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Seventy-first Anniversary

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**THREE FORKS
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,**

HELD WITH

MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

AVERY COUNTY, N. C.

August 29—31

1911.

Next Session to be held with South Fork Church, beginning
on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August
1912.

J. J. L. Sherwood to preach the Annual Sermon;
L. C. Wilson, alternate.

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## THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

### MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH,

Avery Co., N. C., Aug. 29, 1911.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in the 71st annual session in the house of worship of the Mt. Calvary Church.

Louis Shoemaker led the congregation in singing a number of appropriate selections.

Geo. W. Trivett who was appointed by last association to preach the annual sermon, read from the 139th Psalm. After the reading prayer was offered by John Crisp leading. "Rock of Ages" was sung, after which Bro. Trivett announced as his text 1st John 5th c. 11 v.—"And this is the record that God hath given unto us eternal life, and this life is in his Son"—presenting his discourse in three divisions: 1st Life is a gift. 2d It is eternal. 3d It is in His Son.

At the close of the sermon, prayer by J. J. L. Sherwood.

The Mod. announced that after the singing of the second Doxology, and benediction by John Crisp, that the association would stand adjourned for one hour.

### AFTER NOON, FIRST DAY.

Prayer by John Norris.

Letters from the churches were presented. J. Norris moved that the letters be referred to the com. on Digest of Letters without reading. A motion prevailed that the present officers, W. S. Farthing Mod. and Smith Hagaman Clerk, be elected by acclamation.

The Com. on Order of Business submits the following

### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

#### FIRST DAY.

- 1 Organization at 1 P. M.
- 2 Invite Correspondents and Visitors from sister Associations.
- 3 Extend an opportunity to newly constituted churches to unite with this association.
- 4 Appoint all necessary Committees for this session.
- 5 Report of Committee on Temperance.
- 6 Report of Committee on Books and Periodicals.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

- 1 Convene at 8:30 A. M.
- 2 Song and Prayers.
- 3 Reading Minutes and Roll Call.
- 4 Report of Committee on Baptist Orphanage.
- 5 Reading Reports on Missions: State; Home; Foreign.
- 6 A season of Prayer and Talks for 30 minutes conducted by J. H. Farthing.
- 7 Discussion of Missions.

NOTE—Owing to delay caused by the Clerk waiting to receive bids from other printing houses, I did not receive the minute manuscript till in Oct, hence this delay. —McGuire.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

- 1 Report of Committee on Digest of Letters.
- 2 Report of Committee on State of the Churches.
- 3 Report of Committee on Pastoral Support.
- 4 Report of Committee on Old Ministers' Relief.

## THURSDAY MORNING.

- 1 Convene at 8: 30 A. M.
- 2 Song and Prayer.
- 3 Reading Minutes.
- 4 Report of Com. to examine Matter collected by the Historian.
- 5 Report of the Committee on Education.
- 6 A Season of Prayer and Talks of 30 Minutes con. by J. M. Payne.
- 7 Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.
- 8 Report of Colporteur and appointment of his Successor.

## THURSDAY EVENING.

- 1 Report of Committee on Finance.
- 2 Report of Treasurer and appoint his Successor.
- 3 Report of Corresponding Messengers.
- 4 Report of Committee on Correspondents.
- 5 " " Resolutions.
- 6 " " Time, Place, and Preacher.
- 7 Appoint Committees for next Association.
- 8 Appoint some one to Superintend the Printing and Distribution of Minutes. 9 Miscellaneous Business.

Respectfully submitted. Smith Hagaman, } Com.  
W. H. Eller, }

Willowdale, a newly constituted church, by her messengers presents a petitionary letter and is received into the association.

A letter from Elk Park church was presented asking for membership, but owing to the fact that it had not obtained a letter of dismission from Mitchell County Association, a motion prevailed that the said church be asked to first obtain a letter of dismission and present it at next session; and that the messengers be invited to seats as visitors. Thos. Day from Stony Fork asso. was seated as a visitor.

The following Com. for this session were announced by the Mod.:

Finance, I. G. Greer, Chas. Mast.

Preaching, Pastor and Messengers of Mt. Calvary church.

Correspondents, Isaac McGinnis, E. R. Eggers.

Time, Place, and Preacher, A. J. Shuli, Lee Swift.

The Clerk read for the Committee. the

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The question of Temperance has long agitated the minds of our people. In fact the liquor traffic is the toughest problem of the age. There is no cause, it matters not how unworthy, but what can find supporters. Especially is this true of the liquor business.

By what authority do we fight the battles of temperance? Is it a fancy of the brain, or is it a delusion of the imagination, or is it a morbid desire to destroy property? Most assuredly it is none of these. Our authority is the Bible.

1 The Book teaches that drunkenness is a mockery. 2 Its consequences are poverty, strife, filthiness, destruction, and void of refined feelings. 3 It is forbidden to Kings, Princes, and Christians. 4 Its woes are avarice, revelry, defiance, perversion, pride, dishonesty. To all soldiers who desire to fight our greatest foe—the liquor traffic—arm yourselves with the Word. In the next place we desire to say that we have gained some ground within the last year. We have much to encourage us. The temperance legislation of our last General Assembly ought to be commended. Our forces have been reversed in a few instances, but while such is

true; we have made progress.

Finally we would speak of our unfinished work. We recommend to the constituency of this association the following: 1 That by the means of public meetings, the press, and the pulpit a vigorous and righteous public sentiment be maintained for temperance. 2 That our people write and petition Congress to pass a national anti-jug Law. 3 That we as citizens demand and assist the proper authorities to enforce the Prohibition Laws of North Carolina.

Respectfully,

A. J. Greene } Com.  
Alex. Greene }  
Wm. Elrod. }

Wm. Elrod, Geo. Roten express much sorrow that every Baptist does not fully see the necessity of total abstinence. J. J. L. Sherwood spoke of the tremendous damage and curse of the drink evil. Spoke especially of the enforcement of the law.

C. S. Farthing read the report on

## LOOKS and PERIODICALS.

The reading of good literature is one of the greatest advantages of our age and its importance can scarcely be urged too strongly. The only means by which we can counteract the invasion of trashy reading matter is to place good reading matter within reach of those who read. We would recommend and urge above all else the reading of God's Word. The Biblical Recorder, which for more than seventy-five years has been vitally connected with our denominational work and every good undertaking in this State; is the organ of the Baptist State Convention which elects the editor, and controls its policy. This should be in every home so that we may keep in close touch with each other. We would recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field, and Charity and Children.

Respectfully,

C. S. Farthing, Com.

The report on Periodicals is adopted.

The Com. on Preaching report J. M. Payne to preach at 11 a. m., and J. H. Farthing at 1 p. m. tomorrow.

On motion John McBride is added to the Committee on Education Prayer by J. M. Payne. Lewis Shoemaker read the report of the Com. on Hospitality. J. W. Blair is excused from his further presence on account of a protracted meeting at Willowdale church.

