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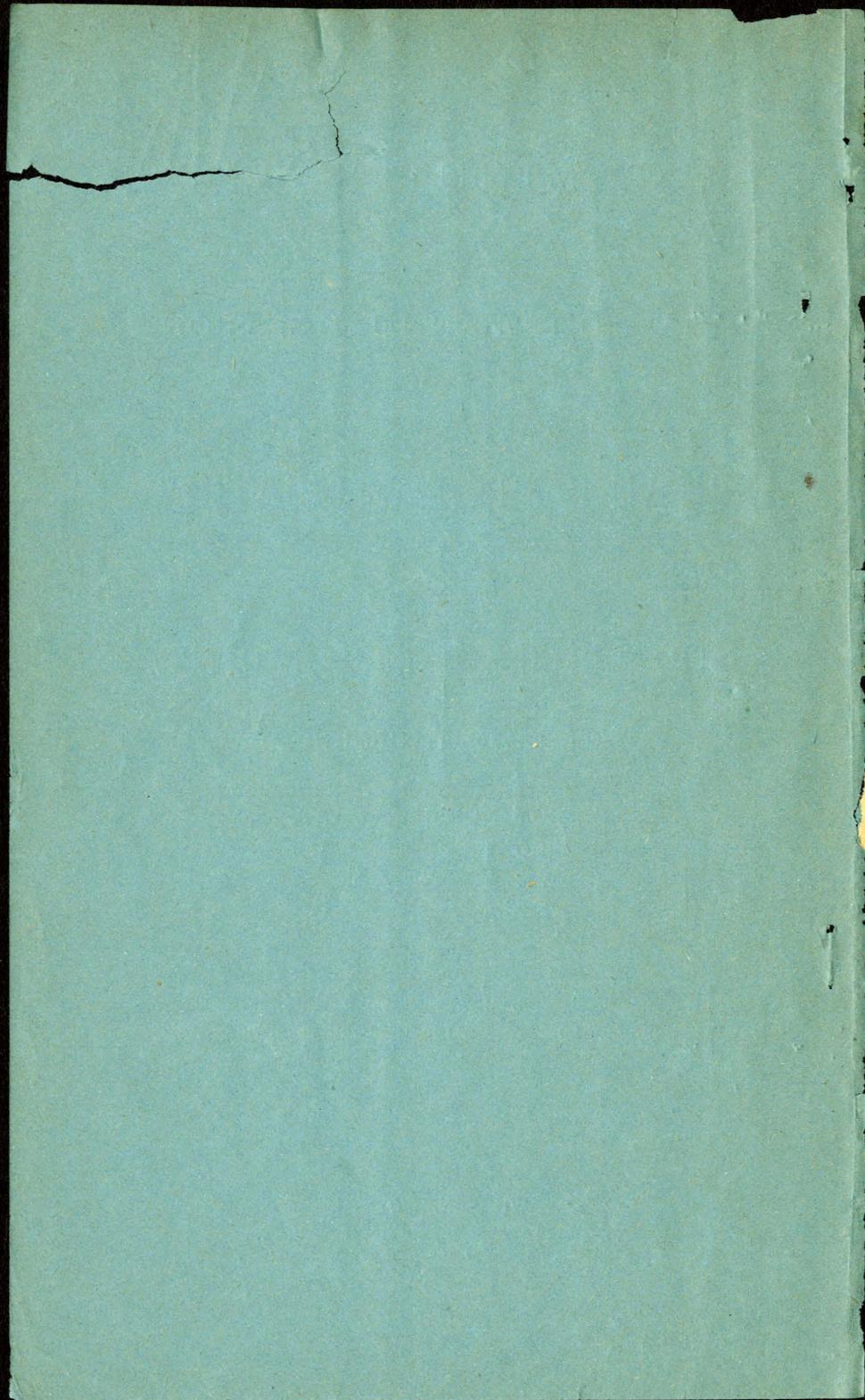
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PROCEEDINGS.

RUFFIN BAPTIST CHURCH,
ROCKINGHAM Co., N. C.,
TUESDAY, August 9, 1892.

The Beulah Association met with the Ruffin Baptist Church, Tuesday, August 9, 1892.

