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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Anson County Baptist Association

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Wake Forest, North Carolina

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ANSON COUNTY, N. C.

NOVEMBER the 23rd, 1918.

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W. A. Elam.

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Next Meeting at Peachland, October 22nd, and 23rd,
1919.

PROCEEDINGS

Cedar Grove, Nov. 23, 1918.

Owing to the epidemic of Spanish influenza, the Ninth Annual Session of the Anson Association was postponed from October the 25th, until November the 23rd.

On Saturday morning the Association met in a one day session at 10:30 A. M. Religious services were conducted by Rev. W. A. Elam of Lilesville, after which the body was called to order by the Vice-Moderator, Rev. E. J. Hutchinson. The roll of the churches were called, which revealed the fact that nine churches sent messengers, the other four being represented by letter. The Association then proceeded to the election of the following officers, to-wit:

Rev. E. J. Hutchinson, Moderator.

Rev. R. D. Redfearn, Vice-Moderator.

J. M. Broadaway, Clerk.

W. F. Humbert, Treasurer.

Rev. W. M. Gilmore, representing Christian Education, was recognized by the Moderator.

On motion the question of Christian Education was taken up.

Jonah W. Thomas read the following report on Christian Education, which after being discussed at some length by Rev. W. M. Gilmore, was adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Our Baptist school system embraces Wake Forest college for men and Meredith and Chowan colleges for women, and fourteen high schools.

With all candor I say there is to be found no where a system which is composed of better schools than ours.

The problem is not to keep them good but to make them better. This should be the great ideal of every Baptist within the bounds of the convention.

Your committee will now submit the following reasons why every man, woman and child of our great Baptist constituency of North Carolina, should stand by and behind our denominational schools:

1.—Because they are ours. We own them. Our money endows them. Our sons and daughters were and are being educated in

them. They expound our great doctrinal points. They are the sole dynamo that inspires our Baptist souls with spiritual and intellectual power. Take them from us and we can not maintain our standing as a denomination.

2.—The Baptist schools now have the greatest battle to fight of their history. The enemy is what is called the "New Theology", which is nothing more than a revival of skepticism. The propagators of this school deny that the Bible is inspired, making it a common human book full of errors and mistakes.

The divinity of Jesus, is denied by them. The Mosaic account of creation is replaced by the evolutionary view. Everything is based upon human experiences and therefore making the Bible an imaginative book instead of an authoritative one.

Practically all our state institutions are infested with this awful apostasy. Many of our boys (lots of them preachers) go to these schools, sound in the faith "once for all delivered to the Saints", but when they get through or graduate they are skeptical and their prospects for Christian usefulness impaired.

The only solution to this situation is the pure orthodox Christian schools, such as are ours. Our Convention got this vision in 1914 during its session at Raleigh and therefore appointed a Board of Education and selected the experienced and efficient Dr. Vann as secretary.

Dr. Vann with his co-laborers and members of the Convention have undertaken the gigantic task of raising a \$1,000,000 fund with which to endow our denominational schools in North Carolina. The stingy, selfish Baptist will say it is too much to give while the wide-a-wake, true blooded, honest-hearted Christians of the ranks of our Association will say it is not. To which of these classes do we belong?

Lord Nelson saved the day for the English when he said England expects every man to do his duty.

If we are to save our young men and women for Heaven and our country, and protect the cause of Christianity, we must adopt the teaching of this slogan. God expects every Baptist to do his best in supporting that which is most essential to the peace and life of our North Carolina Brotherhood.

Respectfully submitted,

JONAH W. THOMAS.

The Moderator announced the following committee on time and place: W. F. Humbert, I. F. Thomas, W. H. Harrington.

The Association adjourned for dinner. Benediction by Rev. C. J. Black.

The Association re-assembled at 1:30 P. M. Jesus Paid It All, was sung, and prayer was offered by I. F. Thomas.

Rev. E. J. Hutchinson read the following report on

Aged Ministers' Relief; after being discussed by I. F. Thomas, was adopted.

AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

In Romans, 10th chapter and 15th verse, we have this scripture: How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of Peace and bring glad tidings of good things.

These Old Ministers laid the foundation upon which we are building today. They are God's servants laid aside, by old age. They have lived a life of self-sacrifice, going about doing good to others. Therefore they deserve our hearty support. There are 36 Beneficiaries who receive help from this Board. The Board received last year for the support of these noble heroes the sum of five thousand seven hundred dollars; shall not a greater provision be made for the minister who after having preached the unsearchable riches of Christ is himself financially poor, who after having broken the Bread of Life to others is himself physically hungry.

Respectfully submitted,
E. J. HUTCHINSON.

