

Minutes of the Ninety-Fourth  
**ANNUAL SESSION**

— of the —

**BEULAH BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION**

— Held With —

**SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH**

Caswell County, N. C.

**JULY 26 and 27**

**1928**

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**PROCEEDINGS**

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Shiloh Baptist Church,  
Caswell County, N. C.

The Ninety-Fourth Annual session of the Beulah Baptist Association met with the Shiloh Baptist Church on Thursday, July 26, 1928.

Devotional was conducted by Bro. A. L. Boyd. After reading the first Psalm he lead in prayer.

The Moderator called the meeting to order and open for any business. The first to claim attention was the program. On motion the program was adopted, giving the Moderator the privilege to make any change he saw fit. Bro. Gilmore and Beach are recognized.

The Moderator calls attention to the fact that we must have letters in at an early date.

The discussion on when the Associational Year should start are recognized by Moderator. Rev. Tillman, using as his text, John 20-21, delivered a very beautiful sermon on God's great program. Bro. Coggins lead in a word of prayer.

The Moderator read his appointment of Committees.

Owing to the fact that the crowd is hard to control at dinner hour, Bro. Tillman asked Bro. Todd to return thanks before we left the church. Then Bro. Tillman invited the Association to a very delightful dinner.

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**AFTERNOON SESSION**

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The Moderator called the meeting to order. Bro. Tillman lead very ably in several songs. Bro. Hill led in prayer.

The Moderator called for report on Missions. Owing to the fact that Mrs. Wilburn could not be there or did not send her report on Home Missions, Bro. Gilmore was allowed to read in order a report he had on same.

Bros. Tillman, Gilmore and Coggins gave reports on Missions respectfully, State, Home and Foreign.

On motion they were adopted. The whole Association enjoyed a very beautiful song rendered by Mrs. Horn.

Bro. N. J. Todd read a report for Bro. Gilmore concerning our co-operative program.

Bros. Gilmore, West and Todd very forcibly discussed this vital subject. A motion to adopt this as our plan for co-operation program was passed.

The Association instructed the Clerk to send Rev. J. A. Beam a letter of thanks for what he had done, and our kindest regards.

There was some discussion as to service for the night, as Bros. Knight and McGregor, who were the speakers, could not be there. On motion it was decided to dispense with the night service and work it in on the following day's program.

Bro. Todd dismissed the meeting with a prayer.

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**THURSDAY MORNING SESSION**

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The service was opened by Bro. Fry singing several songs. Bro. Hill led in prayer. The Minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

In absence of Bro. Knight Bro. Gentry read his report. After discussion by Bros. Worrell, Tillman, West, Hill, Huggins, Fry and Todd, the motion was carried.

Then Bro. McGregor gave his report on Christian Education. On motion adopted.

The Orphanage and Ministerial Relief were passed over.

Bro. Upchurch gave a splendid report on law enforcement. The report adopted.

Motion by Bro. West to consider changing time of meeting. After much discussion it was decided to remain as it was.

Committee on time, place and preacher reported.

Motion to let Mr. Todd give his report on Stewardship and write it later for the Minutes.

Motion to let Dr. Tucker report on Orphanage.

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#### AFTERNOON SESSION

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Bro. Fry led in opening song.

Bro. Kesler recognized.

Report of Financial Committee

Report of Committee on Resolutions. Report adopted.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted.

Report of Nominating Committee. On motion adopted.

Digest of Church Letters by Clerk.

Report on time, place and preacher. On motion adopted.

The Association then enjoyed a very helpful discussion of Bro. M. L. Kesler of the Orphanage..

The whole Association was very much helped by the closing services, which were conducted by Bro. West.

After a song the Association adjourned by prayer from Bro. West.

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#### REPORT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

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The law of man is a rule or rules for human conduct, and the adoption of rules of conduct and the establishment of civic authority is sanctioned and approved by God's word and we are commanded to observe such rules when prescribed. In I Peter 2nd Chapter and 13th verse we find these words: "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake." Not some particular ordinance for the Lord's sake, but every ordinance of man, not my hobby or your hobby, but every or all says the word of God.

That fact that this question is placed upon the program for report and discussion is evidence that at least in the minds of the program committee this question needs to be kept before this association, because there is an evil to be avoided or remedied.

Your committee is of the opinion that the evil exists as it has since the beginning of organized society and that the remedies are many, but that the most important are: 1. Proper respect for the home and parental authority. 2. A due reverence for the Word of God with an understanding of the solemnity of an oath administered on His word.

With a proper observance of these principles on the part of the church people of North Carolina, we will revolutionize our social and religious life and insure the proper and rigid enforcement of the Turlington act and

all other rules of conduct prescribed by our law making bodies.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. UPCHURCH,

For Committee.

### REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The time has come when our people have refused to debate the value of education. The question now is the kind of education or the institution our boys and girls are going to attend. Here lies the emphasis of Christian Education, and surely there is tremendous need for such emphasis at this time.

This, my friends, throws open a door of opportunity to Christian education, and the Church of the living God. The Baptists of North Carolina have been awakened out of their slumber to this urgent call and to a realization that the fact that our Baptist schools need not only our boys and girls, but our money. Through the Co-operative program we must provide for operating them until such time as we can accumulate sufficient endowment. Then, we must within the next three years raise a great Centennial Fund, so that they may be released from burdensome debt and have a chance to grow by having more and better paid teachers and ample room to care for those that are knocking at our doors seeking an entrance to gain.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MCGREGOR.

### REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

Roxboro, N. C., July 24, 1928.

The B. Y. P. U's in this association need something done to create more interest. There are several churches in this association that have no B. Y. P. U. It would be one of the biggest steps a church ever made to organize one. Dr. Poteat said he would hate to live in a town where there were no young people. I would not like to be in a church where there is no union to train the young people. Pastors say you can tell a great deal of difference where they have the young people to back them up. If you have not one in your church you will do a wise thing to have some B. Y. P. U. come there and give a demonstration. Then it will be a good idea to get somebody to organize one. Mr. West, Pastor of Roxboro church, went down to Antioch some time ago and organized one. It will help to keep the young people at a place that you will know that they are all right. Besides they will be trained to take the places of the older ones that will some day pass out.

There are about three General B. Y. P. U's in this association, Roxboro, Jalong and Mill Creek. These are doing a great work, but still they have room for growth and improvement. The other churches that have Unions are doing pretty good work, but to be plain, the Unions have a great number in their midst that ought to be members.

The State B. Y. P. U. Associations met in Roxboro this year and from the representatives present from this association it looks like something is wrong with some of our Unions.

We older men and women can not afford to stand by and say it is their problem let them fight it out. My friends, it is your problem too. They are your children; so let's pray, work and support the Unions. If your children won't go, you go and take them, you'll be welcome. Young people don't need you to look after anything in their behalf near as much as they need their souls looked after. The Lord said: "The field is white unto harvest", and he needs men to carry on His work. You can serve Him by beginning in the B. Y. P. U.

"Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Thanks,  
B. B. KNIGHT,  
Gen. Dir. Roxboro B. Y. P. U.

### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

While North Carolina Baptists during the past 98 years of their organization have made wonderful progress in their efforts to imprint the life and ideals of Christ on the State, they still have before them a vast unfinished task.

Is it nothing to you, fellow Baptists, that there are in this State more than a half million unsaved people, for whom Christ died, above the year of accountability? Is it nothing to you that during the past year there were 634 out of the 2,368 churches in the State that did not report a single baptism? Any church that is not definitely engaged in winning the lost is doomed itself.

One of our most acute problems is that of enlistment. Hundreds of our Baptist churches throughout the State and multiplied thousands of our members are not contributing a penny of that which the Lord has entrusted to them to the ongoing of His Kingdom. This problem obtains in the lowlands and in the mountains, wherever there is lack of information about the will of the Master and the needs of a lost world.

The industrial situation throughout Piedmont N. C. especially is as challenging as it is imperative. Into this section a continuous stream of industries from New England is pouring, bringing the same problems and perils that have blighted the religious life of the North and East. We must meet this situation at once or suffer irreparable loss. A number of towns in this section are now vainly appealing to our Board for help in this day of crisis.

#### Agencies And Organization

The General Board, of which Charles E. Maddry is the General Secretary, is the organized agency through which N. C. Baptists are attacking their problems.

This Board is divided into four district departments: Missions, Education, Training Activities and Benevolence.

Through the Department of Missions, of which Walter M. Gilmore is Secretary, 134 churches are being aided this year in paying the salaries of 87 pastors. These men baptized into the fellowship of their churches last year 1,456 and received 1,263 others by letter or otherwise.

W. M. U. Department, Mrs. W. N. Jones, Pres.; Mrs. Edna R. Harris Corresponding Secretary. The last report shows 2,947 active Missionary Societies of which 708 were organized during the past year. The contributions for benevolence for the past year ran to \$278,083, several thousand dollars more than the goal set. In addition to the office force there are four special field worker for the summer. Dorothy Kellam is the Young Peoples Leader.

Sunday School Department, Perry Morgan, Secretary; Gladys Beck, Elementary Secretary; J. L. Morgan, Field Worker. In addition to those there are four other Associational and Sectional Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. workers. The last report shows 2,258 Baptist Sunday Schools in the State with a membership of 334,233, an increase of over 10,000 over the previous year.

B. Y. P. U. Department, James A. Ivey, Secretary; Winnie Rickett, Junior-Intermediate Secretary; Marguerite Harrison and Marv Frances Biggers are field workers. The last report gives 1928 B. Y. P. U. organizations with a membership of 44,344.

Evangelistic Department. We now have three white evangelists, J. M.

Page, J. R. Cantrell, Raleigh, and S. T. Hensley, High Point, and one negro evangelist, J. H. Moore, Durham.

Student Activities. The Board is co-operating in maintaining the following student workers: L. H. Tapscott, Chapel Hill; Yancey E. Elliott, N. C. State (Raleigh); Cleo Mitchell, N. C. C. W., Greensboro, and Miss Joy Beamon, Boone.

Preacher's School. This School conducted for ten days in June at Meredith College enrolled 325 preachers and their wives, and is one of the most hopeful agencies of our work.

Another most effective agency of the Board is the Baptist Book Shop, Madge Alderman, Mgr, through which any religious book may be obtained.

Out of each dollar given to the Co-operative Program undesignated, 23 cents of it goes to State Missions. Many times the amount now being expended for State Missions could be wisely spent and the givers would be greatly blessed thereby.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. S. TILLMAN.

### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention made its eighty-third annual report to the Convention in Chattanooga last May. Notwithstanding serious falling off in receipts for several years past and necessary retrenchment in the work of the Board, the year's work was most encouraging. The faithful sowing of former years brought a glorious harvest of souls won to Christ. The field of the Home Mission Board includes all the territory in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention with Western Cuba and the Canal Zone.

