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The next session of the Association will be held with Pleasant Home Baptist Church, nine miles northwest of Wilkesboro, N. C., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1913. Introductory sermon to be preached by R. P. Blevins, Wilkesboro, N. C. Alternate, J. W. Burchett, Knottsville, N. C.

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Proceedings of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

Moravian Falls, N.C. August 22, 1912.

The Brushy Mountain Association met in its Thirty-ninth Annual session with the Mount Carmal Baptist Church, after singing by the choir and prayer by W. R. Bradshaw, R. P. Blevins preached the introductory sermon, Text: Rev. 19:12, And on His head were many crowns,

THURSDAY---AFTERNOON SESSION

In absence of the moderator, W. C. Meadows on motion of M. McNeil was made moderator pro tem, R. P. Blevins, clerk.

The roll of churches being called, the following were represented: Edgewood, Harmony, Mt. Carmal, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Zion, First North Wilkesboro, Walnut Grove, Wilkesboro, and Zion Hill.

The moderator announced the following committees; order of business. J. W. Burchett, W. R. Bradshaw, M. McNeil, Digest of Letters, M. McNeil, A. G. Hendren, and W. A. Brown.

The committee on Order of Business made the following report: Thursday Afternoon: Recorder, Temperance, Relation of pastor and church.

FRIDAY

9:20 a. m. Devotional Exercises.
 10:00 a. m. Home Missions.
 10:30 a. m. Laymen's Movement.
 11:30 a. m. Sermon.
 12:00 m. Ajournment.
 1:00 p. m. Orphanage.
 2:00 p. m. Condition of Churches.
 3:00 p. m. Baptist Ministers Relief.

SATURDAY.

- 9:30 a. m. Devotional Exercises.
- 10:00 a. m. State Missions.
- 11:00 a. m. Sermon.
- 12:00 m. Adjournment.
- 1:00 p. m. Foreign Missions.
- 2:00 p. m. Ministerial Education.
- 2:30 p. m. Treasurer's Report.
- 3:30 p. m. Obituaries, Miscellaneous and Resolutions.

The following report was read on the Recorder by J. M. Dunaway:

We may have intelligent men and women who do not read the Recorder, but we cannot have intelligent Baptist in North Carolina if they do not take and read it. It is the organ of the Baptist of North Carolina; it is managed by business men and edited by an able and orthodox baptist. The paper is sound in the faith and helpful in many ways.

W. R. BEACH,
L. V. CARDWELL,
J. M. DUNAWAY,
Committee.

After an address by W. R. Beach, and remarks by L. V. Cardwell, J. M. Dunaway, L. P. Hobgood, report was adopted.

The report on temperance was read by J. W. Burchett.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

Far too many of our people are under the impression that when we won the great Prohibition fight a few years ago we had finished our work for Temperance, this is a great mistake, we have not settled the question of Temperance by any means, we are in our infancy, our people are in their infancy on this great question.

Our work of education and of agitation must be kept up, we have but small hope of saving the drunkards of this generation, our work is to save the boys of this generation, and if this is done there will be no drunkards in next generation.

We must see to it that the men who aspire to represent us in the Legislature stand four square on the Prohibition law. We

have a right to demand that our law makers, as well as the men who are charged with the enforcement of the law, stand for temperance.

J. W. BURCHETT
M. McNEILL
Committee.

On motion to adopt report it was discussed by J. W. Burchett, J. M. Dunaway, M. McNeil, S. E. Absher and adopted.

Delegates of Mt. Carmel Church were appointed as a committee on devotional exercise.

The report on Relation of Pastor and Church was made by J. M. Dunaway and C. F. Fields and adopted.

The following visitors were recognized and welcomed: B. P. Hobgood, President Oxford College; W. R. Bradshaw, representing State Mission; W. R. Beach, Recorder; C. F. Fields and B. W. Walker.

Adjourned with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

At 9:30 the delegates re-assembled and devotional exercises were conducted by J. W. Burchett.

The association was called to order by the moderator, and after prayer by W. R. Beach, minutes for the proceeding day were read and approved.

To roll call the following churches responded: New Hope, Pilgrim, Lewis Fork, Moravian Falls.

The report on Home Mission was read by R. P. Blevins, and supplemented by J. W. Burchett, as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

When we have the ability to give and the unsaved have the disposition to receive the gospel, destitution means opportunity. This condition exists in relation of the Southern Baptist to almost the entire territory occupied by the Southern Convention under the direction of the Home Mission Board.

In this territory Baptist may gather golden harvest if they will thrust in the sickle and if they reap the present harvest they will gain permanent proprietorship over this goodly land. Let

us try to get some better idea of the magnificence of our opportunity by a survey of some things in which it consist. It is to be hoped that the great prospect will induce us to undertake still greater things and go over and possess the land which is our rightful heritage. It is our opportunity to win a vast empire, it is our opportunity to acquire great wealth, to win a great people and to take the centres of great influence and lay them down as trophies at the feet of our Lord. While there have been many lost opportunities, the work of missions on home fields has been most gratifying.

We say in all humility that the south is soon to become the centre from which the gospel is to be spread through out the world. If, as it has been said, America must be saved for the world's sake, she must be saved for her own sake.

There are millions of souls in the southern states yet unsaved and in addition to these there are annually pouring into our bounds thousands of souls from other countries who have not heard the gospel. In no period of our history have southern Baptists been confronted with such opportunities and responsibilities. We must evangelize the thousands who are coming to us from other lands or they will heathenize us.

The record in gifts to home missions has far surpassed any year in our history, and yet there is great need of increased means by which to answer the Macedonian cry coming from many important places, "Come over and help us"

This report cannot tell of all that is being done. The work of our Mountain schools appeals mightly to us, and in that department a work is being done which cannot be told, neither in figures or in letters.