"'Tis religion that can give" &c was sung at closing.

Benediction by Monroe Gragg.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING.

J. R. Isaacs led in singing. Prayer by O. L. Hawkins.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Roll of Messengers called.

O. L. Hawkins announced himself a visitor from Brushy Mountain association. The Clerk read for the Committee the

## REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage at Thomasville is doing a great work and well deserves the hearty support of every loyal Baptist in the State. The first child was received there in 1835. The Orphanage now has 300 children in its charge in ten families preparing them for usefulness in this life and for the life to come. Since the Orphanage was opened it has sheltered 1,100 children, and is now full to its capacity and has 100 worthy applicants it cannot take for want of room.

The expense bill averages about one hundred dollars a day and out of 1,700 churches only about 500 contribute regularly to its support.

Your Committee wishes to submit the humble opinion that no more worthy object that claims our attention. Think of one hundred helpless orphans knocking at our door for admittance and can't be admitted for want of room!

We suggest that all the churches of this association be requested to take at least one collection a month the coming year for the Orphanage.

Geo. W. Trivett, W. J. Farthing, E. M. Greer, Com.

G. W. Trivett spoke to the report. G. P. Sherrill read from Job 31 relative to the care of the orphan and widow. Said that the Three Forks association with its vast wealth, is doing far too little for the Orphanage. Geo. Roten spoke to the report. John Norris said the man who charges extravagance is usually the man who does nothing.

Chas. Mast spoke of the necessity of the people taking Charity & Children, the Orphanage paper.

J. F. Eller spoke referring to the scripture read by G. P. Sherrill,

and further said all our Sunday-schools ought to take a collection every Sunday for the Orphanage. J. H. Farthing and J. M. Payne said we ought to help enlarge the Orphanage plant so that more children can be taken. J. H. Farthing spoke also of the spiritual work of the Orphanage. L. C. Wilson continued remarks.

The following is indicated for the Orphanage for the coming year:

|                      |                        |                      |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Bethel \$10.         | Forest Grove \$10.     | Rich Mountain \$3.   |
| Beaver Dam \$10.     | Flat Springs \$2.      | South Fork 2 col.    |
| Beech Mountain 2 col | Howard's Creek \$3.    | Shull's Mills 2 col. |
| Boone \$15.          | Laurel Springs \$5.    | Three Forks 2 col.   |
| Brushy Fork \$10.    | Meat Camp \$5.         | Timbered Ridge \$5   |
| Cove Creek \$10.     | Mt. Gillead \$5.       | Union 2 col.         |
| Cool Springs \$2.50. | Middle Fork \$5.       | Zionville \$5.       |
| Clark's Creek \$3.   | Pleasant Grove 2 col.  | Blowing Rock \$5.    |
| Elk Valley \$2.50.   | Pleasant Valley 1 col. | Mt. Calvary \$5.     |
| Fall Creek \$2.      |                        |                      |

Geo. Roten urges the Messengers that the churches try to double the amounts indicated.

O. L. Hawkins was added to the Committee on Education.

G. C. Greer was added to the Committee on Finance.

J. F. Eller read the Report on State Missions.

The Clerk read for the Com. the Report on Home Missions.

Will H. McGuire read the Report on Foreign Missions.

The time having arrived for devotional exercises, the association sang "What wondrous love." J. H. Farthing, after a very impressive talk on the great necessity of a high state of spiritual condition, read and commented on the 91st Psalm. Prayer by G. P. Sherrill. "Amazing Grace" was sung. A number of the brethren made short talks and quoted promises of the Bible.

After the devotional exerciser, J. F. Eller proceeded to discuss the report on State Missions. C. J. Cottrell said we are neglecting this work too badly. J. H. Farthing spoke of Missions in general, and of Home Missions in particular. J. M. Payne, John Norris, and L. C. Wilson spoke on the Mission work in general.

The following is indicated for Missions the coming year:

|                   |                          |                        |
|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Antioch \$7.      | Elk Valley 1 collection. | Pleasant Grove 3 col.  |
| Bethel \$30.      | Fall Creek \$2.          | Pleasant Valley 1 col. |
| Beaver Dam \$30.  | Forest Grove \$25.       | Rich Mountain \$5.     |
| Bethany 1 col.    | Flat Springs \$1.        | South Fork 2 col.      |
| Beech Mtn. 1 col  | Howards Creek \$3.       | Shulls Mills 1 col.    |
| Boone \$20.       | Laurel Springs \$5.      | Timbered Ridge \$5.    |
| Brushy Fork 3 col | Meat Camp 2 col.         | Union 3 col.           |
| Cove Creek \$25.  | Mt Calvary \$5.          | Zionville \$5.         |
| Cool Springs \$3. | Mt Gillead 2 col.        | Blowing Rock 3 col.    |
| Clarks Creek \$2. | Middle Fork \$5.         |                        |

"Religion is the chief concern" &c. was sung.

Benediction by D. A. Greer. Adjourned for one hour.

#### STATE MISSIONS.

For convenience only, the great Mission work of the world has been divided into three departments: State, Home, and Foreign; not that anyone is of more importance than another.

The Mission work is nothing more nor less than an effort to carry

out the plain command of Jesus Christ to "preach the gospel to every creature" whether in the State, in the Nation, or in Foreign Countries. God makes no distinction as to the worth of a soul. Wherever a soul is found, or can be found, without the gospel, we are duty-bound to go with the message. State Missions is of the most tremendous importance, aside from its importance in common with the other departments of the Mission work, in that it enlarges the base of supplies for all the other work.

The Baptists of the State, through the State Mission Board, in their effort to preach the gospel in the destitute sections of our State have had, during the last year, on these fields 148 Missionaries who have supplied 275 churches and 106 out stations, and have baptized 2,227 persons to which the churches have contributed \$41,428.46. All of our churches ought to take a liberal part in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Eller, } Com.  
C. J. Cottrell, }

#### HOME MISSIONS.

The importance of Home Missions is increasing every day, and as Baptists we should awake to the stupendous task that awaits us.

Our obligations are greater than all others because we hold the truth as no other people hold it. Therefore our accountability to God is greater. Our work is increasing faster than our gifts.

Out of 92 million population of the U. S. there are only 41 million native white born of American parents, and 24,500,000 are born of foreign parents; Therefore 41 million are of foreign parentage!

The ten million Negroes tip the beam of numerical strength in America by more than 10 per cent. against the native whites.

The foreigners came to our shores last year to the number of 1,041,000. America then is the world's greatest mission field because of what it is, and what it is to be. If we do not christianize these people they will in turn Romanize and heathenize us. Not only do they exert such an influence upon us but about 33 1/3 per cent. return to their native lands. If we could reach these through Home Missions what a power we could exert through them on their home people.

To establish Christ in the hearts and homes of the foreigners is our religious duty and national hope. Not only have we the home-land, but we have Cuba and the Canal Zone both under the religious influence of the Roman Catholics. All these are looking to us for the Bread of Life. Brethren: considering the supreme importance of Home Missions and our strategical position as Southern Baptists, we should undertake greater things for God and expect greater things from God through Home Missions.

