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MINUTES

84th Annual Session

Of The

THREE FORKS

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

1 The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the association, who on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, the ministers being members ex-officio.

2 In the letters from the different churches is to be expressed their members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since last association.

3 The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any special power over the churches. They shall not infringe any internal right of any church in the union.

4 The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen annually by the suffrage of the members present

5 New churches, or any regular Baptist church of Christ being legally dismissed by letter by any sister association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

6 Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the association.

7 Every query presented by any member in the association shall be once read, and before it is debated, the moderator shall put it to vote, and if there shall be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be debated, but if there shall be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

8 Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

9 The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of their proceedings. The best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the direction of the future associations.

10 We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an associational fund for defraying the expense of the same. For the

raising and supporting of which we think it to be the duty of each church in the union to contribute annually such sums as they shall think proper and send it by their delegates to the association. The money thus raised shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer, appointed by the association, who shall be accountable for the same. He shall pay the money out from time to time as the association may direct.

11 There shall be an association book kept wherein the proceedings of the association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary, appointed by the association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his services.

12 The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected (if needs be) and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

13 Amendments to the plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the association when they deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

14 The association shall have power:

To provide for the general union of the churches

To endeavor to preserve a chain of union amongst the churches.

To give the churches the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the association.

To appropriate the money contributed by the churches for an associational fund to any purpose they may think proper.

Shall have power to withdraw from any church in their union who shall violate the rules of this association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion.

To correspond with sister associations.

To invite any Baptist brethren in the ministry to a seat in the association, who may be present at the time of their sitting.

To adjourn the association to any future time and place they may think proper and most convenient to the churches in the union.

Rules of Decorum

1 The association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2 Only one person shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the moderator, till he is done speaking.

3 He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before him so as to make remarks on his steps failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as he can

so as to give his views or ideas.

4 No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

5 No person shall rise and speak more than three times to any one subject without liberty from the association.

6 No member shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same or whispering in the time of public speaking.

7 No member shall address another in any other appellation than that of brother.

8 The moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

9 The names of the several members of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as required by the asso.

10 The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other members, provided the chair be filled. He shall not vote unless the association be equally divided.

Ordained Ministers

W. H. Glenn,	Watanga Falls,	N.C.
L. C. Wilson,	Boone	"
E J Farthing	Sugar Grove	"
R M Farthing	Breda, Alberta,	Canada
J A Davis	Reese	N.C.
F M Huggins	Boone	"
Walter E Wilson	Boone	"
Ed Robbins	Blowing Rock	"
W Swift	Reese	"
Roy Dotson	Vilas	"
John Norris	Boone	"
R H Shores	Blowing Rock	"
W Clay Wilson	Balm	"
W A Braswell	Montezuma	"
R L Palmer	Beech Creek	"
E C Hodges	Adams	"
L A Wilson	Zionville	"
W A Pennel	"	"
J M Griggs	Todd	"
H H Smith	Stony Fork	"
Levi Greene	Boone	"
A J Greene	Vilas	"
G W Trivett	"	"
R C Eggers	"	"

LICENSED MINISTERS

A. T. Watson, Rominger, N.C. E. F. Harman, Beech Creek, N.C.

Officers of Association

Smith Hagaman, Moderator,	Boone, N. C.
W. Y. Perry, Clerk-Treasurer,	Vilas, "
Roy Dotson, Colporteur,	" "
A. J. Greene, Historian,	" "

Committees for 1925.

State Missions: F. M. Huggins, J. H. Winkler.
 Home Missions: W S Farthing, E J Farthing.
 Foreign Missions: A J Greene, George Trivrtt.
 Christian Education: I G Greer, Walter E Wilson.
 Pastoral Support: J R Isaacs, N T Byers.
 Duty of Pastors to Churches: G P Sherrill, Lee Swift.
 Sunday Schools: Alex Wilson, M J Williams.
 Baptist Orphanage: Roy Dotson, G P Hagaman.
 Books and Periodicals: D D Dougherty, Roy Gragg.
 Resolutions: Sherman Wellborn, W T Vandyke.
 State of Churches: L C Wilson, F M Huggins.
 Temperance: Dean Swift, D C Mast.
 Old Ministers' Relief: R C Eggers, E J Norris.
 Woman's Work: Mrs I G Greer, Mrs T H Coffey.
 B. Y. P. U.: Paul Tugman, Herman Wilcox.
 Nominations: G W Robbins, W N Howell.
 Baptist Hospital: Mrs G P Hagaman, Mrs D D Dougherty.
 Order of Business: W Y Perry, A J Greene.

Summary of Statistics,

Comparing year 1923 with 1924.

	Years	1923	1924
Total Membership,		4,039	4,211
Baptisms,		244	217
Denominational Contributions,	\$	5,374	\$ 3,449
Home Expenses,	\$	16,857.13	\$17,203.54
Building Expenses,	\$	10,322.42	\$ 9,469.63
Home Expense, less Building Fund,	\$	6,528.71	\$ 7,733.91

PROCEEDINGS

R. F. D. Zionville, N. C.,

August 12, 1924.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in the house of worship of Pleasant Grove Church in its 84th annual session.

The choir of pleasant Grove rendered several selections of song.

Rev. Roy Dotson read a Scripture lesson from 11 chapt. of John.

G. P. Sherrill led in prayer, especially invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the business of this session.

After a song, Roy Dotson, the the appointee to preach the annual sermon, announced as his text John 11: 28: The Master is come and calleth for thee.

1 a. He is come in nature. b. In his word. c. In his son. d. In the Holy Spirit.

2 a. He calls us to repentance. b. He calls us to service. c. He calls us to judgement.

After the sermon Walter E. Wilson led in prayer.

There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood was sung.

The church letters were called for. On motion the letters were referred to the clerk.

On motion of W. S. Farthing, L. C. Wilson cast the ballot of this association for the present officers—Smith Hagaman Moderator and W. Y. Perry, Clerk

The Order of Business was read by the clerk. Report adopted.

On motion invited visitors and correspondents to seats.

The following reported: D. M. Wheeler from Stony Fork Association; H. H. Crisp from Caldwell Co. Association, and Charles E. Maddy, Cor. Sec. of Baptist State Convention.

The following Committees were appointed:

Finance: W. R. Johnson, Sherman Wellborn.

Time, Place and Preacher: D. D. Dougherty, J. A. Edmisten.

Obituaries: W. S. Farthing and G. P. Sherrill.

The Order of Business was amended so as to make Missions the special order for the afternoon.

Roy Dotson read the report on Books and Periodicals.

Report adopted after being discussed by Dean Swift, F. M. Huggins, Dr. Maddy and Uriah Farthing.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

Reading has much to do with one's thinking. Thinking determines largely the actions and actions produce character. Therefore, our reading material should be selected with great care. In the selection of literature for the home, the development of all sides of the individual should be kept in mind; the industrial, social, political and religious. None of these should be neglected if we are looking for-

ward to an intelligent citizenship and to a well developed allrounded church membership. The activities of the church will depend very much on the individual member. But as the strength of an army lies largely in its leadership, so the larger work of the kingdom, likewise depends very much on the knowledge and wisdom of its leadership.

The reading of the Denominational paper is a thing sadly neglected in this association, and we believe the pastors have the key to this situation. Therefore, we recommend that the pastors read and encourage their churches to read the following papers:

The Biblical Recorder for information about every activity of the Baptists of our state.

The Home and Foreign Fields for information about our Home and Foreign Mission work.

Charity and Children, to keep us in touch with our benevolent work, and for the children of the homes, we heartily recommend Kind Words, Boys' Weekly, Girls' Weekly, and Child's Gem, all of the last named may be had from the Baptist Sunday School Board.

More good books should be read by our people. The Bible should have first place, then each pastor should be able to suggest books to meet the needs of his people.

Lee Swift, Roy Dotson.

Adjourned for one hour.

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow was sung.

Benediction by R. C. Eggers.

TUESDAY P. M.

The association sang Glory to His Name. Prayer was offered by Geo. Roten leading.

W. S. Farthing read the report on State Missions.

The report on Home Missions was read by Walter E. Wilson.

Foreign Missions report was read by F. M. Huggins.

The reports were discussed by Charles E. Maddy.

STATE MISSIONS

The State Mission Board in its last annual report, gives us a very gratifying description of State Missionary achievements for the year 1923.