The work being done in Cuba by the Home Board is worthy of special mention. That island is divided between the Northern and the Southern Baptist, the Northern occupying the Eastern and the Southern occupying the Western end of the island. In the four provinces of our territory we have workers. The city of Havana is the centre point of our work.

It is childish to ask when will the need of the Home Mission Board cease. So long as the South offers such opportunities as she is offering today, you may expect the foreigner to come, and they are coming unevangelized. We must meet them with the gospel in its purity as we hold it.

Let the pastors keep their people informed and keep before them the needs and the opportunities of this board.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. BLEVINS

J. M. KESTER

W. R. BRADSHAW

Committee.

SUPPLEMENT

Our Board is leading Southern Baptist in a worthy way in the great and fundamental work of saving the South. Your committee warmly commends it and its work to the prayers and enthusiastic and liberal support of the churches in our Association.

We recommend:

1. That clubs of subscribers be raised in every church for The Home Field, the splendid monthly of the Board. 35c, single copies, or 25c in clubs of five or more.

2. That pastors and workers secure and read the Board's instructive new book, "The Home Mission Task." Price 50c in cloth, 10c extra for postage; 35c in paper, 7c extra for postage.

3. That large use be made of the varied and helpful tracts of the Board, which are mailed free on application.

4. That this Association provide for apportioning among its churches the amount we are asked to raise for Home Missions this year.

5. That all of our pastors be requested to preach upon this great cause at least once during the year. The Board will gladly furnish material for special study of pastors on request.

The address of the Home Mission Board is 1002 Third National Bank Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. Requests for the magazine, tracts, the book other printed matter, should be addressed to the Publicity Department.

The report was discussed by R. P. Blevins, J. M. Kester, J. M. Dunaway, C. F. Fields and adopted.

On motion C. C. Wright was made permanent moderator.

On motion by J. M. Dunaway, the sermon was done away with in order that the Laymen's Movement might be discussed.

On motion the Laymen's Movement was discussed in connection with Home Mission. Prof. L. P. Hobgood read the report

and it was discussed by W. R. Bradshaw, C. F. Fields, J. M. Dunaway. Both Home Mission and Laymen's Movement reports were adopted and pledges taken.

The report on Laymen's Movement was as follows:

This is what the name signifies, an organized effort in all evangelical denominations of Christians throughout the world to arouse a deeper interest in the evangelization of the world; to carry out the commission of our Lord, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.'

It is a concerted, not a session movement. Each denomination is working through its own agencies. Our own convention has a supervision of this movement in North Carolina. At its last session in Winston it appointed a committee of three for the whole state, and a committee of three in every association. These associational committees are expected to arrange for missionary rallies in their respective churches, to provide speakers, generally of their own members, and in every way possible to push the work.

The movement seeks to obtain a contribution from every member of the church, the more able are expected to give more, those not now giving being expected to give, all according to their ability, which is the measure of duty as given by our Lord. To this end we recommend the appointment in every church of an active missionary committee, whose duty it shall be to secure a contribution, if possible, from every member of the church.

The financial report of the Woman's Missionary Union was read by M. McNeill as follows:

Financial Report W. M. U., Brushy Mountain Association 1911-12

	No. Members	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	L. Tr. School	Margaret Home	Expense Fund	Asso. Missions	Total
W. M. S., N. Wilkesboro, 1st Church...	28	\$25.00	\$ 54.30	\$28.35	\$5.60	\$	\$2.00	\$ 4.50	\$119.75
Y. W. A., " " "	33	4.00	8.50	3.30	2.00		.75	3.50	22.05
Sunbeam Band " " "	44		12.42	7.38	1.00	.80	.50		22.10
W. M. S., Wilkesboro " " "	19	5.10	25.00	10.00				5.50	45.50
Sunbeam Band " " "	16		.21			.50	1.00		1.71
W. M. S., Zion Hill Church.....	15		2.50	4.00	1.00	.75	1.75	1.50	11.50
W. M. S., N. Wilkesboro, 2nd Church...	6	1.00		.60					1.60
TOTAL.....	161	\$35.10	\$102.93	\$53.63	\$9.60	\$2.05	\$6.00	\$15.00	\$224.21
Average per capita.....									\$1.39
Work done by Vice-President of W. M. U., assisted by Miss Lucy Stoute. Report does not include work done by Miss Stoute in N. Wilkesboro.									
Letters, postals written in interest of missions	175								
Meetings held.....	18								
Subscriptions taken.....	29								
Different churches visited.....	11								
Societies organized this year.....	3								
Homes visited in interest of missions.....	167								
Miles traveled in interest of missions.....	199								
Homes without any part of Bible.....	5								
Free literature distributed---									
Gospels of St John.....	820								\$15.75
Gospels of St. Matthew.....	60								
Gospels of St. Mark.....	18								
Psalms.....	6								
Biblical Recorders given away.....									35
Foreign Miss. Journals and Home Fields.....									75
Tracts--S.B.C.Boards and American T. S....									2,346
Days worked by Miss Stoute.....									25
Money paid in--									
By Association.....							\$ 5.25		
By W. M. U.....							11.50		
									\$16.75
Money expended---									
Traveling expenses.....							\$12.00		
Maps, Charts, etc.....							3.75		
									\$15.75
Balance.....									\$ 1.00
Mrs. J. W. Garvey, Vice-Pres. W.M.U., B.Mt.Asso.									

The report was adopted.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The association was called to order by moderator and prayer was offered by W. R. Bradshaw.

The report on Orphanage was read by W. C. Meadows as follows:

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE

The care of the helpless was the first thing that appealed to our ancestors, when they began to emerge from heathenism. The handing down to posterity of well trained men and women, appealed to our sires in order that their tribes might hold their own among other tribes. Therefore, we their off spring love the helpless and try to make them strong, that they may build up the waste places, instead of being stranded wrecks impeding man's progress.

The orphanage with its 375 boys and girls to care for is our charge. It is our family. They are our children. It is the home of our boys and girls, hence we must ever increase our support as fathers and mothers increase their expense in providing for their growing family.

