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### PROCEEDINGS FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7TH.

The Carolina Association met in regular session with Beulah Church, Thursday, August 7, 1924, at 10 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. E. E. Bomar. Churches and messengers were enrolled as follows:

Balfour: W. W. Bagwell, F. M. McCarson, W. S. Justice, B. W. Rains, M. A. Cagle.

Barnwell: Letter, but no messengers recorded.

Bat Cave: G. K. Dotson, J. P. Duvall, G. V. Freeman, Carrie Freeman, Gertrude Dotson.

Bear Wallow: F. G. Sinclair, T. M. Merrill, Robert Merrill.

Beulah: H. F. L. Drake, J. E. Blythe, S. A. Mace, W. J. Bryan, B. B. Blythe.

East Flat Rock: Rev. and Mrs. Jno. Coleman, J. J. Bryan.

Ebenezer: Obed Taylor, Vergil Smith, Mitchell Nix, Bradley Lowe, B. M. Shoup.

Etowah: G. W. Weese, W. R. Corn.

French Broad: E. L. Sinclair, A. G. Hefner, T. J. Nichols.

Friendship: Letter, but delegation did not attend.

Fruitland: W. A. Sinclair, J. R. Townsend, J. M. Garren, J. S. Jackson, A. P. Pittillo.

Green River: W. F. Pace, R. H. Levi, H. K. Pace. Hendersonville First: Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Bomar, Rev. A. I. Justice, W.

A. Garland, Geo. W. Justice, Marion L. Walker, Mrs. M. L. Walker, Mrs.

J. F. Brooks, W. H. Davis, Mrs. W. H. Davis.

Jones Gap: F. C. Justice, A. F. Finlay, Jerry Nelson, H. V. Justice. Liberty: W. E. Maxwell, Grace Maxwell.

Mills River: G. C. Field.

Mt. Gilead: G. W. Allen, J. L. Marlow, J. P. Robertson.

Mt. Moriah: J. B. Merrill, Wm. Dalton, Eli Williams, Miss Annie Pressley.

Mt. Zion: J. E. Cox, Rev. A. J. Nielsen.

Mud Creek: Mrs. Jno. Perry, J. B. Williams, R. S. Steadman, Mary Hamilton.

Pleasant Grove: J. C. Orr, W. H. Gray, Mrs. C. E. Blythe.

Pleasant Hill: J. C. Drake, W. B. Sinclair, Mrs. J. R. Wilks, N. A. Drake.

Refuge: E. C. Love, M. C. Huggins, Mrs. M. C. Huggins, B. P. Pace, Ben Justice, Mrs. L. V. Lyda, Harley Justice. Salem: E. E. Lance, W. J. Baldwin, L. P. Drake.

Saluda: P. H. Bailey, Helen Sue Bailey, Miss Bertha Arledge, Mrs. J. C. Thompson, Miss Georgia Singleton, Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Lunsford.

Shaws Creek: Mrs. Alice Pace, Mrs. E. G. Ross, Charley Erwin, Fulton Garren, Allen Erwin.

Tryon: A. L. Hill, R. S. Jackson, Rev. T. L. Justice, A. B. Butler, W. Y Wilkins.

Tuxedo: R. A. Erwin, Rev. A. B. Jones.

Valley Hill: Rev. W. A. Morris, M. B. Jackson, J. F. Staton, L. F. Kilpatrick.

The following churches were not represented: Berea, Broad River, Cedar Springs, Crab Creek, Cross Roads, Double Springs, Fork Creek, Holly Springs, Hooper's Creek, Horse Shoe, Laurel Springs, Locust Grove, Macedonia, Middle Fork, Mt. Olivet, Mountain Home, Mountain Page, Oak Grove, Zion Hill.

Officers of the Association were elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. N. Melton; Clerk, Rev. M. C. Lunsford; Assistant Clerk, Dr. E. E. Bomar; Treasurer, W. A. Garland; Historian, Rev. A. I. Justice: Auditor. W. B. Sinclair.

The body welcomed the following visitors: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rawls and Mrs. J. M. Green, Miami, Fla.; Dr. Chas. E. Maddry and Rev. A. C. Hamby, of the State Mission Board; Rev. J. W. Vesey, of the Baptist Messenger; Rev. R. A. Sentell, Haywood Association; Rev. T. J. Mullinax, Greenville, (S. C.) Association; Rev. T. Bright, Laurens Co. (Ga.) Association; Rev. J. C. Brewton, Mt. Vernon (Ga.) Association; Rev. S. A. Stroup. Green River Association.

A tentative program was read and adopted. After prayer by Dr. Chas. E. Maddry, the introductory sermon was delivered by Dr. T. L. Justice. Subject: "The Church and Its Mystery," from the text 1 Tim. 3: 14-16. Adjourned for dinner. Prayer by Rev. A. C. Hamby.

#### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

Reassembled at 1:30. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. R. A. Sentell, and Dr. E. E. Bomar led in prayer.

Reports on missions were called for. The report on Foreign Mission was read by Dr. E. E. Bomar, and the Report on State Missions by Rev. A. I. Justice. These reports were ably discussed by Dr. E. E. Bomar, Rev. A. I. Justice, Dr. Chas. E. Maddry, Rev. A. C. Hamby, and adopted.

The report on Home Missions was also called for, and was to have been presented by Rev. E. G. Ross. In the absence of Bro. Ross and the report. it was agreed by motion that Bro. Ross be asked to prepare a report. and to send same to the clerk.

The Moderator announced the following committees: On Nominations.

A. J. Nielsen, C. E. Blythe, G. W. Justice; On Digest of Letters, R. P. Corn. M. C. Lunsford.

Committee on Periodicals reported. Report was discussed by O. B. Kelly, J. W. Vesey, and adopted. motion P. H. Railey, J. U. Sell, Jao, T. WU

Adjourned to 8 p. m.

#### NIGHT SESSION

Came together by singing. Prayer by Rev. R. P. Corn. Splendid exercises were rendered by the B. Y. P. U. of East Flat Rock. The missionary whether a manufacture of the second s sermon was delivered by Rev. R. G. Mace.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH.

Assembled at 9:30 a. m. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. T. J. Mullinax.

The call for visitors was renewed, and the following recognized: F. B. Hambrick, of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage; Miss Edna Fisher and Mrs. M. F. Arledge, of Saluda.

On motion the committee on Nominations was asked to arrange for a missionary sermon at next session in addition to the introductory sermon.

The order of business for the day was read.

On motion report on Sunday-schools was called for. This report was to have been presented by Rev. J. B. Guice. In the absence of Bro. Guice and the report, it was moved and carried that he be asked to furnish report to the clerk. "Sunday-schools" was discussed by Mrs. J. F. Brooks, F. B. Hambrick and A. I. Justice. The question of placing a young woman in the territory of the Carolina Association for the development of S. S. and B. Y. P. U. work was considered. On motion of A. I. Justice it was agreed to refer the arrangement of this matter to the executive committee. On motion of A. I. Justice the body voted to ask all our Sunday-schools to make one offering each month for missions and one for orphanage.

The reports on Woman's Work were presented by Mrs. J. F. Brooks and Mrs. Jno. Perry. Reports were discussed by Mrs. J. F. Brooks, Mrs. Jno. Perry, Miss Martha Sullinger, Mrs. M. C. Lunsford, M. C. Lunsford, R. A. Sentell, Mrs. H. L. F. Drake, Mrs. J. W. Cantrell, and adopted.

The report on Christian Education was read. Report was discussed by J. J. Slattery, M. C. Lunsford, N. A. Melton, R. R. Ray, A. I. Justice, and adopted.

On motion the Association was asked to indorse the work of the Board of Trustees of Fruitland Institute in their efforts to raise \$75000 for the construction of new dormitories at Fruitland. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional services were led by the moderator, with prayer by Rev. A.

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Report on Orphanage was submitted by M. C. Lunsford. The report was discussed by M. C. Lunsford, F. B. Hambrick, E. E. Bomar, W. H. Whiteside, and adopted.

On motion P. H. Bailey, J. O. Bell, Jno. T. Wilkins and R. S. Steadman were appointed to get up a car load of fruit and vegetables this fall for the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage.

On motion the following resolution was read and adopted: "Referring to the letter of the President of the Board of Trustees of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage—dated June 24, 1924—resolved, That this Association desires to express its appreciation of the brotherly spirit of the letter, and the evident desire of the Board to establish a branch of the Orphanage in Western North Carolina. Resolved also, That a standing committee be appointed by this body to keep in touch with the Board, and to keep the idea before the people."

Committee appointed as per above resolution follows: Dr. E. E. Bomar, J. Foy Justice, E. E. Lance.

Report on state of the churches was submitted by Dr. E. E. Bomar. Report was discussed by R. P. Corn, and adopted.

