

- MINUTES -
—OF THE—
THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL SESSION, LXXX.

TUESDAY, AUG. 24, 1920.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its eightieth annual session, in Gap Creek Baptist Church. What a Friend We Have in Jesus was sung, after which John Norris led in prayer.

In the absence of J. H. Farthing, the appointee for the annual sermon, R. C. Eggers, (by appointment of the Moderator) read some verses from the 12 chapter of Luke and led in prayer. "Will You Come?" was sung. Bro. Eggers then announced as his text, Luke 12 chap. 15 verse. Subject: Covetousness. After the sermon, E. M. Gragg led in prayer. Amazing Grace was then sung.

The Moderator called for the church letters that had not been sent to the clerk.

The term of officers having expired, John Norris moved that the present officers, Smith Hagaman for Moderator and W. Y. Perry for Clerk, be elected by acclamation.

The Order of Business as read by the clerk, was adopted.

Geo. Hopkins and G. F. Blackburn of the Ashe Association announced themselves as visitors.

Lee Swift, H. E. Greene and E. F. Sherwood were appointed as Committee on Finance.

The pastor and messengers of this church were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises.

A motion prevailed to discontinue the com. on Digest of Letters.

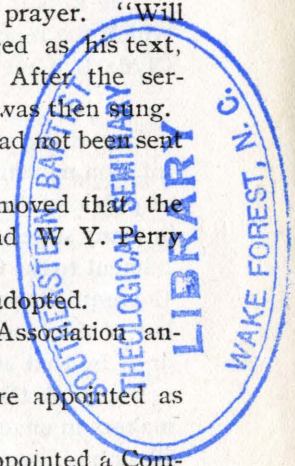
The Report on Books and Periodicals was read by L. C. Wilson.

Discussed by R. C. Eggers and L. C. Wilson. Report adopted.

BOOKS and PERIODICALS

The paramount issue of the Baptists today is information. To know the Bible and its teachings in reference to the world's redemption is to know the greatest thing that can be known.

For Baptists to know what they really and truly do believe is to know more than thousands do know; hence the necessity of a more thorough study of the Book. And that is not all. To fail to read many other good books and tracts published by the Baptists on doctrinal lines and giving information as to the needs of the world is to deprive ourselves of much needed information, without which we can never be what God would have us be, nor what is possible for us



to be, and especially would we emphasize the very great importance of reading the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, and "Home and Foreign Field," giving special information on all the departments of our work that must be had if we are prepared for the great task laid upon us in the salvation of the world.

Enlightenment, enlistment and enlargement is the war cry of the hour, that the world may be redeemed.

L. A. Wilson, }
R. C. Eggers, } Con

Adjourned for 1 hour. Benediction by F. M. Huggins.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION

The association reassembled to the singing of Nearer My God to Thee. Prayer was offered by Levi Green.

The Report on Temperance was read by W. S. Farthing, after which the report was discussed by W. S. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, Clyde R. Greene and John Norris. Report adopted.

TEMPERANCE

One of the most encouraging features of the temperance and prohibition movement in our State and Nation, is the marvelous change of public sentiment, which resulted in the passage of prohibitory laws in many states and finally, in the enactment of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and its ratification by the requisite number of states to make it a part of the constitutional law of the land. And our Republic, in a legal sense was made, "bone dry" by that act.

We think the results of prohibition have fully justified our lawmakers in enacting it, and our people in ratifying it. Chief Justice Clark and many other Judges testify that crime in N. C. has materially decreased since prohibition became effective. Convictions for murder in the first degree, decreased from 301 during the last five years of license, to 136, during the first five years of prohibition, and we have similar testimonials from other states, and we are confident that the Court records of Watauga County would present us with similar statistics, testifying to the good effects of prohibition.

We feel assured that prohibition has come to stay, for no virtuous and intelligent people, who have realized the blessings of prohibition by actual experience will welcome the return of the open saloon.

But the work of our temperance forces is not completed. The sentiment in favor of prohibition and self-control needs to be strengthened and the laws pertaining to the liquor traffic and the cigarette curse, as well, need to be enforced, and our Christian people as citizens, should aid in this work.

There are other phases of intemperance—other forms of social vice,

that tend to degrade the young manhood and womanhood of our country, that should be combatted by all professed Christians, and especially they should so live and deport themselves that their lives would serve as object lessons of temperance and Godliness to all by whom they are surrounded, for a Christian's life is his greatest asset and is as influential for good, perhaps, as anything he could write or say, and our churches everywhere should maintain the Christian standard of self-control and personal purity for both sexes of their membership alike.

W. S. Farthing.

The Report on Orphanage was read by the clerk. Discussed by F. M. Huggins, W. S. Farthing and E. M. Greer. Report adopted.

ORPHANAGE

God has placed upon His people the responsibility and duty of caring for the orphan children. We have 527 orphans at the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, looking to us for support as your own children look to you for the things they need; can we deny them? God, too, has a right to expect it of us; will we be faithful?

Do not say, The Orphanage is in good shape and the children are well cared for. This may be true in a measure, but this will not excuse us from contributing freely to their support. There are other orphan children not in the home. The Thomasville Orphanage is full, and others are begging for admittance. The better the condition of the Orphanage the more children can be cared for.

The monthly cost per child at Thomasville is \$16.43. Six years ago the monthly cost was \$8.35. You see we must increase our offerings to meet the increased cost of living. This association during the last year, has supported the small number of nearly 6 children.

We urge that the pastors and superintendents keep this matter before the people, and that collections be taken weekly for the support of our orphan children.

G. P. Sherrill, }
Roy Dotson, } Com

Report on State of Churches was read. Discussed by Jno. Norris. Report adopted.

STATE of CHURCHES

Owing to the aggressive campaign during the past year our churches have, almost without exception, developed a larger and better attitude with reference to general Christian giving; this is especially noticeable in the reports of the churches that come to this session of the association.

