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# Proceedings of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

Champion, N. C., August 23, 1911.

The Brushy Mountain Association met in its Thirty-eight Annual session with the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.

The devotional exercises consisted of singing by the choir and prayer by O. L. Hawkins of Harmony Baptist Church.

The introductory sermon was preached by L. B. Murray of the Surry Association and pastor of Mount Pleasant church, Text: Rev. 22; 12, And, behold, I come quickly: and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

## Thursday—Afternoon Session.

C. C. Wright Moderator of the 1911 session, called the association to order. The devotional exercises consisted of singing by the choir, and prayer by C. F. Fields of the Surry Association.

The clerk of 1910 session being absent, W. H. Church was asked to act as clerk protem.

The roll of churches was called and the following represented by delegates with letters, Beaver Creek, Edgewood, Harmony, Lewis Fork, Moravian Falls, Mt. Carmel, Mt Pleasant, New Hope, First North Wilkesboro, Pilgrim, Shady Grove, Stony Hill, Walnut Grove, Wilkesboro, Zion Hill,

On motion of W. C. Meadows the clerk was instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for C. C. Wright for Moderator.

On motion of B. Huffman W. H. Church was elected clerk for the ensuing year, by acclamation.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Order of Business, W. C. Meadows, J. W. Burchett, and W. F. Carlton, Devotional Exercises, the pastor and delegates of Mt. Pleasant Church.

After a song by the choir, the committee on devotional exercises, submitted the following report for Friday, which was accepted: C. F. Fields to conduct the exercises at 9:30 and W. R. Beach to preach at 11.

The following visitors were recognized and welcomed: Archibald Johnson of the Thomasville Orphanage, E. L. Middleton Sunday School Field Secretary for N. C., W. R. Beach of Cary N. C. and representing the Biblical Recorder, of Raleigh, C. F. Fields of the Surry Associ-



ation, J. F. McNeill of the Brier Creek Association, L. B. Murray of the Surry Association and pastor of Mt. Pleasant Church.

The Committee on Order of Business made the following report which was adopted;

Thursday Afternoon: Report on the Recorder, and Sunday Schools.

**Friday,**

9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises  
10:00 a. m.—State Missions.  
11:30 a. m.—Sermon.  
12:30 p. m.—Adjournment,  
1:30 p. m.—Orphanage.  
2:30 p. m.—Relation of Pastor and Church.  
3:30 p. m.—Temperance.

**Saturday.**

9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.  
10:00 a. m.—Home Missions.  
10:30 a. m.—Aged Ministers.  
11:00 a. m.—Sermon.  
12:15 p. m.—Adjournment.  
1:30 p. m.—Foreign Missions.  
2:30 p. m.—Ministerial Education.  
3:00 p. m.—Treasurer's Report.  
3:15 p. m.—Obituararies.  
3:30 p. m.—Miscellaneous.

The Moderator Announced the following Committees:

Recorder—J. W. Burchett, W. R. Beach, H. J. Steelman.  
State Missions—A. T. Pardew, E. L. Middleton, John Moore.  
Home Mission—M. McNeill, D. F. Shepherd, J. W. Garvey.  
Foreign Mission—L. B. Padgett, D. S. Hubbell, C. C. Gambill.  
Sunday Schools,—E. L. Middleton T. M. Hawkins, A. S. Eller.  
Orphanage—A. Johnson, J. W. Burchett, W. C. Meadows.  
Temperance—W. C. Meadows, J. W. Burchett, F. G. Holman.  
Resolutions—W. C. Meadows, J. W. Burchett, F. G. Holman.  
Time and Place—W. F. Carlton, S. E. Absher, W. O. Barnett.  
Education—C. F. Fields, O. L. Hawkins, U. G. Foster.  
Ministerial Relief—L. B. Murray, W. F. Carlton, A. L. Foster.  
Executive Committee—W. C. Meadows, M. McNeill, A. T. Pardew, L. B. Padgett, J. W. Burchett, W. F. Carlton, J. T. Nichols, S. D. Barns, J. W. Church, and O. L. Hawkins.  
Obituararies—W. F. Carlton, W. R. Beach, R. L. Proffitt.

The report on the Biblical Recorder was read by W. R. Beach for the committee:

**REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.**

For more than seventy-six years the Biblical Recorder has been helping the Baptists of North Carolina in all the departments of their church, and no small part of the progress we have made is due to the faithful way in which it has fulfilled the purpose of those who founded it.

It had its beginning in the day of small things and has grown all the while in usefulness and efficiency.

The pastors especially need it, that they may keep the best interests of the kingdom before their people.

Every Baptist needs it in order that he may be the most efficient worker possible in the Master's cause.

J. W. BURCHETT,  
H. J. STEELMAN,  
W. R. BEACH.  
Committee.

After an address by W. R. Beach and appropriate remarks by J. W. Burchett, W. C. Meadows, C. F. Fields, and R. P. Blevins, the report was adopted.

The Report on Sunday Schools was read by E. L. Middleton.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.**

Sunday School work among Baptists was never more hopeful. It is far from it ought to be, but there are many reasons for encouragement. In 1905 we had 1,741 churches with 1,290 Sunday-schools with 104,534 pupils. This year we will report about 1,915 churches, nearly 1,900 Sunday-schools, and 175,000 to 180,000 pupils.

About 140 churches have no Sunday-schools, but we have over 100 branch or mission schools. We need at least 150 more schools; about 500 Sunday-schools close for the winter. A vigorous effort ought to be made to keep these open next winter.

The training of officers and teachers is our largest task now. About 1,800 have completed the Convention Normal Manual or are now studying it. About 1,000 will be enrolled in this year's Institutes and Training Schools taking part, orally, of the Lecture Course. This work will be pressed vigorously. September will be used by our Baptist Sunday School Board in a campaign for Teacher-Training. We ought to enroll 1,000 at least during that month.

There is great need for the enlargement of our Institute work so as to reach all places desiring this training.

We ought to press the work in our own bounds earnestly and intelligently.

To do this we ought to have some definite plans. We recommend the following as a plan for next year:—

1—Let us see that there is a Sunday-school in every church, and at such mission points as need Sunday-schools.



Rev. D. S. Hubbell of the Surry Association and Pastor of the Baptist Church at Elkin, was recognized and welcomed to a seat in our body.

The special committee on the Woman's work, submitted the following report which was accepted.

Your Committee on Woman's Work—Would commend this work to all our churches. Also commend their agent as she may visit the churches to your approval and support as they may deem expedient.

We recommend that the Pastors take the matter up at their first opportunity and report to Mrs. J. W. Garvey at Wilkesboro, N. C.,

W. C. MEADOWS,  
J. W. BURCHETT,  
C. F. FIELDS,  
Committee.

The Report of the Orphanage was read by Archibald Johnson.

#### Orphanage Report

We, your committee on the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, beg leave to submit the following report: This institution which was founded 26 years ago is today and has been all these years sheltering the unfortunates within its walls. Year by year the equipment has been improved thereby enabling the management to do more effective work. Here we find not only a home for the homeless but we find, in addition to this a most admirable school comprising grades up to and including the ninth, and doing the work of one of our secondary State High Schools. It is very gratifying indeed to go through this school and to see the work accomplished, and, better than all, this school gives not only a literary education so far as its curriculum extends but it cultivates the heart and the hand as well as the head. The children go to school half the day and work the other half. A touch of nature study is given in the cultivation of flowers and plants. Music is taught, together with fancy needle work, drawing etc. In numberless ways the finer tastes of the children are cultivated and developed. The new Technical Building furnishes an opportunity for boys to learn a trade and to become useful citizens in after life.