The Board gave assistance that year to 188 men as Missionary Pastors at a total cost of \$58,696.52. Their labors and accomplishments for the year are summed up in the following statement:

Churches served	330	Sermons delivered	14,728
Churches organized	88	Other addresses	4,493
Churches built	12	Churches repaired	97
Professed conversions	4,127	Baptisms	3,044
By Letter, Restoration &c.	2,574	Sub. to Biblical Recorder	533
Sub. to Charity & Children	717		

Paid for Church building and repairs,	\$243,530.67
Pastors' Salaries,	109,887.70
Seventy-five Million Campaign,	47,957.70
State Missions,	2,918.64
Home Missions,	1,207.85
Education,	1,048.21
Ministers' Relief,	472.52
Orphanage,	14,701.26
All other objects,	53,888.55

Total raised for all Objects by 188 Missionaries, \$475,613.10

The State Board of Missions was established about 94 years ago. There were only about 15,000 Baptists of all races in N. C. at that time. Now there are nearly if not quite 340,000 white Baptists alone in the State.

Churches were planted in territory which had hitherto been destitute of Baptist preaching. Many of the most efficient churches in N. C. were constituted and fostered by State Missions.

While much has been done for our people for which we are grateful to God and rejoice, yet there is about one-half of our population who are not even nominal Christians. These should be evangelized because of what it will be worth to them, because of what it will make them worth to the State and because they are needed in the work of the Kingdom.

We need the co-operation of all our people in the work of State Missions. Our Ministers should preach Missions, our singers should sing missions and every Christian should talk for missions, should pray for missions and should pay to missions, for as long as children are born in the world in a state of sin and needing to be clothed in the righteousness of Christ, Christian Missions will be needful. Respectfully,

W. S. Farthing, E. B. Hagaman, Com.

HOME MISSIONS

The purpose of a report should be to give information to the people. With this desire in mind the following is submitted. The Home Mission Board has a more varied task than is generally known.

The co-operative mission work is its outstanding feature. By this is meant the combination of forces and resources of Southern Baptists with those of the states that are not able to care for the mission work in their own borders. The Evangelistic department sends out a force of Gospel preachers and singers to hold meetings in both towns and country-sides. Through these workers thousands are brought to Jesus. Through its Country Church Survey the Board seek information that will enable it to render country churches the most

efficient help. The foreign problem is becoming more acute year by year, but the Home Board is making faithful effort to meet foreigners at the ports and give them the Gospel and a helping hand. The Negro population is rapidly increasing and along therewith the Board is increasing its efforts to be a blessing to them. The Indian situation is also becoming more important and the need that we address ourselves to this situation with more diligence is imperative. The Mountain School work still holds a large place in the Board's plans, as the efficiency and worthwhileness of the work increases. The work in Cuba and Panama is encouraging and constantly demonstrates the wisdom of the efforts made in these places. The Home Board is doing a very worthy and Christlike work among the soldiers sailors and marines of the late world war. Through its Church Extension Department the Board is aiding needy congregations to build houses of worship. After many years of delay the Home Board is now giving thought and effort to maintaining a splendid hospital at El Paso, Texas.

This is merely a mention of the phases of the work the Board is doing. Each phase is promising and hopeful.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Southern Baptists are under the imperative and inescapable obligation to give the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thy inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Ps. 2: 8. Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28: 19, 20. "Ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth" Acts 1: 8. "The Holy Spirit said Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." Acts 13: 2, 3. Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call upon him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent? Rom. 10: 13, 15.

In addition to the command of God, the imperativeness of Missions inheres in the very nature of the Christian religion. When Andrew found the Messiah, he was impelled by his new experience to go out in search for his brother, Simon Peter, "and he brought him to Jesus." Paul said in explanation of his great zeal as a missionary: "The love of Christ constraineth us."

In accordance with the teaching of God's word, Southern Baptists launched their great foreign mission enterprise, and from the very beginning the Divine blessing has been upon it. Great advancement has been made since the 75 Million campaign. Four years ago we had 328 Missionaries, now we have 636. Then we had 627 native

today we have 2820. Churches have increased by a gain of 386: church membership by a gain of 53,669. There have been over 40,000 baptisms on the foreign fields, which is nearly as many members as we had four years ago after 75 years of labor. The members of Sunday Schools and attendance have practically doubled in this period. Our schools and colleges have increased by 284, with a greatly increased attendance. Then we were doing work in 9 nations. Today we have mission work in 16 nations. Our old Missionary fields are Mexico, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Japan, China, Africa and Italy. Our new fields are Spain, Rugo-Slavia, Hungary, Roumania, Russia, Palestine, and Siberia. In all these countries the field is white unto the harvest, and the golden grain is ripe and falling. The call is for more missionaries and better equipment.

The Foreign Mission is today forcing a great debt. This debt is due to the falling off of the pledges to the 75 million campaign. It is not due to plunging or wild financing on the part of the Board. Repeated curtailment of the work has been made.

It is urged that all pay their pledges to the 75 Million and thus release the Board, and help to send out those who have volunteered.

We should also support Foreign Missions by our prayers and by special gifts.

F. M. Huggins, A. J. Greene.

The above reports were discussed by Charles E. Maddry.

The report on S. S. was read and discussed by R. C. Eggers and W. A. Braswell.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School is not a work separate or apart from the church but is in part the teaching service of the church.

It is no longer looked upon as a place for children only, but many fathers and mothers find pleasure and profit in attending it whereas previously they took no interest. We feel that the Sunday school has made great progress in many ways during the past year.

Some of our churches have built Sunday-school rooms, others have provided curtains, and further, many are using Bible helps in studying the lessons, such as Peloubet's Notes, Baptist Teacher, Points for Emphasis by Moore, all of which are very helpful.

We think there has been an increase in attendance during the last year, but there still remains much to be done as there is at least one third the members in the churches that do not attend the Sunday-school, this is a great handicap.

We have yet to see a live Sunday-school with a dead dragging song service, there fore we recommend:

1 That every Sunday-school have one singing school taught each

year.

- 2 That every available force be used to increase the attendance.
- 3 That every teacher secure and use good Helps such as the above named.
- 4 That the teachers in each church meet one night in each week to study the lesson together.

R. C. Eggers.

A. J. Greene for Com. on Betterment of the Association read the report. On motion of D. D. Dougherty further discussion was discontinued and the matter re-referred to Com. to report on tomorrow.

On motion adjourned to 8:40 Wednesday morning.

Walter E. Wilson led in singing "How Firm a Foundation."

Benediction by L. C. Wilson.

Wednesday Morning, Aug. 13, 1924.

The devotional exercises were conducted by L A Wilson who read the 95 Psalm, after the congregation sang "How Firm a Foundation," he then led in prayer. "Nearer My God to Thee was sung."

The Moderator called the house to order, after which the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The roll of messengers was called and absentees erased.

The following visitors announced themselves:

S. C. Blackburn and J. S. Hopkins from Ashe Association.

T. L. Blalock, Caldwell Co. Asso. and China Direct Mission.

F. M. Huggins at this hour presented the program for next year.

The association adopted the following suggestions to the churches:

THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION

Amounts paid in 4 yrs.	Goal for 1925.
Antioch \$ 214	\$ 53
Beaverdam 585	146
Bethany 16 should be	10 at least.
Bethel 1977	495
Blowing Rock 1592	398
Boone 4262	1066
Brushy Fork 441	110
Clarks Creek	
Cool Springs 118	32
Cove Creek 1893	473
Elk Knob 1	
Fall Creek 36	10 at least.
Forest Grove 1236	310
Gap Creek 215	54

Howards Creek	32	10 at least.
Laurel Knob[?]	112	30
Laurel Springs	405	101
Meat Camp	138	24
Menola Fork[?]	8	5 at least.
Middle Fork	80	20
Mt. Calvary	475	116
Mt. Gilead	143	36
Mt. Lebanon	162	40
Oak Grove	7	5 at least.
Pleasant Grove	386	97
Rich Mountain	65	16
Shulls Mills	131	33
South Fork	644	161
Stony Fork	116	30
Three Forks	202	50
Timbered Ridge	504	126
Union	83	21
Willowdale	226	56
Zion Hill	44	12
Zionville	192	48

You will observe I have left off the odd cents when less than 50cts and made it another dollar when 50 cents or more, and when it does not come out even in the division this way I have in most instances added a dollar to what would be one fourth. So the total is a little more than the amount given in the letter. This totals \$4375.

I hope you can get several of the churches to accept a larger amount than appears above.

