel Springs ch.

Finance: Lee Swift and J. R. Isaacs.

Time, Place and Preacher: Wm. Elrod and D. D. Dougherty.

J. E. Farthing and W. Clay Wilson were added to the committee on Resolutions.

Visitors and correspondents were invited to seats and the following brethren announced themselves:

W. R. Bradshaw and H. C. Whitner from South Fork association

W. R. Beach, representing the Biblical Recorder.

The Order of Business was changed so that Missions was made a special order first afternoon.

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow was sung.

Benediction by H. C. Whitner.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION

The association sang Amazing Grace and W. Clay Wilson led in prayer.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by W. S. Farthing.

The clerk read the report on Home Missions.

F. M. Huggins read the report on State Missions.

The reports were discussed by H. C. Whitner and W. R. Bradshaw. Reports adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The History of Foreign Missions as prosecuted by the Baptists since the year 1800 will thrill any true Baptist with pleasure.

In that year there were probably not more than 250,000 Baptists in the world; now there are above eleven millions. Then there were no Baptist missionaries abroad except, perhaps Wm. Carey and a few other Englishmen. To-day, notwithstanding there are many destitute places, the globe is belted with Baptist Missions, and Southern Baptists are doing missionary work in at least 17 different countries.

We had 328 Foreign Missionaries on the field at the beginning of the 75-million campaign, and the number has been increased to about 500 since then. The work has prospered in their hands. Many have been baptized into the fellowship of the churches on foreign fields, hospitals have been built, and schools have been established.

Since the Seventy-five Million Campaign the work on foreign fields has been better equipped, the capacity of hospitals and schools has been increased and new hospitals have been built.

In the year 1850, there was not a single Baptist church in Continental Europe and in 1850 there were only about 4000 members of our denomination on the continent, now there are considerably more than 1,000,000, and some authorities put the number at 2,000,000.

It was agreed at the London Conference that the mission territory in the States of Southern Europe should be cultivated by the Southern Baptist Convention and that work is fraught with great possibilities. The territory of Southern Europe was never more open to the preaching of the gospel as we have it than now.

The people of those states are inclined to democracy in religion as well as democracy in civil government.

Our Baptist people in those states are generally poor people and have no Baptist Literature of any consequence out side of the Bible and some of them are short of that. The Board has already commenced work in that territory, and it is hopeful if properly sustained.

All the above facts greatly encourage us but there are some things calculated to depress us.

Four years ago the Foreign Missionary Board laid their plans, expecting a large increase in Foreign Mission receipts, but the failure of some of our people to meet their pledges has disappointed them. This failure doubtless, was partly unavoidable, but it has hindered the work of the Board, shortened their program and left them baffled

and somewhat discouraged, and to make the situation still more serious, left the Board in debt.

There are but three ways by which the embarrassment of the Board can be removed:

First: The redemption of Campaign Pledges to the amount of \$75,000,000.

Second: Special contributions to Foreign Missions in excess of Campaign Pledges.

Third: A curtailment of the work.

The third method is unthinkable for it would be humiliating to recall some of our missionaries from the foreign field, and would be discreditable in the eyes of the Christian world, to Southern Baptists.

But the first and second methods, mentioned above, might be successfully used in conjunction, to the honor and credit of the Baptist brotherhood of the South.

Finally, we would urge all our people if possible, to redeem their Campaign Pledges, and all who have not made pledges or who have made pledges not at all commensurate with their ability, to make special contributions to Foreign Missions, and let us all remember Foreign Missions and the Foreign Missionary Board at the Throne of God's Grace.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. Farthing }
W. S. Farthing } Com.

HOME MISSIONS

Home Mission work among Southern Baptists is conducted by a board with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga. The activities are so many that we can only write briefly of each.

Co-operative Missions.— This is one of our fine departments. In co-operation with mission work in each state we are able to do effective work. The sum of \$183,000 is used in this work. This is one of the departments that there was no retrenchment during the year.

Evangelism and Enlistment.— Results in this work justifies the consolidation of these departments last year. There are 70 workers. During the year we spent \$144,000. From the field 13,000 conversions are reported.

Foreigners and Negroes.— In this department we had 91 workers with an expenditure of \$100,000. These classes of people are a menace to our civilization. Our only remedy is to give them the gospel.

Mountain Schools.— The number is 31. We have 5000 pupils, taught by 218 teachers. The Board pays \$53,000 to defray a part of the expenses. For improvement we have spent \$107,000. The income is \$181,000. The total valuation of property is \$1,500,000. The schools are fulfilling an important mission. We have 272 min-

isters. Many boys and girls have received their first vision of a higher life in these poorly equipped schools.

In Cuba and Panama.-- Among the people in these two places we have some good work started with 70 workers at an expense of \$75,000.

Soldiers, Seamen and Mari es -- With an appropriation of \$15,000 and 10 workers we are supplying a need. We provide a place where these men may meet for study and religious instruction.

Church Extension.-- This field has an extensive opportunity for usefulness. We gave aid to 94 churches with an income of \$193,000. Doubtless much of our poor church life is due to insufficient buildings.

Southern Baptist Sanitorium -- Our Board used \$34,000 on this institution. It is in its infancy. We have a place where our people may go for treatment and have suitable environment.

Let us urge our people to share in this great work that is on among Southern Baptists.

A. J. Greene, D. J. Cotrell, Com.

STATE MISSIONS

The Baptist State Convention was organized ninety-two years ago at Greenville. The purpose of this organization, as was expressed in this first meeting, was to give the gospel to North Carolina, and out from North Carolina to the ends of the earth. This is essentially the work of State Missions to day. During these years there has been growth, organization, and expansion, but fundamentally the task is, as it has been, to give the gospel to the people.

Our State Mission work is divided into seven separate departments as follows:

1. Department of Missionary-Pastoral support. During the last convention year, the State Board helped in the support of 202 missionary-pastors. \$56,342.53 was expended for this purpose. The missionaries report 4,910 conversions and 3,845 baptisms.

The churches aided by the Board contribute \$43,085.86 to the 75-million campaign and \$21,07.19 to specified objects of the convention. These churches contribute more to this than they receive.

2. Department of Enlistment and country church. A. C. Hamby is the Superintendent of this department. He has associated with him a number of enlistment workers. Their work is to organize fields; help in the location of pastors; and to hold Stewardship and Tithing Institutes. It is the purpose of the department this year to confine its work to 5 or 6 associations, so as to do more intensive work.

3. Department of Sunday Schools. Brother Middleton has given his life for our Sunday schools, but these 15 years have witnessed wonderful growth and development. There is still great need for

better equipment and more trained teachers. There are 500,000 people, belonging to our constituency, who attend no Sunday school.

4. Department of B. Y. P. U.-- Under the efficient leadership of Perry Morgan and Miss Farabough, this work has made wonderful growth. Last year the unions grew from 611 to 1,025.

5. Department of W. M. U.-- Under the leadership of Miss Mary Warren, their Corresponding Secretary, the women are still forging ahead. They stimulate missionary interest, and giving. They are ahead of the men in payment of their pledges.