The number of children here is approximately 400, and over 1200 have been cared for here during the life of the institution. The average cost of maintenance is \$100.00 per day. New appeals by needy applicants are received almost daily and quite a number of worthy applicants have been turned down for want of room. The pressing needs of the Orphanage are many. Each of the ten homes, at present are crowded and more dormitories are needed, the school building is inadequate and but few of the class rooms suited for the work. An assembly room is badly needed and should be built at once where the children may be gathered together for public services. It is well known, of course, that the

support of the orphans comes from the voluntary contributions of the churches, Sunday Schools and individuals. In order to meet the demand for current expenses it is necessary for our churches and Sunday Schools to take regular collections for this purpose. Let Thanksgiving Day be observed in all our churches and a collection taken. We also recommend that a club of Charity and Children be taken in every Sunday School and paid for out of the monthly collection.

Giving to the Orphans is one of the greatest privileges God has bestowed upon us and we do most earnestly request the pastors of the churches composing the Brushy Mountain Association to see to it that a more systematic method of giving be inaugurated during the coming year. We feel that a great responsibility rests upon the ministers of this body and upon the Sunday School Superintendents within our borders, and we believe that God will call us to account for the neglect of any opportunity to render aid to these little ones. "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of these little ones you have done it unto me!"

Could the Baptists of our churches in this body visit the orphanage and see it as it really is, see the great work that is being done by that devoted band of men and women into whose hand has been committed the care of these little ones, could they but see this work and realize what it means for the future, not only for time but for eternity as well, how many—for whom the door of hope seemed almost shut—were being transformed into intelligent boys and girls with the bright promise of noble, beautiful manhood and womanhood upon them, could they but see what all this means for the future citizenship and development of our people, surely our hearts and purses would be opened as never before. May God grant to our people a broader and greater vision of their duties and responsibilities, and may He continue to bless and direct the work of the Orphanage in the future as we feel that He has done in the past.

ARCHIBALD JOHNSON,  
W. C. MEADOWS,  
J. W. BURCHETT,  
Committee.

After a motion to adopt the report C. C. Wright gave the following description of the Orphanage.

Brother Moderator, Ladies and Gentlemen:—

It was my pleasure a short time ago to visit for the first time the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage. This institution is located about one mile from the depot at Thomasville and south of the railroad, the grounds extending to the right of way of the Southern R. R. Company.

The situation is a most ideal one. The grounds, containing 20 acres, sloping gently southward with a depression near the center containing a bold spring from which issues a bountiful supply of water. Here we find a commodious well kept spring house, with cement floors, screens doors, etc. The churning is done here in machines and the milk is



kept good and cold for the table. From this depression running through the grounds rises on each side beautiful grass covered slopes shaded by majestic oaks, hickory and various other trees. Over these grounds are nice driveways and walks bordered with shrubbery and flowers so tastefully arranged that it would do credit to any landscape gardener. Here we find two fountains containing gold-fish and water lilies. On the calm summer afternoon when the writer first beheld this scene it presented a picture never to be forgotten. The glad birds flitting from tree to tree caroling "songs without words," the gentle breezes wafting the innocent laughter of the children in the distance at play, the wonderfully sweet peace hovering over it all was indeed a vision of surpassing beauty.

The slope on the right as you enter the grounds contains the homes for the boys of the institution while that on the left accommodates the girls. These being housed in the Mitchell Building, the Fleming Nursery, the Biggs Building, the Aydlette Building, and the Whitty Building. The boys are cared for in the Simmons' Nursery, the Durham Building, the Chowan Building, the Mother's Building, and the Watson Building. These are all commodious brick structures and, by the way, are all filled to overflowing. The homes take their names from the donors, private individuals, associations, etc. Besides the buildings mentioned are the Mills' Memorial Building, the Woman's Building, the Infirmary, the Faircloth Building-Dining Hall,—the Central Building, the Central School Building, the Noah Richardson Library, and the Industrial Building. These also are substantial brick structures, the latter having just been completed at a cost of about eight or nine thousand dollars. Among other buildings are three residences, the laundry, etc. The first named of these, the Mills' Memorial Building, is now the home of "Charity and Children," our orphanage paper, with a circulation of something like 15000 copies weekly and edited by Mr. Archibald Johnson who is easily one of the foremost editors of the State. This shop is an up-to-date printing office, two new job presses and other improvements have been recently added. Ten boys are now learning the trade, six of them working in the forenoon and four in the afternoon. The next, the Infirmary Building, is the largest, finest and costliest building on the grounds. It is called the Woman's Building because it was paid for principally by the women of North Carolina. This house cost \$12000.00 and is a model of its kind. It is equipped with every appliance to be found in the most modern hospitals, it is steamheated, has electric lights, is dust proof, and has a dental room which has been fitted up with modern equipment. In this building is an operating room, sun parlors, etc.

One of the most interesting sights to be seen at the orphanage is at the Dining Hall. At the tap of the bell, just before meal time, the children form and march two and two entering the hall by three doors. When all are in at a signal grace is sung by the children then all are seated and the meal is eaten. The larger boys and girls eating together, conversation being unrestricted. When the meal is over the children, with the matrons, march back to their respective homes. There were

flowers on the table and an abundance of good wholesome food well prepared.

The school building is well equipped, the curriculum has been enlarged to include the 9th grade. The course of study and the work done here will compare favorably with that of any graded or State High School of like grades in North Carolina. The Superintendent is Miss Hattie Edwards, late of the faculty of the North Wilkesboro Graded School. The kindergarten work, drawing, and nature study deserve especial

The Central Sewing Building is a veritable bee hive of industry. Here all the clothing for the entire orphanage is made and kept in repair. We saw some boy's clothing that in style and workmanship compare favorably with that found up town in the clothing stores. The large room was filled with sewing machines and operatives at work, these place their names on the finished product and seeming to vie with each other in neatness and dispatch.

No less interesting is a visit to the laundry where we find quite a number of the larger girls busily engaged in looking after the washing machines, electric irons, steam fans for drying, ect. Between four and five thousand pieces go to the laundry each week.

The Technical Building contains a well equipped shoe shop and is to be used as a manual training school. Here we find elevators, electric lights, electric fans, dynamos, planing machines, etc. It is interesting to see the hundreds of shoes repaired here arranged in shelves named for the different buildings of which the children are the inmates. About 800 pairs of shoes are made here each year.

A visit to the barns is also worthy of mention. Here we find a silo with a capacity of 110 tons of ensilage. We find, too, a herd of between 30 and 40 cattle, mostly Holstein, which are regularly tested for tuberculosis by the State Veterinarian. The barns were remarkably free from flies, a preparation for the extermination of these pests being regularly used on the premises.

It is very interesting to see the milking which is done by the boys each one weighing the milk and keeping a record of it. In the barns and adjoining buildings are to be found all the modern implements ordinarily used in farming, drills, mowers, reapers, binders, etc.

