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Vice Moderator	.W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.
ClerkDavid	P. Dellinger, Cherryville, N. C.
Treasurer	W. L. Walters, Gastonia, N. C.

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G. P. Abernethy, Gastonia.
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W. W. Rimmer, Lincolnton.
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R. L. Smith. Stanley.
C. L. Taylor, Mayworth.
C. A. G. Thomas, Mt. Holly
A. E. Teague, Belmont.
D. B. Tritt. Nars Hill.
J. L. Vipperman, Dallas.
J. W. Ward, Belmont.
J. J. Waldrop, Lincolnton.

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Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.—Col. 4:12.

## PROCEEDINGS

The Gaston County Baptist Association met in its first session with the First Baptist Church, of Gastonia, on Tuesday, November 4, 1919, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

After singing the campaign song, "When Millions Come Pouring In," and a prayer by D. F. Putnam, of Cherryville, W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church, Gastonia, was elected temporary chairman, and David P. Dellinger, temporary secretary.

The following Letters of Dismission were read:

The South Fork Baptist Association grants the following churches, Dallas, Mount Beulah, Long Creek, Alexis, Belmont First, Belmont East, Gastonia First, Gastonia East, Gastonia South, Loray, Hickory Grove, High Shoals, Lowell, Mayworth. McAdenville, Mount Holly, Sandy Plains, Spencer Mountain, Tuckaseege, and Bruington, this letter of dismission for the purpose of forming a new association of like faith and order.

This is to certify that the above churches are all in good standing, and at their own request are hereby dismissed for the purpose above stated. May God's richest blessings rest upon you all.

Done by	order of the south r	OFK ASSOCIATION	i in annual session	
assembled a	t Lincolnton, N. C.,	October 30th,	1919.	
(Signed)	01	SBORNE BRO	WN. Moderator.	

(Signed)	OBBORNE DROWN,	moderator.
(Signed)	J. F. CLICK, Clerk.	

The Kings Mountain Association to the proposed new Association in Gaston County, sendeth greetings:

This is to certify that Cherryville, Bessemer City, Mount Zion and Shady Grove Baptist churches are members of the Kings Mountain Association in good and regular standing and at their own request are dismissed from the said Association to unite with you.

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By order of the Association in regular annual session at Sandy Plains church, September 18, 1919.

(Signed)	J. W. SUTTLE, Moderator.
(Signed)	J. J. LATTIMORE, Clerk.

The roll of the churches was called and the delegates were enrolled as follows:

Alexis-W. F. Huggins.

Belmont First—W. J. Francis and F. M. Huggins. Bessemer City—C. C. Clark and C. A. Rhyne.

Bruington-W. W. Rimmer.

Cherryville-D. F. Putnam, J. H. Trott, W. J. T. Styers,

B. H. Roberts and David P. Dellinger.

Dallas-J. W. Summey, W. E. Rhyne, J. L. Vipperman, J. R. Lewis and J. R. Durham.

East Belmont-R. G. Mace.

East Gastonia-J. V. Fisher, John H. Setzer, G. C. Moss, W. L. Walters, C. B. Newton and C. C. Kiser.

Gastonia First-H. B. Moore, J. R. Shuford, J. S. Wray, J. D. Smith and W. C. Barrett.

Hickory Grove-J. Lee Abernethy, G. W. Rumfeldt and L. M. Flowers.

High Shoals-T. S. Clark and J. J. Waldrop.

Long Creek-F. M. Pasour.

Lucia-U. B. McIntosh and W. H. Allen.

Loray—P. M. Summey, W. Lee Smith and G. P. Abernethy. Lowell—J. A. Funderburk, J. P. Kimbro and C. Q. Rhyne.

Mayworth—S. C. Bush and C. L. Taylor.

McAdenville—B. H. Waters, J. F. Abernethy and C. A. Cald-well.

Mt. Beulah—J. H. Kenley, L. A. Barbee, W. B. Elam and Ed Biggerstaff.

Mt. Holly—O. L. Hoffman, A. U. Stroup and C. A. G. Thomas. Mt. Zion—D. H. Dellinger.