The exercises were opened by singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Dr. James, of Roanoke Female College, Danville, Va., read the 13th chapter of Matthew, and preached the introductory sermon from Luke 10-26: "How readest thou?" Subject, "Study of the Bible." A large congregation listened with close attention, after which the exercises of the morning closed with doxology and benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-convened. The Moderator announced the sad death of Sister Maggie Nutt Herring, missionary to China; read the scriptures, and requested Brother W. R. Gwaltney to lead in prayer, asking especially for God's sustaining grace in behalf of our brother, D. W. Herring, in the sore affliction sustained by him in the double loss of a child and his beloved wife. There were evident manifestations in the congregation of sorrow for Brother Herring, and all engaged heartily in this prayer. The Moderator made a statement in regard to the work of the Association, and appointed S. F. Conrad and F. P. Hobgood to act as reading clerks during the roll call of the churches.

The following churches responded through the following duly accredited delegates, viz:

BEULAH—T. H. Hudgins, Walter Howard.
CLEMENT—N. R. Villines, J. B. Hudgins.
GREENSBORO—R. W. Brooks, Geo. W. White.
EPHESUS—W. M. Faulkner, J. P. Woody, W. A. Duncan.
PROVIDENCE—J. T. Law, A. H. Boswell, S. T. Ware.
MILTON—J. R. Jones, G. W. Thompson.
REIDSVILLE—J. C. Gardner, G. V. Wood, D. W. Johnson.
SHILOH—J. W. Gillaspie, Thomas M. Allen, Wm. Lea.
YANCVILLE—W. B. Graves, B. S. Graves, J. H. Kerr, Jr.
TRINITY—C. J. Yarbrough, S. A. Gwynn, R. S. Stamps.
KERR'S CHAPEL—W. F. Davis.
RUFFIN—F. P. Tucker, J. M. Jones, L. K. Adams.

On motion, Dr. C. A. Rominger was elected moderator by acclamation; and on a similar motion Dr. F. P. Tucker was elected clerk; J. P. Woody was elected treasurer.

Visiting brethren were invited to make themselves known, and the following responded: W. R. Gwaltney, representing the Board of Ministerial Education, Wake Forest College; J. C. Caddell, of the *Biblical Recorder*; Dr. James, Roanoke Female College, Danville, Va.; Prof. F. P. Hobgood, of the Oxford Female Seminary; Rev. J. R. Jones, his preparatory school at Milton; Rev. E. J. Edwards, of the *N. C. Baptist*; Rev. C. Durham, Cor. Sec. Baptist State Convention; Rev. J. A. Howard was welcomed as a new acquisition to the Association and Brother Read was recognized as a corresponding messenger from Roanoke, Va.

Report on Periodicals was read and pending its adoption remarks were made by J. C. Caddell, in interest of the *Recorder* as the official organ of the denomination; and by J. H. Lamberth on the lines of loyalty to our denominational objects. E. J. Edwards made an explanation as to why recognition was asked for the *North Carolina Baptist*. C. Durham made an announcement in regard to *Foreign Mission Journal*, *Home Field* and the Convention series Sunday School papers. Report with amendment adopted.

The Committee on "Centennial of Missions," recommended to-morrow for consideration of Centennial of Missions.

S. F. Conrad announced that Rev. W. R. Gwaltney will preach to-night.

Motion prevails to meet at 9 A. M., and adjourn at 12 M., and to meet at 1:30 P. M., and adjourn at will.

On motion the Association adjourned.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, August 10, 1892.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Singing "Jesus lover of my soul." E. J. Edwards read the 85th Psalm, and R. W. Brooks lead in prayer. There was another prayer by J. R. Jones and the congregation then sang "There is a Fountain filled with blood."

Regular business was resumed with the Moderator in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday's meeting read and approved.

C. Durham suggested omitting "Rev." and "Dr." before the names of brethren in minutes and inserting instead simply their initials.

The letter from Lea Bethel was received and read.

The following committee on time and place for next meeting was appointed: J. H. Lambeth, J. R. Jones and Thos. Slade. J. A. Howard was elected delegate to Southern Baptist Convention and C. A. Rominger alternate. S. F. Conrad, C. A. G. Thomas and J. R. Jones were elected delegates to the State Convention.