Not only are the head and heart here trained and cultivated but the hands as well, and hundreds of young men are destined to go from this institution in the days to come to transform and to bless the communities where they may decide to cast their lots.

The trucking interest here is one of no little magnitude there being over 1800 bushels of sweet potatoes raised on the orphanage farm last year.

About 150 acres of the large farm are in a high state of cultivation, several acres of it having been recently tilled. An artesian well about 800 feet deep now supplies the institution with most excellent water, the large tank holding several thousand gallons and the capacity being several hundred gallons per hour.



On a little knoll just south of the institution in a beautiful grove are 40 little mounds where sleep in quiet peacefulness and rest the little ones who have been called up higher. Tender and loving hands here placed them to await in peace, away from the world's turmoil and strife, the archangel's trump on the last great day.

In conclusion I desire to say to you that the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, your institution, the greatest in the whole South save one in the State of Texas, is all that could be desired. Here are approximately 400 children looked after and cared for by 25 women and 7 men who are giving their whole time to the work. Everything that loving friends of this institution can do is being done for these fatherless and motherless little ones, that their lives may be happy and pleasant. Little parties and receptions are given for them where they sing, recite and mingle in play. They have ball grounds, croquet sets, swings, marbles, tops, dolls, and have the perfect freedom of the grounds. The spirit of optimism is everywhere prevalent and joy and gladness abound on all sides. If ever in your thoughts you have dreamed that the Orphanage was a place to weep over and was sad and lonely, then a visit here would speedily convince you of your error. You are reminded of that beautiful city of the prophet's vision filled with boys and girls playing in the streets thereof, and, standing on this lovely spot, you can truly say with James William Lynch "that never was my thought so pure, my heart so tender, and my feelings so holy as when I saw for the first time the hollowed spot where the dropped stitches of vanished hands are being woven again in the loom of love."

Archibald Johnson delivered a most enthusiastic address on the orphanage, and pledges were taken amounting to \$277.00 and the report was adopted.

The report of Mrs. J. W. Garvey, Vice President of the Woman's Mission Society for the Brushy Mountain Association, was read by C. C. Wright.

On motion of W. C. Meadows the report was ordered printed in the Association minutes.

#### Report of Woman's Work.

Our work for the past year has made rather slow progress but we do not feel discouraged because we know that our slowness of development is not due to indifference or opposition of our Baptist women, but because of lack of a leader who can go out among the people and introduce our work and impress our women with the glorious privilege they have, of training both themselves and the coming generation for more efficient service in the noble work of saving the world for Christ.

All the Nations of the earth are begging as never before for some one to tell them of the true religion. Children for whom Christ died cry out for the bread of life and are heeded not because we do not hear their cry.

It is said that if we as Christians keep our pledges to tell the world of Jesus in this generation each Christian must be responsible for sending the gospel to two hundred souls.

In our own land only two in nine profess Christianity and there are fifty temples in the U. S. where heathen idols are worshiped.

What a task is ours, and yet many of our people drift along idle and indifferent in the Lord's work.

And why—Our people are faithful and loyal christians, they love Christ and believe in the Bible, but they do not know the need of a dying world.

They do not give because they are not instructed and are not interested because they are not informed. Read and you will know, know and you will love; love and you will serve.

To interest and educate our mothers and young people along mission-lines, is the work of the Woman's Mission Union. It works only through the churches and in co-operation with the pastors. The money that is raised goes through the churches to our regular convention work, but in addition to the church pledges.

If half dozen women in four churches would give the small amount of two eggs per week it would more than support a Bible Woman in China, who would devote her whole time to teaching the gospel and in a year reach thousands of unsaved souls, who would say that our women would not do this, and much more, if they knew about these things and had some one to lead them.

I am very glad to learn of a young woman in our association who does see the need of this work, and whose heart God has impressed with the desire to give her best effort for some time at least, in trying to do something to disseminate mission knowledge, and create more interest among our people. She is a loyal worker in our Union and because we are so very anxious to see Woman's work prosper in our country churches we pray the association to consider her offer, and if acceptable, the Woman's Missionary Union will be responsible for half the amount of her expenses, from the time she will begin work until Christmas.

We thank the Association as a body for its interest in our work and ask the co-operation—and support of our pastors and laymen in our effort to spread the knowledge of, and increase the love for our organized Southern Baptist work.



FINANCIAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSION UNION.

Brushy Mt. Association, 1910-1911.

	No. Members.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	L. Training School.	Margaret Home.	Expense Fund.	Other Objects.
W. M. S., N. Wilkesboro	33	56.90	14.15	37.72	5.45	2.00	2.00	\$116.22
Y. W. A., N. Wilkesboro	26	7.40	2.00	4.70	1.16	.80	.80	14.90
Sunbeam, N. Wilkesboro								1.96
W. M. S., Wilkesboro	21	25.15		6.00			.85	36.20
Y. W. A., Wilkesboro								1.15
Sunbeam, Wilkesboro—no report.								
W. M. S., Edgewood								1.20
								\$171.63

Letters and postals written, 37.  
Facts and literature distributed, 300.

MRS. J. W. GARVEY,  
Vice-Pres. W. M. U., Brushy Mt. Association.

The proceedings of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The report on Temperance was read by W. C. Meadows.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

We are pleased to note that the cause of Temperance has in the last ten years made a wonderful advance and that public sentiment, which is naturally the support of any law or movement for good, is much remains to be done, in the way of informing and encouraging and securing the full operation of our laws, with some more much needed Legislation which will protect prohibition territory. All christians and lovers of humanity should ever be watching and working in as much stronger for Temperance than it was a few years ago. Yet much as we all know that vigilance is the price of liberty. We could present a solid front aganst the liquor business at every turn, and in everyway, and in every way do all we can to maintain and increase public sentiment in favor of Temperance.

W. C. MEADOWS,  
R. P. BLEVINS,  
H. J. STEELMAN,  
Committee.

After a motion to adopt the report it was discussed by, W. C. Meadows R. P. Blevins, C. F. Fields H. J. Steelman, W. R. Beach, D. S. Hubbel, C. C. Gambill, J. W. Burchett, L. B. Padgett, T. B. Fairchild, T. S. Sumrelin and C. C. Wright, and the report adopted.

The committee on devotional exercises made the following report which was accepted: J. W. Burchett to conduct the devotional exercises at 9:30 and C. F. Fields to preach at 11, a.m.

After a selection by the choir the association was dismissed with prayer by J. W. Burchett.

Saturday Morning Session.

At 10 a. m. the delegates assembled in the house, and devotional exercises consisted of singing by the choir, Scripture reading by J. W. Burchett, and prayer by R. P. Blevins.

The Moderator called the association to order and prayer was offered by D. S. Hubbell.

The Proceedings of yesterday's session were read and approved. Order of business was taken up and the Home Mission report was read by M. McNeill for the committee.



## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

The work of spreading the Gospel is divided under three heads, First the work of preaching the Gospel in the destitute parts in the State of North Carolina under the supervision of the State Board of Missions; 3, the work of preaching the Gospel to the heathen world which is under the supervision of the Foreign Mission Board located at Richmond, Va., 3, the work of preaching the Gospel in a great many cities and towns and the destitute part of our Southland, and in Cuba, and Panama, which is under the supervision of the Home Mission Board located at Atlanta, Ga.

