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OF THE

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Brushy Mountain Baptist Association

HELD WITH

WALNUT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 21, 22 and 23, 1925

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CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be dominated and known as the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. This Association shal be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and ordained ministers having care of churches in the Association and members of the Executive Board, and ordained ministers having their membership in churches belonging to the Association and living within the bounds thereof.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter cetifying their appointment and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 6. The moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, except the Executive which shall be nominated and elected by a majority of the delegates present. He shall see that the constitution and by-laws are properly respected.

Article 7. The clerk shall call the roll to keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct all correspondence, and in the absence of the moderator, call the association to order.

Article 8. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association and at the close of the official term, shall report the amount received, and expended.

Article 9. The minutes of the Association shall be read and approved, and shall be signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Article 10. Any church not representing itself in this body three successive sessions, by letter or by delegates, shall be stricken from the roll of churches, unless satisfactory reasons are assigned.

Article 11. The Association shall withdraw fellowship from any church which shall be found disorderly in faith or practice.

Article 12. At each session of the Association delegates to the Baptist State convention and the Southern Baptist convention shall be chosen by vote.

Article 13. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body, through

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the delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article 14. The Association shall not maintain felowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Article 15. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates, except that of voting.

Article 16. The annual session of this body shall commence on Friday before the Fourth Sabbath in August at such a place as the Association may select.

Article 17. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an introductory, a missionary and a denominational sermon.

Article 18. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

BY-LAWS

1. The Association shall be composed of the pastors and messengers from the churches of the Association.«

2. Daily sessions of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Delegates shall be recognized by letters from their churches designating them as such.

4. The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers or delegates of newly received churches by extending to them his right hand of fellowship.

5. The Clerk shall provide letters for the use of the churches of the Association previous to the meeting of the Association, superintend the publication and distribution of the Minutes, preserve a file of them and have it present at each annual session, read the proceedings of the preceding session at the beginning of each morning session, and the last days proceedings at the close of the annual session.

6. Members desiring to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator; shall use the term "Brother" in speaking to each other; shall not speak on the same subject more than twice without permission, and shall observe the courtesy that becomes Christians.

7. Members are requested not to absent themselves from the sessions of the Association, but, to remain to the end of the meeting.

8. A copy of the Minutes shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Mission Board, also a copy to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one to the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa., and one to the Field Secretary for Sunday Schools in North Carolina.

9. All questions of order not herein provided shall be decided by Parlimentary Law.

10 The order of business shall be made at the beginning of each session and shall be changed only by a vote of the body.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

Beaver Creek—A. J. Foster, G. H. Walker, Zachary Ferguson.

Cub Creek—J. B. Hall, B. Pardue, J. M. Lankford.
Edgewood—M. R. Miller, C. G. Glass, J. W. Fletcher.
Fishing Creek—J. C. Jarvis, C. H. Holland, S. S. Jarvis.
Gordon—C. M. Coleman, H. M. Huffman, W. P. Carson.
Goshen—H. A. Carlton, R. L. Proffit, John Walsh.
Harmony—H. D. Caudill, Monroe Faw, H. W. Mahaffey,
R. L. Lankford.

Lewis Fork—A. J. Proffit, J. R. Triplett, J. M. Shepard. Little Rock—S. M. Knight, V. McGhinnis, N. C. Andrews.

Moravian Falls-D. J. Pardue, W. G. Lowe, Wed Hendren.

Mount Carmel-Not represented.

Mount Pleasant—H. I. Shoemaker, U. G. Foster, Oscar Church.

Mount Zion—R. L. Wooten, J. G. Eller, W. O. Barnett. New Hope—A. S. Eller, W. B. McNeil, N. C. Church.

First North Wilkesboro—R. C. Hendren, E. M. Blackburn, J. W. Nichols.

Second North Wilkesboro-J. W. Wilson, T. S. Hall.

Oak Grove—Green Blackburn, Carey Pardue, A. T. Pardue.

Oakwoods-I. P. Anderson, J. B. Laws, W. A. Ellis.

Pleasant Grove—T. V. Church, John Bumgarner, William Church.

Pleasant Home—A. G. Bumgarner, Luther Nichols, Ray Bumgarner.

Pilgrim-F. O. Foster, J. A. Parsons, B. L. Minton.

Stony Hill—G. W. Walsh, Lee Beshears, L. P. Whittington.

Shady Grove-Not represented.

Wilkesboro-W. H. Foster, T. E. Story. J. F. Jordan.

Walnut Grove—J. E. Bentley, E. P. Lowe, W. A. Jennings.