Ranlo-F. M. Smith and W. J. Day.

Sandy Plains-W. A. Hough.

Shady Grove-D. M. Witherspoon, B. C. Foster and T. F. Sellers,

South Gastonia-T. C. Smith, S. L. Smith, J. S. Hawkins, L. J. Waldrop, G. H. Logan, W. A. Hough and C. P. Gardner.

Spencer Mountain—A. W. Jones, W. A. Hawkins and C. Q. Rhyne.

Tuckaseege-P. G. Whistnant and Walter Mullis.

Every church being represented the Association, on motion, elected the following officers:

Moderator, H. B Moore, ; Vice-Moderator, W. J. Francis; Clerk, David P. Dellinger. Treasurer, W. L. Walters.

The moderator takes charge of the meeting and on motion of W. C. Barrett The Gaston County Baptist Association is selected for the name of the association.

On motion W. C. Barrett, F. M. Huggins, C. C. Kiser, D. F. Putnam and J. L. Vipperman are elected as a committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws and to report at the next session.

R. G. Mace offers the following resolution which is adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the very great importance of the B. Y. P. U. work of our churches, there be elected by this session of the association and by each subsequent annual session of the association an Associational B. Y. P. U. Director who shall have direction of the B. Y. P. U. work in the association, and that the director be requested to organize as early as convenient an Annual Associational Convention of the B. Y. P. U. in the association.

Be it Further Resolved, That the director shall make a written report to the Association at each session.

On motion of J. L. Vipperman, R. G. Mace is elected B. Y. P. U. director of the association.

J. L. Vipperman reads the following text in scripture:

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.—Col. 4:12.

On motion of W. C. Barrett, and after discussion by J. L. Vipperman and D. F. Putnam, this is adopted as the motto of the Association and is to be printed in all the minutes of the Association.

W. C. Barrett offers fitting remarks to the end that the Association should enter into a solemn pledge to stand and work together in everything for the advancement of the Kingdom of God, and on his suggestion C. C. Kiser

#### Resolutions Adopted by Board Trustees Boiling Springs High School.

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Whereas, It is proposed to organize an Association on November 4th, 1919, of the Baptist churches of Gaston county, N. C., to be known as the Gaston County Baptist Association, a part of the churches to form said Association at this time being members of the Kings Mountain Association: and

Whereas, said Association will likely endorse and adopt some of the secondary schools now in existence; and, whereas, the Boiling Springs High School is in close proximity to the territory of the new Association and two members of this Board being members of churches located in Gaston county: now therefore, he it

Resolved, 1st, That we, the Board of Trustees of Boiling Springs High School, in special meeting assembled on this the 25th day of September, 1919, hereby extend to the Gaston County Association when it shall be duly organized, an invitation to endorse and adopt the Boiling Springs High School as its associational school and to co-operate with the Kings Mountain and Sandy Run Associations in owning, operating and maintaining said school on such basis as shall hereafter be worked out by this board of Trustees and a special committee to be appointed for this purpose by the Gaston County Association.

2nd, That the granting of letters to churches of Gaston county by the Kings Mountain Association to join the new Association shall not disqualify members of such churches to hold positions on this board until the next annual meeting of the Kings Mountian Association.

3rd. That the foregoing resolutions shall be without force or effect until approved in due form by both the Kings Mountain and the Sandy Run Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. QUINN, CARME ELAM. W. T. TATE,

Committee to Draft Resolutions.

Approved by the Kings Mountain Association in annual meeting assembled on September 25th, 1919.

J. J. LATTIMORE, Clerk.

Approved by the Sandy Run Association in annual meeting assembled on October 9th, 1919. (Signed)

(Signed)

G. B. PRUETTE. Clerk.

led in a special prayer for the success of the Association in all its work.

The moderator, on motion by W. C. Barrett duly passed, appoints the following committee on Time and Preacher: C. A. Caldwell, C. C. Kiser and F. M. Huggins.

J. L. Vipperman extends a special and pressing invitation to the Association to meet next year with the Long Creek Memorial church. On motion of W. C. Barrett is immediately accepted.