The Board of Home Missions spent last year more than \$333,000, yet it could not supply more than 1 man for more than 100 needed.

Signed by

W. Y. Perry, } Com.  
J. H. Farthing, }

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The salvation of the world of humanity hinges on the preaching of the gospel, and the responsibility of that work is upon the church of Jesus Christ, for His last injunction to His disciples was: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

While we cannot go in person and deliver the Message, we can uphold, by our prayers and means, the called of God who go to preach

to those who know not Christ.

We would urge our Baptist people to be more consecrated to this work, using every effort to spread the Truth amongst the lost in heathenism, for their salvation and the glory of God. Let us be wide awake to our responsibility, as well as to our opportunity.

Respectfully,

Will H. McGuire, }  
E. J. Norris, } Com.  
J. M. Payne, }

AFTER NOON — SECOND DAY.

Prayer by Geo. Roten. The association sang "Savior more than life to me." D. C. Mast read the report on

PASTORAL SUPPORT,

"That the laborer is worthy of his hire" is abundantly taught in the Bible there is no doubt on the part of Baptists. Luke 10:7, Mat. 10:10, and 1st Tim. 5:18, &c. That the Baptists of the Three Forks association are not living up to this faith in the matter of pastoral support is evidenced by the reports of the various churches; said reports showing, in 1905, an average for 34 churches that reported that year, of \$36.58. In 1907 38.30. In 1908 44.63. In 1910, 33 churches show an average of \$44.67. The average salary for above 4 years being \$41.05. The average membership is 97. The average amount paid for these four years per member 43 cts. per year. That these figures are hardly a creditable showing goes without saying.

We your committee therefore make these observations:

1 That the Lord God is not calling our young men to the ministry only 3 or 4 having been called in the last decade.

2 That these few, for lack of sufficient support here, have been compelled to seek other fields.

3 That the present ministers are rapidly declining in years, and, unless conditions change, there will be a pastoral famine before many years.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. Mast, J. H. Mast, J. J. T. Reese, Com.

Chas. Mast spoke of the few who are now entering the ministry in this association.

G. P. Sherrill said all members of the church ought to lay something by all along in order that they may always be ready to help.

L. W. Farthing spoke of ways and means of raising pastors salary. John McBride said he was fearful that we had not appreciated our Pastors and that we may suffer for the same.

J. W. Farthing said that this is certainly a matter of the first importance, and that we would certainly prefer to see our own men called to preach rather than that pastors should have to be obtained from some other section. C. J. Cottrell said our Pastors are certainly the most poorly paid of any class of workers.

John Norris said go to the Bible for plain information as to duty to pastors. J. F. Eller said that we must get to a point of appreciation where we can pay for laborers.

J. C. Chapel said the churches must adopt a system of paying the pastors, otherwise the churches will fall short.

Geo. Roten continued the discussion.

Millard Hagaman read the report on

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

We find from the letters of 32 churches that during last year we had 260 Baptisms. Rec'd by letter 89, Restored 29. Lost by letter 126, Excluded 32, Deaths 27. Membership: Males 1,435, Females 1,841, Total 3,276.

Contributions to various objects as follows; Pastors' salary \$1508.06, Building & Repairs \$475.53, Incidentals \$70.19, Sunday-school Expenses \$227.62, Poor \$59.64, State Missions \$46.11, Home Missions \$22.20, Foreign Missions 196.97, Orphanage \$181.68, Old Ministers. Relief \$17.11, Other Objects \$224.76, Value of Church Property \$18,555, Minutes and Clerk \$27.87.

Letters from 4 churches not included in above report.

South Fork asks for next association.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. Cottrell }  
Millard Hagaman } Com

J. F. Elier presents the Report on the

STATE of the CHURCHES.

Your Committee is exceedingly glad to report, that after making a careful survey of the churches of our association as we possibly can, that a very large per cent. have been blessed with good revivals within the past year. A large addition to their membership is reported to this session of the association.

While we are most grateful for these gracious showers of grace, we feel confident that there are at least four things in which almost all of our churches are seriously wanting:

1st Notwithstanding gracious revivals, in this day of commercialism when the world is in a run, it is very difficult to maintain that high standard of *Spirituality* which is so necessary to the growth & development of the church, and which is the base of all church life and work. Every pastor and every member ought to keep this one thing above all else prominently before him. If this one thing be lacking all else will fail. Religion must be intensely religious.

2nd We are of the opinion that *Discipline* is growing rather lax in many of our churches. There must be a distinction between the church and the the world, else the church cannot have power over the world. Our churches are evidently failing to do what they ought to do, and what they are easily able to do in a financial way. This we attribute to two causes. The first cause we give as the 3d thing in which our churches are lacking:

INFORMATION.

It is next to an impossibility to interest the membership of any church in the different departments and objects to which the church contributes, unless the individual is informed and this information must come very largely through reading. We feel that the work is suffering greatly from the lack of reading.

The second cause we assign as the 4th great lack:

SYSTEMATIC CONTRIBUTING.

We have tried many plans, schemes, and devices, but they are all more or less defective. Why not take the great Apostle's advice, just plain and simple, and be done with it? "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by in store as God hath prospered him."—1st Cor. 16 :2. Respectfully submitted.

J. F. Eller, John Norris, J. M. Payne, Com.

C. S. Farthing is added to the Com. on Old Ministers' Relief.

The Historian not being present, the consideration of matter collected by him is continued until next session with the same com.

L. M. Farthing read the Report on

#### EDUCATION.

We, your committee, beg to submit the following report:

1st That it is our firm conviction that the training and developing of the intellectual powers was purposed by the Creator himself to be a means of grace in the hands of his children for carrying Christ to the heart of the young and tender, and of subsequently fitting them for the most efficient work in the fields of Christian endeavor.

2d That the only type of education that is likely to be of lasting—eternal value—is that directed by pure, Christian influence.

3d That mere education dissevered from religion is not the kind designed by God when He gave man faculties susceptible of development.

4th That Baptists of this association should not be one whit behind other denominations in taking an active, definite stand in providing means for higher education of her young men and women, and that they should deem it an imperative duty to see that Baptist influences should as far as possible direct the education of her own people.

Your committee is informed that there is now an effort being made to establish a school under Baptist auspices at Mast, N. C., and we are further informed that the department of Mountain Schools of the Home Mission Bd. of the southern Baptist Convention is considering the fostering of said work, and that such a school will be opened about the first of Sept.

We your com. would recommend that this association endorse said work and give it our patronage; and we would further recommend that this association appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to confer with N. L. Mast and such others as are concerned and cooperate in such a way as may be necessary to establish a Baptist Institution of learning in our midst, and report at our next session.