It is said that the Foreign Mission enterprise is the divine method of giving the Gospel to a lost and perishing world and it is further said that the structure of Foreign Missions rests upon two mighty pillars, the salvation of America and the work of Home Missions, but it is further said that the Salvation of America depends upon the enterprise of Home Missions. If these assertions are true, then the work of Home Missions is second to no other enterprise that should enlist the support of our churches and people. Upon the Home Mission Board press some of the profoundest questions of our times, no matter what direction you look, whether Panama, Cuba, Isles of Pines, The Negro Population, our cities, our farms and villages or our mountains, is seen a mighty work lying out before us. Jesus said unto his disciples "I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest." The field of labor instead of getting smaller is growing larger as our land grows in number, in wealth and in intelligence, the pressure of work becomes the greater. More work needs to be done in our cities and towns, more work among the mountain population, more work in the country. It is said that four great forces are uniting to stop and hinder the progress of the Gospel of Christ; the American Saloon, the Roman Catholic Church, the invasion of Foreign Emigration and perhaps greatest of all, the indifference of our own professed Christians in this day of mad rush and push after the goods of this world.

The divine program of Missions as announced by Jesus after his resurrection and before his ascension took in the whole world, included the lost that were here as well as those that were afar off. He said All power is given unto me in heaven and earth, go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." Mathew, 28, 18, 19. Mark 16, 15. Beginning at Jerusalem, Luke 24, 47. It is said our Jerusalem and Samaria are in the United States. Out of over 90,000,000 population in the United States there are only about 20,000,000 members of the evangelical denominations and of this number something over 5,000,000 are Baptists. The situation in the South is more favorable, but even the South cannot be claimed as a christian country as only thirty one per cent are

members of evangelical churches; six per cent are members of the Roman Catholic Church and sixty three per cent are not members of any church. It is said that the immigrants flock to our shore at the rate of a million a year bringing into this country all the isms to uproot the christian religion. All their isms must be met through the efforts of the Home, State and Foreign Mission Boards. The Southern Baptist must take the lead in saving the lost in our home land. The Home Mission Board last year reported 27,426 Baptisms and 52,910 additions to our churches through the labors of missionaries supported wholly or partly by the Board. It is said no mission board in the world has reported one half as large as this one.

Your committee would earnestly request that the pastors and churches in the Brushy Mountain Association make a greater effort this year to raise more funds to aid the Home Mission Board in the greater work of giving the gospel to our people than ever before.

MILTON MCNEILL,  
J. W. GARVEY,  
D. F. SHEPHERD.

After motion for the adoption of the report, it was discussed by M. McNeill, W. R. Beach, W. C. Meadows, and L. B. Padgett. Pledges were taken amounting to \$92.00 and the report adopted.

J. G. Norris of the Stony Fork Association was recognized and welcomed.

The hour having arrived for preaching, C. F. Fields took charge of the session and preached from Math. 17; 5: "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him!"

After a statement by W. C. Meadows setting forth the condition of Lafayette Summerlain a collection for his relief was taken, amounting to \$8.28.

The delegates from Pleasant Home church having arrived, handed their letter to the clerk, and delegates were enrolled.

The association was adjourned for dinner.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The congregation reassembled in the church, and after a song by the choir, W. C. Meadows led in prayer.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by L. B. Padgett.

## FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

It is now nearly nineteen centuries since the command of our Lord "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" was given



and it is evident that the church has been slow to fulfill her mission. Still much has been accomplished, steady progress is being made and the reports from the field are most encouraging.

It is with gratitude to God that we are able to report marked signs of awakening in some of the fields in which our Missionaries have labored hard and for which we have long prayed. The wonderful transformations taking place in many foreign countries, due to the political, social and religious changes are signals to us to hear again the appeal of the Master to lift up our eyes and look on the fields white already unto the harvest.

Civilized Japan taking its place among the foremost nations of earth. Modern China discarding the old systems and customs. New Egypt, New Turkey and other countries influenced by Western civilization furnish conditions that invite the very best of our young manhood and young womanhood to enter these countries and proclaim the glad tidings of Jesus Christ. There are some unoccupied fields but no closed doors.

About twenty thousand foreign Missionaries and over one hundred thousand native evangelists furnish the force of faithful harvest hands on the whitened fields. With a heathen population numbering one thousand million souls, we may well ask, "What are these among so many."

We sent out last year thirty men missionaries, increasing the present force on the field to 273. These are ably assisted by 531 faithful native helpers. Many of these workers have for years sowed the seed and watered the soil without seeing great results but God is honoring their labors with souls and we with them are believing greater things. 3618 baptisms are reported for the year.

Seven women training schools with 140 students and 9 Theological training schools with 212 students are training more workers. Thousands of patients receive treatment from 15 medical missionaries who not only minister to the needs of the body but offer to them the bread of Life proclaiming the salvation of the soul through Jesus Christ. We have 7 hospitals and 12 dispensaries in which the missionaries assisted by 5 missionary nurses and native helperstreat 40,716 patients.

Through the printing presses the people are furnished with the Bible and millions of pages of religious literature in their own language.

In our treasurer's report for last year we note a gain over the year before. The total receipts were \$510,009.97. This sounds big but considering our membership, our wealth and the pressing needs of work our offerings for missions are too small. A debt of nearly \$100,000 hangs over us. To maintain the work as it now is to say nothing of advancement we will have to raise this year \$600,000. Let us remember the Lord's goodness to us and with the encouraging reports from the field with opportunity written across every continent; with welcome shining through the open doors; and needy hands stretched out for our aid. May all our offerings be increased.

We recommend that the pastors inform their people on Foreign Missions; that they write to the secretary of the Foreign Mission Board for tracts for free distribution; that if possible a Missionary campaign be organized in the association with two or three of our brethren to visit the churches and present the claims of mission work; that the churches adopt some method of systematic giving; that we pray regularly unto the Lord of the harvest that he send for laborers into his harvest.

L. B. PADGETT,  
C. C. GAMBILL,  
D. S. HUBBELL,  
Committee.

After a motion for the adoption of the report L. B. Padgett delivered a most excellent address, and pledges were taken, amounting to \$177.00 for the Board, and \$36.00 for Blaylock.

The Report on Education was read by C. F. Fields.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We are glad to note that the people of North Carolina are aroused as never before on this subject, even in Wilkes County, and our own association are wide awake to the crying needs of the hour. Never before have our people so well attended our public schools as last year which shows a growing interest in Education. Also our Denominational Schools and Colleges are doing better than ever before. At least 25 of our own boys and girls have been attending our schools and colleges preparing themselves for greater usefulness in life.

About 70 of our young men are at Wake Forest College studying for the ministry.

We recommend Mars Hill and Wake Forest Colleges for young men desiring a college education. Oxford Seminary and Meredith College for young Ladies desiring a College education. Also Liberty Piedmont School at Wallburg as a preparatory School.

We insist that our people read good Baptist papers and literature to keep themselves informed along all lines of our work.

