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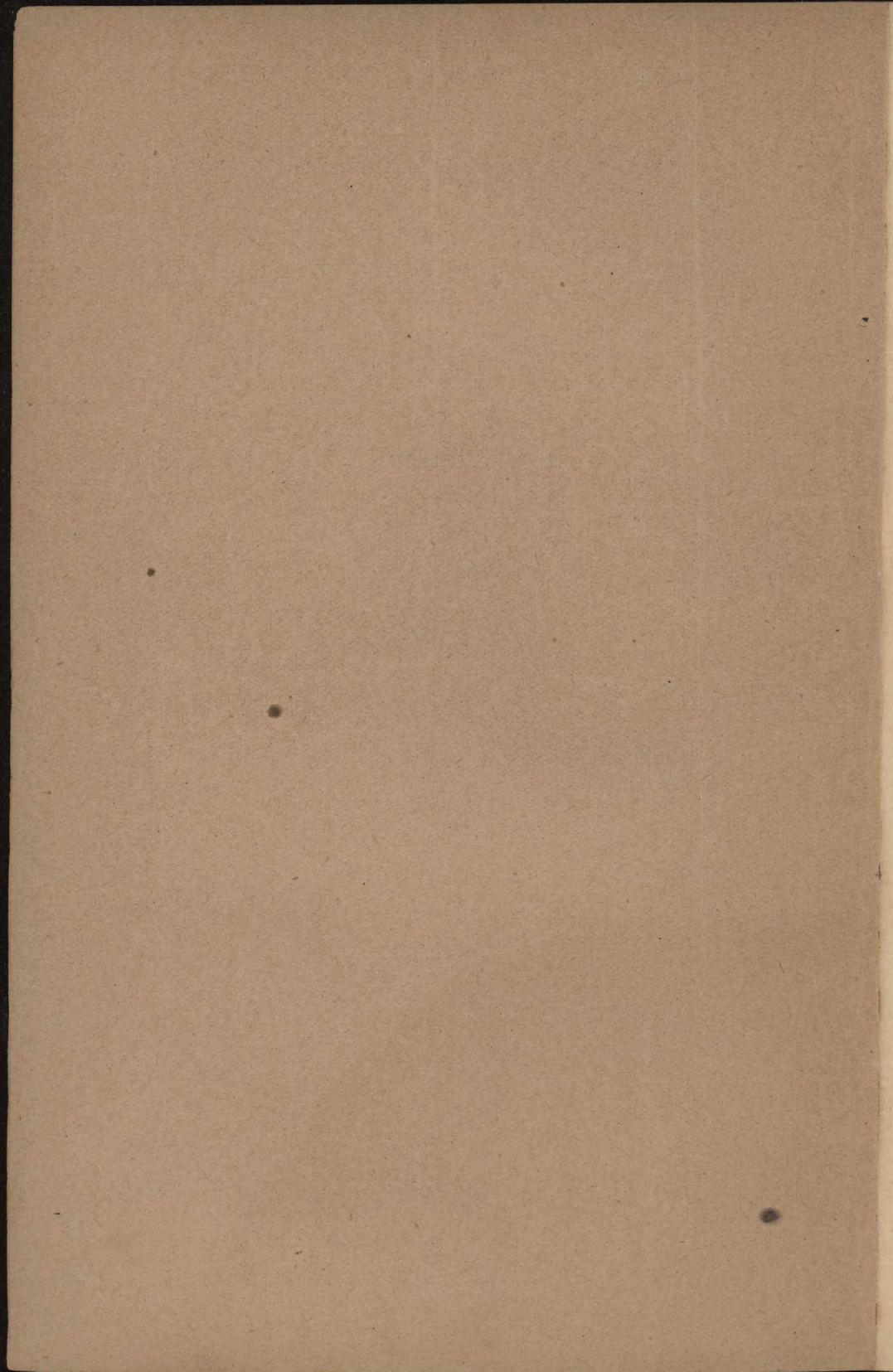
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The Next Session will be Held at the First Baptist  
Church, Concord, N. C., Beginning Thursday Before the  
Fourth Sunday in August, 1901, at 11 O'clock, A. M.

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Introductory Sermon by  
REV. D. ~~W.~~ AUSTIN, - - - - - Charlotte, N. C.

Alternate:  
REV. A. W. WILCOX, - - - - - Mt. Mourne, N. C.

## Officers of the Association.

MODERATOR—Rev. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte, N. C.

CLERK—W. M. Lyles, Charlotte, N. C.

TREASURER—C. S. Holton, Charlotte, N. C.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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Rev. A. C. Barron, D. D., Charlotte, N. C.