The Board's work is done through the Departments of Cooperative Missions, Independent and Direct Missions, Evangelist, Mountain Mission Schools, Cuba and Panama, Church Extension and Tuberculosis Sanatorium, El Paso, Texas. The Executive Secretary has general supervision of all the work and specially in charge of Cooperative Missions.

Cooperative Missions is that work done jointly by the Home Mission Board and various State Mission Boards. It has been the one great, unifying feature of our mission work and has meant much to the unity of Southern Baptists.

In the Department of Independent and Direct Missions, which is under the sole direction and support of the Home Mission Board, work is done among the Foreigners, Indians, Negroes, Deaf-Mutes, Soldiers and Seamen, with Rev. J. W. Beagle, Superintendent. The work has been wonderfully blessed during the past year. The same can be said of our Mountain Mission Schools under the direction of Rev. J. W. O'Hara, Superintendent, and of the work in Cuba with Rev. M. N. McCall, Superintendent, which has been greatly blessed and is growing steadily stronger. The Department of Evangelism as a soul-winning agency has a record unsurpassed. Through the Church Extension Department, Rev. A. J. Barton, Superintendent, the Home Mission Board makes loans to churches towards the erection of houses of worship at reasonable rate of interest and time. On request, the Board will send free literature, such as tracts and leaflets, on different phases of the work.

Record of Ten Years: From the annual reports of the Board it is learned that in the last ten years 89,300 converts were baptised and 111,015 added to the churches through the labors of our evangelists. We have had during that time 4,165 converts in our mountain schools, 4,146 graduates, and influences have been set in motion which will not cease until our Lord comes.

Ten years ago our Cuban Convention had 57 delegates and their total offerings were \$4,065.21, with membership 1,919; in 1927 there were 108 delegates at the Convention and their offerings for the year were \$21,223.00, and the membership increased to 2,737. The native churches in Cuba during the

ten years contributed something over \$125,000. The spirit of Evangelism is reported strong.

A summary of the board's work for ten years shows the following results: Baptisms 344,966, additions to churches 556,957, prayer meetings conducted 175,088, churches constituted 1,905, Sunday schools organized 6,128, houses built 4,184.

The Home Mission task was never greater and our opportunities never so inviting. The calls are many, and the future, if we are loyal to the Master, has great things in store for Southern Baptists through our great Home Mission Agency. The challenge is tremendous but our forces and resources are well-nigh immeasurable and under the blessing of God must be brought under contribution to the salvation of the lost and the enlistment and development of the saved. May God lead us in this great task of making America Christian and through America saving the world for Christ!

### FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

We have abundant reason to thank God for His sustaining favor upon our work during the year just closed. It has been a year of alternating hopes and fears, of toilsome endeavors and joyful achievements.

Notwithstanding the drastic retrenchment in our appropriations and the loss of scores of workers, the favor of God has rested upon our Missionaries in a wonderful way. Thousands have been led to Christ and the outlook is encouraging. We have reaped where years ago we sowed.

There are now 1,275 churches in the mission fields and 2,861 out stations (small stations) with a total membership of 146,072. These native church members gave last year \$483,044.03. There are 587 schools in foreign lands, 27 kindergartens, 502 elementary schools, 29 middle school, five colleges, 10 training schools, 14 theological schools, with an enrollment of 26,244 students. In the medical branch of the service there are 16 physicians, American, seven nurses and 33 hospital buildings.

These institutions are under the supervision of the Foreign Mission Board. During the past year these hospitals cared for 48,464 patients. There are now 494 Missionaries, American. The contributions for the year were \$1,368,475.19 to foreign mission work.

We record with great pain the sorrowful news of the death of two of our cherished missionaries, Mrs. C. E. James and Chas. Norris Hartwell, both connected with our work in China.

The Board, Southern Baptists and friends all over the world have experienced a profound sorrow in the passing of our dearly beloved Corresponding Secretary, Dr. J. F. Love.

Through his writings and public addresses he sounded in the ears of Baptists a clarion call to worldwide evangelization. By his wise counsel on the field in the Orient, South America, Europe and the Near East, he brought re-assurance and renewed devotion to the missionaries. His unwavering faithfulness to gospel truths increased loyalty to them wherever he went. His zeal for the spread of the gospel was so unflagging that he pressed on without stint of time, physical strength and spiritual devotion until he lay exhausted and prone in death. We are bereft over the loss of our loved brother and mighty leader. Indeed "there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel."

The debt which has caused so much concern of recent years has been substantially decreased. Definite plans have been put into operation whereby it will not increase but decrease and eventually be wiped out.

Let us gird up our loins and acquit ourselves like men in cooperation with our great brotherhood in carrying out the worldwide program of the Captain of our Salvation.

Respectfully submitted,

L. V. COGGINS.

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**REPORT ON PERIODICALS**

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The Biblical Recorder, The Home and Foreign Fields, The Royal Service, The World's Comrade, and The Charity and Children are all great papers, edited by strong religiously trained men, for a worthy and noble purpose. The periodicals bring us in touch with what is happening, religiously, all over the world as nothing else can. We should not be content to live our lives exclusive of the other people of the earth. We should wish to know what God is doing with the rest of the world. In other words, we need almost above everything else to get a world view of Christianity. If we do not get ideas and inspiration from others and in return, give others our thoughts, we are very liable to have a narrow kind of religion. We need to fall in line with God's plan of advancing His Kingdom into the uttermost parts of the earth. The periodicals bring this world view to us.