Zion Hill—G. B. Carlton, W. M. McGlammery, J. E. German.

LIST OF COMMITTEES

Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Messengers of Walnut Grove Church.

Digest of Church Letters—V. McGhinnis, R. C. Meadows, R. L. Proffit, R. L. Jones.

Temperance—M. McNeil, G. W. Sebastian, E. C. Miller. Religious Literature—V. McGhinnis, D. F. Shepard, C. M. Coleman.

Orphanage—W. C. Meadows, A. S. Eller, A. J. Foster. State Missions—K. D. Stukenbrok, G. W. Sebastian, Valeria B. Nichols.

Ministerial Relief—S. F. Conrad, J. C. Parsons, R. L. Lankford.

Home Missions—J. L. Shinn, Mrs. W. E. Harris, W. C. Meadows, R. L. Wellborn.

Education—S. J. Honeycutt, C. C. Wright, T. E. Story. Evangelism—W. L. Griggs, A. E. Watts, G. W. Sebastian, Levi Greene, J. W. Watts.

Foreign Missions—T. E. Story, H. W. Mehaffey, E. F. Anderson.

State of the Churches—G. W. Walsh, G. H. Walker, W. P. Carson, W. G. Lowe, J. W. Wilson, A. T. Pardue.

Enlistment-G. W. Sebastian, J. L. Hemphill.

Resolutions—J. L. Shinn, Melvin Michael, J. M. Mc-Alpine.

Time, Place and Preachers—U. G. Foster, R. C. Hendren, J. W. Fletcher.

B. Y. P. U.—T. E. Story, J. F. Jordan, Miss Valeria Belle Nichols, Miss Nola Foster, Mrs. James Richie.

Woman's Missionary Union—Mrs. W. L. Griggs, Mrs. K. D. Stukenbrok, Mrs. J. W. Nichols, Mrs. R. L. Proffit, Mrs. F. G. Holman.

Sunday Schools—F. B. Hendren, H. D. Caudill, J. G. Parsons.

Historian-W. C. Meadows, V. McGhinnis.

Obituaries-R. L. Proffit, A. T. Pardue, J. R. Eller.

Co-operative Program—W. L. Griggs, Homer Carlton, Hayes Foster.

PROCEEDINGS

Walnut Grove Church, Aug. 21, 1925.

The Brushy Mountain Baptist Association met in its fifty-second annual session with Walnut Grove Baptist Church, August 21, 1925, at 10:30 o'clock, A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. R. Beach. News having reached the Association that Bro. C. C. Wright, the former Moderator, had received a very painful wound in an automobile accident, which rendered him unable to be present at this session, the congregation joined in a very earnest prayer for his speedy recovery, which was led by Rev. G. W. Sebastian.

The introductory sermon was then preached by Dr. J. L. Shinn, using as a text I Cor. 4:2, which reads as follows, viz: "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." Dr. Shinn's sermon was a very able and interesting discourse.

The congregation then adjourned for forty-five minutes for dinner and recreation.

The Messengers then reassembled in the house and in the absence of the Moderator, the Association was called to order by the Clerk.

After the roll call of the churches, with the response of Messengers from twenty churches, the body proceeded with the annual election of officers, Rev. W. C. Meadows acting as Moderator, Pro Tem.

On motion of G. W. Walsh, C. C. Wright was re-elected Moderator and Dr. W. L. Griggs Vice-Moderator to serve in the absence of Brother Wright at the present session.

The following correspondents and visitors were recognized and welcomed to seats in the body, viz: Rev. S. F. Conrad from Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association, Bro. F. B. Hamrick, Treasurer of Thomasville Orphanage, Dr. W. M. Gilmore, representing the State Mission Board, Rev. W. R. Beach, representing the Biblical Recorder, J. R. Swanson, of Caldwell County Association, Mr. J. N. Barnett and wife, representing the Sunday School work of the Baptist State Convention. Rev. H. C. Whitener and wife, of Catawba Association, Bro. H. M. Beach, of Caldwell County Association. Rev. J. A. Boldin and wife, of Caldwell County Association, Dr. Brinson, of the Theological Seminary, of Louisville, Kv., Rev. R. N. Garner, of Brier Creek Association, Rev. Mr. Teague, of Caldwell County Association, R. L. Church, of Stone Mountain Association.

The moderator then announced the different committees as they appear on another page of this minute.

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The hour having arrived for the special order of business, the moderator called for the report on

TEMPERANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Dr. J. L. Shinn read the report on that topic as follows, viz:

Your committee on Temperance and Law Enforcement beg leave to submit the following report:

We are sorry to have to report that the cause of Temperance has not advanced in Wilkes County nor in the State of North Carolina as we hoped it would after the adoption of the prohibition act.

