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The Next Regular Session Will Be Held With Macedonia Baptist Church in October, 1945.

Rev. J. G. Hicks Will Preach The Associational Sermon. Rev. H. K. Masteller, Alternate.

The Mid-Term Session Will Be Held With Central Falls Church, April 5, 1945.

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Rev. P. C. Gantt, Vice Moderator,	Ramseur
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Mrs. Arthur Presnell, W. M. U. Pres	Ramseur
John R. Rice, B. T. U. Director	Randleman
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District No. 1 E. C. Williamson, James	Brower
District No. 2, Ernest Brady, W. P. Wa	ard
District No. 3, J. A. Durham, Clyde Ru	ussell
District No. 4, T. L. Helms, L. G. Boy	wman, J. C. Pearce,
John R. Rice, Mrs. Arthur Presnell and all	pastors.
ORPHANAGE SPONSO	R
G. H. King	Asheboro
EVANGELISM CHAIRMA	AN
Rev. J. I. Memory	Randleman
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Edwards, C. L. Moffitt, C. F. Laughlin.	
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Bennett, Hubert	- Greensboro, R. 1.
Clark, Floyd B	Lexington, R. 2.
Connor, W. Horace	Central Falls
Curl, Leslie D	Greensboro, R. 4.
Edwards, J. C	Liberty
Farrington, B. H	Colfax
Gantt, P. C.	Ramseur
Garner, W. E	Randleman
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Helms, Nathan J	Concord
Hicks, J. G.	Liberty
Hopkins, Will	China Grove
Kidd, J. C	Bennett
Kidd, Roland	Bennett
Laughlin, C. F.	Cedar Falls
Leonard, W. M.	Bennett

Luck, S. M	Winston-Salem
Masteller, H. K.	Asheboro
Memory, J. I	Randleman
Settlemyre, G. F.	
Smith, C. R	Central Falls
Strickland, C. M	
Whisnant, Everette	
Wiggs, Jas. E.	

Constitution And By-Laws

ARTICLE 1.—NAME AND OBJECT

Section 1.—The name of this organization shall be "The Randolph Baptist Association."

Section 2.—The object of this Association shall be Missionary, Educational, and Benevolent; the promotion of harmony and fellowship among the Churches; and the evangelizing of the territory of the Association.

ARTICLE II.-MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.—This Association shall be composed of duly-elected messengers of Baptist Churches.

Section 2.—Each Church shall be entitled to three messengers to every one hundred members and one additional messenger for every fifty more members.

Section 3.—Any church desiring membership shall be referred to a committee who shall examine its Church covenant and articles of faith, and upon favorable report by said committee shall be received by a majority vote.

ARTICLE III.-POWERS

Section 1.—Each Church co-operating in this Association is independent and sovereign and must be so regarded and guarded. Section 2.—This Association reserves the right to say who

shall become a member, and who shall remain in its fold.

ARTICLE IV .- MEETINGS

Section 1.—This Association shall meet on Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in October .

Section 2.—The Executive Board shall have power to act and call meetings between sessions of the Association.

ARTICLE V.-OFFICERS

Section 1.—This Association shall have a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and Clerk-Treasurer.

Section 2.—The officers shall be elected the first day of the Associational gathering and serve through the next session.

ARTICLE VI.—RULES OF DECORUM

Section 7,-This Association shall be governed by such rules

and by-laws as may be adopted, amended, or set aside as the maiority vote may decide.

ARTICLE VII.-EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1.—The Executive Board shall be composed of the Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Supt. of Sunday Schools, B. T. U. Director, W. M. U. President, and pastors, along with two other members from each of the four divisions of the territory.

Section 2.—This Association shall be divided into four parts, Highway Nos. 90 and 70 constituting the division. The north-east division shall be District No. 1. The southeast division District No. 2. The South-west division District No. 3, and the north-west division District No. 4.

Amendments can be made to this constitution at any regular session of the messengers, provided that the amendment shall be presented in written form upon the first day of the session.

Amendment No. 1. That the Moderator name the committee on committees some weeks before the annual session, and that this committee be directed to begin its work before the annual session.

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Proceedings

PANTHER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

October 19-20, 1944

The tenth annual session of the Randolph Baptist Association convened Thursday morning, Oct. 19, at 9:45 o'clock, with Panther Creek Church.

1. Song: "Come We That Love the Lord."

2. Song: "What a Friend We Have In Jesus."

3. Devotional. Rev. W. H. Connor, pastor of the hostess church, using Matt. 16:19.

4. The Moderator R. E. Heath, called the Association to order.

5. Report of Program Committee: Several changes were made in the program in order to accommodate some of State Denominational speakers, who could not be with us as scheduled.

6. The moderator having appointed Bro. J. C. Edwards as chairman of the committee on committees previous to the meeting of the Association. Bro. Edwards now reads his re-

port naming the chairmen of the various committees as follows: Time, Place and Preacher: James Brower.

Memorials: Mrs. E. C. Getzman.

