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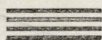
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PROCEEDINGS.

Roxboro Baptist Church, Person County, N. C., October 29, 1913.

The seventy-ninth annual session of the Beulah Baptist Association met with Roxboro Baptist Church this morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. S. J. Beeker, of Leaks-ville, N. C., after which the temporary chairman called the Association to order for a permanent organization.

The roll of the churches was called and the following delegates were enrolled as present from the different churches:

Baptist Memorial, A. A. Page; Bethel, J. S. Wordy and S. P. Gentry; Ephesus, S. M. Green and N. E. Duncan; Lambeth Memorial, R. A. Clay, Clarence Boyd and A. L. Boyd; Lea Bethel, A. G. Thompson; Providence, H. P. Motley, W. L. Dunovant, J. A. Boswell and P. L. Goodson; Rock Grove, S. T. Slaughter, W. J. Edwards, J. W. Wilton; Roxboro, A. R. Foushee, J. W. Noell and R. A. Spencer; Semora, Dr. J. F. Swann and Clyde Allen; Shiloah, H. C. Myers, G. B. Yarborough and C. B. Yarborough; Trinity, C. J. Yarborough; Thompsonville, J. H. Pritchett; Yanceyville, B. S. Graves, Carl Murchison and Rev. C. M. Murchison.

After the enrollment of the delegates, the Association, on motion, elected Rev. C. M. Murchison Moderator, V. E. Duncan Clerk, and R. A. Clay Treasurer.

After a few words of appreciation by both Moderator and Clerk, the Moderator called the Association to order for business.

Churches wishing to join this Association were called for.

A motion passed that Rock Grove be received. Her delegates were given a hearty welcome by the Moderator, thus welcoming the church into full fellowship with the other churches of the Association.

The chairmen of the committees to write reports on the following subjects not being present, the Moderator appointed the following brethren to fill the vacancies:

On Home Missions, S. J. Beeker; on Ministerial Education, Dr. W. R. Cullom; on Biblical Recorder, A. R. Foushee; on Ministerial Relief, D. W. Overby.

On motion of Bro. Putnam, the Biblical Recorder was discussed on the morning of the first day by Bro. S. C. Garner, J. A. Beam and S. J. Beeker, with the understanding that the report be submitted in the afternoon.

The Moderator then recognized the following visiting brethren: Dr. W. R. Cullom, S. C. Garner, C. P. Ryland, T. H. Street, S. J. Beeker, F. P. Hobgood and Bro. Hudson.

The following committees were then appointed by the Moderator:

On Devotional Exercises—D. F. Putnam, A. R. Foushee, J. W. Noell and R. A. Spencer.

On Digest of Church Letters—D. F. Putnam, J. A. Beam and B. S. Graves.

On Time, Place and Preacher—A. L. Page, H. P. Motley and S. P. Gentry.

To Name the Executive Board—C. J. Yarborough, A. R. Foushee and V. E. Duncan.

On Obituaries—R. A. Spencer, J. H. Pritchett and A. L. Boyd.

On Woman's Work—C. P. Ryland, Carl Murchison and D. W. Overby.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 2:30 o'clock.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

At 2:30 o'clock there was a short praise service, after which the Moderator called the Association to order and prayer was offered by Dr. Cullom.

The report on Biblical Recorder was called for and the same was submitted by Bro. A. R. Foushee. It is as follows:

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Next to the Bible is the religious periodical for the propagation of truth and righteousness. We are highly favored in this respect in having as our denominational organ the Biblical Recorder, a paper devoted to the Bible, religious education and general intelligence; a paper which has done more to influence the life and shape the character and destiny of North Carolina Baptists than perhaps any other single agency among us, except the living ministry.

Printing can never take the place of the living, spoken word, but can be used powerfully as the pastor's friend and assistant and should be in the home of every Baptist family, as well as in every home, where it will be read.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. FOUSHEE.

On motion to adopt Bro. Foushee gave personal experience as to the worth of the denominational organ. The report was adopted.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Order of Business was adopted. It is as follows:

We, your Committee on Order of Business, report as follows:

Tuesday Afternoon.

2:15- 2:45—Laymens' Movement.

3:15—Temperance.

4:00—Ministerial Education.

Tuesday Evening.

8:00- 8:30—Devotional.

8:30—Introductory Sermon.

Wednesday Morning

9:30-10:00—Devotional.

10:45—Orphanage.
12:00—State Missions.

Wednesday Afternoon.

2:00- 2:15—Devotional.
3:00—Sunday Schools.
4:00—Schools and Colleges.

Wednesday Evening.

8:00- 8:30—Devotional.
8:30—Mass Meeting: Missions, Home and Foreign.

Thursday Morning.