With reference to the spiritual and other general conditions, we would report about an average with the last few years.

John Norris, Chm'n. Com.

The Report on Pastoral Support was read by F. M. Huggins.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

The churches of our association are under the imperative obligation to support their pastors. This support should be adequate and sufficient to meet his needs so as to relieve him of secular occupation so that he could give his time and energies to the great calling where with he is called. This is true for the following reasons:

1. The preacher must live as other men live, and it takes money for him as for other men.
2. The increased cost of everything we buy makes this imperative. Former standards of giving do not meet the present needs.
3. This should be done for the sake of the churches. It makes for their development and spiritual growth.

4. It is scriptural. He that gives himself to the ministry should be supported by the churches. This is taught by the apostle Paul.

Let the faithful pastor be supported. E. M. Gragg }
F. M. Huggins }

The committee on Duties of Pastors to Their Churches being absent, the Report from last year's minutes was read in lieu of a new one.

DUTIES of PASTORS to their CHURCHES

The duties of pastors to their churches depend largely on what the churches do for their pastors. The pastor should know the spiritual needs of their churches, but the pastor can never know the spiritual need of his people and get into their hearts until he first goes into their homes. The pastor that does his uttermost to visit all the homes of his people is a true pastor indeed, otherwise he is not.

The pastor should be a teacher of the Word in the homes as well as in the pulpit, every pastor should denounce error, whether taught in the church or on the outside of it. It is the duty of every pastor to do his utmost to lead the sinner to Christ whether private or public. The pastors should study and preach the Word, be instant in season and out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with long suffering and doctrine. Christ went before his disciples saying follow me, so should the pastor set the same example before his flock in every good work, and not act as a Pope or Lord over his flock in any wise, he should paint sin as black as hell, and make the path of the just correspondingly bright, he should visit the sick, bury the dead, comfort the bereaved, strengthen the weak, and the distressed, and those that have to baffle with the waves of adversity. In short, no call of distress or need should ever reach the pastor's ears in vain.

Respectfully submitted, L. A. Wilson, Com.

Reports adopted after being discussed by R. C. Eggers, L. C. Wil-

son, F. M. Huggins, G. W. Robbins, W. S. Farthing.

The report on Education was read by the clerk. Report adopted after being discussed by Smith Hagaman, F. M. Huggins, W. S. Farthing.

EDUCATION

The Baptists of North Carolina have three colleges and fourteen high schools in their system of education. These schools are valued at \$1,234,665, and have an endowment of \$729,156. One hundred eighty-two teachers instruct three thousand, four hundred fifty-six students. Among these we find 100 ministerial students.

The urgent need of our schools is enlargement. Not one is able to care for those who seek admission. The Baptists of the state must meet the demand with their means.

Our system of schools is essential for the training of our future leaders. If we fail in this, our cause is in peril. There is nothing so effective in our religious life as trained leaders. We are suffering to-day for the want of intelligent leadership.

The state is providing six months of school for the children. When the state does this, better qualified leaders are demanded of us. What will be the effect if we fail? The challenge has been given. Are we able to meet it?

The danger point in our educational system is the teacher. We advise our people to find out what the teacher is. The silent influence of the teacher may make or unmake character before we are aware. The teacher is the important thing.

A. J. Greene, Com.

L. C. Wilson preached at the stand at 3 o'clock p. m.

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow was sung. Benediction was pronounced by J. H. Farthing, after which the association adjourned until tomorrow at 8:30, a. m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25, 1920,—MORNING SESSION.

The devotional exercise was begun by singing Sweet Hour of Prayer.

E. M. Gragg read the 23 Psalm. W. S. Farthing led in prayer.

We'll Work till Jesus Comes was sung.

The house was called to order by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. The roll of messengers was called and absentees erased.

The Moderator appointed E. F. Sherwood, Manley McBride, Wade Byers as Com. on Time, Place and Preacher for next association.

L. C. Wilson read the report on

STATE MISSIONS

Notwithstanding the marvelous achievements in State Missions there

remains much to be done.

The raising of 6 Million in the 75 Million Campaign in pledges is not the end.

To be satisfied with 2500 Baptist churches and a membership of more than 300,000 and feel that we might rest would be only to invite defeat.

State Missions can be viewed only in the light as though we was the whole world. When Jesus said to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, He laid that task upon the Baptists of N. C. that can not be turned aside. If N. C. Baptists shall take her rightful place in the world's redemption, let her lay her strength deep and broad in State Missions.

The fostering arm making strong and powerful Wake Forest College and other schools of like character where present and future generations may be prepared for the great task laid upon us in the world's redemption, is a task laid upon our people that cannot be trifled with.

If State Missions was ever a live issue, it should be more so today. To hold the field once taken is the greatest victory an army ever gained.

Never, in all of the history of our country was every denomination so aroused to the obligations laid upon them as they see it, as now.

Let us not forget that the world's eye is upon N. C. That God is looking this way and expects something at our hands. The time has come when the world is willing to hear what Baptists believe and accept what they believe.

To believe in any part of the great commission, is to believe it all; to deny any part is to deny all.

Respectfully,

L. C. Wilson, G. W. Robbins, Com.

The report on Home Missions was read by the clerk.