7. Department of Church Building.-- This fund is small, too small to meet the demands upon it. Yet it has assisted many churches in needy places. It is assisting in the erection of a new house of worship at Chapel Hill, and one at the A. & E. College at Raleigh.

State missions deserves our support. Let us stand by the work.

We recommend that 1. the pastors preach on State missions some time during the year; 2. that collections be taken for State Missions in all the churches, and that 3. our Book Department at Raleigh be patronized. Any book which one may want may be secured here.

Respectfully Submitted.

F. M. Huggins, J. H. Winkler.

D. D. Dougherty read the report on Books and Periodicals.

Report adopted after being discussed by W. R. Beach.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

The Biblical Recorder, the organ of the Baptist State Convention, is heartily endorsed as being a safe paper for our people to read.

We endorse the editor's strong stand taken on the doctrines of the Baptists.

We urge more of our people to put this paper into their homes.

D. D. Dougherty, I. G. Greer, Committee.

On motion adjourned.

The association sang Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow.

Benediction by W. A. Pennell.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUG. 29, 1923.

The congregation engaged in singing Amazing Grace. E. C. Hodges read Matt. 6: 1-10. L. A. Wilson led in prayer. L. C. Wilson led in singing A Charge to Keep I Have, and then he discussed briefly the increase of study in the Sunday school. John Norris spoke of the duty of pastors to secure the study of God's Word. E. M. Greer spoke of the carelessness of church members attending church meetings.

The association was called to order by the moderator.

The roll of messengers was called and absentees erased.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read, amended and

approved.

The Report on Temperance was read by L. C. Wilson who led in the discussion of the report. John Norris and E. J. Farthing also spoke to the report. Report adopted.

TEMPERANCE

"The observance of law and order is one of the supreme tests of a nation's strength and right to live."

"Without obedience to law there can be no civilization."

Based upon the principles set forth in these declarations, this association wishes to consider the cause of temperance.

For fifty years or more, there has been a vigorous and aggressive fight waged against the liquor business. For all these years temperance has been a *great moral issue*.

The term has ever meant much; but means more to-day. A new interpretation is placed upon it. Our fathers played with it as a harmless thing. Our eyes have been opened. We look at it from another angle. The case is made out. We are convinced of the awfulness of the liquor business. We know what it stands for—misery and woe beyond recovery.

Although the fight has been on, it seems that we have only commenced the battle. The testing time is here when every man and woman is being tried, as to where they stand.

Let every true man and woman take their place in this great conflict. You see you can't separate woman from this great question. More is she an important factor to-day in the temperance cause than ever before. A responsibility rests upon her to-day that she cannot be indifferent to. She helped to bring about that responsibility. It was largely through her untiring zeal that gave prohibition to thirty six states before the national amendment was adopted. It was much through her influence that a Congress was elected which passed the act, submitting the vote for adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution; and then we had such faith in her—she had done so well—that another amendment to the Constitution was adopted and the right to vote was granted her; believing that such moral issues as the temperance question would be safe in her hands at the ballot box. May the spirit of wisdom and understanding so possess her that she may stay with her task till our country is free.

The thought that this association wishes to impress upon the public mind, is the observance of law in reference to this vital question.

Every voter takes an oath to support the Constitution and to obey the laws of the land.

Possibly there is no other article of the Constitution that is fraught with more far-reaching consequences than the Eighteenth

Amendment, and any man who purposely violates that law, or in any way encourages its violation, forfeits a solemn obligation and teaches the violation of all law, and the commission of any crime.

We would not undertake to point out all that has been accomplished under this amendment, but as an association of Baptists, we insist upon the execution of the law, as one of the means under God, in the destruction of this curse, and we pledge our loyal support to our officers in the discharge of their solemn obligation.

Resp'y.,

L. C. Wilson, E. B. Hardin.

Wm. Elrod read the report on Orphanage. Report adopted, after being discussed by Wm. Elrod, F. M. Huggins, L. C. Wilson, W. S. Farthing, W. R. Beach and Smith Hagaman.

ORPHANAGE

We have, according to the report from the Orphanage, at Thomsville and Kenedy Home, about 550 children who are dependant to a large extent, upon the Baptists of N. C. for their support.

We find that the cost for each child for the year ending May 31st was \$238.18 or \$19.85 per month. We feel that the members of the various churches, with their great wealth and abundance, should give more freely of what the Lord has blessed them with, to alleviate the wants of these orphans that have been left in our care.

More room and other improvements are needed.

We would insist that our pastors, S.S. superintendents and teachers impress upon the minds of their congregations and classes their duty toward this object of charity.

Wm. Elrod, John Norris, Com.

The report on Sunday schools was read by Roy Dotson, who discussed the same, followed by B. H. Harrill, R. C. Eggers, D. D. Dougherty and W. S. Farthing.

A supplementary report on Sunday schools by a Com. appointed by the S.S. convention was adopted as an amendment. The report on S. S. as amended, was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Bible has much to say about teaching God's word. The Sunday school is the chief agency of the church to do this teaching. From the Bible we get our authority to do Sunday school work. Proof is abundant that God's benedictions have been upon it.

Great progress has been made in the Sunday schools during the past ten years. The membership has been enlarged some, the organization has been wonderfully improved, and the work in general has made a forward march. But while the Sunday schools have made considerable progress, and are becoming more and more efficient as an agency for good, yet we feel that if the Bible gives us authority

to do this work, and if we can advance the kingdom by working in this field, then we as Christians should spend more time, more energy and more money to advance the Sunday schools more rapidly, since they are not keeping pace with material things.

Therefore your committee recommend :

1. That every church in the association keep an organized Sunday school open twelve months in the year.
2. That a strong effort be put forth to enlist more people in the Sunday schools.
3. That you grade your school and put on the graded literature in the Beginners, Primary, Junior and Intermediate classes.
4. That all the pastors urge and assist the superintendents in maintaining a Teacher Training Class for at least part of the year.
5. That the evangelistic work of the schools be emphasized more strongly since saving the lost should be the primary object in view in all our schools.

Roy Dotson, Com.

Supplementary Report

To the members of the Three Forks Association:

The committee appointed at the Sunday School Convention wishes to make the following report:

1. The primary mission of the Sunday school is to teach the Word. The need along this line is teachers. We feel that the training of teachers is a local problem that each school must solve. We suggest that some simple plan for Bible study be started in the schools. This plan might include the entire school membership.
2. We suggest a list of brethren and sisters who would be glad to go into any community upon the invitation of the pastor and supt. of the school, and assist in arousing interest in better schools.
3. We think that a special day occasionally would help. These brethren and sisters are at your service.

Respectfully submitted.

Committee.

W. S. Farthing, I G Greer, S C Eggers, Roy Dotson, Smith Hagaman, G P Sherrill, Wade Byers, Mrs, Smith Hagaman, J R Isaacs D D Dougherty, Mrs. Roy Wilson, Ed Farthing, L S Pennell, W Y Perry, Mrs T P Adams, A J Greene, Mrs Hattie Johnson, Walter E Wilson, S F Horton, Taylor Watson, Clyde Greene, D J Cottrell, Chapell Wilson, A R Smith, Fred Cook, Maud Ashley, L C Wilson, Mrs J D Brown, Ed Robbins, B B Dougherty, Smith McBride, and L A Wilson.