In an age, as materialistic as this, in an age of so much confusion of thoughts and in an age when there is so much written to discredit and minimize Christianity, we should feel thankful for the sound and true information and inspiration which our periodicals offer.

Let us not be content, therefore, until we have some, if not all, of these publications in our homes. They will bring spiritual good to the souls of men which are "hungering and thirsting" for truth and righteousness.

P. T. WORRELL.

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**REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK**

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It is in the spirit of gratitude, praise and thanksgiving that we the women of Beulah present this report of our work for 1927.

We rejoice that our efforts in His service have been so wonderfully blessed. Our women have awakened to the great privilege of service to His Kingdom. They are proving their love and faith in Him by their obedience. The keynote of woman's work for 1928 has been "growth." Marvelous growth was manifested at our associational meeting, June 7th, at Lea Bethel. Every active W. M. S. in our association was well represented at this meeting and a report was given from each society. Our attendance and intense interest in Kingdom work was greater than ever before. Our contributions amounted to far more than our apportionment. As an association we reached nine of the ten points on the Standard. We have five

Standard A-1 W. M. S. Societies and a large number of Junior A-1. We have two churches that have Graded W. M. S. There are fifteen W. M. S. in our Association, most of which are doing excellent and efficient work. Constant in their faithful and loving service. Every phase of our work shows decided growth. The most pronounced and important of which is the evidence of spiritual growth and the development of our women in efficient service, and in the presenting of the Associational program. They have truly "grown in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord." May we never be satisfied with our present attainments and growth, but may we press onward, realizing the full inheritance our Father has in store for His children. May He breathe to each heart His high command, "Go onward and possess the land." As we look unto Him growing more in His likeness and power, may we obey Isaiah's command: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch the curtains of thine habitations, spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes." "Expect great things from God, and attempt great things for God."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. D. W. BRADSHER.

### THE BAPTIST CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

The General Board of the Baptist State Convention at its regular June meeting adopted as the goal for North Carolina Baptists to raise in 1928 for all the objects included in the Co-operative Program, except the Orphanage, \$700,000, which is \$100,000 more than the goal adopted for this year. This increased goal was suggested in view of the fact that our State will not go into the special debt-paying Campaign at Christmas as authorized by the last Southern Baptist Convention, but in lieu of that we are hoping to raise in thank offerings at this season a hundred thousand dollars extra for the whole Co-operative Program.

Each dollar sent to Walters Durham, Treasurer, Raleigh, that is undesignated is divided among the six objects fostered by our denomination as follows:

State Missions	23 cents
Baptist Schools	23 "
Baptist Hospital	4 "

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50 cents

Foreign Missions	25 cents
Home Missions	11 ¼ "
Theological Seminaries	8 ¼ "
Minister's Relief	4 ½ "
New Orleans Hospital	1 "

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50 cents

In co-operation with the other Associations in the State we recommend that this Association accept as its part of the State's goal \$5,000 which is based on the regular ration of increase in the State's goal, around 40 per cent in advance of what we gave last year. We recommend that this amount be divided among the churches of the Association upon an equitable and fair basis as possible by the Executive Committee of the Association, or by a special committee appointed for the purpose; that each church earnestly endeavor to raise its objective by making a thorough every member canvass December 2-9, the Southwide date suggested, or at such other time as each church may elect, or to raise it by some other method adopted by the church.

We would recommend further that the most thorough preparation be made several weeks in advance of the every member canvass through prayer, preaching and instruction of all the people about the objects included in the Program.

We would recommend also that a simple organization be set up in the Association consisting of the Executive Committee or a special Committee appointed by the chair to function in putting on the every member canvass in every church in the Association and in conserving the results; that a similar organization in each local church be set up consisting of a committee from the Board of deacons or a special committee appointed by the church to act with the pastor in directing the canvass in the local church.

**PROCEEDINGS**  
 of the  
**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION**  
 of  
**BEULAH ASSOCIATION**  
**THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

The Thirteenth Annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of Beulah Association was held with Lea Bethel Church, Caswell County, June 7, 1928. Mrs. D. W. Bradsher, Superintendent, presiding. The morning session was opened by singing "Jesus Call Us", and giving in unison the watchword of the year. The devotional was conducted by Mrs. N. J. Todd, Mill Creek, who took as her topic part of the second chapter of Luke and pictured to us an "Ideal Home."

Miss Edna Rudd, Lea Bethel, gave a very cordial welcome to all the visitors. The response was given by Mrs. M. R. Brooks, Bethel Hill.

The Secretary-Treasurer gave the following report:

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

By balance brought forward 1926 .....	\$ 4.80
By cash collected on Progress Fund 1927 .....	44.87
Total receipts for year .....	
To expense Mrs. Harris, State Sec. meeting Mill Creek	\$ 5.00
To expense Junior Superintendent .....	1.50
To expense Superintendent .....	24.40
To expense of Secretary-Treasurer .....	1.00
Total disbursements for year .....	
Balance carried forward .....	\$31.90
	17.77
	\$49.67

Respectfully submitted,  
 MISS RUTH HARRIS, Secretary-Treasurer.

Following this report, Mrs. J. D. Anders, Roxboro, read some interesting letters from her son and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Anders, who are Medical Missionaries in Africa. Mrs. J. A. Beam then led in a splendid prayer.