A. J. Greene read and discussed the report on Pastoral Support.

The discussion was continued by G. P. Sherrill, E. J. Norris, T. L. Blalock, D. D. Dougherty, J. F. Wilson, Uriah Earthing, and adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

In our association the support of pastors is neglected. Almost all our pastors must look to some other source for means to support themselves and dependents. No man can do two things well. Our pastors are not able to give all their time to the work, therefore our churches suffer. Let us relieve our pastors in order that the spiritual wants of our people may be supplied. We have made some progress but we have not kept pace with the demands of the time.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee.

The report on Duties of Pastors to Churches was read by L. C. Wilson, after which he led in the discussion followed by F. M.

Huggins. Report adopted.

DUTIES of PASTORS to THEIR CHURCHES

There is no responsibility possibly more farreaching in its character than those of a pastor. To point out the obligations that he is under would be no little task.

To visit the sick, bury the dead and bring to bear by individual and personal contact such influence as will inspire his people in every good word and work means much.

"Preach the Word; be instant in season out of season; reprove rebuke with all longsuffering and doctrine," is the Divine injunction; To indoctrinate his people in the fundamental doctrines of our faith is laid upon every pastor.

And then to be able to enlarge the vision of his people and give inspiration in the cause of missions—in the salvation of a lost world, is a glorious task.

Enlistment, enlargement is the watchword of the hour in the salvation of a lost world. And this can never be accomplished by indifference on the part of the pastor.

If a church is ever waked up to its obligation the pastor must be aroused. "And they shall all see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion," was the warranty of the prophet as he looked down the ages and beheld the enlargement of the Kingdom of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. Wilson, Mrs J. D. Brown.

Christian Education being now the order of the day, I. G. Greer read the report and discussed the same, emphasizing the fact that Christian Education should begin in the home.

D. D. Dougherty continued the discussion followed by E. J. Farthing, J. C. Johnson, T. L. Blalock. Report adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education is necessary if the church is to continue to be progressive and efficient. Ignorance is one of the greatest enemies the Christian church ever had.

The church cannot maintain its rightful place in the progress of the times unless its leaders are well trained. Our Baptist schools and colleges are the Training Camps for our leaders. Ninety per cent. of our active church workers come from denominational schools. This fact justifies the recognition and support of our Schools and Colleges.

Although we need more outstanding leaders, leaders alone do not make strong churches. A State is great in proportion to the character, intelligence and loyalty of its citizens. So the Baptist Church,

owing to the nature of its organization, is great in proportion to the character, intelligence and spirituality of its laymen. A very small percent of our church members ever go to High schools and Colleges. If our churches are to be strong we must educate the masses in Christian living.

Your committee offers the following suggestions: First, that the parents be more diligent in teaching the Bible to their children: "And these words which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thy house." Second, that we insist that Public school teachers shall be men and women of good habits and high moral character. Third, that our Sunday-school teachers be more efficient. Fourth, that young people be given more opportunity to do active church work.

All Christian Education should center around the fundamental doctrines of the Bible.

D. D. Dougherty, I. G. Greer.

The association adjourned for one hour.

Wednesday Evening

The association reassembled while the choir sang How Firm a Foundation. The house was called to order by the Moderator.

Under the subject of benevolences the following reports were read:

Ministerial Relief, by Dean Swift.

Walter E. Wilson read the report on Orphanage, also the report on Hospitals.

Dean Swift led in the discussion, speaking to the report on Ministerial Relief.

Walter E. Wilson followed, speaking about the work of the Baptist Hospital located at Winston-Salem, N. C. L. A. Wilson spoke to the report on Orphanage. F. M. Huggins continued the discussion of the Orphanage.

Uriah Farthing spoke about Ministerial Relief. Reports adopted.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The nature of the work of a minister debars him from entering the field of business in any way to the extent that he may lay by enough wealth to sustain him and his wife in their declining years when he is no longer able to bear the burdens of a pastor.

Men do not enter the ministry for a financial gain. With few exceptions the salary of the minister is small. Only enough to meagerly supply his present needs. If he should attempt to make money out of the ministry, experience shows that his usefulness as a pastor is

greatly diminished. Disaster usually follows the preacher who seeks a personal fortune.

With these facts before us it becomes our indispensable Christian duty to care for the men who have given the strength of their manhood in service to us. The minister's life work earns for him a respectable living in his old days. He is not a charitable object, but we owe him for services rendered.

This is a debt that the Baptists of Three Forks Association have not been paying. Only seven out of thirty five churches have contributed directly to ministerial relief during last year. These seven churches paid the sum of \$39.38.

We recommend that this phase of our duty be more emphatically put before our people, and that every church take at least one collection for Old Minister's Relief.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. Hagaman, Dean Swift.

ORPHANAGE

No department of our work lies closer to the hearts of our people than does the Orphanage. The only cry of distress that ever comes up from our Orphanage workers is the cry that they cannot receive all who should be admitted. And yet today there are, roundly, 700 children being cared for by the Orphanage. About 150 of these are being given aid in the homes of their mothers. This is a new phase of orphanage work, but not so new that it is not proved to be successful. And more and more will this phase of the work be enlarged. No new plan for the support of this work has been made. The Sunday Schools are asked to make an offering once a month, and the churches are requested to make an offering at Thanksgiving. This seems to be a very reasonable plan. Surely if the pastors and Sunday School superintendents would only try, all of our churches would respond to such a plan. Let us try it.

OUR HOSPITAL

The N. C. Baptist Hospital begins its second year of ministry under most favorable conditions. The first year exceeded our highest expectations in the number of patients, in the amount of the charity work, and the extent of the influence and blessings of our great Home of Healing. 1400 patients were treated, nearly 200 charity patients came to us from every quarter of the state. With joy we received these and gave them our best. Some went away disappointed, because we could not cure them. Our physicians fail sometimes to diagnose the case, as do all other physicians. Some came too late. Some had incurable troubles. But after all, the record for healing has been wonderful. Surely the good Lord has guided the physician

The percentage of cures has been unusual, for which we rejoice. We believe prayer contributed much toward these results. For the last two months our earnings have equalled our expenses,—a fact which far beyond the expectations of our Board. It was thought this would not be reached in two years. The second year began with the hospital full of patients as far as open. We have 86 available beds,—the fifth floor is being used for graduate nurses because we have no Nurses' Home. We expect to increase the number of patients at least 50% this year. We have 22 pupil nurses. After this year these will largely substitute the number of graduate nurses necessary to run the Hospital which will greatly reduce expenses.

The grounds have been greatly beautified by a splendid coat of grass, shrubbery and trees.

We have increased our field of endeavor and added to our efficiency and equipment during the past months.

We need a Nurses' Home. We are deprived of 18 of our best beds, because we must keep these nurses on the fifth floor.

We need radium. Many patients come with cancer and other malignant diseases who cannot be cured without radium. \$10,000 will buy us an ample supply. Some good brother who loves the Lord and suffering humanity ought to give us this and bless our people for the next 3000 years.

We thank God for the progress. We thank our people for their support. We pray for your interest and co-operation. Come to us, send your friends to us and tell others about our Home of Healing.

The Association again took up the unfinished report of Associational Betterment. Report amended and adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL BETTERMENT

Your committee appointed at the last Association to study the needs of this association and to make recommendations for the improvement of the sessions, submit the following:

- 1 That the Constitution and Rules of the Association be published in the minutes.
- 2 That we have the clerk to prepare and publish in the minutes, an Associational Directory.
- 3 That the Moderator deliver an annual address at the beginning of the session.
- 4 That the Clerk prepare for publication a summary of statistics in comparison with summary of previous year.
- 5 That we prepare and publish a standing order of business.
- 6 That we have a digest of church letters.

W. S. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, A. J. Greene, Com.

A motion prevailed that the subject of Woman's Work be discuss-

ed and the report be furnished to the Clerk.

Mrs. Rose Swift Fuller from Watauga Association, Tenn. spoke on the subject.

WOMAN'S WORK

Article II of the Constitution gives a three fold object: 1. To stimulate a broader religious development on the part of Baptist women and girls. 2. To receive and distribute Missionary information. 3. To encourage the earnest, systematic co-operation of women and children in contributing money for missions at home and abroad.

The thirtyfourth annual session of the Union in the state was held in Goldsboro April 1-3, 1924. From the minutes we gather these facts about the work in the state.