Rev. A. I. Justice submitted a paper, "Historical Sketches of the Carolina Association." This valuable document was the work of years, and created intense interest. It was discussed by J. J. Ray, E. E. Bomar, A. I. Justice, and adopted. (See publication of this paper elsewhere in these minutes.)

Report on Relief of Aged Ministers was presented by W. A. Morris. The report was discussed by W. A. Morris, Dr. E. E. Bomar, and adopted. The report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

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An offering amounting to \$8.51 was taken for Rev. J. L. Brookshire. Bro. R. S. Steadman made a report on the work of the Brotherhood at Mud Creek church.

The moderator read a list of committees to prepare reports for the next session of this body.

A resolution of thanks was voted the good people of Beulah church and vicinity for their generous hospitality in the entertainment of this body.

Dr. E. E. Bomar read the report on Temperance. Report was discussed by M. C. Lunsford, and adopted.

On motion the clerk was given permission to shorten Associational reports as much as may be deemed advisable.

Committee on Nominations reported. Report was adopted.

On motion M. C. Lunsford was nominated to represent the Carolina Association at the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion of Dr. E. E. Bomar the clerk was instructed to print and dis-

tribute the usual number of minutes, and to receive \$25.00 for his services.

The body adjourned to time and place of next meeting. While singing "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand," the brethren clasped hands as they bid each other farewell. The closing prayer was offered by Bro. H. L. F. Drake.

### REPORTS

#### AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF

We are glad to see the great advance our Baptist hosts have made along all lines of the Master's work. A very encouraging feature is the awakened interest in the welfare of the men who have given their lives in the service of the Master. They have become old and worn through their tireless efforts to advance the Cause of Christ. It is therefore extremely important that we show them our unstinted gratitude for the untiring services they have rendered.

The past year the Southern Baptist Convention aided 1010 aged ministers, wives of ministers, or ministers' children. Of these, 564 were ministers, 346 were widows, and 100 were orphans. About 1200 are now receiving the benefits of our Relief and Annuity Board. Five of these are in the Carolina Association. While Virginia leads, North Carolina ranks second in the amount of financial aid given the Relief Fund. The Southern Baptist Convention has adopted a very fitting slogan for this special phase of the work: "Relief for every aged Baptist minister, and from every church a full share of the cost."

We forget so easily the worth of the minister to our lives. If we would keep this constantly in mind, it would not be difficult to meet every need in this great vital matter. We should not wait until the minister is dead to extol his virtues; we should do it NOW, while he is with us.

W. A. Morris, for the Committee.

#### BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

Realizing the great need of trained leaders in our church and Sundayschool work, and knowing that the B. Y. P. U. is the only training agency that our denomination has, your committee believes that greater stress should be laid on this department of our work.

Dr. J. M. Frost says of this organization: "The purpose of all B. Y. P.-U. work is to make each person useful in his own church, and to make his church a power for God in the community."

The great lack of interest in the Sunday-school—particularly in the rural churches—must be due, in large measure, to the failure of teachers and leaders. The B. Y. P. U., if given its proper place in the church, will meet this need to a great extent.

It is indeed gratifying to learn that a great number of our young people have been interested in B. Y. P. U. work the past year.

The goal of our state workers is the organization of at least one union a day throughout the entire year.

W. B. Sinclair, for the Committee.

#### **BROTHERHOOD AT MUD CREEK CHURCH**

The Brotherhood is doing a most excellent work in the church and community, and is carrying the Bible into the homes of our best citizens.

Number of members in Brotherhood	85
Number of meetings last year	
Number attending the meetings	
Number of new workers secured	
Number of homes in which meetings were held	50

R. S. Steadman, Pres.

#### John Perry, Sec.

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

There are many kinds of education. Each person may therefore select that particular kind which may contribute to his success in his chosen career.

To enumerate the various courses of training now offered would be out of the question; but, for our own consideration, we will divide the possible scholastic systems in which the individual may train into two—the Christian and the non-Christian. Let us consider Christian training.

Why do we need Christian education? Does it pay? Wherein does Christian education justify the cost when our state is offering education free?

Christian education is as different from education with Christ left out as the individual who knows Christ as his Savior is from the man who knows not Christ. The non-Christian institution, as a rule, puts the mark of the world upon the young people whom it sends out, and its symbol is the dollar mark; but the Christian institution seeks to put the stamp of Christ. Jesus upon the lives of those whom it trains.

Southern Baptists have many excellent institutions of learning. Among the South-wide institutions are our seminary and the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville, Ky.; our seminary and Training School at Fort Worth, Texas; our Bible Institute at New Orleans, and others. In North Carolina our state-wide institutions are Wake Forest and Meredith. In Western North Carolina we are building a very promising junior college at Mars Hill. It is no longer necessary, therefore, for our young people to cross the Blue Ridge to attend a standard Christian college of real worth for the first two years of their college life.

But we are better acquainted with Christian education as we see it exemplified in our own Fruitland Institute. Fruitland is the child of the Carolina Association, and the parent is proud of the child. Fruitland is building; she is growing, expanding; she is fitting herself to do the kind of work that will stand in time and eternity. The demands upon a high school are greater now than in former years. Hence our school must grow if it is to live. We can have no other choice in this matter. And yet the child cannot grow without the help of the parent.

The trustees of Fruitland have decided to go into an extensive building program, the first part of which is to be the erection of a girls' dormitory. It is hoped that a fine new building, capable of housing a hundred girls and their teachers, will be erected before the coming of cold weather.

Let this Association—the faithful mother—follow her child with prayer; let her support the child in all needed material things until the full joy of parenthood is fully realized.

J. J. Slattery, for the Committee.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

According to the report of the Foreign Mission Board, submitted to the Southern Baptist Convention which met in Atlanta last May, certain facts stand out and challenge our attention, our prayers and our sacrificial endeavors. First, the great expansion of our work. For years Southern Baptists conducted work only in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina. But since the inauguration of our great and blessed 75 Million program, work in all the old fields has been greatly enlarged, and our Board, in addition, has been led by Divine Providence to undertake work also in Spain, Jugoslavia, Czecho-slovakia, Hungary and Roumania. All these countries are in Europe.

On the continent of Asia three countries have been added—Siberia, Syria, and Palestine.

In South America Chili has been made a new mission center, and at the same time the preaching of the Gospel has spread into other sections. This greatly enlarged work has not been undertaken rashly. Rather God has forced it on us.

All this necessarily leads to another fact—the greatly enlarged need of men and means. The bigger the family, the greater the necessity for that which will keep its members going and growing. Hence our outlay for all Foreign Missions last year was \$2,158,981.61. Much of this had to be borrowed, and a debt is left over from last year of hundreds of thousands of dollars, because the income from all sources was not sufficient to meet all needed payments.

But God's great blessing has been on the work. The large contributions from the churches has resulted in more schools, hospitals, printing plants, etc., and in the conversion and baptism of 12,856 souls. Church membership has increased very rapidly on foreign fields. The simple, vital faith of Baptists is spreading throughout the whole world. The membership of Mission churches in foreign lands where our Board operates is nearly 112,000.

But God's blessings has outrun our support of His work. He is calling many to be foreign missionaries, and these are preparing themselves for the work. Some have already made ready to go, but cannot go because of the debt already made to support those on the field. There are 229 places which need new workers, and 95 splendid young men and women have been examined and approved; but they cannot be sent out because there is no money to send, equip and maintain them.

But it has developed that simply the payment of pledges due on the 75 Million Campaign will relieve this situation. What a challenge is this to our honor, our faith and our pride in the blessings God has bestowed upon us!

#### E. E. Bomar, for the Committee.

#### HOME MISSIONS

The clerk was unable to get a report submitted on Home Missions.

#### NOMINATIONS

Trustees of Fruitland Institute: One year—T. L. Durham. A. J. Nielsen, W. H. Whitesides, W. B. Sinclair, R. G. Anders. Two years—M. C. Huggins, J. R. Towsend, J. M. Garren, J. Foy Justice, J. W. Coleman. Three years—M. Pressley, A. I. Justice, E. E. Bomar, M. C. Lunsford, W. E. Maxwell.

Associational Board: (1) Executive Committee—N. A. Melton, Moderator; M. C. Lunsford, Clerk; T. L. Durham, E. E. Lance, E. G. Ross, Mrs. H. T. Justice, Mrs. John Perry. (2) Enlistment and Stewardship Committee—John W. Coleman, A. I. Justice, Hugh Morrison, Mrs. J. F. Brooks, J. Foy Justice. (3) Advisory Committee—Dr. W. H. Whitesides, M. Pressley, F. P. Garrett, W. B. Sinclair, S. S. Rozier, P. H. Bailey. (4) Director 75 Million Campaign—T. L. Justice.

