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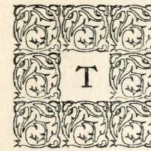
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THE Beulah Baptist Association met in its 74th Annual Session with Trinity Baptist Church, Caswell Co., N. C., on Tuesday, the 4th day of August, 1908. In the absence of the appointee, D. W. Thomasson, for the introductory sermon, upon special request E. L. Middleton delivered a devotional address on God's Call to Service, based on I Kings, 19:9. After prayer by O. A. Keller, Association took a recess for an hour and a half.

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Opened by singing and prayer by O. A. Keller. The Moderator, W. T. Bryant, called the Association to order. In the absence of the Clerk, R. S. Graves was asked to act pro tem. On motion, W. T. Bryant was re-elected Moderator. On motion, R. S. Graves elected Clerk and C. R. Vernon re-elected Treasurer.

Roll of churches was called and delegates enrolled as follows: Beulah, —; Blanche—; Clement, C. R. Vernon; Ephesus, W. C. Pullium, G. C. Jackson; Kerr's Chapel, R. P. Sartin, O. E. Miles, P. M. Somers; Lamberth's Memorial, A. L. Boyd, R. A. Clay; Lea Bethel, Graves Thompson; Milton, —; Providence, J. S. Harvey, W. G. Covington; Semora, J. B. Yarbrough, Willie Allen; Shiloh, G. B. Yarbrough; Thompsonville, M. D. Walters, Jas. Pritchard; Trinity, Wm. Stanley, Henry Shelton, Rufus Stamp; Yanceyville, L. A. Gwynn, Doras Page, R. S. Graves. R. E. Powell and Loftin Lamberth were appointed reading clerks and church letters were read.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

ON ORDER OF BUSINESS: J. S. Harvey, W. C. Pullium, L. A. Gwynn,

ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS: C. R. Vernon, Henry Shelton.

ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER: J. B. Yarbrough, J. S. Harvey, Graves Thompson.

ON FINANCE: J. L. Williams, W. G. Covington, J. S. Harvey.

TO NAME EXECUTIVE BOARD: A. L. Boyd, J. L. Williams, G. C. Jackson.

The Moderator recognized the following visiting brethren: J. K. Faulkner, Buffalo Junction, Va.; E. L. Middleton, Sec. of S. S. Board, Raleigh, N. C.; J. C. Howard of the Biblical Recorder; and Dr. W. L. Poteat, Pres. Wake Forest College.

Report on Periodicals.

Resolved, That we give to the religious press generally, and to the Biblical Recorder in particular, the organ of the Baptist Denomination of this State, our heartiest support, both in increasing its circulation and espousing the causes that it represents. We commend as excellent literature of our denomination The Foreign Mission Journal, Home Mission Field, and Charity and Children.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. Faulkner.

Discussed by the writer, J. C. Howard. Dr. W. L. Poteat, and W. C. Pullium. Report was adopted.

Order of Business.

- Tuesday afternoon.....Periodicals
Wednesday, 9.30 A. M.....Devotional Exercises by Dr. W. L. Poteat.
Wednesday, 10.00 A. M.....Sunday Schools
10.45 " .....Education
11.15 " .....State Missions
2.00 P. M.....Foreign Missions
2.30 " .....Orphanage
3.00 " .....Temperance
Thursday, 9.30 A. M.....Devotional Exercises by J. K. Faulkner.
Thursday, 10.30 A. M.....Ministerial Relief
11.00 " .....Home Missions

On motion, Report on Order of Business adopted. On motion adjourned. J. A. Beam of Leaksville, N. C., and R. H. Ferrell of Oxford, N. C., coming in are recognized as visiting brethren. Benediction by J. A. Beam.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Religious exercises were conducted by J. A. Beam. Remarks based on 116 Psalm.

At 10.20 the Association was called to order by Moderator and the minutes of previous day read and approved.

L. D. Watson of Baptist University for Women recognized as a visiting brother.

Report on Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School is a preparation or starting point to the Christian church. There we study God's word and learn of our duty to Him, our Great Creator, and of His great promises to those who love Him and live in His service. From the

Sunday School the largest number of recruits for the great army now using our every effort to take the world for Jesus Christ is drawn. We are very sorry to report that some of our churches in the Beulah Association have no Sunday Schools at all; but we learn that some of them have two—a very few evergreen. In our experience we find where the Sunday School is kept open all the year the interest is strengthened and very much more would be accomplished than when we stop off for several months. We would be glad to report a flourishing Sunday School at every church in this Association and see what great things we might do for God.

The Sunday School interest is growing almost over all our State, and the good accomplished thereby is beyond measure. The seed sown now—the vine cultured, and fruit will mature later for God and Heaven.

We recommend that all our churches make contributions to Sunday School work of our State Convention; also that there be held at least one Sunday School Convention each year and such local rallies as the churches may be able to hold.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Yarbrough.

Report discussed by E. L. Middleton and J. A. Beam. Report was adopted. Pledges were taken for Sunday Schools.

Report on Education.