Respectfully,

John McBride, } Com  
L. M. Farthing, }

L. C. Wilson said we now have an opportunity at Mast that we as Baptists cannot afford to let pass.

A motion prevailed that the Chair appoint a Com. of five as indicated in the above report. The following were appointed:

J. J. L. Sherwood, W. J. Farthing, Chas. Mast, Smith Hagaman, and G. C. Greer.

C. S. Farthing moved that the above com. constitute, and be empowered as a Board of Trustees for the association to take a deed to said school property if they find it wise to do so.

A motion prevailed to adjourn. "Jesus lover of my soul" was sung. The Com. on preaching report J. J. L. Sherwood to preach at 11 a. m. tomorrow. Prayer by L. C. Wilson at closing. Second Doxology was sung. Benediction by L. W. Farthing.

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Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

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#### OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

While we hear expressions of alarm from our Brethren at the fact that there are so few young men entering the ministry, God has been so gracious to us as to continue number in our State until they need aid in their old age. The Baptist State Convention some years ago organized a Board to collect funds for this purpose.

We believe it to be the duty of every church in this association to do something to help this Board in the support of these men who have spent their lives in the service of our Master.

Respectfully,

D F Horton, I J McGinnis, C S Farthing, Com.

I. J. McGinnis spoke to the report.

C. S. Farthing calls attention to the fact that we have a beneficiary of the Board with us, John Crisp, and that we as an association ought to pay at least the amount that he is receiving from the Board \$25.00. John Norris spoke.

Geo. Roten moved that just before the noon recess a collection be taken for Old Ministers' Relief.

J. J. L. Sherwood said we must do the work for Christ's sake.

The time having arrived for devotional services, the exercises were conducted by C. S. Farthing who led in prayer.

After singing "Savior more than life to me" D. A. Greene spoke of the pleasures of this hour and its spiritual uplift.

John Norris spoke of the benefits of application.

Prayer by Geo. McGinnis. After further singing the service closed.

D. J. Farthing announced himself a visitor from Watauga Asso.

L. C. Wilson read the report on

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school is no longer a question as to what it is. It is needless to argue before this body the importance of Sunday-schools or the duty of promoting their development, or increasing their efficiency in every legitimate way. Dr. Basil said, while contending for the establishment of the S. S. B. that "Sunday School is a great missionary to the future." While other benevolent agencies relate primarily to the present, this goes to meet and bless the generations that is coming. To win them from ignorance and sin, to train future laborers when we are gone. The Sunday-schools tend to direct increasing attention to the Bible, to elevate the rising generations and fit them for every good work. With pleasure we note that every church in the association reports a S. S.; an end to which we have been striving.

We are also encouraged to hope that soon every church will report an evergreen school. About half the churches have thus reported.

We have an enrollment in the Sunday-schools of about 1994, and 2730 in the association in church membership which leaves 736 of church members somewhere doing something besides fostering the S.S. cause. Admitting that the entire enrollment were church members it presents a state of affairs that should not appear. And when we consider that possibly not more than 50 percent of the S.S. enrollment are professors it presents an alarming feature and weakness of the S. S. work. Now if the S S is what is claimed for it, and if indeed it be the church at work is there not something wrong? Notwithstanding this deficiency in the work of enlargement and development we are pleased to note that there have been during the last year 87 baptisms from the S. S. We feel that too much could not be said in behalf of enlisting the entire membership of our church in this department our church work.

And that one of the greatest needs of the S S work is the qualification and preparation of the supt. The matter of trained teachers

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C. S. Farthing read the Report on

#### OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

While we hear expressions of alarm from our Brethren at the fact that there are so few young men entering the ministry, God has been so gracious to us as to continue number in our State until they need aid in their old age. The Baptist State Convention some years ago organized a Board to collect funds for this purpose. We believe it to be the duty of every church in this association to do something to help this Board in the support of these men who have spent their lives in the service of our Master.

Respectfully,

D. F. Horton, I. J. McGinnis, C. S. Farthing, Com.

I. J. McGinnis spoke to the report.

C. S. Farthing calls attention to the fact that we have a beneficiary of the Board with us, John Crisp, and that we as an association ought to pay at least the amount that he is receiving from the Board \$25.00. John Norris spoke.

Geo. Roten moved that just before the noon recess a collection be taken for Old Ministers' Relief.

J. J. L. Sherwood said we must do the work for Christ's sake.

The time having arrived for devotional services, the exercises were conducted by C. S. Farthing who led in prayer.

After singing "Savior more than life to me" D. A. Greene spoke of the pleasures of this hour and its spiritual uplift.

John Norris spoke of the benefits of application.

Prayer by Geo. McGinnis. After further singing the service closed.

D. J. Farthing announced himself a visitor from Watauga Asso.

L. C. Wilson read the report on

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school is no longer a question as to what it is. It is needless to argue before this body the importance of Sunday-schools or the duty of promoting their development, or increasing their efficiency in every legitimate way. Dr. Basil said, while contending for the establishment of the S. S. B. that "Sunday School is a great missionary to the future." While other benevolent agencies relate primarily to the present, this goes to meet and bless the generations that is coming. To win them from ignorance and sin, to train future laborers when we are gone. The Sunday-schools tend to direct increasing attention to the Bible, to elevate the rising generations and fit them for every good work. With pleasure we note that every church in the association reports a S. S.; an end to which we have been striving.

We are also encouraged to hope that soon every church will report an evergreen school. About half the churches have thus reported.

We have an enrollment in the Sunday-schools of about 1994, and 2730 in the association in church membership which leaves 736 of church members somewhere doing something besides fostering the S. S. cause. Admitting that the entire enrollment were church members it presents a state of affairs that should not appear. And when we consider that possibly not more than 50 percent of the S. S. enrollment are professors it presents an alarming feature and weakness of the S. S. work. Now if the S. S. is what is claimed for it, and if indeed it be the church at work is there not something wrong? Notwithstanding this deficiency in the work of enlargement and development we are pleased to note that there have been during the last year 87 baptisms from the S. S. We feel that too much could not be said in behalf of enlisting the entire membership of our church in this department our church work.