On motion adjourned for one hour.

Salvation, O the Joyful Sound was sung.

Benediction by R. C. Eggers.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The association reassembled at the appointed hour and engaged in singing "How Firm a Foundation". B H. Harrill led in prayer. The association was called to order by the moderator.

The clerk read the report on Ministerial Relief. Report adopted.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

We as church members and Christians cannot shun the responsibility of support of our old wornout ministers who have so faithfully preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many of them have given a great deal of their time to the cause without money and without price. We believe that we as Baptists have been neglectful to this great duty. Our Christian duty demands that we take care of them in their old and declining years. We believe that the desire of every true Baptist of the state is that not one of them should suffer for the necessities of life. We believe that Baptist people are waking up to the necessity of this great duty which we think is enjoined upon every member of our association. Some of them have no means of support except what little amount they receive from the churches. Now we should not only feel that it is a Christian duty, but a great Christian privilege to help an old Christian minister who has given his life to the Master's cause. Now we advise that every church in our association take a collection at least once or twice a year for this department of our Christian work.

J. H. Farthing, Alex. Hagaman, Com.

S. C. Eggers read the report on Pastoral Support.

R. C. Eggers read the report on Duties of Pastors to their Churches. S. C. Eggers led in the discussion of the reports, followed by R. C. Eggers and F. M. Huggins. Reports adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

The matter of pastoral support has been discussed and rediscussed all down the ages. There are two points of discussion of supporting the preacher: The preacher is just a man as we, speaking from a human standpoint, he eats the things we eat, wears the kind of things we wear, and from the viewpoint of the Scriptures, it is up to the churches to provide these things for him that he may give himself wholly to the work of his calling. Then too from the standpoint of the Scriptures we should support the pastors, for in so doing we are helping ourselves. For as Paul says in Phillippians 4: 17: "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account."

Then again we find that the preacher is commanded to go, with instruction to provide neither gold nor silver nor brass in purses nor scrip, neither two coats neither shoes nor yet staves, for the

workman is worthy of his hire.

And if we recognize the fact that the preacher must obey his calling, may we too recognize the fact that it is the indispensable duty of the churches to support them.

G. P. Sherrill, S. C. Eggers, Com.

DUTIES OF PASTORS TO THEIR CHURCHES

The duties of pastors to their churches as well their responsibilities seem to be greater than in any previous age.

It is the duty of the pastor to study the condition of his church or churches, and to know their spiritual needs and then to prepare such discourses as are suitable for them.

It is his duty to preach the Word in the church and out of the church, both public and private, in the home and out of it. The pastor should lead the flock out into green pastures: this is done by rightly dividing the Word of Truth and instructing them in the various activities of the work. The pastor should visit the sick, bury the dead, visit the homes of his people, preach by example as well as precept and thus be worthy of the vocation wherewith he is called. It is also his duty to read our religious periodicals and keep himself informed as to the activities of the denomination. He should not lord it over his flock or act as a pope. It is not his duty to discourage the Mission cause as is sometimes done. The pastor should lead, but if he will not do so it would be a fine thing for him to go to the rear before his people say go there.

R. C. Eggers, L. A. Wilson.

The report on Education was read by the clerk and discussed by B. H. Harrill. Report adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"Christian Education is an education that centers around the Christ."

North Carolina Baptists own and control three colleges and five high schools

The state is now spending annually more than \$20,000,000 for education. Our Baptist schools and colleges recognize the importance of this work rendered by the tax supported schools and seek to supplement and not displace them.

The business of the state schools is to make citizens of the boys and girls. Our Baptist schools seek to make followers of the Christ.

"Evangelism and education should go together. Southern Baptists are the greatest evangelistic force in the world. Thus, if we are to hold the ground gained in evangelism, we must be, also, a mighty educational force."

D. D. Dougherty read the report on Time, Place and Preacher. Report amended by striking out "fourth" and inserting "second".

Report adopted as amended.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Your committee recommend that the next session of the association be held with Pleasant Grove church and to begin the first Tuesday after the second Sunday in August. Rev. Roy Dotson to preach the sermon with Rev. B. H. Harrill as alternate.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. G. P. Hagaman and discussed by L. C. Wilson and Roy Dotson and adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK

[No Report appears in the Manuscript. Only a Table.—Printer.]

G. R. Sherrill read the report on B. Y. P. U. Report adopted.

B. Y. P. U.

The past year has been very successful for the B. Y. P. U. work throughout the state. There are now 1025 Unions and a total membership of 40,138 in N. C. 7500 young people now hold B. Y. P. U. diplomas and 8009 study course awards were issued last year. There are two wholtime workers in charge, Perry Morgan and Miss Elma Farabow, and they are doing fine work. While the work is moving forward in the state, it is most unfortunate for us that there are only three Unions in our association.

There are perhaps a number of reasons for this backward state of affairs:

1. The B. Y. P. U. is new and untried in this association and we are inclined not to try a thing the first time.
2. There is a lack of information as to the nature and purpose of the Union.
3. There is a spirit of indifference among some of our pastors.
4. There is a lack of encouragement on the part of churchmembers
5. No concerted effort has been made to get the work before the people and organize new Unions.

Our deepest concern now is for the future spirituality and efficiency of our churches. If we diligently conserve and develop the possibilities wrapped up in the youth of our churches, the time will soon come when we will have a trained church membership that will completely and effectively revolutionize the same. Let us strive to conserve, harness and develop the powerful mines and resources lying dormant in the hearts and lives of our fine young people.

Geo. R. Sherrill, Com.

W. S. Farthing read the report on Nominations.

Report adopted after being discussed by W. S. Farthing.

W. S. Farthing was added to the list of messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention.

NOMINATIONS

Your Committee on Nominations recommend the following :

Executive Committee:— G. P. Hagaman, D. C. Mast, J. R. Isaacs,

I. G. Greer, W. N. Howell, with the Moderator and Clerk.

For member State Board of Missions:— A J Greene.

“ Asso. Vice Pres. Foreign Mission Board:— W Y Perry.

“ Sunday School Secretary:— Roy Dotson.

“ Delegates to Baptist State Convention:— D D Dougherty, F M Huggins, W C Wilson.

“ Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention:— L C Wilson, Smith Hagaman, Roy Dotson.

For Corresponding Messengers:

To Ashe Association: L A Wilson, D D Dougherty, Will H McGuire
Levi Greene.

To Stony Fork Association: John Norris, F M Huggins, I G Greer,
G W Robbins, E C Hodges and Smith Hagaman.

To Caldwell Co. Association: A J Greene, Jeff Brown, J H Farthing
E D Robbins, R H Shores.

To Watauga Association: R C Eggers, Wellington Swift, W Y Perry
E J Farthing.

To Mitchell Co. Association: G W Robbins, F M Huggins, W C
Wilson, D C Mast.

To Avery Co. Association: R L Palmer, F D Rominger, W H Glenn
W A Braswell, F T Chappell.

To Brushy Mountain Association: Levi Greene, W H Miller, E B
Hardin and W A Pennell.