HOME MISSIONS

The forces of evil let loose, are now seeking to undermine and destroy our Government. Anarchy and radical socialism, are grasping at the throat of our nation. Millions of aliens who know not our language or our civilized methods of government are being mobilized under radical leaders for the definite purpose to overthrow our government. Thousands of American citizens, misled by the spirit which is abroad in the world, are unwittingly being used by these radical leaders to bring unrest and disorder. Revolution is openly advocated to overturn the American government and that liberty which is almost wholly American and which was made possible by great sacri-

fice. To minimize these facts would be folly. This is the most serious danger this government has ever faced. There is only one way these dangers can be met and permanently eliminated, and that is through the universal acceptance of the Son of God as the Redeemer of mankind. This gospel must be carried into every home in America; it must be preached to every alien in the country. It must be preached with a power never before felt. Ministers and laymen alike must see as they never saw before the mighty world-chase which threatens us. They must realize that the gospel of Christ is the only power under heaven, not only to save the souls of men for the world to come, but to save America and the world from chaos. The Home Mission work of the Baptists, and every other denomination, is far more important today than it ever was before. To the negro race who is filled with unrest and dissatisfaction, to the alien, to the true but unconverted American wherever found, must be carried the power of the gospel in a mighty home mission campaign. The greatest opportunity perhaps, the Home Mission Board has ever had is now before us. The command to go preach the gospel to every nation should fall into every Christian soul with greater force than ever before. Do we realize that there is danger that America shall forget God? To realize this we must put away all selfishness and face the issues of the day as they are, then we can realize there is imminent danger when viewed from a human viewpoint. But on the other hand, if every soul reached by the 75-million campaign can be made a center of newborn power for our Home Mission work, there will be a great spiritual awakening. Then we shall see the saving of individual souls from sin and the saving of the Nation from turmoil and strife that it may become the world's leader in righteousness. This is the supreme need of the day. The Home Mission Board faces this gigantic task. Pray for its success.

Resp'y. submitted.

D. C. Mast, Com.

A motion prevailed that the report on Foreign Missions not being ready, be handed to the clerk and be inserted in the Minutes.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

When the Master commanded the disciples to go to every nation throughout all the world, He did not fail to give them a definite task.

1. They were to preach the gospel; this must be done.

The gospel may be briefly stated: It is the story of the redemption of lost men through the atoning death or shed blood of Jesus Christ, there is no other remedy. He did not give that to angels, He committed the gospel to His saved people.

It does seem there has never been such an effort made to give the

world the gospel, since the days of the apostles, as has been made through the year 1920. This year will long be remembered.

Our great Secretary Love with others have just made a tour of the world, making a study of the situation in every land, blazing out the way for us.

Our own Drs. Love, Truit, Gambrel and Mulens have just crossed the waters and are now in London conferring with our English Baptists and our Baptist brethren from every nation under heaven, as far as possible. God has put into the hearts of the Southern Baptist people a spirit of liberality, never before heard of, not only of money, but of the many lives, yes hundreds of them, who have laid themselves on the altar saying: "Here am I send me."

Just a few days passed there was a farewell service held in Texas for young men and women going to distant lands to spend their lives.

Surely the kingdom is coming. The prospects are as bright as the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our association has made advances never before heard of.

Let thanks giving and praise go up to God from every heart.

The reports were discussed by L. C. Wilson, J. H. Farthing, W. Y. Perry, F. M. Huggins, W. S. Farthing.

The reports were adopted.

F. M. Huggins read the report on Ministerial Relief, and discussed the same. Report adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

We cannot escape the responsibility, nor ought we to try, to support our old Ministers who have given their lives to preaching the gospel of Christ. Many of them have labored without money and without price, traveling long distances, and exposed to all sorts of weather. Simple justice demands that we should take care of them in their declining days.

Yet Baptists have been derelict in this responsibility. Other denominations have seen the necessity of helping their retired ministers but Baptists have been slow to do their duty in this regard. If it is the fort of wisdom for the government to pension its retired soldiers, how much more should we stand by the Cross "who have labored long and true." If the farmer does not cast away his old horse after a long period of service, but provides food and shelter in his declining days, how much more is it the duty of Baptists to support their old ministers.

Baptists are now working up to the necessity of this benevolent Christly ministry. We now have a Board of Ministerial Relief located at Dallas, Tex., With Dr Wm. Lunsford, as Secretary. This is an arrangement by which the young preacher as well as the old, may

make provision for his declining days. The denomination pays 80% of the fund, while those who secure the benefits of it pay only 20%. Every young preacher has in this an opportunity to provide for himself and family in old age.

We recommend that the churches take collections for Old Ministers Relief at Christmas time, or some other, each year, and that the preachers of the association write Dr. Wm. Lunsford of Dallas, Tex. for information about the Board of Ministerial Relief, and that they avail themselves of the opportunity afforded.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Sherwood.

Note—This report should have been headed "Ministerial Relief."

G. W. Robbins read the report on Sunday schools. Report adopted after being discussed by G. W. Robbins.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School is our greatest agency for training the young people of our country, and teaching them the Holy Scriptures. We feel that our parents should put forth a greater effort in bringing their children to the Sunday-school, and especially church members. We would urge every Baptist family in the Three Forks association to take a deeper interest in the Sunday-school work, as we believe that a large number of our young converts emanates from the Sunday-schools. We believe that our churches are largely increased by the Sunday-schools. We as fathers and mothers should be more deeply interested in the Sunday-school in teaching our young boys and girls to read God's word instead of reading so many trashy and worthless books that lead so many of our young people astray. Let us obey that divine injunction: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

We know of no place so fitted for this training as the Sunday-school. We are proud of the advancement of the Sunday-school work, but we feel that there should be further advancement in this work.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. Pennell,

G. W. Robbins } Com

The Report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. D. F. Horton.

Report was discussed by L. C. Wilson, F. M. Huggins and G. W. Robbins. Report adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association made its first report to the association in 1914.

Year by year our interest in Mission work has increased, and has shown itself by greater activity and larger gifts.