We recommend--

1. That we hear the call of those who are in charge of Orphanage and to the very utmost of our ability respond to the call.
2. That the collection of each Sunday school one Sunday in each month be sent to the Orphanage. That upon that Sunday the boys and girls as well as all others be given an opportunity to contribute to the care of the Orphan children.
3. That each church or its Sunday School take a club of as many as ten Copies of Charity and Children and that these papers be wisely distributed.
4. That each church hold a Thanksgiving service and at this service take an offering for the Orphanage, and that money be sent regularly each month and not held by the treasurer for months.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MEADOWS

C. C. CHURCH

J. W. LIVINGTON

On motion for its adoption it was discussed by W. C. Meadows, J. W. Burchett, and adopted and pledges were taken.

Report on Digest of Church Letter was read by M. McNeil as follows:

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS

We, your committee on the condition of the churches in the Brushy Mountain Association beg leave to make the following report: We are sorry to have to report the financial condition of our churches in so far as giving to the different objects of our Association are not what they should be, but we are glad to see that there is some sign of improvement in the way of increasing the pledges.

The Spiritual condition of a number of our churches are in a cold and indifferent condition while other churches are having good meetings and additions, and on advancing Spiritually we recommend that each church take a collection for some object of the convention at each Sunday service.

MILTON McNEILL

GEO. W. MILLER

LEE WALSH

After the report was discussed by W. C. Meadows, J. M. Dunaway, J. W. Burchett and W. R. Bradshaw, the report was adopted.

The report on Ministers Relief was read by R. P. Blevins as follows:

REPORT ON THE MINISTERS RELIEF BOARD

God has called into the ministry men who have a burning desire for lost souls, and because of this the world looks upon the ministry as being the highest call that God has given to his creatures.

It has been, and to a large degree it is true now, that our churches call pastors on as small salaries as possible to secure their services and because of this there are but few ministers who accumulate sufficient means to support them in their declining days. Hence the work of the Relief Board is an imperative need.

It is the duty of every Baptist in the state to see that our beloved brethren are cared for, who have given their lives in the Lord's cause, and made it possible for us to do the work that is being done today.

Naturally the pastors have a delicacy in presenting the claims of this Board to their people for fear some old hide bound brother who has never paid a cent to missions in his life will say the pastor is after feathering his nest. We therefore recommend that the brethren of the pew take up the work of this object and press it. Let a laymen in each church get behind this Board and see that a good collection is taken for it, and in so doing the churches will honor them selves in showing love and esteem for the old and the needy who have worn themselves out in the Lord's service on small pay.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. BLEVINS

T. M. HAWKINS

J. B. HALL

On motion for its adoption it was discussed by R. P. Blevins and J. W. Burchett. The report was adopted and pledges taken.

After a selection by the choir the association was dismissed by prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

At 9:30 the delegates assembled and devotional exercises were conducted by C. F. Fields.

The association was called to order by moderator and minutes were read and approved.

A motion was made and carried to leave off all titles in minutes.

W. R. Bradshaw read report on State Missions as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

What do we mean by State Missions? May it not be possible that our people have not fully grasped the object of this Board? By State Missions we mean the salvation of North Carolina. The people are here and by God's help we must reach them with the gospel, and the gospel as we teach it. This generation must be saved in this generation or it will not be saved at all.

The question is some times asked if we will never be done with State Missions? To that question there is but one answer, and that is, Never, unless we build a high wall around the state

to keep in what we now have, and never allow any others to enter. A state with the resources of North Carolina and with the progressive and the aggressive spirit of her citizens, will find men flocking into her borders. New towns are constantly springing up, and where you will find an old field today, there you will find a live town tomorrow, and frequently these places are the strategic points. The missionary must be sent there and kept there until the work is established.

It is not just for us to authorize the Board to send out missionaries and then fail to support them. Too many of our churches are like the old sinner who prayed to the Lord "to bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more". These missionaries have the same right to expect their salaries from the Board that the pastor has to expect his salary from the church he serves, and the Board cannot pay the missionary unless the churches furnish the money.

Many of the Lord's people do not realize the awfulness of sin. Men and women in North Carolina out of Christ are as surely lost as are the men in China who are out of Christ.

Here are the three reasons for human redemption:

1. The burden of man. Sin is a burden. No human hand can remove it.

2. The Lordship of Christ. He is the Supreme Ruler of the universe, as such He can save.

3. The covenant of God. When Jesus died the covenant was fully and eternally signed. This world was redeemed by price, only they are redeemed by power who believe in Christ. Hence the importance of loyalty to our Lord. Let us send the gospel of our Lord to the lost, for the gospel is the power of God.

This is no time to talk of retrenchment. This is the time for enlargement, and this can be done only by trust in the Lord and faith in ourselves, which means doing and sacrificing.

"I gave my life for thee,

What hast thou done for me?"

"If ye love me keep my commandments." And what is the supreme command which confronts us now? "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Let us make our motto burn with a fire kindled by our King---"North Carolina for Jesus."

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. BRADSHAW,

W. O. HENDREN,

J. E. GERMON.

After motion for the adoption of the report an able address on State Missions was delivered by W. R. Bradshaw, after which the report was adopted and pledges taken.

The following report on Education was read by C. F. Fields:

REPORT ON EDUCATION

What is meant by education? A gentleman who has been among the foremost scholars of our country says that a five foot book shelf filled with such books as he might select, and those books mastered would give a liberal education. He names his books, and in his list we do not find the name of The Book. Immediately he follows this up by suggesting a new religion. At that we do not marvel, for men who do not want The Book do not want the teaching of The Book therefore we do not need his kind of education. By "we", I mean the Baptists, we cannot do without the Book, and we stand for the Religion of the Book, or we stand for nothing.

We frequently hear it said that we must send our children to school to educate them. But is that true? Will they not be educated without sending them to school? Most assuredly. But what sort of an education will it be?