Time and place of next meeting: Ebenezer church, Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1925.

Introductory Sermon: M. C. Lunsford.

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Missionary Sermon: John W. Coleman.

A. J. Nielsen, for the Committee.

#### OBITUARIES

Your committee finds that 29 of our number have passed to their eternal reward since the last meeting of this body.

While those who have passed from us, our neighbors, are missed greatly, few men have fallen from their post of duty in this generation who have left a greater work, or who will be missed more than our own beloved Dr. A. E. Brown. He was one of Christ's great embassadors in this world.

All these fellow pilgrims have gone ahead of us, but our loss is their great gain. They have entered into the rest that remains for the people of God.

R. S. Steadman, for the Committee.

#### ORPHANAGE

An orphan is a child whose parents are dead, and there are many thousands of them in North Carolina. We play the part of father and mother when we provide suitable food and clothing for the child's body, Christian training for its mental and moral development, and the preaching of the Gospel for the welfare of the soul. The difference between useful Christian citizenship and worthless men and women of the world may be determined by the difference in what we give and what we withhold.

But what are the two colossal needs of our orphanage to-day? Lack of money, lack of room. Some months as many as fifty applications are received. Most of these children have to be turned away for lack of room. If Baptists would give all the money needed so that every orphan in our great State could be cared for, the orphanage would soon become one of the greatest denominational assets our State could possible have. Baptists could supply these needs and not half try. But this lack of room can never be remedied without sufficient funds.

The expense bill at the orphanage for one day is more than \$350. The children go to school half the day and work the other half. The school is now on the high school accredited list. Shop work has been added this year. The students are thoroughly alive to B. Y. P. U. work, athletics and physical training. Good troups of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are also in healthy operation.

The farm is another of the extremely important assets of our orphanage. In addition to its many valuable products, the farm affords healthy training for many boys who will turn its lessons to valuable account in after years.

The following figures will give some idea of the size of our plant. We can vastly increase these numbers at will:

Number of children at the orphanage,	550
Number of children being helped by Mother's Aid,	312
Total number of children being aided by orphanage,	862
Number of mothers aided,	_ 74
Total number of mothers and children aided by ornhanage.	936

We strongly urge all our pastors and churches to see that Charity and Children is read in every Baptist home. We also recommend that our churches magnify Thanksgiving Day as an annual orphanage day, and that that each person give on that day an offering equal to one day's work or one day's income. Many country churches could best select a Sunday near-

#### est Thanksgiving Day for this special service.

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Let all our Sunday Schools and churches keep up the once-a-month offerings. Let us meet every need now, and in the years to come one of our greatest denominational assets will be realized.

M. C. Lunsford, for the Committee.

#### **RELIGIOUS LITERATURE**

The denominational paper has been a considerable factor in the maintenance and progress of the Kingdom. It keeps us informed about, and in touch with the work. No other agency could take its place. It behooves us therefore to make full use of the literature so easily accessible.

The Biblical Recorder ought to be in every Baptist home and be read by every member of the family. Whenever this is done, we shall have solved many of the perplexing questions as to "HOW?" in our organized work.

The Home and Foreign Fields is also a valuable source of information about our great mission work at home and abroad, and should have a wide circulation.

#### A. J. Nielsen, for the Committee.

#### **REPORTS FOR NEXT SESSION COMMITTEES FOR**

Foreign Missions: T. L. Durham; Home Missions, M. C. Lunsford; State Missions, A. I. Justice; Education, E. E. Bomar; Sunday Schools, J. J. Slattery; Periodicals, A. B. Jones; Temperance, J. B. Guice; State of Churches, W. H. Davis; Woman's Work, Mrs. J. F. Brooks; Ministerial Relief, C. E. Blythe; Obituaries, W. A. Morris; Orphanage, A. J. Nielsen; B. Y. P. U., Miss Annie Pressley.

#### STATE MISSIONS

Missions is fundamental to all our denominational activities. It has been nearly a century since the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was organized, and all through these years its Mission Board has been its agent to carry on its work.

While the object of State Missions in the beginning was, primarily, to give the Gospel to the people of our own state, it has reached forth its hands to regions beyond, and has been a mighty force in helping our Foreign Mission work. Christian education, Sunday-schools, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U., with all other departments of our general state work, are nothing more than departments of our State Mission enterprise.

With the development of our state along material lines, there comes heavier demands on our State Mission Board. Our state is fast becoming a manufacturing center; the rural communities are depopulating, and the people are moving into the towns. Every time a mill town is established it places another responsibility on our State Mission Board. The advancement being made by our state along educational lines increases the demand on our churches for trained workers. Hence, the need of efficient training departments, which must be constantly kept up and enlarged. Another of the crying needs of many of our churches is better equipped houses of worship. Hence, the importance of enlarging our church-building department. Our State Mission Board, through its department of evangelism, is endeavoring to rescue the lost of our state.

Your committee urges upon all our churches the need of enlarging this work, and pleads that we increase our contributions to it.

A. I. Justice, for the Committee.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The clerk was unable to get a report submitted on Sunday-schools.

#### STATE OF THE CHURCHES

Your committee is glad to report that there seems to be progress among many of our churches. Some are holding, or have held, successful training institutes for the Sunday-school and B. Y. P. U. Successful revivals have already been held in several churches, and others are planning to hold meetings soon. At Balfour a very successful revival has just been closed, with 29 conversions and renewals. At Jones Gap church a meeting closed with a number of confessions and a general awakening of the church. Also, a meeting has just closed at Pleasant Grove with a number of conversions. Saluda has had a glorious revival. 33 came for baptism, and 60 have united with that church during this Associational year. Tryon has also had a good meeting with 14 conversions. The First Church, Hendersonville, is going forward wonderfully under the leadership of Dr. E. E. Bomar. She now has over 700 members—a mighty host for God and His Kingdom.

For all these encouraging reports, we praise God; but we note with sadness that a few of our churches are still asleep to the great forward movements of Baptists, and are not keeping step.

We pray that they may catch the vision also. Let us pray that every church, and every member of every church, may catch the vision of a lost world that Christ died to save.

> R. P. CORN, For the Committee.

#### TEMPERANCE

We consider it the duty of Baptists to stand squarely for the principles for which they have always stood; namely, total abstinence for every Christian, and prohibition by the government of the sale of all alcoholic beverages. No true church countenances the bar-room, the dispensary, or the drinking of whiskey, brandy, wine, beer, or any other alcoholic beverage, by those who call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.

It is our particular duty, at the present time, to create and sustain

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a strong public opinion for the enforcement of national prohibition. Any law becomes worthless unless the people sustain it. There can be no such thing as a healthy public opinion when church members violate or wink at the law. The man who takes even one drink of bootleg liquor becomes, by that act, a violator of the spirit, if not the very letter of the prohibition law.

We rejoice that the sale of liquor has been outlawed, and we who represent our churches pledge our influence and our vote to the complete enforcement of the law, and to the complete triumph of temperance.

> S. F. HUNTLEY, For the Committee.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial report of W. A. Garland, Treasurer Carolina Association.

#### RECEIPTS

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\$213.79

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Printing	\$75.00
Remitted to Treasurer	
Durham	20.00
Clerk's Salary	20.00
Ministreial Aid	8.30
Incidental Expenses	_ 3.50
Balance in Bank, Oct. 1,	
1924	_ 86.99

#### \$213.79

The undersigned hereby certifies that he has audited the accounts of W. A. Garland, Treasurer, and finds the same to be correct.

(Signed)

#### S. S. ROZIER, Auditor.

#### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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The representatives of the churches of the Carolina Association met for the annual meeting of the W. M. U. with the Saluda church.

The attendance was the best yet recorded, and the spirit of the meeting was fine. Delegates from every society were present and made reports.

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Inspiring talks were made by Mrs. J. F. Brooks, who spoke on the fundamentals of the work, from Ps. 72:19, and Rev. and Mrs. W. V. Nix, returned missionaries from Japan, who told us of the need there.

Mrs. Lunsford gave some splendid demonstrative work of the Sunbeams and young people's work.

The meeting adjourned to meet with Tryon church.

Officers:—Superintendent, Mrs. J. F. Brooks; Asst. Supt. Mrs. Harley Justice; Secretary, Mrs. Clara Pace; Supt. Young People's Work, Mrs. M. C. Lunsford; Supt. Y. W. A., Mrs. Verna Ayres; Supt. of Mission Study, Mrs. Jno. Forest; Supt. of Personal Service, Mrs. Jno. Perry; Supt. of Stewardship, Mrs. L. V. Lyda.

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Delegate to Annual State Convention, Mrs. J. J. Headrick.	es d

Delegates Southern Baptist Convention, Mrs. G. W. Justice, Mrs. M. C. Lunsford.

