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State Missions	E. F. Upchurch
Foreign Missions	W. T. Bryant
Home Missions	Lofton Lambeth
Education	R. S. Graves
Orphanage	T. M. Allen
Sunday Schools	G. W. Reed
Ministerial Relief	J. S. Harvey
Periodicals	J. H. Clay
Temperance	D. Y. Mebane

PROCEEDINGS.

KERR CHAPEL, Caswell Co., N. C., }
 August 9, 1910. }

The Seventy-Sixth Annual Session of the Beulah Baptist Association met with Kerr's Chapel Baptist Church this morning at 10 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. D. W. Overbey.

Bro. G. W. Reid called the Association to order.

On motion, P. M. Somers was elected Moderator.

On motion, R. T. Wilson was elected Clerk, and C. R. Vernon re-elected Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed C. J. Yarbrough and G. W. Reed reading Clerks.

Roll of churches called, letters read and delegates enrolled as follows: Beulah, J. C. King; Blanch, by letter; Clement, Boyce Vernon, Bessie Hester; Ephesus, S. M. Green; Kerr's Chapel, Thos. Miles, T. H. Patillo, W. S. Underwood; Lambeth's Memorial, R. A. Clay, O. T. Hudgins; Shiloh, G. B. Yarbrough; Thompsonville, by letter; Trinity, L. L. Lambeth, C. C. Yarbrough and H. B. Yarbrough; Yanceyville, A. L. Page, E. T. Upchurch, G. W. Farthing.

On motion Bro. F. M. Jordan was requested to preach the Introductory Sermon. His text was taken from Proverbs 3:17.

Bro. C. R. Vernon, Treasurer-elect, through his son, Boyce Vernon, offered his resignation on account of feeble health, which, on motion, was accepted, and E. F. Upchurch was elected Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Order of Business—D. W. Overby, J. W. Gerrell, W. S. Underwood, T. H. Patillo.

On Digest of Church Letters—G. W. Reid, C. J. Yarbrough. On Time, Place and Preacher—Joe Hurdle, G. B. Yarbrough, A. Graves Thompson.

To Name the Executive Board—C. J. Yarbrough, T. A. Boswell, Loftin Lambeth.

The Moderator recognized the following visiting ministers: F. M. Jordan.

Bro. D. W. Overby, from Committee on Order of Business, reported that the committee recommended that the Association have a sermon each morning, and that the subjects be taken up in their regular order, without allotting time to either—Educa-

tion, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Periodicals, Orphanage, Temperance, Sunday Schools, Ministerial Relief and Home Missions.

On motion the report was adopted as recommended.

The Report on Education was presented by Bro. G. W. Reid. Brethren Reid, A. G. Thompson, F. M. Jordan and Ellis spoke to the report, after which it was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Baptist hosts of North Carolina have done much along the lines of Education in the past few years, but there remains much more for us to do. If we ever hope to see the time when our people shall lead the State and the nation along educational lines, we must rally to the support of our Baptist schools. All of our preparatory schools are giving a splendid account of themselves, even with their limited means, and the half-hearted support many of our people are giving them. Every Baptist in North Carolina should be a hearty supporter of our preparatory schools. It is hard to understand how a Baptist can send his child to any other than a Baptist school; and yet many of our people are doing so. This is not as it should be. We heartily commend our own Baptist preparatory schools to all our people.

Ministerial education is of the utmost importance to our denominational growth. The time has come when we must have trained men to train our churches. Ministerial education, therefore, lies at the very basis of our denominational efficiency and progress. What our churches need above everything else is pastoral leadership. Give us men of wide vision, broad sympathies and intelligent capacity, and every denominational problem will be solved. If a narrow, forceless man is out of place anywhere, it is certainly in the pulpit—the supposed leader of one of God's churches. The reason why so many of our churches are dead is that the men who pretend to lead them are not alive to our great and growing denominational interests, and these churches are going to remain dead as long as they persist in getting inefficient men as pastors. Some of our churches get such pastors because they don't want to be waked up. They don't want to give to missions and support the work of the Lord. No man has a moral right to be pastor of a Missionary Baptist church who is himself not a missionary leader, and no church has a right to the name Baptist that will have an anti-missionary pastor.

God has been very good to us this year, giving us the finest crops for years, and we live in the garden-spot of our nation and our Lord is just pouring riches into our lap. Will we give as the Lord has prospered us?

