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# MINUTES

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

## Anson County Baptist Association



HELD WITH

## GUM SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

ANSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,

NOVEMBER 2, 3 AND 4, 1917

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
Watauga Forest, North Carolina

The next session will be held with Cedar Grove Church, Anson  
County, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October  
25th, 26th and 27th, 1918



Nearest Railroad Station, Polkton.

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W. F. Humbert.

**Messengers to State Baptist Convention.**

J. W. Nobles, E. J. Hutchinson, J. M. Broadaway.

**Next Meeting at Cedar Grove, October, 25, 26, 27, 1918.**

Preacher of Introductory Sermon -- Rev. J. W. Nobles  
Preacher of Missionary Sermon -- --Rev. C. J. Black

**PROCEEDINGS**

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR SESSION 1918

### FRIDAY

- 10.00 A. M. Introductory Sermon.  
11.00 A. M. Reading Letters. Organization.  
11.30 A. M. Christian Education.  
12.00 M. Announcement of Committees.  
12.15 P. M. Adjournment.  
1.30 P. M. Foreign Missions.  
2.00 P. M. Temperance.  
2.30 P. M. Woman's Work.  
3.00 P. M. Miscellaneous.  
3.15 P. M. Adjournment.

### SATURDAY

- 9.30 A. M. Devotional.  
10.00 A. M. Needs of the Churches.  
10.30 A. M. Home Missions.  
11.00 A. M. State Missions.  
11.30 A. M. Pastoral Support.  
12.15 P. M. Adjournment.  
1.30 P. M. Orphanage.  
2.00 P. M. Aged Ministers' Relief.  
2.15 P. M. Biblical Recorder.  
2.45 P. M. Report of Executive Committee.  
3.00 P. M. Miscellaneous.

### SUNDAY

- 10.00 A. M. Sunday Schools.  
1.00 A. M. Missionary Sermon.

## PROCEEDINGS

Gum Springs, Nov. 2, 1917.

The eighth annual session of the Anson Baptist Association was held with the Gum Springs Baptist church.

At 11.00 A. M. Rev. D. A. Brown preached the introductory sermon from Math. 16: 18.

After which the association was called to order by the Moderator, W. A. Gaddy.

Rev. E. J. Hutchinson and Rev. D. A. Brown were appointed reading clerks and the letters from churches were read and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Brown Creek—J. H. Lampley, W. D. Teal, N. P. Liles.

Cedar Grove—Preston Davis, D. D. Hudson, Edmond Winfield.

Deep Creek—C. H. Harrington, E. Gulledege, E. L. Huntley.

Fall Branch—R. T. Morton, W. P. Price, Archie Adcock.

Gum Springs—C. J. Goodwin, W. W. Marks, W. M. Thompson.

Mineral Springs—Not represented.

Mt. Beulah—A. J. Tyson, M. J. Hutchinson, W. H. Harrington.

Mt. Zion—W. T. Brooks, G. B. Melton, S. A. Mills.

New Home—Not represented.

Polkton—W. C. Stroupe, Jordan Harrington, W. A. Gaddy.

Peachland—A. J. Johnson, J. S. German.

Rocky River—J. E. Efird, D. L. Thompson, T. K. Smith.

Rocky Mount—Not represented.

On motion the association proceeded to re-elect the following officers:

W. A. Gaddy, Moderator.

E. J. Hutchinson, Vice-Moderator.

J. M. Broadaway, Clerk.

W. F. Humbert, Treasurer.

The following visiting brethren were recognized: Chas. C. Smith, representing the aged ministers' relief board. J. M. Page, representing the Biblical Recorder, and E. C. Snider of Wingate, and W. A. Elam of Lilesville.

Adjourned for one hour. Benediction by Rev. J. W. Nobles.

Afternoon session, 1.30 P. M. Devotional services led by Rev. C. J. Black.