Visiting brethren reported as follows: T. H. Pritchard, Corresponding Messenger from the Eastern Association and member of "Centennial Committee;" C. W. Wood, Roanoke Association, Va.; Brother Jones and W. H. Sledge of Pilot Mountain Association.

The Greensboro Church asked for a letter of dismissal from the Association, and on motion the request was granted.

The report of the committee on the Centennial of Missions was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CENTENNIAL OF MISSIONS.

Your committee recommend that to-morrow, Wednesday, beginning at 10 o'clock A. M., be set apart for the consideration of the Centennial of Baptist Missions, and that the report on State, Home and Foreign Missions be ready and read so that all the different phases of mission work be considered.

J. H. LAMBETH, }
S. F. CONRAD, } Committee.

Hour for special order having arrived, J. K. Howell read the report on State Missions, S. F. Conrad read the report on Foreign Missions and J. A. Howard read the report on Home Missions.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work of State Missions is to send the gospel to the destitute of our own State. This work has the first claim on us. The claims of China, Japan, Italy, Africa and the isles of the sea so strong upon us are secondary to those of the home field. No one can have the right spirit to work in a foreign field unless he has first felt the force of God's command to begin "at Jerusalem." The destitution in our own State is not alone where there is no church, but at every other place where the gospel is not preached, either with or without a house of worship. Points with churches without preaching should be first supplied, and then new fields occupied as rapidly as possible. We do not gain by giving up weak points and taking new ones, but by *holding the old* and taking the new fields. There has been a large increase of missionaries and means to support them and many new places have been occupied, and there has been a large ingathering of souls into the Kingdom, and there is so much in the work to encourage that it is a call on us to double our work for the coming year. May God help us to rise up and do the mighty work before us.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. HOWELL, }
C. J. YARBROUGH, } Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The great command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as recorded in Matt. 28: 19-20 verses enlists his people in the evangelization of the whole world. We can not be loyal to Him and leave out any part of the human race. Not to be missionary is disobedience to Christ. The Foreign Missionary work is vast in its proportions as the Christian portion of the globe is small as compared to the heathen world. It is estimated that there are in the world one hundred and fifty million Protestants, one hundred and ninety-five million Catholics, and over one billion heathen and anti-Christian. God has greatly honored the Baptists in this work. They count their converts by the thousands. We have less than one-sixth of the whole number of missionaries from this country in the foreign field, and yet our converts number more than those of all other Christians combined. The great end of the gospel among the nations demands that we greatly enlarge our work. Let us make this "Centennial year" memorable in the history of missions by a large increase of missionaries and contributions to the work; and to this end we recommend that the Association take some steps for a thorough canvass of all the churches, and the holding of special meetings for the consideration of this work.

We would urge pastors, superintendents and teachers of the Sunday Schools to push the "Chapel card plan" that our women and children may become enlisted in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. CONRAD, }
F. P. TUCKER, } Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee appointed to read report on Home Missions, beg leave to submit the following:

1st We are grateful that as a denomination we are able to report that our work during the past year has been, despite the so-called hard times of the country, more prosperous than in any previous year of its existence so far as visible results are concerned, which, however, we acknowledge not an entirely safe guide, and, yet one calculated to encourage us in our work. Our home Board in Atlanta has occupied much new territory, and in many places greatly strengthened the helpers in old fields by giving increased workers. The financial receipts of the Board will compare with that of any other department of our denominational work, and so encouraged are our brethren of the Home Board by the results of the past that they propose to go forward and occupy the vast waste-places which are to-day without the gospel, until by the blessings of God, the principles of His Truth as Baptists hold them shall be scattered in every section of our country from sea to sea and from lake to gulf.