9:30-10.00—Devotional.
10:00-12:00—Woman's Work, Ministerial Relief, Union Meetings, Obituaries, Treasurer's Report, Digest of Letters, Miscellaneous.

The Moderator then called for the report on the Laymans' Movement. It was submitted by Bro. F. P. Hobgood.

REPORT ON LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement seeks to enlist the hearty sympathy and earnest support of every member of every evangelical church in all the world in the effort to bring the non-Christian world to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. By means of the every member canvass it seeks to secure a contribution, small though it may be, from every member of the church, men, women and children.

We recommend that this Association appoint a Missionary Committee of five, who shall arrange for missionary rallies in all the churches and procure speakers for these rallies.

We recommend that several pairs of speakers be appointed and that a whirlwind campaign be conducted during the summer and fall.

On motion to adopt, the subject was discussed by Bro. Hobgood. The report was adopted.

The report on Temperance was called for and the same was submitted by Bro. G. B. Yarborough.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Our country, and especially North Carolina, has made phenomenal progress in temperance laws and sentiment during the last decade. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. No law will execute itself. We must build temperance sentiment and demand that our officers execute these laws or else give place to those who will. Now that the Webb liquor law protects us from importation into dry territory, if there are wet sections and blind tigers, it only remains for us to get busy, do our duty and they will go.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. YARBOROUGH.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Bro. J. A. Beam and C. P. Ryland.

Motion passed that the Clerk draft a letter and forward to our representative (Webb) commending him for his action in regard to the temperance question.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by Dr. W. R. Cullom. It is as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

No subject is of more vital importance to us than the production of an adequate and efficient ministry. This will do more perhaps than any thing else to determine what manner of people we are to be in the years to come. It is pleasant in this connection to note that there were more ministers at Wake Forest last session than ever before in the history of the college, the number being 98.

Our last convention voted to unite the work at Wake Forest with that at the Seminary, beginning with the next convention year. It is estimated that we shall need \$7,000 for the prosecution of this work during the next year. We hope this Association will undertake a definite amount of this fund and appoint a committee of ways and means to divide it among the churches and see that it is raised.

We recommend also that our churches give attention to the matter of discovering and sending forth such man for the work of the gospel ministry as God himself shall approve and use.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. CULLOM.

On motion to adopt it, Dr. Cullom delivered a masterful address which stirred the body on that phase of our work. The report was adopted.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

Whereas, The need of a house of worship at Wake Forest is so imperative for our young men in college there; and,

Whereas, At its last session at Goldsboro in December, 1912, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, unanimously obligated to put \$25,000 into this building and urged that work be begun on it at once; and,

Whereas, Work on the building is progressing finely; and,

Whereas, the church building will deteriorate if not roofed in before winter, be it resolved:

1. That this Association ask the churches composing it to raise for this urgent cause at least \$150,00.
2. That a committee of three be appointed at once to suggest what part of this amount each church of the Association should raise, and to make a report before this session of the Association adjourns.
3. That each church in the Association be asked to raise within sixty

days and to forward to the Wake Forest Baptist Church at least the amount suggested by the committee.

4. That the name of each contributor in each church and the amount contributed by each person and by each church be procured as far as possible and a list of the same sent with each contribution to Walter N. Johnson, Pastor, Wake Forest, N. C., to be preserved in a vault in the Wake Forest house of worship.

5. That each pastor in the Association be requested to see that every member of every church he shepherds has a chance to help in the erection of this house of God at Wake Forest College, and to see that a full record of what each does, be his gift large or small, is forwarded for preservation in the vault of the church.

(Let all the pastors present at this session of the Association stand together as a pledge that they will do this.)

Upon the request of the church at Long Hurst for membership in this Association, a motion was passed that a committee be appointed to investigate and report on the organization of the body. As a result of their investigation, the following report was submitted:

We, the committee appointed to consider the Millville letter of application for membership into the fellowship of the Association, beg leave to make the following report :

Not being satisfied that the petitioners have been regularly organized as a Baptist church, we recommend that pending a further investigation, the Association extend to this body the courtesy of the Association in recognizing their delegation and commend this work to the consideration of the executive committee.

B. S. GRAVES,
R. A. SPENCER,
D. F. PUTNAM,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted, after which the Association adjourned until Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING.

At the hour appointed, the body reassembled for the privilege and purpose of hearing the introductory sermon. It was preached by Bro. C. M. Murchison, his subject being "The Majesty of Man." He proved this to be true of man, because man was created in the image and likeness of God, and because of the mission that God gave man to perform.

The sermon was full of good for all. After prayer by Bro. Putnam, the body adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

After devotional exercises conducted by the Clerk, the Moderator called the Association to order and the minutes were read and approved.

The Moderator then recognized Dr. Vann and Bro. Archibald Johnson as visitors.