The moderator announced as a committee on finance, W. M. Thompson, C. H. Harrington, J. S. German.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by D. A. Brown. On motion the discussion of the report was deferred until 7:30 tonight and C. J. Black was asked to speak to the report.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Last year was the greatest year in Southern Baptist history of Foreign Mission achievement. Including \$180,000 debt, amount contributed to Judson Centennial and to current support, a total of \$961,970.48 was raised. This is the greatest advance ever made by any denomination in the South, in contributions to Foreign Missions, in a single year. If \$38,092.52 more had been raised the round million dollar mark would have been reached.

The above record was made possible by the large number who contributed and the large gifts of the few who recognized the extreme necessities of our Foreign Mission Work.

The expenses of the work was reduced by nearly \$10,000. 90.7 per cent of the money given was applied to the foreign field and only 9.3 per cent was required to meet all home expenditures.

6,347 converts were baptized, 12,930 students were enrolled in our schools, and Missionary doctors treated 67,556 patients. At present, we have 458 churches, 115 of the churches are self-supporting. The members contributed last year \$132,371.05.

There is immediate and urgent need of a large number of Missionaries for evangelistic, medical, school and other departments of the work. To meet this need the Board was able to send out but twelve Missionaries at its Annual Meeting. This was not one-fourth of the number needed. Of the 458 churches most of them have inadequate houses of worship, and more than one-half of these have no houses at all.

After obeying the wish of the convention, which met in New Orleans, last May, compelling the Board to assume obligations which amount to \$165,000 more than Southern Baptists contributed to current support last year, there were \$200,000 in urgent needs unprovided for.

After the onvention had reviewed these necessities, deep feeling and much concern was aroused. Dr. George W. Truett offered resolutions to the effect, that the churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory should be informed of these urgent needs, and urged to raise their gifts to the sum of \$734,000, with which to meet these needs and to get ready to enter new and inviting fields.

The work at present is being greatly embarrassed by maturing obligations, which were assumed on the basis of the Judson Centennial pledges. Missionaries who, in the expectation of the money on these pledges, have made promises to native Christians and others, are now importuning the Board to let them have the money without delay.

Some devoted friends are giving the Board Liberty Bonds, which they purchased to help their country; others are investing in the Board's Annuity Bonds which pay good dividends. These examples are recommended to all our people.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. BROWN.

Report on Aged Minister's Relief was read by Jonah W. Thomas and discussed by Rev. Chas C. Smith and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

During the year our Ministerial Relief Board has assisted some 35 aged ministers as best it could with the funds available, giving some greater amounts and others less, according to their needs. There are others whom we should help.

These brethren who are now old and feeble were the pioneers of our denomination a few years ago.

Numbers of churches throughout the State were organized by them and thousands of souls saved through their ministration. They were faithful to their calling and gave their very lives, souls and body in response to Him who said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always even to the end of the world."

This same Lord who, told them to go also taught us to love them and provide for their physical comforts 'till He shall call them to their reward.

Shall we not be faithful to them as they have been faithful to us and their Lord?

Respectfully submitted,  
JONAH W. THOMAS.

On motion the Association recommended that each church make their contribution to this object; five per cent of the pastor's salary. Rev. J. M. Page urged all our people to subscribe and read the Biblical Recorder, the report on Recorder as follows:

#### BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The Biblical Recorder is the standard bearer of the Baptist people in North Carolina.

Not only is the Recorder the recognized leader of the Baptist denomination against all forms of unbelief and infidelity but it is also the uncompromising foe of organized graft and greed in every form, and hesitates not to champion the cause of the people whenever their sacred rights are involved.

Since its establishment in 1833, in many of the notable contests in our state for moral and intellectual advancement, the Recorder

has courageously led the way and around its banners have rallied the brave and true.

Unawed by power, unbought by gain, unswerving in its convictions of right and duty, and, with the fidelity of a champion of the elder day, the Recorder still stands true to its record, and under new leadership, is earnestly holding its place in the ranks of those heroic souls who are moving forward the battle line of God into regions and empires where the story of the cross has never been told.