The questions of State, Home and Foreign Missions was discussed at some length by C. J. Black, W. F. Humbert, W. M. Gilmore. The following report was handed in by C. J. Black:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Possibly it will be wise for me to define missions before I get many things necessary to this report. Many do not understand what is meant by the different names we use to designate this important work. We speak of State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and people do not know what these terms mean. I am of the opinion that we made a very serious mistake when we began to designate missions as State, Home and Foreign. These terms have so greatly confused people, and besides, some have become prejudiced against one or the other because of these terms. Let us look at them for just a minute. What is meant by State Missions? Why, it means missionary work done within the borders of North Carolina. Home missions means the gospel to the frontiersman and our neighboring islands. Foreign Missions mean the gospel in regions beyond. These boards have three departments, and try to make every one of them count for the kingdom. These departments are the medical, the educational, and the evangelistic. Each one of these is an important factor in the make-up of the kingdom in sections where the gospel has not gotten a foot-hold. One cannot be separated from the other. All or none. If you fail to educate the folks, why, the gospel cannot take much hold. Heathenism is education, and to uproot it means that there must be a certain degree of education. The mind has to be brought back to its normal condition because idolatry becomes a mental disease. We

TABLE I—STA

CHURCH	PASTOR	POST - OFFICE	CLERK
Brown Creek ..	J. W. Nobles ...	Polkton	N. P. Liles
Cedar Grove ..	J. S. Harris ..	Oakboro	J. M. Broadaway ..
Deep Creek . . .	W. A. Elam ..	Lilesville	J. T. Gulledege ..
Fall Branch . . .	E. J. Hutchinson	Wadesboro, R-A	Mrs. R. T. Morton
Gum Springs ..	W. A. Elam . . .	Lilesville	W. M. Thompson
Mineral Springs	J. C. Meigs . . .	Wingate	Minnie Allen . . .
Mt. Beulah	G. O. Wilhoit ..	Ansonville	J. I. Tyson
Mt. Zion	E. J. Hutchinson	Wadesboro, R-A	A. B. Brooks . . .
New Home	J. S. Harris . . .	Oakboro	G. H. Parker . . .
Polkton	J. W. Nobles ..	Polkton	J. M. Griffin . . .
Peachland	C. J. Black. . . .	Wingate	J. S. German . . .
Rocky River . . .	J. W. Nobles . . .	Polkton	C. L. Waddell . . .
Rocky Mt.	J. S. Harris . . .	Oakboro	S. J. Turner. . . .

STATISTICAL.

POST - OFFICE	Time of Preaching	GAINS			LOSSES			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
		By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Wadesboro . . . . .	.2nd	2						70	81	151
Polkton, R-2 . . . . .	.2nd	4			2	2		74	80	154
Peachland, R-3 . . . . .	.1&3	2	4	1	12		1	39	96	135
Lilesville . . . . .	.1st				2			5	9	14
Lilesville . . . . .	.2&4	10	1					56	76	132
Polkton . . . . .	.2nd	4						20	33	53
Wadesboro . . . . .	.4th	8	1		1		4	72	80	152
Lilesville . . . . .	.3rd		1		2			16	18	34
Polkton, R-3 . . . . .	.1st	4	4					41	43	84
Polkton . . . . .	.3rd				3		3	34	56	90
Peachland . . . . .	.2nd	7	7	1	2		2	78	110	188
Polkton, R-2 . . . . .	.1st	14	3		1			22	43	65
Polkton, R-3 . . . . .	.3rd	8		1	5	2		57	94	151
TOTAL		63	21	3	30	4	10	584	819	1404

have to practice medicine among heathen to get many of their superstitious ideas out from among them, and by doing this we gain a foot-hold on them that we otherwise could not get. The evangelization of the heathen means leading them to believe in the Son of God and an all-sufficient Savior.

Respectfully,
C. J. BLACK.

The following report on Woman's Work was read and spoken to by Rev. W. A. Elam, and was adopted:

WOMAN'S WORK.

The women of the Pee Dee Association are carrying out the President's orders concerning missions as well as war collections. There is no slackening or recession among us. We went over the top giving \$330.00 more than we were asked. Our total for this year was \$2,330.00. At our Association at Hamlet we unanimously voted to support the million-dollar campaign for education and Miss Mary Watson was appointed our Educational Superintendent.

In Anson Association we have two splendid Missionary Societies. One at Peachland with Mrs. J. W. Thomas, President, which turned over to the treasurer of Peachland church, \$30.50.

Polkton, with Mrs. J. C. Goodman, President reported to the Association, \$36.50 given through her church. A society has been organized at Cedar Grove by Miss Mary Barrett, Anson county's Mission leader. Miss Barrett held a Mission Rally at Brown Creek. Rev. W. A. Elam of Lilesville, was the Missionary speaker and quoted God's commands to carry the gospel to all nations in a bold and forceful address. I commend to the Anson Association Miss Barrett your mission leader and I also offer my services in any possible way for the promotion of woman's work in Anson county. Our motto for the year is "Whatsoever he saith unto you do

our Song is a "Volunteer for Jesus."