The report on the Orphanage was read by Bro. C. J. Yarborough.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The highest expression of Christian character, and the best exponent of Christian growth is found in the care of the orphans and the helpless. Where the Thracian exposed the weakly babe to perish upon bleak mountain sides, the Christian tenderly cares for the helpless one and provides for it food and a home.

Measured by this arduous standard, the Thomasville Orphanage is the incarnation of applied Christianity. It is worthy of your affections, of your care and of your money. Men are vainly asking how to win the world from sin to righteousness. The answer is, spend yourself for your fellow man, visit the sick and needy, tenderly care for the orphan and the widow, build orphan homes in the right spirit and support them lovingly and generously, and the church will then take care of itself. I commend this noble charity to the care and keeping of the association, and to the Baptist people of the State.

C. J. YARBOROUGH.

On motion to adopt, the report was interestingly discussed by Bro. Yarborough and Bro. Johnson. Report adopted.

The report on State Missions was submitted by Bro. C. M. Murchison. It is as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Board.

The State Board of Missions and Sunday Schools is composed of 80 members from the State at large, and one representative from each of the sixty-four Associations. To these brethren is committed the important and difficult task of appropriating the funds contributed for State Missions. The Board holds two regular meetings during the year; one just before the meeting of the Convention, to adopt a report to be submitted to that body, and the other soon after the Convention; to make the appropriations. As the first of these meetings is comparatively unimportant, only the local members attend; but the second is a very important meeting, and is usually well attended. The members of the Board receive no compensation, and defray their own traveling expenses when attending the meetings. The Raleigh brethren entertain the out-of-town members while in the city.

The Field.

We speak of the West, the East and the Central sections of the State. We do this for the sake of convenience, and for the further reason that conditions differ in these several sections.

In the West, development is our task. We are appropriating to that territory this year \$6,470, including the salary and traveling expenses of Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, who gives his whole time to that section, and it is but fair, therefore, that his salary should be charged up to the West. We are also giving to the West \$1,500 for church building, making total appropriation to that section \$7,970.

In the Piedmont, or Central section, great changes are taking place because of the industrial awakening. It is necessary for the Board to expend a considerable amount of money in this region during the transition period. We have appropriated to the central part of the State this year \$19,528, including amount appropriated to church building. In the East is to be found real mission work, because in that portion of the State exists our greatest destitution. Not all of the East is destitute, for the Chowan region has been called the "Baptist Eden of North Carolina," and yet Hyde county, with only twenty-three Baptists, and Dare county, with one hundred and fifty Baptists, are both in the Chowan Association. There are eighteen counties in the East in which the destitution is great.

Though the immediate returns are far greater in the Central section than in the East and West, we cannot afford to neglect these; the West must be developed, and the East must be evangelized. While the amount appropriated to the West is not half as much as is given to either of the other sections, it must not be forgotten that the territory is not nearly so large as that of the Central or East.

Let us glance at the report of last year, as that gives an idea of the results that come from the expenditures we make: We had last year 150 missionaries, who preached at 335 churches and out-stations. The missionaries preached 10,150 sermons, held 231 meetings, baptized 1,607 people, received 1,393 by letter. They reported 2,627 professions of faith, 20 houses of worship being built and 12 houses finished.

Several things can be said in justification of our policy:

1. A large majority of these mission points would not make an effort to do anything were it not for the fact that the strong arm of the Board is underneath them. This inspires them with confidence and courage.

2. Our method secures a wise and equitable distribution of funds. The weak places that could not possibly stand alone receive a sufficiently large appropriation to keep them going, while the places that have more nearly reached the self-sustaining basis are given smaller amounts.

3. Even if all these mission points could maintain themselves by using every cent they raise for self-support, it would be a very unwise policy to force them to do so, as they would become self-centered. By aiding them in supporting themselves until they are able to stand

alone, and, at the same time, requiring them to contribute to the objects of the Convention, we are establishing churches that are missionary in reality as well as in name. It is a significant fact that at least two-thirds of the money contributed to the work of the Kingdom comes from the churches that were planted and fostered by the State Board of Missions.

Church Building.

For the past three years, \$5,000 a year has been appropriated to church building. This is part of the money contributed by the W. M. Societies and Sunbeams. During these three years \$15,000 have been appropriated to weak points that were struggling to build houses of worship. As a result, twenty houses of worship have been built at important points, and two have been purchased. The aggregate value of these houses of worship is at least \$50,000. By an expenditure of \$15,000 we have added \$50,000 to the value of our denominational property. It is the policy of the Board to make the amount appropriated from the building fund the last payment, and when this payment is made the church is to be free from debt. Several of these points are now self-sustaining. Had it not been for the little aid extended they would have struggled on for years in incomplete and uncomfortable houses, or would have been handicapped by debt contracted in finishing their buildings. We do not believe that any money expended by the Board during the last three years has brought richer returns than the amount appropriated to church building.