The manufacture of intoxicating liquors is going on over all the State, and especially in Wilkes County. Men who have taken the oath to support the constitution and laws of the United States and the State of North Carolina, are engaged in the manufacture of liquor in almost every Township in Wilkes County in violation of the oath they have taken. We want to urge the good law-abiding citizens of Wilkes County, both men and women, to see to it that no blockade still is allowed to be operated in your section of the county. If one should be put up in your section of the county, report it to the United States officers and to the sheriff of your county. We want to urge the various officers to enforce the law and break up the violation of the laws of our country.

Respectfully submitted, MILTON McNEIL, G. W. SEBASTIAN, E. C. MILLER,

Committee.

The report was spoken to by G. W. Sebastian and others and adopted and the committee discharged. The clerk read the report on

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The newspaper now is an indispensable necessity. All kinds of business and professions and every kind of organization must have a newspaper as a medium of information and knowledge. The greatest agency for reaching the public mind is the newspaper. We face a great danger in the matter of reading material furnished in the average Christian home. Frequently it is of the sort that does not develop Christian character nor strengthen our young people in the faith of their church.

One may be a Baptist and a Christian without any denominational paper; but no church member can be informed as he should be without his denominational organ.

The Biblical Recorder is now in its ninety-third year and has been the recognized medium of information to the Baptists of North Carolina since it was founded in 1832. As an exponent of the Bap-

tist principles it has largely helped us to have one of the most orthodox and loyal bodies of Baptists in the United States. It comes to us fifty-two times a year for a little less than four cents a week. The cost is very small for such a great paper. The Recorder should be read by every Baptist family in our Association. We urge the pastor of every church to speak a kind word for the Recorder and ask the heads of families in his church to take and read the paper regularly.

We also highly recommend Charity and Children, now regarded as the greatest orphanage paper in the United States.

For those of our people who want to be well informed about our work as Baptists, we would recommend Home and Foreign Fields. This paper costs only \$1.00 per year. It is published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tennessee. This paper is essential to give us the information we need about our work in home and foreign lands.

> Respectfully submitted, V. McGHINNIS, D. F. SHEPARD, C. M. COLEMAN,

> > Committee.

The report was discussed by W. R. Beach and on motion was adopted and the committee discharged.

The report on Sunday Schools not being ready, on motion it was decided to discuss the report and hand it in later on. J. N. Barnett, who represents the Baptist Sunday School work of the State, made a very interesting speech on that topic.

The report was later handed in and reads as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

In this modern day, the Sunday School is indipensably necessary to every Missionary Baptist church in the accomplishment of its mission. A church without a Sunday School is a drag and almost an aimless institution. Indeed, the Sunday School is the mobilizing agency in the church. Each church should consider it a Christian duty to maintain its Sunday School without an intermission throughout the year, and not merely through the spring and summer months. It is a most serious mistake to close it for the winter months.

It is recommended that this Association undertake a campaign to bring about the organization and maintainance of an all the year round Sunday School in every church in its bounds.

> E. M. BLACKBURN, F. B. HENDREN, H. D. CAUDILL, Committee. 8

On motion the report was adopted and the committee discharged.

Rev. W. C. Meadows read the report on the

ORPHANAGE

The General Manager in his report to the Board of Trustees of the institution, says, "I hereby hand you the fortieth annual report of our work. We are very grateful to the Father of mercies for His good hand upon us during the year. We have come up to this good hour with a health record that compares favorably with that of the country at large."

We are grieved to report the death of three fine little girls. The school work has been fine. We look with pardonable pride to our forty-two graduates. Fine specimens of young men and women who go out to bless the world in many varities of usefulness. Our last Thanksgiving offering was fine, however, there has been a falling off since that time. The religious work is encouraging. Sixty boys and girls have been baptized into the Orphanage church. The outstanding need of the Orphanage is funds and trained workers.

There are now at Thomasville 492 and at the Kennedy Home 110, total 602 children. The cost of maintaining these children is \$23.70 per month. The Mothers' Aid department conducted by Miss Mattie Edwards, who says, "My two years experience in this work has convinced me that homes should not be broken up when mothers are capable of caring for their children with a little help. It is better to keep the children under the influence of home if the home is a good one, and it must be good in order to obtain aid from the Orphanage."

The work is encouraging. Many homes are made happy at far less cost than it would be at the Orphanage, the average being only \$5.22 per month for each child.