J. A. Durham, Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord, N. C.

T. V. Talbirt, Concord, N. C.

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Rev. C. J. Black, Big Lick.

Rev. A. B. Caudle, Wingate.

Rev. C. L. Flowers, Wingate.

Rev. B. F. Hargett, Charlotte.

Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord.

Rev. Wm. Johnston, Matthews.

Rev. J. J. McLendon, Indian Trail.

Rev. T. B. Phillips, Charlotte.

Rev. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte.

Rev. J. L. Shinn, Mooresville.

Rev. W. T. Talbirt, Concord.

Rev. D. W. Thomason, Belmont.

Rev. A. W. Wilcox, Mt. Mourne.

Rev. W. J. Wyatt, Perth.

### DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord, N. C.

R. H. Jordan, Charlotte, N. C.. Alternate.

### DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION.

Rev. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte.      Rev. D. W. Thomason, Belmont.

Rev. J. L. Shinn, Mooresville.      Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord.

Rev. W. T. Talbirt, Concord.      J. A. Durham, Charlotte.

Rev. D. M. Austin, Charlotte.

### READING CLERKS.

Rev. J. L. Shinn, Mooresville.      Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord.



## Report of Association.

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The Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association met in its fifteenth Annual Session with 12th Street Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., Thursday August 23rd, at 11 a. m., and after singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" and prayer by Rev. L. R. Pruett, the Pastor, Brother Pruett announced that owing to the absence of Dr. A. C. Barron, who was appointed at the last Session of the Association to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. C. B. Justice of Rutherfordton, N. C., would preach, and selected his text from John 4-36, and preached a most excellent sermon, after which the Pastor announced that an adjournment would be had until 3:30 p. m., when the organization would be made. Benediction by Rev. D. M. Austin.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 3:30.

The Association met and after singing hymn No. 365. "Gospel Hymns," and prayer by Rev. J. L. Shinn, the roll was called and the following churches responded and messengers duly enrolled:

Arlington.—E. H. Williams, D. W. Fink, F. M. Connell, W. A. Connell.

Chaney's Hill.—Not represented.

Clear Creek.—Wilson Bass, Wm. Earlie, Frank Reader.

Cold Water.—Rev. W. T. Talbirt, T. V. Talbirt.

Concord.—Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Floyd Carzine.

Friendship.—J. T. Mitchell, W. D. Mitchell, S. Q. Garrison.

Hopewell.—Noah Winecoff, C. A. Hudgepeth.

Howells.—Not Represented.

Huntersville.—S. L. Mullen, F. A. Hawkins.

Independence Hill.—J. R. McCurdy, C. S. Davis.

Long Creek.—F. C. Beaty, C. A. Caldwell.

Matthews.—E. J. Funderburk, Rev. W. B. Renfrow.

Newells.—Not represented.

Olivet.—U. S. Bowden, Jack Pate, C. S. Holton.

Phaniels.—M. H. Carter, G. H. Troutman.

Pleasant Plains.—Rev. J. J. McLendon.

Rock Hill.—A. D. Crisco.

Tryon Street.—I. W. Durhrm, J. J. Ezell, J. F. Mosteller.

12th Street.—T. J. Sprinkle, W. D. McCorkle, W. M. Lyles.

Wilson's Grove.—A. L. Pigg. A. S. Mungo.

The election of officers was the next thing in order, and the following were elected:

Moderator.—Rev. L. R. Pruett, 12th Street.

Clerk.—W. M. Lyles, 12th Street.

Treasurer.—C. S. Holton, Olivet.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Order of Business.—Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Chairman, Rev. D. W. Thomason, Rev. W. B. Renfrow.

Finance.—S. L. Mullen, Chairman, J. F. Mosteller, E. J. Funderburk.

Time, Place and Preacher:—Rev. J. L. Shinn, Chairman, F. A. Hawkins, R. J. Mitchell.

The Moderator recognized several visiting brothers, and each of them spoke a few words of encouragement to the Association as follows:—Rev. J. B. Boone, Thomasville, Rev. O. L. Stringfield, Raleigh; Rev. J. W. Cobb, Lumber Bridge; Rev. E. M. Brooks, Pee Dee; Rev. C. B. Justice, Rutherfordton.

The Committee on order of business made the following report, and same accepted;

#### THURSDAY P. M.

8 p. m. Devotional Exercises.

8:15 Report on Education.

8:30 Address on Education. Rev. O. L. Stringfield.

#### FRIDAY AUG. 24th.

9:30 Devotional Exercises.

10:00 Report on Home Missions.

11:00 Report on Periodicals.

Adjournment.

3:00 Devotional Exercises.

3:30 Report on Sunday-schools.