We have now eight societies and two Sunbeam Bands with a mem-

TABLE I.—STATISTICAL

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CHURCHES	PASTOR	P. O.	CLERK	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Received by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restoration	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Died	No. of Males	No. Females	Total Membership
Antioch	J. H. Earthing	Sweet Water, N. C.	G. H. Rowe,	Sugar Grove, N. C.	3	\$1000	2	1				3	69	84	153
Bethel	W. Swift	Reese,	" W. S. Farthing	Sugar Grove "	4	400	11	3	1	10	1		75	96	171
Beaver Dam.....	J. H. Farthing	Sweet Water "	Luth. A. Wilson	Reese "	1	400	17	7	1	16	1	1	55	84	139
Bethany															
Blowing Rock.....	F. M. Huggins	Boone,	" Will Knight	Blowing Rock	1	2000		6		4			53	72	125
Brushy Fork.....	D. M. Wheeler	Bamboo,	" J. H. Presnell,	Vilas,	2	1000	8	1	1	3	3	2	51	57	108
Boone	F. M. Huggins	Boone,	W. R. Gragg	Boone	2	8500		27		6		1	80	84	164
Cove Creek.....	F. M. Huggins	Boone,	E. F. Sherwood	Vilas,	3	1000	5			5			36	86	122
Cool Springs.....	E. C. Hodges	Adams,	A. P. Bolick	Shulls Mills	1	1000	4	2		9		1	37	43	80
Clarks Creek.....	C. S. Farthing	Sugar Grove	G. W. Rowe	Valle Crucis	2	500							15	26	41
Fall Creek.....	D. A. Greene	Butler, Tenn.	W. B. Norris	Heaton	2	300	2					2	28	16	44
Forest Grove.....	J. H. Farthing	Sweet Water, N. C.	W. R. Johnson,	Vilas	2	1000		6		7			58	82	140
Gap Creek.....	Levi Greene	Hopkins	H. E. Greene	Hopkins, N. C.	1	1100				7		1	54	83	137
Howards Creek.....	D. M. Wheeler	Bamboo, N. C.	E. J. Norris,	Sands, N. C.	3	500	13	1	1	1	1		33	56	89
Laurel Springs.....	W. E. Carlton,	Baldwin,	E. B. Hardin,	Rutherford	2		14	1	1	8	5	1	47	98	145
Liberty Grove.....	M. A. Adams	Boone	L. N. Keller	Garren, "	2	1000				2			22	25	47
Meat Camp.....	R. C. Eggers	Zionville	L. A. Greene,	Sands	3	750	14	4	6	3	1	1	86	91	174
Middle Fork.....	E. M. Gragg,	Vilas	L. P. Hodges,	Blowing Rock	3	800	8	2					45	50	95
Mt. Calvary.....	J. H. Farthing	Sweet Water	J. M. Shoemaker	Balm	4	800	4						43	80	123
Mt. Lebanon.....	Edmond	Green Sands,	I. A. Bumgarner	Vilas	1	800	2	1		1	2	1	44	61	105
Mt. Gilead.....	W. Swift	Reese	T. M. Younce	Beech Creek	1	1500	1	3				2	40	44	84
Oak Grove.....															
Pleasant Grove.....	L. A. Wilson	Zionville	J. H. Mast	Zionville	4	1000	17	3	4	7	2	4	75	133	208
Rich Mountain.....	R. C. Eggers	Zionville	L. E. Beech	Zionville	1	500						1	19	37	56
Shulls Mills.....	E. C. Hodges	Adams	J. M. Day	Shulls Mills		1200	13	7		2			26	30	56

South Fork.....	M A Adams	Boone	W H McGuire	Brookside	4	1000	2	2	1	1	1	44	65	109	
Stony Fork.....	Levi Greene	Hopkins	A A Hamby	Stony Fork	2	1000	4	2		6	1	90	97	187	
Samson.....															
Three Forks.....	W Swift	Reese	A J Edmisten	Boone	2	500	1			1	2	52	33	85	
Timb'd Ridge.....	W Swift	Reese	W L Greene	Sugar Grove	3		17	3		4	1	33	41	74	
Union.....	R C Eggers	Zionville	J M Burkett	Mabel	2	800	7	1	1	3	1	65	96	161	
Willowdale.....	A J Greene	Mabel	J H Brinkley	Vilas	1	200	4					1	37	38	75
Zionville.....	L A Wilson	Zionville	J C Jones	Zionville	1	800	5	4	1	4	1	36	74	110	
Zion Hill.....	Henry Glenn	Watauga Falls	A J Trivett	Leander	2	1000	4			7	2	50	45	95	
Elk Knob.....	W H Michael	Trade, Tenn	J M South	Tamarack	2	400	6	4	1	1	2	28	50	78	

W. M. U. TABLE	Home F F	B. Rec'd'r	Tithers	Royal Services	H. M.	S. M.	F. M.	75-M.	Old M.	Orph.	B. Women	Expense F	Olive Eden Africa	T. School	Church L.	Marg't. F.	Christian Education	S. S. Room Local Ex.	TOTAL
CHURCH																			
Bethel	4	5	2	6	5.38	10.55	15.90	97.35	21.45	48.00	1.00	1.00	2.84				30.00		185.42
Blowing Rock	4	4	3	3	10.00	12.00	32.25	16.75				1.00	1.00						121.00
B. R. Sunbeams								1.75											1.75
Timb'd Ridge	2			4	1.20	80	1.20	18.90	5.00		1.00				1.60				29.70
Cove Creek	6	4	2	2	6.48	4.45	10.20	60.92	2.95	18.20	25.00	2.00	1.00	4.75					135.95
Forest Grove	8	6	5	1	9.90	8.40	8.90			11.00	25.00	1.00	1.00	5.93	4.00	1.00			76.13
Willowdale	3				2.05		8.00			7.27									17.32
Boone					7.00	67.70	19.00	61.65		22.95	30.50	3.40							212.20
Beaver Dam					4.25		4.60										3.10		11.95
Boone Sunbeams						5.00	1.45		5.90									13.00	25.30
	27	19	12	16	46.26	108.90	103.25	255.57	2.95	139.77	80.50	9.40	4.00	13.52	4.00	2.60	33.10	13.00	\$816.72

bership of about 150, three Woman's Missionary societies having been organized the past year.