For these reasons, and for many others, whose mention space forbids, I most earnestly plead that we, as faithful members of the Baptist denomination, aid, with all our strength, in widening the Recorder's field of work and enlarging its sphere of usefulness, and withhold not our hands until it enters every Baptist home and is read by every Baptist believer.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. F. HUMBERT.

Adjourned until tonight at 7.30. Prayer by E. C. Snider.

#### Evening Session.

The Association met at 7.30 and prayer was offered by J. W. Nobles.

The question of Temperance was taken up and remarks were made by E. C. Snider, and others.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Scriptures admonish us to be Temperate in all things. We understand this to mean all good things which may be used in excess; for the same writer again says, "Abstain from all appearance of evil", and "abhor that which is evil." A great many people today are living intemperate lives in many ways. Therefore we would urge every Christian, church association, and all the institutions of righteousness to practice temperate living and to call a halt to this mad rush, in which so many are not only ruining themselves for this age, but for the life to come.

J. M. BROADAWAY.

At this juncture C. J. Black made a splendid talk on Foreign Missions; remarks were also made by E. C. Snider and Jonah W. Thomas.

The Moderator appointed E. C. Snider to lead the devotional services tomorrow morning at 9.30 A. M., after which the Association adjourned, with the bene-

diction by C. J. Black.

Saturday morning 9.30. E. C. Snider led the Association in its morning devotions.

10.00 A. M. the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The following committee on time and place and persons to preach at the next session was announced as follows: Jonah W. Thomas, W. C. Stroupe, E. J. Hutchinson.

The question on Woman's Work was taken up; the chairman requested W. F. Humbert to write report and hand to clerk.

The Association appointed the following delegates to Baptist State Convention: J. W. Nobles, J. M. Broadaway, E. J. Hutchinson. Southern Baptist, W. F. Humbert.

The Moderator recognized Walter N. Johnson, representing State Mission Board, and G. E. Lineberry, representing Christian Education.

The question of Christian Education discussed by G. E. Lineberry and E. C. Snider was requested to prepare report and hand to the clerk.

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND THE WINGATE SCHOOL.

If the Baptists of North Carolina neglect Christian training and Christian education, it will mean in a few years that Baptist leaders will be too few in number. We have an excellent system of colleges and secondary schools, and we already see that a progressive policy along this line is productive of much good. If we can but give our young people the right kind of training our denomination will be able to nobly meet the responsibility of Christian work in our own State. In a few years somebody will have to take the places of our present leaders, and by all means we need intelligent workers in our churches. Christ emphasized Christian training, and we should be as liberal toward this work as any other object of the convention.

In the coming year we feel that each church of this Association

should make a definite contribution to Christian education. Throughout the State the churches are adopting this policy, so let us be loyal to all phases of the Lord's work.

Respectfully submitted.  
E. C. SNYDER.

The hour having arrived for State Missions, J. W. Nobles presented reports on State and Home Missions. Pending a motion to adopt. Interesting remarks were made by W. N. Johnson, C. J. Black, J. W. Nobles; reports adopted.

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS. SOME FIGURES.

Tabulation of our State Missions last year is as follows:  
Sermons, 11,568, churches served 319, out-stations supplied 116, baptisms 2,211, added by letter, 1,583, meetings held, 447, conversions, 3,487, churches finished, 11, churches organized, 7.

#### THE WORK FOR THE YEAR:

Number of Missionaries, 150; number of churches supplied to date, 276; number of associations in which the Board is aiding, 45. The work is laid out on a basis of \$47,500 for this year exclusive of Associational Missions and Sunday School Missions.

#### PRESENT PHASES OF STATE MISSION WORK.

1. EVANGELIZATION. This is the root of our work. Here is where it started to grow; we shall never outgrow this phase of our work. Nearly half the population of our State are members of some church. So even North Carolina is not yet quite half evangelized.

2. READJUSTMENT. The life of our State is in the midst of tense changes. The development of the water power in our rivers is gathering people together in hundreds of manufacturing centers. Good roads, daily delivery of mail, the parcel post, jitney routes through the country, improved country schools, and intensive methods of agriculture are revolutionizing the rural life of our state.