From Jerusalem to the Ends of the Earth.

He mistakes the whole purpose of State Mission Work who thinks that it means the building up of the cause in our own state, and only that. It does mean that, but infinitely more.

Let us look at the figures of a decade for proof of this assertion. In 1902 the Treasurer received for State Missions \$23,674.35, and for Foreign Missions \$11,752.65. In 1912 the figures stood for State Missions \$47,931.91, and for Foreign Missions, \$44,536.75. The increase to State Missions has been one hundred per cent., while the advance to Foreign Missions has been nearly three hundred per cent. These figures show that by pressing the work of State Missions we are helping rather than hindering the cause of Foreign Missions.

C. M. MURCHISON.

On motion to adopt, the report of the Executive Committee was submitted by the chairman of the Board, Bro. Murchison.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Dear Brethren:—In co-operation with the State Mission Board, we have employed C. M. Murchison as missionary for a little more than one-fourth of his time, this including the first Sunday in each month

and the fifth Sunday when one occurs. He has preached at what is now Baptist Memorial church, Dameron's schoolhouse, and Bird's schoolhouse. A splendid church house has been built at Baptist Memorial which, when fully completed, will be worth \$2,500.

The other two points are promising missions and will soon develop into an organization of a church, we believe. We also have employed Bro. Brown at Lambeth Memorial Church, with the intention of helping a weak church sustain a good pastor.

Recently we have also employed H. A. Powell to do evangelistic work in the bounds of the Association during the months of August and September. We bespeak for him the sympathy and co-operation of the pastors and churches. One object for future effort is the consolidation of churches into fields so that pastors can settle among their people and do effective work.

We recommend a short campaign for missions within our territory as soon as the same can be arranged with the pastors and churches.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. MURCHISON, Chm.

R. L. WINSON, Sec'y.

This was followed by a discussion of Associational Missions by Bro. Murchison, and of State Missions, very briefly, by Bro. Putnam. Both reports were adopted.

Bro. G. B. Yarborough, A. L. Boyd and S. M. Green were appointed by the Moderator as members of the Finance Committee.

On motion the Association adjourned until 2:30 p. m., after prayer by Dr. Vann.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

At 2:30 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order and prayer was offered by Bro. Beeker.

The report of the committee to appoint the Executive Board was called for and submitted by Bro. C. J. Yarborough.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We beg leave to report the Executive Board as follows: C. M. Murchison, Yanceyville, N. C.; D. F. Putnam, Roxboro, N. C.; B. S. Graves, Yanceyville, N. C.; P. M. Somers, Altamahaw, N. C.; R. F. Wilson, Yanceyville, N. C.

C. J. YARBOROUGH,

V. E. DUNCAN,

A. R. FOUSHEE.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The report on Sunday Schools was submitted by the writer. It is as follows:

Recognition of the fact that the Sunday School is the source of the growth and activity of the church, and placing due emphasis upon this fact is necessary before the high standard of excellence set by our Baptist State Convention can be reached in this or any other Association. The ideal of every active Christian in his relation to the Sunday School (and surely he is vitally connected if he is active), should be not only the enrollment of his fellow church members, but those that live in the church community whether members of his church or not, whether of his denomination or not.

A close study of the Sunday school statistics of this Association give conclusive evidence that there is much to be done before this ideal is

There are 17 churches in the Association, only 12 of which have a attained.

Sunday School. One for every church should be the slogan. Out of a population of 13,000 in the Associational territory, there are 1,003 members of Baptist churches. The average church membership for each Association of the State is 3,729, with an average Sunday School membership of 2,803, while our individual Associational Sunday School membership is 600; a few more than half of the church membership. With a gain of 21 against an average gain of 135, we plead in the name of our King for a more earnest effort on the part of our Sunday School workers and for a closer following of the plans and suggestions of our State leaders.

Appeals from the different boards of our denomination become more numerous each year. Does this not show that a crisis in the advancement of the kingdom of God through the Sunday School is upon us? For funds to help in the education of our young ministers and in the widening of the mission fields we hear the cry. Let it not pass unheeded. Let us pray to our Heavenly Father for a deeper realization of the importance and scope of the Sunday School work and for strength to accomplish the task. Respectfully submitted,

V. E. DUNCAN.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by the writer. The report was adopted.

At the request of the Moderator, Bro. J. A. Beam submitted the report on education.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

At no time in the history of our nation has there been such a deep interest manifested in education as at present. The State is endeavoring to give longer terms, better houses and stronger teachers. State high schools are being established; our denominational secondary schools are being strengthened and made more efficient, while our colleges are being endowed.