The creed and the history of our denomination ally us as a people with education, and all right educational policies and agencies. We believe it to be our duty to foster and promote the education of all the people in the primary grades in the public school system for the purposes of citizenship. Adequate provision for the higher grades of education under distinctively Christian influence is only less important. Attention is called to the high schools under Baptist control within reach of our people. Institutions of college grade in our State for our girls and our boys are worthy of our noble history. Oxford Seminary and Chowan Baptist Institute have done a great work, and the Baptist University for Women, launched by the Baptist Convention in 1899, provides for our young women the same opportunities which our young men have in Wake Forest College. The institutions are all commended to the patronage of our people.

The work of the Education Board of the State Convention for the education of our rising ministry is commended to all the churches. There were about seventy young ministers at Wake Forest last year, the larger number of whom received aid from the Board. At the last convention aid to be ex-

tended to our men in the Southern Theological Baptist Seminary was committed to the hands of our Board.

For the Committee.

Report presented by Dr. W. L. Poteat and discussed by himself, J. A. Beam, L. D. Watson and R. H. Ferrell. Report adopted. Pledges taken for Ministerial Education.

The reading of the Report on State Missions dispensed with at present for want of time, discussed by E. L. Middleton.

Bro. C. P. Ryland sends greetings to the Association, and expressed his regret on being unable to be present, and his willingness to do any work assigned him.

On motion adjourned. Benediction by Dr. W. L. Poteat.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Services opened by song and prayer. W. C. Pullium offered the

#### Report on State Missions.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" is just as binding on us today as it was when the Savior first spake these words. If we could all of us see the pathetic appeals that Bro. Johnson receives from our missionaries it would arouse our sympathy and financial support as never before. Some of our strongest churches were once struggling mission points. Let us remember that the "Lord loves a cheerful giver." We have heard of grown people who never heard the gospel as we believe it. In the eastern section of the State some whole counties have only one Baptist church. Let us uphold Bro. Johnson and enlarge our contributions until every section and all people shall have the gospel preached to them as we hold it.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Pullium.

Report adopted. Pledges taken for State Missions.

J. K. Faulkner presented the

#### Report on Foreign Missions.

The Board has now under appointment sixteen new missionaries, and the brethren and sisters on every field are asking for recruits. We are steadily enlarging our gifts to this great work of our Baptist people. We increased from the end of the year 1906 to the end of 1907, \$35,094.91. This was \$94.91 more than was asked, and \$6,071.39 more than the year before.

Some of our prosperous business men have representatives in foreign lands, and in like manner some of our sisters are, as individuals, contributing likewise liberally to the special

and general support of missionaries; and woman missionary societies are enlarging their work. Besides many Associations in our State are each supporting one or more missionaries. The time is coming when native Christians are to be and can be trusted with the work. We have seven schools in which to train these Christians, and twenty-seven students are enjoying the benefits. It has already been said, "We can never send out missionaries enough to evangelize all the nations." We have reported the Yates College doing good work in China, hopeful beginnings of a Tract Society, and a printing press, making valuable assistants to our foreign mission work. The work is yet great and the laborers few.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. Faulkner.

Report discussed by the writer and Dr. W. L. Poteat. Report adopted. Pledges for Foreign Mission taken.

J. S. Harvey read the

#### Report on Orphanage.

Your committee on Orphanage begs leave to report as follows: That our Orphanage at Thomasville, after a life of twenty-three years, during which there has been a continual growth, not only in the number of buildings and the enlargement of the grounds and farm which today is valued at more than two hundred thousand dollars, and is at present caring for and training for good citizenship and for the upbuilding of God's cause three hundred and seventy-five children who will soon go out and take their places in the walk of life. The influence that will be shed abroad throughout the State by these, as well as others who have already gone out, will be and even now is a wonderful power for Christ and the Baptist of the State. While this noble institution is better equipped than ever before, its increased number of inmates, larger and better work being done, and the crying needs of the many little orphan children throughout our State who, without the assistance that we may give through this institution, might possibly grow up in ignorance and without that sweet Christian influence that would fit and prepare them for a higher and nobler service, all make it necessary that we give it our hearty support, as it is dependent upon us for the funds to carry on this noble work. And we could not do better than to give of our means to this noble work as the Lord has prospered us—for which we will surely receive a blessing.

Respectfully submitted.

Report discussed by O. A. Keller, E. L. Middleton, J. L. Williams and J. A. Beam, and on motion adopted. Public col-

lection taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$7.81. Pledges were taken for the Orphanage.

#### Report on Naming Executive Board.

We, your committee, beg leave to recommend the following brethren for the Executive Board: P. M. Somers, L. L. Lamberth, D. Y. Mebane, J. B. Yarbrough, F. J. Hester.

Respectfully submitted, A. L. Boyd,  
G. C. Jackson,  
J. L. Williams.

Report adopted.

#### Report of Finance Committee.

We, the Finance Committee of this Association, beg leave to make the following report:

State Missions.....	\$ 98.12
Foreign Missions.....	37.25
Home Missions.....	37.53
Ministerial Education .....	54.03
Orphanage.....	14.74
Ministerial Relief. ....	49.46
Minutes and Clerk.....	21.61
	<u>312.74</u>

Respectfully submitted, J. S. Harvey,  
W. G. Covington,  
J. L. Williams.