Appreciation: Mrs. G. C. Kennedy.

Nominating Committee: J. C. Kidd.

Goals: J. I. Memory.

7. Roll Call of Churches: 26 churches were represented at the opening of the session, while others came in before the noon hour.

8. Recognition of new pastors and visitors: New pastors were: H. K. Masteller, Asheboro First. J. I. Memory, Randleman First. Visitors: M. A. Huggins, Raleigh, L. L. Carpenter, Raleigh, R. D. Covington, Thomasville, R. L. Whipple, Campbell College, L. A. Nall, Burlington, V. M. Dorsett, moderator Sandy Creek Association.

9. Mrs. Arthur Presnell offered the following resolutions:

1. "That a partial revision of our Constitution be made at this meeting so that it will not limit our work for the coming year.

The revisions recommended are as follows:

(1) Under article V strike out section 3, which reads. "The Moderator shall not be eligible to serve more than two years in succession."

(2) Under article VII section 1, after the work "clerk," insert, "Supt. of Sunday Schools, B. T. U. Director, W. M. U.President, and Pastor." Section 1, would then read as follows: "The Executive Board shall be composed of the Moderator. Vice Moderator, Clerk, Supt. of Sunday Schools, B. T. U. Director, W. M. U. President, and Pastors, along with two other members from each of the four divisions of the territory."

2. That Dr. H. K. Masteller be appointed chairman of a committee to study and revise our Constitution. This revision to be brought to the 1945 Associational meeting for adoption.

After some remarks by Bro. J. C. Kidd, these recommendations were taken separately and each one adopted.

10. Mrs. Presnell also offered the following amendment to the Constitution:

That the moderator name the committee on committees

some weeks before the annual session, and that this committee be directed to begin its work before the annual session."

This amendment was also adopted.

11. The Clerk being authorized at a meeting of the Executive Board, offered the following recommendation:

"That the Association elect a nominating committee to nominate the moderator, vice moderator, and clerk.

This recommendation to become effective upon its acceptance by the Association."

After thorough discussion, by several brethren, Bro. W. M. Green moved the recommendation be tabled., the vote was taken and the recommendation was tabled.

12. L. L. Carpenter, Biblical Recorder representative, was given ten minutes to speak on religious literature.

13. Address: M. A. Huggins. He called on Dr. Masteller to lead us in prayer.

The speaker said: "North Carolina Baptists have not spent as much for missions in one hundred years as the cost of the new battleship "North Carolina."

"This world is being 'gadget-ized.' Shall we as Baptists be as energetic in trying to 'Gospelize' the world as business men are to gadgetize the world."

14. Report on Mills Home. G. H. King. Bro. King not being present the report was read by Dr. Masteller.

The report was adopted.

15. Song: 'Glory to His Name."

16. Mr. R. D. Covington from Mills Home spoke to the report.

Annual Report For 1944 NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Article I of our constitution says: "This institution shall be known as the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, Incorporated, formerly known as Thomasville Baptist Orphanage and later known as the Mills Home, according to its amended charter ,and shall have for its object the support and caring for and training of dependent children of the white race."

Dr. I. G. Greer is the General Superintendent and Mr.R. D. Covington is treasurer.

The Orphanage maintains two homes, the Mills Home in

Thomasville and the Kennedy Home near Kinston. These are not two orphanages but are the two homes of the Baptist Orphanage. Each of these homes has a superintendent but neither has a separate treasurer, for the Orphanage treasurer handles all of the finances of both homes. Miss Sarah E. Elmore is superintendent of Mills Home and Rev. W. C. Reed is superintendent of Kennedy Home.

The Social Service Department, Mrs. Louise L. Blake, director, receives all applications for the entrance of children into the Orphanage and after investigation makes recommendation to the general superintendent, who makes the final decision. He says whether the child is to be accepted and if so into which home. If it seems best he places the child in a boarding home or establishes a mothers' aid home.

We have cared for during 1943, 648 in the two homes, 23 in boarding homes, and 60 in their own homes. We have been able to place a larger number than ever before, thus enabling us to be of service to more children.

Attendance in school reached almost 99 per cent, due to the general good health of the children and the almost total absence of any contagious diseases.

As a result of good food, regular hours and the cooperation of all workers, the health of our children is far above that of the outside population.

Many activities are involved in the production of good food. The farm from which we receive fresh vegetables in abundance along with pork and beef, the dairy from which each child receives a quart of whole milk daily, the poultry yard where all of our chickens and eggs are produced, and the 100,000 half gallon jars that are filled with every kind of fruit and vegetable by our friends all over North Carolina. All of these good things are sent out to our 19 kitchens of the two homes where they are prepared as well balanced meals under the supervision of trained workers.

Clothing to a great extent is made by the children, with the aid of competent supervisors.

More than 10,000 pieces pass through the two laundries each week. The greater part of this work is done by the girls. Colored help is employed for the heaviest of the labor.

The physical education program goes on the year round with trained directors in charge.