C. F. FIELDS,  
O. H. HAWKINS,  
U. G. FOSTER,  
Committee.

After a motion for the adoption of the report it was discussed by C. F. Fields, F. B. Hendren, H. J. Steelman, W. R. Beach, D. S. Hubbell, L. B. Padgett, and C. C. Wright. Pledges were taken amounting to \$34.00 and report adopted.



The committee on resolutions submitted the following which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to this church and community for the most excellent and generous manner in which this association has been entertained.

W. C. MEADOWS,  
J. W. BURCHETT,  
F. G. HOLMAN.  
Committee.

The executive committee submitted the following report which was discussed, by W. C. Meadows, and J. W. Burchett, and the report adopted

The relation existing between Pastor and church is a very close and tender relation, is compared in the Bible to that of the shepherd and the sheep. "Feed the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseer; feed them upon the milk of the Word, the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." He will give his life work and best energies for the good of the church and endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus to save souls and glorify God—but—"no man goeth a warfare at his own charges" or "planteth a vineyard and eateth not of the fruit thereof" if he has ministered to you in spiritual things is it any great matter that he receives of you temporal things? The church owes her pastor a support also a hearty co-operation in all his labors for the good of humanity and the glory of God.

W. C. MEADOWS,  
L. B. PADGETT.

The committee on Obituaries read the following which was accepted:

We your committee on obituaries beg leave to submit the following report.

It becomes our sad duty to chronicle the fact that during the past year our beloved Brother J. S. Forester has passed from his labors on earth to his home above.

Brother J. S. Forester was born March the 15th, 1836 and departed this life January the 2nd, 1911. He joined the Baptist Church at the age of eighteen and lived a consistent christian life till the summons came.

In 1863 he was ordained as minister of the Gospel and during his long life his chief aim seemed to be the welfare of his Master's cause.

We feel that this Association has lost a worthy and efficient member, his church, community, and his county a good and intelligent citizen.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved and recommend them to Him that doeth all things well.

W. F. CARLTON,  
W. R. BEACH,  
R. L. PROFFIT.  
Committee.

The following Report of the Committee on Time and Place was adopted.

We the committee on Time and Place make the following report. We recommend Mount Carmel Church, situated 8 miles South West of North Wilkesboro, for the next session of the Brushy Mountain Association.

Time beginning on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, it being the 22nd day of August, 1912.

The Introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. L. B. Padgett of North Wilkesboro, N. C. Alternate Rev. L. P. Gwaltney of Taylorsville,

W. F. CARLTON,  
S. E. ABSHER,  
W. O. BARNETT.  
Committee.

The Treasurer read his report, which was accepted and is included in the financial table. Several of the churches send their money direct to the different objects.

The committee on devotional exercises state that the regular Sunday School would be conducted at 9:30 and W. R. Beach would preach at 11 a. m.

L. B. Padgett and F. B. Hendren spoke of the Layman's Missionary meeting to be held in North Wilkesboro, on the 22nd and 23rd of September, and insisted on every one attending.

The report on The Aged Ministers Relief was read by W. R. Beach.

#### THE REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The term ministerial relief is applied to the old Ministers and their dear companions who may be left behind. We have entered into the benefits of their labors. Out of appreciation for what they have done in the Master's service in building up the Kingdom in our State we should provide the means to take care of them comfortably while they remain with us.

There are at present thirty one beneficiaries, but there are a number of applications now waiting to be passed upon. Any one to become a beneficiary must have been minister of our State for five years previous to his application.

There is an increasing liberality on the part of our people and still the needs are not fully met. Let the churches make a special effort in their Christmas offering for this object.

W. F. CARLTON,  
L. B. MURRAY,  
A. L. FOSTER,  
Committee.



After a motion for the adoption of the report it was discussed by W. R. Beach, and L. B. Murray and pledges were taken amounting to \$34.00. A hat collection was taken amounting to \$1.65 and turned over to the Treasurer of Mount Pleasant Church to be sent to the Board.

The Moderator appointed the following delegates to the respective Conventions:

The Southern Baptist Convention: L. B. Padgett, Alternate, F. B. Hendren.

The Baptist State Convention: W. C. Meadows, R. A. Spainhour, M. McNeill, Alternates, J. W. Burchett, J. W. Garvey, and H. J. Steelman.

On Motion of W. C. Meadows, the Moderator and clerk were added to each list.

The report on digest of letters was read by C. C. Wright, and showed that we had made a small increase over last year.

A collection was taken to help defray the expense of having the minutes printed and amounted to \$2.28.

On motion of F. B. Hendren the clerk was ordered to notify the Pastors that the minute fund as sent in by the churches was not sufficient to pay for printing the minutes, and request them to present the matter to their churches and endeavor to raise more money for this purpose.

F. B. Hendren read the following resolution and asked for it to lie on the table until our next meeting:

Resolved that this Association adopt the appropriation plan.

After several suggestions made by different members of the body the choir sang "God be with you till we meet again," and the association was dismissed with prayer by C. F. Fields.

### SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

At 10 a. m. the people gathered in the house and the regular Sunday School was conducted by C. C. Wright. Very interesting talks were made by F. B. Hendren and others, and at 11 o'clock W. R. Beach took charge of the session and preached from Proverbs 3:6

A collection of \$5.25 was taken for the Woman's Missionary Work, and turned over to Miss Stout.

The most helpful gathering of the Brushy Mountain Association was closed with prayer by J. G. Norris,

C. C. WRIGHT, Moderator,

W. H. CHURCH, Clerk.

### FINANCIAL TABLE

	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repair	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Mission	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Age Ministers	Other Subjects	Minute	Total
Beaver Creek	\$ 65.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 2.35	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.70	\$ 2.06	\$ .76	\$ 2.81	\$ 4.70	\$ 37.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 1.35	\$ 48.68.
Club Creek	50.00	25.10	2.50	5.00	4.26	2.00	5.00	2.00	6.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.45	93.45.
Edgewood	17.00	12.50	61.00	10.30	5.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	2.46	5.00	5.00	5.00	.90	114.00.
Fishing Creek	75.00	69.00	38.92	3.6	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.25	31.12.
Harmony	60.00	66.00	11.00	23.00	3.00	1.00	4.00	5.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	16.50	1.09	170.55.
Lewis Fork	60.00	60.00	3.00	6.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	21.40	.74	138.40.
Little Rock	60.00	4051.21	36.25	33.10	92.00	2.00	2.87	15.00	6.43	40.00	8.00	61.00	.75	128.87.
Moravian Falls	60.00	50.00	2.50	25.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	16.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	.65	90.65.
Mt. Carmel	85.00	100.00	5.00	50.00	1.00	1.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	.65	136.65.
Mt. Pleasant	80.00	64.00	3.00	6.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	.74	124.14.
Mt. Zion	32.00	5.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.70	40.70.
New Hope	45.00	4051.21	36.25	33.10	92.00	2.00	2.87	15.00	6.43	40.00	8.00	61.00	.75	60.05.
1st N. Wilkesboro	\$50.00	50.00	2.50	25.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	16.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	.65	90.65.
2nd N. Wilkesboro	50.00	100.00	5.00	50.00	1.00	1.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	.65	136.65.
Oak Grove	50.00	64.00	3.00	6.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	.74	124.14.
Pleasant Grove	100.00	5.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.70	40.70.
Pleasant Home	50.00	64.00	2.50	25.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	16.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	.65	90.65.
Pherrin	29.00	130.00	4.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	.65	136.65.
Shady Grove	60.00	1.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	3.50	15.09	1.00	2.35	1.00	1.00	3.50	.85	7.70.
Stony Hill	60.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	3.50	15.09	1.00	25.00	1.00	1.00	3.50	.85	118.50.
Walnut Grove	156.00	5.68	10.99	50.00	62.15	10.99	50.00	1.00	75.00	5.00	5.00	1.50	1.50	370.33.
Wilkesboro	80.00	10.00	2.74	15.00	2.74	15.00	10.00	1.00	10.00	1.00	2.00	1.15	1.15	121.89.
Zion Hill	2060.00	4430.33	59.93	98.45	244.07	105.15	218.58	20.76	272.55	47.00	37.00	110.40	20.98	7775.70.



CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Officers and	Scholars.	Total	Enrollment.	No. of	Schools	Volumes in	Quarterlies	Months	Kept Open	Average	Attendance	No. of	Benevolent	Contribution.	School	Expenses
		Teachers.																
Beaver Creek	Lafayette Matherly, Oakdale	5	88	93	1	48	9	64	8	18	12	77	8	12.00				
Cub Creek	J. B. Hall, Wilkesboro	4	20	24	1	155	6	35	12	38	5	50	4.80					
Edgewood	C. C. Wright, Hunting Creek	7	229	236	1	100	9	77	12	39	7	50	5.00					
Branch of Edgewood	T. A. Triplett, Hunting Creek	6	112	118	1	25	6	42	12	67	12	65	3.40					
Fishing Creek	W. A. Miller, Wilkesboro	5	40	45	1	44	6	35	12	35	1	35	2.50					
Harmony	G. F. McNeill, Miller's Creek	2	92	100	1	60	9	38	12	38	5	50	61.00					
Lewis Fork	Lee Walsh, Ready Branch	6	146	152	1	40	6	20	12	35	1	35	22.00					
Little Rock	Isaac Broyhill, Boomer	5	35	40	1	45	12	35	12	35	1	35	22.00					
Moravian Falls	D. J. Pardeu, Moravian Falls	5	83	88	1	100	12	39	12	39	7	50	11.00					
Mt. Carmel	J. T. Rogers, Moravian Falls	9	77	86	1	180	12	67	12	67	12	65	5.00					
Mt. Pleasant	M. G. Foster, Champion	7	189	196	1	120	12	65	12	65	12	65	3.40					
Branch of Mt. Pleasant	B. Huffman, Purlear	5	90	95	1	59	12	48	12	48	1	48						
Mt. Zion	Wm. Minton, Mt. Zion	6	30	65	1	59	12	48	12	48	1	48						
New Hope	A. S. Eller, Purlear	5	10	65	1	59	12	48	12	48	1	48						
First N. Wilkesboro	W. H. Church, N. Wilkesboro	14	312	326	1	200	275	12	181	13			36.25					
Second N. Wilkesboro	J. W. Porter, N. Wilkesboro	9	60	69	1	25	120	10	20				5.20					
Oak Grove	J. S. Elliott, Knotville	7	60	67	1	60	5	50					2.50					
Pleasant Grove	John Bumgarner, Buck	4	125	129	1	12	75	10					3.00					
Pleasant Home	Wm. McNeill, Miller's Creek	9	86	95	1	50	9	50					2.00					
Pilgrim	M. R. Nichols, Congo	6	44	50	1	20	10	30	2				3.00					
Shady Grove	M. G. Steelman, Adley	3	40	43			8	35										
Stony Hill	L. D. Whittington, Parsonville	7	64	71	1		6	40					1.00					
Branch of Stony Hill	H. O. Parsons, Stanton	5	35	40	1	160	12	25										
Walnut Grove	E. A. Treadway, Poors Knob	5	95	100	1	40	6	75	6				2.00					
Wilkesboro	F. B. Hendren, Wilkesboro	10	125	135	1	100	125	12	70				5.68					
Zion Hill	J. M. Germain, Boomer	5	80	85	1	75	8	40					10.00					
		168	2464	2631	25	560	1916	1344	65				173.33					

PLEDGES	STATISTICS																	
	Total	Aged Ministers	Ministerial Education	Orphanage	S. S. Missions	Blaycock	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	No. of Males	No. of Females	Total	Died	Excluded.	Dismissed by letter	Restored	Received by letter	Baptisms.
22.00	4.00	10.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	78	1	1	1	1	1	2
23.00	4.00	10.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	78	1	1	1	1	1	2
31.00	4.00	10.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	78	1	1	1	1	1	2
31.00	4.00	10.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	78	1	1	1	1	1	2
6.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	40	1	1	1	1	1	2
6.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	40	1	1	1	1	1	2
11.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	79	1	1	1	1	1	2
11.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	79	1	1	1	1	1	2
17.50	2.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	101	2	2	2	2	2	3
17.50	2.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	101	2	2	2	2	2	3
5.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	86	1	1	1	1	1	2
5.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	86	1	1	1	1	1	2
6.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	101	2	2	2	2	2	3
6.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	101	2	2	2	2	2	3
388.00	8.00	100.00	15.00	100.00	15.00	100.00	60.00	90.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	211	1	1	1	1	1	2
388.00	8.00	100.00	15.00	100.00	15.00	100.00	60.00	90.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	211	1	1	1	1	1	2
20.00	10.00	15.00	10.00	15.00	10.00	15.00	3.00	10.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	200	7	7	7	7	7	10
20.00	10.00	15.00	10.00	15.00	10.00	15.00	3.00	10.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	200	7	7	7	7	7	10
225.00	10.00	75.00	15.00	75.00	15.00	75.00	30.00	100.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	133	1	1	1	1	1	2
225.00	10.00	75.00	15.00	75.00	15.00	75.00	30.00	100.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	133	1	1	1	1	1	2
861.50	34.50	34.00	277.00	29.00	36.00	177.00	92.00	182.00	92.00	92.00	92.00	2449	27	27	27	27	27	40
861.50	34.50	34.00	277.00	29.00	36.00	177.00	92.00	182.00	92.00	92.00	92.00	2449	27	27	27	27	27	40



# The Sunday School Convention

Ready Branch, N.C., April, 29, 1911.

The Sunday School Convention of the Brushy Mountain Association met in its eleventh session with Lewis Fork Church, on the 29th day of April, at 12 noon, and the choir rendered some very fine selections, after which J. W. Burchett conducted devotional exercises.

C. C. Wright, President of the 1910 session, not being able to attend this meeting, the Convention was called to order by J. W. Burchett, and upon motion W. C. Meadows was elected President by acclamation and W. H. Church Secretary and Treasurer.

The President elect, made a few very acceptable remarks.

The following churches were represented by letters or delegates:

- Moravian Falls, by letter.
- Mount Pleasant, by A. L. Barnett.
- North Wilkesboro, by W. H. Church with letter.
- Pilgrim, by letter.
- Stony Hill, (Branch) by G. W. Walsh with letter.
- Zion Hill, by letter.
- Walnut Grove, by W. C. Meadows with letter.

