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Anson County, Friday, Saturday and Sunday,
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PROCEEDINGS

Brown Creek, Oct. 29th, 1920

The Anson Baptist Association met in its 11th annual session with the Brown Creek Baptist Church Friday, October the 29th, 1920, at 11 A. M.

The introductory sermon was preached by W. J. Russell from the text as found in Matthew 3-8.

The roll of churches was called and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Brown Creek—I. F. Thomas, H. G. Flake, Beverly Teal.
 Cedar Grove—T. B. Goodman, Jonah Thomas, Mrs. Ray Kiker.
 Deep Creek—W. C. Webb, J. A. Ratliff, J. D. Lowery.
 Fall Branch—W. P. Price, R. T. Morton, J. J. Price.
 Gum Springs—B. B. Harris, May Cox, W. M. Thompson.
 Mineral Springs—H. W. Lowery, Fairley Moore, Joe Faulkner.
 Mt. Beulah—J. B. Kelly, E. C. Davis, W. T. Brooks.
 Mt. Zion—Not represented.
 New Home—G. H. Parker, J. J. Williams.
 Polkton—W. C. Stroupe, R. J. Harrington, J. L. Thomas.
 Peachland—J. C. Caudle, W. J. Phillips, Walter Johnson.
 Rocky Mt.—J. A. Allen, H. C. Parker, J. T. Broadway.
 Rocky River—J. E. Efrd, M. W. Goodman, D. L. Thompson.

G. H. Parker and W. F. Humbert were appointed reading clerks and the letters from the different churches were read.

The Moderator welcomed Revs. J. M. Page and Bruce Benton of the Pee Dee Association. The Association was organized by electing W. F. Humbert, Moderator; W. A. Gaddy, Vice-Moderator; J. M. Broadway, Clerk; R. D. Redfearn, Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed G. H. Parker, R. D. Redfearn and W. A. Gaddy committee on order of business. The Association adjourned for one hour. Prayer by J. M. Page.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled at 2 P. M.

Prayer by Marvin Smith; after which the Moderator called the body to order. The committee on order of business made their report, which was adopted.

The report on Aged Ministers Relief was read and spoken to by W. M. Thompson and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON AGED MINISTER'S RELIEF

When Jesus Christ came into this world of suffering and luxury, he came to relieve suffering, and when Jewish hatred and Roman consent, nailed him to the cross, he had appointed man to forward the work of mercy. We see his heart when he said to his disciples "Give them food, for if we send them away empty, they will faint by the way." We are intrusted with a part of this responsibility to our aged ministers. The aged ministers is an honor class in every generation. They preached too much to plough enough to provide for the feeble age. They are laborers who are worthy of ample support. They went out to sow the good news of salvation by theme and song in the highways and hedges, where no gospel bells had been heard. They planted precious truth in the morning and in the evening. They held not their hand until wearing age robbed them of their youthful strength. They are no less ours to love and care for, because they are old and feeble, for many of us are the fruits of their labor. They sung in harvest time but not as the grasshopper, while the ant worked.—"Must Jesus bear the cross alone," "A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify," was their songs, and "Jesus, the light and life of the world" was their theme, and with theme and song, they went to open the door of God's kingdom to men wrecked by sin. We should thrice honor and support them. We should go to see them or write to them and tell them how the kingdom of the Christ has come by their prayers and labors. It is cheap, to say we should contribute of our means, liberally, for their support. They should have more than support. They should know that they are in the arms of a wealthy brotherhood, who will love and provide for them.

Respectfully submitted. W. M. THOMPSON

The following report on Biblical Recorder was read by Jonah Thomas and discussed by J. M. Page and adopted :

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

For 87 years the Biblical Recorder has been the organ of North Carolina Baptists. During all this time it has given its influence to the promotion of every department of denominational work. Its columns are used freely by the servants of the denomination who have charge of our institutions and varied enterprises.

The paper is true to its name. It is Biblical in its teachings and records the acts of North Carolina Baptists from week to week. It stands for the truth as Baptists hold and interpret it and is always ready to go to the defence of our great principles when necessity demands it.

But the Recorder is more than a denominational organ. It is a family paper as well. Its columns carry wholesome matter into the family circle. It takes note of current events and publishes a digest of the most important things that occur during the week. News letters from the churches are a very important and helpful feature of the paper and the news note page given in pithy paragraphs the doings of our great Baptist family. The last page of the Recorder is for the home, and great care is taken in selecting matter for this page.

The Recorder is owned by a joint stock company. It was organized at the request of the Convention 20 years ago to own and publish the paper. But while it is under private ownership, a committee of seven appointed by the Convention acts with the seven directors when the election of an editor is necessary. This puts the selection of an editor practically in the hands of the Convention.