A graded Sunday School, B. T. U., and W. M. U. both at Kennedy Home and Mills Home helps in rounding out the lives of our boys and girls.

Charity and Children is published each week at Mills Home and covers the activities of the entire Orphanage. Along with the paper a profitable commercial printing shop is maintained and

large numbers of our boys are trained.

On account of the increased cost of living the monthly contributions and Thanksgiving offering should be larger this year than they have ever been before.

In the name of Christ whose love for the orphan child was supreme and as an opportunity for enriching our own lives, let us rededicate ourselves to the task of supporting and training the boys and girls committed to our care.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. King

17. Bro. Edwards calls for the committee on committees to meet him at the noon hour.

18. Bro. Connor made announcement concerning lunch.

19. Annual Sermon, Rev. P. C. Gantt.

Song: "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned."

Text: Matt. 16:24. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Adjourn.

Thursday Afternoon

20. Song: 'How Firm A Foundation."

21. Devotional: J. G. Hicks, using Matt. 6:9; Acts 1:8. Acts 2:1.

22. Report of Committee on Committees.

1. Time, Place and Preacher: Jas. Brower, chairman, Mrs. L. C. Frazier, Mrs. Elizabeth Auman.

2. Memorials: Mrs. E. C. Getzman, chairman, Mrs. C. E. Baldwin, Mrs. M. D. Dunlap.

3. Appreciation: Mrs. G. C. Kennedy, chairman, Mrs. J. 1. Memory, Mrs. J. L. Wiles.

Nominating Committee: J. C. Kidd, chairman, Mrs.
 E. S. Millsaps, V. N. Cheek.

5. On Goals: J. I. Memory, chairman, C. L. Smith, C. F. Laughlin.

6. Committee on Committees: J. C. Edwards, Chairman, Mrs. Arthur Presnell, P. C. Gantt, J. C. Pearce, James Brower.

. 23. Bro. J. I. Memory requested that ten minutes of the time allotted to him later in the afternoon be given to Mr. R. L. Whipple, vice-president Campbell College, to address the body on Christian Education and Campbell College.

This time was gladly granted.

24. Bro. J. C. Edwards offered an amendment to the constitution reading:

"That to article V, add section 3. "The moderator shall not be eligible to serve more than two years in succession."

25. Bro, G. F. Settlemyre offered an amendment to the amendment, reading as follows: 'The term of the moderator shall be limited to four years."

After much discussion by J. C. Kidd, J. I. Memory, G. H. King, and C. M. Strickland, for and against. W. F. Cates made a motion, that these amendments both be tabled, being seconded by several, the vote was taken and the amendments were tabled.

26. Election of Officers.

For moderator, Bro. G. H. King nominated R. E. Heath. No other nominations, Bro. Heath was re-elected by a rising unanimous vote.

For vice moderator, Bro. W. H. Connor nominated Rev. P. C. Gantt. No other nominations, Bro. Gantt was elected by a rising vote.

For clerk-treasurer, Bro. C. L. Smith nominated W. F. Cates. No other nominations, the rising vote was unanimous.

Supt. of Sunday Schools, J. C. Pearce was re-elected.

W. M. U. President, Mrs. Arthur Presnell was re-elected. B. T. U. Director, Bro. John R. Rice.

Recorder representative, Bro. W. M. Green re-elected.

Orphanage sponsor, Bro. G. H. King re-elected.

Supt. of Evangelism, Rev. J. I. Memory.

27. The Association adopted the following resolution.

"That the Association employ a full-time associational missionary, as soon as arrangements can be made by the Executive Board.

28. Bro. P. C. Gantt pledges the support of Ramseur and Franklinville churches to this missionary.

29. Dr. H. K. Masteller spoke of the advantages and benefits in having an associational missionary. The resolution was then adopted by a rising vote.

30. Bro. C. L. Smith made a motion that a committee be appointed to pro-rate the salary of the missionary among the

churches. After some discussion the motion was lost.

31. Bro. C. L. Smith moved the clerk's salary be increased ten dollars per year, since the work has been increased. The motion was carried.

32. By reason of the adoption of an amendment to article VII of the Constitution, it became necessary to elect two Executive board members to take the places of C. F. Moffitt, and I. C. Pearce.

Mr. Ernest Brady and Mr. J. A. Durham were elected.

33. Report of Churches. This consists of one-minute reports by a representative from each church. The reports indicate good growth both numerically and financially.

34. Sunday School report, J. C. Pearce, Supt. Bro. Pearce spoke briefly of the Sunday School work, saying he is greatly encouraged because of the progress made the past year. He stated he had visited every church in the Association with possibly one exception.