W. S. Farthing for the Com.

W. C. Wilson read the report on Resolutions. Report adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

We your committee on Resolutions beg to submit the following:

1. We believe one of the most alarming things that have come to the church of our Lord Jesus Christ to-day is the awful state of indifference. It is one of the hardest things, and we often think the very hardest thing to contend with in the world.

God says to the church of Laodicea, Rev. 3: 15, 16, that because of the luke warm state of the church He would spue it out of His mouth. God just will not stand for a luke warm, indifferent, unconcerned people when He has made such a desperate sacrifice and the lost world in such desperate need of a savior from such a burning hell as is described in the Bible. Since God has saved us, shall we sit on the brink and watch others perish when we could help them? No wonder He said He would spue an unconcerned people out of his mouth. The threatening God stands over us and bears not the sword

in vain. As Sampson laid his head in Delilah's lap, just so we believe the church is laying its head in the lap of the world in many instances. Sampson's hair was shorn. One way the power is being taken from the church to-day is in our placing our young people—their heads—in the laps of instructors who cut off their only source of power which is their faith in a whole Christ, a whole gospel and a whole Bible with nothing taken from and nothing added to.

We recommend much earnest, sincere prayer everywhere as the real solution. Also, that we stand against false teachings in our denominational schools and state schools without fear of any man.

2. We believe one of the great doctrines of the Bible and hence of the Baptist church is religious liberty—freedom of speech. There are too many of our loyal Brethren and Sisters that do not seem to feel at liberty in always speaking out their convictions. Some one starts something that is wrong; and because that one is in high position in the church, or for some other reason, the loyal Christian fails to stand up for their convictions. We recommend that there be more free and open discussion of all things that concerns our Lord's work in our associations, our churches and elsewhere. If need be “Cry aloud and spare not.”

3. We recomend that the association extend a vote of thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their very efficient service.

4. God commands in His word that we show hospitality towards each other. Again He says “If ye love me ye will keep my words” The Brethren and Sisters of Laurel Springs Church have shown hospitality towards all during the sitting of this association and hence have kept the command, showing forth the love of Christ in sodoing. In the adoption of this report, we the Three Forks Association, do hereby express our confidence and appreciation for the above manifest spirit of the church.

W. Clay Wilson, Chairman
J. E. Farthing

The Treasurer read his report. Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for Orphanage	\$ 17.34
“ State B'd. of Missions	27.85
“ Minute Fund	48.26
“ From S. S. Convention	1.78 \$95.23

Disbursements:

To Walters Durham	\$ 27.85
“ Orphanage	17.34
“ Will H. McGuire Printing	40.76
Clerk of Association	7.50 \$93.46
Balance in Treasurer's hands	\$ 1.78

W. Y. Perry, Treas.

TABLE I. - STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	P. O.	CLERK	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Received by Baptism	By Letter	Restoration	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	By Death	Total Membership
Antioch	W. Swift	Reese, N.C.	Chas. Tester	Watauga Falls	3	\$1000	4	.....	..	1	..	4	169
Bethel	J. H. Farthing	Sweet Water	W.S. Farthing	Sweet Water	4	600	13	2	1	1	..	3	188
Beaver Dam	W Swift	Reese	Bert Farthing	Reese	1	300	19	1	1	1	..	1	151
Bethany	F C Watts	Parlier	H M Watson	Hackett N.C.	4	500	4	..	..	1	..	..	92
Brushy Fork	L A Wilson	Zionville	L M Trivett	Vilas	2	1000	..	1	2	2	3	3	88
Boone	F M Huggins	Boone	W R Gragg	Boone	2,3,4	12500	19	19	2	11	..	1	262
Blowing Rock	"	"	D W Wooten	Blowing Rock	1	3000	1	2	1	1	1	2	129
Cove Creek	B H Harrill	Sugar Grove	A D Wilson	Vilas	1,2,3	10000	14	4	1	..	..	..	146
Cool Springs	E C Hodges	Adams	H H Day	Blowing Rock	1	1500	4	2	4	2	..	..	125
Clarks Creek	A T Watson	Hackett	Joel Eggers	Banners Elk	2	500	..	..	..	..	2	2	40
Elk Knob	J R Trivett	Toliver	J M South	Tamarack	2	350	3	1	6	..	3	3	60
Fall Creek	John Norris	Boone	T B Gryder	Heaton	2	200	4	2	..	..	..	..	..
Forest Grove	R C Eggers	Zionville	Roy Hagaman	Vilas	2	1200	25	2	5	12	..	1	160
Gap Creek	Levi Greene	Hopkins	H E Greene	Hopkins	1	1200	3	..	2	..	..	..	84
Howards Creek	D M Wheeler	Bamboo	W C Norris	Boone	4	500	11	7	1	1	..	..	113
Laurel Springs	Levi Greene	Hopkins	J B Clawson	Rutherwood	2	1500	..	7	5	4	3	3	136
Meat Camp	R C Eggers	Zionville	L A Greene	Sands	3	750	8	2	2	6	1	..	152
Middle Fork	E C Hodges	Adams	L P Hodges	Blowing Rock	4	1800	1	..	..	2	1	..	87
Mt. Calvary	F C Watts	Parlier	J M Shoemaker	Balm	..	..	16	3	1	5	3	..	156
Mt. Lebanon	..	..	I A Bumgarner	Vilas	3	700	4	1	1	..	..	..	149
Mt. Gillead	R L Palmer	Beech Creek	Elmer Warren	Beech Creek	3	1500	..	..	2	8	1	3	84
Oak Grove	E C Hodges	Adams	J C Hodges	Adams	3	1800	18	7	4	2	..	1	80
Pleasant Grove	R C Eggers	Zionville	J H Mast	Zionville	4	1000	41	1	5	8	..	1	252
Profits Grove	L A Wilson	Zionville	D L Greene	Zionville	4	1000	5	7	..	..	..	..	58

Rich Mountain	D M Wheeler	Bamboo	L E Beach	"	1	1000	6	2	..	..	..	..	76
Sampson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shulls Mills	E C Hodges	Adams	J M Day	Shulls Mills	2	1200	3	9	1	2	..	..	73
South Fork	S C Blackburn	Todd	Will H McGuire	Brookside	2,4	1500	1	2	2	2	3	..	137
Stony Fork	F C Watts	Parlier	Z V Greene	Stony Fork	2	1000	5	2	3	12	2	..	144
Three Forks	"	"	A J Edmisten	Boone	3	3000	2	..	1	..	1	..	64
Timbered Ridge	W Swift	Reese	W L Greene	Sugar Grove	2	1200	2	..	5	..	1	..	86
Union	L A Wilson	Zionville	J M Burkett	Mable	3	800	15	7	3	2	..	1	188
Willowdale	A J Greene	Mabel	Mrs WGHodges	Vilas	1	200	1	..	2	..	..	..	74
Zionville	R C Eggers	Zionville	Harvey Wilson	Zionville	1	800	6	2	1	3	..	..	131
Zion Hill	G W Trivett	Vilas	E F Harman	Beech Creek	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	105

Roy Dotson, the Colporteur, read his report. Report adopted.

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT

Books and cash received from Ed Robbins	\$ 57.58
Books bought	137.90
Books sold	142.80
Books on hand	37.75
Cash on hand	19.83
	Roy Dotson

Bro. Dotson was re-elected Colporteur.