4:30 Miscellaneous business.

Adjournment.

8:00 Devotional Exercises.

8:15 Report on Orphanage.

Adjournment.



SATURDAY, AUG. 25th.

9:30 Devotional Exercise.

10:00 Report Ministers Relief.

11:00 Report on State Missions.

12:00 Miscellaneous Business.

Adjournment.

3:00 Devotional Exercises.

3:30 Report on Foreign Missions.

Adjournment.

8:00 Address on Education.

Motion made to adjourn until 8 p. m., and carried. Benediction by Rev. J. W. Cobb.

THURSDAY 8 P. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. B. Renfrow after which the report on Education was made by Rev. J. L. Shinn as follows:

At no time in the history of our State have we seen such wide spread interest in the education of our people.

The State has put itself under obligation to provide ample advantages for its six hundred thousand children to the end that the charge of illiteracy cannot remain much longer against our State. We heartily urge that the people make the greatest possible use of the public schools.

It is a source of great joy to us that many of our Associations have established Academies within their borders, and that other Academy Schools are under the control of Baptist men and women.

It means no little, that there is a growing demand for Godly competent teachers for all our schools and colleges. While Education is not Christianity, we have learned that sanctified Education is the hand maid of Christianity.

#### OUR COLLEGES.

There is no agency that has done more for our prosperity as a denomination than Wake Forest College.

We are exceedingly grateful that it is inferior to no college in the South for our young men; that it has powerful witnesses all over our land in the person or preachers, teachers and men of influence in all the professions. There are no just reasons why

any young man who is a Baptist should attend any other school or college, than our own Wake Forest College.

The financial inducements held out to our young men by other schools and colleges to secure their patronage, we denounce as both unnecessary and unworthy. We say this because, we are amply able to provide all the aid our young men may need. No young man has ever been turned away from Wake Forest College because of his poverty. We have for our poor young men a loan fund, and for our indigent young ministers, we have sixteen hundred Baptist Churches which provide money for their board.

#### BAPTIST FEMALE UNIVERSITY.

Through the toils and prayers of thousands of our people we have two large buildings in the heart of the city of Raleigh, well furnished where two hundred and fifteen young women enjoyed superior advantages the first year of its history.

This property is easily worth one hundred thousand dollars. There is a debt of about thirty thousand dollars which is a great hindrance to us. We urge our people to do their utmost, to pay this debt, and to provide other buildings for the large number of young women who are anxious to attend.

Five hundred young women would attend this school at an early day, if our people would provide room for them.

We have advantages at this school for our young women equal in every way to those we have for our young men at Wake Forest. For greater reasons we urge that our people send their daughters to the Baptist Female University.

During last year we aided thirty-one young women. Thirty-three young women who could attend no other college will be there the 5th day of September.

Thus, under God, we are putting forth greater efforts that our young women may be cultured for service in the Lords Kingdom.

J. L. Shinn, Committee.

Report received and was ably discussed by Rev. J. L. Shinn and Rev. O. L. Stringfield, after which it was adopted.

The committee on "time, place and preacher made the following report, and same received and adopted:

Time at 11:00 a. m., Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August 1901.



Place.—First Baptist church, Concord, N. C.

Preacher.—Rev. D. M. Austin, Charlotte, N. C.

Alternate.—Rev. A. W. Wilcox, Mt. Mourne, N. C.

Motion made to adjourn until 9:30 Friday morning, carried and Benediction pronounced by Rev. B. W. Spillman.

FRIDAY AUG. 25th, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional exercises for 30 minutes by Rev. J. L. Shinn, after which the regular order of business was taken up.

Letters were read from Arlington, Long Creek and Rock Hill Churches, and Messengers duly enrolled.

The report on Home Missions was made as follows: The very name, "Home Missions," makes an appeal to our love of country and people. He is a poor citizen, and worse Christian who does not desire the happiness and well being of the "Home Land" so of all the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, this makes the strongest appeal to the benevolence of our churches.

The Home Mission Board is located in Atlanta, and has for its purpose the extension of the cause of the Master throughout the southland. Where state boards cannot provide for all the destitute, the Atlanta board proffers to aid, but it is especially to look after the growing towns and cities along our frontier.

In this way it has done a very fine work in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Indian Territory. The board has also under its care, the giving of the Gospel to the Cubans. While we have not heard much of late about the work in Cuba, still it moves on steadily, and there is little ground to question the stability of the work being done.

At the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, this board was charged with the responsibility of the 20th Century Fund, that is to receive from our churches a large sum of money for Missions and Education.

Beyond question we ought to put unto the treasuries of our boards, large sums of money, wherewith to meet the demands of the coming Century.