35. State Missions report, C. F. Laughlin.

STATE MISSIONS

Never have Southern Baptists been faced with such stupendous issues both at home and abroad as they face today but I believe the Nightmare of darkness, chaos and uncertainty is giving way to the break o'day. With the coming of the dawn comes also our golden opportunity for a greater prosecution of our Missionary Program. One is made to wonder what our reaction as a great Religious Body will be to our coming opportunities. May I call your attention to the fact that each individual's opportunity to help in our great Missionary Cause is his own personal responsibility. Our own State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention can only meet this challenge and embrace this opportunity in so far as we as individuals, Churches and Associations make it possible for them to do so. Our Military Effort at home and on the Battlefield is meeting with success and we would be most unworthy indeed should we fail to do cur best to bring about the victory we are all so confidently looking forward to and to hasten the cessation of hostilities. But what a price we are paying in lives, dollars, blood, toil, sweat and tears. Shall we be willing to pay the price to maintain the peace when it comes? We were unwilling to pay the price before the War. Many Baptists will tell you that they are not able to bring tithes and offerings into the storehouse of the Lord and that they do not believe in tithing anyway. Today because men have robbed God and have refused to give back

to Him that which rightfully belongs to Him, we are paying not ten per cent of our net income but perhaps fifty per cent of our gross income in hidden taxes not to advance the Kingdom of God but to prosecute a bloody War. Had we given more for Misisons yesterday, we would perhaps be giving less for Munitions today How will it be tomorrow?

North Carolina is not yet a Christian State but Baptists in their Churches and in cooperation with other Baptists through the State Mission Program are seeking to make North Carolina a great Christian Commonwealth such has been the Baptist program for one hundred years and such is the program now. We are told Fifty thousand dollars is needed at once by our State Mission Board to help finance this program. If all Baptists were Christians and were willing to take God at his word and give him a chance, we could easily raise five times the above amount. This program of State Missions is a worthy program and one that merits the honest cooperation of every Baptist. State Missions is the most vital part of our whole world Mission program and undergirds all Missions and meets the requirements of our Lord as given in his great commission. Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world (Matthew 28: 19-20). The command has been given by our Lord himself, the opportunity is ours. May we embrace this opportunity in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. C. F. Laughlin

36. Foreign Missions, Mrs. J. R. Hill.

Mrs. Hill being in the hospital at this time her report was read by Mrs. E. S. Millsaps.

The above reports were adopted.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

As the day of victory draws nearer in this tragic war, Southern Baptists face the greatest missionary needs in their history. We shall be called upon to minister to millions around the world who will be hungry for both physical and Spiritual food. The world needs the gospel message more than ever before and let us not forget that the first American Baptist foreign missionary society was organized during the War of 1812. We must be obedient to the Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ to make disciples of all nations.

After the indebtedness of the Foreign Mission Board was paid in full early in 1943, this Board accumulated a reserve of approxi-

mately \$1,000,000 in a year's time. This and much more will be needed in preparing for the task of rehabilitation and for the heavy task of getting missionaries to and from mission fields.

The amount given for relief purposes around the world since Jan. 1s.t last year, exceeds \$500,000 of which \$100,000 has been set apart for relief work in Europe and \$100,000 for China. The income for the current work of the board for 1943 was \$1,530,318.48. The total Lottie Moon Christmas offering for 1943 reached \$761,269.79.

Southern Baptists have mission work in seventeen countries: China, Japan, Africa, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Columbia, Mexico, Hungary, Italy, Rumania, Spain, Yugoslavia, Palestine, Syria, Hawaii, with plans to enter Paraguay when the way is open. Although we are shut out of occupied China for the present, the work done in that area by native churches continues with fidelity unsurpassed in missionary annals. Glorious reports come from evangelistic labors in Free China. Last Dec. 1st. thirty-nine of our missionaries from occupied China came home on the Gripsholm.

Since April 1943, fifty-two missionaries have been appointed to Southern Eaptist Foreign Mission Fields. The Board now has 502 missionaries in active service.

The Board is arranging for missionary appointees to take training courses in first aid, such training to enable the new missionaries to take better care of himself and to minister in practical ways to the people whom he serves. This does not take the place of professional medical training however. Our hospitals on foreign fields are among our greatest evangelistic assets.

One of the interesting aspects of this war is the ministry of multitudes of our soldiers who have gone to the ends of the earth with new Testaments in their pockets. They are witnessing for Christ. Approximately 1,000 chaplains are now in service, and many of them have indicated their desire to go out as missionaries of the Scuthern Baptist Convention after the war.

The foreign mission magazine, "The Commission," new has almost 60,000 subscribers. Many churches are placing it in their church budget.

Desiring to render further service and to stimulate missionary interest in the churches, the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Eoard are cooperating with the State Mission Board in promoting a program of church Schools of Missions. In that way the whole church membership become better acquainted with the churches' entire mission program.

One of the most important phases of the work of the Foregn Mission Board is the selection and training of missionary volunteers for service in rebuilding a wrecked world through the prochow shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach lamation and practice of the Gospel.

"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" Respectfully submitted, Mrs. J. R. Hill

37. The moderator recognized Mr. V. M. Dorsett, moderator of the Sandy Creek Association extending a welcome to him.

38. Because of the lateness of the hour, Bro. J. I. Memory, who was to have brought an inspirational address, made some brief remarks concerning the work, after which the Association adjourned until Friday morning at 9:45 o'clock.