We commend the Ministerial Educational Board of Wake Forest College to all our people for their hearty support and co-operation. We also heartily commend Meredith College for girls to the brotherhood, and bespeak for it your hearty support.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. REED.

On motion the Association adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, with benediction by Bro. F. M. Jordan.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 10.

After devotional exercises conducted by Bro. F. M. Jordan, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

The following resolution was presented by Bro. G. W. Reed and unanimously adopted:

"In view of the fact that on account of declining health, our faithful and efficient Treasurer, C. R. Vernon, has declined re-election as Treasurer of this the Beulah Association; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the retirement of Bro. Vernon, the Beulah Association has lost the services of a faithful and efficient officer, and we as a body desire to express our appreciation of his faithful performance of his duty, as well as our regrets for his declining health; and we earnestly hope for his speedy recovery to his usual health, and earnestly pray God's richest blessing may rest upon him.

Done by order of the Association in assembly at Kerr's Chapel, August 10th, 1910.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. REED.

At 11 o'clock a. m., preaching by Bro. J. A. Ellis from Mark 14th chapter, 8th verse, "She did what she could."

On motion recess was taken until 2 p. m.

Benediction by Bro. D. W. Overby.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

After song and prayer the Association was called to order by Moderator, and reports called for.

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher reported:

"We, your Committee, report as follows: We recommend that the Association be held at Lambeth's Memorial Baptist church, and that Rev. J. A. Ellis preach the Introductory Sermon. Time—Tuesday before the first Sunday in August, 1911.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. YARBROUGH

J. H. HURDLE

A. G. THOMPSON

Committee.

Report on Sunday Schools was then called for by Moderator and submitted by L. L. Lambeth.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Baptist Sunday Schools of North Carolina have made great gains in numbers during the last few years. There is now a reported membership of about 154,000 scholars.

Our State was the first in the Southern Baptist Convention to do Sunday-school field work. The present Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board in this State, E. L. Middleton, began his work in May, 1908.

In the Beulah Association there is reported in the letters sent from the several churches up to this session of the Association the following statistics: Number of officers and teachers, 50; enrollment, 286; average attendance, 176. Three churches did not make a report. Five churches have evergreen Sunday schools. All others, reported, close during the winter season. Two churches do not have Sunday schools.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. LAMBETH.

Report discussed by E. F. Upchurch and Bro. F. M. Jordan. On motion the report was adopted, and pledges taken for Sunday School Missions.

At 2:45 p. m. sermon by Bro. G. W. Reed. Subject, "Keeping God's Ordinances," (1 Cor. 11:2).

Bro. E. F. Upchurch presented Report on Periodicals, which was discussed by writer and Bro. Reed.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The undersigned Committee on Periodicals recommend that the churches of this Association during the next associational year make a strenuous effort to place the *Biblical Recorder*, our excellent State Baptist organ, in each Baptist home in our Association. That each Sunday school try and subscribe for a number of copies of *Charity and Children* for distribution among its scholars. We believe this will enlighten us as to what others are doing, increase our interest in all our home church work, and help to create a desire in our children for wholesome Christian literature. Thus we believe a small effort put forth in this direction will prove a blessing to our Association, and the good resulting therefrom to God's kingdom cannot be estimated this side of eternity.

Your committee further reports the *Foreign Mission Journal* and *Home Field* as excellent periodicals along their particular lines, and there is no better Sunday school literature obtainable for southern Baptists than that published by our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn.

E. F. UPCHURCH.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion, E. F. Upchurch was appointed to take and forward subscriptions to the *Biblical Recorder*.

The Association adjourned to 10 a. m. Thursday, with benediction by Bro. Overby.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Association opened by song and prayer.

Wednesday's proceedings read and approved

Report on Home Missions was read by Bros. D. W. Overby.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by writer, Brethren Reed and Upchurch, after which it was adopted and pledges taken for Home Missions.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