Cuba. It is also with much rejoicing and with profound gratitude that we are enabled to point you to our work in Cuba. God has, as it seems to us, specially owned His Word in Cuba, in that He has quickened life into so many souls which were without its unspeakable joy. And while we would abstain from ascribing praise or "lionizing" any man, yet we can not refrain from commending

much of the life, the enthusiasm, the reliance upon the spirit of God, and unquestioned boldness of our Brother A. J. Diaz. And further we must say that we verily believe that much of Diaz's success, success of course to his great faith, has been largely due to the fact that he has practically governed and directed his own course by the aid and leadership of the Holy Spirit, knowing better the individual needs and the best methods by which to accomplish them than any power not *directly* connected with the work. This then leads us in this to lay special importance upon the necessity of a complete and untrameled reliance upon the leadership and the power of the Holy Spirit. Let it be understood, however, that we recognize as necessary to the accomplishment of the greatest good, a properly organized and governed board to whom shall be committed financial problems needed to be solved in connection with this great work.

Suggestions. If we can be allowed to value more highly any one department of our work than another, which we acknowledge would in some respects be a result without a cause, we should most assuredly lay our claim upon our Home and State Mission work. Evidently special stress put upon our needs in the home field is no child's play. God's hand was in the lead and guided the pen of the writers of the declaration of independence by which this country was made a home in which those upon whom the hand of tyranny and religious oppression could flee for protection. As a result of this our population has become contaminated by all classes of humanity, bringing with them every "ism" under the guise of religion conceivable. Our delightful atmosphere and productive soil has also furnished attractions to those whose religious sentiments have not been fixed. Let it then be understood that all of this vast influx into our country means something. They will take on some form of worship, and while we are trying to Christianize those across the waters let us not forget that we must not of necessity cross an ocean to find a heathen, and that if the purity of our republic is to be maintained it must be done by the Truth of God's Word. Let us then not forget that responsibility is as wide as the world, that our religion is not "perishable." It needs no care to be taken of it, but religion must take care of men and the world.

May God help us as Baptists to be charged with the power of the Holy Spirit and then go forth and win the world for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. BROUGHTON.

Pending a motion to adopt, Dr. Pritchard delivered an excellent address on the "Centennial of Missions." Dr. James spoke on the general subject of Foreign Missions. Both these addresses were replete with interest for Baptists, especially, and will inspire all who heard them with interests in all missionary operations.

S. F. Conrad suggested a collection for Foreign Missions, which was taken up.

Dr. Pritchard spoke in the interest of *Charity and Children*,

published in behalf of the Orphanage, and urged our people to take the paper in order to aid the Orphanage and to familiarize themselves with its work.

Dr. James and Prof. Hobgood made announcements in interest of schools represented by them.

Motion prevails to adjourn for dinner. Benediction by C. Durham.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-convenes with Moderator in the chair.

The congregation joined in the singing, "There is a fountain filled with blood."

Rev. F. M. Royall was recognized as the Reidsville Baptists' contribution to the "Centennial of Missions."

Dr. C. Durham spoke on the "Centennial of Missions," using a large map with colors in order to show the relative attitude of the world to Chistianity.

Rev. J. A. Howard spoke criticising the methods of mission work of the different Boards, and favoring the Herring-Bostic plan. Rev. W. R. Gwaltney replied in defense of the Boards and the usual methods of work. Brother Howard further explained his position. Bro. G. V. Wood defended the position of Bro. Howard. C. Durham rejoined in defense of the Boards. Bro. Howard continued the discussion.

Brother Howell called attention to the immediate needs in our own midst. Bro. Conrad spoke in behalf of the usual lines of mission work.

Reports adopted and pledges taken.

Report on Education was read, and remarks were made by W. R. Gwaltney urging the necessity of sustaining the Board of Ministerial Education. Report was adopted and pledges taken.

Motion to adjourn prevails. Closing prayer by Rev. F. M. Royall.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, August 11, 1892.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The opening exercises were conducted by Bro. Durham, prayer was offered by Bro. Poteat. The moderator announced the following committees to perpare reports for next year and to *have them ready*:

Periodicals—J. K. Howells, C. J. Yarbrough.

Education—J. H. Lambeth, W. B. Bass.

Home Missions—J. R. Jones, G. V. Wood.

State Missions—F. P. Tucker, S. F. Conrad.

Foreign Missions—J. A. Howard, F. M. Royall.

Orphanage—J. T. Alderman, D. W. Johnson.