And that one of the greatest needs of the S. S. work is the qualification and preparation of the supt. The matter of trained teachers

## Statistical Table.

| CHURCH          | PASTORS & P. O.            | CLERKS & P. O.                     | Baptism.<br>Letter. | Restored | By Letter | Excluded. | Died. | Males. | Females | Total. | Time of<br>Preaching | Value of<br>Ch. Property | Seating<br>Capacity. |           |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------|--------|---------|--------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Antioch         | G. W. Trivett Sugar Grove  | N. C. W. J. Farthing St Jude N. C. | 7                   | 4        | 0         | 04        | 5     | 0      | 68      | 75     | 143                  | 1                        | 1000                 | 400       |
| Bethel          | J. H. Farthing Sweet Water | W. S. Farthing Sweetwater          | 7                   |          |           |           | 9     | 1      | 2       | 48     | 74                   | 122                      | 4                    | \$500 350 |
| Beaver Dam      | L. A. Wilson, Zionville    | C. B. Reese Reese                  | 9                   |          |           |           | 1     | 4      | 58      | 76     | 134                  | 2                        | 400                  | 275       |
| Bethany         | J. F. Eller Vilas          | J. L. Triplet, Matney              | 9                   | 1        |           |           | 1     | 2      | 19      | 24     | 43                   | 2                        | 300                  | 200       |
| Beech Mtn.      | W. M. Cannon Elk Park      | G W McGuire Dark Ridge             | 11                  | 6        | 3         | 6         |       |        | 81      | 108    | 189                  | 1                        | 800                  | 500       |
| Boone           | J. H. Farthing Sweet Water | W L Bryan Boone                    | 13                  | 1        |           |           |       | 1      | 35      | 31     | 66                   | 2                        | 500                  | 250       |
| Blowing Rock    | J. M. Payne Blowing Rock   | J H Winkler Blowing Rock           | 26                  | 9        | 1         | 1         | 1     | 28     | 46      | 74     | 1/3                  | 1250                     | 300                  |           |
| Brushy Fork     | J. M. Payne "              | J H Presnel Vilas                  | 2                   | 5        | 5         | 27        | 2     | 3      | 69      | 87     | 156                  | 2                        | 1000                 | 500       |
| Cove Creek      | J. H. Farthing Sweet Water | D C Mast Sugar Grove               | 18                  | 1        | 21        |           |       |        | 43      | 63     | 106                  | 3                        | 1000                 | 400       |
| Cool Springs    | G. W. Trivett Sugar Grove  | Q B Cannon Blowing Rock            |                     | 2        |           |           |       | 1      | 37      | 45     | 82                   | 2                        |                      | 300       |
| Clarks Creek    | John Norris Sugar Grove    | Joel Eggers Banner Elk             | 6                   | 1        |           |           |       | 1      | 11      | 26     | 37                   | 1                        | 300                  | 250       |
| Elk Knob        |                            | J M South Tamarack                 |                     |          |           |           |       |        | 31      | 41     | 72                   |                          | 275                  | 240       |
| Elk Valley      | G. W. Trivett Sugar Grove  | H L Laurance Hale                  | 18                  | 6        | 2         |           | 5     | 56     | 33      | 89     | 4                    | 700                      | 400                  |           |
| Fall Creek      |                            | W B Norris Hale                    | 5                   | 1        |           |           |       | 21     | 18      | 39     | 2                    |                          | 300                  |           |
| Forest Grove    | J. F. Eller Vilas          | Millard Hagaman Vilas              | 16                  | 2        | 7         | 3         | 1     | 1      | 69      | 91     | 160                  | 3                        | 800                  | 400       |
| Flat Springs    | D. A. Greene Whaley        | A I Greene Whaley                  | 9                   | 2        |           | 3         | 1     | 1      | 35      | 31     | 66                   | 4                        | 400                  | 300       |
| Gap Creek       | Asa Brown McGuire          | G W Smith Hopkins                  |                     |          |           | 1         | 2     | 34     | 53      | 87     | 1                    | 555                      | 350                  |           |
| Howards Creek   | E. M. Gragg Vilas          | E J Norris Sands                   |                     | 1        | 17        | 2         | 2     | 17     | 41      | 58     | 3                    | 500                      | 300                  |           |
| Laurel Springs  | J. M. Payne Blowing Rock   | J M Younce Yuma                    | 6                   | 1        | 2         |           |       | 70     | 118     | 188    | 4                    | 800                      | 450                  |           |
| Meat Camp       | L. A. Wilson Zionville     | L A Greene Sands                   | 9                   | 3        | 5         | 2         | 96    | 45     | 141     | 3      |                      | 400                      |                      |           |
| Mt Calvary      | J. F. Eller Vilas          | E F Chapel Balm                    | 2                   | 1        | 4         | 1         | 1     | 37     | 63      | 100    | 2                    | 800                      | 350                  |           |
| Mt Gillead      | D. B. Brown Butler         | Tenn C L Younce Beech Creek        | 10                  | 4        | 11        | 2         |       | 46     | 35      | 81     | 3                    | 450                      | 300                  |           |
| Mt Lebanon      | S. L. Fox Vilas            | N. C. H M Bumgarner Vilas          | 21                  | 6        | 1         | 3         | 3     | 2      | 33      | 58     | 91                   | 1                        | 800                  | 400       |
| Middle Fork     | J. M. Payne Blowing Rock   | A J Shull Blowing Rock             | 15                  | 1        |           | 1         |       | 33     | 42      | 75     | 3                    | 600                      | 250                  |           |
| Pleasant Grove  | L. A. Wilson Zionville     | J R Isaacs Mabel                   | 6                   | 1        | 2         | 6         | 1     | 55     | 90      | 145    | 4                    | 600                      | 300                  |           |
| Pleasant Valley | Wm. Cannon Elk Park        | Jas V Hagie Elk Park               | 8                   | 3        |           | 4         | 1     | 1      | 78      | 96     | 179                  | 3                        | 200                  | 200       |
| Rich Mountain   | L. C. Wilson Sugar Grove   | R L Walls Zionville                | 7                   | 7        |           |           |       | 34     | 44      | 78     | 1                    | 600                      | 300                  |           |
| South Fork      | C. S. Farthing Sweet Water | Will H McGuire Brookside           | 3                   | 6        | 1         | 1         | 1     | 2      | 25      | 81     | 136                  | 1                        | 1000                 | 400       |
| Shulls Mills    | C. S. Farthing Sugar Grove | J M Day Shulls Mills               |                     | 1        |           | 1         | 1     | 15     | 20      | 35     | 3                    | 500                      | 400                  |           |
| Sampson         | N. S. Hampton Bamboo       | E S Harrison Penley                | 5                   | 4        |           | 2         | 1     | 33     | 41      | 74     | 1                    |                          |                      |           |
| Three Forks     | I. C. Miller Stony Fork    | J C Brown Boone                    |                     | 6        | 1         | 5         | 2     | 3      | 47      | 72     | 119                  | 3                        | 500                  | 500       |
| Timb'r'd Ridge  | J. F. Eller Vilas          | Wade L Greene Peoria               | 13                  | 4        |           | 2         |       | 25     | 43      | 68     | 1                    |                          |                      |           |
| Union           | L. A. Wilson Zionville     | A J Greene Mabel                   | 3                   | 4        |           | 4         |       | 1      | 58      | 90     | 148                  | 1                        | 500                  | 400       |
| Willowdale      | S. L. Fox Vilas            | B S Dugger Vilas                   | 8                   | 8        |           |           |       | 1      | 21      | 24     | 45                   | 4                        | 200                  | 250       |
| Zionville       | J. H. Farthing Sweet Water | G C Greer Zionville                | 10                  | 3        | 1         | 16        |       | 69     | 98      | 167    | 1                    |                          |                      |           |
| Zion Hill       | David Greene Whaley        | E F Tester Watauga Falls           | 17                  | 1        | 2         |           |       | 36     | 41      | 77     | 2                    | 800                      |                      |           |

is a subject of no little importance. For no S. S. can be developed and enlarged without efficient superintendents and teachers.