The directors found it absolutely necessary to raise the price of the paper on August 1st to \$2.50. They regretted very deeply the necessity which forced them to take this step. But the two alternatives were to increase the price or to reduce the size. The Recorder was not making expense at \$2.00 a year. Most of the papers raised the price to \$2.50 before the Recorder took this step. The directors promised sacredly that as soon as conditions warrant them in going back to the old price they will do so.

The Recorder management has made a proposition to the churches which will make it possible to keep the price at \$2 per year. If a church will put the Recorder in three-fourths of the resident families and send the name of the one in each family to whom the paper is to be sent, together with a check to cover the amount of subscription, the paper will be sent to each individual as at present for \$2.00 per year. If a church finds it more convenient to pay in monthly or quar-

terly installments, the management will accept that method of payment.

A good many churches are putting the Recorder in the budget. A collection is taken for the Recorder fund just as is done for State Missions, or any other object, and the paper is sent to the ones whose names are forwarded. If a church shall adopt the budget plan and see that the Recorder goes into 75 per cent of the homes, the subscription price will be \$2.00.

The Recorder is essential to the progress of our work, and it exerts a very wholesome influence in the home. We earnestly urge our churches to accept the liberal offer made by the management and secure the paper at \$2.00 per year.

Respectfully submitted, JONAH W. THOMAS.

The report on Sunday Schools was presented by G. H. Parker. Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by W. M. Thompson, S. Baucom, R. D. Redfearn. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

There never was a time when we needed to emphasize the work of every religious agency so much as now. Our Sunday School work has such large possibilities in winning the lost to Christ and training the saved for efficient service that we cannot afford to treat it lightly.

Southern Baptists have undertaken a great Sunday School program. As one of the features of the 75 million campaign, our Sunday School Board, with campaign workers, have outlined for us a great challenging task; therefore we, in our Association, commit ourselves to the following policies for next year and the year following :

CO-OPERATION WITH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT of the State Mission Board is our duty. This Department stands ready at all times to send helpful tracts on practically every phase of Sunday School work. These are absolutely free and can be secured from Secretary, E. L. Middleton, Raleigh, N. C. He will also aid in every possible way in providing Training Schools and Institutes for groups of churches in cities, towns or country. He urges inquiry from every one who has an unsolved Sunday School problem.

Respectfully submitted, G. H. PARKER.

The Moderator announced the following committee on Time and Place, and preachers for next session: N. P. Liles, W. J. Godfrey, J. S. German.

On motion the Association adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 A. M.. Prayer by J. M. Page.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by Fred Birmingham.

The Moderator called the body to order. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved. The Moderator recognized Revs. M. D. L. Preslar and C. C. Burris, of the Union Association. The question of Temperance was taken up and discussed by I. F. Thomas, S. Baucom and C. L. Jackson. On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we condemn the traffic in Coca-Cola and other cold drinks which are now degrading and destroying the manhood of our boys and young men, and pledge our best efforts to suppress its sale and use.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

As the years come and go, prohibition grows in favor with the people everywhere. A great work has been accomplished in the last few years in regard to putting out of business intoxicating drinks. The Anti-Saloon League has done much for the stamping out of alcohol. Whereof we are all thankful, but the battle for drying the world has just begun; for there are more illicit stills now than ever before to stamp out, and to do this God's people must unite in one solid army against it. The Word says be temperate in all things, and that includes all that has to do with our every day living.

Respectfully submitted, J. S. GERMAN.

The report on Education was read and discussed by W. F. Humbert, which, after discussion by W. F. Humbert and C. C. Burris, was adopted.

EDUCATION

Education blazes the way from the darkness of the jungle to the sunlight of intelligence and culture. It breaks the fetters of barbaric ignorance, and emancipates the human race. Its principles are embodied in the Declaration of Independence and are incorporated in the Constitution and laws of the United States.

True education and Christian education are really synonymous terms. Both are included in the Great Commission, and together, they both labor for the uplift of the human race. Both are the heralds of Christianity and make plain the narrow way that leads close by Calvary's cross straight to the great white throne of God.

Respectfully submitted, W. F. HUMBERT.

Memorial: We, your Committee, beg to submit the following: With sorrow we report the death of our beloved Bro., J. M. Flake, one of our most faithful members.

I. F. THOMAS

The Association adjourned for one hour. Prayer by M. D. L. Preslar.

The Association re-assembled at 2 P. M., and was led in prayer by C. L. Jackson.