Sunday Schools—Thos. Slade, W. T. Baynes.

Prof. Poteat, of Wake Forest College, was recognized as a fraternal messenger and stated that he was glad to be present and would be glad to aid any one in selecting a school for his son.

Owing to some confusion in regard to the consolidated reports on Missions, State Mission work was again called up. Bro. Howell stated the general point of the report and made a forcible plea for *home work*. Bro. Wood spoke in favor of home work, but thought such work ought to be done by home pastors. J. R. Jones directed attention to Lea Bethel as worthy and deserving of help. S. F. Conrad spoke of the need of an Associational missionary. J. A. Howard thought the pastors of the Association could do this work. There was a failure to harmonize conflicting views, and, consequently, no matured plan of work within the Association was agreed on, the matter being left in the hands of the Executive committee. The report was adopted and pledges taken.

Prayer by Bro. Howell. Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met. Report on Orphanage was read by Bro. Wood.

Bro. Howell spoke earnestly in favor of sustaining the work at the Orphanage; and Bro. Conrad urged the importance of Baptists supporting this institution. Report adopted and the following recommendation adopted:

We recommend that each Church and each Sunday School take at least one collection a year for the Orphanage work.

Bro. Howard offered a resolution empowering the Executive Board to grant letters of dismissal to churches in order, if necessary, to form a new Association with Greensboro as the center.

Bro. Conrad offered an amendment instructing the Executive Committee to consider the advisability of the formation of a new Association with Greensboro as the center, and also the matter of Associational boundary lines, and report at the next meeting. After remarks for and against by Brethren Howard, Lambeth, Rominger, Conrad and Tucker, the amendment was adopted.

The Clerk read report on Education. Prof. Poteat, of Wake Forest College, addressed the Association on the subject of general education. Report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We can not too strongly urge upon parents the importance of educating their children. The boy or the girl who fails to be educated is put at a great disadvantage. The failure of Baptists to wield the influence made possible by their numbers is due to the lack of education among us. Wake Forest College is, we are glad to report, in a flourishing condition and is growing in influence as the years go by. The influences surrounding our boys, while there, are of the most wholesome kind. The facilities for acquiring a thorough education are equal to those of any other institution in the State. Our Female Colleges at Oxford and Murfreesboro are in a flourishing condition and are doing for our girls what Wake Forest is doing for our boys. They should have a liberal support from Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

F. P. HOBGOOD, Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

One of the primary objects of the Baptist State Convention is the education of young ministers, and the Board of Education was organized to aid poor young men called of God to the ministry and approved by their churches. Hundreds of young men have been enabled to pursue a course of study at the college, and have gone out into this and other States and into China and Africa to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Forty two young brethren were aided last year; but in consequence of the great scarcity of money the Board at present sees the way open to aid only thirty next year. Nearly forty more are asking help, but we are compelled to tell them that no help can be given.

W. R. GWALTNEY.

On motion of J. H. Lambeth, Bro. Brooks, of Greensboro, concurring, the action of the Association in granting Greensboro Church a letter of dismissal was recinded.

The Committee on time and place of next meeting, reported through J. H. Lambeth, Greensboro as the place and Tuesday after the first Sunday in August, 1893, as the time. Rev. J. A. Howard to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. F. M. Royall, alternate.

Committee to appoint new Executive Board recommended F. P. Tucker, M. A. Allen, R. W. Brooks, Wm. Faulkner and G. W. White.

Report on Sunday Schools was read, and Bro. Brooks urged the duty of all members of the church to attend the Sunday School. Report was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The importance of the Sunday School work in the progress of Christ's kingdom is universally recognized by our churches in theory, but our practice lags far in the rear. There are three prominent needs in this work as at present conducted. In the first place, we need to enlist the practical support and attendance of the older

portion of our membership. Secondly, we need to put more money and skill into the equipment of our Sunday School rooms. Thirdly, our teachers need to be selected with great care, and many of us need to feel more keenly the grave responsibility connected with teaching the Word of Life, that we may prepare ourselves more thoroughly for it. Respectfully submitted,

M. A. ALLEN, }
R. W. BROOKS, } Committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, our State organ, as worthy a place in every home; *Charity and Children*, that greater interest may be aroused for the support of the Orphanage; *Foreign Mission Journal*, that all may become better acquainted with the needs of our foreign fields; the *Wake Forest Student*, to give information about our college's work in preparing our young men for active and useful lives; *Our Home Field*, that our people may know more about the home mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention; the *Convention Series* of Sunday School periodicals, published by Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; *The North Carolina Baptist*, as a good and worthy paper.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LAMBETH.