The Moderator read his report on Standing Committees. Adopted
COMMITTEES 1924.

State Missions—W. S. Farthing, E. B. Hagaman.

Home Missions—Walter E. Wilson, W. F. Sherwood.

Foreign Missions—F. M. Huggins, A. J. Greene.

Education—D D Dougherty, I G Greer.

Pastoral Support—Roy Gragg, G W Gragg.

Duties of Pastors to Churches—L C Wilson, Mrs J D Brown.

Sunday Schools—R C Eggers, George Greer.

Baptist Orphanage—Alex Wilson, L A Greene.

Books and Periodicals—Roy Dotson, Lee Swift.

Resolutions—E C Hodges, W A Pennell.

State of Churches—W Y Perry, W Swift.

Temperance—J H Winkler, Wm Elrod.

Old Ministers' Relief—G W Robbins, G P Hagaman.

Woman's Work—Mrs D D Dougherty, Mrs Ella Cook.

B Y P U—Roy Dotson, Ethel Wilson.

Nominations—D C Mast, E J Farthing.

Order of Business—W Y Perry.

Lee Swift read the report of the Finance Committee. Adopted.

FINANCE

We your Com. on Finance beg leave to submit the following:

Received for Minute Fund	\$ 60.96
“ “ 75 Million, undesignated	4.75
“ “ Orphanage	3.70
“ “ Ministerial Relief	4.70
Total	\$ 74.11

J. R. Isaacs, Lee Swift, Com.

A motion prevailed that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes and allow him \$7.50 for his services.

The following resolution was offered by F. M. Huggins and adopted by the association :

With a view to improving the sessions of the association, be it re-

solved that a committee be appointed to study the association, the sessions, its needs, and problems, and to study the plans and methods of the progressive associations with a view to improving ours.

F. M. Huggins.

W. S. Farthing, A. J. Greene and L. C. Wilson were appointed as a committee on the above.

The Clerk was asked to write a synopsis of the proceedings of the association and furnish it to the Watauga Democrat for publication.

The Moderator made some closing remarks upon the subject of Missing Faces.

F. M. Huggins conducted the closing exercises by reading from Eph. 3rd chapt. 14th to 20th v. and leading in prayer.

How Firm a Foundation was sung while the messengers gave to each other the parting hand.

Benediction by E. C. Hodges.

W. Y. PERRY,

Clerk.

SMITH HAGAMAN,

Moderator.

Churches	Ordained Ministers	P. O.	State
Antioch	W. H. Glenn	Watauga Falls, N.C.	
“	G. W. Trivett	Vilas	“
Bethel	J H Farthing	Sweet Water,	“
“	L C Wilson	Zionville,	“
“	E J Farthing	Sugar Grove,	“
“	R M Farthing	“	“
Boone	F M Huggins	Boone,	“
“	A J Greene	“	“
“	Walter E Wilson	“	“
Gap Creek	Levi Greene	Hopkins,	“
Howards Creek	John Norris	Boone	“
Middle Fork	R H Shores	Blowing Rock	“
Mt Calvary	W Clay Wilson	Balm	“
Mt Gilead	R L Palmer	Beech Creek	“
Proffits Grove	L A Wilson	Zionville	“
Rich Mountain	W A Pennell	“	“
South Fork	J M Griggs	Todd,	“
Stony Fork	H H Smith	Stony Fork	“
Zionville	R C Eggers	Zionville,	“

Table 2 =
Financial

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Ministerial Help	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minutes & Printing	Other Objects	75 Million (Undes.)	State & As Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Ministers' Relief	Other Benevolence	TOTAL
Antioch	44.28			9.00		1.75		45.00				18.50				63.50
Bethel	100.00		79.00	30.01		2.50	77.87	364.42				59.60				713.40
Beaver Dam	104.93		61.60	25.00		1.50		57.11	6.50	13.47	60.85	87.89	7.57		47.42	473.89
Bethany	124.93			7.33		1.00				4.00	4.00	7.75				150.01
Brushy Fork	128.85	2.00	40.00	11.00		1.85	15.00		5.80	6.25	6.25	48.01		6.06	1.00	272.07
Boone	975.00	586.74		158.87	11.88	64.32	383.50	1064.18	200.00	28.00	33.00	364.54	14.70	5.15	96.47	4123.41
Blowing Rock	325.00	4000.00		57.39		3.00		126.00	30.00	15.00	20.00	55.00	9.50		10.00	4650.89
Cove Creek	150.00	5000.00		39.88		4.15	110.50	189.45	4.65	1.10		140.11				5636.69
Cool Springs	113.59		7.50	9.50		1.50						27.41				159.50
Clarks Creek	32.25			3.00		.95						3.70				39.20
Elk Knob	37.35			8.00		.50										45.85
Fall Creek	75.00		25.00	3.17		.50		4.75								108.42
Forest Grove	129.96	65.43	78.90	68.97	22.82	1.80		141.12				96.79			19.07	624.86
Gap Creek	70.30		30.00	5.01		2.61										112.93
Howards Creek	70.10	7.00		9.00		1.70	40.00									136.00
Laurel Springs	219.55		30.23			2.82	16.76	54.47				19.73				362.05
Meat Camp	132.02		54.16	17.40		2.10	36.75		4.70			16.27		5.18	7.50	256.08
Middle Fork	117.50			8.20		1.65	22.63			5.02	39.50	51.57			3.78	245.85
Mt. Calvary	277.05	128.65		8.28		2.00	9.74	116.95				13.28				554.95
Mt. Lebanon	86.85		27.70	15.00								25.13		4.70		159.38
Mt. Gillead	27.02			25.00		1.25										53.27
Oak Grove	57.75	50.00		8.04	20.00	.55	20.50					1.55				157.69
Pleasant Grove	107.25		67.00	39.70		3.00	114.48	16.54				90.04		4.77		488.23
Proffits Grove	58.00	156.00	30.00	20.09	7.45	1.50	3.90					10.28				297.22

Rich Mountain	60.00			6.00		2.00	2.00					24.35		2.00		96.35
Sampson																
Shulls Mills	114.25			27.50	3.40	.90	18.52		17.63							162.20
South Fork	301.87	211.37		45.34		3.32		20.00				41.88				630.78
Stony Fork	109.75			15.60	1.80	2.39	13.18	14.15		10.40		8.00				176.27
Three Forks	111.50	40.00			5.00	1.25	50.00			16.64		65.00				290.39
Timbered Ridge	58.80			12.00		1.50		31.95							3.26	72.30
Union	114.21	60.23	75.00	21.18		2.15			3.80	4.29	3.46	41.00				325.32
Willowdale	71.00		36.31	20.10		1.65			1.36		9.76	26.96			2.25	172.18
Zionville	112.10		57.79	50.00	6.50	3.00	2.50		4.00		4.90	87.70		8.52		212.41
Zion Hill	22.25	15.00		10.00		.60	56.60					5.90				101.45