Mrs. Ray Kiker read report on Woman's Work. After remarks by Mrs. Kiker, the report was adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK.

There are two active societies in the churches of the Anson Association and they are doing an excellent work. The Polkton Society has been under the leadership of Mrs. J. C. Goodman for many years, and has met every obligation. This year it is on the honor roll.

Peachland has a W. M. S. and a Sunbeam Society. The W. M. S. is connected with the Personal Service Auxiliary, and is doing a much needed and lasting work. They are also on the honor roll, and are taking an active part in building one of the handsomest and most modern churches in the State.

There are Missionary Societies in several other churches in the Anson Association, and the possibilities of their doing a good work are very promising.

A very active B. Y. P. U. has been organized at Brown Creek; also one at Polkton, but the latter, just now, is somewhat in a dormant condition.

I voice the sentiment of our people, when I say we will all be pleased to see the day when there will be a sufficient number of societies in our Association to enable us to form an Anson County Woman's Missionary Association.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. W. F. HUMBERT.

Report on Missions was read by J. C. Caudle, and discussed by M. D. L. Preslar and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

There are two great essentials in the propagation of the Gospel, viz: men and money. Our first duty is to pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into his fields, and the second obligation laid upon us is to equip and support these workers for the harvesting of the golden sheaves. Each of us can't become a missionary in person but we can consecrate our substance to the great cause; the Master demands it. A ruthless, chaotic world sends out the Macedonian cry for help. Can we refuse the helping hand?

Respectfully submitted, R. D. REDFEARN,

The report on Orphanage was read by Miss Rachel Flake and adopted.

REPORT ON THOMASVILLE ORPHANAGE

On the 11th of Nov. 1885 the first child was received in the Orphanage. Since that time the number received runs up to 2,000.

On the first of last June, the Orphanage closed a very successful year. There was but little sickness among the 530 children now present.

More dormitories are needed to care for the children. Some months as many as fifty applications are received. Most of them are turned away for lack of room. The high cost of living has hit hard. The cost of supporting a child is \$16.43 a month. However, the Treasurer reported no debt at the end of the year, and so far, no money has been borrowed, though the Treasurer has been hard put to it to meet expenses.

Funds for the Orphanage from the Sunday School and church should be sent to F. B. Hamerick, Thomasville, N. C. 40 per ct. of

the current funds come through the Sunday School. Last year's Thanksgiving offering was the best it has ever been. It was due to this large offering that no debt has been made. The churches are urged to make a very liberal offering in their Thanksgiving service this year.

Respectfully submitted, P. A. UNDERWOOD.

Committee on Time and Place and Preachers for next session reported as follows:

Place, Rocky River. To preach Introductory Sermon, Dr. C. L. Jackson. To preach Missionary Sermon, M. D. L. Preslar. Time: Friday before the 5th Sunday in October, 1921.

The following named persons was appointed to make report for next session: Orphanage, W. J. Russell. Christian Education, M. D. L. Preslar. Biblical Recorder, D. L. Thompson. Aged Ministers Relief, W. F. Humbert. Home and State Missions, P. A. Underwood. Foreign Missions, E. J. Hutchinson. Needs of the churches, Jonah W. Thomas. Temperance, Mrs. Ray Kiker. Woman's Work, Miss Rachel Flake. Sunday Schools, I. F. Thomas. B. Y. P. U., May Cox.

The usual vote of thanks was extended to the Brown Creek church and community for the splendid manner in which they entertained the Association.

On motion Rev. M. D. L. Preslar was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist convention, and J. F. Ross, R. D. Redfearn and P. A. Underwood Messengers to the State Convention.

Own motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Rocky River Baptist Church Friday, Oct. the 28th, 1921, at 11 A. M.

Sunday morning at 11 A. M., Rev. M. D. L. Preslar preached from the text found in Eph. 1st, 22-23.

W. F. HUMBERT, Moderator

J. M. BROADAWAY, Clerk

TABLE II--FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	Pastors Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expense	The Poor	Minute Fund	75 Million (Undesignated)	Orphanage	TOTAL				
Brown Creek	300 00					4 00	771 13		107113				
Cedar Grove			35 00	15 00	10 00	4 30	594 15	62 00	72050				
Deep Creek	400 00		61 00	12 00		4 00	180 48		66248				
Fall Branch			77 77	8 00		1 00	37 50	10 00	14450				
Gum Springs	200 00		30 00	30 00		2 35	427 00	10 00	78825				
Mineral Springs	100 00			40 00					14000				
Mt. Beulah	175 00		200 00	15 00	51 00	3 00	131 50		60250				
Mt. Zion	100 00						50 00		15000				
New Home	100 00			13 00		2 00	119 00		23225				
Polkton	334 00	35 00	32 70	73 00		5 00	328 00	36 70	84644				
Peachland	200 00	930 00	113 00	31 00		7 15	299 50		168080				
Rocky Mt.	250 00	180 00	49 00	17 00	46 00	4 00	314 80		85729				
Rocky River	150 00		37 15	15 00		2 00	165 85		32500				
	2100	114500	635	32289	00	197	00	39	00	341891	118	70	818114