Report of Treasurer was read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Collected for State Missions.....	\$77 57
“ “ Foreign Missions.....	35 32
“ “ Home Missions.....	19 32
“ “ Orphanage.....	37 55
“ “ Education.....	19 29
“ “ Minutes.....	18 87
“ “ Ruffin Church.....	7 00
Total.....	\$210 12

DISBURSMENTS.

Paid to C. Durham for State Missions.....	\$77 57
“ “ “ Foreign Missions.....	35 32
“ “ “ Home Missions.....	19 32
“ J. H. Mills for Orphanage.....	37 55
“ C. Durham for Education.....	19 29
“ Dr. F. P. Tucker for Minutes.....	18 87
“ S. F. Conrad for Ruffin Church.....	7 00
Total.....	\$210 12

J. P. WOODY, Treasurer.

The Association directed that the Clerk be paid five dollars for his services.

Bro. Conrad, at the request of Mrs. Wright, expressed her regret to the Association of her inability to attend its ses-

sions or to furnish entertainment for delegates and visitors, because of the serious illness of her husband, Capt. W. B. Wright. The Association joined Bro. J. H. Lambeth in prayer for Capt. Wright and his family.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due the Ruffin Church and friends of the community for the kind manner in which they have received and entertained us.

J. H. Lambeth led in singing long meter doxology. Benediction by F. M. Royall.

Next session to be held with Greensboro Church, Tuesday after first Sunday in August, 1893.

C. A. ROMINGER, MODERATOR.

F. P. TUCKER, CLERK.

TABLE OF PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Total.
Beulah.....	\$	\$ 10 00	\$ 2 50	\$	\$ 12 50
Clement.....	25 00	25 00	15 00	15 00	80 00
Ephesus.....	35 00	25 00	20 00	25 00	105 00
Elm Grove.....					
Greensboro.....	50 00	25 00	30 00		105 00
Kerr's Chapel.....	8 00	10 00	2 00	2 50	22 50
Lea Bethel.....		1 00	2 00		3 00
Milton.....	15 00	10 00	11 00	10 00	46 00
Reidsville.....	75 00	75 00	75 00	50 00	275 00
Ruffin.....	20 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	32 00
Shiloh.....	15 00	15 00	20 00	10 00	60 00
Trinity.....	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	30 00
Yanceyville.....	15 00	10 00	6 00	5 00	36 00
Providence.....	10 00	7 50	5 00	5 00	27 50
Total.....	\$278 00	\$228 50	\$197 50	\$130 50	\$ 834 50

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor.	Minutes.	Repairs.	Other Objects.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Orphanage.	Ruffin Church.	Total.
Beulah.....	\$ 200 00	8 27	4 05	2 00	3 00	50 00	21 00	25 00	15 00	20 00	13 00	.....	\$ 11 75
Clement.....	250 00	12 00	1 00	3 00	3 00	42 50	35 00	52 60	20 00	25 00	22 00	25 00	361 32
Ephesus.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	488 10
Elm Grove.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greensboro.....	916 97	549 44	13 66	85	.....	145 42	50 00	15 37	30 00	20 17	15 50	.....	1757 38
Kerr's Chapel.....	100 00	8 00	.....	1 75	600 00	.....	4 00	4 00	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	721 75
Lea Bethel.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	65 00
Milton.....	175 00	31 45	.....	2 00	.....	187 00	15 35	5 00	10 75	5 00	18 00	.....	449 55
Reidsville.....	1000 00	122 35	60 00	3 02	238 07	25 00	60 00	100 00	75 00	243 85	91 00	.....	2018 24
Ruffin.....	.....	42 50	.....	1 25	.....	.....	10 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	5 00	.....	70 75
Shiloh.....	175 00	7 10	2 00	1 50	.....	.....	14 08	10 25	20 00	5 42	2 15	.....	237 50
Trinity.....	150 00	28 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 25	8 00	.....	.....	2 64	2 00	196 25
Yanceyville.....	150 00	30 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	12 91	14 64	5 28	11 79	9 80	.....	236 17
Providence.....	100 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	6 00	7 50	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	124 50
Total.....	\$3236 97	\$ 839 41	\$80 71	\$18 87	\$ 841 07	\$ 449 92	\$ 247 09	\$ 252 92	\$ 191 53	\$ 341 73	\$ 181 60	\$27 00	\$6738 31