Our contributions to the regular objects of our work for the past year are as follows:

75 M.	F.M.	H.M.	S.M.	Orph.	Bible W.	O.M.	Tr. S.
\$173.12	\$126.00	\$44.21	\$108.90	\$132.50	\$49.75	\$2.95	\$3.75
Chris. Ed.	Olive Edens Africa.	Ex. F.	Other Objects.				
\$30.00	\$5.00	\$9.40	\$13.00				

Total contributions to all objects \$698.58.

Biblical Recorders taken in the Union is 19, H. F. F. 27, Royal Services 16, Tithers 12, Study classes reported two.

The annual meeting of the Union was held at Cove Creek, Sept. 16, 1919. A Beautiful spirit of consecration and devotion was manifest through the entire session, and Prayer was emphasized as being the great power that would make the 75 Million Campaign a success.

The Southern Union took as their quota \$15,000,000 of the 75 Million Campaign, and the North Carolina Union was apportioned 1,100,000 but our quota was over subscribed, total pledges to date being 2,167,330 dollars.

The W. M. U. pledge of the Three Forks Association for five years in eight churches is 4,159.15 and the pledge of the women not members of societies in these churches is 2,164.22.

Our Cor. Sect. said in her report to the annual meeting of the State W. M. U. that "Never before has the value of our great W. M. U. program of prayer, study, training, and giving been so clearly shown as during the campaign.

It was the Missionary Societies who supplied the workers; it was the Churches where we have societies which most easily raised their campaign quotas and went far beyond. It was the women of our societies who made the most liberal pledges and reported them most promptly; and it is these same women that we must look to to complete the task of enlisting others in kingdom service, and to aid in the great evangelistic campaign upon which we are entering.

The Mobile School held at Cove Creek in July was a great success and the Union is indebted to Mrs. I. G. Greer for her splendid service rendered in teaching the Woman's Missionary Union Manual. Nine out of a class of 19 took the examination and received their certificates with seal.

We desire to express our grateful appreciation for the help extended to us by the pastors and moderator of the association, and brother M. A. Adams, our associational missionary, and we ask for their continued support.

We would insist that each church of the association send a representative to our annual meeting at Bethel church Sat. before the 3d Sunday in Sept.

Mrs. D. F. Horton.

W. S. Farthing read the report on Nominations. Report adopted.

NOMINATIONS

Your Com. would recommend for Executive Committee G. P. Hagaman, I. G. Greer, Newton Howell, D. C. Mast, Wade Byers, with the Moderator and Clerk of this body.

For member of State B'd of Missions: Smith Hagaman.

" Associational Vice Pres. F. M. Board: W. Y. Perry.

" Sunday School Secretary: Roy Gragg.

As Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: J. H. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, W. Y. Perry, R. C. Eggers.

As Delegates to Baptist State Convention: F. M. Huggins, Roby C. Eggers, and Edgar Hodges.

Correspondents to Ashe Association: L. A. Wilson, John Norris, W. H. Michael, and Will H. McGuire.

To Stony Fork Association: C. S. Farthing, Levi Green, E. M. Gragg.

To Caldwell Co. Association: I. C. Miller, J. D. Brown, Jas. Bradshaw, G. W. Trivett.

To Watauga Association: J. H. Farthing, R. C. Eggers, Wagoner A. Reese, R. L. Palmer.

To Mitchell Co. Association: G. W. Robbins, Wellington Swift, W. A. Braswell.

Any member in good standing at home is authorized to report himself a Corresponding Messenger to any association with which we have correspondence. Respectfully submitted,

W. S. Farthing.

G. W. Robbins read the report on Resolutions. Report adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved 1st: That we as delegates and pastors of the Three Forks Association feel thankful to Almighty God for His wonderful blessings through an other associational year.

Second, That we dedicate our lives and our money to His cause, and that we use every effort for the building up of our churches in all this land and country of ours.

Third, That we express our gratitude to the people of Gap Creek Baptist church, and the community at large, for their hospitality and kind entertainment of the association. Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Robbins, Hester Farthing, Com.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDENTS

L. C. Wilson reported attending Southern Baptist Convention, and Holston Association.

W. Y. Perry reported attending Southern Baptist Convention.

**Table 2.-
Financial**

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	75-Million Campaign	Building & Repairs	Incident- als	S. S. Expenses	Poor	Minute Fund	Orphan- age	Ministeri- al Relief	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Christian Education	Other Objects	Total Con- tributions
Antioch	62.87	145.56		25.00	10.67		1.60									245.20
Bethel	100.00	543.91		14.45	22.25		2.00	58.32	7.66	44.90	5.00					927.98
Beaver Dam	100.00				15.00		1.25	68.76		9.92		136.85	4.05	20.00	105.44	385.58
Bethany														14.41	30.20	
Blowing Rock	229.00	113.50		138.59	91.73		1.50	127.11	3.51			4.00				707.44
Boone							2.00									
Brushy Fork	162.50	5.50		20.00	9.00	40.00	1.75	42.56	3.51	31.35	26.85	26.85	1.00	3.85	1.50	376.22
Cove Creek	350.00	219.59		144.60	26.98	21.20	2.00	61.29							65.00	890.66
Cool Springs	145.00		50.00				1.50	15.00				6.				217.50
Clarks Creek	40.00				2.00		.85	3.00								46.00
Elk Knob	22.35				4.75		.50								.45	28.05
Fall Creek					2.00		.75	4.61							12.50	
Forest Grove	144.68	132.92		10.85			1.00	130.78		29.31	18.00	25.11			34.25	526.90
Gap Creek	110.85	51.23	49.00	7.60	17.49		1.50	18.00			5.00					260.77
Howards Creek	116.90			32.00	3.00	9.14	1.74	8.19								171.58
Laurel Springs	122.40	106.27	9.25	19.00	4.00	3.50	1.90	13.90								395.44
Liberty Grove	52.87			4.34	11.42		1.60	67.91		11.60					115.22	165.99
Meat Camp	189.20	26.00	51.45	88.55	14.26		2.17	20.82	25.30	20.50	2.04	11.48		16.25	124.50	576.27
Middle Fork	110.00	16.00		7.70	16.53		1.75	30.00				28.50			54.51	264.99
Mt. Calvary	170.64	78.71		8.58			1.50	30.54								290.01
Mt. Lebanon	88.43			6.00	31.00		1.60	55.65							50.00	232.68
Mt. Gillead		77.44		9.75			1.20	21.16							20.00	128.55
Oak Grove	41.30						.55	9.00								50.85
Pleasant Grove	178.56	58.12	37.92	12.29	17.62	21.19	2.21	70.98	10.41	12.00		3.25		84		425.38
Rich Mountain	29.79			3.00	10.00		.75	26.73							8.92	83.19
Shulls Mills	92.00		8.00	29.48	7.86	2.15		38.90			2.00	2.00			103.26	281.65

South Fork	178.97	36.00	301.52	12.20		1.80	105.12		4.35						1.70	649.66
Stony Fork	65.70		204.00		7.50	2.50				3.00	3.00	3.30			60	359.00
Samson																
Three Forks	5.50				6.00	1.75	18.00	2.00								24.30
Timb'd Ridge	150.89				14.52	1.50	51.39		17.94						17.78	254.03
Union	104.89	17.60	9.00	40.00	12.85	6.35	1.60	32.28	3.70	3.67	2.00	2.00	3.97	2.00	6.87	248.78
Willowdale	100.50	5.00		10.00	15.00	12.00	1.50	75.67	10.00		5.07	5.07				270.01
Zionville	138.67	24.00	14.00		10.00		1.15	34.58	9.19	16.35	15.05	14.03			26.95	303.97
Zion Hill	21.75				2.64	27.00	1.25								52.64	

W. M. U. TABLE.

CHURCH	Organization	President	Post Office	No. of Members	State Mis- sions 75 M	Home Missions	Foreign Missins	S. S. Board	Training School	Other Objects	Total Con- tributions
Bethel	W. M. U.	Mrs. W. W. Wilson,	Sweet Water	20	67.20	23.43			7.00	2.00	99.63
Beaver Dam	" "	" Jane Swift,	Reese, N.C.	13			4.60			3.00	7.60
Blowing Rock	" "	" J. D. Brown,	Blowing Rock		56.00					50.00	116.00
	Sunbeams	" J M Hodges	"								
Boone	W. M. U.	" I G Greer,	Boone,	"	124.10		1.30			27.40	212.30
"	Y. M. A.	" Annie Winkler,	"	8							
"	Sunbeams	" Bernice Gragg,	"	45	1.45					16.20	17.65
"	R. A.	" J M Moretz,	"	12	1.25						1.25
"	B. Y. P. U.	" I G Greer,	"	37							9.21
Cove Creek	W. M. U.	" Annie V. Sherwood,	Sherwood		4.45	6.48	10.20	60.92	25.00	23.65	136.70
Forest Grove	W. M. U.	" Alice Moody,	Vilas	30			27.20		2.65	31.75	61.60
Timbered Ridge	" "	" Clara Greene,	Peoria	8	31.20		3.20			5.00	39.40

The Clerk read the report of

COLPORTEUR

As Colporteur I submit the following:

Books on hand last report	\$48.00
Cash on hand last report	7.89
Books bought during the year	134.16
Due Publishers	5.08
Books sold during the year	\$139.83
Books on hand	55.80
	<u>\$195.13</u> <u>\$195.13</u>

Respectfully submitted, A. J. Greene, Colporteur.

Report adopted. A. J. Greene was reelected as Colporteur.

The Treasurer read his report. Report adopted.

A motion prevailed that W. Y. Perry be continued Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for Orphanage	\$ 78.44
" " State Board of Missions	134.70
" " T. L. Blalock	3.25
" " Minute Fund	48.14
Total	<u>\$264.53</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

To Orphanage	\$78.56
" Walters Durham for:	
Foreign Missions	38.30
State Missions	34.01
Home Missions	16.23
Missions (undesigned)	15.58
Associational Missions	3.61
Ministerial Relief	26.97
T. L. Blalock	3.23
Clerk of Association	7.50
Will H. McGuire for printing	40.64
Treasurer for postage	.15
Total	<u>\$264.66</u>
Amonnt due Treasurer	.13

The Report on Finance was read by H. E. Greene, and adopted.

[No Report appears in the Manuscript.—Printer.]

E. F. Sherwood read the Report on

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We your Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for the next session of the Three Forks Baptist Association submit the following: We have decided that it be held with Baushy Fork church, beginning at 10 A. M. Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in August 1921; Eld. F. M. Huggins to preach Introductory Sermon, alternate, Eld. E. C. Hodges.