Total number of Unions	2,281
Number of tithers	3,192
Contributions	\$275,278.49
Number observing season of prayer	365

Objects helped:—Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Church Building Fund, State Missions, Education, Training School Orphanage, Margaret Fund, Bible Fund, Hospital and Ministerial Relief.

We believe that it is possible for every church in the association to maintain a good society. We are confident that these organizations will greatly benefit the individual members.

There are other organizations for younger women and girls. No church can go wrong in training its membership.

Mrs. Len Cook, Mrs. D. D. Dougherty.

Miss Ethel Wilson read the report on B. Y. P. U. Roy Dotson discussed the report, followed by W. E. Wilson and S. C. Eggers.

B. Y. P. U.

There are now, according to Secretary Morgan, 1375 B. Y. P. U. organizations in the state, with approximately 50,000 members, an increase of about 300 unions over last year. More than 8,000 study course awards were issued from the Raleigh headquarters.

This trained army of 50,000 young Baptists will wield a tremendous influence upon the future character and work of the denomination.

The work throughout the state is encouraging. Shall we stand between our boys and girls until the great procession in training pass them, or shall we urge them to join the ranks and enter the camp of training? This work of the young people is largely a discovering service. It helps the timid members of the church to find themselves and encourages many to offer their lives, their talents and all for definite service in the Master's work.

The B. Y. P. U. work is still in its infancy in the Three Forks Association, there being but 3 unions at present. This is a sad state of

affairs when we think of the great possibilities before us in the field. When pastors, superintendents and all other leaders get behind this work and push, conditions will change and our boys and girls will be enlisted. As a denomination we must train our young people and thus deepen the spirituality and increase the efficiency of our churches.

Ethel Wilson, Roy Dotson.

The report on State of the Churches was read by the Clerk.

Report adopted.

STATE of the CHURCHES

By a study of the minutes of 1922 and 23 we find that the churches \$1264 more for pastor's salaries and missions and benevolences in 23 than in 22. We find also that in baptisms there were 40 more in 1922 than in 1923. In attendance the pastors tell us there is a falling off. From this study we see that they are improving some in a financial way, but the spiritual condition is not what it should be.

W. Y. Perry, W. Swift, Com.

The Treasurer read his report. Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for Orphanage,	\$ 7.45
" State Bd. Missions,	17.45
" Minute Fund,	64.96
" Bal. in Treas.,	1.78
Total,	\$91.64

DISBURSEMENTS

To Walters Durham:

For 75 Million,	\$ 4.72
Foreign Missions,	4.00
Home "	4.00
Ministerial Relief,	4.70
To Orphanage,	7.42
Clerk for services,	7.50
Will H. McGuire for printing,	59.22
Total,	\$ 91.64

The Colporteur read his report. Report adopted.

REPORT of COLPORTEUR

Brought forward from last year,	\$ 57.58
Books bought during the year,	67.67
Sold during the year,	71.72
Books on hand,	33.70
Cash on hand,	23.88

Roy Dotson, Colporteur.

The Com. on Finance reported. Report adopted.

TABLE I.—STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	PASTORS	P. O.	CLERKS	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Value of Pastor's Home	Received By Baptism	By Letter	By Statement	Restored	Lost by Letter	Exclusion	Died	Total Membership
Antioch	W. Swift,	Reese,	N. C. Chas. Tester,	Watauga Falls	3	1000		6	4			11		2	167
Bethel	Uriah Farthing,	Boone	W R Vines,	Sugar Grove	4	600		16	2			8	1	2	195
Beaver Dam	R C Eggers	Zionville	Bert Farthing	Reese	2	300		8	2		2	4	1	1	157
Bethany	F C Watts	Purlier	H M Watson	Hackett	4	500		2	2						96
Brushy Fork	G W Sabastian	N. Wilkesboro	L M Trivett	Lovill	2	2000		11	4			1		1	101
Boone	F M Huggins	Boone	G W Gragg	Boone	2,3,4	12500	3000	6	12			14		3	263
Blowing Rock	"	"	D W Wooten	B Rock	1	1500		9	3	1	1	1		1	141
Cove Creek	W E Wilson	Boone	H S Johnson	Sherwood	1,3	1500		5				8		2	143
Cool Spring	E C Hodges	Adams	R K Hartley	B Rock	1	1500						3		1	120
Clarks Creek	A T Watson	Rominger	Joel Eggers	Banner Elk	2	500		3							43
Elk Knob	J R Trivett	Toliver	Roy Eggers	Tamarack	2	400		2				6	2	1	55
Fall Creek	John Norris	Boone	T B Gryder	Heaton	2	200		4				3	1		44
Forest Grove	R C Eggers	Zionville	W R Johnson	Vilas	2	1200		12			1	3	4	3	166
Gap Creek															
Howards Creek	R H Shores	Blowing Rock	W C Norris	Boone	2	600			1			2			120
Laurel Spring	Levi Greene	Boone	Bynum Clawson	Laxon	3	1000		25	5	1	4	6		1	164
Middle Fork	E C Hodges	Adams	L P Hodges	B Rock	4	1800							1		86
Meat Camp	R C Eggers	Zionville	L A Greene	Sands	3	1000			1		1	1	2	5	146
Mt Calvary	F C Watts	Purlier	J M Shoemaker	Balm											
Mt Gillead	E J Farthing	Sugar Grove	A E Warren	Beech Creek	1	1500		14	5			2			101
Mt Lebanon	E C Hodges	Adams	S B Hayes	Vilas	2	800		7						2	147
Oak Grove	F C Watts	Purlier	J C Hodges	Adams	3	2000		2	1			4	2		75
Pleasant Grove	R C Eggers	Zionville	J H Mast	Zionville	4	1800		23	4			7	5	2	265
Proffits Grove	L A Wilson	"	D L Greene	"	4	1000		12							70

Rich Mountain	D M Wheeler	Bamboo	L E Beach	Zionville NC	1	1000		6	3				1		71
Shulls Mills	G W Sabastian	N Wilkesboro	J W Day	Shulls Mills	3	1500		1	2				2		70
South Fork	S C Blackburn	Todd	W H McGuire	Brookside	2,4	1500		1	2			5	1	2	132
Stony Fork	E C Hodges	Adams	Z V Greene	Stony Fork	2	1000		2				8	1		139
Three Forks	F C Watts	Purlier	E L Payne	Boone	3	3400		7	9		1	1		1	79
Timberd Ridge	W Swift	Reese	W L Greene	Sugar Grove	2	1200		2	2						86
Union	L A Wilson	Zionville	J M Burkett	Mabel	3	800		11	7		2	6		1	201
Willowdale	E C Hodges	Adams	W G Hodges	Vilas	3	4000		17	12		1	3	1	1	99
Zionville	R C Eggers	Zionville	Harvey Wilson	Zionville	1	800			5			4	1	1	132
Zion Hill	G W Trivett	Vilas	E F Harman	Beech Creek	2	800			2		1	1	3		105

Church Treasurers & P. O.

(No space in the above table for them.)

Antioch—E. M. Greer,	Sugar Grove,	N. C.
Bethel—E J Farthing,	"	"
Beaver Dam—Lee Swift,	Reese	
Bethany—H M Watson,	Hackett	
Brushy Fork—T L Mast,	Lovill	
Boone—G P Hagaman	Boone	
Blowing Rock—Mrs J D Brown	Blowing Rock	
Cove Creek—D F Horton	Vilas	
Cool Spring—A P Bolick	Shulls Mills	
Clarks Creek—Joel Eggers,	Banner Elk	
Fall Creek—T B Gryder,	Heaton	
Forest Grove—W R Johnson,	Vilas	

Howards Creek—D W Cook,	Sands
Laurel Spring—Bynum Clawson	Laxon
Middle Fork—L P Hodges,	Blowing Rock
Mt Gillead—W L Greenwell,	Beech Creek
Pleasant Grove—J H Mast,	Zionville
Proffits Grove—D L Greene,	"
Rich Mountain—L E Beach	"
Shulls Mills—J S Reid,	Shulls Mills
South Fork—W G Cook,	Todd
Stony Fork—T R Greene,	Stony Fork
Three Forks—A J Edmisten,	Boone
Timbered Ridge—John Ward,	Peoria
Union—Tate Warren,	Mabel
Willowdale—Mrs B S Dugger,	Vilas
Zionville—Harvey Wilson,	Zionville

FINANCE

We your Com. on Finance beg leave to submit the following:

Received for Minute Fund,	\$55.66
" 75-Million,	7.41
" Orphanage,	22.53
" Ministerial Relief,	4.14
Total,	\$89.74

Sherman Wellborn, W. R. Johnson, Com.