The writer of this report sometimes fears that in our distaste for any and everything that flavors of a union of church and state we have swung too far to one side and are not as loyal to the state as we might be. Those Baptists who do not recognize and stand by our public schools in every way in their power are making a great mistake. Without the public schools all avenues leading to any education are closed to ninety percent of the children of our country. If the public school is not what you want it to be, do not kick and curse it, but get in it and make it what it should be. Patronize and help the public school. Because these schools cannot take the place of the Denominational school is no reason why we should refuse to give them our support and co-operation.

After the child has been trained in the public school, then send him or her to your school. The state school may be as good as your school. The schools fostered by other denominations may be as good as your school, but they are not as good for your boys and girls as YOUR school. Your school for your children is the very best school on earth. If you have it in your head that your

boy or your girl will do as well or better in some other school, there is, without one shadow of doubt something the matter with your head! Get it out and do not ruin your child.

We MUST educate. Aristotle when asked to define the difference between the educated and the uneducated, said, "As the difference between the living and the dead". Is it not true? Can the uneducated plan and carry to their consumation their plans? Is he not to a very great extent a machine, working out that which another has planned. Frequently we hear it said that the world will always have need of hewers of wood and drawers of water. That is probably true, but do we want our child ren to fill those positions?

We need not mention our schools. Others will do that.

We are expected to present something to hang speeches on, and not a discussion. The speakers will discuss. We trust what we have said will suggest something to those who are to speak.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. ABSHER.

C. F. FIELDS.

On motion for its adoption it was discussed by J. M. Dunaway and C. F. Fields. The report was adopted and pledges taken.

After song by the choir the association adjourned.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The association was called to order by moderator.

The following report on Foreign Missions was read by J. M. Dunaway:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

It has been said that the church has two roads. One leads to the mission fields, and the other to the cemetery. This is true on the principle that activity means life and stagnation death.

Our Lord verified this statement when he said, "Whosoever will save his life will lose it, but whosoever will lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it."

The farmer teaches this lesson when he buries part of his corn to preserve the life of man and beast. The church saves itself by saving and giving the gospel to the lost. All that God

ever created was made to propagate itself. Jesus never intended for a church to be a cemetery where the truth might be buried but rather a place where it might be disseminated. This is clear from the imperial command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature".

We have grown in our conception of our relations to Foreign Missions. Years ago the thought that moved our hearts was the fate of the heathen without the gospel. It was the conviction that apart from the gospel, they were lost, that led our fathers to launch out into missions: to do, to dare and to die. In recent years we have seen our obligation along this line from another point of view. The vision of late has been: How shall we escape condemnation if we fail to give the gospel to a lost world. How can we escape the rebuke of our Lord and Master if we fail to go into all the world, according to His commandment, and preach the gospel to every creature? We tremble alike at the damnation of the heathen and our own condemnation if we do not seek by every means in our power to lead every human being on this earth out into the light and liberty that are in Christ Jesus. It is a good sign that the transfer emphasis has been made from pity to duty, and the deeper the conviction of duty grows the more surely and rapidly will this lost world be brought to Jesus by his own disciples.

The story of our Foreign Mission undertaking may be summed up in the words Work and Success. The work has been ours; the success has been the gift and the reward of our Heavenly Father, and how much work, indeed, faithful, honest, earnest work has been done in the name of missions both at home and abroad.

The story of our Foreign Mission work may also be written in the word, SUCCESS. How graciously God has accepted and magnified the consecrated work of His servants. The success of our mission work may be seen even in its efforts here at home. On every hand we realize that the contributions to Foreign Missions are increasing. In the last ten years the gifts of Southern Baptists for Foreign Missions have gone from \$109,000 to over \$500,000.00. In like manner the interest among our people in general has wonderfully developed. Information has increased among the people so also has their interest. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon our women. Their societies both for themselves and the young people and the children, have been

veritable schools of information and training. Yet another element of success at home is the great Laymen's movement of today. What a wonderful conception, that by intelligent and consecrated co-operation the gospel may be carried to every creature on earth within the next 25 years and how full of glorious prophecy is the fact that this conception is fast becoming the ideal and passion of our best Christian men. This is another token of success at home. Let us add to this the change in the minds of our people of their conception of the missionaries themselves. Formerly people thought that they were to be wept over and pitied as men who were going to their own oblivion and death. Today we realize the missionaries occupy the greatest place of service and honor on earth, and nations far and wide are coming to give to the missionary the place of "first among his fellows."

When we begin to state the success of the Foreign Mission work we cannot measure or estimate it. In every land greater and greater is the respect given by the natives to the missionaries. They are learning that they are their best friends on earth. We hear, too, that greater throngs of the heathen are coming to listen to the gospel. In many places the missionaries cannot satisfy the people. And they are honest and earnest hearers. In addition to all this, our latest work, namely, Medical Missions, is providing a wonderful success. Our consecrated physicians, who far surpass in skill the native doctors, are rapidly winning the hearts of the people, and as they minister to their bodies they also lovingly plant the story of the cross of Christ and Him crucified. Thousands are thus being won to the Savior.

All over the heathen world there are wonderful indications of God's favor upon the works of his servants.

God's promise to be with us unto the end of the age, must not be claimed unless we "Go into all the world and preach the gospel."

Pastors, we are a mighty key to the situation of saving this world. Let us keep posted and keep our people posted. A post card sent to the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia, will bring all the tracts you need, free of all cost, and the Foreign Mission Journal may be had in clubs of ten at twenty-five cents the copy for a year. Let us not call ourselves Missionary Baptist Churches unless the Foreign Mission Journal goes into

the homes of our people, and a good offering from each church for Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. DUNAWAY,
W. A. BROWN,
J. H. JOHNSON.

On motion for its adoption it was discussed by J. M. Dunaway. The report was adopted and pledges taken.