We have been "playing" at Missions long enough, and it is time for us to wake up, and work earnestly for the evangelization of the world.

It ought to be said that under the business like, and aggressive management of Rev. Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, the new Secretary for Home Missions, the work is being enlarged and systematized.

The motto of the board is "enlargement" and the Baptists of this Association, where the Baptist cause is so weak, are the very people to be in sympathy with this matter, and we urge every church, and every member of the various churches, to give liberally to the work of Home Missions.

A. C. Barron, Committee.

Motion to receive the report made and carried and was discussed by Dr. Barron and Rev. D. M. Austin after which it was adopted, and pledges taken to the amount of \$180.

The Moderator recognized several visiting brothers, and each spoke a few words to the Association in the order named. Rev. R. T. Vann, D. D., Raleigh, N. C. Rev. W. L. Walker Huntersville, N. C. Evangelist, W. N. Flanders, Winston, N. C. and Bro. R. H. Newton, Mooresville, N. C.

The report on periodicals was to be made by Rev. W. J. Wyatt but in his absence no report was made, but the subject was ably discussed by Rev. C. B. Justice, Rev. J. W. Cobb and Dr. A. C. Barron.

At this time Rev. B. W. Spillman, field Secretary of the Sunday-school work in North Carolina, appeared before the Association and requested a messenger from each church to come forward and receive blank for Sunday-school report, and the clerk requested to call the roll of churches, and each one responded.

The clerk stated that the minute fund as reported by Finance Committee was not sufficient to have enough copies, and motion made that the matter would be taken up during the afternoon session. Motion made to adjourn, and the entire body engaged in singing the Long Meter Doxology, and benediction pronounced by Dr. Vann.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 3:00 P. M.

Devotional exercises for thirty minutes conducted by Rev. W. T. Talbirt after which the Moderator called the body to order, and motion made to take up the Minute Fund matter, and



clerk instructed to call roll of churches and \$18.85 additional was raised, making a total of \$24.15

The report on Sunday-schools was made by W. M. Lyles as follows:

"There has never been a time in the history of our work in North Carolina when there was such necessity for greater activity than at this time.

There was a time when Sunday-schools, especially in the rural districts, were of secondary importance, but such is not the case today. The great army of children within our bounds appeal to us. The great duties we owe as parents confront us. The great future of these boys and girls appeal to us. Their salvation must be looked after, and there is no better way than to give them spiritual training in the Sunday-school

If there is one here who questions the good accomplished by the noble, untiring efforts of the great army of Sunday-school workers in our midst, let me ask him to look out into the future, when these, who are now in our Sunday-schools, reach the age of maturity, and commence their voyage of life over life's tempestuous sea, and he will there, see men and women, brought up in the fear of the Lord, and who are prepared to meet any emergency that may arise, because of the superior training received in our Sunday-schools.

Would that every parent could see and realize the great responsibility along this line.

I am glad to report a gain in attendance in our bounds during this year. Four churches have schools that did not have them last year, while two reported schools last year that make no report at this time. I am glad to report a net gain of 103 over last year, and I hope that this number may be much larger at our next meeting.

I want to emphasize the importance of more thorough organization in our Association. Let us, as we go to our respective homes, take back such enthusiasm and interest that will lead us to do greater things for the Master along this line.

Let those who are officers and teachers renew their alligance to the cause, and use every endeavor to advance the Spiritual welfare of those who they are striving to teach spiritual things.

The great fact confronts us to day, that we, as Christians,

are not utilizing the great opportunities that are being afforded us, in that we are negligent in the Spiritual training that the Sunday-school gives. Let us awake to the conditions that exist and each representative of the Master take renewed interest, and grasp each opportunity, as it comes to us, to bring our boys and girls into the fold through the Sunday-schools, and I recommend that every church in our Association be more attentive to the Sunday-schools work, and to those churches that have no schools, let me urge you to plant one at once, and not neglect the children under your care, and give them that spiritual training they are entitled to receive, and when we come up next year, I trust every church in our bounds may have a live, wide-awake Sunday-school, sowing seed that will bring forth good fruit.

W. M. Lyles, Committee.

Upon motion the report was received, and was ably and forcibly discussed by Rev. B. W. Spillman, Field Secretary of the Sunday-school work in North Carolina after which the report was adopted.

Upon motion of Rev. B. Lacy Hoge it was decided to hold a Sunday-school Convention in each county, Mecklenburg and Cabarrus, time to be named by Rev. B. W. Spillman.

The Moderator recognized Dr. John Mitchell of Wake Forest College, and Brother Archibald Johnson, Editor "Charity and Children."