TEMPERANCE

Much has already been written on temperance. We need to wake up to the realization that it is the duty of every citizen to remember his oath when he became a citizen. We as Baptists, should do all in our power to put down the evil of intoxicating drinks.

The man who sells liquor is an out-law, and his trade is branded as an enemy to society. Those who oppose prohibition are companions of the lawless members of society. We should remember at the polls, that wet officials cannot safely be entrusted with dry laws. The criminal may escape if the prosecutor is to listen to a debate between his appetite and his oath of office. It is a short step from running a still to robbing a bank. The business men who are encouraging the violation of the prohibition laws had better employ extra guards to protect their own business. So we appeal to every citizen, and especially to every Baptist in our association, to DO MORE against this evil, realizing that we owe it to our families and to civilization.

W. N. Howell.

The report on temperance was forgotten and not read to the Association but was handed in later.—Clerk.

The Com. on Time, Place and Preacher reported. Adopted.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Your Committee recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Three Forks Church, to begin the first Tuesday after the second Sunday in August 1925. Rev. F. M. Huggins to preach the Introductory Sermon, E. J. Farthing alternate.

D. D. Dougherty, A. J. Edmisten, Com.

W. S. Farthing read the report for the Com. on obituary of Elder J. H. Farthing, after which he spoke of the life of the departed brother. G. P. Sherrill continued the discussion. Roy Dotson, Smith Hagaman, E. J. Farthing and D. D. Dougherty.

On motion the obituary was supplemented by a memorial of Bro. Farthing written at the time of his death by the moderator.

[The obituary and memorial will appear further on, but no report of the Com. is found in the MS.]

The Moderator announced the following for Standing Coms:

COMMITTEES for 1925

State Missions—F. M. Huggins, J. H. Winkler.
 Home Missions—W S Farthing, E J Farthing.
 Foreign Missions—A J Greene, George Trivette.
 Christian Education—I G Greer, Walter E Wilson.
 Pastoral Support—J R. Isaacs, N T Byers.
 Duty of Pastors to Churches—G P Sherrill, Lee Swift.
 Sunday Schools—Alex Wilson, M J Williams.
 Baptist Orphanage—Roy Dotson, G P. Hagaman.
 Books and Periodicals—D D Dougherty, Roy Gragg.
 Resolutions—Sherman Wellborn, W T Vandike.
 State of Churches—L C Wilson, F M Huggins.
 Temperance—Dean swift, D C Mast.
 Old Ministers Relief—R C Eggers, E J Norris.
 Woman's Work—Mrs I G Greer, Mrs T H Coffey.
 B Y P U—Paul Tugman, Herman Wilcox.
 Nominations—G W Robbins, W N Howell.
 Baptist Hospital—Mrs G P Hagaman, Mrs D D Dougherty.
 Order of Business—W Y Perry, A J Greene.

Committee on Nominations reported. Report adopted.

NOMINATIONS

Executive Committee: G P Hagaman, J H Mast, D D Dougherty,
 W N Howell, Floy^d, Ward with Moderator and Clerk.

For Member State Board of Missions: W S Farthing.

Associational Vice President: W Y Perry.

Sunday School Secretary: Roy Dotson.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention: F M. Huggins, Walter E.
 Wilson, E S Coffey.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: Smith Hagaman, L C
 Wilson, G P Hagaman.

For Corresponding Messengers:

Ashe Association: L A Wilson, L A Greene, J R Isaacs.

Stony Fork Association: Roy Gragg, A J Greene, Asa Wilson.

Caldwell Co. Asso.: R H Shore, Jeff Brown, Tom Vandyke.

Watauga Asso.: Louis Glenn, E M Greer, John Ward.

Mitchell Co. Asso.: Lee Swift, L M Farthing.

Avery County Asso.: R L Palmer, W H Glenn.

Brushy Mountain Asso.: W H Miller, W A Peunell.

D. C. Mast, E. J. Farthing, Com.

TABLE II-

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Minister- ial Help	Building & Repairs	Incidental	SS&BYPU Expenses	Loc. Poor	Minutes	Other Objects
Antioch	50.00	18.00			5.85		1.60	
Bethel	100.00	72.50	776.00	.55			4.50	12.50
Beaver Dam	123.72	36.78		5.60	25.00	3.75	3.05	
Bethany	106 50	29 66			11.00	10 00	1.00	
Brushy Fork	115 00	60 00		6.70	12.45		3.15	
Boone	975 00	150 00	292.48	91.66	60.97	28 00	32.00	116 38
Blowing Rock	325 00	61 63			46 00		4.50	19.80
Cove Creek	300.00	95.00	3050.00	35 65	36 19		4 55	
Cool Spring	169 50	16 75			10 00		2 05	
Clarks Creek	30 00	21 25					60	
Elk Knob	27 25	2 50	96.21		8 00		50	
Fall Creek	39 10				2 00		50	
Forest Grove	134 58	59.90		1.80	41 10	24 10	3 20	21 07
Gap Creek		No report						
Howards Creek	60 25	56.00	5.00	15 00			2.50	
Laurel Spring	100 00	52 98	25 00	15 00	9.51		3 00	10.82
Middle Fork	122 90	60 50			19 13		1 30	2 20
Meat Camp	104 80	56 00	85 00		11 70		1 90	
Mt Calvary	276 75		251 70		13 71		1 50	
Mt Lebanon	109 40				12 88		2 05	
Mt Gilead	26 72	31.87			11 05		1 27	
Oak Grove	120 00		111 30		30 00	30 00	1 50	
Pleasant Grove	137 00	70 03	800 00	20 00	30 00	3 50	4 18	
Proffits Grove	95 71	16 75	10 00	5 00	19.	27 75	3 00	
Rich Mountain	65 63				8 00		2 60	
Shulls Mills	55 00	32 00			8 55		2 00	
South Fork	300 00	70 00	10 00		57 67		2 31	
Stony Fork	95 00	24 09	213 95	40 48	9 90		2 00	5.50
Three Forks	131 35	53 00	333 84		10 00		1 50	
Timb'rd Ridge	40 00	26 00	8 50		9 15		1 60	
Union	135 50	55 50	46 25	16 00	15 07		1 20	
Willowdale	124 62	35 00	3100.00		29 58		2 00	
Zionville	135 00	64 15			21 50	2.62	5 35	
Zion Hill	61 40	36 00	200 00		16 80	119.65	60 24 00	

The following churches report the following as "Other Salaries" which are included in above Totals: Bethel \$12, Boone \$120, B. Rock \$25, Laurel Spring \$11, Middle Fork \$18, Meat Camp \$17.61, Pleasant Grove \$137, Proffits Grove \$95.71, Zionville \$15.20, Zion Hill \$10.

FINANCIAL

HOME TOTAL	75-Million (Undes.)	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State & As. Missions	Orphan- age	Hospitals	Ministeri- al Relief	Other Be- nevolence	Grand Total
74.56	22.00								96.65
978.11	271.38				72 78		11.13		1333.40
192 90		69 68	8 12	6 36	50 89	12 00	6 94	14 54	360 84
158 16		5 80			14.35				178 31
197.30		3 30	3 30	16 71	34 00		8 97	6 22	269 80
1866.49	592.24		72 50	2 00	456.22	13.45	11 80	10 00	3024 80
	168 75		9 24		70 08	5 00			482 03
3521.39	140 38				145 46	28 75		16.10	3852.08
198 73	27 77								226.07
51 85					4.18	11 25			67 28
134 46									134 46
41 60									41.60
285 75	134 67				65 76	9 69		12 36	508 23
138.75					7.40				146.15
227 36					69 13				296 49
223 73		37 28	40 30		48 72			5.00	335 03
277 01		7.41			5 65				290 67
543 76	132.10								675.86
124 33					24.01		4 14		152 48
70.91									70 91
292.80					14.47				307.27
1079.24	17 30				59 10		5 26	5.00	1157.84
1892 29		2 45	7.66	4 72	10 50				214 62
76 63					25.00				101.63
97.55					7 08				104 63
382 36	80 00	6 22							468 58
390 92					29 15				420.07
529 69		8.00			52.50				590 19
85 25	67.00				6 00	1.00			159 25
267.42					69.75				337 17
3291.20	10.00				2 28				3303.48
		4.30	4.20	4.00	47 75		5.50		203.75
468.45					7.50				475.95

The report of the Com. on Resolutions was read by L. E. Beach. Report adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

We your committee wish to submit the following report:

First, Be it resolved that we the Three Forks Association express our sincere thanks to the Pleasant Grove Church, pastor and community at large, for their splendid hospitality in the entertainment of this body, both in their homes and with well-filled baskets on the church grounds.