The demand for distinctively Christian education has never been so strong as it is today. This is being felt, not only in our state, but throughout our nation and in other nations. What means all these great educational gatherings in this and other nations with their chief topic being the failure of our present system of education to make such citizens as make great nations? Our nation sees beyond a doubt that the training of the mind alone is not sufficient to make a great people. Surely this is a great day for our schools, Wake Forest College, Meredith College, Oxford College and Chowan Institute to wield a mighty influence in shaping the destiny of our State and Nation; and they are doing so, but we pray that their influence and power may be multiplied ten-fold. We are happy over the endowment of Wake Forest College for our sons, and Meredith College for our daughters.

We are delighted to report the campaign for \$100,000 for Meredith in order to secure \$50,000 from the General Board of Education of New Yorkers completed on the first day of last July. But it is absolutely necessary that all subscriptions and notes made to this fund be paid promptly, as fall due, to make it effective.

We note also with great pleasure that our leading schools are installing departments for manual training and domestic science.

J. A. BEAM, Com.

On motion to adopt, the report was powerfully discussed by Bro. Carl Murchison and Dr. Vann. Report adopted.

On motion the Association was adjourned after prayer by Bro. Putnam.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

After a short praise service, with prayer by Rev. J. H. Bass, the Association was called to order by the Moderator. The report of the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher was called for, and submitted by Bro. S. P. Motley. It is as follows:

We, your committee, recommend that the Association be held with Thompsonville Baptist Church, and that Bro. D. F. Putnam preach the introductory sermon. Time, Tuesday before the first Sunday in August, 1914.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. MOTLEY,
S. P. GENTRY,
A. P. PAGE.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Constitution submitted their report in the form of a motion that the clerk obtain the Constitution and have it printed in the minutes. The motion was passed.

The report on Foreign Missions was submitted by Bro. Putnam. It is as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The conventional year closing April 30, 1913, was one of the greatest in all the years of Southern Baptist Foreign mission work. After working as a convention for 50 years, we reported in 1895 a total enrollment of communicants in our churches in foreign lands of 3,493; last year our missionaries reported 4,532 baptisms. The total amount raised last year was \$543,446.29, which was insufficient to pay off the missionaries, hence there was a debt, but taking into consideration what was raised for the Judson Centennial Fund, the sum raised for the spread of the gospel in foreign lands far surpasses any previous year.

The fields where missions are conducted are China, Japan, Africa, Italy, South America and Mexico. The work in China has been revolutionized by the changes in the government. Great progress is being made in nearly all these fields, while some serious difficulties are being met, as in Mexico, where there has been unceasing rebellion for the last year.

Some of the pressing needs are: Funds to send out new workers, who are ready, well trained and asking to be sent. However, they must wait until funds can be had. Another feature that has been too long neglected is the proper equipment of churches, chapels, schools, hospitals, houses for our missionaries, and publishing houses. This latter need is to be supplied by the raising one and a quarter million of dollars as a centennial celebration of Adinram Judson's going out as the first American Baptist missionary. This movement is meeting with popular favor and we commend it to the churches of the Beulah Association.

The development and growth of foreign missions have been phenomenal in the last 20 years. In 1893 we raised \$200,000; last year we spent nearly \$600,000 outside the Judson centennial fund.

The Lord has greatly blessed our efforts in the past. He is calling earnestly for money to enlarge the work. Therefore your committee would urge that all our churches endeavor to increase their contributions to this mark. To do this it will be necessary to have the facts of our mission work presented to our people by our pastors, mission workers and mission literature. We believe if our people can be educated to know about our work that then they will do. Let our aim be: A liberal contribution from every member in the Association to foreign missions.

D. F. PUTNAM.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Bro. Putnam and Dr. Vann. The report was adopted.

The report on Home Missions was called for and submitted by Bro. S. J. Becker.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home has aptly been styled the strategic center of earth. "The Seminary of all other institutions, whether social, commercial or evangelical. The divine program for the world's salvation is from—Jerusalem—to the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1:8. If these disciples had neglected Jerusalem they could never have reached the regions beyond. The base of supplies must be maintained. To attempt to evangelize the heathen without maintaining a strong, virile christianity at home is an absurdity. The task of Home Missions is a stupendous one demanding wise leadership and faithful stewardship.

The past year has been a history-making epoch with our Home Mission forces. We have gathered from the different sources the magnificent sum of \$366,050. Of this sum North Carolina gave \$26,689.

Our work is divided among foreigners coming to our country, negroes and Cubans. Those of Cuba, the Canal Zone and our own frontier and mountain sections. By attiteration let us speak of Evangelism, Education and Enlistment.

Evangelism.

This department, begun in 1906, has grown in size and efficiency until now we have 19 evangelists in our home field. During the year they have baptized 3,739, received by letter 1,642, and enlisted for the ministry or mission work 683 persons.