It is the finest department of our work, as many ministers and committeemen will testify.

Brethren, let us rally to our Orphanage. Take regular collections, especially in the Sunday School. Do not forget the Thanksgiving offering of one day's work or income, at Thanksgiving day each year, and also to pray that God's blessings may rest upon all workers and the children.

> W. C. MEADOWS, A. S. ELLER, A. J. FOSTER,

Committee.

The report was discussed by W. C. Meadows, F. B. Hamrick and others and adopted and the committee discharged.

S. J. Conrad read the report on

MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITY

The report of the Relief and Annuity Board for the last convention year closed May 1st, 1925, was one of the fairly good years in the Board's history, notwithstanding the great financial depression and shortage of receipts.

The relief beneficiaries received during the year \$127,021.35; the beneficiaries of the Annuity Fund received \$10,103.58, making a total of \$137,124.93, which is more than the Board has paid out in benefits in any one year.

The Board repeated itself last December in sending out Christmas checks to beneficiaries, the amounts ranging from \$5.00 to \$10.00 each, according to the circumstances. The Board hopes to make this an annual habit.

The Board is now carrying on its roll 1086 beneficiaries; 600 aged ministers, 386 widows and about 100 orphan children.

The Board is also sending aid to states which are wholly unable to provide for their retired preachers. It is spending thousands of dollars annually in this specific kind of aid. There was but little hope for a large class of dependent preachers until the Relief and Annuity Board was organized. The 75 Million Campaign was \$53,838.72.

The great, immediate and all but desperate need of this Board is a fund that will yield for general relief alone \$100,000.00 per year in addition to what the Board would get from the regular budget. This statement has been made over and over again through our denominational press for the past two years. It is the one outstanding, glaring need of our Board, and should not be difficult of attainment. We must continue to press this particular need. The Board can never begin to do the adequate thing until this fund is obtained. If some of our rich people could only see their way to make some large gifts to this Board, or to remember us in their wills.

Every minister, of course, knows that sooner or later, if he lives, he will have to retire to private life. It is sweet and assuring to know that when the time comes he can do so without being the humiliated object of charity; that he can still hold up his head and walk with self-respect among his brethren of the calling, because there has been provided by the gratitude and thoughtfulness and generosity of the people he serves, at least a small competance to supplement his own meagre means, so that in the latter days of his earthly life he will not have to eke out a bare existence. Now. what we are trying to do is to bring just such a 10

situation into our Southern Baptist ministry. The new plan, when once in operation, will absolutely do that.

> S. F. CONRAD. J. C. PARSONS, R. L. LANKFORD,

Committee.

The report was discussed by S. F. Conrad, W. C. Meadows and others and on motion was adopted and committee discharged.

C. C. Wright's letter to Rev. W. C. Meadows and the Association was read and on motion it was ordered to be printed in the minutes. The letter reads as follows:

August 20, 1925.

Dear Bro. Meadows:

It is with a feeling of very deep regret that I write you this morning that I shall be unable to attend the annual meeting of the Association. I came very nearly losing my life in an automobile accident last week in South Carolina. I was just able to return home Thursday afternoon. The doctor has ordered absolute quiet for several days.

One of the greatest pleasures of my life has been my association with you and the brethren in our annual gatherings. The pleasant recollections of these shall ever remain with me. This meeting marks the close of my twentieth consecutive year as moderator of our Association. During these years I have tried to do my best. It is true in this as in all things, we sometimes fall short of our ideals; but it is very gratifying to note that in many activities the body has gone forward during the past two decades. I take this opportunity to tender my thanks to the ministers and the laymen of the churches who have so nobly held up our hands during these years of service. I am praying that God may direct you tomorrow in the selection of your presiding officer and that under his direction and management our Association may continue to go forward, attaining greater results than have been attained in the past. May God's blessings rest and abide with you now and C. C. WRIGHT. always, is the wish of your brother,

Bro. Andrew Jennings then read the assignment of homes for the delegates and visitors.

The committee on devotional exercises reported Rev. A. T. Pardue to conduct the devotional exercises tomorrow morning at 9:30 and Bro. Gilmore to preach tomorrow at 11 A. M.

On motion adjourned to meet tomorow at 9:30 A. M.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Saturday, August 22, 1925. The Association met as per adjournment. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. T. Pardue. 11

At 10 A. M. the body was called to order by the moderator. The following visitors were recognized and welcomed to seats in the Association, viz: Bro. John Gwaltney, of Alexander County Association, Dr. W. R. Bradshaw, of Hickory, Prof. S. J. Honeycutt, Principal of Mountain View Institute.