When France gave to America the Statue of Liberty, which stands on New York harbor and is the largest statue in the world. The figure France chose was that of a woman holding in her hand a torch of light. May the women of America be worthy of this honor. May we lift the light of liberty so high that Jesus Christ will be pleased to glorify it and make it his radiant light to the worlds in darkness who know Him not; and as yet, may we hold this light so low, that none may stumble or miss the way of salvation among us.

LILA L. HENRY, Supt. P. D. A.

At this juncture Rev. R. D. Redfearn made an earnest appeal that the churches in this Association pay their pastors better salaries.

The Moderator then announced the following as writers for the next session: State, Home and Foreign Missions, W. F. Humbert.

Orphanage, Jonah W. Thomas.

Biblical Recorder, R. D. Redfearn.

Christian Education, W. A. Elam.

Pastoral Support, Needs of the Churches, J. A. Hudson.

Aged Minister's Relief, C. J. Black.

Temperance, J. Lee Thompson.

Woman's Work, Mrs. Maude Kiker.

Sunday Schools, I. F. Thomas.

Report of committee on time and place: We recommend that the next session be held with the Peachland Baptist Church on Wednesday and Thursday, before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1919, it being the 22nd, and 23rd.

On motion Rev. W. A. Elam was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Rev. E. J. Hutchinson, J. A. Hudson and A. D. Griffin, delegates to Baptist State Convention.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The Sunday School work in the State is hopeful. We have made great strides in recent years. In about ten years we have had about one thousand schools; and over twelve thousand pupils. The increase is about 65 per cent for the former, and about 108 per cent for the latter. This is encouraging to us. Along many lines there has been marked progress. In this Association we have not kept pace with this progress. So let us put forth a greater effort to make the Sunday School in this Association compare favorably with the schools of the other Associations.

Let us organize our S. S. force that we may do our best work for the Sunday School cause.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN S. GERMAN.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Peachland Baptist church on Wednesday, before the fourth Sunday in October, 1919, at 10:00 A. M.

E. J. HUTCHINSON, Moderator,

J. M. BROADAWAY, Clerk.

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	11.00	10.00	3.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	88.00
Cedar Grove	4.00	10.00	5.00	3.00	2.00	12.00	1.00	4.00	42.00
Deep Creek	4.00	15.00	16.50	15.00	3.00	14.00	3.00	5.00	75.50
Fall Branch	1.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50	10.50
Gum Springs	4.00	14.00	9.00	4.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	6.00	51.00
Mineral Springs	2.00	8.00	4.50	5.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	27.50
Mt. Beulah	4.00	10.00	3.50	3.00	1.00	7.00	1.00	1.00	30.50
Mt. Zion	1.50	4.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50	13.00
New Home	2.00	5.00	5.50	3.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	3.00	25.50
Polkton	4.00	15.00	19.00	12.00	1.00	12.00	1.00	3.00	67.00
Polkton Island	4.00	15.00	6.00	5.00	1.00	10.00	1.00	2.00	44.00
Polkton Mount	4.00	10.00	11.00	6.00		6.00	3.00	5.00	47.00
Polkton River	3.50	10.00	11.00	5.00	1.00	10.00	1.00	2.00	39.00

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,

TABLE II—FINANCIAL

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State and As'l Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Minister's Relief	Other Objects	TOTAL
Brown Creek . . .	225.00		60.00	20.00		4.00	35.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	3.00	15.00	5.00	5.00		392.00
Cedar Grove . . .	150.00		45.00	12.00	17.00	4.00	11.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	2.00	33.10	1.00	4.00	20.50	309.60
Deep Creek . . .	300.00			8.00		4.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	3.00	26.20	3.00	5.00		394.45
Fall Branch . . .	45.00					1.00	2.00	1.50	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50	5.00	60.00
Gun Springs . . .	150.00			52.00	12.00	4.00		14.00	8.00	4.00	2.00	14.34	2.00	6.00		268.34
Mimeral Springs . . .	80.00			12.00		1.00		2.66	2.66	2.66	1.00	1.40				91.38
Mt. Beulah . . .	100.00			13.00		4.00		10.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	7.00	1.00	1.00		173.50
Mt. Zion . . .	50.00			3.00		1.50	4.00	1.50	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50	4.00	69.50
New Home . . .	125.00			6.00		2.00		5.00	10.00	7.00	1.00	10.00		5.00		196.00
Polkton . . .	150.00			32.00		4.00		10.00	20.00	8.00	1.00	42.55		3.35		271.20
Peachland . . .	200.00	1247.00		28.00		4.00		17.78	14.61	20.45		19.07	1.00	2.00	3.65	1557.50
Rocky River . . .	150.00			6.00		3.00		8.00	5.00	4.42		16.58		2.00		195.00
Rocky Mt. . . .	150.00			8.00		4.00		10.00	10.00	6.00	2.00	6.00	3.00	5.00	23.15	270.00
TOTAL	1875.00	1247.00	173.85	200.00	29.00	38.50	67.00	77.44	165.27	88.53	16.00	193.24	18.00	41.35	56.25	4248.47