Thus the old order, ever giving away to the new, is going very fast now in many parts of the Old North State. Our stronger churches are rooted in the old order; the young, weak churches are planted mostly in the new order. In this terrific transition if there were no aid for the churches, many of them would wither and die.

New towns must be taken care of. Cities are laid out on blueprints around old sleepy country churches before they can open their eyes.

For instance, old Ebenezer church, in Stanly county, located

hard by one of the narrows of one of our rivers, owning nearly three acres of ground, woke up one morning to find itself right in the heart of a great manufacturing city. Its members had nearly all moved away; it had to face a new population. If there had been no outside help for this church in this crisis, it would likely have been crushed in the upheaval.

It is now offered \$18,500 for one acre of its ground, and might be able to get \$40,000 by waiting. It sounds like new Oklahoma; but it is old North Carolina.

Our country churches are in the stress of this readjustment. It is the desire of our State Board of Missions to aid the quarter-time and half-time churches, wherever the way is open, to group themselves into compact pastorates for at least one demonstration in each association of the State.

3. ENLISTMENT AND TRAINING. Except some protracted meeting spurts up in the summer, there are about two hundred thousand white Baptists in this State not regularly enlisted in the work of our Lord's Kingdom.

They have all been baptized in the New Testament way; but somehow they got dry.

We are reaching after these unenlisted thousands. They are our present peril. About two hundred of our pastors have volunteered to lead in enlistment protracted meetings in the churches this year and a few of our churches are opening their doors to this work of the Spirit.

The Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. departments of our State work are training the young people in our churches so that there is expected a change in the next generation of our church members.

#### FOR NEXT YEAR'S WORK.

Let us push all phases of our State Mission Work.

We need seriously to increase our funds to carry on this department of our work. That means it is necessary to enlarge our contributions.

We need \$60,000 for State Missions in North Carolina. We need to keep stressing the One-Mission conception of our work. Ours is not a State Mission Board, but a Board of Missions, responsible alike for urging upon our churches State Missions, Home Missions, and Foreign Missions.

Decided progress has been made in getting some of our people to unify Missions into one great appeal, instead of dissecting it into three parts. Next year we should be able, in the large at least to substitute one great Mission campaign for three small ones.

Would it not be well to move our State Convention forward a month, meeting the first of November? This would enable us to give Christian education right-of-way up to the Baptist State Convention.

Then after that, we could take up Missions in dead earnest and push it upon the hearts of our people until the meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention. There is need for discussion of this

question.

Our State Mission books close this year on Tuesday, November 20th.

The time is already getting short and we are several thousand dollars from the mark. There is danger that our Lord's work may be side-tracked on account of our attention to the great war. Let us remember God in these dark hours.

Our people have never been so prosperous as now. In the midst of high prices for our products our sons are going to pour out their blood. Should we fail now to come up on State Missions, it would lead us to fear that our people are thinking more of Mars than of Christ.

J. W. NOBLES, For Committee.

#### HOME MISSION REPORT.

Our Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Georgia, has the distinction of reporting yearly more converts and baptisms through the work of its missionaries than have ever been reported by another Home Missions Board in America, though several of these expend more money than our Board does.

Our Board last year reported 37,724 baptisms, 22,945 of which were creditable directly to Home Missions, while the rest were creditable to co-operative agencies. Last year the total receipts of the Board for all objects were \$474,792, while the administrative costs were \$22,638, or only 4.7 per cent. This suggests great economy in administration. While we applaud a wise economy, we must not forget that efficiency in secular business has nearly always required considerably larger administrative costs than this.

Our Board must not only wisely expend money; it must aid in nurturing and instructing the sources of its supply, which are among nearly 3,000,000 Baptists, most of whom belong to churches with only once-a-month preaching by absentee pastors. To do this service with any real effectiveness will necessitate some expense. We would encourage our Board in incurring expenses required for efficiency.