The report on State Missions was read by Rev. K. D. Stukenbrok:

STATE MISSIONS

The Baptist State Convention was organized at Greenville in 1830. At this first meeting, a State Mission Board was elected and a correspending secretary was sent out to raise funds with which to evangelize North Carolina. We have been in the business of State Missions for ninety-four years and the work was never more vital.

There are 145 missionaries in the employ of the Board this year. We are making it possible for many communities and destitute sections of the State to have the Baptist message. The labors of these missionaries have been wonderfully owned and blessed of the Lord.

We have five Sunday School workers together with several Associational workers. These Associational workers are paid by the local Association and the Sunday School Board at Nashville.

We have a B. Y. P. U. force of four all-time workers together with the Associational workers who give half-time to the work of B. Y. P. U. Miss Winnie Rickett, of Andrews, a recent graduate of Meredith College, has been selected as the Junior-Intermediate Secretary, succeeding Mrs. Elma Farabow Davis.

We have four all-time workers in the W. M. U. department and two Associational workers.

We have four Evangelists and one Negro Evangelist to our negro brethren.

There are three Enlistment men whose salaries are paid in part by the Home Mission Board. These men are all-round servants of the pastors and the churches.

In the Student Department we have three workers. They are located with the A. & E. College, Raleigh, the University at Chapel Hill. and with the N. C. C. W., Greensboro. These Student Secretaries are our connecting link between the home and the individual student while away in college. They are doing much to foster and conserve the spiritual lives of our boys and girls in State schools.

There are many other phases of our State Mission work that we have not mentioned. Just now we are seriously hampered by a heavy debt on our running account. We are hoping that there will be a generous and loyal response from all the churches this fall

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so that we can go to the Convention with our debts paid in full, ready for a great forward looking program in our State Mission work.

> K. D. STUKENBROK, G. W. SEBASTIAN, VALERIA BELLE NICHOLS, Committee.

The report on Home Missions was read by Dr. Shinn:

HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board presented its eightieth annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention last May in Memphis, Tennessee. Eighty years of service by this board since its organization in 1845 constitute a real romance in Home Missions. Through many vicissitudes and steady and unvarying purpose for the salvation of the lost and the upbuilding of the Kingdom in our Southland, the Home Mission Board presents an unbroken history of fidelity and spiritual conquest. For the last twenty-five years the advance in Home Missions has been at times remarkable and always continuous and healthy. It reached its highest point in 1920, the first year of the 75 Million Campaign. Since that time due to various causes, but chiefly to the falling off in receipts, the Board has made severe and drastic retrenchments in many phases of its work. In some instances such severe retrenchment has brought the work to the verge of calamity. The Board has had to stand still in the face of countless calls and unwonted opporopportunities. Fields ripe for the harvest have cried out for the sickle of the reaper and the Board has not been able to thrust laborers sufficient into harvest fields to garner the grain. At the recent annual meeting of the Executive in June, on account of the heavy and burdensome debt, the Board had to still further retrench. Enlargement, on the contrary, is called for in every direction.

First, in an increase of forces; second, in better equipment. The Board has need for at least fifty capable young women and as many men in the field at home and a half dozen young women for Cuba.

In equipment, the needs are even greater. For school buildings in El Paso, Texas, and Havana, Cuba; the enlargement and better equipment of our thirty mountain schools; at least fifty chapels in the homeland, Cuba and Panama. The greatest need of the Board just now is a mighty increase in financial receipts to lift the heavy burden of debt and prepare for the recovery of lost ground and to enter new fields that are white unto harvest.

Notwithstanding the retrenchments made the Board presents a year of wonderful results: With 1,077 missionaries, they report 49,218 churches and stations occupied; 30,027 additions by baptism; 4,896 by letter; total additions 50,354; 210 churches constituted; 355 church houses built or improved; 608 Sunday Schools organized; distributed 12,995 Bibles and Testaments.

The Home Mission field was never so great and urgent as now. To save our own land is a condition of saving the lost in distant lands.

Let us remember the Board and all its work in our prayers and come with greater liberality in our gifts.

J. L. SHINN, W. C. MEADOWS, MRS. W. E. HARRIS, Committee.

The report was spoken to by J. L. Shinn and others and on motion was adopted.