The report on Stewardship was given by Mrs. J. J. Winstead, Roxboro, and discussed by Mrs. A. C. Gravitte, Providence (P).

Miss Bettie Kersey, Semora, Mission Study Chairman, gave a good report on the Mission Study work of the various societies.

At the roll call of the churches, the representatives of each church stood and the President, in a few words told of the work that was being done in her society. There were 14 churches out of the 21 in the Association represented and a total of 125 representatives present, not counting the men, vis-

iting ladies, or children.

Report on Personal Service was given by the chairman, Mrs. F. J. Hester, Roxboro, with an interesting discussion.

### PERSONAL SERVICE REPORT

Good Will Center .....	5
Mission Sunday School .....	2
Rescue Work .....	1
Sewing for Poor .....	6
Visits to Negro Societies .....	1
Personal Worker's Band .....	10
Religious Services held .....	179
Conversions from Personal Service .....	85
Talks with unconverted .....	184
Bibles Distributed .....	20
Good Literature distributed .....	530
Garments for Poor .....	511
Hours Nursing .....	202½
Flowers sent .....	466
Baskets and Trays .....	977
Quarts of Milk .....	1874
Workers doing Personal Service .....	203
Visits (for Church or S. S. to sick, aged, needy, etc.) .....	1987
Song Services held .....	20
Care for Church and Grounds .....	10
Games and Books Shared with less fortunate .....	20
Visits to County Home .....	12

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. J. HESTER.

A duet, which was enjoyed by all, was then given by Misses Mary Riley and Katie Perkins of Roxboro.

The Ruby Anniversary was presented in a pleasing manner by means of a Poster, by Mrs. R. L. Wilburn, Roxboro.

"Growth by Obedience" was then discussed in a three-fold manner: First: "Pray Ye", Mrs. O. N. Foster, Providence (C); Second, "Go Ye", Miss Nina Rogers, Antioch; Third, "Give Ye", Mrs. Z. R. Clayton, North Roxboro.

Mrs. D. W. Bradsher, W. M. U. Superintendent, gave the Superintendent's report.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

W. M. U. Watchword—Isaiah 54:2: "Enlarge—spare not—lengthen—strengthen". "THE CHILD GREW."

This our Associational family, meets again at the end of another year's journey, in joyful thanksgiving and praise to our Heavenly Father for His unspeakable gift of love, and for our every blessing. We meet to mingle together in sweet fellowship and Christian love, greatly rejoicing that we do not come empty handed, but we bring the record of 1927 of our humble, loving service and lay at our Master's feet asking His blessings upon it. May our hearts be melted as one in ardent prayer for deeper spiritual growth and greater physical strength in this service for Him. May we be more closely bound, each year, in Christian love, having only one desire and one purpose, to know and do our Master's will.

The subject of our Father's message to you today is growth, which was

found in these simple lines:

"I asked the roses, as they grew,  
Richer and lovelier in their hue,  
What made their tints so rich and bright?  
They answered, looking to the Light."

In these lines we find life's greatest lesson. First, we must recognize Jesus, as the source. Second, by obedience. Looking to Him, ever keeping before us the life of Jesus, as our light and example. Our Scripture lesson today convinces each of us that we should no longer be babes in Christ. The Babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, was at the age of twelve, found about His Father's business. Learning, and beginning to fulfill the mission of His life. Luke tells us "The child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him." Again he says "Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man." His life shows marvelous growth, reaching the climax of His strength in the garden when He said "Not my will, but Thine be done." The supreme test of strength in every life is the ability to conquer self, or our wills. The Child in the manger grew to be the Light of the world. "I am the Light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of life." How shall we grow? Jesus says, "Look unto me." As long as we follow Him, keeping our eyes and hearts on Him we will grow like Him, in beauty and power. As long as Peter, kept his eyes on the Saviour, he had superhuman power. When he followed Him afar off, he denied his Lord. We cannot fail, in our service, while following and obeying Him. We find in Eph. 5:6 this severe warning, "The wrath of God is upon the children of disobedience. Be ye therefore not partakers with them." His command to us is, "Let your light so shine, before men, they seeing your good work, will glorify your Father which is in Heaven." People about us are better or worse, by the light our lives are reflecting. Every life sheds a light, either for good or for evil. We fear, dear sisters, we have too many Babes in Christ. We are so tightly wrapped in the swaddling clothes of indifference and disobedience we fail to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord." Our vision of this great service for Him, is so dimmed by our worldliness and business in material things we do not reflect His light in our lives. Jesus said "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world . . . . But now, are ye light, walk as children of light." Jesus is no longer in the world today except in you and me. "Ye are the light of the world." The world is lost in darkness and sin, unless the light of our lives point them to the Christ. The world will never know His love, His power, or know Him as a personal Saviour, except through His children. Men every where are seeking some revelation of Jesus. Some one has said, every child of God should present Jesus to the world by three primary principles—Light, Love and Service. Are we as adults, as churches, doing all in our power to grow boys and girls who will continue to hold up His light to a lost and dark world?

"The night lies dark upon the earth  
But we have light,  
So many have to grope their way, but we have sight,  
One path is theirs and ours, of sin and care,  
We are borne alone, but they their burdens bear,  
Feet sore, heart-weary, faint they on the way,  
Mute in their sorrow, while we kneel and pray."