Education.

We have occupied 30 strategic points in the great southern mountain region. Into these schools we have gathered 4,646 young people, 75 of whom are studying for the ministry.

Enlistment.

This is a new department in our work, the purpose of which is to enlist into active service these 2,421,202 white Baptists of our Southland. A sad fact that one and one-half million of our people are non-contributors to the great cause for which Jesus died. Last year 304 of our North Carolina Baptist churches gave nothing to any of these great objects. Six hundred churches gave nothing to home missions, and, sad fact, into 600 of our churches there came no additions by baptism. In our North Carolina Baptist churches there are 173,000 non-contributing members. The task of enlistment is to get these thousands who are largely country people, to join heart and hand in his work. They are largely our base of supplies so far as men and women are concerned. Our denomination is rich in its country manhood. Where we have trained these there we will have a mighty working force for the evangelization of the world and the bringing in the kingdom of our Lord.

We must strengthen the base if we would lengthen the cords.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. BEEKER,

Leaksville, N. C.

On motion to adopt, the report was earnestly discussed by Bro. Beeker. Report adopted.

After a few announcements in regard to the Thursday morning session, the Association adjourned, with the benediction by Bro. S. C. Garner.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. Carl Murchison. The Moderator then called the Association to order for the regular order of business and the minutes were read and approved.

The Moderator then read the following appointments:

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, J. A. Beam.

Delegate to State Convention, S. P. Gentry, R. A. Clay and A. R. Foushee.

Representative on State Mission Board, B. S. Barnes.

Committee on Wake Forest church building, J. A. Beam, J. W. Noell, V. E. Duncan.

The following resolution was submitted by Bro. Putnam:

Be it resolved by the Beulah Association at Roxboro, assembled in annual session, That we heartily endorse the work of our sisters in their efforts to spread the gospel to all the world. We specially commend their efforts to organize the societies of the various churches into an associational union.

D. F. PUTNAM.

After a brief discussion by Bro. Putnam, the resolution was adopted.

The report on Ministerial Relief was submitted by Bro. R. A. Spencer.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The Baptist Ministerial Relief Board was established in 1890. During that time it has brought relief to many needy ministers, and widows of ministers. There are several applications pending, showing that the increase of beneficiaries may be expected to continue. Many of them receive a very small amount. They have no means of support except the amount they receive from the Board. It should be the desire and effort of every Baptist of the State that not one of those who have been worthy proclaimers of God's truth should suffer for the actual necessities of life. We want to see the day come when every Baptist of the State shall contribute to this cause. Many of our people already give gladly to this work, but nearly three-fifths of the churches of the State contribute nothing.

We do, therefore, urge that this Association contribute to this object regularly, as we do to home and foreign missions.

W. D. OVERBY.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Bro. Spencer, Bro. Foushee, Bro. Putnam and Bro. Becker. Report adopted.

The subject of union meetings was discussed by Bro. Murchison. He emphasized the importance of attending and of the work done.

The Moderator called for the report on Obituaries. It was submitted by Bro. R. A. Spencer.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

During the past Associational year the death angel has not been idle, and several of our members have been called to pass over the river. We mention those whose names have been reported to us. There are possibly others who are just as worthy as those whose names we have not learned, but their names are already recorded in that great book and they are resting in the sweet bye and bye at the right hand of the Master, whom they served so faithfully.

In September, 1912, Bro. Nathan Ware passed over the river from the Thompsonville church. In May, 1913, Bro. Joel Waynick was called. Bro. Waynick had only been a member of the church for a short while, but made a most efficient member during the short while he lived.

From Providence, on December 27, 1912, Bro. A. C. Davis, the beloved Clerk, was called. On September 9, 1912, Sister Mrs. J. W. Wilson passed away.

From Lambeth Memorial, on June 25, 1913, Bro. Clane Talley, a very promising young man, was snatched to his reward.

While our hearts bleed at the departure of these loved ones, we bow with humble submission to him who is too wise to err and too loving to be unkind; and while we call them dead, they are not, but only sleepeth.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. SPENCER,

A. L. BOYD,

Committee.

The report, on motion, was adopted.

The Moderator then appointed Bro. Putnam and the writer to work out the digest of church letters and insert it in the minutes. It is as follows:

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

There were 100 baptisms reported, a net gain in membership of 87. The Association now has a total numbership of 1,460, against 1,007 as reported a year ago; \$477.42 was reported for state missions, \$230 for home missions, \$409.79 for foreign missions, \$344.65 for the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage. This is about twice as much as was raised the previous year, and yet some of the churches give very little to these worthy objects. A small decrease is noted in contributions to aged min-

isters. Blanche and Milton sent no letter. The gains in total membership and enlarged contributions are results of Roxboro and Bethel Hill having joined the Association last year, but over and above this a good increase is noted from most of the churches. The Milton field having had no pastor, does not show the progress of the other churches.