There has never been a time in the history of our denomination when the Home Mission Board had larger opportunities to do a grand work for the cause of Christ and humanity than the present. And while we have steadily increased our contributions year after year, yet the demands have increased more rapidly, because of the large increase of immigration of aliens. Many of our seaport towns, as well as those inland, are rapidly filling up with foreigners who know little, if anything, of the Christian religion, and unless the hands of the Home Mission Board should be untied, thousands of these ignorant people will be drawn in by Catholicism, which means the degradation and ruin of our country. We therefore commend

this Home Mission Board to our brotherhood for their hearty co-operation. Respectfully submitted, D. W. OVERBY.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We, the committee to report on the Orphanage, beg leave to report as follows: That our Orphanage at Thomasville, after a life of twenty-five years, is steadily increasing in value and in accommodations for our many unfortunate children in North Carolina. The buildings are both large and convenient, with all modern accommodations, valued at more than \$200,000, and caring for more than 400 children, rearing them under the very best Christian and educational influence. Some of the most influential men and women of our State are those that have spent a part of their young and tender lives under the influence of those in charge of the Thomasville Orphanage. It is true that this institution is well equipped, but when we stop to think of how much work those boys and girls have to do when that time should be spent in developing their youthful minds, we know that we should bend every energy to furnish them more labor-saving appliances. When we think of the great number of children that are growing up without the influence of a Christian home and in real ignorance, doesn't it make us willing to bestir ourselves and do all in our power to help this great cause? Especially should we bestir ourselves in the interest of this particular institution, since it is dependent on us—the Baptists of North Carolina, and we could not do better than to give of our means to this noble work as the Lord has prospered us, for which we will surely receive a blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

A. GRAVES THOMPSON,
For Committee.

Report discussed by Brethren Jordan, Reed and Upchurch. On motion the report was adopted.

Pledges taken for the Orphanage. Public collection taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$7.00.

REPORT ON NAMING EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, your Committee, recommend the following brethren as Executive Board: B. S. Graves, J. S. Harvey, P. M. Somers, D. Y. Mebane, C. J. Yarbrough.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. YARBROUGH,
T. A. BOSWELL,
L. L. LAMBETH.
Committee.

Report on Foreign Missions called for by Moderator, and presented and read by G. W. Farthing.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To Beulah Baptist Association,

held with Kerr's Chapel, August, 1900.

It is gratifying to know that year by year an advance in Foreign Missions can be reported. At the Southern Baptist Convention in Baltimore the Foreign Mission Board reported the greatest number of baptisms (3,233), and also that the churches have given more money for the cause than any previous year—\$501,058.84.

OUR MISSIONS AND MEMBERSHIP.

We are directing, through the Foreign Mission Board, work in seven foreign countries, viz.: Argentina, Brazil, Italy, Mexico, Africa, Japan and China. We have on this territory 279 organized churches with a total membership of 19,231. There are also many out-stations in each of these countries where the people hear the gospel.

The schools and printing plants are proving wonderful forces of enlightenment.

NEEDS.

However, the Board has ever, and will ever have, two standing needs—men and money, and we believe, as followers of Christ, we should not desire it otherwise until the ground has been covered and the Great Commission of our Lord shall have been fully complied with.

Therefore, we recommend that the churches of the Beulah Association organize a Laymen's Movement for more concentrated effort, and that our people subscribe to the *Foreign Mission Journal* and keep in closer touch with Foreign Mission work.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. FARTHING.

The report was discussed by writer. Pledges were then taken and report adopted.

Bro. C. J. Yarbrough read report on State Missions, which on motion to adopt was discussed by Brethren G. W. Reed and F. M. Jordan.

STATE MISSIONS.

We do not believe there was ever a time when the State Mission work was as important as it is today. The material development of our State for the past decade has been marvelous. It is with the Baptists, as with no other people, to see that the religious advancement of North Carolina keeps pace with its industrial progress. In many communities this can only be done through the work of State Missions. Year by year the results of our State Mission operations add to our denominational capital.

For years our women have made steady progress, and the past year was no exception. Each year they raise the figures a certain per cent. over those of the previous year, and begin in a systematic way to work up these figures. The successful way in which they plan their work and work their plan is a constant rebuke to us for our almost utter lack of system.

"No system, however good, will work itself. There must be a man behind every plan, and that man should be the pastor. But if the pastor will not urge the adoption of some system and press it energetically when adopted, some layman who is interested in the Church and the Kingdom should give attention to this important matter."

"To preach the gospel to North Carolinians, with the Baptist interpretation and emphasis, is the task of the constituency of this Association."

As a denomination, we stand on higher ground today than we ever occupied before; and yet we are but just coming into our own. We have grown to be a great people—great in number, in wealth in influence. It is hard for us to conceive of any undertaking that we could not accomplish by a united and earnest effort. Our ability lays upon us a tremendous responsibility. The stewardship of wealth has come to be a matter of serious concern to the Baptists of North Carolina. We have been accustomed to plead our poverty as an excuse for not doing, but now we should pray to be saved from the perils of prosperity. If we give the Lord His part,

how rich will be our share, and what a mighty force we will become in extending the kingdom of our Lord on earth.