The great world war is a challenge to every moral and spiritual resource in America. Hundreds of thousands of homes will experience a new soul-hunger, a new sense of need, in the giving of their sons to fight in the nation's armies for justice and democracy. The American farmer must feed the world. The farmer's church, already in need of inspiration and new methods that it may serve a new rural world, must be the center from which the farmer shall gain added understanding and courage to do his part for God and for country. Southern Baptists must do their full share to save and to serve the religious needs of our American boys in the camps, and to protect them from the foul birds of prey that gather in the wake

of every army.

Realizing that new and heavier burdens must in this crisis be borne by Baptists of the South in the Home Mission field, the Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans instructed the Board to pursue its work on the basis of an apportionment of \$505,193, and the annual meeting of the Board in June planned the year's work on that basis. It is the first time Southern Baptists have undertaken to raise half a million for Home Missions, but the abounding needs and opportunities call for it. Our Baptist people are prosperous. They can enjoy their prosperity without moral deterioration only by serving God and country and men with their substance. Patriotism and true religion call us to a large support of Home Missions.

In Evangelism and Church Building and Enlistment, in Cuba and Panama and the Southern Highlands among Foreigners and Negroes and Indians, through co-operative missions in such needy States as New Mexico and Arkansas and Oklahoma and Louisiana and Florida, in cities and towns and country-side our Board has a great work, and the pressing needs which grow out of the war are in addition.

We recommend—

1. That earnest prayer be made for the work of the Home Mission Board and that our pastors be asked to preach at least once during the year upon Home Missions.
2. That this Association approve of the action of the Southern Baptist Convention, which increases the apportionment for Home Missions by approximately 25 per cent, and put our apportionment at \$105.62 for the present fiscal year.
3. That we apportion this amount among our churches and publish the apportionment in our minutes.
4. That our churches be encouraged to form mission study classes in "Baptist Missions in the South" and "Country Churches in the South," the two unusually popular mission study books of the Home Board. Also that our churches should order and make a larger use of the full and interesting lot of tracts about each phase of the work of the Board. The tracts are free on application. The books are, each, cloth 60 cents, paper 40 cents. All orders for literature or books should be directed to Publicity Department, Baptist Home Mission Board Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. W. NOBLES, For Committee.

The Association adjourned one hour for dinner.  
Saturday afternoon, 1.30.  
Devotional services led by W. M. Thompson.  
Committee on time and place and preachers for next

session made the following report:

Your committee recommends that the next session be held at Cedar Grove, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1918 at 11 A. M.

To preach Introductory Sermon, Rev. J. W. Nobles.

To preach Missionary Sermon, Rev. C. J. Black.

The report on Pastoral Support was read by N. P. Liles and discussed by N. P. Liles, J. W. Thomas, J. W. Nobles and adopted.

#### PASTORAL SUPPORT.

When God calls a man to the ministry, He vests him with a duty fraught with the greatest responsibility. To him is delivered the charge: Go into all the world and preach the Gospel. Work of such momentous character calls for the highest preparation of heart and mind.

Have the laity a part in this work, and if so, what are some of their duties? I should say most positively that we have. It devolves upon us to sustain the pastor, not only in that which pertains to the work of the church, and in the spread of the Gospel, but with the material things with which we have been so abundantly blessed. To deny him of these, is to handicap and cripple him. It is an easy matter, in our zeal, to say, Amen, which is often an inspiration, but this will not educate the pastor's children, neither will it feed and clothe his family.

The business man in order to achieve the greatest success, must, as a rule, have the best equipment for his particular line. Just so should the man of God, who is to hold aloft the banner of Christ, be supplied with all that is essential to the highest degree of efficiency. For these he, of necessity, must look to those to whom he ministers. Therefore, let us, in this our country's period of greatest prosperity render unto the pastor the maximum degree of help and co-operation, and thus enable him, with the help of God, to render the greatest service to the Master.

Respectfully submitted,  
N. P. LILES.

The following report was read and discussed by I. F. Thomas, and adopted:

#### REPORTS ON NEEDS OF THE CHURCHES.

Co-operation of the churches in the bounds of this Association.  
Live, energetic pastors that will take more interest in developing

each member. A more strict adherence to our church covenant. Well organized choirs to furnish music.