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Total.	Raised by School for all Purposes.	Periodicals Taken.	No. Volumes in Library.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.
Beulah.....	8	50	58	\$ 10 00	50	50	C. R. Vernon.....	Woodburn, N. C.....
Clement.....	9	60	69	12 00	66	200	W. C. Pulliam.....	Woodburn, N. C.....
Ephesus.....	9	60	69	12 00	66	200	R. W. Brooks & J. S. Moore	Greensboro, N. C.....
Elm Grove.....	29	257	286	246 64	417	.....	W. F. Davis.....	Stony Creek, N. C.....
Greensboro.....	9	36	41	8 00	41	.....	F. B. Jones.....	Milton, N. C.....
Kerr's Chapel.....	5	23	28	8 00	53	60	C. A. Rominger.....	Greensboro, N. C.....
Lea Bethel.....	19	200	219	92 00	325	210	F. P. Tucker.....	Reidsville, N. C.....
Milton.....	5	25	30	8 52	35	.....	Jos. E. Jordan.....	Ruffin, N. C.....
Reidsville.....	6	60	67	6 17	60	.....	C. J. Yarbrough.....	Yarbrough, N. C.....
Ruffin.....	7	90	97	15 00	80	.....	B. Lowmes.....	Lenox Castle, N. C.....
Shiloh.....	6	77	83	8 00	80	.....	D. F. Ware.....	Yanceyville, N. C.....
Trinity.....	6	55	61	8 00	42	.....	.....	Gatewood, N. C.....
Yanceyville.....	9	77	86	15 00	80	.....	.....	.....
Providence.....	9	55	64	8 00	42	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	104	868	972	\$ 404 33	1208	470	.....	.....

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	TIME OF MEETING.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total Number.
Beulah	2nd Sunday	J. K. Howell	Lenox Castle, N. C.	J. C. King	Hammer Mills, N. C.	18	52	6	1	34	1	1	1	18	34	52
Clement	3rd "	J. H. Lambeth	Roxboro, N. C.	Dr. J. T. Coleman	Hurdle's N. C.	48	113	3	1	70	1	1	1	48	70	113
Ephesus	1st "	"	Roxboro, N. C.	J. P. Woody	Alton, Va.	94	222	4	2	128	2	2	2	94	128	222
Elm Grove	Every "	"	Lenox Castle, N. C.	W. W. Rowe	Greensboro, N. C.	74	118	16	6	74	1	2	2	74	118	192
Greensboro	"	C. A. G. Thomas	Lenox Castle, N. C.	D. P. Sartin	Greensboro, N. C.	32	93	1	1	38	1	1	1	38	55	93
Kerr's Chapel	2nd "	J. K. Howell	Lenox Castle, N. C.	J. F. Howard	Ridgelyville, N. C.	8	13	1	1	8	1	1	1	8	13	16
Mt. Zion	1st & 2d "	J. B. Jones	Milton, N. C.	J. J. Yarbrough	Milton, N. C.	20	50	6	2	30	1	1	1	20	30	50
Reidsville	Every "	J. A. Howard	Reidsville, N. C.	M. A. Allen	Reidsville, N. C.	22	75	22	7	93	5	5	5	93	175	238
Reidsville	4th "	S. F. Conrad	Winston, N. C.	F. P. Tucker	Ruffin, N. C.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Shiloh	2nd "	T. B. Jones	Milton, N. C.	Wm. H. Kersey	Milton, N. C.	8	18	9	3	9	2	2	2	8	18	38
Shiloh	2nd "	T. B. Jones	Lenox Castle, N. C.	Thos. Slade	Lenox Castle, N. C.	8	16	8	3	9	4	5	5	8	16	33
Trinity	3rd "	J. K. Howell	Milton, N. C.	J. P. Poteat	Yanceyville, N. C.	1	30	1	2	2	3	3	3	1	13	17
Yanceyville	1st "	J. B. Jones	Lenox Castle, N. C.	H. C. Davis	Yanceyville, N. C.	8	20	2	1	2	2	2	2	8	18	62
Providence	"	J. K. Howell	Lenox Castle, N. C.	"	Gatewood, N. C.	13	33	2	1	1	1	1	1	13	24	61
Total							71	87	4	68	28	15	15	591	854	1355