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Bethany	124.93			7.33		1.00				4.00	4.00	7.75				150.01
Brushy Fork	128.85	2.00	40.00	11.00		1.85	15.00		5.80	6.25	6.25	48.01		6.06	1.00	272.07
Boone	975.00	586.74		158.87	11.88	64.32	383.50	1064.18	200.00	28.00	33.00	364.54	14.70	5.15	96.47	4123.41
Blowing Rock	325.00	4000.00		57.39		3.00		126.00	30.00	15.00	20.00	55.00	9.50		10.00	4650.89
Cove Creek	150.00	5000.00		39.88		4.15	110.50	189.45	4.65	1.10		140.11				5636.69
Cool Springs	113.59		7.50	9.50		1.50						27.41				159.50
Clarks Creek	32.25			3.00		.95						3.70				39.20
Elk Knob	37.35			8.00		.50										45.85
Fall Creek	75.00		25.00	3.17		.50		4.75								108.42
Forest Grove	129.96	65.43	78.90	68.97	22.82	1.80		141.12				96.79			19.07	624.86
Gap Creek	70.30		30.00	5.01		2.61										112.93
Howards Creek	70.10	7.00		9.00		1.70	40.00									136.00
Laurel Springs	219.55		30.23			2.82	16.76	54.47				19.73				362.05
Meat Camp	132.02		54.16	17.40		2.10	36.75		4.70			16.27		5.18	7.50	256.08
Middle Fork	117.50			8.20		1.65	22.63			5.02	39.50	51.57			3.78	245.85
Mt. Calvary	277.05	128.65		8.28		2.00	9.74	116.95				13.28				554.95
Mt. Lebanon	86.85		27.70	15.00								25.13		4.70		159.38
Mt. Gillead	27.02			25.00		1.25										53.27
Oak Grove	57.75	50.00		8.04	20.00	.55	20.50					1.55				157.69
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Rich Mountain	60.00			6.00		2.00	2.00					24.35		2.00		96.35
Sampson																
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South Fork	301.87	211.37		45.34		3.32		20.00				41.88				630.78
Stony Fork	109.75			15.60	1.80	2.39	13.18	14.15		10.40		8.00				176.27
Three Forks	111.50	40.00			5.00	1.25	50.00			16.64		65.00				290.39
Timbered Ridge	58.80			12.00		1.50		31.95							3.26	72.30
Union	114.21	60.23	75.00	21.18		2.15			3.80	4.29	3.46	41.00				325.32
Willowdale	71.00		36.31	20.10		1.65			1.36		9.76	26.96			2.25	172.18
Zionville	112.10		57.79	50.00	6.50	3.00	2.50		4.00		4.90	87.70		8.52		212.41
Zion Hill	22.25	15.00		10.00		.60	56.60					5.90				101.45

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ROLL OF MESSENGERS

- Antioch— E. M. Greer.
 Bethel— J E Farthing, W S Farthing.
 Beaver Dam— Geo R Sherrill, Lee Swift.
 Bethany— Letter, no messengers.
 Brushy Fork— Jesse Brown, G H Hayes.
 Boone— D D Dougherty, G W Gragg, Smith Hagaman.
 Blowing Rock— J D Brown.
 Cove Creek— A D Wilson, W Y Perry.
 Cool Springs— C M Shores, W C Payne, W L Austin.
 Clarks Creek— Charles Lawrance.
 Elk Knob— Letter, no messengers.
 Fall Creek— M W Storie.
 Forest Grove— Roy Dotson.
 Gap Creek— John Vannoy, Lee Miller, W E Church.
 Howards Creek— Lloyd Cottrell, Ira Brown, Asa Watson.
 Laurel Springs— Alex Ray, Lee Greene.
 Middle Fork— L P Hodges, G F Edmisten.
 Meat Camp— Manley McBride, L A Greene.
 Mt Calvary— J M Shoemaker, Geo Whitehead.
 Mt Lebanon— Letter, no messengers.
 Mt Gillead— Letter, no messengers.
 Oak Grove— L C Gross, W M Hodges.
 Pleasant Grove— N T Byers.
 Proffits Grove— S S Norris, J A Winebarger.
 Rich Mountain— Letter, no messenger.
 Shulls Mills— L E Day, Will Eggers.
 South Fork— Will H McGuire, Ralph G Greer.
 Stony Fork— A J Wellborn, D L Wellborn, Z V Greene.
 Three Forks— J C Brookshire, A J Edmisten.
 Timbered Ridge— E B Hagaman.
 Union— Henry Norris, J R Isaacs.
 Willowdale— Floyd Ward.
 Zionville— Manley Greene, Harvey Wilson.
 Zion Hill— Letter, no messengers.

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

Smith Hagaman, Moderator,	Boone, N. C.
W. Y. Perry, Clerk-Treasurer,	Vilas, N. C.
Roy Dotson, Colporteur,	Vilas, N. C.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

The outstanding features of the Woman's Missionary Union are prayer, Bible and Mission study, and personal service.

God has been with us during the past year. We recognize His Divine Leadership in all things pertaining to the Union. We the women of the Three Forks association are a united body, organized and powerful. We are united thro' Prayer. "Prayer is God's foremost means of getting things done in His kingdom — His chief instrument for promoting any and every undertaking" — God has conditioned the progress and fruitfulness of His Kingdom upon the faithfulness and loyalty of His people in prayer. Prayer is the key to the success of any Woman's Missionary society— its first need, its constant need, its indispensable need.

We therefore recommend to each and every society a deepening of the prayer life as a preparation for the study of Missions.

The Woman's Missionary Societies will never be what they might be till we have Mission Study classes, till we make an intelligent study of our mission fields. One of the purposes of our Union is "that missionary information might be disseminated among women and children." We recommend further that our individual societies bear in mind this purpose during the coming year. It is through mission study that one realizes the value of prayer for special objects. Mission study makes one glad to give to missions, and thus the financial burden is lightened.

Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. G. P. Hagaman, Mrs. I. G. Greer.

W. M. U.

The Tenth Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association convened with the Cove Creek Society on Saturday Oct. 27th, the Superintendent, Mrs. D. F. Horton presiding. The opening song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," was followed by a prayer by Rev. F. M. Huggins. Mrs. Gordon Hodges read the 5th chapter of Matthew emphasizing the command to the disciples to "go to the lost Sheep of the house of Israel" Mrs. F. A. Bower of Morganton offered a prayer for the leaders in the State organization and for the missionaries on the foreign fields. This was appropriately followed by the song "Let the Lower Lights be Burning."

When the Superintendent called the roll of Societies, the delegates responded as follows: Bethel 2, Beaver Dam 3, Boone 4, Blowing Rock 2, Cove Creek 8, Silverstone 1.