Live Sunday school superintendants that have the love of God in their hearts for the boys and girls in the school.

A well organized Woman's Missionary Society in each church.

The budget system to meet the financial obligations.

Above all, the kind of religion in the hearts and lives of each individual member, that will prompt him or her to do their whole duty in the building up and the furtherance of the Master's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

I. F. THOMAS.

On motion it was decided to combine the subjects of Pastoral Support and Needs of the Churches.

The following brethren were announced to prepare reports for next session.

State, Home and Foreign Mission, C. J. Black.

Orphanage, W. F. Humbert.

Christian Education, Jonah W. Thomas.

Biblical Recorder, J. W. Nobles.

Pastoral Support, Needs of the Churches, N. P. Liles.

Aged Minister's Relief, E. J. Hutchinson.

Temperance, I. F. Thomas.

Woman's Work, Miss Lelia Goodman.

Sunday Schools, J. S. German.

On motion of N. P. Liles a vote of thanks was extended to the Gum Springs church and community for the abundant provisions made for entertainment.

On motion the Association empowered the Ex. Committee to disburse all State Mission funds remaining in hands of treasurer as they saw best.

On motion the Association adjourned until 7.30 to-night. Benediction by Rev. W. A. Elam.

## EVENING SESSION

The Association met at 7.30 P. M., after song services and prayer the body was called to order by the Moderator. The report on Orphanage was read by W. A. Elam.

### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Our Baptist Orphanage located at Thomasville was founded in 1885. Eternity alone can never tell the good that has been done in these years. There have been enrolled, all told, 1,795 children in this institution. At present there are 505 children in the Orphanage, 450 at Thomasville and 55 at the Kennedy Home. It costs \$10.50 per month to support a child now against \$8.35 four years ago. The annual cost to support 505 children is \$64,513.75; the farm and dairy products consumed last year \$12,662.43 net income from printing office, \$5,695.17; profit from Kennedy Home farm, \$3,245.52.

Current fund last year. \$64,800.36.  
Improvements made at Kennedy Home, \$12,000. Improvements made at Thomasville, \$4,000.

The present indebtedness is about \$7,500.  
During the year ending June 15, 1917, the work of the Orphanage was conducted without any epidemic or serious trouble. The school work is most gratifying; the Orphanage education and training prepares boys and girls for living and making a living.

We would ask every North Carolina Baptist to stand by the Orphanage with heart, prayer, hands, and money.

W. A. ELAM.

Pending a motion to adopt remarks were made by W. A. Elam, W. C. Stroupe, J. W. Thomas and J. M. Broadaway; report adopted.

The following announcements were made: Tomorrow morning 10 o'clock, Sunday School report to be discussed by E. J. Hutchinson; at 11.15 preaching by J. W. Nobles.

### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Nothing is more clearly taught in the bible than the fact that God wants us to teach His word to the people. Every time Israel wandered away from God they were brought back largely through teaching. In New Testament times Jesus and the Apostles made teaching a great factor in the spread of the Gospel. Since the close of the Bible Story whenever God's people have magnified teaching His cause has prospered and whenever they have neglected it His

cause has languished. The Sunday School work goes well among North Carolina Baptists. We take just three glimpses of the facts regarding these schools, in 1897 there were 914 schools with a membership of 66,046; in 1906, there were 1 460 schools with a membership 115,709; in 1916 there were 2,123 schools with a membership of 221,148.

There is progress along all lines. In the state about thirty-four per cent of the church members belong to the Sunday School.

In the state the Sunday Schools gave over \$50,000 to Missions and benevolence. They gave a little more than this for Sunday School expenses. All of our Sunday Schools should co-operate in giving to the Orphanage, to Missions, Education and Minister's Relief.

Let us strive to enlist more of our church members in the Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. HUTCHINSON.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Cedar Grove Baptist church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1918, at 11 A. M.