Thou Oh Light, shine into each soul,  
Thou Oh Love, each life control,  
Thou, who did'st grow—grow on in me,  
May I grow and shine always for thee.

Let us always remember the lesson of the roses and flowers all about us. May we, like them, by looking to the source of all Light, grow more beautiful and useful in His service. May our lives be filled with the sweet-

est fragrance—radiating Light and Love.

MRS. D. W. BRADSHER, Supt.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT

Number of Women's Missionary Societies .....	15
Members of Women's Missionary Societies .....	260
Letters written .....	236
Societies organized .....	8
Societies visited .....	26
attended two district meetings—Caswell and Person	
Miles traveled .....	410

MRS. D. W. BRADSHER, Supt.

Committees were appointed to meet during the noon hour. The morning session adjourned with prayer by Rev. L. V. Coggins. A sumptuous dinner was served by the ladies of the church on the lawn.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The service was opened by singing "Love Divine." Mrs. S. O. Garrette, Junior Superintendent, presided. The devotional was led by Miss Sutton, of Yanceyville. Prayer by Rev. J. C. McGregor.

Mrs. S. O. Garrette, Jr. Supt., presented the following report on the work of the Juniors:

#### REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLES LEADER

With a heart full of love and gratitude to God for His manifold blessings, we the Young People of Beulah Association, together with our consecrated leaders, bring this, our annual report.

We have made some progress during the year for which we are thankful. This progress inspired us to undertake greater work during 1928. The call to our young people to serve rings out to us as never before.

Many of you have seen that celebrated painting called the "Angelus." Two peasants, a man and a woman, at the sound of the Angelus bell from a distant church, stop their work and stand with bowed heads. There is an "Angelus" ringing out from heaven today calling our young people to a higher life. This Angelus is the sweet voice of Jesus saying "Come and follow me." Many have heard this call and listened with bowed heads to their Heavenly Father's plans for their lives. We have enrolled in our Societies 697 bright boys and girls. There is more than this number enlisted.

What a joyous task for our G. A's, R. A. A's, Y. W. A's and Sunbeams to interest their friends to join their societies. They can do this easier than any one else. First, by enthusiasm in your work. Invite them to come to your meetings. Boost your officers, know your part on the program and tell it in an interesting way. Every one likes to go where they do worth while things. In your meetings many young people will respond to the "Angelus."

Its first call is to Prayer. Young people can pray. The prayer of Samuel was a model prayer, "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth." It is a listening prayer. When we cannot hear plainly over the radio we say there is too much static. Our boys and girls can tune in with heaven for there is yet not enough sin static in their lives to keep them from hearing the call of Jesus.

The second call is to Service. There are many ways that you can serve. You can serve by being a true guide post along our highways. There

are numerous guide posts pointing the way to certain cities and places. Young christians can be upright guide posts along the road of life. They can point others in the right direction. It is a serious matter if the guide post points in the wrong direction. Often people follow it and lose their way. Just so Satan some times tempt a boy or girl to enjoy harmful amusements or put ones self in a questionable place. Perhaps while in this place some young fellow-traveler sees the false guide post, is misguided and forever loses the way. What kind of a guide post are you?

Efficient service depends on study and preparation. Study the Book of Books, God's Holy word. Study Mission books, reads the biographies of our great pioneer missionaries. You will catch their spirit for "Character is not taught but caught."

The deepest note in the "Angelus" call is to Consecration. This is surrendering your life and will to Jesus. It means putting God's will above your pleasures. During the Franco-Prussian war the Commander believed the enemy was hiding in the valley below. He ordered his chief gunner to "train your guns on the valley. Destroy the farm house and every out building." The order was obeyed to the last detail. The chief gunner was seen to turn away from the demolished house with tears streaming down his cheeks. The commander asked the reason for the chief gunner's sorrow. His reply was: "Sir, that was my home. I had hoped when peace came to spend my remaining years in that humble home it has taken me years to pay for." The commander was deeply distressed and said, "But, why did you not tell me?" The soldier drew himself up proudly before his commander, "No possession of mine must stand in the way of the cause. When my commander speaks my only concern is to obey to the best of my ability." That was the fine consecration of a soldier to his country. Just such an attitude must our young soldiers of the cross have for the Divine Commander. When He speaks our only concern must be to obey to the best of our ability. May we ever listen to theses calls to PRAYER, SERVICE, and CONSECRATION.

We have five A-1 societies as follows: Semora, Mill Creek, Roxboro and Clement Sunbeams. and one A-1 R. A. chapter. that being Mill Creek. Eight new societies and one revived gives us our Ruby Anniversary quota. Our offerings, though very small, have increased. Sunbeams gave \$200.92; P. A. \$32.52; G. A. \$42.71; and Y. W. A. \$22.85, making a grand total of \$299.00. I have written 158 letters, 38 cards, mailed 324 blanks, traveled 448 miles, organized 8 Societies and visited 10, conducted two mission study classes and taught four weeks in a Daily Vacation Bible School.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. O. GARRETT.

Mrs. J. A. Beam expressed the sentiments of her sick husband, Rev. J. A. Beam, in regard to the Womans work. Rev. J. C. McGregor then spoke of a visit to see Mr. Beam. This was followed by a special prayer for him, led by a young man and closed by Rev. W. F. West.

The Semora Sunbeams gave a "Sunbeam Surprise", which explained in an entertaining way the use of the Sunbonnet Baby.

Miss Ethel Perkins, Providence (P) made a splendid talk on "Why Every Church Should Have A Y. W. A."