T. E. Story read the report on

MISSIONS

During the last year God has blessed our work abroad. The fact that our missionaries baptized 12,134 people into the membership of our churches on our foreign mission fields is an achievement which should set our hearts aglow with joy. We now have 124,000 members as the fruits of our labors abroad. Our records show that we have 544 missionaries in 14 different countries. We wish here to quote from our Foreign Mission Board. This being the year of our Diamond Jubilee of the work in Africa, we look back with rejoicing and thanksgiving for all God has done in this land. A great expansion has taken place in the last few years over all the country. Much of this has been the result of Home Mission work on the part of the independent churches. During the past year there have been 18 new churches organized in Brazil, not only this, but old ones have been developed in every line of work.

Two years ago a Chilean Home Mission Board was organized to carry the gospel into the frontier. During the past year they have supported three missionaries and have carried on a splendid work in the regions beyond.

Our Christian people are rising up an showing where they stand in China. Our China Baptist Publication Society is one part of our enterprise which serves every phase of our church work. During the year the society has sent out of its different publications 1,792,236 copies, with a grand total of 37,693,155 pages. This year (1924) has been the best in the Italian Mission since the outbreak of the World War. The largest number of baptisms ever reported in our Mission consoles us no little. Two hundred and fourteen new members baptized into Christ and a large number of inquiries for 1925 make us more hopeful for the future. The Willingham Memorial School for boys, established April 11, 1916, at Fuknoka, Japan, has grown until today we have a school with three departments. These are: middle school, college, and Theological Seminary. In these we have 635 students and very favorable Christian progress being made.

In Jerusalem we have made some progress. Especially have we been fortunate in having Brother Volkavitch, our Jewish worker, who has made wonderful progress with a number of young Jews. In all our work our efforts have been wonderfully blessed.

In the face of such triumphs it makes us sad to turn our attention to the embarrassment our Foreign Board is now experiencing on account of the failure of the churches to support it properly. The Board reported to the last Southern Baptist Convention a debt of \$1,250,000. This debt came through no extravagance on the part of the Board. In fact the Board has been cutting its appropriations severely for the last three years, and is now holding back more than 100 volunteers who are ready to go to the front. It has also denied for two years any additional equipment to the missionaries. This debt grew because our Baptist people are not giving adequately. The large program of the Board cannot be maintained on the amounts they are now giving. What is the remedy for the present distressing situation? The simple remedy is for the churches to put on the 1925-26 program. Let the churches make the every-member canvass and support the great program, including all the interests fostered by Southern Baptists, and our Foreign Mission Board will be cared for along with all the others.

> T. E. STORY, H. W. MAHAFFEY, E. F. ANDERSON,

> > Committee.

The report was discussed by T. E. Story, S. F. Conrad and others and on motion was adopted and the committee discharged.

At 11 A. M. a very able and interesting sermon was preached by Dr. W. M. Gilmore.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reassembled at 2 P. M. After singing "When I can read my title clear," and "Amazing Grace," Rev. J. A. Boldin led in praver.

Prof. S. J. Honeycutt read the report on

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In presenting the report on Christian Education, you can recognize that the emphasis on education will have to be laid on what our denomination understands to be Christian. Too much education today parades under the guise of Christian, therefore great safeguards should be placed round our schools that are distinctively Christian and denominational. The object of maintaining our denominational schools is not only to give the younger Christian an opportunity to get an education in a spiritual atmosphere with the additional training for service in our churches, but to train those who have been called of God to special service to preach the gospel at home and abroad.

We cannot and ought not to expect this from the State schools, since they are designed to train for citizenship only. Therefore the denomination is compelled to maintain its own schools for the above mentioned objects.

It is not necessary to go into detail of what our denominational schools have accomplished. The investment of money and investment of the life of the Godly teachers are amply demonstrated by the products of these schools in every walk of life, especially so in the lives of our missionaries who have been trained in our schools, colleges and seminaries.

With the above facts before us, we as an Association should stand four-square behind these our schools in our co-operative program, giving of our prayers, our sympathy and our means.

Respectfully submitted, S. J. HONEYCU'L', T. E. STORY, A. G. HENDREN, Committee.

The report was discussed by S. J. Honeycutt, K. D. Stukenbrok and others, and on motion was adopted.

Bro. J. L. Hemphill read the report on

ENLISTMENT

We your committee on Enlistment advise our churches to try to get all their members enlisted: 1st, In personal evangelism; 2nd, In all the co-operative work set forth in the co-operative program; 3rd, That so few of our people are co-operating with the work, it behooves us to use every scriptural means to bring them together. We recommend therefore that pastors everywhere preach on missions and wherever possible have a school of missions that our people may study this subject in thorough way.

J. L. HEMPHILL,

G. W. SEBASTIAN, Committee.

The report was discussed by J. L. Hemphill, G. W. Sebastian and others and on motion was adopted and committee discharged.