Dr. Mitchell spoke earnestly and forcibly in regard to Ministers Relief Fund and was followed by Dr. Vann in a most forceful manner, after which the clerk called the roll of churches for pledges for same and \$50.50 was pledged.

Treasurer C. S. Holton made his report and same received and adopted.

The pastors of the Baptist Churches of the city are named as a Committee on Religious Exercises. Motion made and carried to adjourn until 8:15 p. m., and Hymn No. 49, Gospel Hymns, was sung and Benediction was pronounced by Dr. Mitchell.

FRIDAY EVENING AUG. 24TH,

8:15. The Association called to order and all joined in singing Hymn No. 172, "All to Christ I Owe" after which Dr. Mitchell led in prayer, and the regular order of business was



taken up and the report on Orphanage made by Dr. Barron as follows:

Resolved 1st. "The worth and work of our Orphanage at Thomasville should be a matter of profound thanksgiving to the Baptist people of North Carolina. We commend it to the liberality of the churches and schools of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association.

Its needs were never greater, and its outlook never more hopeful.

Resolved, 2nd. That the proposed Mills Memorial building is an absolute necessity for the proper training of the Orphans, and ought to be completed at once.

A. C. Barron, Committee.

The report was received and ably discussed by Rev. J. B. Boone and Bro. Archibald Johnson. Same adopted and clerk instructed to call the roll of churches for pledges to the Mills Memorial building, and pledges to the amount of \$100 made, and a cash collection of \$3.65 was taken.

It was suggested that the Association return thanks to the Lord for the liberal spirit of our people in their pledges, and the Moderator asked Dr. Vann to lead in this prayer, and after singing Hymn No 116 the body adjourned until 9:30 Saturday morning. Benediction by Rev. D. W. Thomason.

#### SATURDAY AUG. 25TH.

9:30. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. F. A. Hawkins for thirty minutes, after which the regular order of business was taken up, and the clerk requested to read the minutes of yesterday, and same received and adopted.

The report on the old Ministers Relief Fund was made by Rev. J. L. Shinn as follows: The spirit of the Gospel is to help the poor. A few of our old ministers and their widows belong to this class. These ministers have worn themselves out in the Master's work. As the sun is sinking in the West, and the shadows are growing larger, these dear old servants of God look to us for our greatest sympathy and help. Will we help them? "But who hath the worlds goods, and seeth his brother hath need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him." 1st John 3:17.

J. L. Shinn, Committee.

Report received and discussed by Mr. Shinn, Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Vann, and pledges taken to the amount of \$50.50. report adopted.

Rev. J. J. McLendon was recognized and came forward and presented letter from Pleasant Plains Church, and he was duly enrolled as Messenger. Pledges for Mills Memorial Building from churches that did not respond last night was called for and \$11.00 additional secured.

Under head of miscellaneous business a motion was made by Dr. A. C. Barron, and carried, that the Moderator, at the next session of the association, present "The duties of Messengers at the Association."

The report on State Missions was made by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge as follows: "The church that is not Missionary in deed and in truth, is failing to fulfil the command of the Master. "To go into all the World and Preach the Gospel to every Creature."

There is no part of the Mission work that is more important than that of State Missions, and the rapid increase of the population in the towns and cities of the State, demand that we enlarge our Mission forces, and to do this we must increase our contributions to this work. We therefore recommend that each church increase its pledge at least one third."

B. Lacy Hoge, Committee.

The report received and discussed by Mr. Hoge, Rev. D. W. Thomason, Dr. A. C. Barron and Rev. C. B. Justice, and same adopted and pledges taken to the amount of \$534.

Pledges for the Orphanage were called for and clerk called roll of churches and \$134.50 was pledged.

The Finance Committee made report and same accepted.

Mr. W. C. Dowd, Chairman of Committee to locate an Associational school within our bounds appeared before the Association with two propositions for locating said school; one from Newell, N. C., other from Arlington, N. C. Mr. Dowd made the following report:

"Your Committee appointed to consider the advisability of establishing a high school for this Association beg leave to submit for your consideration, the following proposition: After due consideration of all questions involved, we recommend that this Association establish and conduct a first class high school



at Arlington, N. C., provided the people of that community will furnish suitable buildings and grounds for same. Respectfully submitted.

W. C. Dowd, Chairman of Committee.

Report received and motion made by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, and carried that discussion of same be deferred until the afternoon session.

Motion to adjourn until 3 p. m., carried, and Hymn No 141 was sung after which Benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. B. Justice.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

3:00. Thirty minutes Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. T. V. Talbirt after which the Moderator called the body to order, and the special order was taken up and report on Foreign Missions made by Brother D. Allen Tedder as follows, and same received.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The great events now transpiring in China, bring forcibly to our attention the need of special activity in the Foreign Mission fields. The unswerving fidelity to the Master displayed by the Foreign converts under persecution hardly second to those suffered by the Apostles of old, shows us that the labors of our Missionaries have not been in vain.