Mrs. Jim Mast of Cove Creek Society most cordially welcomed the

TABLE III. - SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPT.	P. O.	SEC'Y	P. O.	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Orphanage & Missions	Total Contributions
Antioch	J. L. Glenn	Sugar Grove	Luther Ward	Watauga Falls	1	12	89	101	.....	9.00	.....	9.00
Bethel	E J Farthing	Sweet Water	Mrs R P Guy	Sweet Water	1	8	108	116	11	24.34	.....	24.34
Beaver Dam	J R Wilson	Reese	Lena Wilson	Reese	1	9	76	85	19	25.00	52.00	77.00
Bethany	L M Farthing	Hackett	H M Watson	Hackett	1	7	39	46			40	11.33
Brushy Fork	J H Hayes	Vilas	Ethel Adams	Vilas	1	6	64	70		11.00	2.00	13.00
Boone	W R Gragg	Boone	Nellie Coffey	Boone	1	13	412	425		158.87	111.09	269.96
Blowing Rock	J H Winkler	Blowing Rock	Agnes Knight	Blowing Rock	1	10	52	62		57.39	57.53	114.92
Cove Creek	J J Glenn	Vilas	Thelma Perry	Vilas	1	11	102	113		39.88	99.83	139.71
Cool Springs	C M Shores	Blowing Rock	Hattie Wilson	Shulls Mills	1	5				9.50	27.41	36.91
Clarks Creek	G W Byrd	Banner Elk	Dare Lawrence	Banner Elk	1	6	34	40			.70	.70
Elk Knob	R R Eggers	Tamarack	Ray Ellison	Tamarack	1	6	77	83		8.00		8.00
Fall Creek	M W Storie	Heaton	W E Cook	Heaton		5	26	31		3.17		3.17
Forest Grove	Roy Hagaman	Vilas	Chas Johnson	Reese	1	11	130	141		68.97	81.98	150.95
Gap Creek	H E Greene	Hopkins	G E Luther	Hopkins	1	5	59	64		5.01		5.01
Howards Creek	L W Barnes	Sands	Zora Norris	Boone	1	5	90	95		9.00		9.00
Laurel Springs	Arthur Greene	Brownwood	Bynum Clawson	Rutherford	1	8	103	111		18.45	14.33	32.82
Meat Camp	M C Brown	Sands	W M McGuire	Sands	1	7	63	70		17.40		17.40
Middle Fork	G F Edmisten	Blowing Rock	Vina Hodges	Blowing Rock	1	4	38	42		8.20	24.09	32.29
Mt. Calvary	Clyde Greene	Balm	Thelma Mikeal	Balm	1	6	65	71		8.28		8.28
Mt. Lebanon	D S Love	Vilas	Mrs B A Hodges	Vilas	1	7	40	47		15.00	8.13	23.13
Mt. Gillead	R T Palmer	Beech Creek	Velma Warren	Beech Creek	1	8	66	74				
Oak Grove	J C Hodges	Adams	L C Gross	Adams	1	6	89	95		8.04	1.55	9.59
Pleasant Grove	A S Culler	Zionville	Annie Adams	Zionville	1	9	119	128		30.70		30.70
Profits Grove	J A Winebarger	Meat Camp	Mrs B Profit	Meat Camp	1	6	86	95		20.09		20.09

Rich Mountain	W A Pennell	Zionville	A B Greene	Zionville	1	5	30	35		6.00		6.00
Sampson												
Shulls Mills	L E Day	Shulls Mills	J M Day	Shulls Mills	1	5	80	85		27.50		27.50
South Fork	I E Duncan	Todd	E R Mikeal	Todd	1	6	95	101		45.34	6.51	51.85
Stony Fork	R L Wagner	Stony Fork	Zellah Wagner	Stony Fork	1	6	60	66		15.60	8.00	23.80
Three Forks	A J Edmisten	Boone	Lottie Edmisten	Boone	1	6	39	45			15.10	15.10
Timbered Ridge	E B Hagaman	Beech Creek	Laura McGuire	Sugar Grove	1	6	62	68				
Union	J F Oliver	Mabel	Sallie Warren	Mabel	1	8	82	90	15	19.18	2.00	21.18
Willowdale	J H Brinkley	Vilas	Edith Brinkley	Vilas	1	9	85	94		20.10	2.79	22.89
Zionville	G C Greer	Zionville	Blanche Castle	Zionville	1	8	132	140	4	24.50		24.50
Zion Hill	H A Hagaman	Beech Creek	J W Harman	Watauga Falls	1	8	51	59		56.60	5.90	62.50

visiting delegates.

The Superintendent then read a letter from Mrs. P. W. Hamlett, missionary from China, stating that on account of Mr. Hamlett's illness, she would be unable to fill her appointment. Just at this time Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Bower were welcomed as visitors to the Union.

The report on Home Missions was read by Mrs. Lee Swift. This report was a strong appeal to the churches to be loyal in every phase of Christian work. The evangelistic side of the work was reported as thriving, and much good was attributed to the meetings held in all sections during the year.

In the Supt's. report, Mrs. Horton reviewed the year's work, lamenting the death of two of our best members this year, Mrs. Lizzie Hagaman and Mrs. Pearl Wilson.

Mrs. Horton gave a summary of the work of the Union since its organization in 1913 under the leadership of Miss Rose Edna Brown. At that time there were only three societies and one Sunbeam Band. The contributions to all objects that year amounted to \$188.61 as contrasted with a total contribution this year of \$757.32. During the ten years \$4,238.75 has been contributed by the Union. A chart was then presented showing the standing of the Societies with reference to the Standard of Excellence. Only one society, Boone, had reached all points.

Mrs. D. D. Dougherty sent in a report expressing the deep feeling of the loss the Union had sustained in the death of Mrs. Lizzie Hagaman. Mrs. Hattie Johnson paid tribute to the memory of Mrs. Pearl Wilson, voicing the grief of the entire membership of her society. The memorial service to these loved ones was concluded by a duet, "Sometime we'll understand", beautifully rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Bower.

Rev. F. A. Bower then delivered an inspirational address based on the text "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it." While expressing the belief that the success of the 75 Million Campaign had been largely due to the influence of the women, he stated the conviction that the call is upon us to finish our task, applying the text just mentioned to the unpaid pledges of the 75 Million Campaign.

Following this address a hymn was sung after which the morning session was dismissed by Rev. Huggins.

The afternoon devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Epsie Moretz of Boone. A chain of prayer was engaged in, many of the women taking part.

Mrs. J. D. Brown of Blowing Rock was called upon for a report on Mission Study. She reported 9 letters written and only one answer

received. She urged that all societies report to her the work done in Mission Study.

Mrs. Len Cook read articles on our Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, giving the principles upon which the hospital is based.

Mrs. J. G. Walker of Vilas read the report on the Thomasville Orphanage. Her report emphasized the work Supt. Kesler had done toward enabling mothers to care for their children at home through mothers aid.

Mr. Huggins appealed to the Union to put forth every effort to raise the campaign pledges, and further urged a realization of the need of enlarging efforts on the mission field instead of curbing them as will have to be done unless pledges are met.

The report of the Boone Sunbeam Band was read by Mrs. Moretz. Mrs. Bower recommended the circle plan, explained in the organization and gave some of the benefits realized from its use.

Mrs. Enoch Swift, the personal service chairman, gave an enthusiastic report on her department of the work. All societies were urged to report work done along this line to the personal service chairman.

Some problems of society work were discussed by Mrs. T. H. Coffey of Blowing Rock, Mrs. G. P. Hagaman of Boone, Mrs. Enoch Swift of Cove Creek and Mrs. F. A. Bower of Morganton.

The motion was made and carried that the old officers be retained for another year. A collection was then taken for associational expenses. It was unanimously voted to hold next year's meeting with the Blowing Rock Society at some date in September to be decided upon by the Executive Committee.