C. Q. Rhyne presents a letter from the newly organized church at Ranlo asking to be admitted to the Association. On motion of W. C. Barrett the letter is referred to a committee to be appointed by the moderator to examine into the Articles of Faith and report at the afternoon session. Committee appointed: J. L. Vipperman, C. A. G. Thomas and D. F. Putnam.

The following visitors were recognized: J. W. Suttle, moderator of the Kings Mountain Association; J. H. Quinn, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Boiling Springs High School; D. J. Hunt, Moderator of the Sandy Run Association; W. T. Tate from the Sandy Run Association; W. R. Beach, of Kings Mountain; C. T. Hawkins and A. L. Cline, of the South Fork Association, and S. F. Conrad, Colportuer, of Charlotte, N. C.

The committee files an oral report that Ranlo church be accepted to membership in this body and its delegates entitled to seats. On motion the report is adopted. The church and delegates are enrolled under the proper heading.

J. H. Quinn is recognized to present the matter of adopting the Boiling Springs High School, of Boiling Springs, N. C., as the Associational School of the Gaston County Baptist Association, which was done in vivid and forceful language. He then announced a committee composed of J. W. Suttle, W. R. Beach and J. H. Quinn from the Kings Mountain and D. J. Hunt and W. T. Tate from the Sandy Run Associations to present the following resolutions:

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On motion of C. A. G. Thomas the moderator is authorized to appoint a committee to consider the matter and report at this session. The committee was appointed as follows: D. F. Putnam, J. L. Vipperman and C. A. G. Thomas.

The committee on Time and Preacher makes the following report which is adopted:

We, your committee on time and preacher for the First Annual Meeting of the Gaston County Baptist Association, beg leave to submit the following report: Time, Tuesday, 10 A. M., after the third Sunday in October, 1919; Preacher, D. F. Putnam, of Cherryville; Alternate, R. G. Mace, of Belmont.

C. A. CALDWELL, Chairman. F. M. HUGGINS, C. C. KISER.

W. T. Tate, D. J. Hunt and J. W. Suttle are recognized and make short forceful speeches urging the Association to adopt the Boiling Springs High School. Every word was heard with much interest.

On motion of J. L. Vipperman the moderator is authorized to appoint an Executive Committee to serve until the next session. Committee is as follows: H. B. Moore, ex-offico chairman; J. L. Vipperman, D. F. Putnam, F. M. Huggins, W. C. Barrett, C. A. G. Thomas, C. C. Kiser and R. S. Lewis.

All names of members of churches suggested by the pastors were entitled to enroll as delegates, on motion of W. C. Barrett and duly passed by the Association.

On motion of C. C. Kiser the Association takes a recess from 12:30 to 1:30 P. M.

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## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator calls the association to order exactly at 1:30 P. M. After singing the 75-Million Campaign song, "When Millions Come Pouring In," C. A. Caldwell offered a prayer opening the session.

Committee on Order of Business for the next session is appointed as follows: W. A. Hough, J. J. Waldrop and C. A. Rhyne.

The moderator appointed the Chairmen of Committees to write reports for next session:

Foreign Missions-C. A. G. Thomas. Home Missions-F. M. Huggins. inter quairolle State Misssions-W. C. Barrett. Woman's Work-R. G. Mace. . A state of conversion. Sunday Schools-W. W. Rimmer. Biblical Recorder-G. P. Abernethy. Education-J. L. Vipperman. Ministerial Relief-C. Q. Rhyne. Obituaries-W. B. McClure. Digest of Church Letters-Clerk of Association. Temperance-C. A. Caldwell. B. Y. P. U.-C. C. Kiser. Orphanage-D. F. Putnam.

The committee to consider the Boiling Springs High School matter reports as follows:

## **BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL**

Your committee on Boiling Springs High School offer the following report:

1. That we adopt said school as our Associational School and give it our hearty co-operation.

2. That a committee of three be appointed to visit the school and investigate conditions, consult with the trustees and report a basis of co-operation at the next meeting of the Association.