2 We recommend that the association extend a vote of thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their very efficient service.

God commands in His word that we show hospitality toward each other.— W. A. Pennell, L. E. Beach, Com.

A. J. Greene was appointed Historian of the association to finish the work begun by J. C. Horton.

The clerk was instructed to deposit the records of the association for safe keeping, in the vaults of some bank.

The clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he be allowed \$7.50 for his services.

The suggestion of the Com. on Betterment of the Association, That W.M.U., B.Y.P.U. and S.S. be made special departments of the association was postponed for thought and discussion until next session.

A song was sung while the messengers gave each other the parting hand. Benediction by Walter E. Wilson.

W. Y. PERRY,
Clerk.

SMITH HAGAMAN,
Moderator.

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Roll of Messengers

Antioch—John Ward, Chas. Tester, and E. M. Greer.

Bethel—W S Farthing, Alexander Hagaman, W W Wilson.

Beaver Dam—W J Hagaman, G P Sherrill, Lee Swift.

Bethany—L M Farthing.

Boone—Edd Qualls, I G Greer, D D Dougherty.

Brushy Fork—G H Hayes, J Frank Wilson, L M Trivett.

Cove Creek—A D Wilson, J S McBride, Hattie S Johnson.

Cool Spring—R K Hartley, W L Austin.

Clarks Creek—Chas Laurance, G W Rowe.

Elk Knob—J M South, Mack Johnson.

Fall Creek—M W Storie.

Forest Grove—Roy Dotson, Roy Hagaman, Dean Swift.

Howards Creek—E J Norris, W B Culler.

Laurel Spring—Arthur Greene, Charlie Watson, Bynum Clawson

Middle Fork—W T Vandyke, R C Greene, G F Edmisten.

Meat Camp—Jonathan Norris, Clyde Brown, Wiley Greene.

Mt. Calvary—J C Greer, Will Puckett, J M Shoemaker.

Mt. Lebanon—Lonnie Greene, Ed Walls, H A Hodges.

Mt. Gillead—T M Warren, J C Isaacs.

Oak Grove—John W Greene, J C Hodges, J F Gross.

Pleasant Grove—Amos Adams, A B Culler, N T Byers.

Proffits Grove—D L Greene, W A Proffit, J A Winebarger.

Rich Mountain—J A Beach, J M Cornell, L E Beach.

Shulls Mills—Floyd Bryson, J M Day, G W Robbins.

South Fork—W N Howell, J L Tatum, John Cox.

Stony Fork—J S Wellborn, W H Miller, Isaac Smith.

Timbered Ridge—John W Ward, E B Hagaman, Earnest Farthing

Union—Ed S Williams, J F Oliver, J M Burkett.

Willowdale—W G Hodges, Asa Greene, Andy Greer.

Zionville—Harvey Wilson, J R Isaacs, George Roten.

Zion Hill—M A Ward, Linell Ward, Gordon Hagaman.

Blowing Rock—Ed Robbins.

TABLE III— SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SUPT & P. O.	SEC'Y. & P. O.	Officers and Teachers	Beginners 3 to 5	Primary 6 to 8	Junior 9 to 12	Intermediate 13 to 16	Senior-Adult 17 and up	TOTAL	Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Contributions Home Exp.	Orphanage and Missions	Total Contributions
Antioch	W J Farthing, Watauga Falls	L W Ward, Wat. Falls	5	12	18			30	65			\$5.85		\$ 5.85
Bethel	C J Farthing, Sweet Water	Madge Green, Sugar Grove	8	19	23	18	24	63	155			36.16		36.16
Beaver Dam	J R Wilson, Reese	Lena Wilson, Reese	10	25	20			71	126	2	5	25.00	12.52	37.52
Bethany	L M Farthing, Hackett	Beulah Farthing, Hackett												
Brushy Fork	W R Gragg, Boone	Nellie Coffey, Boone	12	18	18	36	31	268	383	1	1	199.06	94.16	293.22
Boone	T L Mast, Lovill	Gladys Mast, Lovill	5		6	6	10	32	59		11		6.00	
Blowing Rock	J H Winkler, B. Rock	Agnes Knight, B. Rock	13	10	12	24	40	99	1			46.46		46.00
Cove Creek	A D Wilson, Boone	Thelma Perry, Vilas	9	20	21	19	46	115			3	55.79	83.51	138.79
Cool Spring	J W Pennell, Boone	Luna Pennell, Boone										10.00	27.77	37.77
Clarks Creek	Chas Laurance, Banner Elk	Ethel Byrd, Banner Elk						22						
Elk Knob	Dewey Trivett, Tamarack	Sarah Johnson, Tamarack										8.00		8.00
Fall Creek	T B Gryder, Heaton	W E Cook, Heaton	4	5	7	8	10	34				2.00		2.00
Forest Grove	Mrs Alice Moody, Vilas	Chas Johnson, Reese	11	11	12	14	15	85	148	4	12	62.17		62.17
Gap Creek														
Howards Creek	N L Barnes, Sands	Major Jones, Sands	7	36	20	22	20	105				8.00	2.84	10.84
Laurel Spring	Arthur Greene, Brownwood	Wilma Greer, Rutherford	8	27	13	14	27	27	116		24	9.51	8.57	18.08
Middle Fork			5	17	14	11	24	71				9.13	22.07	32.20
Meat Camp	M Clyde Brown, Boone	W M McGuire, Boone	7	20	23	17	40	107				11.70		11.70
Mt Calvary	Clyde Green, Balm	Frost Gwaltney, Balm						71				13.71		13.71
Mt Lebanon	S B Hayes, Vilas	Effie Hodges, Vilas	8	30	15	15	30	90		5		12.88		12.88
Mt Gilead	R T Palmer, Beech Creek	Ethel Jones, Beech Creek	8	11	20	12	35	86				11.05		11.05
Oak Grove	Ed Greene, Adams	Cleve Gross, Adams	4				44			2				
Pleasant Grove	J H Mast, Zionville	Edna Cook, Zionville	9	30	20	24	40	123		10		30.00		30.00
Proffits Grove	L E Wilson, Zionville	Bessie Proffitt, Zionville	6	25	18	30	35	114		8		19.08		19.08

Rich Mountain	W A Parnell	"	A B Greene	"	5	15	15	10	18	63	4	8.00	11.49	19.49
Shulls Mills	G W Robbins	Shulls Mills	Ethel Hartley	Shulls Mills	5	25		16	16	62		8.55		8.55
South Fork	I E Duncan	Todd	Ralph G Greer	Todd	6				156		1	57.67	6.22	63.89
Stony Fork	H H Smith	Stony Fork	Mrs J J Wellborn	S. Fork	8	13	10	12	25	68		9.90		9.90
Three Forks	A J Edmisten	Boone	Bynum Green	Boone	7	14	8	10	20	52	6	10.00	13.00	23.00
Timb'rd Ridge	E B Hagaman	Beech Creek	Laura McGuire	Sugar Grove	8	10	8	8	12	16	2	9.15		9.15
Union	J F Oliver	Mabel	Sallie Warren	Mabel	8	12	15	17	40	92	9	15.07	307	18.14
Willowdale	Grady Mast	Vilas	Maxie Green	Vilas	11	14	14		62	101	1	17	69.52	69.52
Zionville	J R Isaacs	Mabel	Ruby Wilson	Trade Tenn.	9	10	12	14	12	56	112			
Zion Hill	H A Hagaman	Beech Creek	D M Edmisten	Wat. Falls	7				65			16.80		16.80

Note— Boone, Blowing Rock, Cove Creek and Howards Creek report Graded schools. Boone has 20 in the Cradle Roll.