E. F. Sherwood, M. McBride, Wade Byers, Com.

The Moderator announced the Standing Committees as follows:

Committees—1921

Foreign Missions: W. S. Farthing, E. J. Farthing.
 Home Missions: A. J. Greene, R. C. Eggers.
 State Missions: F. M. Huggins, E. D. Robbins.
 Education: W. Y. Perry, W. F. Sherwood.
 Pastoral Support: D. C. Mast, E. M. Greer.
 Sunday Schools: Roy Dotson, S. C. Eggers.
 Orphanage: John Norris, E. M. Gragg.
 Books and Periodicals: I. G. Greer, Clyde R. Greene.
 Resolutions: C. S. Farthing, Wade L. Greene.
 Order of Business: W. Y. Perry, E. F. Sherwood.
 State of Churches: Lee Swift, G. P. Sherrill.
 Duties of Pastors to Churches: W. S. Farthing, Wm. Elrod.
 Temperance: J. R. Isaacs, John Mast.
 Woman's Work: Mrs. D. E. Horton, Mrs. I. G. Greer.
 Old Ministers' Relief: G. W. Robbins, John Riddle.
 Nominations: Edgar Hardin, Roy Gragg.

A motion prevailed that the Clerk be appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of Minutes, and that he be allowed \$7.50 for his services.

J. H. Farthing was appointed to conduct the closing exercises.

Prayer was offered by J. H. Farthing.

R. C. Eggers preached at the stand at 11 A. M.

Amazing Grace was sung and the messengers gave each other the parting hand.

Adjourned with benediction by F. M. Huggins.

W. Y. PERRY,
Clerk.

SMITH HAGAMAN,
Moderator.

Ordained Ministers

Name	Post Office and State	Name	Post Office and State
Braswell, W. A.	Montezuma, N.C.	Michael, W. H.	Trade, Tenn.
Brown, Asa	Brownwood, "	Miller, I. C.	Stony Fork, N.C.
Carlton, J. C.	Jaliaetta, Idaho.	Norris, John	Boone, "
Eller J. F.	Vilas, N.C.	Pennell W. A.	Zionville, "
Farthing J. H.	Sweet Water "	Palmer, R. L.	Beech Creek, "
"	C. S. Sugar Grove "	Robbins, E. D.	Blowing R'k, "
Gragg, E. M.	Vilas, "	Reese, Wagner A.	Reese, "
Greene, Levi	Hopkins, "	Shore, R. H.	Blowing Rock, "
"	A. J. Mabel, "	Swift, W.	Reese, "
Eggers, R. C.	Zionville, "	Trivett, G. W.	Sugar Grove, "
Huggins, F. M.	Boone, "	Wilson, L. A.	Lionville, "
Keller, John,	Wilman, Ky.	Wilson, L. C.	Watauga Val. Tenn

TABLE III.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPT.	P. O.	SECY	P. O.	No. of Schools	Teachers and Officers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Mem- bers in S. S.	Months Open	Baptisms from School	Expenses	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Bethel	E. J. Farthing	Sweet Water	Crathie Shell	Sweet Water	1	9	127	136	56	12	10	22.25	000.00	56.94	79.19
Blowing Rock	J H Winkler	Blowing Rock	Hellen Coffey	Blowing Rock	1	12	75	87	54	12		91.73	42.11		133.84
Brushy Fork	L M Trivette	Vilas, N C	W H Bingham	Vilas	1	5	40	45	12						
Cove Creek	J J Glenn	Sugar Grove	Thelma Perry	Vilas	1	10	80	90	40	12	4	26.98	46.52		73.50
Fall Creek	T B Gryder	Heaton	Pearl Story	Heaton	1	5	25	30	16	8	2	2.00	4.61		6.61
Forest Grove	R C Moody	Vilas	Anita Hagaman	Vilas	1	11	90	101	60	12		10.85	105.98	10.85	127.68
Meat Camp	W W Norris	Sands	Clyde R Green	Zionville	1	7	94	101	50	12	3	14.26	2.00		16.26
Mt. Lebanon	S B Hayes	Vilas	M A Bumgarner	Vilas	1	5	52	57	15	12		6.00	7.27	3.00	16.27
Pleasant Grove	N F Byers	Zionville	Nora A Mast	Zionville	1	9	81	90	12	15	15	17.62			17.62
Rich Mtn.	A B Greene	Zionville	A A Bennington	Zionville	1	5	65	70	10	9		3.00			3.00
South Fork	I E Duncan	Todd	Anna Tatum	Todd	1	5									
Union	Sol. Younce	Mabel	Sallie Warren	Mabel	1	10	80	90	50	12	7	12.85			12.85
Willowdale	Linney Barnes	Boone	Rosedna Dugger	Vilas	1	8	75	84	40	12		15.00	75.67		90.67
Zionville	George Roten	Zionville	Pearl Grogan	Trade, Tenn.	1	6	45	51	12	5	5	10.00		7.50	17.50
Zion Hill	E F Harman	Beech Creek	A J Trivette	Leander	1	5	30	35	20	6		2.64			2.64

Note: Names of churches not giving S. S. statistics are omitted from above Table to save space.—Printer.

Roll of Messengers

Antioch—E M Greer.
 Bethel—James E Farthing, W S Farthing.
 Beaver Dam—Lee Swift.
 Bethany—Letter, no messengers.
 Blowing Rock—E D Robbins.
 Boone—Letter, no messengers.
 Brushy Fork—J H Brown, L M Trivett.
 Cove Creek—E F Sherwood, W Y Perry,
 Clark's Creek—Letter.
 Cool Springs—J M Pearson, J. W. Pennell.
 Elk Knob—J M Vannoy.
 Fall Creek—Letter.
 Forest Grove—Smith Hagaman.
 Gap Creek—H E Greene, John Watson.
 Howard's Creek—Manley McBride.
 Laurel Springs—E B Hardin, Hoy Greene, Arthur Greene.
 Liberty Grove—S P Miller, J L Miller, M H Goodman.
 Meat Camp—Wade Byers, W W Norris, Clyde R Greene.
 Middle Fork—Letter.
 Mt. Gillead—Letter.
 Mt. Calvary—Letter.
 Mt. Lebanon—Letter.
 Oak Grove—W M Hodges.
 Pleasant Grove—Letter.
 Rich Mountain—Letter.
 Stony Fork—H. H. Smith, A J Welborn, D L Welborn.
 South Fork—W F Norris, T M Jones, J. S. Brown.
 Samson—No Letter or messengers.
 Shulls Mills—G W Robbins.
 Three Forks—Will Hayes.
 Timbered Ridge—Letter.
 Union—Letter.
 Willowdale—Letter.
 Zion Hill—Letter.
 Zionville —Manley Greene.