Miss Sue Hester, Roxboro, in a pleasing manner, spoke on "Why I Am A G. A."

Miss Joyner of Bethel Hill then rendered a lovely solo.

A recitation, "An S. O. S." was given by a Bethel Hill R. A.

The Roxboro Sunbeams gave an interesting playlet about Home Missions.

The following reports of Committees were submitted and adopted:

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Superintendent .....	Miss Bettie Kersey, Semora
Associate Superintendent .....	Mrs. R. L. Wilburn, Roxboro, First
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Mrs. W. L. Taylor, Semora
Mission Study .....	Mrs. Mollie Strum Barrette, Roxboro, First
Stewardship .....	Mrs. A. C. Gravitte, Providence (P)
Personal Service .....	Mrs. W. W. Morrell, North Roxboro
Young People's Leader .....	Miss Mary Gentry, Mill Creek
Publication .....	Mrs. R. L. Sullivan, Yanceyville
	MRS. N. J. TODD,
	MRS. W. F. WEST,
	MRS. O. N. FOSTER,
	Committee.

### TIME AND PLACE

The time will change from the first Thursday to the second Thursday in June. The place will be Baynes, if it is agreeable with them; if not Bethel Hill will entertain next time.

MRS. P. T. DODSON,  
MRS. W. A. WOODY,  
MRS. FRANK ROGERS,  
Committee.

### RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions representing the W. M. U., wish to present the following:

First, we wish to thank Lea Bethel Church for their invitation to meet with them and this day of mutual happiness.

Second, we wish to thank our Superintendent and her co-workers for their untiring efforts during the year.

Third, we this day resolve to push ever onward with unflinching zeal and a quickening spirit.

MARY C. UPCHURCH,  
MISS HESTER,  
MRS. H. A. CRUTCHFIELD,  
Committee.

### REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

The following Sisters have died since our last annual meeting:

Mrs. Sam Morris, Mill Creek.  
Mrs. James Barnette, Roxboro, First.  
Mrs. Gibbs Woodv, Bethel Hill.  
Mrs. Fannie Smith, Bethel Hill.

MRS. J. M. PASS,  
MRS. W. W. MORRELL,  
MRS. LANCE BRADLEY,  
Committee.

Mrs. W. F. West presented the following banners:

W. M. U. ....	Providence (P)
Mission Study .....	Mill Creek
Sunbeam .....	Roxboro, First
G. A. ....	Mill Creek
R. A. ....	Mill Creek

The meeting closed with the recognition of new officers and the Consecration Service led by the group of pastors in the Beulah Association.

Respectfully submitted,

(MISS) RUTH HARRIS, Sec.-Treas.





Table III. Church Property Of Beulah Baptist Association, 1927-28

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Does Church own House of Worship?	When was it built?	Materials used.	Persons Seated.	Number of rooms.	Are all departments in S. S. provided for?	Are all S. S. Classes provided for.	Value of Church House and grounds.	Value of Mission Chabel if anv.	Value Pastor's Home	Total value all Church property	Indebtedness on all Church property.	Insurance carried.
Antioch . . . . .	T. B. Goodson, Corbett, N. C.	yes	1912	wood	300	1	no	no	3,000	2,000	3,000	8,000		
Baynes . . . . .	G. W. Joyner, Daniston, Va.	yes	1868	wood	250	1	no	no	4,000			4,000		2,000
Bethel . . . . .	Troy Webster, Yanceyville, N. C.	yes	1834	wood	300	1	no	no	1,000			1,000	77.35	
Beulah . . . . .	Giles Mebane, Blanch, N. C.	yes	1903	wood	300	1	yes	yes	1,000	500	1,500	1,500		1,000
Blanch . . . . .	J. A. Glenn, Roxboro, N. C.	yes		wood	300	1	no	no	3,000	3,000	6,000	6,000		
Clement . . . . .									2,500	1,000	3,500	3,500		
Ephesus . . . . .									1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	500.00	300
Kerr's Chapel	W. S. Underwood, Union Ridge, N. C.	yes	1842	wood	400	2	no	no	5,000	3,000	4,000	4,000		
Lambeth Mem.	A. L. Boyd, Roxboro, N. C.	yes		wood	250	7	no	yes	5,000	3,000	4,000	4,000		
Lea Bethel . . . . .	O. C. Thomas, Prospect Hill, N. C.	yes	1885	wood	200	1	no	no	1,000	3,000	4,000	4,000		
Mill Creek . . . . .	J. L. Gentry, Roxboro, N. C.	yes		wood	400	1	no	no	3,900	100	4,000	4,000		1,000
Milton . . . . .									10,000	3,500	13,500	13,500		10,000
N. Roxboro . . . . .	J. T. Dickerson, Jalong, N. C.	yes		wood	275	7	no	no	5,000	4,000	9,000	9,000		5,000
Providence (c)	W. M. Zimmerman, Danville, Va.	yes	1865	wood	400	8	no	no	5,000	5,000	10,000.00	10,000.00		2,500
Providence (p)	J. R. Whitl, Roxboro, N. C.	yes	1922	wood	500	9	no	yes	5,000	7,500	27,500	27,500		23,200
Roxboro . . . . .	Thos. B. Woody, Roxboro, N. C.	yes	1900	wood	400	11	no	yes	20,000	3,000	6,000	6,000		4,500
Semora . . . . .	Mrs. W. L. Taylor, Semora, N. C.	yes	1907	wood	230	1	yes	no	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,500		
Shiloh . . . . .	W. A. Jordan, Milton, N. C.	yes	1874	wood	250	1	no	no	1,500	1,100	2,500	2,500		
Trinity . . . . .	A. Graves Thompson, Feldsville, N. C.	yes	1848	wood	300	1			2,500	1,500	2,500	2,500		
Thompsonville									5,000	3,000	8,000	8,000		
Yanceyville . . . . .	R. S. Graves, Yanceyville, N. C.	yes	1840	brick	300	6	yes	yes	5,000			5,000		