Table IV—Woman's Missionary Union

Church	Organization	President & P. O.	No.	75Mil.	Total
Bethel	W. M. S.	Mrs A C Trivett, Sugar Grove	12		
Beaver Dam	"	Rachel Wilson,	10		
Boone	"	Mrs D D Dougherty, Boone	40		
"	Y W A	Mrs F M Huggins	14		
"	Sunbeams	Mrs Emma Moore	35		
Blowing Rock	W M S	Mrs J M Hodges, B. Rock	14		
"	Sunbeams	Mrs Proffitt	"		
Cove Creek	W M S	Mrs D F Horton, Vilas		134.62	134.62
Forest Grove	"	Mrs H Hagaman	18		

ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. H. Glenn,	Watauga Falls, N. C.
L. C. Wilson,	Boone, "
E J Farthing,	Sugar Grove, "
R M Farthing,	Alberta, Canada
J A Davis,	Reese, N. C.
F M Huggins,	Boone, "
Walter E Wilson,	Boone, "
Ed Robbins,	Blowing Rock, "
W Swift,	Reese, "
Roy Dotson,	Vilas, "
John Norris,	Boone, "
R H Shores,	Blowing Rock, "
W Clay Wilson,	Balm, "
W A Braswell,	Montezuma, "
R L Palmer,	Beech Creek, "
E C Hodges,	Adams, "
L A Wilson,	Zionville, "
W A Pennell,	Zionville, "
J M Griggs,	Todd, "
H H Smith,	Stony Fork, "
Levi Greene,	Boone, "
A J Greene,	Vilas, "
G W Trivett,	" "
R C Eggers,	" "

LICENSED MINISTERS

A T Watson,	Rominger, N. C.
E F Harman,	Beech Creek, "

OFFICERS of ASSOCIATION

Smith Hagaman, Moderator,	Boone, N. C.
W Y Perry, Clerk and Treasurer,	Vilas, "
Roy Dotson, Colporteur,	" "
A J Greene, Historian,	" "

OBITUARY, ELD. J. H. FARTHING

Eld. Joseph H. Farthing was born Sept. 7, 1851. He was the third son of Eld. A. C. Farthing and a grand-son of Eld. Wm. Farthing, and died June 7, 1924 at the age of 72 years and 9 months.

Our brother was twice married—first to Miss Ada Y. King—secondly to Miss Carrie Dougherty of Tenn. He left three sons and one daughter by his first wife and one son by his last wife.

Bro. Harrison was born the same year in which Bethel church was constituted, and lived all the years of his life almost under the shadow of the same and certainly under her influence.

In his youth he was not considered immoral, yet nevertheless, in Aug. or Sept. 1866, he saw himself a condemned rebel in God's government, and was enabled by grace divine to trust in Christ for salvation and ever afterward his faith was stayed in Him. He united with Bethel church by experience and baptism Sept. 7, 1866, when he was exactly 15 years old, and lived a devoted member of the same the rest of his life.

A little more than forty years ago our brother commenced preaching among his own people. He extended his labors outwardly, assisted in protracted meetings at other churches and within two years from the time he began work, having given proof of his ministry, he was regularly ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry, Elders J. J. L. Sherwood and A. C. Farthing constituting the leaders of the ordaining Presbytery.

Flung into the ministry with but a limited education, he so applied himself to reading and studying that he not only acquired a good knowledge of the Bible but became well informed on every phase of a minister's work and on other fields of activity and thought.

The brother's first pastorate was at Beaver Dam church. He was soon called to other churches and while in health, his time was generally full of pastoral work.

During the course of his ministerial life, Bro. Farthing served quite a number of churches in the Three Forks and adjacent Associations, but a short time before his death, on account of failing health, he was compelled to give up all his pastoral work. Bethel church was the last church with which he severed his pastoral relations, and he preached his last sermon, in a sitting posture, to that body six weeks before his death.

Our deceased brother's favorite theme in preaching is expressed by Paul in the first Chap. Romans, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

He believed in all the doctrines of the Baptist denomination and

advocated them; but he stressed the necessity of the New Birth as the one doctrine of vital importance, and he labored to lead all to an experimental knowledge of the same.

Although our beloved brother in his last sickness was aware of his approaching dissolution yet he appeared cheerful and resigned. No one ever heard a sigh or groan from him. He has been taken from us for a wise purpose and his life and decease ought to inspire us all with loftier aims in life, especially in the work of the Master's kingdom.

W. S. Farthing, G. P. Sherrill.

REV. JOSEPH HARRISON FARTHING

It has been my good fortune to know Harrison Farthing during his entire ministerial life. He began preaching when I was but a boy—about 40 years ago. His opportunities for an education in the schools were limited, but he inherited from his distinguished father a fine mind and by close application and hard study during his entire life he amassed a wealth of information and, in the truest sense, he became one of the best educated preachers of his day.

At some time during his long ministerial life he has been pastor of almost every Baptist church in Watauga Co. and numbers of churches in other counties. He had the true shepherd heart, as he went from place to place ministering to the spiritual needs of his people. He easily found his way into their hearts and lives. They trusted him. The least little child was never passed unnoticed by him; in fact many of his sermons were directed specially to them.

In all his wide reading—and he drew from every source—the Bible was the great center. He knew it as but few men know it. He believed it, he accepted it, he rested upon it as the eternal truth of God, without question or reservation.

Every great man has some outstanding characteristics and I unhesitatingly say that I have never known any preacher who so exalted Christ in his sermons as he did. Being a man possessing the most beautiful Christian humility, his consuming passion was that his congregation might see Christ in all his love and beauty, and not himself.

Some years ago it was my privilege to hear him preach a series of sermons at Beaver Dam church—eight days I think. The first sermon was great. We felt that it was hardly reasonable to expect the next to be its equal, but possibly it was greater and by the time the third was preached the people were amazed, and each succeeding sermon seemed greater if possible than the one before. It has been my good fortune to hear a number of noted preachers, but I have never

heard anything from any man that equaled that series of sermons. They were products of a great mind, fired by an inspiration that swept speaker and audience into the very holy of holies.

These masterful sermons made such an occasion never to be forgotten by those who heard them.

This may have been duplicated many times in his life, but I have always considered this occasion the climax, perhaps, of this wonderful life.

Harrison Farthing was a great leader of men without assuming to lead. His opinions on theology and church polity were sought by his brethren and usually accepted. He was a theologian of marked ability. He was careful, but never reactionary, progressive in the truest sense. He rejected nothing because it was new, nor accepted anything because it was old; but carefully weighed and measured everything. He was never swept off his feet by the shifting winds of doctrine, but when the skies had again cleared he was still standing on safe ground.

I always think of him as I think of John, the beloved disciple, so close to his Master, tender and compassionate, gentle as a May morning, love the ruling passion of his life. It was his delight to preach to the poor and to comfort the sorrowing everywhere.

When he prayed in the congregation one felt as if he were standing in the very presence of the Saviour and speaking to Him as a man speaks to his friend face to face.

In many ways I consider him the most wonderful preacher I have ever known.

Smith Hagaman.

MINUTES

Woman's Missionary Union.

The eleventh Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of three Forks Association was held on September 18, 1924 with Blowing Rock Church.

The meeting was opened by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name", after which Mrs. Barlow, Supt. of the Union in Caldwell Association, conducted the devotional exercises. She read part of the 5th chapter of Romans. Mrs. W. N. Jones of Raleigh, led in prayer.

The roll call showed only three societies represented, Boone with six delegates, Blowing Rock three, Cove Creek seven. There were two visitors, Mrs. Barlow of Caldwell and Mrs. Jones of Raleigh.

Next was the Annual Address of our Superintendent, Mrs. D. F.

Horton in which she presented her resignation after eight years of faithful service. Then came the address of Mrs. Jones which was full of the spirit of our work. She told how Luther Rice with untiring zeal helped to start the first missionary work of the women. She emphasized the need of prayer in our lives and urged that we should not shift our responsibility upon others. She stressed prayer and Bible study, also mission study. Then she mentioned service and what a privilege it is to work for Christ, then *giving*, another of the greatest privileges we have, giving not only our money, but our time, our opportunities, our talents, our all.

The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. Walter Wilson of Boone.

Before adjournment for lunch, the Superintendent appointed the following committees:

Nominations: Mrs. Enoch Swift, Cove Creek, Mrs. Ella Cook, Boone, Mrs. T. H. Coffey, Blowing Rock.

Time and Place: Mrs. Nan Johnson, Mrs. Geo. Gragg, Mrs. Hattie Johnson.

The Afternoon Devotional was conducted by Miss Ruby Cottrel of Boone. The hymn, "My Faith Looks up to Thee" was sung, after which Mrs. Horton led in a prayer of consecration.