Christ gave us the commandment to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He promised to be with us and sustain us. The Baptists have been endeavoring to carry out this commandment and He has smiled upon our efforts and blessed them. Great progress is being made in all of our Foreign fields. For this we are grateful, and should resolve to be more aggressive in our efforts to evangelize the world than we have ever been before. To do this, funds are necessary, and we recommend that the pastors keep before their people the importance of the work of redeeming the world and urge them to give as largely as possible for its prosecution. Respectfully submitted,

D. A. Tedder.

The report was eloquently discussed by Rev. C. B. Justice of Rutherfordton, N. C., and pledges to the amount of \$156.00 taken, after which the report was adopted.

It was suggested that the discussion of the report on Associational school be entered into, and upon motion of Rev. B. Lacy

Hoge, the Committee authorized and empowered to make contracts with the people of Arlington for the erection of buildings and starting up schools. Dr. Barron thought it necessary to have one additional Educational Committeeman, and upon motion of Brother E. H. Williams, Brother F. M. Hinson was named as that member. Motion made by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge to adjourn until 8 p. m., carried and Benediction pronounced by Rev. D. M. Austin.

SATURDAY 8 P. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Brother D. Allen Tedder for thirty minutes after which the Moderator called the Association to order and Rev. B. Lacy Hoge presented a letter from the Womans Central Committee of Missions, and asked that same be printed in Minutes. The letter reads as follows :

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 20th, 1900.

TO MECKLENBURG AND CABARRUS ASSOCIATION.

It is with great pleasure that the Woman's Central Committee of Missions reports to your body the most successful year in its history. For sometime past it has been our custom to take an aim and motto for the year, and to bend our energies towards fulfilling these. In 1899 the Woman's Missionary Societies of North Carolina determined to endeavor to raise \$7,500. When we gathered in our annual meeting last December we were greatly gratified to find that we had far over shot our mark, and instead of \$7,500 reported more than \$8,700. Encouraged by this, the Societies have taken for their aim in 1900, the raising of \$9,500 for Foreign, Home and State Missions. Our motto for the year is, Increase in Faith, Knowledge and Works. To reach our aim and fulfill our motto, we are urging upon all the Societies, Bible study, the reading of Mission books, and increase in liberality. We have every reason to believe that the close of the 19th Century will see this work far in advance of what we would have dared to hope for it ten years ago.

We desire to thank those brethren who have co-operated with us in making the woman's Mission work of North Carolina what it is, and would respectfully ask the aid of all interested in the furtherance of Christ's kingdom through mission efforts.

Of the twenty-two churches in your Association six reported through the Central Committee as follows :



Tryon Street, Charlotte.....	\$374.77
Young People's Band, Charlotte.....	101.00
Concord.....	1.50
Concord Cheerful Workers.....	14.28
Friendship.....	4.50
Sb. 12th Street, Charlotte.....	10.00
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Constitutions and other material for the organization of women's and children's Mission Societies will gladly be sent free on application to Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, Raleigh, N. C.

The Moderator made the following appointments to report at next session of the Association.

State Missions.—Rev. D. W. Thomason.

Home Missions—Rev. B. Lacy Hoge.

Foreign Missions—Rev. A. C. Barron, D. D.

Education—Rev. D. M. Austin.

Orphanage—Rev. W. T. Talbirt.

Ministers Relief Fund—Rev. S. W. Bennett.

Resolution offered by Brother Archibald Johnson as follows: Resolved, "That this Association return its heart-felt thanks to the people of this city for the generous hospitality and warm Christian fellowship, they have so freely bestowed upon the members of this Association." The Association also extended a vote of thanks to the city papers for their full and complete reports of the deliberations of their sessions.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The hour having arrived for the further discussion of the Baptist Female University, and Dr. R. T. Vann was introduced by the Moderator, after which he delivered a very able and instructive address on education, and showed to all the great possibilities in our Baptist Female University. "The pride of the Baptists of this State."

The Moderator announced that the hour of adjournment had come, but said the Century Day exercises would be held tomorrow as per programme announced, and proceedings of same would be embodied in Minutes of the Association.

Motion made to adjourn, and it was suggested that all engage in singing, "Blest be the Ties that Binds," and while the entire audience was singing, the Association indulged in a good old

fashioned hand shake, which seemed to refresh every one present.