C. J. YARBROUGH.

Pledges taken for State Missions.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The work of the Board of Ministerial Relief certainly should appeal to every loyal Baptist in our grand old State. A more worthy and a more important object is not numbered among all the objects of our State Convention. And why it is that many of our churches do not contribute to this Board at all is indeed hard to understand; yet, such is the case. We are glad, however, that all the churches in this, our beloved old Beulah Association, contributed at least a small amount to this worthy cause this year; and yet we do not believe, yea, we are sure, that there is not a single church in our Association that could not have done better.

Our contribution to this Board amounted to \$43 50, or a little less than \$3.35 for each of our thirteen churches; or, to bring it down to its finest analysis, a little more than 18 cents apiece for each Baptist in our Association. Scores and perhaps hundreds of our people have never contributed a cent to this Board in their lives, and yet many of them have enjoyed the preaching of the Truth by these old heroes who have worn themselves out, and at last, through sheer exhaustion, have had to lay down their mantel, and many of them are today in an almost helpless condition, depending largely, if not entirely, upon others for the necessities of life. And yet our contributions last year only enabled the Board to give to these dependents about \$100 to each family, for we must remember that while there were only thirty-two beneficiaries to whom help had been granted, many of them had children dependent upon them for bread and clothes, and there were many more applicants who really needed and deserved help that the Board was compelled to deny aid for lack of means.

We would earnestly commend this Board to the prayerful consideration of all our people, and insist upon a more liberal contribution for this worthy object.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. REED,
For the Committee.

Report discussed by writer and Bro. Jordan. Report adopted and pledges taken.

On motion, D. W. Overbey, T. P. Womack and F. B. Ware, were elected delegates to State Convention, and Rev. C. B. Ryland to the Southern Baptist Convention.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We can congratulate ourselves along the line of Temperance; yet, we must remember strong drink is the Devil's best agent, and has greatly hindered the progress of Christianity. Let us put forth every effort possible to completely eradicate this great evil.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. YARBROUGH,
Committee.

Discussed by Bro. G. W. Reed. On motion report was adopted.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building Repairs	S. S. Expense	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Education	Old Ministers' Relief	All other objects	Minutes Fund	Total	Church Clerks
Beulah	\$ 150 00	\$	\$	\$5 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$	\$1 00	\$	\$1 00	\$	1 00	\$ 160 00	J C King, Blanch, N C
Blanch	110 00			5 00	2 12	1 20		2 40		1 60		1 00	123 86	Wm Lea, Blanch, N C
Clements	150 00			21 64	5 00	14 31	3 00	10 00		8 00		1 00	214 95	F J Hester, Roxboro, N C
Ephesus	225 00	75 10	10 00	25 00	50 00	50 00	3 84	6 25	26 00	13 00	61 84	3 00	474 68	J S Gravett, Alton, Va
Kerr's Chapel	100 00	5 00	1 35	20 00	5 00	5 00	1 50	5 00	2 00	4 00	10 00	1 50	156 35	W S Underwood, Union Ridge, N C
Lambeth Memorial	100 00		4 00	10 00	6 25	8 75		5 00	2 50	5 00	9 00	1 00	151 50	W B Clay, Roxboro, N C
Lea Bethel	50 00			7 00	5 00	10 00		3 00	2 00	2 50		50	80 00	A G Thompson, Leasburg, N C
Milton	50 00			25 33	2 00	2 00		2 00		2 00	17 00		100 33	E R Burch, Milton, N C
Providence	125 00			15 00	3 00	5 00	1 00	5 78	2 00	2 50	66 50	2 00	227 78	A C Davis, Danville, Va
Semora	95 75		8 46	10 00	10 00	19 00	3 00	16 00	3 21	6 00	12 18	1 22	184 72	John Yarbrough, Semora, N C
Shiloh	225 00	60 00		15 00	8 00	10 00	2 00	5 00	2 50	5 00		1 25	333 75	W T Bryant, Milton, N C
Thompsonville	20 00			5 00	5 00	2 00	49	2 65		1 05		30	36 49	J H Pritchett, McGun N C
Trinity	85 00			8 00	2 00	4 00	1 00	1 75	1 00	1 75		60	105 10	C J Yarbrough, Locust Hill, N C
Yanceyville	150 00		10 15	15 00	12 00	15 00	3 00	15 00	5 00	10 00	12 00	3 70	250 85	R S Graves, Yanceyville, N C