Officers of Association

SMITH HAGAMAN, Moderator and Historian, - Vilas, N. C.
 W. Y. PERRY, Clerk and Treasurer, - " "
 A. J. GREENE, Colporteur, - Mabel, "

Minutes of the Three Forks Annual Meeting of the W. M. U.

The seventh annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association was held in Bethel Baptist Church Sept. 18th, 1920, the president, Mrs. D. F. Horton, in the chair.

Opening session called to order at 10 a. m.

Singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

Devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Clide Perry who took as her subject "Stewardship."

Prayer by F. M. Huggins.

The address of welcome was made by Miss Lula Farthing.

Response by Mrs. J. M. Moretz.

The roll of churches was called and representatives recognized as follows:—Bethel 5, Boone 7, Beaver Dam 4, Cove Creek 6, Forest Grove 5, Pleasant Grove 1, Timbered Ridge 2, Willow Dale 3.

The following visitors were recognized: Mrs. J. A. Boldin Lenoir, former Supt. of the Caldwell Union, Mrs. A. R. Barlow Lenoir, and Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Stukenbroke.

The annual report of the Superintendent was then read:

A very interesting paper was read by Mrs. J. A. Boldin, "Annual enlistment in the Society and Reaching the Unenlisted Church."

Mrs. A. R. Barlow read a paper urging larger circulation of Mission Magazines.

The following committees were appointed:

Nominating Mrs. Smith Hagaman, Mrs. Lee Swift, Mrs. Emma Moore, Mrs. Enoch Swift, Miss Clara Green, Mrs. Emma Henson, and Mrs. Maggie Perry.

Resolutions: Mrs. I. G. Greer and Mrs. George Swift.

Time and Place: Mrs. Nan Johnson and Mrs. F. M. Huggins.

Song, "Revive us again."

Rev. F. M. Huggins preached the annual sermon at 11:30, taking as his theme 'Woman's devotion to her Lord,' reading John 12:1—9.

Song, "Blest be the tie."

Closing prayer by F. M. Huggins.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song, "The Woman's Hymn."

Devotional service led by Mrs. K. D. Stukenbroke, reading the three great "Commissions of our Lord," emphasizing Women's part in helping to carry out the Commission in giving the gospel to the world. Prayer by Mrs. Stukenbroke.

An interesting paper: "God's plan for the individual life" was read by Mrs. Clide Eggers, then Scripture verses were recited by the

congregation on the new birth.

A paper, The importance of prayer in the life of the individual was read by Mrs. Green after which a special prayer for the enlistment of the women of the Three Forks association in the organized work was offered by Mrs. I. G. Greer.

Reports were read from the societies showing a splendid increase in gifts the past year, and an earnest desire to increase their efforts the coming year.

Some helpful suggestions were given by Rev. K. D. Stukenbroke, also Mrs. J. A. Bolden reminded us that the Southern Baptist Convention has asked that the gifts of all women be credited to the Union if not otherwise stated in the pledge cards.

"Why we should have a mission study class" was read by Miss Annie Sherwood.

The Union then enjoyed a most interesting "Demonstration" of a Mission study class, taught by Mrs. Stukenbroke, using "All the Word in All the World."

On motion of Mrs. F. M. Huggins a message of greeting will be sent to Mrs. W. W. Wilson who is absent because of illness.

Report on Christian Education by Mrs. Hattie Johnson.

Report on W. M. U. Training School by Mrs. Huggins.

Mrs. Stukenbroke, a former Training School student, spoke interestingly of the school.

Report of Sunbeams, Mrs. Emma Moore.

The Nominating Committee made the following report:

Mrs. D. F. Horton Supt., Mrs. I. G. Greer Asst. Supt., Mrs. J. M. Moretz Secy. & Treas. Mrs. F. M. Huggins Y. W. A. Supt., Mrs. Emma Moore Junior Supt. Literature Secy. Mrs. Alice Moody and Mrs. W. W. Wilson Personal Service Chairman.

The report was adopted and Mrs. Horton resumed the chair.

Recommendations were read by Mrs. G. P. Hagaman and adopted by the body.

Mrs. I. G. Greer served as committee on Resolutions, expressing her gratitude and hearty thanks to the Bethel church for their fine hospitality shown the Union, and we also wish to express our thanks to Mr. W. W. Wilson for placing an organ in the church for our benefit. Minutes read and approved.

After singing "I Gave My Life For Thee," and prayer by brother Winfield Farthing, the Union adjourned to meet at Beaver Dam church on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in Sept. 1921.

Mrs. D. F. Horton, Superintendent.

Mrs. J. M. Moretz, Asst. Supt.

		Pres.	P. O.	No. mem.
W. M. S.	Bethel	Mrs. Lora Wilson	Sugar Grove	29
"	Timb'rd Ridge	Miss Clara Green,	Leander	6
"	Blowing Rock	Mrs. J. D. Brown	Blowing Rock	7
Sunbeams	Blowing Rock	Mrs. Hodges	—	—
"	Beaver Dam	Mrs. George Swift	Reese	10
"	Cove Creek	Miss Annie Sherwood	Sherwood	28
"	Boone	Mrs. I. G. Greer	Boone	30
Sunbeams	Boone	Mrs. Emma Moore	"	25
W. M. S.	Willowdale	Mrs. W. L. Johnson	—	—
"	Forest Grove	Mrs. Alice Moody	—	—
				30

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