The Moderator announced that after Benediction by Rev. Dr. Vann, the Association would stand adjourned to meet at Concord, N. C., Thursday, August 22nd 1901, at 11 o'clock a. m. Benediction by Dr. Vann.

“CENTURY DAY SERVICES,” SUNDAY AUG. 26th.

10:30 a. m. Devotional exercises for thirty minutes conducted by Bro. G. B. Pruitt, of Ellenboro, N. C., in which a large number took part, and was a season of great refreshing to all present. At 11 o'clock the pastor announced that in accordance with programme published that we would observe this as Century Day, and announced that the first speaker would be Rev. C. B. Justice, who would speak to us on “Progress of Baptist Missions during the last Century, and in handling this board subject, the speaker surpassed himself. Brother Justice spoke for 50 minutes, and held the large congregation spell bound as he pictured our condition one hundred years ago, and on down during the Century, and up to the present time. This address will long be remembered by those who heard it, and we know it will result in an advanced idea and practice in Mission work. Our Association is to be congratulated in securing Bro. Justice to tell them about Missions, for he is in deed and in truth a strong advocate and believer in Mission work.

The next speaker was Brother Archibald Johnson who told us about “Our Denominational growth during the last Century.” Brother Johnson who is always an attractive forceful speaker was at his best and gave information that will do the cause we love a great deal of good. He spoke of the few Baptists within our bounds one hundred years ago and pictured to us all along the years how our number had grown until to-day we stand as a mighty bulwark against the enemy, and are marching on, fighting under our Lord's command. “Go ye into all the World and preach the Gospel.” After singing “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name,” the congregation was dismissed by prayer, by Brother J. C. Caddell.

SUNDAY 3:00 P. M.

Devotional exercises for 30 minutes conducted by the Sunday-school superintendent, Bro. W. M. Lyles, at 3:30. Brother J. C.



Caddell spoke on "The Sunday-school as a factor in our Denominational growth," and gave us a splendid talk, and was followed by Dr. John Mitchell who spoke earnestly and eloquently and made a deep impression on the entire audience as he told us the "Best Methods of Sunday-school work."

The next speaker was Dr. A. C. Barron, who presented "The Bible in the Sunday-school." The Dr. in his usual happy style showed the great importance of Bible study, and we will see results from his splendid effort.

The entire gathering engaged in singing Hymn No. 127, "Cling to the Bible," after which we were dismissed by prayer by Rev. D. W. Thomason.

8 p. m. The church was crowded to utmost capacity to hear what Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, and Rev. D. M. Austin had to say about "what should be the special aims of the Denomination for the Century to come."

These brethren fully sustained their position, and they presented the subject in a most splendid manner, and notwithstanding the crowded house, and extremely hot weather the audience was held closely as they listened to the great plans outlined for our work for the Century to come.

The Moderator made a most excellent closing address, and made especial reference to the great good that had been accomplished by the Association, having met with 12th Street Church, and spoke encouragingly of the bright future before the Baptists of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Associaton. His address was well received, and after singing that old Hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," we were dismissed by prayer, by Rev. D. W. Thomason.