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Dr. W. L. Griggs read the report on

EVANGELISM

Missionary Baptists have always believed in the New Testament in its entirety. Evangelism is plainly taught in the New Testament; therefore, we have practiced this blessed teaching through the centuries. We are trying to do evangelistic work in all the world because we believe in the great commission of our Saviour. Evangelism has been our strongest fort in all of our endeavor. Our Mission Boards have put great emphasis upon evangelism. Our State Mission Board has employed a strong force of consecrated men with Rev. H. T. Stevens as Superintendent, to carry on that department of our work. This department has accomplished wonderful things.

Last year they reported 1,481 professions and 976 baptisms in the State in revival meetings, while the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention reported 11,344 conversions and 8,001 baptisms. This is only touching the hem of the garment as compared with the great number of unsaved to be won to Christ. We rejoice in every success of Evangelistic effort by our Boards. but we know that after all, we must depend upon our pastors and churches for the most of this particular phase of the work.

We most earnestly urge that a revival meeting be held in each church in the Brushy Mountain Association during the year and wherever possible in each community, in school houses, brush arbors, tents, and where we may not have church houses adequate for such meetings. Then your committee urges that we shall do more individually in soul winning.

Sunday School teachers and deacons and members can do much in helping evangelise our people. All our work depends upon our consecration to the great task of evangelism. We should get in earnest about the salvation of all our people. Let each church and pastor pray for each other that they shall be blessed of God in evangelism. May we have a great revival throughout our Association during the coming year.

> W. L. GRIGGS. A. E. WATTS G. W. SEBASTIAN,

Committee.

The report was discussed by W. L. Griggs, A. E. Watts and G. W. Sebastian and on motion was adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. G. W. Walsh presented a verbal report on

STATE OF THE CHURCHES

We your committee on the above topic are pleased to report that so far as we can see with our limited observation, we believe that the churches are making progress in material things. There are better houses of worship being built. There are better Sunday Schools and better trained teachers. There is more being done for Christian Education and more along all lines of the organized work of our denomination. We are living in a State that is rapidly developing its natural resources and material wealth; but we fear that the spirituality of the churches is on the decline. It will be disastrous to our Baptist churches not to keep pace in their spiritual progress with the great forward program of our State. Our supreme effort should be along the line of a revival of spiritual religion in which all of our people will be brought to consecrate themselves completely to the service of our Saviour.

This being done, as someone has said, and all our other problems will melt away.

The Macedonian Christians "first gave their own selves to the Lord," and then in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. See II Cor. 8:2-5.

Respectfully submitted, G. W. WALSH, A. J. FOSTER, W. G. LOWE, Committee.

The report was ably and interestingly discussed by G. W. Walsh and others and on motion was adopted and committee discharged.

T. E. Story read the report on the

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

The object of the B. Y. P. U. shall be the increased spirituality of the young Christians, their training in essential church activities; their edification in scriptural knowledge; their instruction in Baptist doctrine and history; their enlistment in all forms of missionary endeavors through existing denominational organizations. It is the training service of a Baptist church. It is a Baptist church at work in, for and among its young people.

The following churches in the Brushy Mountain Association report Young People's Union, viz: Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro, Moravian Falls, New Hope, Mount Pleasant, Goshen, Lewis Fork.

A splendid interest has been shown by the young people in this field of work. Our State worker, Edwin S. Preston, Field Worker, has been in the Association twice during the past year, and has given us much encouragement. During the spring a most enthusiastic Associational meeting was held at New Hope church. At that time it was decided to hold the next meeting at Moravian Falls.

More than a dozen of our young people attended the State meeting of B. Y. P. U. workers at Salisbury in the early summer. Our

workers have during the year organized three Unions outside of this Association. Bible study, mission study and systematic giving have been materially encouraged in the churches where the young people's work has been organized.

Respectfully submitted.

T. E. STORY. J. F. JORDAN. MISS VALERIA BELLE NICHOLS, MISS NOLA FOSTER. MRS. JAMES RICHIE,

Committee.

The report was spoken to by T. E. Story and others and on motion was adopted and committee discharged.

Mrs. W. L. Griggs read the report on

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

In presenting the report of the Woman's Work in the Brushy Mountain Association, we are thankful to report one hundred per cent increase in societies over last year, wherein we had three active societies, and this year we have six, namely, Moravian Falls, New Hope, Mount Pleasant, Goshen, Wilkesboro, and North Wilkesboro. Our annual meeting will be held with the women of Goshen church, in September. We are looking forward to having several of our State leaders with us.