The following report on Sunday Schools was read by J. W. Burchett:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

In the Brushy Mountain Association there are 23 churches with a membership of 2442. There are 26 Sunday Schools with a membership of 2631. Or to state it differently, we had 189 more in our Sunday Schools at the last report than we had in our churches. This is very encouraging provided the statistics are accurate.

The work of the Sunday School is a mighty agency. This is the child period and more attention is being paid to the young at this time than ever before. It would be of real interest and worth to know how many of the 2442 members in our churches belong to and attend a Sunday School. The minutes of last year show that about 50 per cent of the enrollment attend Sunday School, or rather the average attendance is about one-half of the enrollment.

We sing with a mighty volume of the "ninety and nine that safely lay in the shelter of the fold," but let us stop singing that until we have found the other one who is out in the cold.

It is for the pastor to keep himself posted on modern methods and do his utmost to have his school the most modern and up-to-date of all schools. Most of the candidates received for baptism today are from the ranks of the Sunday School. There is a great responsibility resting upon the teachers, and be it said to their shame if they ever dare face their class unprepared.

Let us make more of the work of the Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. BURCHETT,
W. O. HENDREN,
A. S. ELLER.

After a motion for its adoption it was discussed by J. W. Burchett, W. R. Bradshaw, J. M. Dunaway and adopted.

The following resolutions were offered:

RESOLUTIONS

Believing that it is unwise for the women's societies to be held during the meeting of the association as we need their presence and they need to hear the reports and the discussions, be it

Resolved, that our women be requested to meet, say in May, with some central church, when the churches can send some woman or women to the meeting and thus reach far more churches. Women delegates do not attend the meetings of the association.

This resolution is to be referred to our sisters and to be passed upon the first day of next session, when the wishes of our women will be considered.

R. P. BLEVINS.

Your committee on resolutions beg leave to report the following:

Resolve 1st, that we request every church, when calling a pastor make it a part of the agreement with him that he attend the meetings of the associations.

Resolved 2nd, that our thanks are due and hereby tendered to this church and community for the most excellent and generous manner in which this association has been entertained.

C. F. FIELDS
J. W. BURCHETT
W. R. BRADSHAW
Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

In the interest of a sound business policy your executive committee most earnestly recommend to our churches that the following order be observed in taking collections for missions:

Nov. to Feb. be devoted to Foreign Missions. March and April to Home Missions. May and June to Ministerial Education. July Sunday School Missions. Sept. and Oct. to State Missions. One Sunday in each month the Sunday School offering for the Orphanage and the Thanksgiving offering to the same object.

STATISTICS

PLEDGES

CHURCHES	Baptisms					No. of Males	No. of Females	Total	PLEDGES									
	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Died				State Missions	Home Missions	Orphanage	Aged Ministers	Education	Foreign Missions	Blaylock	S. S. Missions	TOTAL	
Beaver Creek	3	1	2	2	26	51	77	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Cub Creek	12	10	1	1	19	31	50	5 00	5 00	10 00	8 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	10 00	2 00	20 00	
Fishing Wood	11	2	1	1	67	71	140	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	29 00	
Harmony	2	1	1	1	30	40	70	2 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	30 00	
Lewis Fork	1	2	2	2	52	124	176	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	12 00	
Little Rock	2	3	3	2	18	35	53	5 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	22 00	
Moravian Falls	3	5	2	2	38	47	85	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	2 00	28 00	
Mt. Carmel	29	1	13	1	106	195	301	2 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	2 50	1 00	5 00	15 00	1 00	16 00	
Mt. Pleasant	9	1	12	2	44	50	94	5 00	5 00	6 00	6 00	8 00	15 00	100 00	15 00	278 00	18 50	
New Hope	5	1	1	1	88	118	155	5 00	30 00	60 00	3 00	2 00	15 00	100 00	15 00	278 00	5 00	
1st N. Wilkesboro	34	16	15	1	73	110	183	1 00	2 00	6 00	6 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	
2nd N. Wilkesboro	3	3	6	10	59	80	139	2 00	2 00	6 00	6 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	14 00	
Pleasant Grove	22	2	1	2	73	110	183	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	
Pleasant Home	3	3	6	12	18	39	56	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	230 00	
Pilgrim	2	1	1	1	13	44	57	5 00	5 00	25 00	25 00	3 00	10 00	5 00	15 00	1 00	59 00	
Shady Grove	19	1	5	2	73	141	214	5 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	60 00	15 00	5 00	230 00	
Stony Hill	7	2	1	3	42	58	100	60 00	10 00	75 00	75 00	10 00	10 00	60 00	12 00	2 00	230 00	
Walnut Grove	3	3	8	2	36	73	109	10 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	2 00	10 00	10 00	12 00	2 00	58 00	
Wilkesboro	156	59	13	79	35	14	916	156 00	99 70	241 80	45 50	31 00	187 00	57 00	29 00	847 00	20 00	
Zion Hill	3	3	8	2	36	73	109	5 00	5 00	25 00	25 00	3 00	10 00	5 00	15 00	1 00	59 00	
Total	156	59	13	79	35	14	916	156 00	99 70	241 80	45 50	31 00	187 00	57 00	29 00	847 00	20 00	

That every church be requested to follow this order, and that on Christmas Sunday an offering be taken for the Old Ministers' fund. "The King's business requireth hast." Our God is a God of order. Let us earnestly strive to have a regular order for taking our offering for missions, and that the money be sent to Walters Durham, Tr., Raleigh, the first of each month.

The Treasurer's report accepted.

The committee on time and place reported that the next Association would be held with Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in August 1913.

The introductory sermon to be preached by R. P. Blevins, alternate, J. W. Burchett.

The moderator appointed the following delegates to the State and Southern Baptist Conventions: State; R. A. Spainhour, R. P. Blevins, J. M. Dunaway, W. C. Meadows, M. McNeill and W. H. Church. Southern Baptist Convention; R. P. Blevins, J. M. Dunaway, W. C. Meadows and M. McNeill.