Delegates Y. M. A. Camp, Ridgecrest, Miss Martha Sullinger, Mrs. Jno. Forest, Mrs. W. V. Nix.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. F. BROOKS

#### HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF THE CAROLINA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION By A. I. Justice, Historian

(Editorial note: In presenting "Historical Sketches of the Carolina Association," by Rev. A. I. Justice, I feel constrained to say that Bro. Justice has made a worthy and most valuable contribution to Baptist history—not only to North Carolina, but also to the denomination in general. He has spent many years gathering material for these sketches, much of which would have been lost without his ardent labors.

In these sketches we live again, as it were, with our brethren of generations past and gone.

His years of ripe experience; his fine intellect and close observation; his untiring zeal for research; all these have eminently fitted Rev. Justice for the writing of these sketches. Let us preserve them for the instruction of those who follow.—M. C. Lunsford.)

#### CHURCHES AND PREACHERS

From the best information obtainable, it seems that French Broad Church in Henderson County was the first Baptist church organized in North Carolina west of the Blue Ridge. This distinction, it has been claimed by some, belongs to Little Ivy Church in Madison County; but the most authentic records show that French Broad was organized in 1789, and Little Ivy not until 1796. French Broad was constituted in the same year that the Bethel Association of Spartanburg, S. C., and adjoining counties in N. C. was organized, and doubtless became a member of that body, for it is mentioned by the Historian Benedict as one of the 14 churches dismissed by letter from the Bethel Association to form the Broad River Association in 1800. The Broad River Association held its annual session with the French Broad Church in 1805. Within a few years four other churches in what is now Henderson County had been established, all of which are still living and active; namely, Mud Creek, Mountain Page, Beulah and Ebenezer.

It is not definitely known who was the first Baptist preacher to proclaim the Gospel west of the Blue Ridge. Thomas Justice and Joel Blackwell were both in the organization of the Broad River Association, and were pioneer preachers in the mountain section of North Carolina. No doubt they had much to do in establishing the early churches of this section.

#### ASSOCIATIONS

The first Association organized west of the Blue Ridge in this state was the French Broad, which was constituted in 1807, meeting for the purpose of organization with the French Broad Church. It was first composed of six churches, to wit: French Broad, Cane Creek, Caney River, Little Ivy, New Found, and Locust Old Field. The three first were dismissed from the Broad River Association, the others from the Holston Association in Tennessee. The ordained ministers were Thomas Snelson, Thomas Justice, Siom Blythe, Benjamin King, Humphrey Posey, and Stephen Morgan. These men were flaming evangelists, going everywhere proclaiming the gospel of Christ as God's only means of saving a lost world. None of them made any claim to scholarship, and some of them had only the bare rudiments of an English education; yet they were men of God, and went forth with a conviction that God had called them into the ministry. This conviction made them stalwart, and filled them with that burning zeal which accounts for the rapid progress made by Baptists in those early days.

There are now thirteen Associations in the territory first covered by the French Broad. The Salem Association dates from 1838. It was organized at Blake's Meeting House, now Salem Church. The territory covered by the Salem was South Buncombe and Henderson Counties. Hendderson, at that time, included all the territory in the State south of Buncombe. Nine churches had been dismissed from the French Broad for the purpose of going into the new organization, namely; Cane Creek, New Bethany, Crab Creek, Beulah, Ebenezer, French Broad, Mills River, Mt. Pleasant and Mud Creek.

Its ministers were Thomas Stradley, James Blythe, Bailey Bruce, Merritt Rickman, William Mince, R. Jordan, J. Cantrell, Jonathan King, and J. Evans. This Association, for many years, was the strongest and most aggressive of any in the west. It contained the churches of Asheville, Hendersonville and Brevard, together with nearly all of the most prominent country churches in the territory.

#### **DIVISIONS IN ASSOCIATIONS**

Even before the Salem Association was organized, the seed of disruption that was destined to produce a harvest of dissension, discord, and division that would require a generation to permanently heal, had been sown.

Back in the early days, the brethren were great sticklers for doctrine The questions of election and moral free agency were among those upon which there was great disagreement and much heated controversy—the parties on each side doubtless going to the extreme. In 1828, as a result of the strife engendered by these discussions, the French Broad Association split asunder, and a new association, called the Big Ivy, was organized. The leading spirits in these disturbances were Stephen Morgan and Garrett Deweese. They were both men of good character and wide influence, and each had his following. Many felt at the time that the division was unfortunate if not a calamity. Be it said however, to the credit of the brethren on both sides of this controversy, that after 20 years the two bodies came peacefully together, all their differences were amicably settled, the Big Ivy dissolved, and its twenty-five churches went back into the French Broad Association.

The Salem Association had also become involved in the French Broad and Big Ivy trouble. This resulted in its own division and the establishment of the Union Association. The trouble in the Salem came as follows: In 1844 the Salem called a convention for the purpose of agreeing upon terms of correspondence with the Big Ivy Association. At the session of 1845, the Salem and Big Ivy agreed upon an abstract under which the Big Ivy proposed union and correspondence. The Salem however, having agreed upon the basis of the proposed Union, deferred the action until some of her churches could have time to reconcile a few of their dissatisfied members. In the meantime, the leaven of peace and good will was working in the French Broad and Big Ivy Associations. In 1847 the Big Ivy offered correspondence to the French Broad, which was accepted in 1848. The union of these two Associations was effected in 1849.

Elder James Blythe, of the Salem Association, was deeply interested in the union of the French Broad and Big Ivy, and also in the friendly correspondence of the Salem and Big Ivy. He was then the pastor of Little River church in Transylvania County. About the close of the year 1847, or early in 1848, (the date is not definitely known). Elder C. W. Phillips, a minister of the Big Ivy Association, visited the Little River Church. The pastor, feeling that all the differences between the associations were virtually settled, invited Elder Philips to participate with him in administering the Lord's Supper. The breach of order, as he regarded it, very much offended a prominent member of the Little River church, and resulted in his exclusion from that church. This brother sought redress by asking Elder H. W. Patterson, and others, to assist him. These brethren met at Little River Church on Friday before the regular meeting on Saturday, March 25, 1848, and held certain proceedings in the absence of the church. The committee met again on Saturday, and proceeded to exclude the church, regarding the excluded brother as the real church. The Salem Association met with the Crab Creek Church the following August, and was strongly inclined to exclude from its councils these offending brethren. After a heated debate which lasted a whole day, and in which the gaints of that time were arrayed against each other in oratorical combat, the association accepted the report of the committee and ruled out the delegates from the Little River Church. As a result of this action, the delegates of this church and of seven other churches, led by Elder James Blythe, withdrew from the Salem Association. On the day following—August 14th—a preliminary meeting was held at the Baptist Church in Hendersonville, and a call for a convention which met at Boiling Springs Camp Ground, where they organized the Union Association Oct. 31st, 1848.

The Green River Association also became involved in this trouble, and as a result three of the churches of that Association were rent asunder. This division was brought about as follows: The Mt. Moriah Church in Henderson County was a member of the Union Association, and Elder Blythe was its Pastor. Elder T. B. Justice, of the Green River Association, was pastor of the Mountain Creek, Round Hill, and Cooper's Gap Churches of the Green River. Elders Justice and Blythe were great friends; consequently Elder Justice was in sympathy with Elder Blythe, and joined him in conducting a Communion Service at Mt. Moriah church,

This action on the part of their pastor brought about friction in the churches named above, and the matter was taken up by the Association.

For full particulars of this see "Historical Sketch of Mountain Creek Church" in minutes of Green River Association, 1882. This trouble culminated in the establishment of another church in the community of each of the churches being served by Pastor Justice. Leading brethren in the Salem, Green River, and Union Associations were anxious to have their differences settled, and to see a union effected; but owing to the bitter feeling that existed, it was hard to agree on terms that were satisfactory to all. A proposition was made by the Green River Association to refer the whole matter to a committee to be selected from the Tiger River and Broad River Associations, with the understanding that all would agree to abide by the recommendation of said committee. This was agreed to by all, and a strong and able committee was selected. The Committee was composed of John G. Landrum, chairman; Richard Furman, secretary; Drury Scruggs, Wade Hill, M. C. Barnett and William Walker. The committee met at Hendersonville April 4, 1857, and after hearing all the charges and complaints, recommended that the 14th article of the Constitution of the Union Association, which repudiated the doctrine of election, be expunged, that the Union and Salem Associations be united, and that the churches that had rent off in the Green River go back to the churches from which they had separated. This advice was carried out, and thus ended the strife that had existed for a generation.

Elders Justice and Blythe were leaders in propagating and inculcating the cause and spirit of missions among the churches with which they were connected.