The Subject of "Past, Present and Future of the Sunday-school work, earnestly discussed by J. W. Burchett, G. W. Walsh, and W. C. Meadows, emphasized the good that was being accomplished through the Sunday-school work. The choir sang a beautiful piece bearing on the Sunday-school work, and the convention was dismissed for dinner.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

At 2:15 the congregation assembled in the house and after some excellent music rendered by the choir the convention was led in prayer by G. W. Walsh.

The Sunday School Management-leaflet No. 3, was then taken up and earnestly and enthusiastically discussed by all Sunday-school workers present.

The following was appointed as a committee to select a preacher for the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning: David Hall, Isaac Shepherd, and A. J. Eller.

After a song by the choir the convention was dismissed with prayer by W. C. Meadows,

CHURCHES	Time of Preaching.	Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity of Church.	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	DELEGATES
Beaver Creek	Third	\$ 300.00	300	G. Z. Bumgarner	Z. T. Ferguson, Oakdale	Z. T. Ferguson, L. Matherly, T. H. Brooks
Cub Creek	First	600.00	400	W. T. Comer	T. B. Duncan, Moravian Falls	H. Jones, B. Smithey, T. B. Duncan.
Edgewood	Third	400.00	350	M. McNeil	A. G. Hendren, Straw	J. W. Moore, L. Hendren, S. Smithey.
Fishing Creek	First	500.00	300	M. McNeil	I. P. Anderson, Wilkesboro.	R. L. Willborn, S. B. Miller, I. P. Anderson
Harmony	Second	800.00	350	J. W. Burchett	J. O. Parden, N. Wilkesboro.	T. J. Broyhill, L. E. Phillips, T. M. Hawkin
Lewis Fork	Third	1000.00	400	J. W. Burchett	J. W. Dyer, Purlear, R. F. D.	D. F. Shephard, L. L. Church, W. C. Tripl
Little Rock	First	800.00	400	J. B. Reid	J. W. Livingston, Boomer	J. W. Livingston, Isaac Broyhill, W. A. Fai
Moravian Falls	Fourth	1000.00	300	J. W. Burchett	D. J. Bardeew, Moravian Falls	E. M. Parlier, H. Duncan, W. Hendren.
Mt. Carmel	Third	1000.00	350	T. E. Readmon	J. T. Rogers, Moravian Falls	J. T. Rogers, R. C. Lowe.
Mt. Pleasant	Second	1200.00	500	L. B. Murray	U. G. Foster, Champion	J. M. Watson, Ely Wolfe, J. T. Sumerlin.
Mt. Zion	Fourth	200.00	200	D. M. Wheeler	W. O. Barnett, Mt. Zion	W. O. Barnett, J. C. Land, S. J. Barnett.
New Hope	Fourth	800.00	400	M. McNeil	W. H. Eller, Purlear	R. C. Eller, T. I. McNeil, A. S. Eller.
First N. Wilkesboro	Weekly	10,000.00	1000	L. B. Padgett	S. E. Absher, N. Wilkesboro.	S. E. Absher, C. C. Ganbille, W. H. Churc
Second N. Wilkesboro.	First	250.00	300	L. B. Murray	J. W. Porter, N. Wilkesboro.	S. H. Lovett, E. V. Combs, J. W. Porter.
Oak Grove	First			A. T. Pardew	D. F. Sebasten, N. Wilk'boro	W. N. Alexandria, S. N. Bougus.
Pleasant Grove	First	500.00	400	L. B. Murray	J. G. Parsons, Buck	M. B. Dancy, T. V. Church, J. Bumgarner.
Pleasant Home	Third	800.00	400	Grant Cothorn	W. T. Kilby, Millers Creek.	H. C. Kilby, J. J. Kilby, L. B. Pierce.
Pilgrim	Third	400.00	450	L. B. Murray	J. V. Church, Conga	A. L. Foster, B. L. Minton, Z. V. Church.
Shady Grove	First	200.00	300	G. M. Burchorn	M. G. Steelman, Adley	H. J. Steelman, M. S. Church, M. G. Steeb
Stony Hill	Second	200.00	300	W. F. Carlton	L. B. Whittington, P'rs'nville	G. W. Walsh, G. M. Baker, L. D. Whittin
Walnut Grove	Second	500.00	500	T. E. Readmon	W. A. Brown, Poors Knob	W. A. Brown, P. V. Lowe, C. A. Lowe.
Wilkesboro	Third	3,500.00	400	L. B. Gwaltney	S. J. Gennings, Wilkesboro.	R. P. Blevins, F. B. Hendren, A. R. Smith
Zion Hill	First	Just building		J. W. Burchett	J. E. German, Boomer	R. L. Earp, C. M. Carlton, J. E. German.
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### SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

At 10:30 the convention assembled in the house and after several songs by the choir, the Superintendent of Lewis Fork Sunday School took charge of the convention his method of work by going through with his usual exercises.

The committee appointed to select a preacher for the eleven o'clock hour, reported that they had agreed on Rev. J. W. Burchett.

The President appointed A. J. Eller and G. W. Walsh as a committee on time and place.

The hour having arrived for the sermon, J. W. Burchett, preached a very interesting sermon on "Duty and Doctrine."

The delegates from Mount Pleasant and the Branch of Mount Pleasant brought in their letters, and the delegates were enrolled as follows:

Mount Pleasant, Levi Fairchilds, L. V. Cardwell, B. Huffman.

Boiling Springs.

Branch of Mt. Pleasant, by Stephen Huffman, H. C. Eller, Com Eller.

New Hope was represented by A. S. Eller, who stated that on account of sickness in the community they had not been able to have school for some time.

Pilgrim, was represented by A. G. Foster.

Beaver Creek, was represented Lafayette Matherly,

Mt. Zoin, was represented by David Green.

Rev. A. B. Hays of the Stone Mountain association was recognized and welcomed.

W. C. Meadows made a very interesting talk on Missions and distributed through congregation some helpful tracts and insisted that the people read them.

The convention adjourned for dinner with prayer by J. W. Burchett.

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 the people assembled in the house and after music by the choir, the President appointed, J. W. Walsh, A. B. Hays and A. J. Eller a committee on resolutions.

C. C. Wright, H. W. Horton, and W. H. Church, a committee on program for next year.

The Sunday School Teacher—Leaflet No. 3 was taken up by J. W. Burchett and earnestly discussed by the workers present and was much enjoyed by all, and some fine points were brought out, and all teachers felt very much helped.

The Committee on time and place, made the following report:

Place Fishing Creek Church, 3 miles South of Wilkesboro.

Time the fifth Sunday in June and Saturday before, (June the 29 and 30 1912.)

The committee on resolution submitted the following which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved that the thanks of this convention are due and are hereby tendered to the Brethren and Sisters of Lewis Fork Church, the friends and citizens for the very liberal and generous way they have entertained this convention.

A. B. HAYS,

G. W. WALSH,

Committee.

Thus closed a very interesting session of the convention. A collection amounting to \$2.76 was taken to help defray the expenses of having these minutes printed in connection with the minutes of the Association.

The Convention was dismissed with prayer by G. W. Walsh.