We would recommend the use of the "Sunday School Teacher" of the Southern Bap. Con., and the "Training Course" offered by the S.S. Bd. or the Southern Baptist Convention.

We would recommend that such statistics be submitted to the association as will show what percent. of the S.S. enrollment are members of the church. We would further recommend that such a spirit of liberality be encouraged in the S. S. and that such information be given on the different departments of our work especially the Orphanage and Sunday-school Missions that the Sunday School may be what it stands for. Respectfully Sub.

L. C. Wilson.

Bro. Wilson spoke to the report in general. Geo. Roten spoke of the necessity of trained teachers in the Sunday-schools.

D. J. Farthing spoke along same lines.

C. S. Farthing reports that the Com. appointed to employ a Colporteur has made no appointment.

L. C. Wilson moved to appoint C. S. Farthing Colporteur this year.

A motion prevailed that the asso. adjourn to one o'clock to hear a sermon by J. J. L. Sherwood. "Amazing Grace" was sung.

After having led in prayer, Bro. Sherwood read from 2d Tim. 3rd C. seven verses of same. Text: John 12:32. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

At the close of the sermon prayer by John Crisp. All hail the power of Jesus' name was sung by request, the congregation standing. A collection for Old Ministers' Relief was taken amounting to \$6.26. Benediction by L. C. Wilson.

#### EVENING SESSION,—Last Day.

The Clerk read for the Committee the

#### REPORT on FINANCE.

We your Committee on Finance submit the following:

Received for

|                       |       |          |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|
| Minutes and Clerk     | - - - | \$29.74. |
| Orphanage             | - - - | 59.68.   |
| Foreign Missions      | - - - | 26.93.   |
| Home "                | - - - | 6.46.    |
| State "               | - - - | 12.18.   |
| Old Ministers' Relief | - - - | 3.30.    |

Total, \$138.29.

D. C. Mast, G. C. Greer, Com.

D. F. Horton presents his

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

|                                                           |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Balance in Treas. for Orphanage, Thomasville Sep. 1, '10, | \$ 1.95 |
| Received for Orphanage                                    | 122.77  |
| " State Board                                             | 52.65   |
| " Gospel Missions, T. L. Blalock,                         | 165.25  |
| Balance in Treasury for " Sept 1, 1910,                   | 2.15    |
| Incidentals in Treasury                                   | 1.45    |
| Received from Minute fund                                 | 27.98   |
| " " Colporteur                                            | 55.89   |

#### [Tres. report con.] DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| To Baptist Orphanage Thomasville   | 119.92 |
| To Walters Durham:                 |        |
| Foreign Missions                   | 29.29  |
| State Missions                     | 13.50  |
| Home Missions                      | 5.85   |
| Old Ministers' Relief Fund         | 4.01   |
| Gospel Missions, T. L. Blalock,    | 158.36 |
| Will H. McGuire Printing Minutes   | 20.48  |
| Smith Hagaman Clerk of Association | 7.50   |
| Treasurer for Postage              | 1.28   |
| Balance in Treasury                | 69.90  |

Total, \$430.09 \$430.09

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. Horton,

Treas. Three Forks Asso.

L. W. Farthing moved that D. F. Horton be continued as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Correspondents to visit sister associations report as having visited as follows: L. C. Wilson visited Holston asso; J. F. Eller, C. S. Farthing, and Wm. Elrod, visited the Stony Fork; John Norris the Mitchell County; and Lewis W. Farthing the Watauga.

E. R. Eggers read the report of Committee on

#### CORRESPONDENTS.

To Stony Fork Asso: Whitfield Farthing, C. S. Farthing.

" Ashe: J. F. Eller, G. W. Trivett, John Norris.

" Caldwell County: A. J. Shull, Wm. Elrod.

" Watauga: W. S. Farthing, J. H. Farthing, L. C. Wilson.

" Mitchell County: D. A. Greene, Wm. Cannon.

" Southern Bap. Con.: W. S. Farthing, A. J. Greene.

" Bap. State Con: Smith Hagaman, J. C. Horton, L. C. Wilson.

I. J. McGinnis, E. R. Eggers, Com.

The following Resolution is adopted:

#### RESOLUTION.

Resolved: That this association extend its most sincere thanks to this church and community at large for the most excellent way in which they have entertained this association.

A. J. Shull read the Report of Com. on  
TIME, PLACE, and PREACHER.

The next session of our association will meet with South Fork church Tuesday after 4th Sunday in August 1912; J. J. L. Sherwood to preach the Annual Sermon, L. C. Wilson alternate.

The Mod. announced Committees for next session, which appears in another place in the minutes.

A motion prevailed that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he be allowed \$7.50 for his services. J. H. Farthing moved that the association do now adjourn.

John Crisp conducted the closing exercises, reading the 116th Ps.

How firm a foundation was sung, while the parting hand was extended by the messengers and congregation in general.

Benediction By J. J. L. Sherwood.

W. S. FARTHING, Mod.

SMITH HAGAMAN, Clerk.

| FINANCIAL TABLE. | Minute Fund. | Pastor's Salary. | Building & Repairs | Incident-als. | Poor. | State Missions. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Orphan-age. | Old Minis-ters' Relief | Other Objects. |
|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Antioch          | 1.50         | 50.00            |                    | 12.00         |       |                 |                |                   | 5.00        |                        |                |
| Bethel           | 1.50         | 54.50            |                    | 2.15          |       | 10.00           | 10.00          |                   | 11.00       | 4.35                   | 36.98          |
| Beaver Dam       | .75          | 80.25            | 11.00              | 2.00          |       |                 |                | 80.90             | 12.80       | 4.13                   | 14.50          |
| Bethany          | .40          | 27.40            |                    |               |       | 1.00            | 1.00           | 1.51              | 1.50        |                        |                |
| Beech Mtn.       | 1.35         | 40.70            |                    |               |       |                 |                |                   | 4.00        |                        | 26.00          |
| Boone            | 1.25         | 100.00           |                    | 2.64          |       | 12.31           | 1.74           | 6.81              | 1.83        |                        | 5.40           |
| Blowing Rock     | 1.00         | 75.00            |                    |               |       |                 |                |                   |             |                        |                |
| Brushy Fork      | 1.45         | 61.00            |                    | 18.00         | 30.00 |                 |                | 5.20              | 4.73        |                        |                |
| Cove Creek       | 1.00         | 100.00           |                    |               | 9.00  | 6.50            | 2.00           | 27.00             | 19.75       | 1.00                   | 1.00           |
| Cool Springs     | 1.25         | 25.00            | 35.00              |               |       |                 |                | 1.00              |             |                        |                |
| Clarks Creek     | .50          | 17.00            |                    |               | 1.14  |                 |                |                   | 2.55        |                        | 4.63           |
| Elk Valley       | 1.00         | 45.12            | 68.00              |               | 25.00 |                 |                |                   | 2.56        |                        | 14.00          |
| Fall Creek       | .45          | 23.30            |                    | 4.25          |       |                 |                | 1.17              | 3.95        |                        |                |
| Forest Grove     | 1.35         | 65.00            |                    | 9.20          | 4.30  | 1.00            | 2.00           | 11.14             | 4.44        | 2.11                   | 43.41          |
| Flat Springs     | .50          | 18.25            |                    |               |       |                 |                | 1.00              | 2.00        |                        |                |
| Gap Creek        | 1.00         | 25.34            |                    |               |       |                 |                | 2.15              | 2.15        |                        | 9.75           |
| Howards Creek    | .50          |                  |                    |               |       |                 |                |                   |             |                        |                |
| Laurel Springs   | 1.71         | 79.43            | 16.10              | 12.00         | 1.50  | 1.00            |                | 4.55              | 3.60        |                        |                |
| Meat Camp        | 1.15         | 40.02            | 20.00              |               |       | 1.92            |                | 1.40              | 2.72        | 1.82                   |                |
| Mt Calvary       | .75          | 53.35            |                    |               |       |                 |                | 3.64              | 5.80        | 3.30                   |                |
| Mt Gillead       | .50          | 50.00            | 50.00              |               |       |                 | 1.37           | 1.00              | 5.00        |                        | 13.00          |
| Mt Lebanon       | .75          | 25.85            |                    |               |       |                 |                |                   | 1.25        |                        |                |