After the choir sung "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" the association was dismissed with prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

At 11:00 the closing sermon of the meeting was preached by W. R. Bradshaw.

After one of the most helpful gatherings of the Brushy Mountain Association the association was closed with prayer.

C. C. WRIGHT, Moderator.
R. P. BLEVINS, Clerk.

CHURCHES	Time of Preaching	Value of Property	Seating Capacity	PASTORS	CLERKS	DELEGATES
Beaver Creek	Third	\$ 400	300	G. Z. Bumgarner	Z. F. Ferguson	Z. F. Ferguson, A. J. Gould, P. Sheppard.
Cub Creek	First	600	400	W. T. Comer	W. E. Smithey	W. E. Smithey, J. B. Hall, J. Lankford.
Edgewood	Third	400	350	M. McNeill	W. G. Hendren	W. T. Stroud, J. W. Fletcher, A. G. Hendren.
Fishing Creek	First	500	300	M. McNeill	I. P. Anderson	R. L. Wellborn, G. W. Miller, I. P. Anderson.
Harmony	Second	800	350	J. W. Burchett	J. V. Pardue	J. F. Goodman, W. M. Howell, T. M. Hawkins.
Lewis Fork	First	1000	400	J. W. Burchett	J. W. Dyre	Lee Walsh, J. W. Dyre, D. F. Shephard.
Little Rock	First	800	400		N. C. Andrews	V. McGhinnis, W. Livingston, N. C. Andrews.
Moravian Falls	Fourth	1000	300	J. W. Burchett	D. J. Pardue	D. J. Pardue, C. D. Harris, W. O. Hendren.
Mt. Carmel	Fourth	1500	350	T. E. Redmon	J. T. Rodgers	J. T. Rodgers, W. A. Laxton, R. C. Lowe.
Mt. Pleasant	Second	1200	500	L. B. Murray	W. G. Foster	L. V. Cardwell, A. M. Foster, J. D. Huffman.
Mt. Zion	Fourth	300	200	D. M. Wheeler	W. O. Barnett	W. M. Minton, W. O. Barnett, G. Wellborn.
New Hope	Fourth	800	400	J. W. Burchett	W. H. Eller	L. M. McGlamery, T. McNeill, J. Eller.
1st N. Wilkesboro	Weekly	15000	1000	J. M. Dunaway	S. E. Absher	C. C. Gambill, S. E. Absher, W. H. Church.
2nd N. Wilkesboro				Not represented		
Oak Grove				Not represented		
Pleasant Grove	First	500	400	L. B. Murray	J. T. Parsons	T. V. Church, R. Langford, J. Bumgarner.
Pleasant Home	Third	800	400	G. W. Sebastian	W. T. Kilby	C. C. Church, G. T. McNeill, R. S. Whittington.
Pilgrim	Third	400	300	W. F. Carlton	Z. V. Church	
Shady Grove	First	200	300	G. M. Burcham	M. G. Steelman	J. S. Steelman, C. Church, M. S. Steelman.
Walnut Grove	Second	500	500	T. E. Redmon	W. F. Brown	W. A. Brown, F. D. Meadows, J. E. Bently.
Wilkesboro	Third	3500	400	L. P. Gwaltney	S. J. Gennings	R. P. Blevins, F. G. Holman, J. H. Johnson.
Zion Hill	First	1000	500	J. W. Watts	J. E. German	T. J. Green, R. S. Earp, J. E. German.

CHURCHES	S. S. Superintendents and Address	No. Officers and Teachers	No. Scholars	Total Enrollment	Volumes in Library	Quartermen Taken	Months Kept Open	Average Attendance	No. of Baptisms from S.S.	S. S. Expense
Beaver Creek	A. J. Gould, Oakdale	7	90	97		50	12	60		\$.....
Cub Creek	No School									
Edgewood	C. C. Wright, Hunting Creek	9	160	169	200	130	9	75	9	7 64
Fishing Creek	G. W. Miller, N. Wilkesboro	5	50	55	25	90	6	40		2 00
Harmony	J. F. Goodman, Wilkesboro	5				40	9	41	7	12 00
Lewis Fork	Lee Walsh, Purlear	5	45	50		50	8	40		
Little Rock	No Report					12	12	35		
Moravian Falls	D. J. Pardue, Moravian Falls									
Mt. Carmel	J. T. Rodgers, Moravian Falls	7	70	77		140	6	33		4 00
Mt. Pleasant	Benj. Huffman, Purlear	5	90	95		200	12	65	5	
Mt. Pleasant	W. G. Foster, Champion	8	152	160	24	220	12	84	23	6 00
Mt. Zion	Wm. Minton, Mt. Zion	6	70	76	50	150	9	35	3	4 00
New Hope	D. V. Nichols, Purlear	6	60	66		60	12	40	5	5 57
1st N. Wilkesboro	W. H. Church, N. Wilkesboro	16	389	405	200	350	12	215	29	87 58
2nd N. Wilkesboro	No Report									
Oak Grove	No Report									
Pleasant Grove	J. G. Parson, Buck	4	75	79			12	50		3 00
Pleasant Home	L. B. Pierce, Millers Creek	12	120	132		60	6	75		4 00
Pilgrim	B. L. Minton, Congo	6	50	56		24	10	34		3 00
Shady Grove	Crosby Church, Adley	5	35	40						
Wilkesboro	F. B. Hendren, Wilkesboro	10	125	135	100	125	12	70	7	
Zion Hill	J. E. German, Boomer	4	50	54		100	12	35		8 00

Minutes of the Sunday School Convention

The TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

Pleasant Home Church, June 29, 1912.

The Sunday School Convention of the Brushy Mountain Association convened at 11 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by W. C. Meadows. The devotional exercises were conducted by A. S. Eller. A temporary organization effected by electing W. C. Meadows president and H. C. Kilby secretary.