Friday Morning

Devotional, C. F. Laughlin

39. Baptist Hospital report, C. L. Smith.

Report adopted. Bro. Smith stated he was expecting Bro. Smith Hagaman, or Bro. Parker, from the hospital, but owing to the very rainy day he doubted if either of them would be here. Bro. Smith spoke on thework of the hospital, its opportunities, its services and its needs.

At this time the moderator recognized Bro. K. E. Bryant and Bro. G. A. Hendricks.

40. Training Union work, Hobart Wall

Upon the adoption of the report Bro. Wall spoke briefly of the work.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Baptist Hospital was established by our denomination for the purpose of providing hospital facilities for the sick of our state who are not financially able to pay for treatment. In normal times, about one-third the population of our state is found in this class.

It was the purpose of our Baptist brethren that this sh uld be rendered as a great Christian service by the entire denomination to these unfortunate poor.

Since the opening of the hospital in 1923-a little more than 20 years ago, about 77,000 patients have been treated to-date. Of this number, about 28,000 were of these for whom the Institution was primarily provided-service or charity patients. During these years, the hospital has rendered, in most instances, free service to about 1,650 ministers, missionaries and ministerial students. Last year-1943-10,333 patients were treated. Of this number, 3,444 were free patients or paid little. This free service last year represents a cost of \$145,509.76. The free service of the hospital for the little more than 20 years of its history represents a cost of about

\$2,302,000.00. This cost was covered by one doilar per day per patient from the Duke Foundation, a little profit from pay patients but largely from the Mothers' Day offering by the churches.

The Mothers' Day offering by the churches this year amounts to-date to about \$90,000. The largest ever. This includes hospital linen donated by the W. M. U.s and other church agencies in the amount of about \$2,000 so far this year.

The Training School for nurses has an enrollment at present of 119. Of these, 101 are "Cadets." That is, they receive certain expenses for their training from the National Government in consideration of their needed service in the present war emergency.

Notwithstanding, the recent expansion of the hospital's facilities, it is constantly over-crowded, which makes it impossible to render prompt and much needed service to all who apply.

About two-thirds of the patients who come for treatment are pay-patients. They provide their own doctor as they may choose, and pay their hospital bill.

About one-third of the population of our state in normal times fall in the class that cannot pay for hospital treatment.

This Institution is attempting to keep upermost in mind always the purpose for which it was created, primarily the treatment of the poor in a Christian Institution.

The hospital, in cooperation with the Medical Schooi, has a staff of doctors capable of treating almost any condition of physcial ills.

Respectfully submitted.

C. L .Smith

B. T. U. REPORT

This report shows that we lost one Union at Asheboro First and gained one new Union at Panther Creek with one adult, one Young Peoples and Intermediate and Junior combined. Making the total Unions in the Association 8.

Miles driven 700; letters, 10; cards, 64; talks, 6.

Study Courses held at Cedar Falls, Central Falls, Panther Creek and Center Cross. Total 4.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Hobart Wall

41. Relief and Annuity, H. K. Masteller.

Dr. Masteller's remarks were both interesting and informative. He urged full cooperation by all churches and pastors, since the plan is so beneficial to both .

RELIEF AND ANNUITY REPORT

In addition to providing a measure of aid to aged and needy ministers, the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist

Convention co-operates with the various State Conventions in providing retirement annuities to pastors who participate in the plan Realizing the urgent need of making worthy and equitable provision for the pastors of our churches when they must retire because of age or disability, the Ministers' Retirement Plan has been established for this noble purpose. The advantages both to the individual ministers and to the churches are many, of which we may mention the following: (1) The minister is freed from anxiety about his means of livelihood after he lays down the burdens of the pastorate; because of this he will doubtless do better work while he is actively serving. (2) By means of a systematic plan of laying aside a definite amount each month many ministers can provide for their future who would never build up a savings fund in any other way. (3) In this plan old-age security is provided for a class of workers that are not (and should not be) included in any government plan. (4) No one church is made responsible for the care of a retired minister, but the churches he serves through the years together help to build up a fund which will provide for his needs (5) Churches be less hesitant about calling as pastors men of ripened wisdom and long experience, for they know that when the age of retirement comes they will not have to continue to support them.

Very briefly, the plan is this: The pastor puts in four percent of his salary (or less if he chooses) each month, quarter or year. The church or churches he serves contribute a like amount, and the State Convention adds \$18.00 per year for each pastor in the plan. Upon reaching the age of 65, or any time thereafter, the pastor may retire from active service and receive an annuity up to fifty per cent of the average salary he has received during the years of his participation in the plan. Provision also made for disability benefits before the age of 65, and for payments to his widow in case of his death.

All the States in the Southern Baptist. Convention have plans similar to this, but North Carolina's plan contains some desirable features not found in the plans of the other States. An increasing number of pastors and churches are availing themselves of the benefits of this plan. According to recent reports, about 1,000 of the 2,664 churches in our State Convention, or less than 40 per cent are co-operating in the plan, and about 500 of the more than 1,000 active pastors, or about 50 per cent.