|                 |      |                                        |        |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|-----------------|------|----------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Middle Fork     | 1.46 | 41.20                                  |        |       |       |      |      | 1.95 | 5.00 |      |       |
| Pleasant Grove  | 1.05 | 61.73                                  | 49.00  | 11.00 |       | 2.90 |      | 3.92 | 6.16 |      |       |
| Pleasant Valley | 1.00 | 78.86                                  |        |       |       |      |      | 1.55 | 6.00 |      | 5.50  |
| Rich Mountain   | .70  | 40.10                                  |        |       |       | 3.00 |      | 2.00 | 2.53 | 1.00 |       |
| South Fork      | .45  | 40.00                                  |        |       |       |      |      | 2.50 | 3.67 |      |       |
| Shulls Mills    | .55  | 20.00                                  |        |       |       |      |      |      | 3.00 |      | 5.00  |
| Sampson         | .50  | 6.85                                   |        |       | 7.00  |      |      |      |      |      |       |
| Three Forks     | 1.10 | 72.00                                  | 8.00   |       |       | 5.26 | 4.09 | 9.54 | 5.05 |      | 7.00  |
| Timb'r'd Ridge  | .80  | 51.60                                  | 171.43 | .95   |       |      |      | 5.84 | 4.94 |      | 22.59 |
| Union           | .75  | 41.61                                  |        | 8.00  |       | .55  |      | 1.40 | 1.61 | .40  |       |
| Willowdale      | .50  | 28.54                                  | 55.00  | 3.00  | 13.00 |      |      |      |      |      |       |
| Zionville       | .70  | 55.00                                  |        |       |       |      |      | 6.50 | 7.05 |      | 27.00 |
| Zion Hill       | .50  | 4.50                                   |        |       |       |      |      |      | .35  |      |       |
| Elk Park        | .70  | (Does not belong to this association.) |        |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |       |

## Roll of Messengers.

Antioch—L W Farthing.  
 Bethel—Lewis W Farthing W S Farthing.  
 Beaver Dam—Lee Swift G P Sherrill.  
 Bethany—L M Farthing L J Mikeal J L Triplet.  
 Beech Mountain—J M Storie Henry McGuire J R Church.  
 Boone—Geo P Hagaman J W Farthing A L Cook.  
 Blowing Rock—J D Brown.  
 Cove Creek—John McBride D C Mast.  
 Cool Springs—Letter. No Messengers.  
 Brushy Fork—Letter. No Messengers.  
 Clarks Creek—L A Laurence H M Byrd Joel Eggers.  
 Elk Knob—Not represented.  
 Elk Valley—A M Johnson H R Fulk John Blair.  
 Fall Creek—W B Norris.  
 Forest Grove—Smith Hagaman Millard Hagaman E R Eggers.  
 Flat Springs—G T Greene Thuel Greene.  
 Gap Creek—Letter. No messengers.  
 Howards Creek—E J Norris.  
 Laurel Springs—Ira Brown.  
 Meat Camp—H S Jones.  
 Mt Calvary—T H West R T Shoemaker J C Chapel.  
 Mt Gillead—W M Phillips G W Younce.  
 Mt Lebanon—Letter. No messengers.  
 Middle Fork—Wm Elrod A J Shull.  
 Pleasant Grove—Smith Reese J R Isaacs.  
 Pleasant Valley—J L Oaks Jas V Hagie H D Guynn.  
 Rich Mountain—Letter No messengers.  
 South Fork—Will H McGuire.  
 Shulls Mills—J S Reed J M Day J C Shull.  
 Sampson—Letter No messengers.  
 Three Forks—C J Cottrell.  
 Timbered Ridge—W H Eller A J Tester.  
 Union—J F Olliver.  
 Willowdale—J W Blair.  
 Zionville—Geo Roten I G Greer G C Greer.  
 Zion Hill—E T Presnell E F Tester.

## Committees for Session 1912.

Foreign Missions, J. H. Farthing, W. Y. Perry, G. P. Hagamar.  
 Home Missions, Geo. Roten, G. C. Greer, J. H. Mast.  
 State Missions, L. C. Wilson, W. H. Eller, Chas. Mast.  
 Education, John McBride, I. G. Greer, A. J. Greene.  
 Pastoral Support, J. W. Farthing, Wm. Elrod, J. C. Brown.  
 Temperance, J. F. Eller, Millard Hagaman, G. P. Sherrill.  
 Sunday Schools, J. M. Payne, L. M. Trivett, J. W. Blair.  
 Bap. Orphanage, Will H. McGuire, W. N. Howell, L. A. Greene  
 Old Min Relief, L. W. Farthing, W. H. Farthing, W. L. Greene  
 State of Churches, Geo. W. Trivett, E. M. Greer, W. J. Farthing  
 Books & Periodicals, J. L. Sherwood, D. F. Horton, L. A. Wilson.  
 Resolutions, John Norris, Whitfield Farthing, E. J. Norris.  
 Order of Business, D. D. Dougherty, Smith Hagaman.