D. F. PUTNAM,
For Committee.

The report of the Finance Committee was submitted by Bro. A. L. Boyd. On motion the report was adopted.

Motion was carried that the Association give the Clerk \$10.00 as a salary for getting out the minutes, this to be paid by the churches over and above the cost of printing the Minutes.

By motion, the Moderator and Clerk were instructed to draw up a program for the next session of the Association and have it printed in the Minutes; this program to be a guide for those expecting to visit the Association.

On motion, a collection was taken to increase the amount of the Minute Fund, amounting to \$2.50.

On motion a special collection was taken for the purpose of helping to pay off the debt on Baptist Memorial church building, amount \$10.10.

The Treasurer submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Executive Board of the Beulah Baptist Association:

R. A. Clay, Treasurer, in account with the Association for the year ending July 31, 1913.

Debtor.

To amount received from the churches as per financial committee report in Minutes of August, 1912.....\$238.80

Creditor.

August 8, 1912—By amount paid Bro. V. E. Duncan for Minutes.	\$ 19.95
August, 1912—By amount paid Orphanage	45.89
Walters Durham	172.96
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Total disbursements	\$238.80

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

“Resolved, That this body extend thanks to the good people of this church and the people of the town for their kind and generous hospitality in so nobly supplying the delightful entertainment of the delegates and visitors of this session of our Association.”

PROGRAM OF BEULAH ASSOCIATION FOR THE SESSION OF 1914.

Tuesday Morning.

- 10:30 to 11:00—Devotional
- 11:00 to 12:00—Introductory Sermon.
- 12:00 to 12:30—Organization and Appointments.

Tuesday Afternoon.

- 2:00 to 2:15—Devotional.
- 2:45—Laymen's Movement.
- 3:13—Temperance.
- 4:00—Ministerial Education.

Wednesday Morning.

- 9:30 to 10:00—Devotional.
- 10:30—Orphanage.
- 11:00—Biblical Recorder.
- 12:00—State Missions.

Wednesday Afternoon.

- 1:30 to 1:45—Devotional.
- 2:30—Sunday Schools.
- 2:15—Home Missions.
- 3:30—Foreign Missions.
- 4:00—Schools and Colleges.

Thursday Morning.

- 9:30 to 10:00—Devotional.
- 10:20—Obituaries.
- 10:45—Treasurer's Report, Digest of Letters.
- 11:15—Woman's Work.
- 12:00—Ministerial Relief, Miscellaneous, Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION.

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

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

Article 3. The Association shall be held at least once a year at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Article 10. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the committee, and to make such responses, and to offer such counsels as may be deemed fit and proper.

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

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

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

Article 14. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in the Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association at each annual session, to appoint a standing Presbytery to all requests from the churches relating to these matters during the succeeding Associational year, and until a new Presbytery be appointed.

RUES OF ORDER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

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

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

17. The Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum shall be read on Saturday of each session of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. YARBROUGH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES.	STATISTICS									
		Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total Enrollment.	No. of Schools.	Months Kept Open.	Average Attendance.	Number Baptisms.	Contributions for Missions, Orphanage, etc	School Expenses.	Total Contribution.
Baptist Memorial	A. J. Crutchfield, Woodsdale	10	85	95	1	12	45	8	\$ 137 13	\$ 21 00	\$ 158 13
Bethel											
Blanch											
Clement											
Ephesus	S. M. Green, Aiton, Va.	8	55	63	1	12		9	36	12 00	21 56
Kerr's Chapel	T. H. Parillo, Union Ridge	4	26	30	1	6			1 00	1 00	1 00
Lambeth Memorial	W. B. Clay, Roxboro	7	38	45	1	12			7 94	7 94	7 94
Lea Bethel											
Milville Mission	R. G. Dickerson, Roxboro	6	65	71	1	12	35	6		30 00	30 00
Milton											
Providence	J. F. Sledge, Danville, Va., R 5	15	50	95	1	12	35			19 65	19 65
Rock Grove	J. L. Long, Roxboro, R 1	6	62	68	1	9	24	1		6 00	6 00
Roxboro	J. W. Noell, Roxboro	15	145	160	1	12	98	14	91 00	117 44	208 44
Semora	J. B. Yarborough, Semora	7	31	38	1	12	30		64 60	10 74	75 34
Shiloh											
Trinity	C. J. Yarborough, Melver	4	15	19	1	6	36			12 00	12 00
Thompsonville	M. D. Walters, Reidsville	7	60	67	1	12	41			20 00	20 00
Yanceyville	B. S. Graves, Yanceyville	8	56	64	1			8	21 85		41 85