The Transylvania Association was organized in 1863 at Little River church under the leadership of J. H. Duckworth. It was composed of churches in Henderson and Transylvania Counties which had come out of the Salem Association, but the cause which led to this division the writer has never been able to learn, not having been able to secure a minute of that Association. From an announcement in the "Cottage Visitor" of Sept. 14, 1871, we learn that the Transylvania Association met with Refuge Church in October of that year. From this we gather that Refuge was a member of that body.

The Carolina Association was organized at Double Springs Church in Henderson County Oct. 19, 1877. The organization included six churches taken from the Transylvania Association and located in the Green River section of Henderson County. The reason for this organization the writer does not know; but tradition says that it came as a result of disagreement among the preachers of the Transylvania Association.

In the minutes of the Western Baptist Convention, 1881, under the head of "Resolutions," we find the following resolution offered by Elder G. W. Brooks of the Salem Association: "Resolved, That this convention recommend to our Association that they consider the propriety of dissolving and organizing county Associations." In accord with this resolution conventions of the churches in each of the Counties (Buncombe, Henderson, and Transylvania) were held, and as a result County Associations were organized in each of the counties named. This, of course, resulted in the dissolution of the Salem Association which took place at old Hominy Church in Buncombe County in 1882, and also of the Transylvania Association in the same year.

The Henderson County Association was organized at old Salem Church Oct. 19, 1882, with eleven churches as follows: Hendersonville, Hooper's Creek, Salem, Refuge, Ebenezer, French Broad, Mud Creek, Pleasant Hill, Mills River, Boilston and Pleasant Grove. The ministers in this organization were D. B. Nelson, W. C. McCarthy, F. M. Jordon, G. S. Jones, T. Bright and Joesph E. Carter—all men of ability. This was a small but active association; yet it and the Carolina covered the same territory. For that reason, after about four years the Henderson County dissolved, and its Churches united with the Carolina; but, for lack of data, the writer is unable to give particulars. By the blending of these two associations, the Carolina became a strong body in number of churches, and also in membership; but she has never measured up to her ability in missionary activities. The Transylvania County Association was also organized in 1882.

#### THE WESTERN CONVENTION

When the Baptist State Convention was organized, the western part of the state was completely isolated, having neither railroads nor highways, and almost no means of communication. In 1844 the State Convention appointed a delegation of nine to meet with certain brethren of the west to confer with them about the best means of co-operating with the State Con-

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vention. Of the nine men appointed on this committee, only one. J. J. James, was able to meet with the brethren of the west. The result of this conference was the organization of the Western Baptist Convention. auxiliary to the State Convention. This organization was perfected in 1845 at Boiling Springs Camp Ground near Hendersonville. In 1857, at Berea church in Buncombe County, it resolved itself into an independent body. It has been stated that the Western Convention came into existence as the result of a protest against Missions. As evidence that this statement is untrue, and that the prime object of the Convention was to foster the cause of missions, I give the second article of the Constitution of that body which reads as follows: "The primary object of the convention shall be the distribution of the Bible among the destitute, the employment of Home Missionaries within her bounds: the sustaining of foreign, domestic and Indian Missions: also to educate poor young men called of God to the Ministry of the Gospel, who may be approved by their churches." At first the Western Convention claimed all the territory west of Salisbury. but not many of the Associations east of the Blue Ridge ever met with it: and these for only a short while. The only session of the convention ever held east of the Ridge was at Taylorsville. Alexander County, in 1848. After the close of the Civil War, the territory of the convention was limited to the associations west of the Ridge, except the Green River, which remained with the west for only a few years.

About 1894, the Mitchell County, Yancy County, and French Broad Associations withdrew from the Western Convention, and united with the State Convention. This left the western convention with only nine Associations, and some of these were very weak. In 1897 A. I. Justice moved from the Buncombe County Association to the Carolina and found that the Carolina brethren had decided to withdraw from the western convention that year and unite with the State Convention. He pleaded with the Association not to withdraw that year, but to propose to the convention to dissolve and all go to the State Convention in a body. Upon that suggestion the following resolution was passed by the Association: "Resolved that this Association recommend the dissolution of the Western North Carolina Convention and a consolidation with the State Convention." Rev. S. S. Gibson, and A. I. Justice, were appointed to bear the above resolution to the convention which met in Waynesville ten days later. The overture was presented to the convention which, after due deliberation, was submitted to the Associations to be voted on at their next session. The request was also made that no other association withdraw from the Convention until all the associations were heard from, and that if the report from the annual associations showed that a majority of them desired to unite with the State convention, the convention would dissolve and go in a body. The next meeting of the Western Convention was held in Hendersonville in 1898. It was learned that a large majority in most of the associations had voted

for dissolution with a view to co-operating again with the State Convention. While some of the brethren who had labored long and hard for the Western Convention, and whose attachments to it were strong, expressed deep regret and mortification at the action, the convention voted overwhelmingly to dissolve, and after a three days session the Western Baptist Convention adjourned sine die, without even having published the minutes of its closing session. Thus it will be seen that the Western N. C. Baptist Convention, after an existence of fifty-three years, closed its eventful life within two miles of where it was organized.

The State Convention met that year at Greenville, N. C. and W. M. Vines, of Asheville, W. E. Wilkins, of Clyde, T. Bright of Murphy, and A. I. Justice, of Hendersonville, went to the State Convention as representatives from the west. They were cordially and joyfully received, and the Baptist Hosts of N. C. became one again.

#### SCHOOLS

Our people have not been remiss in their duty to Christian Education. The Salem Association at the session of 1858 discussed the subject of establishing a female college at Hendersonville, and \$900.00 was subscribed toward the enterprise. The same year the proposition was submitted to the Western Baptist Convention, and it also resolved to establish a female college and locate it at Hendersonville. Trustees were appointed, and an agent was put into the field to raise funds. About \$10,000 were expended and a building of stone erected. The work was progressing well until it was stopped by the civil war. It was some years after the war closed before work on the building could be resumed. In 1874 it passed out of the hands of the convention and into the hands of a joint Stock Company, most of whom were Baptists. Through the agency of the Board of Directors appointed by the Stockholders, work was resumed on the building and carried to completion, and on the 27th day of January 1879, the Institution was opened for students, with Profs. W. A. G. Brown and W. G. B. Morris, as teachers. Its name had been changed from Western N. C. Female College to Judson College, and it was made co-educational. In September following the opening of the school, it was placed in the hands of Rev. W. A. Nelson, President. A faculty was organized and it started out upon its career as a full-fledged Baptist college. Under the guiding hand of such men as W. A. Nelson, W.C. McCarthy, R. H. Lewis, and J. B. Boone as Presidents it was the outstanding college of the western part of the State for thirteen years, and was a mighty uplift to the section of the state in which it was located; however, under the pressure of debt that could not be met, Judson College was sold March 7, 1892, under executtion by the Sheriff of Henderson County to satify judgments and interest that were against it.

This was a sad day for the men of the old Salem and Carolina Associa-

tions who had struggled so hard to build up this institution, but they would not surrender; for, in the minutes of the Carolina Association, 1893, just one year after the sale of Judson, we find the following recommendation made by the committe on Education: "As all our schools of academic grades are nonsectarian, we would advise this Association to establish, somewhere in its bounds, a Baptist Associational High School." This recommendation was adopted by the Association. Again, in the minutes of 1896 we find the following: "On motion a committee of five was appointed to make any and the best arrangements possible in regard to the establishment of a High School within the territory of this association. Committee: J. Williams, J. T. Staton, J. S. Rhodes, J. W. Freeman and W. J. Davis." It was two years before this committee made a report. In 1898 the conviction fell with tremendous weight upon one man in the Association that this school must be established. This man began to look around in search of a community that might want the school located in its midst. and that would pledge to give it financial support, sympathy and co-operation. Seven prominent men at Fruitland signed a petition, asking the committee to locate the school in their community, and pledging support and co-operation. The Committee recommended that the school be established at Fruitland, and the following committee was appointed to take the matter in charge: J. W. Freeman, L. P. Pitillo, Z. V. Brevard, J. Williams, J. S. Rhodes, W. T. Drake, J. T. Staton, P. T. Ward, Erwin Maxwell and R. M. Pryor. On motion the moderator, A. I. Justice, was added to this committee. The committee had no house, and not a dollar in money; yet it had been instructed to establish a High School.

The Committee said to A. I. Justice who had been made its Chairman, "if you will take the work in hand, have charge of the school and manage its finances—both for running and building expenses—we will authorize its establishment; otherwise we will not." This was a mighty task for a busy pastor, but his anxiety for the establishment of a school was such that he agreed to undertake it, and that without compensation. The public school house was secured, two teachers were employed, and the school was opened January 2, 1899. The only asset in hand with which to begin the work was faith in God; but this made us rich, and by the opening of the fall term of 1900 the first Administration building had been erected. The first dormitory for girls had also been planned, and was soon under way of construction.