Minute fund : Brown Creek \$5.00; Cedar Grove \$5.00; Deep Creek \$5.00; Fall Branch \$1.00; Gum Springs \$4.00; Mineral Springs \$2.00; Mt. Beulah \$4.00; Mt. Zion \$2.00; New Home \$3.00; Polkton \$5.00; Peachland \$5.00; Rocky Mt. \$5.00; Rocky River \$3.00.

TABLE I--STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERK	POST-OFFICE	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Gains			Losses			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership	
							By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death				
Brown Creek	J. C. Meigs	Wake Forest	Rachel Flake	Wadesboro	3rd	2 000	17	7			4	76	77			
Cedar Grove	J. C. Meigs	Wake Forest	J. M. Broadway	Polkton No. 2	3rd	1 000	7	6		6	3	75	84	157		
Deep Creek	P. A. Underwood	Lilesville	W. C. Webb	Wadesboro	1&3	1 000	11	10	1	8	3	49	95	144		
Fall Branch			Mrs. Susie Merton	Lilesville	3rd	1 000	2					4	10	14		
Gum Springs	P. A. Underwood	Lilesville	W. M. Thompson	Lilesville	3&4	1 200	6	3		10	1	65	80	135		
Mineral Springs	J. C. Meigs	Wake Forest	Minnie Allen	Peachland	4	1 000	3	3	1		1	20	35	55		
Mt. Beulah	W. B. Holmes	Porter	J. K. Tyson	Wadesboro, Route A	4	1 000	26	6		3	1	93	104	197		
Mt. Zion	E. J. Hutchinson	Wadesboro	A. B. Brooks	Lilesville	3rd	1 000					4	14	29	43		
New Home	E. J. Hutchinson	Wadesboro	G. H. Parker	Polkton, Route 3	1st	1 000		3		5	4	37	41	78		
Polkton	M. D. L. Preslar	Polkton	Mrs. Myra Lockhart	Polkton	1st	2 500	11			1	2	36	59	95		
Peachland	C. J. Black	Norwood	J. S. German	Peachland	2nd	1 500	10	2		8	4	84	109	193		
Rocky Mt.	W. J. Russell	Aquadale	S. J. Turner	Polkton, Route 3	1&3	1 000	18	2	2	3	4	65	106	171		
Rocky River	C. C. Burris	Wingate	C. L. Waddell	Polkton	1&3	1 000					2	24	37	61		
Total							112	32	4	52	6	31	640	866	1506	

TABLE III--SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	Superintendent	Post-Office	Secretary	Post-Office	Officers and Teachers		Total Enrollment	Church Members in S. S	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Total Contributions
						Pupils					
Brown Creek	I F Thomas	Wadesboro	J G Winfield	Wadesboro	6	65	71	44	16	20 00	30 00
Cedar Grove	J H Thomas	Polkton	Miss Lee Thomas	Polkton	6	54	60	25	6	15 00	15 00
Deep Creek	C H Harrington	Wadesboro, Route A	Miss Fannie Jones	Wadesboro	7	72	79	50	6	12 00	12 00
Fall Branch	J J Price	Lilesville	W P Price	Lilesville	5	45	50	7	2	11 88	11 88
Gum Springs	W M Thompson	Pee Dee	H A Ward	Pee Dee	7	55	61	50	6	50 00	80 00
Mineral Springs	W J Godfrey	Peachland	Ollie Lowery	Polkton	5	36	41	25	2	4 00	104 00
Mt. Beulah	J K Tyson	Wadesboro, Route A	F Harrington	Wadesboro, Route A	5	70	75	25	13	15 00	15 00
Mt. Zion											
New Home	H W Thomas	Marshville, Route 2			6						
Polkton	W F Humbert	Polkton	Kathleen Smith	Polkton,	11	115	127	48	4	73 88	110 08
Peachland	A D Griffin	Peachland	J S German	Peachland	8	128	135	97	4	31 00	31 00
Rocky Mt.	S J Turner	Polkton			5	50	55	15	4	17 00	17 00
Rocky River	D L Thompson	Polkton	T K Smith	Polkton	7	48	55	35		15 00	15 00

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