W. C. MEADOWS, Pres.

W. H. CHURCH Sec.

## The Minutes of the W. M. U., 1910-1911

The third annual session of the W. M. A of the Brushy Mt. Association, convened at Mt. Pleasant Church Friday August 25th 1911. In the absence of the Vice-President who was kept at home by illness in her family, Miss Lucy Stoute, presided over the meeting.

After devotional exercises the minutes of the meeting of 1910, were read by the Secretary. Delegates were then enrolled from three societies, the W. M. S. the Y. W. A. and the Sunbeams of the North Wilkesboro Church. Representatives were then welcomed, from churches having no missionary society as follows; Moravian Falls, one; Pleasant Grove, two; Pilgrim, one; Zion Hill, three; Miss Stoute then made a short talk, stating the object of our annual meeting, stimulating interest in missions among our women, and further the cause of our organized work.

Mrs. J. I. Myers, Pres. of the North Wilkesboro, W. M. S. made a very interesting talk on Organization, showing how our women are organizing, for the study of missions, and the advancement, of the Lord's work in their churches, may become a great force for the development of our Christian resources.



Mrs. J. A. Baldin, of the Zion Hill church read a most inspiring paper, which, at the urgent request of many hearers, she kindly furnished us for publication in our minutes.

#### How Women's Missionary Societies Can Help Our Churches

In the beginning, let us remember that by a Woman's Missionary Society, we mean the female members of a church who have organized themselves into a society for three definite things:—as ordinarily arranged—"To pray for, study about and give to Missions." Since we believe that intelligent prayer can be offered only after a knowledge of the needs and conditions of the field, we wish to change the order somewhat and offer for your consideration a few ways in which we think our churches can be helped by Women's Missionary Societies who are, first, studying about, then, praying for, and last but not least, giving to missions.

(1st. Educational).—To study means to apply our minds, to consider attentively—hence, if we study we will learn. Our first book on Missions is the Bible; by studying it we will learn more of our mission in the home, the church, and the whole world. As we learn this we will be filled with the desire to know more of the needs and conditions of God's creatures everywhere. The thought to be given most emphasis in this meeting is "the importance of teaching young people that Missions is an important part of our church work;" but how can we teach them something we do not know ourselves? Or how can we hope to interest them in something in which we, ourselves, are not interested? How can we expect our churches to be strong missionary churches when the members know so little about Missions? And how can we know unless we study?

In the early fifties, the Foreign Missionaries realized that they were working in vain to cleanse the stream while the fountain remained impure so there was a call for women missionaries who could go into those secluded homes and reach the woman, and through them, the children. Even so, now, we feel that the best way to reach the young people and children (especially in our country churches,) is through the Woman's Missionary Society: as almost invariably, we depend upon this Society for the Y. W. A., Royal Ambassador, and Sunbeam organizations. You remember the old adage, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world". It is true that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the Church in regard to missions? If so, what a responsibility and also what a privilege for our women.

Then, is it not time we were studying about Missions? As we study the needs and conditions on the Home and Foreign Fields, our lives will be broadened, our sympathies will be enlarged, and we will be better mothers and better church members. If we know, we will grow, as we grow, we will help others to know and grow and so the entire church will be helped.

"Praying for"—By prayer let your requests be made known unto God. We all know and recognize the need as well as the value of regular, earnest prayer. Jesus prayed often, and he commanded us to pray with-

out ceasing. In a Society, of which I was once a member, the requirements for membership were, a small monthly contribution and a prayer every day, with emphasis on the prayer.

You know that studying and praying are very closely connected: as we study, we will learn with a new meaning that our Savior died for all the world; our hearts will be filled with sympathy and love for the Indian on the frontier, the oppressed of China and Russia, and for the child-widows of India, who have never heard of the blessed Christ, and we will pray for them as we have never prayed before in our lives. And as we pray constantly and earnestly for these and for our Society, think you that we will forget or neglect to pray for our church as a whole? Or that the church will fail to be helped by the spiritual blessings that come in answer to such prayer?

"Giving to"—Why give to missions?—Christ's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," comes to us with as much force as to the disciples of old. Are we obeying this command? God does not call all of us to go to the Foreign Field, but he does give to each one the ability as well as the glorious privilege of helping hold up the hands of those who are willing to go as our representatives. If we have really given ourselves, all that we have is His. Then if we know the need, and have the love of Christ in our hearts we will be full of gratitude for what we have and we will want to give to those who have not.

How give?—Proportionately, "as God has prospered us" Cheerfully—"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. Let us keep in mind that our giving through the Society is not to detract from our larger giving through the church, but is intended to "gather up the little mites," and to teach us to make personal sacrifices or self-denials in order that there may be developed in us, not only as a Society, but as a church, the spirit of giving," that we may know the joy and receive the blessing of true service.—Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over shall men give into your bosom! Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse and prove me, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Then, if as we believe, Women's Missionary Societies can help our churches, and especially our young people, "to know and grow," "to love and pray," to give and receive," will we not, each one, do all that we can to bring about the desired end—"A Missionary Society in every church and every woman a member; all studying about, praying for, and giving to MISSIONS.

Mrs. J. A. BOLDEN.

Mrs. J. M. German of Zion Hill read a very good paper on Sunbeam work, showing the importance of enlisting and training our children for service, that they may become efficient and faithful leaders, as Christian mothers our most important duty is to see that we bequeath to the church of the coming generation interested well informed missionary



Christians. We wish that every mother in our Association, might have heard this excellent paper.

Some time was spent in discussing the work of organizing societies, and the member from Zion Hill stated that they hoped to organize a W. M. S. at once.

An offering for the minute fund was then taken after which the meeting adjourned being led in prayer by Mrs. J. W. Nichols.

Miss LUCY STOUTE Pres.

Miss ESTHER MCGEE Sec.

My dear Sisters of the church without a Missionary Society, can not in some way interest you in the work of our W. M. U.

What greater task could be ours than to train the youths of today into the liberal and consecrated leader of tomorrow, and how can we train unless we, ourselves, are educate in missions and in love with the cause? This we cannot be unless we read, study and inform ourselves concerning the work, so that we will want to give, and our gifts will be made intelligently and systematically, and we will know for what purpose they serve.

Through our W. M. U. every woman and child is given the opportunity to study, and secure real knowledge of what the christian world is doing in the great mission field, besides, being given the chance to do some definite, and personal work in hastening the great day when "The earth shall be full of his knowledge and glory as waters that cover the sea."

Will you not then talk the matter ever together and try to organize at least one society. If not enough women are interested surely you can reach the young people or children; and who may estimate the untold good that might result in years to come.

From the work one faithful, consecrated woman could do in teaching a band of children the thrilling and enobling story of mission accomplishment and endeavor.

You know of course of the offer of one of our young women, to give part of her time to the work, helping at any place in the Association where the women are willing to try to organize a society, will you not then consider and investigate if nothing more, I will be glad to give you information or send you any literature you might wish if you are interested and will write to Miss Lucy Stoute Moravian Falls, N. C. She will visit your church and help you in whatever way she can.

We are workers together with God. Let us then not falter but strive ever towards the high ideal of perfect service to Him relying on his strength to sustain and enable us as our need shall be, forgetting not that "The people who know their God should be strong and do exploits.

Mrs. J. W. GARVEY,

Vice Pres. W. M. U. Brushy Mt. Association

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