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

CHURCHES	PASTORS—POSTOFFICES	Time Preaching	Baptisms	Rec'd by Letter Restorations	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	
											Beulah .....	G W Reed, Milton, N C	3 5	.....	.....	4	9	10	21	31
Blanch	G W Reed, Milton, N C	1 5	2	.....	.....	4	1	10	17	27
Clements	Rev J A Ellis, Wake Forest	3 5	7	.....	.....	2	19	64	83	
Ephesus	C P Ryland, Alton, Va.	1 5	18	2	10	4	4	62	109	171	
Kerr's Chapel	D W Overby, Draper, N C	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	65	35	100	
Lambeth Memorial	J A Ellis, Wake Forest, N C	1 5	4	3	2	1	1	22	18	40	
Lea Bethel	J A Ellis, Wake Forest, N C	3 5	1	.....	2	.....	.....	6	13	18
Providence	G W Reed, Milton, N C	4 5	7	2	.....	.....	5	45	66	111
Semora	J K Faulkner, Buffalo Jnc. Va	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	13	19
Shiloh	G W Reed, Milton, N C	2 5	.....	.....	2	3	2	23	32	55
Thompsonville	D W Overby, Draper, N C	1 5	.....	.....	2	1	.....	7	8	15
Trinity	D W Overby, Draper, N C	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	20	24	44
Yanceyville	D W Overby, Draper, N C	2 5	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	32	64	96
Milton	G W Reed, Milton, N C	1 5	3	5	4	.....	1	8	18	26
			42	14	2	29	22	22	336	500	836

PLEDGES

CHURCHES	Education	State Missions	Orphanage	Sunday S. Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Relief	Total
Blanch .....	.....	5 00	2 50	2 00	.....	2 00	1 00	12 50
Clements	8 00	20 00	10 00	3 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	64 00
Kerr's Chapel	2 00	20 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	44 00
Lambeth Memorial	2 50	10 00	5 00	1 00	8 75	6 25	5 00	38 50
Lea Bethel	5 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	10 00	5 00	3 00	39 00
Milton	1 00	10 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 50	17 50
Providence	2 50	15 00	7 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	2 50	37 00
Semora	2 50	10 00	15 00	2 00	10 00	5 00	6 00	50 50
Shiloh	3 00	15 00	5 00	2 00	10 00	8 00	5 00	48 00
Thompsonville .....	.....	5 00	1 00	1 00	.....	2 00	1 00	10 00
Trinity	2 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	27 00
Yanceyville	5 00	15 00	15 00	5 00	20 00	12 00	5 00	77 00
Ephesus	20 00	50 00	10 00	10 00	50 00	25 00	10 00	175 00

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

CHURCHES	Education	State Missions	Orphanage	Sunday School Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Relief	Minister's Fund	Total Amt, paid Treas.
Beulah	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 00			\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$10 00
Blanch	5 00				1 20	2 12	1 64	1 00	10 98
Clements	1 50		5 06	3 00	8 00				17 56
Kerr's Chapel	2 00	20 00	5 09	1 50	5 00	5 00	4 09	1 50	44 00
Lambeth Memorial	2 50		2 25	1 00			5 00	1 09	11 75
Lea Bethel	2 00		3 00				2 50	50	8 00
Milton			2 00		2 00	2 00	2 00		8 00
Providence	2 50	15 00		1 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	30 50
Semora								1 22	1 22
Shiloh	2 50	7 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	2 37	1 00	1 25	24 12
Thompsonville		5 00		49		2 00	1 05	30	8 84
Trinity	1 00	6 20	1 75	1 00	10	50	1 75	60	12 90
Ephesus								3 00	3 00
Yanceyville	5 00	6 75	8 95	3 00	5 00		10 00	3 70	42 40

Special collection for Orphanage..... \$ 7 00

Amt. of State Missions turned over by Old Treas..... 92 35

Total Cash in hands of Treasurer..... \$332 80

The committee recommends that the Church Clerks be more careful in preparing their letters to the association, as it is next to impossible to prepare a correct report unless the tables and letters are correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BOSWELL

J. B. VERNON

L. L. LAMBETH

Committee.