J. M. BROADAWAY, Clerk,

W. A. GADDY, Moderator.

## APPORTIONMENT TABLE.

CHURCHES	Minute Fund	State and Associational Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	TOTAL
Brown Creek . . .	4.00	35.00	10.00	10.00	3.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	87.00
Cedar Grove . . .	4.00	10.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	12.00	1.00	4.00	40.00
Deep Creek . . .	4.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	3.00	14.00	3.00	5.00	74.00
Fall Branch . . . .	1.00	2.00	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50	10.00
Gum Springs . . .	4.00	14.00	8.00	4.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	6.00	50.00
Mineral Springs .	2.00	8.00	4.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	27.00
Mt. Beulah . . . .	4.00	10.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	7.00	1.00	1.00	30.00
Mt. Zion . . . . .	1.50	4.00	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50	12.50
New Home . . . . .	2.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	3.00	25.00
Polkton . . . . .	4.00	15.00	17.00	12.00	1.00	12.00	1.00	3.00	65.00
Peachland . . . .	4.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	10.00	1.00	2.00	43.00
Rocky Mt. . . . .	4.00	10.00	10.00	6.00		6.00	3.00	5.00	46.00
Rocky River . . .	3.50	10.00	6.00	5.00	1.00	10.00	1.00	2.00	38.00

Send all money for Minutes and Clerk and Associational Missions to W. F. Humbert, Polkton, N. C.

Send all Orphanage Funds to F. B. Hamrick, Thomasville, N. C.

Send Money for all other objects to Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C.

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCH	SUPT.	POSTOFFICE	SECRETARY	POSTOFFICE	Number of Schools Officers & Teachers	Pupils Total Enrollment	Church Members in S.S.	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Total Contributions.	
Brown Creek	I. F. Thomas	Wadesboro	J. G. Winfield	Wadesboro	1	50	58	12	2	20.00	28.00	
Cedar Grove	J. H. Thomas	Polkton, R-2	Miss Lee Thomas	Polkton, R-2	1	7	73	12	8	12.00	13.35	
Deep Creek	C. H. Harrington	Wadesboro	Miss Mamie Nivens	Chesterfield, R-2	1	5	76	12	6	6.75	6.75	
Fall Branch	H. H. Jordan	Lilesville	Pauline Tarlton	Wadesboro	1	4	22	10	12	4.00	4.00	
Gum Springs	C. J. Goodwin	Pee Dee, R-1	George Knotts	Pee Dee	1	7	70	35	12	60.00	86.00	
Mineral Springs	H. W. Lowery	Polkton, R-1	Vernon Hill	Polkton, R-1	1	5	45	65	40	8.00	8.00	
Mt. Beulah	J. K. Tyson	Wadesboro	A. G. Tyson	Lilesville	1	6	60	30	12	13.00	38.11	
New Home	G. B. Melton	Wadesboro	R. Dennis	Wadesboro	1	5	25	30	10	3.00	3.00	
Polkton	King Little	Marshville	Miss Ollie Meggs	Polkton	1	6	94	100	12	6.00	6.00	
Peachland	W. C. Stroupe	Polkton	H. F. Moore	Peachland	1	10	112	122	12	28.00	66.48	
Rocky River	A. D. Griffin	Peachland	J. S. German	Polkton	1	8	120	128	100	12.80	29.12	
Rocky Mt.	M. W. Goodman	Polkton	J. T. Garris	Peachland	1	7	40	47	20	6.00	11.58	
	S. J. Turner	Polkton, R-3	Grace Howard	Polkton, R-3	1	5	30	35	15	13.12	13.12	
TOTAL					13	83	805	900	489	149	201.00	253.51

OTHER OBJECTS—Gum Springs, \$6.00; Mt. Beulah, \$20.00; Polkton, \$33.00  
 Orphanage — Brown Creek, \$8.00; Gum Springs, \$8.00; Mt. Beulah, \$4.00; Polkton, \$43.43; Peachland, \$4.00; Rocky River, \$5.58.  
 Missions — Cedar Grove, \$1.35; Gum Springs, \$12.00; Polkton, \$2.07; Peachland, \$3.32.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL.