The roll of the churches was called and the following responded with the delegates namely; Edgwood was represented by A. G. Hendren, W. R. Hendren and George Stroud. New Hope was represented by C. F. Canter, J. H. Davis and T. J. McNeill. Pleasant Grove was represented by S. V. Church and B. F. Culler. Harmony was represented by G. F. McNeill. Mount Zion was represented by J. M. Simmerling and W. A. Barnette. Boiling Springs was represented by Cora Church, J. A. Eller and B. F. Huffman. Mount Pleasant was represented by J. W. West, Leve Fairchilds and W. G. Foster. Daps Knob was represented by C. C. Wright and F. A. Triplett. Stony Hill was represented by L. D. Whittington. Pleasant Home was represented by L. B. Pierce, C. C. Church and G. A. Nichols. North Wilkesboro was represented by C. C. Gambill. Mount Carmel was represented by D. S. Rogers. Moravian Falls was represented by D. J. Pardue. Walnut Grove was represented by W. A. Broyhill. Wilkesboro was represented by A. G. Hendren.

On motion C. C. Wright was elected president, W. C. Meadows vice president and H. C. Kilby secretary, then on motion the convention adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The body met at 2:00 p. m. and was called to order by the president. After a song by the choir W. C. Meadows led in prayer. After another song by the choir the following questions were discussed viz. The Pastor and the Sunday School. Speakers: W. C. Meadows, M. McNeill, L. B. Murray, A. S. Eller and others.

Song by the choir.

CHURCHES

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	S. S. Expense	The Poor	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Other Objects	Minute Fund	Blaylock	TOTAL
Beaver Creek	\$ 65 00	\$ 00 00	\$ 7 64	\$ 00 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 60	\$ 6 00	\$ 00 00	\$ 00 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 28 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 7 23
Cub Creek	50 00	00 00	2 00	00 00	1 00	1 00	1 16	2 00	2 00	1 00	00 00	00 00	1 25	00 00	80 88
Edgewood	40 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	96 89
Fishing Creek	67 50	00 00	12 00	00 00	5 00	2 00	10 00	70 00	10 00	4 00	4 00	00 00	1 11	00 00	47 27
Harmony	46 10	00 00	47 30	00 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	00 00	2 00	1 25	00 00	00 00	55 00	00 00	100 20
Lewis Fork	31 90	68 00	00 00	00 00	5 00	1 00	5 00	2 00	2 50	2 00	2 00	00 00	35 00	00 00	2 50
Moravian Falls	80 00	225 00	4 00	00 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	00 00	5 50	00 00	00 00	00 00	55 00	3 00	120 25
Mt. Carmel	80 00	00 00	6 00	7 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	00 00	17 61	2 00	2 50	8 00	1 95	00 00	322 05
Mt. Pleasant	54 00	60 00	4 00	00 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	00 00	2 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	80 00	00 00	131 11
Mt. Zion	53 50	00 00	5 57	3 25	1 00	50 00	50 00	00 00	6 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	80 00	00 00	124 00
New Hope	1144 45	4361 68	87 58	69 83	43 80	43 27	129 58	15 00	20 21	15 60	8 00	586 48	3 00	00 00	71 12
1st N. Wilkesboro	No letter	No letter	4 00	00 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	00 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	00 00	1 25	00 00	6225 58
2nd N. Wilkesboro	No letter	No letter	3 00	00 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	00 00	23 24	00 00	00 00	00 00	50 00	00 00	69 25
Pleasant Home	80 00	00 00	3 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	90 00	00 00	111 74
Pleasant Grove	33 00	00 00	3 00	5 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	20 00	00 00	41 90
Pilgrim	No letter	No letter	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	20 00
Shady Grove	No letter	No letter	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00
Stony Hill	No letter	No letter	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00
Oak Grove	60 00	73 00	00 00	00 00	3 00	3 00	5 00	1 00	33 00	7 31	3 16	40 00	1 50	15 00	164 66
Walnut Grove	159 75	1000 00	8 00	00 00	65 10	20 00	75 00	60 00	81 00	00 00	00 00	5 30	1 50	00 00	487 06
Wilkesboro	80 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	9 50	13 28	2 00	10 00	1 00	00 00	1 46	1 50	00 00	1124 77
Zion Hill	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00
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FINANCIAL TABLE—1911-12

Then the following brethren were appointed as a committee on time and place: A. S. Eller, G. W. Welch and U. G. Foster. Committee on Resolutions: W. C. Meadows, M. McNeill and L. B. Murray.

Interesting talks on the subject of the worth of Sunday School to a community, were made by U. G. Foster, L. B. Pierce, C. C. Church, C. C. Wright and others.

Collection was taken to get money to pay for printing minutes. Then the convention was dismissed by L. B. Murray by prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

The Sunday Morning Session was called to order by W. C. Meadows. (Vice President) At 9:45 a. m. prayer by T. V. Church.

Song by the Choir, then the worth of Sunday School to the community was earnestly discussed by M. McNeill and W. C. Meadows.

Song by the choir.

The demonstration work of teaching the Bible Class in Sunday School was taken up by C. C. Gambill.

Songs by Choir.

Then the Card Class was instructed by Misses Bertie Terry and Willie Hawkins.

Song by the little folks.

The work of convention was brought to a close, that showed a year of success and much good wrought in this field, J. M. Dunaway preaching the closing sermon.