W. M. Lyles, Clerk.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Male Membership.	Female Membership.	Total Membership.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity of Church.	No. Bib. Rec'ts. taken.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor Fund.	Total Expense and Contribution.	Grand Total Church and S. S. Expenses.	Repairs.	
Arlington	C. J. Black, Big Lick	W. A. Connell, Arlington	22	8	30	5	1	1	1	82	92	174	\$										
Chaney's Hill	C. J. Black, Big Lick	L. A. Ferguson, Brief	6	2	8	1	1	1	1	2	35	63	98	800	500	2	50	6	2	89			20
Clear Creek	B. Lacy Hoge, Concord	T. W. Talbirt, Concord	6	2	8	1	1	1	1	2	33	39	72	500	360	2	60	1	75	89	181	40	
Cold Water	B. Lacy Hoge, Concord	R. F. Byrd, Concord	5	39	44	9	3	3	15	138	138	270	3000	600	16	262	72	20	50	1231	1320	86	
Concord	D. M. Austin, Charlotte	W. D. Mitchell, Lodo	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	16	27	43	325	300	2	100	7	60	119	96	124	
Davidson Mission	W. J. Wyatt, Perth	H. D. Winecoff, Caldwell	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	42	61	103	300	300	8	150	1	5	199				
Friendship	J. L. Shinn, Mooresville	S. L. Mullen, Huntersville	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	4	8	16	24	50	300	2	35	0	59	46			
Hopewell	C. L. Flowers, Wingate	J. R. McCurdy, Eastfield	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	16	30	46	300	300	2	40	3	25	55	25		
Huntersville	D. W. Thomason, Belmont	R. C. Beay, Mt. Island	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	9	12	21	30	600	250	50	50	0	57	60	60		
Independence Hill	S. W. Bennett, Lilesville	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	1	5	7	3	4	1	1	57	76	133	3500	400	4	135	0	10	214	229	60		
Long Creek	D. W. Thomason, Belmont	D. P. Brisse, Charlotte	10	8	18	6	1	1	1	30	58	88	2300	350	9	184	60	10	215	82	226	67	
Matthews	W. T. Tabirt, Concord	J. M. Funderburk, Rimer	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	5	19	28	47	250	250	6	47	0	55	75	57	91	
Newell	A. B. Candler, Wingate	J. R. McLendon, Indian Trail	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	3	37	44	81	750	360	2	40	45	4	141	60	147	
Olivet	B. F. Hargett, Charlotte	D. Crisco, Concord	1	2	3	5	2	1	1	15	27	37	64	150	150	0	2000	0	3	60	9	0	
Phaniels	Dr. A. C. Barron, Charlotte	J. A. Durham, Charlotte	31	34	69	25	3	28	250	207	517	2000	0	6	45	50	3439	60	3957	86	3957	86	
Pleasant Plains	L. R. Pruet, Charlotte	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	7	34	41	17	2	19	72	137	229	360	360	2000	360	5	370	35	15	436	59	494	
Rock Hill	B. F. Hargett, Charlotte	H. M. Watts, Hoods	7	3	10	3	1	1	1	66	63	129	400	400	500	1	100	0	1	123	60	127	
Tryon Street																							
Wilson's Grove																							
Total			94	125	22	88	18	19	937	1209	2146	\$17,275	4850	\$3663	68	\$243	90	\$98	01	\$4734	24	\$5112	39



# FINANCIAL TABLE.

	PAID IN.							PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR.								
	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Education.	Ministers Relief.	Minutes.	Total.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Mills Memorial Hall.	Education.	Ministers Relief.	Total.
Arlington	\$1.00															
Chaney's Hill																
Clear Creek																
Cold Water																
Concord																
Davidson Mission																
Friendship																
Hopewell																
Howells																
Huntersville																
Independence Hill																
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Phanails																
Pleasant Plains																
Rock Hill																
Tryon Street																
Wilson's Grove																
Dr. A. C. Barton																
H. A. Cook																
W. F. Dowd																
W. N. Flanders																
Cheerful Workers, 12th Street																
Young Peoples' Union, Tryon St.																
Cash Collection																
Total	\$11.00	\$4.86	\$23.50	\$12.52	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$24.15	\$76.50	\$156.00	\$186.00	\$334.00	\$139.50	\$111.00	\$59.50	\$50.50	\$1207.50

CHURCHES.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPTS. AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	No. Officers & Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Total	Average Attendance	Baptisms from School.	No of Quarter-lies Taken.	Copies Charity & Children.	No. of Volumes in Library.	Contributions.	School Expenses.	Months Open.
Arlington.....	F. M. Hinson, Arlington	5	70	75			75			\$10.00		8
Chaney's Hill.....	[Store											
Clear Creek.....	James Williams, Coburns	6	40	46	35	3	24	60	64	1.00	80	
Cold Water.....	J. W. Connell, Concord	5	30	35	20					40.71	69.73	
Concord.....	L. A. Talbirt, Concord	13	127	140	90	3	214					
Davidson Mission...												
Friendship.....	W. D. Mitchell, Lodo.	7	35	42	30	1	75	10		5.00	6.00	
Hopewell.....	Noah Winecoff, Davidson	5	45	50	35		40				2.25	
Howells.....												
Huntersville.....												
Independence Hill...	J. R. Atkins, Croft	5	25	30	20		30				3.00	
Long Creek.....	C. A. Caldwell, Mt. Holly	3	20	23			40				3.00	
Matthews.....	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	10	105	115	70		150			3.00	12.00	
Newell.....												
Olivet.....	C. S. Holton, Charlotte	8	70	78	45		100			17.00	10.85	
Phaniels.....	C. W. Propst, Yost	12	125	137	52				60	9.00	2.16	
Pleasant Plains.....	W. S. Paxton, Matthews	6	60	66	40		300				6.00	
Rock Hill.....	H. L. Helms, Kindley	7	65	72	35		76				6.00	
Tryon Street.....	I. W. Durham, Charlotte	20	175	189	104		1640		300	518.20	518.20	
12th Street.....	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	14	175	189	104		350				58.35	
Wilson Grove.....	W. R. Small, Hornet	4	58	62	40						2.50	
Total.		130	1050	1180	791	7	3115	70	424	602.91	190.84	8