This plan is highly commended to all pastors and churches in our Association as a most sane and sensible, as well as benevolent method of solving a perplexing problem and meeting a great need. The pastors and leaders of the churches are urged to secure full information about the plan from Secretary M. A. Huggins, and to

enter it at the earliest possible moment.

Respectfully submitted, H. K. Masteller

42. Bro. Memory asked concerning the appointment of some one to promote the work of the Relief and Annuity plan.

The moderator stated this could be worked out by the Executive Committee.

43. Christian Education, J. C. Kidd.

Bro. Kidd brought some pertinent truths concerning the value and necessity of Christian Education, not only in our churches, but also among doctors, lawyers statesmen, and secular teachers.

Report adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Baplists are what they are because they have believed in Consecration, 'Fraining and Education. It has been said that education is a dangerous thing if it's not Christian. The present trend of things demands a better educated leadership in all walks of life, Business, Teaching, Medicine, Political and Ministry, especially Christian Education. If the Public School System continue to go for the next 20 years as it has for the 30 years past, no parent will have any say as to who will teach their children, whether Heathen, Catholic or Pagan, Therefore our Christian Schools and Colleges are our only hope to sustain Christian leadership. We are blessed in this State with two great colleges-Wake Forest for men and Meredith for women. Also six junior colleges for boys and girls. These schools are second to none when it comes to principles, character and religion. Out of our school of learning have come some of the greatest statesmen, lawyers, doctors, teachers of learning, teacher of religion, missionaries, ministers and a host of good business men and women, with multitudes of leaders in church, in home building and community life, all of which make a better world and a better eternity.

The Book says the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and under God let us support our Christian Schools. Also study to show theyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Kidd

44. The Country Church. The moderator introduced Bro, Garland A. Hendricks who brought the message on this term Bro, Hendricks outerved the TailApper the mud provide a realistic setting for the subject under discussion. THECLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY WAKE FOPEST. N C.

He said: "We are in the Baptist stranghold of the world. We are in the Bible Belt of the nation. In the Bible belt, 60 per cent are church members, outside only 50 per cent are church members." "We are both rich and poor. Rich in natural resources, rich in human beings; poor in money wealth."

"We labor under a handicap. We have one half as much money, and two times as many children, which means a four fold handicap."

45. Bro. Connor announced that because of the rain, lunch would be served in the church.

46. Time having arrived for the doctrinal sermon, Dr. Masteller led in singing "Wonderful Words of Life," Mrs. G. A. Patterson at the piano. Rev. K. E. Bryant a former pastor in our Association brought the doctrinal message, using a few verses from John I, also John 8:1-32. Subject: The Book for the Crisis.

"The Christ of the Bible will meet every crisis which we shall face."

Adjourn.

Friday Afternoon

Song: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." 47. Devotional: C. L. Moffitt, Matt. 11:28-30. Prayer by Rev. G. F. Settlemyre.

48. Report of Woman's Missionary Union.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

During the days of the reformation a reformer kept giving this insistent call: "Is it right that we Christians hold the Gospel for ourselves alone and not seek to spread it? Is it right that we Christians expend so much on all sorts of dress, delicacies in eating and drinking and all comforts and luxuries, but hitherto thought of no means for spreading the Gospel?" When we are reminded that for two years now there have been no new missionary societies formed in our Association we may well ask ourselves the same question.

If "the generation to come," in this land and every land, is to know the wonderful Gospel we must keep bright the fires of missionary fervor. The best way to do this is through a missionary society. Yet, out of thirty-five churches we have only eighteen missionary societies. In the eighteen churches with societies we have thirty Young Peoples' organizations. It is our earnest prayer that the other seventeen churches in our Association will feel the need of missionary information and inspiration that can be had in a mis-

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sionary society. May all our churches be "laborers together with God" in bringing His Kingdom on earth.

In all our programs this year we have sought to "make known His mighty acts and the glorious majesty of His Kingdom." In our annual meeting held in the First Church, Asheboro, April 5th, the Asbury W. M. S. was hostess. We were blessed in having Miss Olive Lawton, missionary from China, and Dr. H. T. Stevens as our speakers. At this meeting Mrs. T. L. York, our efficient young people's leader, resigned and Mrs. G. F. Lane was elected to this office. However, Mrs. Lane has been pressed into service as fulltime high school teacher and has had to resign.

The eighteen Woman's Missionary Societies and the thirty Young Peoples' organizations contributed through Special Offerings, the One Hundred Thousand Club, and the Cooperative Program the amount of \$3,308.75.

As president of the Associational W. M. U. I have written 162 letters and postals, attended ten meetings relative to associational work, and traveled 568 miles.

In closing this report I want to challenge every young man and woman in our Association-those who are just now establishing homes, and those who have little ones in the home-to "choose ye this day whom ye will serve," and to choose the Lord Christ. If you will do this then there will go out from your homes not only those who love the way of the Prince of Peace, but those who will love the children of every land and every race. Then, indeed, a new and a glorious day will dawn in our Association-yes, even to the ends of the earth-"For ye serve the Lord Christ."