At the opening of the fall term of 1899 W. F. Powell, a young man who had just graduated from Wake Forest College, was added to the faculty. After one year he was made principal. By this time the school was well established in the confidence of the people. It has been stated that the Baptist Home Mission Board established this school, but that is a mistake. It was established by the people of the Carolina Baptist Association two years before the department of mountain schools was established by the Home Mission Board. In 1901 Mountain Schools became a department of the work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Fruitland was incorporated in that system. The friends of the Institution owe a lasting debt of gratitude to the Home Mission Board for coming to the schools rescue on so many occasions when disaster seemed to be staring it in the face. Its acting principals have been W. F. Powell, D. W. Sorrell, T. H. Posey, H. H. McMillan, and N. A. Melton, the present incumbent, who has been at the helm as principal for 14 years. Miss Martha Sullinger became Lady Principal in 1902, and has held that position now for 22 years, except for two years that she was away at another mountain school. In February 1924, the Institution suffered a calamity in the loss of one of its buildings by fire-the old administration building which had been converted into an annex to the girls dormitory being burned. At a meeting held in March the Board of Trustees resolved to put on a program to raise \$75,000.00 for the purpose of erecting two new dormitories, one for boys, and one for girls. The building of the dormitory for girls is already in progress.

#### PERIODICALS

It was realized by the leaders in the early days that, if their program of advancement was to be carried out, they must have a medium of communication; consequently, in 1853, Elder James Blythe began the publication of "The Carolina Baptist." It was hard to make a paper live in those days, and after a few years it was suspended for a short while; but the publication was soon resumed with the assistance of Rev. N. Bowen to aid Elder Blythe.

The publication of "The Carolina Baptist" was again suspended, and in 1859 "The Baptist Telescope" took its place, with Prof. W. A. G. Brown as editor. Rev. N. Bowen began the publication of "The Cottage Visitor" in 1867. After "The Cottage Visitor," Bro. D. B. Nelson began the publication of "The Blue Ridge Baptist," and was succeeded as editor by Mr. T. J. Rickman. The publication of this paper was also suspended after a few years, and Rev. Joseph E. Carter began the publication of "The Western N. C. Baptist." All these papers up to this time, had been published at Hendersonville. Succeeding Bro. Carter, Mr. J. D. Boone. who was in the Newspaper business at Waynesville, took over "The Western N. C. Baptist," and continued its publication at Waynesville. About 1892 Rev. M. P. Matheny came to Asheville with the purpose of establishing a new paper, calling it "The Southern Baptist". Editor Boone felt that it would be unwise to attempt to run two papers, in this small territory, so he sold the Western N. C. Baptist to Mr. Matheny who continued its publication at Asheville for about two years, when Mr. Boone took back the old subscription list to "The Western N. C. Baptist," and continued is publication at Waynesville until the dissolution of "The Western Baptist Convention." Rev. Matheny proved to be a great disintigrator, and in the name of "Gospel Missions" did more in a few years to diffuse the spirit of anti-missions among us than any man ever did in a life time; and, to quite an extent, we are still reaping the fruit of that sowing.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL

It would be impossible to give sketches of all the worthy men who have had part in building up the Baptist cause in this section. One of the most outstanding among them all, perhaps, was Humphrey Posey. He was born in Henry County, Va., January 12, 1780, but when only five years of age was brought to Burke County, N. C., and remained there until he reached manhood. He came to Cane Creek, Buncombe County, when quite a young man. He was ordained to preach and called to the pastorate of the Cane Creek Church on the day it was organized—May 10, 1806. His activitives in this section were mainly with the French Broad Church near which some of his kindred settled. About the year 1820 he established a mission school for the Indians at Valley Town, Cherokee County. In 1824 he moved to Georgia where he spent the remainder of his life in the ministry. He died at the town of Newnan in that state December 28, 1846.

Elder James Blythe was born in the Crab Creek section of Henderson County November 27, 1808. He became a member of Beulah Baptist Church in early life, and was ordained to preach by that church soon after becoming a member. With the exception of two years that he lived in Georgia, he spent his entire life preaching the gospel in this and surrounding counties. He was a man greatly beloved by the people, a man of great fervor and wonderful pathos. Perhaps he did more real pioneer work in the way of establishing Baptist churches than any other man who ever labored in this section. He was one of the founders of Judson College, and was also the founder of several newspaper publications in this section of the state. The last years of his life were spent in the town of Saluda, and from his humble little home on the mountain side he was called to enter his reward on High, December 14, 1898, at the ripe old age of 90 years.

Rev. Nelson Bowen was a native of Tennessee. His mother was a Methodist, and he was educated at a Presbyterian College. With these two elements in his early training, it is not to be wondered that he became the uncompromising Baptist that he was. At 21 years of age, and while yet a student in Tusculum College, he was baptised into the fellowship of a country Baptist church in the mountains of Tennessee. He at once became an active worker in his church, but did not enter the ministry until 1854, when he was licensed to preach by the Church at Mossey Creek. About that time he met Rev. James Blythe who invited him to come to Hendersonville and assist in conducting "The Carolina Baptist." Early in the following spring he came, and on the 17th of the next August he was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry by the church at Hendersonville. From this time Bro. Bowen's life was devoted to the work of the ministry and Christian education. As a preacher and expounder of the Scriptures he was a tower of strength; but his genius and energies were not limited to the gospel ministry. Educational enterprizes found in him a ready advocate and an enthusiastic promoter. While scarcely more than a youth he made the speech that kindled into being Mossy Creek (Now Carson-Newman) College. Chiefly through his energies Judson College was established. About the time the college enterprise was launched he accepted an appointment from the Domestic and Indian Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, at a salary of \$900.00 to travel in South Carolina in the interest of that Board. On visiting his home the following spring, he found the college enterprise at a standstill, and its ultimate success in jeopardy. He resigned the appointment from the Mission Board and accepted the financial agency of the college at a salary of \$300.00—all the Board was able to pay at that time.

Rev. D. B. Nelson was also a native of Tennessee, born near Knoxville in 1831. He was converted and united with the church at about the age of thirteen.

Mr. Nelson was educated at Mossy Creek College (now Carson-Newman), and chose the law as his profession. But the call from God to preach the Gospel came to him, and all his plans were changed.

In 1864 Rev. Nelson moved to North Carolina, first settling in Haywood County. Here, in 1865 he was regularly ordained to the full work of the ministry by the Locust Old Field Baptist Church.

A few years after this Bro. Nelson located in Henderson County where he spent most of the remainder of his earthly life, throwing himself into all the activities of his denomination with all the energy of his soul. He was a man of spotless character, faithful as a pastor, and one of the strong influences in the establishment of Judson College. He was also editor of the Blue Ridge Baptist a number of years.

The last work in the ministry of this man of God was as pastor of the Biltmore Baptist Church. From this charge he returned to his home in Henderson County in 1894, broken in health. On the 28th of August, 1895, his noble soul went home to that Master Whom he loved so ardently and Whom he had served so well.

Rev. G. S. Jones, was an educated man and while not a pastor, (except for a very short while that he served the church at Hendersonville in that capacity), he was a Godly man, a wise counsellor whose advice and help was sought by his brethren, and always freely given.

Rev. G. W. Mace came from Mitchell County to Henderson County in early life, and while a man of limited education, he did a great work as pastor and evangelist.

There were others who were pioneers and into whose labors we have en-26 tered, and who deserve a more extended notice than we are able to give for lack of space in this connection. We mention, however, the names of William Mince, Robert Jordon, Merritt Rickman, Joseph Blythe, Bailey Bruce, J. B. Marsh, Joseph E. Carter, E. Allison, William Wilkie, and a number of others—good men and true—who have entered into their reward. Rev. J. L. Brookshire who has given more than forty years of his life to the gospel ministry, almost wholly in Henderson County, is still with us; but for the last few years, on account of physical disability he has been able to preach very little.

#### THE SEVENTY-FIVE MILLION CAMPAIGN

At the close of the world war Christianity was confronted with the greatest problem that has ever been laid at its door. Chaos seemed to cover the whole earth. It was seen and felt that the world's only hope was in the spread of the gospel of Christ. In 1919 The Southern Baptist Convention met in Atlanta, Ga. Four thousand representatives of Baptist Churches from all over the South were brought together in conference. This great world problem was staring them in the face, and after a day and night in prayer and meditation it was decided unanimously to put on the Seventy-Five Million Campaign for the purpose of enlarging the work of evangelization both at home and abroad. The program for raising this enormous fund by subscription was laid out. The Carolina Association was asked to raise its allotment. Dr. E. E. Bomar, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Hendersonville, was made Associational Director. He organized the churches as far as it could be done; but even at the beginning opposition was met with, and a large number of the churches refused to make subscriptions, although the Director had perfected a tentative organization in almost every church.