Never in the history of our Association have the women been so interested in Mission Study courses as now. Our eyes are being opened to the great need. The hearts of the women beat with sympathy and the response of the women of North Carolina and all other states of the Southern Baptist Convention in giving this year. As women of the Brushy Mountain Association, we praise the Lord for sending into our midst our Field Workers, Rev and Mrs. K. D. Stukenbrok, who have labored faithfully and with wonderful results. We wish to have the prayers and co-operation of our pastors and churches for our Woman's Work.

> MRS. W. L. GRIGGS. MRS. K. D. STUKENBROK. MRS. R. L. PROFFIT. MRS. J. W. NICHOLS.

Committee.

The report was spoken to by Mrs. W. L. Griggs, Mrs. Nichols and others and adopted.

The Association Director, Dr. W. L. Griggs, read the report on the

CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

We have a very happy name now for carrying on the work of the Kingdom of Christ in all the world. This name, "Our Cooperative Program." Regular Missionary Baptists throughout the 19

Southern Baptist Convention have agreed to co-operate together in giving the gospel to the whole world. We need to take the whole world on our heart, and then work to make our own churches as nearly as possible 100 per cent strong in giving of our means, regularly, systematically and individually, to help in carrying on this Co-operative Program. Each church in the Brushy Mountain Association is urged to take collections upon their meeting days and forward all moneys to the Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C., immediately and regularly. Our missionaries must be paid by the tenth of each month, and likewise all of our paid workers must be supported.

Your committee urges that the churches do all possible for the support of the pastors and that next year each church shall be able to report something done for each of the seven objects of our Co-operative Program. We only need to get together in spirit, prayer, interest and support of this Co-operative plan.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. GRIGGS, Associational Director.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. W. C. Meadows and was unanimously adopted by the Association:

Whereas the theory of evolution now being taught in our State University and other State schools and also in our own denominational college at Wake Forest, and

Whereas this doctrine has been a fruitful source of agnosticism, atheism and infidelity which are destroying faith in the Bible, the Christian religion and God,

Therefore be it resolved that with the light given to us by the Word of God and from Christian men with equal sources of knowledge with others, we declare this doctrine false and unsupported by facts. We do here and now express for it our unwavering condemnation and hereby appeal to the trustees of our College to see that it be eliminated from the teaching and instruction given in our Baptist colleges and schools which is contrary to the belief of 98 per cent of the Baptists of the State.

We also appeal to the Baptist State Convention to use its influence in carrying out this our earnest appeal, also that the Convention adopt and carry out the report on "Baptist Faith and Message," which was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis, Tenn., in 1925.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Walnut Grove Baptist Church was organized about the year 1845, through the work of Rev. R. L. Steel and J. G. Bryant, an arm from Little River Church in Alexander County, composed of John Jones, Harvey Meadows, James Price, Rosena Price and others as charter members, at the home of James Price.

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A log house was then erected on the present site which was used until 1879. In that year the house which the church now occupies was built.

The church now has 291 members. It has a good Sunday School with an enrollment of 101.

The pastors who served at various times were J. Gilson Bryant, Robert L. Steel, A. Gilreath, James Kerley, L. P. Gwaltney, J. P. Gwaltney, I. T. Prevette, C. C. Pool, R. W. Bradshaw, D. W. Pool, S. D. Barnes, T. E. Redman, J. G. Weatherman, E. V. Bumgarner, J. M. McAlpine and W. E. Linney.

W. C. MEADOWS.

The committee on Time, Place and Preachers report as follows:

Time-Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1926, at 11 A. M.

Place-Second Baptist Church in North Wilkesboro. To Preach Introductory Sermon-Dr. W. L. Griggs. Alternate-W. E. Linney.

The following resolution of thanks offered by Dr. J. L. Shinn was heartily and unanimously adopted:

Be it resolved, that we the messengers and visitors, do hereby express our appreciation to the membership of the Walnut Grove church and friends for the royal hospitality and magnificent entertainment extended to us during the sessions of this Association. May God's richest blessings rest on you.

> J. L. SHINN, F. B. HENDREN. W. G. LOWE,

> > Committee.

It was decided by a majority vote of the body that the next annual session of the Association begin on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August instead of Friday as heretofore. This was done in order to give the pastors a chance to attend the sessions of the Association.

The committee on devotional exercises decided that as the annual protracted meeting would begin at Walnut Grove on Sunday that the Association would adjourn on Saturday and not have any session on Sunday.

This closed one of the best and most harmonious sessions of the Brushy Mountain Association.

V. McGHINNIS, **Clerk-Treasurer**

W. L. GRIGGS. Moderator.

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