Report adopted

On motion adjourned. Benediction by J. K. Faulkner.

#### THURSDAY MORNING.

Religious exercises conducted by J. K. Faulkner. Remarks based on 18th Chap. Luke. The Moderator called the Association to order, and minutes of previous day read and approved. C. R. Vernon read the

#### Report on Ministerial Relief.

This Board is located in Durham and is designed to furnish necessary aid to ministers who have spent their time preaching and in their declining years are not able to provide for themselves and those dependent upon them. We, as an Association, are not doing what we should for this object. Your committee recommends that each church in this Association take at least one annual collection for this object. The report to last State Convention showed nearly \$3,000.00 collected for last conventional year; by referring to the Treasurer's Report in last week's Recorder you will see only

\$602.66 reported to date; so you can readily see what is to be done between now and November. C. R. Vernon.

Report discussed by C. R. Vernon, W. C. Pullium, Zack Neal, J. B. Yarbrough, J. L. Williams and J. K. Faulkner. Report adopted.

#### Time, Place and Preacher.

We, the committee on time, place and preacher, beg leave to offer the following report: We recommend that the Association be held at Yanceyville Baptist Church, Yanceyville, N. C., and that J. K. Faulkner preach the introductory sermon. Time: Tuesday before the second Sunday in August, 1909.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. Yarbrough,  
A. Graves Thompson,  
J. Shields Harvey,  
Committee.

Report adopted.

#### Report of Executive Board.

The executive board continued the work by instruction of the Association on the plan pursued hitherto. The work at Thompsonville is very encouraging. We think this work will, in the near future, be self-sustaining. For the lack of preachers no new work has been taken up. There are several places that need preaching. Some plan, therefore, ought to be adopted by which we can supply the need.

O. A. Keller, for Committee.

Report discussed by O. A. Keller, and on motion adopted.

A. G. Thompson presented the

#### Report on Home Missions.

Among the greatest things this work has done is their work: 1st. In mountain mission stations and school work. 2nd. Work among the negroes. 3rd. Work in cities and among foreigners. 4th. In Cuba, Isle of Pines and Panama. 5th. Church building and loan fund. 6th. Department of Evangelism. These are all of greatest need to our land. We earnestly plead that our many churches in this Association pledge liberally for this great object. The work that has for the past year been done by this board is not surpassed by any other board of our great Southern Baptist Convention considering the amount of funds that are placed in their hands.

We have placed in nearly every large city of the United States a mission school. In the mountains of our land we have many mission schools. Another of the very important branches of this work is the work among the negroes. There

are many indications that great good has been done among them. Again we plead for better pledges.

Respectfully submitted, A. G. Thompson.

Report discussed by Zack Neal, C. J. Yarbrough, J. K. Faulkner and O. A. Keller. Report adopted. Pledges taken for Home Missions. C. R. Vernon presented the

**Treasurer's Report.**

**Receipts.**

For Foreign Missions.....	\$37.25
For Home Missions.....	37.53
For Education.....	54.03
For Ministerial Relief.....	49.46
For Orphanage.....	14.74
For Minute Fund.....	21.61
For Public Collection.....	7.86
For State Missions.....	<u>234.24</u>
	456.72

**Disbursements.**

Paid to Walters Durham.....	178.27
“ Orphanage.....	22.60
“ Clerk .....	21.61
“ Missionaries.....	168.75
Balance .....	65.49
	<u>\$456.72</u>

Report adopted.

W. C. Pullium presented the following resolution: Whereas, greatly appreciating the overflowing hospitality shown us during this session the Association hereby desires to express to Trinity Church and people of this community our heartfelt thanks for the same. On motion unanimously adopted.

**Standing Committees.**

State Missions, T. P. Womack; Foreign Missions, C. R. Vernon; Home Missions, C. J. Yarbrough; Education, P. M. Somers; Orphanage, W. C. Pullium; Religious Literature, J. S. Harvey; Ministerial Relief, A. L. Boyd; Sunday School, D. Y. Mebane; Temperance, J. B. Yarbrough.

**Delegates to State Baptist Convention.**

C. J. Yarbrough, O. A. Keller, T. P. Womack.

**Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.**

J. K. Faulkner.

O. A. Keller presented the

**Report on Temperance.**

We congratulate the temperance forces of the State on the great and glorious victory they have recently won. Their work has been trying; they have surmounted great difficulties; they have gained a great victory. We should not let our interest in this great cause abate in the least. We must all confess that intemperance is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, evil in the nation. Whatever view we may take of it, we see its baneful effects. As followers of Christ we should follow up this great victory with unabated interest to make it more effective.

Report discussed by Zack Neal and on motion adopted.

Song: "Rescue the Perishing."

Song: "It Is Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

J. K. Faulkner, assisted by the pastors and deacons of the Association, ordained T. H. Slade, W. B. Yarbrough and Lottin Lamberth as Deacons of Trinity Church.

Song: "Nearer My God to Thee."

On motion adjourned.

Song: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Benediction by J. K. Faulkner.