"Lord, in this hour of tumult; "Not blindly, nor in hatred, Lord, let me do my part, Lord, in this night of fear,

Keep open, O keep open Keep open, O keep open My eyes, my heart, my ears. My eyes, my ears, my heart."

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Arthur Presnell, Pres.

Report on Home Missions, Mrs. G. A. Patterson.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board now has 514 missionaries working in 1050 churches and mission stations in every state in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention and in Cuba and Central America. In 1943 these missionaries preached 36,000 sermons, led more than 12,000 to make a profession of faith in Christ and received 8,200 members into the fellowship of Baptist Churches. Seventy-four missionaries have been added since January 1, 1943.

We rejoice that the debt which so burdened the Board for many years has been paid and the freedom from debt has made possible an enlarged missionary Program. The recipts of the Board in 1943 were \$992,708.76 which is more than \$225,000 in excess of

the 1942 offerings. The Annie Armstrong Offering amounted to \$290,111.82.

Missionaries of the Board are working among the Spanish, Indians, French, Italians, Negroes, Jews, Deaf, Chinese, Japanese, Mountain peoples and underprivileged groups. Workers are supported in mission churches, good-will centers, kindergartens, rescue homes, preachers institutes, and in house to house evangelism. More than 125 missionaries are serving in Cuba and Central America. The Board has cooperated with the government by certifying 1139 Southern Baptist preachers for the chaplaincy.

The Home Mission Board is now cooperating with the respective state mission boards in the selection and support of workers for the City Mission Program and the Country Church Program. Work is now being done in thirty-one cities and rural workers are serving in this cooperative effort in six states.

Never have the Baptists of the Southland been so challenged by the task to be accomplished and by the opportunities for missionary service. The world now looks to America for Christian leadership. Southern Baptists have a peculiar responsibility in furnishing such leadership. The progress of the Kingdom throughout the world can be helped or hindered by the response of Southern Baptists. The Home Mission Board is challenged to help establish and maintain a strong spiritual front at home from which the Gospel may be effectively sent to the ends of the world.

Think of the evangelistic opportunities in the Southland! Of a population of 45,000,000, about 20,000,000 have come to the years of accountability without a profession of faith in Christ. There are 11,000,000 Negroes, 5,000,000 foreigners, nearly 1,000,000 Jews and 250,000 Indians in the territory of the Convention. The harvest truly is great—the time for reaping is at hand.

To meet this challenge the year of 1945, which is the Centennial year of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been designated as a time for a special Southside evangelistic campaign. Othes southwide Boards and Agencies are joining the Home Mission Board to make this an all-out soul winning effort, Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shreveport, has been chosen to lead in this great crusade for souls. Every Association will be asked to cooperate. Pastors and laymen alike are asked to consecrate themselves and dedicate their talents and resources to this great soul winning effort.

The Home Mission Board desires to thank Southern Baptists for their fine spirit of cooperation and their increased support and to ask that they continue to pray for the workers of this Board and especially for the special evangelistic effort that is being planned for our Centennial year.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. G. A. Patterson

Report on Biblical Recorder, W. M. Green .

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

The report on the BIBLICAL RECORDER this year is very encouraging. The circulation of the paper for the past year has increased rapidly. The present circulation is over 26,000, which means a net gain for the past twelve months of approximately 8,500. For this increase we are profoundly grateful to God and to the pastors and leaders of North Carolina Baptists who have supported the paper enthusiastically and have done what they could to get it into the homes of the people We want to express our appreciation to General Secretary M. A. Huggins and all the State workers for the great help which they have rendered.

The paper has also shown good progress financially. The State Convention very generously agreed to grant to the RECORD-ER for support during the year a total of \$8,000, but we are happy to report that we have not had to call on the Convention for any of this money and it seems that the paper is now entirely self-supporting. However, we would not emphasize this matter too much, for, after all, the important thing is to get out a good, wholesome paper and to get it into the homes of our Baptist people, even if at times it might not be financially self-supporting.

The RECORDER has three simple subscription plans: \$2.00 a year for individual subscriptions; \$1.50 a year for clubs—a minimum of at least three subscriptions is required for every church reporting less than a hundred members and five subscriptions for every church reporting more than a hundred members; \$1.20 a year for the budget or family plan—one subscription for each active, resident church family is required. We hope that pastors, superintendents, deacons, Training Union, and W. M. U. leaders will do what they can to encourage a good club in every Baptist church; or, better still ,to persuade the churches to inaugurate the budget plan.