Mrs. J. D. Brown of Blowing Rock, Mission Study Superintendent, reported that all societies had been written to, with response from three. This was an increase over last year, only one society having reported a study class last year.

Mrs. Enoch Swift, as Christian stewardship Supt., stressed the fact that all Christians are stewards of God—stewards of the gospel first, then stewards of money. He who is liberal with his money is faithful in all other things.

The recommendations of the Executive Committee were read by Mrs. I. G. Greer as follows:

"It is the recommendation of your Ex. Committee that during the coming year effort be made as never before to interest our young people, not only in our organizations, but first of all in real Christian living. We suggest further that we put every safeguard possible around our young people, and so live before them as to make the Christian life desirable.

"Furthermore we recommend a strengthening of our personal service forces. Helping the poor, like visiting and cheering the sick, was the work of our Master when among men. Let us strive to emulate Him in these as in all other things.

"We recommended that the program recently launched by the Southern Baptist Convention for the year 1925 receive our hearty co-operation in its every detail.

Last and above all else should be prayer and supplication throughout the county, in every society, in the homes, in groups where the few meet for prayer and in the secret places."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. D. F. Horton, Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Mrs. I. G. Greer.

This report was discussed by Mrs. T. H. Coffey of Blowing Rock and Mrs. D. F. Horton, both stressing our responsibility in adopting the report and urging especially the safeguarding of our young people. After further discussion by Mrs. G. P. Hagaman, report was adopted.

Mrs. T. H. Coffey on behalf of the Nominating Committee expressed the deep regret felt by all, over the resignation of Mrs. Horton as Superintendent, and at the same time voiced the appreciation of the entire Union of her faithful and efficient service.

The report of the Nominating Committee was as follows:

Mrs. G. P. Sherrill, Superintendent.

Mrs. Nan Johnson, Assistant Superintendent.

Mrs. J. D. Brown, Supt. Mission Study.

Mrs. Len Cook, Supt. Personal Service.

Mrs. F. M. Huggins, Supt. Girls Auxiliary.

Mrs. I. G. Greer, Secretary.

This entire report was unanimously adopted.

A collection amounting to \$3.08 for the printing of the minutes was received.

The Committee on Time and Place was asked for a report. Mrs. Hattie Johnson responded suggesting Bethel as place of meeting and two weeks before the meeting of the Association as the time. This report was adopted.

Before adjournment Mr Huggins called attention to the program as planned for the year 1925. Each woman was urged to respond to every appeal and further this work in every way possible.

"Blest Be the Tie" was sung, after which the meeting was dismissed by Rev. F. M. Huggins.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. D. F. HORTON, Supt.

MRS. I. G. GREER, Sec.

Table V.- Baptist Young People's Union.

Boone Senior	Augustus Peterson,	Boone, N. C.
Intermediate	Louise Coffey,	Boone, N. C.
Junior	Len Hagaman,	"

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

Session	Church	Moderator	Clerk	Who Preached Annual Sermon
1841	Three Forks	Isaiah Wilcoxon	Richard Gentry	
1842	Beaver Creek	"	"	B. McBride
1843	Roans Creek	B. McBride		Rich. Gentry
1844	South Fork	"	"	B. McBride
1845	Three Forks	"	"	R. P. Farthing
1846	Roans Creek	"	"	Rich. Gentry
1847	Ebenezer	"	John Cook	Jos. Harrison
1848	Three Forks	"	Richard Gentry	B. McBride
1849	North Fork	"	"	Rich. Gentry
1850	Gap Creek	"	"	B. McBride
1851	Pine Grove	"	John Cook	Jos. Harrison
1852	Cove Creek	"	"	L. Hodges
1853	Horse Creek	"	"	J. A. Farthing
1854	Old Fields	J. A. Farthing	"	I. Farmer
1855	Roan Creek	"	"	A. C. Farthing
1856	Antioch	"	"	L. Hodges
1857	Meat Camp	"	"	J. A. Farthing
1858	South Fork	"	"	John Cook
1859	Three Forks	"	"	Jos. Harrison
1860	Bethel	"	"	Wm. Wilcoxon
1861	Three Forks	"	Rufus Moore	D. C. Harman
1862	Gap Creek	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	A. C. Farthing
1863	Ebenezer	"	"	J. A. Farthing
1864	Cove Creek	"	Hiram McBride	R. P. Farthing
1865	Mulberry	"	"	S. J. Farthing
1866	Meat Camp	"	"	A. C. Farthing
1867	Brushy Fork	"	"	D. C. Harman
1868	Globe	"	"	L. L. Maples
1869	Bethel	"	D. C. Harman	Job Moore
1870	Three Forks	"	"	D. C. Harman
1871	Yadkin	"	"	R. P. Farthing
1872	Antioch	"	"	A. C. Farthing
1873	Meat Camp	"	"	T. F. Nelson
1874	Mulberry	"	"	A. C. Farthing
1875	Mt. Zion	D. C. Harman	L. L. Greene	D. C. Harman
1876	Mt. Pleasant	"	"	J. M. Hall
1877	Globe	"	"	J. A. Farthing
1878	Cove Creek	A. C. Farthing	Hiram McBride	W. B. Brown
1879	South Fork	"	"	Asa Brown
1880	Pisgah	"	D. C. Harman	D. C. Harman
1881	Brushy Fork	"	"	E. F. Jones

Session	Church	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1882	Flat Top	"	"	D. C. Harman
1883	Mulberry	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	A. C. Farthing
1884	Bethel	"	"	E. F. Jones
1885	Three Forks	"	"	J. J. L. Sherwood
1886	Laurel Spring	"	J. J. T. Reese	I. W. Thomas
1887	Beaver Dam	"	"	J. M. Harman
1888	Boone	"	"	J. H. Farthing
1889	Mt. Zion	"	Jacob Younce	David Greene
1890	Three Forks	"	"	Dr. C. E. Taylor
1891	Mt. Gilead	"	"	J. J. L. Sherwood
1892	Meat Camp	W. S. Farthing	"	J. F. Davis
1893	Antioch	"	"	J. H. Farthing
1894	Gap Creek	J. F. Spainhour	"	Dr. C. Durham
1895	Cove Creek	W S Farthing	"	L A Wilson
1896	South Fork	"	"	J E White
1897	Brushy Fork	"	Smith Hagaman	J H Farthing
1898	Cool Spring	"	"	David Greene
1899	Beech Mtn	"	"	L C Wilson
1900	Laurel Spring	"	"	I C Wilson
1901	Bethel	"	"	J M Payne
1902	Flat Top	"	"	D C Harman
1903	Zion Hill	"	"	Sol. Younce
1905	Pleasant Grove	"	"	C S Farthing
1906	Shulls Mills	"	"	David Greene
1907	Boone	"	"	C S Farthing
1908	Forest Grove	"	"	J M Payne
1909	Howards Creek	"	"	D A Greene
1910	Beaver Dam	"	"	J M Payne
1911	Mt Calvary	"	"	G W Trivett
1912	South Fork	J J L Sherwood	"	J J L Sherwood
1913	Cove Creek	"	"	J F Eller
1914	Meat Camp	"	"	J M Payne
1915	Zionville	"	W Y Perry	L A Wilson
1916	Stony Fork	"	"	J F Eller
1917	Antioch	"	"	L C Wilson
1918	Bethel	Smith Hagaman	"	W Swift
1919	Union	"	"	R C Eggers
1920	Gap Creek	"	"	"
1921	Brushy Fork	"	"	F M Huggins
1922	Timbered Ridge	"	"	L C Wilson
1923	Laurel Spring	"	"	R C Eggers
1924	Pleasant Grove	"	"	Roy Dotson

Order of Business,- 1925.

Before noon First Day: 10 A. M.

1. Annual Sermon.
2. Address of Moderator.
3. Organization.
4. Call for new churches and cor. messengers.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Reports of committees:
 - Books and Periodicals
 - Education.

Afternoon, First Day

Reports of committees continued:

Sunday Schools

B. Y. P. U.

W. M. U.

Orphanage

Ministerial Relief

Hospitals

Second Day, A. M.

Reports of committees continued:

Temperance

Missions—State, Home, Foreign

Afternoon, Second Day

Reports of committees continued

State of churches

Pastoral Support

Duties of Pastors to Churches

Digest of Letters

Resolutions

Nominations

Report and election of treasurer

Report and election of colporteur

Time, Place and Preacher

Finance

7. Appointment of standing committees
8. Miscellaneous.