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C. A. G. THOMAS. D. F. PUTNAM, J. L. VIPPERMAN. The report is adopted by unanimous vote, and the following committee is appointed: J. L. Vipperman, J. W. Summey and J. R. Shuford.

W. C. Barrett and R. G. Mace present the matter of the condition of the Lucia church and the urgent need of funds to put the building in shape for immediate use. A cash collection was taken amounting to \$56.25.

W. C. Barrett makes report on the matter of an \$800 debt on church lot for the newly organized church at Ranlo. On motion of D. F. Putnam the matter was referred to the Executive Committee with authority to act.

On motion the Moderator is authorized, and appoints the following:

Delegates to State Convention: David P. Dellinger, C. C. Kiser and F. M. Huggins.

Southern Baptist Convention: J. L. Vipperman.

Member State Mission Board: W. C. Barrett is elected on motion of W. A. Hough.

W. C. Barrett calls the roll of the churches and finds 5,271 members in the Association.

On motion the Moderator is authorized to appoint a committee to handle the matter of providing funds for printing the minutes of the session. Committee named as follows: D. F. Putnam, R. G. Mace and W. L. Walters.

J. L. Vipperman offers the following, which is adopted:

There appear in the minutes of this new-born Association, the Gaston County Baptist Association, no statistical report based upon and growing out of the fact that the statistical report of the churches forming this new Association, are found in the minutes of the Kings Mountain and South Fork Associations out of which this new Association is formed. J. L. VIPPERMAN.

On motion of J. S. Wray the Moderator is asked to appoint a committee to prepare a form letter and advise and recommend the use of the same in the Association. Letters of dismission of members to join other churches to carry certain financial and other facts as to the obligations of the member for information to the church he proposes to join. Committee named as follows: J. S. Wray, T. C. Smith and F. M. Huggins.

J. H. Quinn extends the hearty thanks of the Board of Trustees to the Association for its action in adopting the Boiling Springs High School as our Associational High School.

W. J. Francis offers the following:

In view of the fact that the members, and especially the ladies of the First Baptist church have so graciously entertained the Association, therefore,

Be it Resolved, That we as a body express our thanks to the pastor and members of the First Baptist church for their kindness to us.

On motion of T. C. Smith the resolution is adopted by a unanimous vote.

The committee to arrange for funds for printing the minutes report and recommend that the churches be requested to pay into this fund the following amounts, which report is adopted:

Alexis, \$1.00; Belmont, \$5.00; Dallas, \$3.00; East Belmont, \$4.00; East Gastonia, \$7.50; Gastonia First, \$7.50; Hickory Grove, \$2.00; High Shoals, \$1.00; Long Creek Memorial, \$3.00; Loray, \$5.00; Lowell, \$2.00; Mayworth, \$2.50; McAdenville, \$3.00; Mt. Beulah, \$2.00; Mt. Holly, \$4.00; Sandy Plains, \$2.00; South Gastonia, \$2.50; Spencer Mountain, \$1.00; Tuckaseege, \$1.00; Cherryville, \$5.00; Bessemer City, \$3.00; Mt. Zion, \$2.00; Shady Grove, \$1.50; Lucia, 50c. Total \$71.00.

.On motion of D. F. Putnam it is ordered that the clerk be paid \$15.00 for his services in the preparation and distribution of the minutes.

J. L. Vipperman offers the following:

It is the sense of this new Association, the Gaston County Baptist Association, that we hold regular fifth Sunday meetings throughout the year. Such meeting to be held, if possible, in connection with the fifth Sunday Singing School, known as the Gaston County Baptist Singing Convention. All meetings to convene on Friday night preceding each fifth Sunday. That a regular committee composed of three members to be known as the Fifth Sunday Program Committee be appointed by this newly organized Association. The resolution is adopted and the committee follows: W. A. Hough, F. M. Huggins and C. P. Gardner.

On motion of W. C. Barrett it is ordered that a committee of five lay members be appointed to confer with the pastors of the churches as to ways and means for providing the necessary expenses of every pastor in attending the Baptist State Convention. The Moderator appoints the following: T. C. Smith, J. S. Wray, W. L. Walters, F. M. Pasour and D. P. Dellinger.