Our aim is to make the BIBLICAL RECORDER both a good, wholesome, attractive weekly that will be of interest and help the whole family circle and a solid substantial denominational journal, and we ieel, since it is the organ of our Baptist State Convention and because of the service it will render, that it ought to be in every North Carolina Baptist home. We hope our Baptist people will remember us constantly in prayer and let us hear from them if they have any material or suggestions for the good of the paper, or if we can be of service to them. One of the great needs for our people is that they can be informed, trained, and enlisted in the whole program of the church and the Kingdom of God; and we feel that the BIBLICAL RECORDER is of immense value in this great cause. We want to be a comrade and helper to every Baptist home and

church in North Carolina and do what we can for the support of every cause dear to the hearts of our people. We would follow the injunction of Paul to Timothy: "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth."

Respectfully submitted, W. M. Green

Memorials, Mrs. E. C. Getzman

MEMORIAL

Whereas, God, in His infinite wisdom, has called home—loved ones from our midst, during the past year, we, the members of Randolph Association do hereby pay tender tribute to their loving memory.

"There is no death! The stars go down

To rise upon some other shore,

And bright in heaven's jeweled crown

They shine forever more."

"And I will give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish. John 10:28.

"And so we think of our holy dead, the loved long since and lost awhile" not as having drifted into harbor with torn sails and shattered decks, glad to be saved and that alone; but we think of them as having but a little while ago loosed from their moorings, meeting the Pilot as they crossed the bar, sailing on to the ultimate and infinite sea, and today serving, working, waiting on the king." (G. Campbell Morgan)

THE SONG OF THE DEPARTED

"It singeth low in every heart,

We hear it each and all

A song of those who answer not,

However we may call.

They throng the silence of the breast; We see them as of yore—

The kind, the true, the brave, the sweet, Who talk with us no more.

'Tis hard to take the burden up

When these have laid it down; They brightened all the joys of life,

They softened every frown

But oh, 'tis good to think of them When we are troubled sore;

Thanks be to God that such have been,

Altho they are no more.

More homelike seems that vast unknown,

Since they have entered there; To follow them were not so hard, Wherever they may fare. They cannot be where God is not,

On any sea or shore;

Whate'er betides, thy love abides,

Our God, forever more."

John W. Chadwick

REPORT ON APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

As the tenth annual session of the Randolph Baptist Association draws to a close we thank God for our many blessings as Christians, as Baptists, as Americans. And in spite of the war and world wide unrest. We are thankful that we are permitted to meet again to further the work of God's Kingdom.

We extend our appreciation to all who have given their time in planning our program.

We express our deep appreciation to the Panther Creek Church for the beautiful hospitality. Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. G. C. Kennedy, Chairman Mrs. J. I. Memory

Mrs. J. L. Wiles

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GOALS

The Committee on Goals for the Association recommend, for the Church Year 44-45, the following for your consideration:

1. A full time Associational Missionary as early as financially possiblé.

2. A Daily Vacation Bible School in each Church this year.

3. At least one Sunday School Study Course in each Church in the Association, with an enlargement and enlistment campaign.

4. An increase of not less than 25 per cent in Sunday School enrollment.

5. An active B. T. U. in each Church, with the support of the pastor and Caurch officials, and one or more Study Courses.

6. An active W. M. U. in each Church, with all subordinate organizations possible.

7. A Brotherhood Organization in at least 20 per cent of the Churches in the Association.

8. That each Church promote a vigorous evangelistic and enlistment campaign to climax one hundred years of progress in the Southern Baptist Convention.

9. We also recommend the goal of \$12,000 for the Association to the Cooperative Program, as suggested by M. A. Huggins, with an increase of not less than 10 percent in our Church Budgets.

10. We furthermore recommend that all Churches in the Association that are pastorless, or may become pastorless, work with the Moderator of the Association in an effort to create fields with-

in the Association that can support full time resident pastors, with the goal in mind of all Churches enjoying resident pastors.

J. I. Memory, Chairman C. F. Laughlin

C. L. Smith

Please find attached suggestions as referred to in article nine.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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State Convention, (Missionary Fund)	175.00	
Disbursements:		
Record Publishing Co. Minutes		84.00
Express and mailing out minutes		2.57
Scott Book Store. Programs		2.00
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Balance in bank to date		221.34

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NOTE: Printing of 1944 Minutes to be paid out of above bank balance. Respectfully submitted, W. F. Cates, Treasurer

50. On motion by Bro. Gantt the treasurer was authorized to take care of the expenses of Bro. K. E. Bryant and Bro. Garland A. Hendricks, two speakers who came on invitation from the Association.

51. Dr. H. K. Mastleler was elected Associational representative to the Baptist State Convention.

52. The body accepted the invitation by Central Falls Church to hold the mid-term meeting with them.

Song: "Faith of Our Fathers."

53. Inspirational address, Dr. H. K. Masteller.

Scripture, II Timothy 1:1-3; II Timothy, 2:2.

"Stir up the gift of God that is in Thee." The real meaning of this text, said the speaker, is: "Fan these embers into a glowing fire and keep it burning."

He observed that "Some of us seem to have been vaccinat-

ed with a mild form of Christianity, so that we are immune to the real thing."

54. After this address the Association adjourned with prayer.

OUR DEAD

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