Immediately after the campaign was launched, it was found out that a current of opposition and prejudice was permeating many of our churches; and, sad as it may seem, in most instances this opposition was either led or countenanced by the pastors. The greatest need of our inactive churches is efficient, aggressive and sincere leadership instead of the poison of retrogression, and opposition to the Master's Cause.

# Ordained Ministers

NAME	ADDRESS	WORK
W. M. Blackwell	Hendersonville	adoute no come best test
Carl Blythe	Henderschville	Pastor
E. E. Bomar, D. D	Hendersonville	
J. L. Brookshire	Hendersonville	
J. Perry Carter	Hendersonville	
M. P. Case	Flat Rock	_ Pastor
Jno. W. Coleman		_ Pastor
J. P. Corn		Pastor
R. P. Corn		
A. N. Corpening	Hendersonville	
W. H. Davis	Hendersonville	Supply
R. M. Gilbert		
J. R. Grant	Fairview	- Pastor
J. J. Gray	Etowah	
J. B. Guice		
J. S. Holbert		Supply
A. T. Howard		
David Huntley		
F. J. Huntley		
S. F. Huntley		
A. B. Jones		Pastor
J. G. Jones	Hendersonville	
J. T. Jones	Hendersonville	
A. I. Justice		
T. L. Justice, D. D.	Landrum, S. C., R. 3	
Ion Kuykendall M. C. Lunsford	Saluda	- Pastor
H. H. Mace	Dasley, S. C	
R. R. Mahaffey		- Pastor
J. A. Mason		
S. B. McCall	Hendersonville	
J. I. McCarson	Hendersonville	
N. A. Melton		Pastor
E. J. Morgan		
W. A. Morris	Hendersonville	
A. J. Nielsen		- Pastor
W. G. Pace		
A. V. Reese	TT 1 •11	Evangelist
B. N. Rodgers	01 1	- Pastor
Ernest G. Ross	Hendersonville	
J. F. Scott		
J. H. Sexton		
R. L. Smith	Hendersonville	
B. M. Taylor		
A. O. Vaughn	Fletcher	Pastor
J. W. Walker	East Flat Rock	
J. O. Wall	Gerton	
James Wolfe	Fletcher	

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PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE

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## Table 1, Statistical

						A		GA	INS		LO	SSES	hip
K AND	POSTOFFICE	TREASURER AN	D POSTOFFICE	When Constituted	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Value of Pastor's Home	By Baptism	By Letter By Statement	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion By Death	Total Membership
	Hendersonville			1908		1500		9 -	_2		5	_3	77
vell		Mrs. P. S. Moore Mrs. D. T. Freeman	Edneyville	$\frac{1882}{1892}$	$ _{3}$	$   \begin{array}{r}     1000 \\     2500   \end{array} $			_2				121
	Gerton	G. S. Wall	Gerton	1868	-105	2500		11-		-11	9	2	48
he		J. E. Blythe		1815				7 _	_4		8	3	265
	E. Flat Rock			191			0	4 _	12		_14	]_1	217
son	Hendersonville				1&3	2000].			.2		_1[_	1	202
na	Horse Shoe Hendersonville		Horse Shoe	$1917 \\ 1792$		2500					1		46
bson	Saluda	E. L. Sinciair	Fletcher	1154	1 2				4		9	1 4	162
0	Hendersonville	J. M. Garren	Hendersonville	1875	_2&4	800		_15	25		38	1	226
	Zirconia	W. F. Pace	Zirconia	1875	-2&4	300		6_			6	2	92
	Hendersonville	J. C. Morrow	Hendersonville	1842	2	500							29
×	Hendersonville	N. G. Clayton	Hendersonville	1842 1913		34000		-23	46 _ 3	3 -1	_31	-5 -2	714
¢s	Edneyville	Grace Maxwell	Hendersonville	1848	2024	500	ī	11-	1	- -1		-2	$  107 \\ 29$
		Louise Underwood J. L. Marlow	Horse Shoe		_1&3		!	1 41		11-	2		1 73
l'son	Edneyville	W. F. Hill	Edneyville	1883	-1&3	2000	2000				3	3	
	Fletcher		Luncy vine	1000					2	1	7	_3 _2	120
lton	Hendersonville	J. B. Williams	Hendersonville	1900 1804		600 6000					2	-= -=	18
1	Penrose	Richard Hamilton	Penrose	1804	2&4 -2&4			6		3	'	_5 _5	207
	Hendersonville			1847								-1 -3	125
		L. V. Lyda	E. Flat Rock	1838		2000		23	2	1 4	-7	5	379
e	Fletcher Saluda	E. E. Lance	Fletcher Saluda	1838					2		2		113
	Hendersonville	Julia S. Rymer	Hendersonville	187			0 450	0_33	_30		3		185
		B. L. Ballenger	Tryon	1832 1891				2	$\frac{-2}{10}$			-1	107
	Tuxedo	J. O. Bell	Tuxedo	1912			4100	4	2	L	3		84
Call	Hendersonville	W. H. Bowen	Henderschville	1908					2		6		140
	and the second second		Totals		8	9450	7200	147	163	8 7	186	17 44	4017
		ALL DE LE								1.1			

# Table 2, Financial

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Expenses	Local Poor	Minute Fund, etc.	Other Objects	HOME TOTAL	75-Million (Undesig- nated)	Foreign Missions	Home Mssions	State and Associa- tional Missions	Christian Education	Orphanage	Hospitals	Ministerial Relief	Other Benevolences	DENOMI- NATIONAL TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
Balfour	005 15			15.00					13.00												
Barnwell	-265.17	A CONTRACTOR		-15.00	33.00			1.75 -		350.79						9.95				9.95	360.74
Barnwell	_175.00					-13.10 -29.47		2.00		102.10		-15.00	-			5.00				18.00	120.10
Bear Wallow						29.47		1.00		242.47	10.00					61.14				71.14	313.61
Beulah	116.89		!	270.90	)	$ _{-32.00} $		60		562.06	22.50	-17.50				16.60				56.60 50.85	618.66
E. Flat Rock	_720.00				256 66	157 57	_428.75	).		-428.69 -1562.98	22.85	[				28.00				156.80	
Ebenezer				1 54		-101.01	23.61			-1562.98 -446.90	_156.80										
Etowah	-45.56			1 11.01		15.76	20.01	2 001	63 19	-126.74	0 50	9.00				14.50				18.00	464.90
French Broad	_146.00	a second				20.50		2.001	-00.44	-120.74 -168.50	9.50					14:50				149.00	317 50
Friendship	300[.			15.00		20.00		3.75	The second	338 75	22 00		and and a state	ALC: NO							
Fruitland	_462.07		-53.14	_	39.00	56.07	25.00	-5.00	21.10	661.38	113.00				70 00	186.83					
Green River	_125.00		_25.00 _	_20.00	3.00	3.51		2 001	20 00	198 31	Contraction of the	30 00	30 00	25 00	25.00	22.00				_132.00	
		646.00	1	362.99	-747.04	_145.22	_158.85	160.32 1	127.07	_7947.49	3320.42	-00.00	-00.00	-0.00	_20.00	_567.42			183.50	4071.34	12018.85
Jones Gap	_212.02].		-51.43			59.00	I	2.55		325.00						40.00				40.00	365.00
Liberty	32.20		-	5.50		10.22		1.00 _		48.92	A CALLER A	1. 2. 1. 1. 1.	and the second second		6.00	17.50				13.50	62.42
Mills River	_200.00		-		20.00	25.00				245.00	55.00					100.00				_155.00	400.00
Mt. Gilead	60.00						_200.00			260.00		Passing and			and the second	4.60				4.60]	
Mt. Moriah	_112.54				3.00	50.00	6.00	65 .	35.00	206.54	64.95		[		_17.00	34.00				_115.95	
Mt. Zion						13.42		1.00 .		14.42		3.25	3.25.	24-		7.55		3.25		22.30	36.72 _1561.22
Mud Creek	_718.45].		-70.90		$ _{-159.49}$	_100.66	12.25	_10.00 _	19.00	14.42  -1090.75 173.60	$_{-224.53}$			4	_20.00	78.49	_5.00	58.50	_83.95	_470.47	$_{-1561.22}$
Pleasant Grove							!	4.00							1000 001 N 15 15 16	52.40				52.40	
Pleasant Hill	89.25		_88.00			22.00				$ _{-111.25}$ $ _{-540.42}$				-+		27.73				27.73	138.98
Refuge	125.00		_88.00 _	-+	15.00	47.43	57.90	5.78 -		540.42	32.00	$ _{-11.80}$	_13.50	4	+	27.63	3		_5.00_	_89.93 _	
Salem	125.00.				100.00				E	125.00										10.00	
Shaws Creek			28.00	000.00	-100.00	_240.00	50.00	_10.00	074.24	-125.00  -3474.24	_370.67	14.25	315.50	+	_10.00					_700.42	_4174.66
Tryon	1500.00		- 40.00	and the state of the state	0	24.80	42.0h	5.00 5.00	-9.00	-470.15	50.90					and the second				50.90	521.45
Tuxedo	1000.00		- 50.00 1	100.00	$ _{200.00}$	-135.73	-200.00	5.00	+		500.00			1						-500.00 -25.00	-4070.73 -425.00
Valley Hill	292.76		1 1	9.05	200.00	46 46	4 65	1 40	0 20	$ _{}400.00$ $ _{}383.60$	500.00			1		26.79	25 00		_29.75		
				054.04	1796 95	1995 05	1050.07	1.401	070 70	383.60						20.79	25.00		-29.15		
Totals 11	1333.030	40.00 4	+40.41 50	554.04	1120.25	1335.25	1259.07	245.40 1	018.13	24576.85	5077.12	188.80	371.25	25.00	162.00	1371.08	30.00	61:70	305.20	7492.25	35174.16