CHURCH:	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE:	CLERK:	POSTOFFICE:	Time of Preaching	Value Church Prop.	By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
Brown Creek	J. W. Nobles	Polkton	K. P. Liles	Wadesboro	2-4	1 000	4	5	3	8	2	2	71	81	152
Cedar Grove	J. S. Harris	Oakboro	J. M. Broadaway	Polkton R-2	2nd	1 000	19	5	8	4	2	2	75	82	157
Deep Creek	D. A. Brown	Marshville, R-6	J. T. Gullledge	Marshville R-6	1st	700	9	2	2	4	2	2	43	100	143
Fall Branch	E. J. Hutchinson	Wadesboro, R-A	J. J. Price	Lilesville	3rd	600	2	2	2	1	1	1	6	10	16
Gum Springs	E. J. Hutchinson	Wadesboro, R-A	W. M. Thompson	Lilesville	4th	1 000	10	2	2	2	1	1	53	70	123
Mineral Springs	D. A. Brown	Marshville, R-6	Miss Minnie Allen	Polkton R-1	2nd	600	10	2	1	1	1	2	20	29	49
Mt. Beulah	G. O. Wilhoit	Ansonville	J. K. Tyson	Wadesboro	4th	900	10	1	3	3	4	4	69	78	147
New Home	E. J. Hutchinson	Wadesboro, R-A	G. B. Melton	Lilesville	3rd	600	600	21	3	3	1	1	15	20	35
Polkton	E. J. Hutchinson	Wadesboro, R-A	G. H. Parker	Polkton R-3	1st	700	700	1	1	1	1	1	36	39	75
Peachland	J. W. Nobles	Polkton	J. M. Griffin	Polkton	3rd	2 000	12	4	1	4	7	2	35	60	95
Rocky River	C. J. Black	Wingate	J. S. German	Peachland	2nd	800	9	7	4	4	7	2	75	103	178
Rocky Mount	J. W. Nobles	Polkton	C. L. Waddell	Polkton R-2	1st	600	2	2	2	2	2	1	18	30	48
	J. S. Harris	Oakboro	S. J. Turner	Polkton R-3	3rd	800	8	1	6	3	1	1	52	90	142
TOTAL															
8 390 51 26 5 33 13 15 568 792 1360															

TABLE II—FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects	TOTAL
Brown Creek	400.00		40.00	20.00	15.00	4.00	35.00	10.00	10.00	3.00	15.00	5.00	5.00		547.00
Cedar Grove	125.00	36.00	32.82	10.00	6.00	4.00	6.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	23.78		4.00	12.50	257.60
Deep Creek	150.00		5.00	6.75		2.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	2.50	11.60	4.15	2.50		222.00
Fall Branch	40.00	60.00	3.50	5.00		1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	11.57	128.06
Gum Springs	135.00	15.00	20.00	60.00	11.40	4.00	10.00	4.00	4.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	4.00		281.40
Mineral Springs	80.00			8.00			2.00	2.00	2.00						94.00
Mt. Beulah	100.00		29.50	13.50	30.50	4.00	10.00	2.00	4.00	1.00	7.00	1.00	2.50	30.00	233.00
Mt. Zion	30.00			3.00		1.50	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		43.50
New Home	100.00	3.00	12.00	6.00		2.00	6.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	7.50	1.00	3.00		151.50
Polkton	150.00	27.00	28.95	28.00		4.00	15.00	18.56	12.00	1.00	12.00	1.00	1.00	57.50	422.54
Peachland	150.00		16.00	21.80		4.00	18.32	10.00	10.00	1.00	10.00	1.00	1.00		243.12
Rocky River	150.00			6.00		3.00	8.00	5.00	4.42		16.58		2.00		196.00
Rocky Mount	150.00		20.00	13.12		3.00	10.00	6.00	10.00	2.00	4.50		4.00	20.00	242.62

TOTALS \$1760.00|136.00|197.77|201.17|62.90|36.50|136.82|80.06|78.92|17.50|119.96|17.15|31.00|131.57|3162.34