116,900

3,700  
3,500

2,300

1,600

2,000



# Table V. Gifts For All Missions, Etc., Beulah Baptist Ass'n 1927-28

CHURCHES	These Columns to be used for "Specials" or Designated Gifts only														
	Gifts to Co-operative Program	Association Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Schools and Colleges	Hospitals	Orphanages	Foreign Relief	Total all Missions Education and Benevolence	Grand Total For All Local Church Expenses and All Missions and Benevolences	Tithers in Our Church	Budget for Local Expenses Adopted	Budget for all Missions, etc.. Adopted	Pledged to Co-operative program
Antioch . . . . .															
Baynes . . . . .										13.75	218.75	2	No		
Bethel . . . . .		127.83								220.10	1,390.27	5	Yes		203.75
Beulah . . . . .			14.00							3.50	162.60				
Bianch . . . . .				15.11	8.00					54.71	237.71				
Clement . . . . .	45.75			10.00	5.00					204.26	828.44	3			40.00
Ephesus . . . . .									1.60	242.00	242.00				
Kerr's Chapel	35.58									3.58	242.00				
Lambeth Mem.	38.30							26.35	1.00	91.34	553.66				
Lea Bethel . . . . .	15.00				3.04	64	22.00			15.00	342.42				
Mill Creek . . . . .	200.00									200.00	2,800.00	2			
Milton . . . . .															
N. Roxboro . . . . .	96.42									185.08	1,092.90	2			
Providence (c)	79.15	77.68								224.44	5,384.60		Yes		
Providence (p)			10.00							71.99	713.54	6			
Roxboro . . . . .	1,354.30		4.00							2,569.44	7,589.24				
Senora . . . . .	257.03			4.00	5.00					280.63	927.26				
Shilo . . . . .	28.00									68.00	378.87				
Trinity . . . . .	1,000.00									4,130.00	1,385.00		Yes	Yes	
Thompsonville															
Yanceyville . . . . .		100.00								255.00	1,238.00				

5689.63

386.63  
269.6  
269.6  
1010.00

Table VI. B. Y. P. U.'s Beulah Baptist Asso. 1927-28

CHURCHES	THE YOUNG PEOPLES WORK										
	Senior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Standard Unions	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Systematic givers in all unions	Total No. Daily Bible Readers
Antioch . . . . .	1		1	2		40		30	70	10	10
Baynes . . . . .											
Bethel . . . . .											
Beulah . . . . .											
Blanch . . . . .											
Clement . . . . .											
Ephesus . . . . .											
Kerr's Chapel . . . . .											
Lambeth Memorial . . . . .											
Lea Bethel . . . . .	1		1	2	2	29		25	29	5	50
Mill Creek . . . . .	1		1	2		26			51	51	
Milton . . . . .											
North Roxboro . . . . .	1	1	1	3		43	21	31	95	52	56
Providence (C) . . . . .	1	1	1	3		26	32	35	93	15	12
Providence (P) . . . . .	1	1	1	2		15	15	30	30	10	10
Roxboro . . . . .	1	1	1	3	2	24	19	24	66	35	40
Semora . . . . .											
Shiloh . . . . .											
Trinity . . . . .											
Thompsonville . . . . .											
Yanceyville . . . . .	1		1	1	1	24			24	20	18

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Table VII. Woman's Work, Beulah Baptist Association

CHURCHES	No. Womens Missionary Societies	No. of Y. W. A.'s	No. of G. A.'s	No. of R. A.'s	No. of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Organizations	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A. Members	G. A. Members	R. A. Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Total Enrolled in Mission Study Courses	Gifts to Local Church Work	Gifts to Missions and Benevolences	Total Gifts for all purposes
Antioch . . . .																
Baynes . . . .																
Bethel . . . .	1				1	2	30				20	50	10	123.35	148.18	266.53
Beulah . . . .																
Blanch . . . .																
Clement . . . .																
Ephesus . . . .	1			1	1	3	8			15	18	41	41		35.75	35.75
Kerr's Chapel																
Lambeth Mem.	1		1		1	3	27		12	12	12	51	10		63.15	65.15
Lea Bethel . .	1	1			1	3	18	6		29	29	53	10	45.20	127.58	172.28
Mill Creek . .	1	1			1	5	38	10		56	56	134	141			
Milton . . . .																
N. Roxboro . .	1		1			3	19		16		27	62				144.79
Providence (c)	1				1	2	20			27	57	77	24	111.00	39.15	150.15
Providence (p)								8	15		25	71	28			
Roxboro . . . .	1	1		1	1	5	23	8	15		38	134	28	394.15	1248.10	1642.45
Semora . . . .						4	59	15	9		22	52		82.25	153.15	235.40
Shiloh . . . .																
Trinity . . . .																
Thompsonville																
Yanceyville . .	1	1			1	3	23				21	56	15		82.10	82.10

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