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# Table 3, Sunday Schools

					ENRO	DLLMEN		SCHO	DOL	MISCELLANEOUS					DUS	
CHURCH	SUPERINTE POSTO		SECRETARY A	ND POSTOFFICE	Officers and Teachers Beginners	o to o Primary 6 to 8	Junior 9 to 12 Intermediate 13 to 15	Senior and Adult 17 and up	Home Department	TOTAL	Cradle Roll Is School Graded?	ls School Standard? How Many Normal	Upplomast Baptisms from School	Contributions for Home Expenses	Contri- butions for Orphanage, Missions, etc.	TOTAL CONTRI- BUTIONS
	J. C. Hill	Hendersonville		Hendersonville	5	_  _	1			_87	r	0 no				
Barnwell	J. F. Barnwell		Theo. Barnwell		7]	_ 12_	_9 _2	6		_47	_r	10 no	3		18.00	
Bat Cave	D. T. Freeman		Mrs. D. T. Freeman		-					47				41.51		_102.65
Bear Wallow	G. S. Wall	Gerton	Ruth Merrell	Gerton	-  7 _1	0	12				-T	10 no		13.24		20.09
Beulah	H. F. Drake	Hendersonville .	Coy Blythe	Hendersonville	1		19 _20	3 _15		119			1 -7		25.60	
Ebenezer	Benjamin Marow J. P. McKenna	Hendersonville .						2 - 22	12 _	115 _65				-26.09 -15.76		75.16
Etowah French Broad		Etowah Fletcher	Jerald Weese A. G. Hefner	Etowah Hendersonville		2   -12   - 0   -8   -8   -8   -8   -8   -8   -		7 - 12			-I	10 no		15.76		10.70
Friendship	Mose Bradley	Saluda	Miss E. Thompson	Saluda		0 - 8 - 5 - 10	-0			-52		0 no				
Fruitland	J. R. Townsend		Miss A. Whitaker _	Hendersonville		2   12   2		5 250		337		o no _3	2		_165.83	
Green River			L. C. Nix	Zirconia		2 10	7	18		_55		0 no		3.51	65	4 16
Hendersonville 1st	M. L. Walker		H. L. Granger	Hendersonville		7 40 1	15 8	5156			Contraction of the second s	$s  no _1$		420.64	477.44	898.08
	N. G. Clayton	Hendersonville	A. F. Finlay	Hendersonville		15	1			_54					10.00	
Liberty	W. E. Maxwell		E. Maxwell	Hendersonville		79 _	_8	10		_40	r	0 no	2	10.22		10.22
Mills River	J. T. Davenport	Horse Shoe	E. Brittain	Horse Shoe	6		15	-15		_36	r	0 no	6_4.	38.40		51.45
Mt. Gilead	G. W. Allen		Lillian Marlow	Fletcher	5 _1	0 4 -	15 _1	5 _20		133				14.00		14.00
Mt. Moriah	W. W. Marshill		E. Ledbetter	Edneyville	.  7					182	r	0 no	4		10.00	10.00
	Mrs. A. J. Neilen		J. E. Cox	Fletcher	4	3 5 _	_7]4	4_10		-32		-	1	13.43		13.43
Mud Creek		Hendersonville	Miss L. Perry	Hendersonville			43 _49			191		sno		96.82	44.33	_141.15
Pleasant Grove		Penrose	R. Hamilton	Penrose	.  6		12 _18			-54	ye	s no	-  -	15.00		15.00
Pleasant Hill	W. B. Sinclair	Hendersonville -	Mary M. Drake	Hendersonville		0 -10 -				-80					F9.09	
Refuge Salem	L. V. Lyda W. J. Baldwin	E. Flat Rock _ Fletcher	Miss Marie Case Mae Davis	Hendersonville Fletcher	9	8 22 -	28 -18			125	-I	0 n0	4	35.86	53.03	88.89
Saluda	W. H. Pace	Saluda	Woodruff Pace	Saluda	4 -2	0 _ 30 _	22	2 - 20 0 144		-66	10		01201	120.00	0 50	_129.50
Shaws Creek	E. J. Anders		G. F. Gallamore _	Hendersonville	11 - 2	0_30_	30 - 30	1 44		500	-10 ye		1			20.00
Tryon	R. S. Jackson		Dewey Owens	Tryon		0 15	25 2	115	10	120	_15 _r	ono	- 4	54.94		_135,73
Tuxedo	R. B. Huggins	Tuxedo	D. G. Wilkie	Tuxedo	_10					150		0 no		150.00		_150.00
Valley Hill	W. A. Drake	Hendersonville	J. C. Wilkie	Hendersonville	. 1_11_2	1_19_	_9 _18	8 _ 30		118				89.36	26.76	. 116.12
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		and the second se				21.152				-		1	1		1-001.00	- 100.01

# Table 4, Woman's Missionary Union

CHURCH	NAME OF ORGANIZATION	PRESIDENT AND POSTOFFICE	Number of Members	75-Million (All objects)	Other Benevolences	TOTAL CONTRI- BUTIONS	Enr. Miss. Study
Beulah Fruiltand	Beulah W. M. S.	Mrs. H. L. F. Drake - Hendersonvill				17. 70	
	Fruitland W. M. S Green River W. M. S	Mrs. J. M. Garren _ Hendersonvill Mrs. W. V. Nix Zirconia	$e 1 \frac{18}{10}$	52.30			
		Mrs Arthur Green Hendersonvill		43 30		60.55	
Rufuge	Refuge W. M. S.	Mrs. H. T. Justice Hendersonvill				_186.00	
Saluda	Saluda W. M. S	Mrs. M. C. Lunsford _ Saluda		_195. 50	_100. 00	_295. 50	) 25
Tryon	Tryon W. M. S.	Mrs. T. L. Justice Tryon	15				-
Hendersonville 1st	Hendersonville W. M. S.	Mrs. E. E. Bomar Hendersonvil	All and a second				-
The second s		Totals	244	\$389.10	\$205.4	5 \$632.05	5 32

# Table 5, Baptist Young Peoples Union

CHURCH	PRESIDENTS AND PO	23	No. Unions No. Members A-1 Unions No. in Study Course No. of Bible Readers	
Balfour (Intermediate)	Miss Ethel Justice	Henderson	ville	_1 _25 _ _15 _15
Barnwell (Senior)	Miss Daisey Barnwell	Edneyville	e	$\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $
Bear Wallow (Senior)	Mrs. Sue Oats	Gerton		
Beulah (Senior)	Miss Emma Revis	Henderson	ville	_1 _4417 _17
Fruitland (Senior)	Lowery Drake Annie Whitaker	Henderson	ville	21502150150
Fruitland (Intermediate)	Glenn Starnes	Henderson	ville	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Hendersonville 1st (Senior)		CONTRACTOR OF	all and the	_1 _30 _  _10
Hendersonville 1st (Intermediate) _				_1 _50 _  _12
Hendersonville 1st (Junior)				-1-5020
Mt. Gilead (Senior)	Edgar Lance	Fletcher		$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & -20 \\ -1 & -20 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ -15 & -20 \end{vmatrix}$
Mt. Moriah (Senior)	Elva Pressley	Ednevvill		_1_201_15_20
Mud Creek (Senior	Homer Edney	Henderso	ville	
Refuge (Senior)	Miss Marie Čase	Henderso	ville	_1_2929
	Miss Della Garren			-1 -36 -  -15
Saluda (Senior)	R. B. Staton	Saluda -		-1 -30 - 6 -30
	D. G. Wilkie			-1-35
			otals	18 649 4 284 439

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