In Memory of Rev. J. J. James.

Rev. Joshua John James died at his home near Yanceyville, Caswell county, N. C., on April 6th, 1892, in the seventy-eighth year of his age.

He was born in Halifax county, Va., Nov. 30th, 1814. After obtaining a neighborhood education, he prepared for college at a classical school in Danville, Va. He then was a student at Wake Forest College three sessions, and after this taught school for two years at Peytonsburg Academy. He entered Columbian University, Washington, D. C., where he graduated in 1841. He obtained a hope in Christ in his seventeenth year, and connected himself with the Baptist church in his native county. He was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1842 by the presbytery of the Dan River Association, at County Line church, Halifax county, Virginia.

In June, 1843, he settled in Caswell county, N. C., and became pastor of Yanceyville and Trinity Baptist churches, located in the bounds of the Beulah Association, where he continued to labor for eight years. While laboring in this field he baptized many of the prominent citizens living in communities contiguous to his churches.

In 1852, he entered upon the agency of a Baptist Female College in Oxford, N. C., which he succeeded in establishing.

In 1853, he was called by the Baptist State Convention to the editorial chair of the *Biblical Recorder*, which paper he continued to edit until 1861, when he transferred it to Rev. J. D. Hufham.

The remainder of his life he spent with his family on his farm in Caswell county, N. C., with the exception of a few years when he filled short pastorates at High Point, Milton and Ephesus. He also aided his ministerial brethren in their meetings and preached whenever occasion seemed to require, until failing health unfitted him for public service—a period of ten years, during which time he could only now and then preach, and this always seemed to be a pleasure to him.

He was at one time Moderator of the Beulah Association, Trustee of Wake Forest College, and Vice-President of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

He was a good preacher, a fine conversationalist and well-versed in theology. As a writer he excelled. His views were comprehensive, his perception was clear, his style elevated, his language chaste, his diction excellent; all this, together with his strong logical turn of mind, made him one of our best writers. Few could cope with him in a newspaper discussion.

For more than sixty years he was a member of the Baptist church and for fifty years a preacher of the gospel. He had unbounded confidence in God, a strong faith in Christ, and an unwavering reliance on the promises of the Bible. A few years before he died, the writer heard him say, "I have tried the pleasures, the honors, the wisdom, and, in some measure, the riches of this world; but these have all cloyed on my appetite, and have failed to bring relief and comfort in the trials of life. Christianity, as taught in the Scriptures of Divine Truth, has been a source of never-failing comfort to me in all the trials of life. And now that my end is drawing

near, my only hope of salvation is in the atoning merit of Jesus Christ. My trust is in the mercy of God in Christ."

For several months previous to his death, he was a constant sufferer and talked freely about dying to his family. A short while before he died, he said to his three sons as they were near him, "Care tenderly and kindly for your mother and sisters, be good boys, and prepare to meet your father in heaven." Among his last utterances was about the following: "Dear Jesus, how can I do without thee now? Be thou my stay and support!"

He requested the writer to preach his funeral, and Rev. J. K. Howell to assist in the exercises. We carried out his request. A large number of his brethren and friends attended his burial. Rev. J. R. Jones, of Milton, was also present and took a part in the burial services.

He leaves a wife and five children to mourn their loss. They have our sympathy. May God's all sustaining grace be their comfort and support.

F. H. JONES.