W. C. Barrett makes a motion, which is adopted, that a committee of five pastors be appointed to encourage young men and women in the Association who express a purpose to enter the ministry or to go as missionaries. And the committee is: J. L. Vipperman, W. C. Barrett, G. P. Abernethy, C. A. Caldwell and W. W. Rimmer,

And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.—I Sam. 10:26.

But Peter took him up, saying, stand up; I myself also am a man.—Acts 10:26.

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.—I Tim. 1:12.

But when he saw the multitudes, he was movel with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. 37. Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plentuous, but the laborers are few. 38. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into the harvest.—Matt. 9:36-38.

And no man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.—Heb. 5:4.

The Moderator is authorized to fill any vacancies that may arise during the Associational year.

The following is proposed by J. L. Vipperman and adopted:

/ Resolved, That all our church clerks be requested to mail the church letters to the clerk of the Association at least ten (10) days before the meeting of the Association to enable the clerk to prepare and print the Digest of Church Letters for distribution at the opening session thereof. Resolved further, That it is the sense of this body that the Associational Year should close with the last Sunday in September and we trust all our churches will see proper to govern themselves accordingly.

On motion of C. C. Kiser, the Association adjourned to meet with the Long Creek Memorial church, near Dallas, on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, 1920, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. S. F. Conrad, of Charlotte, offered the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

> H. B. MOORE, Moderator. DAVID P. DELLINGER, Clerk.

#### A TELEGRAM.

Received after adjournment.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 4, 1919.

Rev. W. C. Barrett,

First Baptist Church,

## Gastonia, N. C.

Blessings on the new association. Phillipians three seven to fourteen. W. R. CULLOM. CHURCHES, WHEN ORGANIZED, PASTORS, TIME OF PREACHING, CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.

Following for reference only. Statistics for all Churches and Sunday Schools will be found in the minutes of the South Fork and Kings Mountain Associations, from which this Association was formed.

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## CHURCHES AND SUPERINTENDENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

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	Churches	Superintendents and Postoffices.
1.	Alexis	.S. M. Stroup, Alexis.
		.W. J. Francis, Belmont.
		W. E. Hull, Bessemer City.
		J. P. Calloway. Stanley.
5.	Cherryville	M. A. Stroup, Cherryville.
		. R. S. Lewis, Dallas.
		.W. L. Chapman, Belmont.
		.C. B. Newton, Gastonia.
9.	Gastonia First	W. J. Clifford, Gastonia.
10.	Hickory Grove	T. P. Lineberger, Lowell.
11.	High Shoals	M. C. Dellinger, High Shoals.
12.	Long Creek Memoria	I F. M. Pasour, Dallas.
13.	Lucia	.W. H. Allen, Mt. Holly.
14.	Loray	W. Lee Smith, Gastonia.
15.	Lowell	Jake Hendrix, Lowell.
16.	Mayworth	.A. W. Young, Mayworth.
17.	McAdenville	J. C. Pence, McAdenville.
18.	Mount Beulah	E. H. Biggerstaff, Bessemer City.
19.	Mount Holly	. M. L. Barnes, Mt. Holly.
20.	Mount Zion	.D. H. Dellinger, Cherryville.
	Ranlo	
		John Millen, Lowell.
23.	Shady Grove	.D. R. Stroup, Cherryville.
24.	South Gastonia	.G. H. Logan, Gastonia.
25.	Spencer Mountain	John Cloninger, Lowell.
26.	Tuckaseege	W. L. O'Daniel, Mt. Holly,

#### FLASHES AND THOUGHTS.

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The thought uppermost—Baptist 75 Million Campaign, and what it means.

Association was born full grown-5,271 strong.

Gastonia First Church entertains royally.

Strong pastors, large membership, wealthy county—a great opportunity for the Association.

Third time for Gastonia to entertain. They know how.

The ladies won highest praise. That most sumptuous dinner.

A most harmonious and brotherly meeting.

"Barrett and Vipperman are certainly enthusiastic workers."

Attendance exceeds expectations. Every church represented.

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