The Union adjourned until that time.

Mrs. I. G. Greer, Sec.

Annual Report of the Woman's Missionary Union

Again we come to the close of another year— this being the tenth year of the Union— and as we review the past and note the progress made, we are very grateful, yet we are not satisfied with the results for there are yet so many of our churches whose women are not organized in a Women's Missionary Society, and too, so many women in the churches where we have societies who have not caught the spirit of the Union and lined up in an organized way for Christian service.

But while we have had some discouragements along the way there has been many things to strengthen and encourage us.

Through the years gone by the way has been marked by the loving fellowship and loyal co-operation of the women and the ties of Christian friendship have been knit together until we as members of the Union can more fully realize the force of that passage of Scripture

TABLE IV.- W. M. U.

CHURCH	NAME	PRESIDENT	P. O.	No. Members	75 Million un.	Other Benevolences	TOTAL
Bethel	W. M. U.	Mrs. A. C. Trivett,	Sweet Water,	N. C. 15	116.24	15.65	131.89
Beaver Dam	"	Rachel Wilson,	Reese,	" 10	57.11		57.11
Boone	"	Mrs D D Dougherty,	Boone,	" 35	265.48	38.83	304.31
Cove Creek	"	Mrs D F Horton,	Vilas,	" 18	33.89	30.90	64.74
Forest Grove	"	Miss Hattie Roark,	Blowing Rock,	" 12	28.97		28.97
Blowing R.	"	Mrs J H Miller,					

TABLE V.- B. Y. P. U.

CHURCH	NAME	PRESIDENT	P. O.	No. Unions	No. Members	No in study	No. Bible Readers	Total Contributions
Bethel	B. Y. P. U.	C. J. Farthing	Sweet Water,	N. C.	1	9	25	.....
Boone Senior	"	Ruth Cottrell	Boone,	"	3	10	5	
" Inter'diate	"	Archie Qualls	"	"	19	7	5	
" Junior	"	Johnie Hodges	Zionville	"	24	6	5	
Pleasant Grove	"	Nettie Greer	Peoria,	"	1	9	5	
Timbered Ridge	"	John Ward	Stony Fork	"	1	22	9	
Stony Fork	"	Z V Greene	Blowing Rock	"	1	14	6	
Blowing Rock	"	Mrs T H Coffey		"	1	24	6	
Boone	Sunbeam	Vivian Cook	Boone	No. Mem- bers	21	7.64	7.64	
Forest Grove	"	Hattie Roark	Vilas	Other Ben. v.	28	2.33	2.33	
Blowing Rock	"	Mrs J D Brown	Blowing Rock					

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

THE Sunday School Convention of the Three Forks Association met July 28 and 29, 1923, with Zionville Church.

1. Singing led by J. R. Isaacs.
2. Devotional by Pastor R. C. Eggers.
3. On motion elected I. G. Greer Chairman.
4. On motion elected A. J. Greene Secretary.
5. On motion agreed to ask the Association to publish our minutes with the associational minutes.
6. Roll call of churches and delegates recognized. Some fine reports were made relative to the work. Several schools have had some splendid programs during the year.
7. Singing by the choir.
8. Sermon by Walter E. Wilson, of Mitchell County. Lesson, Psalm 8. Text, Matt. 24: 3. Subject: Signs.
 1. How the Lord expects us to use Signs.
 2. It is possible for Christians to know the time of His coming.
 3. Some New Testament Signs.
 1. Noah and Lot sign.
 2. Falling away sign.
 3. Demon sign.
 4. Silly woman sign.
 5. Grievous sign.
 6. False teachers sign.
 7. Rich man's sign.
 8. Preaching of the gospel sign.
 9. Fig tree sign.

Benediction: B. H. Harrell.

NOON

1. Singing by choir.
2. Devotional: L. A. Wilson.
3. The first question on the program is, "Building up the Country Sunday School."

Roy Dotson gives a review of Mr. Middleton's book on the Country Sunday school.

R. M. Farthing discusses the "High Calling of the Teacher."

W. S. Farthing presents the "Teacher as Leader and Learner":

1. Personality.
2. Know something.
3. Leader of social life.

Dean Swift brings the topic, "Magnifying the Sunday school."

4. Question box is opened. Many helpful and inspiring talks are made in regard to our work.
5. Benediction: Walter E. Wilson.

Saturday Evening

1. Singing by choir.
2. Devotional: W. S. Farthing.
3. Roll call and new messengers recognized.
4. "Plan of conducting a Sunday school where different denomi-

nations are represented" is discussed.

D. D. Dougherty speaks as follows:

1, Personal relation to the Baptists. 2, Willing to work with other denominations.

Smith Hagaman continues the discussion.

1, A man must have convictions. 2, A man must believe in denominationalism. 3, A man must hold some basic principle. 4, Would go to another Sunday school. 5, Would welcome others into our schools. 6, Value of community life.

5. The question, "What definite things can be done to improve the teaching in our Sunday schools?" is taken up.

A. J. Greene speaks as follows:

1, Definite class. 2, Definite place. 3, Definite lesson. 4, Definite application. 5, Definite teacher. 6, Definite training.

Remarks: R M Farthing, Roy Dotson, L A Wilson, W E Wilson.

6. Benediction by R. M. Farthing.

Sunday Morning

1. Singing by choir.

2. Devotional: A. J. Greene.

3. Study of Lesson in classes.

4. Application: E. M. Highsmith, Meredith College.

5. On motion extended a vote of thanks for the address.

6. Offering.

7. Sermon: B. H. Harrill, Pastor of Cove Creek Church.

Lesson, Luke 8: 19-56. Text, Matt. 9: 21.

Subject: The Touch of Jesus.

1, The compassion of Jesus. 2, He has the power to heal. 3, We can help or hinder others from touching the Master. 4. We ought to touch Him for His obedience. For His work. For His suffering.

Afternoon

1. A conference of Sunday school workers met and discussed ways to better our schools. A committee, composed of D. D. Dougherty, I. G. Greer, A. J. Greene and L. A. Wilson, was appointed to study conditions and report at some future time.

2. Singing and devotional: W. Swift.

3. "Would it be wise to displace our Literature now in use for the Graded Lessons?" is taken up.

Roy Dotson reports from experience that it is better for Primary classes. It is better suited to the capacity of the pupils.

Remarks: W Y Perry, R C Eggers, B H Harrill.

4. "Are our Sunday schools keeping pace with the general progress of other things?" is discussed by N. T. Byers and Smith Haga-

man. The evidence presented shows that they are not.

5. On motion appointed W. Y. Perry, B. H. Harrill and Stella McCartney Hagaman a committee on place and program.

6. On motion extended a vote of thanks to the people of Zionville for their hospitality and to the choir for the singing.

7. On motion read and adopted minutes.

8. On motion directed that the offering be used to pay for programs and the printing of the minutes.

9. By request of the Chairman, C. S. Blackburn conducted the closing. After a few remarks he suggested that we close with singing and giving each other the right hand. Dismissed by prayer.

Good fellowship and spiritual enthusiasm seem to be a marked feature throughout the meeting.

A. J. GREENE,
Secretary.

I. G. GREER,
Chairman.