## OFFICERS of the ASSOCIATION.

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| W. S. Farthing Moderator,  | Sweet Water, N. C. |
| Smith Hagaman Clerk,       | Vilas, "           |
| J. C. Horton Historian,    | Boone, "           |
| C. S. Farthing Colporteur, | Sugar Grove, "     |

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

J. C. Horton, Smith Hagaman, J. H. Mast, L. N. Perkins,  
 W. C. Coffey.

## MEMBER S. S. BOARD:

W. S. Farthing, Sweet Water, N. C.

## Ordained Ministers:

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ✓ G W Trivett, Sugar Grove, N. C. | ✓ W Trivett, Dark Ridge, N. C. |
| ✓ John Crisp, Lenoir,             | ✓ J H Farthing, Sweet Water "  |
| ✓ I J McGinnis, Vilas.            | ✓ C S Farthing, Sugar Grove, " |
| ✓ J M Payne, Blowing Rock         | ✓ J L Sherwood, Vilas          |
| ✓ W M Cannon, Elk Park,           | ✓ J F Eller, Vilas,            |
| ✓ W H Mikeal, Sutherland,         | ✓ D A Greene, Whaley,          |
| ✓ Asa Brown, Riverside,           | ✓ John Norris, Sweet Water,    |
| ✓ L A Wilson, Zionville,          | ✓ L C Wilson, Sugar Grove,     |
| ✓ G Hagaman, Vilas                | ✓ E M Gragg, Boone,            |

## Sunday School Table.

| CHURCH          | SUPT. & P. O.                |       | Officers and Teachers. | Scholars. | Quarterlies & Papers Taken. | Mos kept open | Average Attendance | No Baptisms From S. S. | Contributions to Orphanage | S. S. Expenses. | Volumes in Library. |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Antioch         | W J Farthing, St Jude,       | N. C. | 6                      | 60        |                             | 6             | 50                 |                        |                            |                 |                     |
| Bethel          | J K Perry Gugar Grove        | "     | 7                      | 85        | 65                          | 12            | 47                 | 6                      |                            | 6.90            |                     |
| Beaver Dam      | Lee Swift Reese              | "     | 8                      | 70        | 1200                        | 12            | 73                 | 8                      |                            | 5.00            | 40                  |
| Bethany         | L M Farthing Hackett         |       | 6                      | 40        | 60                          | 6             | 31                 | 5                      |                            | 4.00            |                     |
| Beech Mtn.      | T F Cook Sr Whaley           |       | 9                      | 75        | 50                          | 9             | 50                 |                        |                            | 2.87            |                     |
| Boone           | D D Dougherty Boone          |       | 6                      | 80        | 100                         | 12            | 44                 | 13                     | 19.06                      | 24.00           | 50                  |
| Blowing Rock    | Hermon S Deal Blowing Rock   |       | 11                     | 123       | 477                         | 12            |                    |                        |                            | 73.58           |                     |
| Brushy Fork     | L M Trivett Vilas            |       | 5                      | 70        |                             | 12            | 40                 |                        |                            | 6.00            |                     |
| Cove Creek      | D C Mast Sugar Grove         |       | 11                     | 70        | 100                         | 12            | 48                 | 12                     |                            | 10.61           |                     |
| Cool Springs    | J M Pearson Blowing Rock     |       | 5                      | 40        | 50                          | 6             | 40                 |                        | 2.03                       | 3.00            |                     |
| Clarks Creek    | G W Byrd Banners Elk         |       | 5                      | 30        | 35                          | 6             | 20                 | 6                      |                            | 65              |                     |
| Elk Valley      | J C Blair Hale               |       | 7                      | 62        | 66                          | 9             | 48                 |                        |                            | 5.04            |                     |
| Fall Creek      | T B Gryder Dark Ridge        |       | 6                      | 31        | 13                          | 6             | 26                 |                        |                            | .80             |                     |
| Forest Grove    | A G Storie Vilas             | "     | 8                      | 115       | 82                          | 12            | 70                 | 12                     | 9.31                       | 10.40           |                     |
| Flat Springs    | J L Greene Whaley            |       | 5                      | 35        |                             | 6             | 30                 |                        |                            | 2.00            |                     |
| Gap Creek       | A R Yates Hopkins            |       | 5                      | 72        | 120                         | 6             | 26                 |                        |                            | 2.23            |                     |
| Howards Creek   | E J Norris Sands             |       | 4                      | 26        | 34                          | 6             | 15                 |                        |                            |                 |                     |
| Laurel Springs  | J F Salmons Boone            |       | 6                      | 66        | 50                          | 12            | 35                 | 6                      |                            | 6.00            |                     |
| Meat Camp       | T J Tugman Sands             |       | 7                      | 69        | 68                          | 12            | 37                 |                        |                            |                 |                     |
| Mt Calvary      | C L Shoemaker Balm           |       | 6                      | 50        | 60                          | 12            | 40                 |                        |                            |                 |                     |
| Mt Gillead      | G W Younce Beech Creek       |       | 5                      | 60        | 150                         | 6             | 40                 |                        |                            | 3.00            |                     |
| Mt Lebanon      | H M Bumgarner Vilas          |       | 4                      | 60        | 60                          | 12            | 35                 |                        |                            | 1.25            |                     |
| Middle Fork     | Wm Elrod Blowing Rock        | "     | 6                      | 55        |                             | 12            | 36                 |                        |                            | 5.52            |                     |
| Pleasant Grove  | E H Perry Zionville          |       | 9                      | 100       | 356                         | 12            | 69                 | 6                      |                            | 4.76            |                     |
| Pleasant Valley | James Hodges Elk Park        |       | 4                      | 40        | 110                         | 6             | 45                 |                        |                            | 5.00            |                     |
| Rich Mountain   | A B Greene Zionville         |       | 5                      | 75        | 32                          | 12            | 50                 | 6                      |                            | 3.20            |                     |
| South Fork      | I E Duncan Todd              |       | 11                     | 100       | 87                          | 6             | 73                 |                        |                            | 3.00            |                     |
| Shulls Mills    | Thomas Childers Shulls Mills |       | 6                      | 47        | 56                          | 6             | 38                 |                        | .60                        | 1.37            |                     |
| Sampson         | J L Hawkins Penley           |       | 6                      | 67        | 12                          | 9             |                    |                        |                            | .40             |                     |
| Three Forks     | L N Perkins Boone            |       | 6                      | 30        |                             | 6             |                    |                        | 7.50                       | 5.00            | 50                  |
| Timb'r'd Ridge  | Carrol Greene Peoria         |       | 7                      | 68        | 73                          | 12            | 64                 |                        |                            | 5.00            | 118                 |
| Union           | A J Greene Mabel             |       | 9                      | 100       | 75                          | 12            | 57                 | 2                      | .66                        | 5.11            |                     |
| Willowdale      | J W Blair Vilas              |       | 7                      | 91        | 95                          | 12            | 57                 |                        |                            | 11.20           |                     |
| Zionville       | Geo Roten Zionville          |       | 8                      | 80        | 77                          | 12            | 60                 | 2                      |                            | 6.40            | 60                  |
| Zion Hill       | E F Tester Watauga Falls     |       | 5                      | 50        |                             | 6             | 35                 | 7                      |                            |                 |                     |