C. C. WRIGHT, President.

H. C. KILBY, Sec. & Treas.

Minutes of the Woman's Mission Union Brushy Mountain Association

AUGUST 1911-1912

The fourth annual session of the Woman's Mission Union of the Brushy Mountain Association met with the Mt. Carmel church, Friday, August 22 1912, with Mrs. J. W. Garvey presiding and Miss Addie Howell acting as temporary secretary.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Beach, Mrs. Garvey explained that for the four years that we have been trying to do some Woman's Mission Union work in this association, there has been no regular organization by our women, she having held the office of Associational Vice President by appointment of the State Central Committee, but as the work is now better known and several societies having representatives present it seems that the time has arrived for the regular election of officers, so she appointed as nominating committee; Mrs. J. A. Boldin, Mrs. E. R. Elmore, and Mrs. J. W. Nichols. While the committee withdrew for consultation the roll of churches was called and representatives from the following were welcomed: Cub Creek, Edgewood, Harmony, Moravian Falls, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Pleasant, N. Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro, Walnut Grove, and Zion Hill.

The roll of missionary societies was then called with reports from delegates, as follows: Miss Mattie Elrod for W. M. S. Zion Hill, Mrs. N. H. Waugh for W. M. S. N. Wilkesboro, Mrs. J. W. Garvey for W. M. S. Wilkesboro, Miss Annie Robinett for Y. W. A. N. Wilkesboro, Miss Mamie Waugh for Sunbeam; N. Wilkesboro, Miss Addie Hendren for Sunbeam; Wilkesboro, The W. M. S. of the second N. Wilkesboro church had no delegate present but had previously sent report to Vice President.

The reports from the seven societies were accepted and show that enthusiastic work is being done, three of the societies having been organized, or reorganized within the year.

The committee on nomination now being ready to report, Miss Barnes was asked to occupy the chair and Mrs. J. A. Boldin, for committee, read the following: "We recommend to this body that we elect for our President for the coming year, Mrs. J. W. Garvey and for Secretary Miss Addie Howell. Owing to

the undeveloped condition of our work and the difficulty of organizing we recommend that our president be instructed to appoint other officers as she is able to secure them and as the need for them grows."

On motion and second the report was adopted by acclamation, Miss Barrus then made a short talk expressing her appreciation of the work being done by our women, and encouraging us to attempt much more than we have been doing. Since we have a permanent organization we should accomplish much and lasting good, striving for more societies and more workers in all our societies.

The business of organization being disposed of, Mrs. Garvey resumed the chair and an intensely interesting program was given. The subjects were well discussed and every one felt stronger and more enthusiastic after having heard the inspiring papers and talks.

Among the visitors present were Miss Blanche Barrus, Raleigh N. C. State Secretary of the W. M. U.; Miss Bina Garvey, Vice President of the W. M. U. of the Ashe Association; Mrs. W. R. Beach, Vice President of the Raleigh Association; Mrs. L. J. Holman of the South Yadkin Association, and Mrs. Sarah and Miss Mattie Elrod of San Francisco, Cal.

The program ended in a round-table discussion of the work in general. Aims, undertakings and experiences were interestingly told by several present, each giving some new thought or added incentive to another, after which the meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Boldin.

MRS. J. W. GARVEY, President.

MISS ADDIE HOWELL, Secretary.

Having heard of the resolution offered by Rev. J. M. Dunaway, on Saturday afternoon of the recent session of the Brushy Mt. Association, in regard to having the Woman's Mission Union of this body hold its meeting at some other time than the regular convening of the association; we, the executive committee of the W. M. U., wish to offer the following explanation:

Foot Note.

We expect to soon issue a booklet giving full information of our work and containing a more comprehensive report of the meeting, together with some of the excellent papers which were read. A copy may be had from the President or Secretary of the Union.

The President of this organization, appointed by the State Central Committee, indorsed by the Woman's Missionary Society of the N. Wilkesboro church, at that time the only active W. M. S. in this association, went before the association, in session at the Little Rock Baptist church and in explaining the work stated that while in many of the older and stronger associations, where women have been organized for years, they now hold their meetings separately, in a place where the work is undeveloped, as with us, it is necessary, in order to reach the country women, many of whom are entirely unacquainted with the work, to hold a meeting for women in connection with the association.

The work of organizing the women, with this understanding, was approved by the association and for the four years of its existence in this association the Woman's Mission Union has shown to it, by the ministers and laymen of the body, only the finest courtesy; indeed, the hearty interest and co-operation of the leading men of the association has been one of the most encouraging and pleasurable features of our work.

As we have had only four meetings, from two of which the President was compelled to be absent, we could scarcely be expected to have effected a very strong organization, in fact, our efforts have been expended almost altogether in explanatory and instructive work, with the view of laying a solid foundation upon which our women may build a worthy and lasting organization.

We are glad to report that interest in missions is rapidly increasing among our women, and that from each associational meeting, held in a country church, one or more substantial societies has resulted.

That it is desirable for the Woman's Union to have a separate meeting, we cheerfully concede. We look forward with pleasure to the time when we are strong enough to do so; but the brethren of this association know that the women who are not yet interested in missions, would not attend a missionary meeting of women, apart from the association, to say nothing of the difficulty of securing conveyance, yet to catch the interest of these women and enlist them in the work, is our only hope of successful development.

Considering the existing conditions, we feel that to separate the meeting of the Woman's Mission Union from that of the association at so early a stage of its progress would be disastrous

to our cause in the country church. Our women need the association. They gain strength by coming in contact with those active in our denominational life, yet many of them would not attend if their own meeting were held at some other time, furthermore, we would very humbly suggest that an increasing number of strong women, drawing apart each year to earnestly study about, pray for, and give to the great cause of missions, might become a scene of inspiration to the many listless and uninterested onlookers ever present.

Until seven years ago, when the Woman's Mission Union of the North Carolina State Convention decided to hold its annual meeting apart from the convention, all of the associational W. M. U. meetings were held in connection with their respective associations. At present several are held separately, but so far as the knowledge of this committee extends, in every instance, the proposal to meet at a different time, was first suggested by the women, having grown out of their pressing need for more time to devote to their work.

We cannot but feel that to have had such a resolution introduced in the association, at a time when no representative of the Woman's Mission Union was present, and without the knowledge of any of its officers, was an injustice, and an unnecessary humiliation to our organization, against which we hereby offer our most respectful protest.

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