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Time of Preaching.	Value Church Property.	Seating Capacity.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total Membership.
Baptist Memorial	C. M. Murchison, Yanceyville	A. Hurdle, Union Ridge, N. C. ✓	1st. S	\$ 2500	400	2	2	2	1	1	4	4	12	16
Bethel	J. A. Beam, Woodsdale, N. C.	A. J. Crutchfield, Woodsdale, N. C. ✓	1st. S	2000	400	11	5	1	14	1	73	73	103	176
Beulah		J. C. King, Blanch, N. C. ✓		600	600	5					16	16	22	38
Blanch														
Clement	R. L. Brown, Wake Forest, N. C. ✓	F. J. Hester, Roxboro, N. C. ✓	3rd. S	2000	400	1				1	2	25	64	89
Ephesus	D. F. Putnam, Roxboro, N. C. ✓	S. M. Green, Alton, Va. ✓	1st. S	2500	500	13		2	6	2	68	68	114	172
Kerrs Chapel	D. W. Overby, Reidsville, N. C. ✓	F. H. Patillo, Union Ridge, N. C. ✓	3rd. S	1000	400				3		30	30	53	83
Lambeth Memorial	R. L. Brown, Wake Forest, N. C. ✓	W. B. Clay, Roxboro, N. C. ✓	1st. S	1500	350	2	1			2	27	27	30	57
Lea Bethel	R. L. Brown, Wake Forest, N. C. ✓	A. G. Thompson, Leasburg, N. C. ✓	1st. S	500	200				2		8	8	18	26
Millville Mission	J. H. Gordon, Virgilina, Va. ✓	N. R. Villines, Roxboro, N. C. ✓	3rd. S	1000	500	17	12				5	5	24	29
Milton														
Providence	S. J. Beeker, Leaksville, N. C. ✓	J. F. Sledge, Danville, Va., R. 5 ✓	4th. S	1650	300	5	10		2		64	64	78	142
Rock Grove	J. H. Gordan, Virgilina, Va. ✓	S. F. Slaughter, Roxboro, N. C. R 2 ✓	1st. S	800	400	9	2	1	3	2	28	28	33	61
Roxboro	D. F. Putnam, Roxboro, N. C. ✓	L. D. Veazry, Roxboro, N. C. ✓	2nd. 4th S	5000	350	15	11		5		85	85	113	198
Semora	D. F. Putnam, Roxboro, N. C. ✓	Mary J. Yarborough, Senoro, N. C. ✓	1st. 5th S	1200	300	1	1				8	8	15	23
Shiloh		G. B. Yarborough, Blanch, N. C. ✓	2nd. S	600	300	10	1		9	2	29	29	35	64
Trinity	D. W. Overby, Reidsville, N. C. ✓	C. J. Yarborough, McIver, N. C. ✓	2nd. S	1000	350	2	1				15	15	21	36
Thompsonville	D. W. Overby, Reidsville, N. C. ✓	J. H. Pritchett, Forshee, N. C. ✓	1st. S	2000	350		5		2	6	3	41	46	97
Yanceyville	C. M. Murchison, Yanceyville...	R. S. Graves, Yanceyville, N. C. ✓	3rd. 4th S	3500	250	7	1			1	55	55	56	101

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT.

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Minutes.	Baptist Memorial Church.	Other Objects.	Total.
Beulah	\$ 2 50	\$ 2 50	\$	\$	\$ 2 50	\$	\$ 2 50	\$ 1 00	\$	\$	\$11 00
Blanch											
Baptist Memorial	20 00	8 00	10 00	3 00	10 00	8 00	5 00	2 00			66 00
Clement							5 20	3 45			8 66
Ephesus								1 50		4 86	6 36
Kerr's Chapel				2 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	1 50	5 00		20 00
Lambeth Memorial				1 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	1 50			31 00
Lea Bethel	12 50										
Milton	10 50	5 00	10 00	1 45	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 50			37 45
Providence								2 25			2 25
Semora								1 50			1 50
Shiloh		3 09			5 00	2 00	3 00	1 25			14 59
Thompsonville								1 25			1 25
Trinity	9 00	4 45	3 00		2 00			1 50	5 00		24 95
Yanceyville								4 00			4 00
Bethel Hill					1 00			1 60	6 45		8 05
Millville Mission								1 00			2 00
Roxboro								2 50			2 50
Rock Grove								1 25			1 25
Totals	54 50	23 04	23 00	7 45	33 50	22 00	27 70	29 30	16 45	4 86	241 80
Special Collection								2 50	10 10		12 60
Totals								31 80	26 50		254 40

G. B. YARBOROUGH,

S. M. GREEN,

A. L. BOYD,

Committee.