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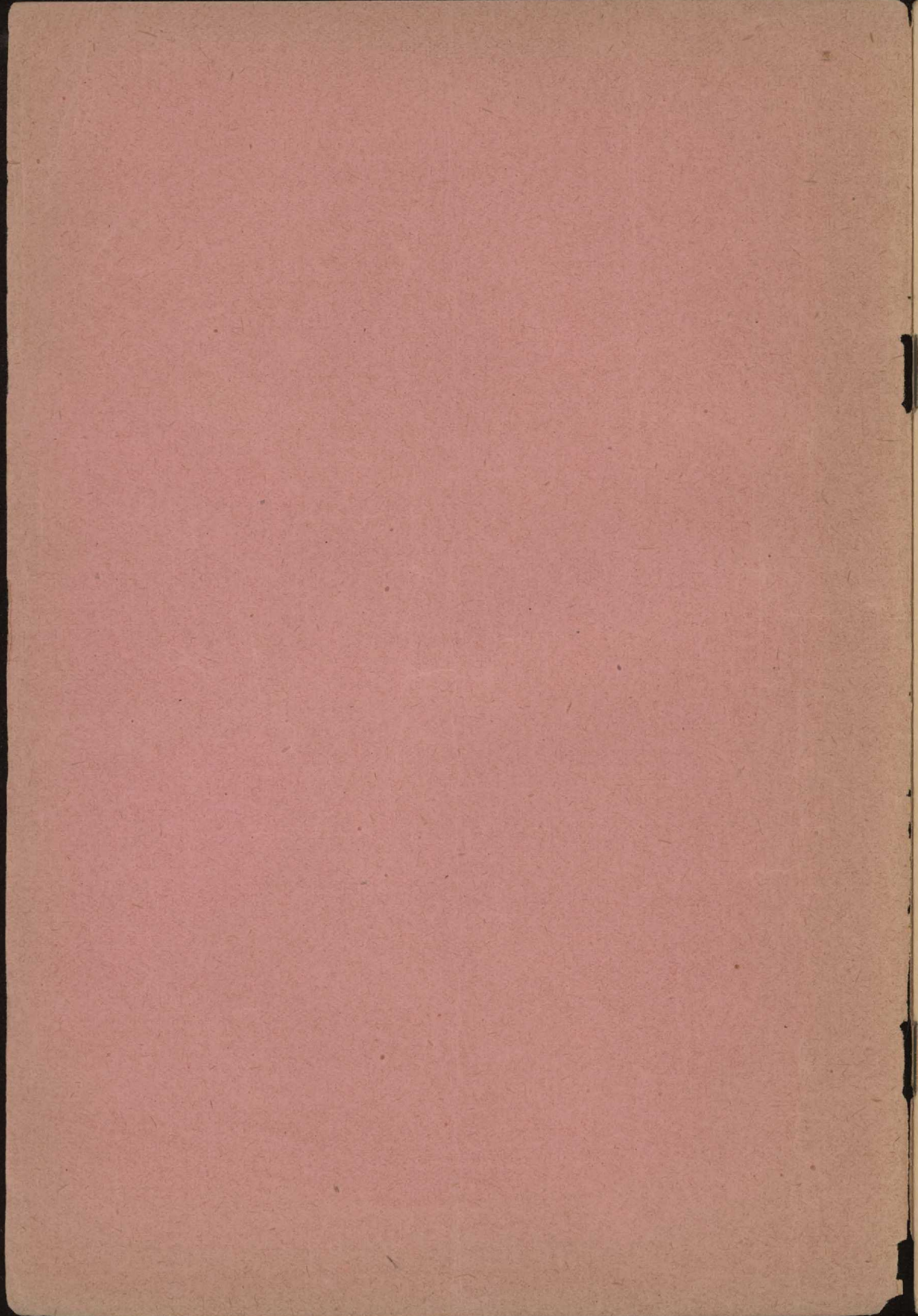
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST, AT 11 A. M.

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Introductory Sermon by

REV. WALTER H. DODD, . . . . . Charlotte, N. C.

Alternate:

REV. B. LACY HOGE, . . . . . Concord, N. C.

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T. J. Renfrow, Matthews, N. C.

## Report of Association.

CONCORD, N. C., August 22nd, 1901.

The 16th annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association met with the First Baptist Church of Concord at 11 a. m., with the Moderator Rev. L. R. Pruett in the chair.

The Moderator announced that the introductory sermon would be preached by Rev. D. M. Austin, of Charlotte.

After singing hymn No. 567, and prayer by Dr. A. C. Barron, Bro. Austin took his text from 1st Samuel, 4th chapter, 9th verse, "Be Strong and Quit Yourself Like Men," and preached a most excellent sermon. The Association was led in prayer by the Moderator, after which he announced that an adjournment would be had until 2.30 p. m., at which time a permanent organization would be effected. Benediction by Dr. Barron.

### Evening Session.

The Association called to order, and hymn No. 585 sung, and prayer by Bro. D. F. Felmn, after which the roll call of churches was made, and the following responded, and delegates were enrolled as follows:

Arlington—E. H. Williams, E. H. Hinson, J. M. Phillips.  
Chaneys Hill—Not represented.  
Clear Creek—L. A. Ferguson, H. W. Pigg.  
Cold Water—J. W. Austin, W. W. Talbirt, C. F. Faggert, L. M. Fisher, J. D. Smith, J. B. Talbirt.  
Concord—R. P. Lentz, J. W. Collett, J. D. McLester, B. McLester, W. J. Black, A. H. March, F. P. Smith, J. A. Clayton, J. D. Springer, Thos. Hopkins.  
Davidson Mission—Rev. J. L. Shinn.  
Friendship—R. J. Mitchell, S. Q. Garrison.  
Hopewell—G. M. Winecoff, A. P. Sweet.  
Howells—H. T. Stowe.  
Huntersville—F. A. Hawkins.  
Independence Hill—J. R. McCurdy.  
Long Creek—J. S. Underwood, F. F. Beaty.  
Matthews—J. C. Felms, T. J. Renfrow.  
Newells—Not represented.  
Olivet—J. B. Johnson, U. T. Bowden, C. S. Holton.  
Phaniels—V. A. Yost, H. J. Heilig.  
Pleasant Plains—Not represented.  
Rock Hill—A. D. Crisco.  
Tryon Street—C. T. Stroupe, Gerald Hurt, Dr. A. C. Barron,  
22th Street—Rev. L. R. Pruett, Rev. S. F. Conrad, W. M. Lyles, T. J. Sprinkle, Theo. Merton Alexander.  
Wilson Grove—Not represented.

A request from the church at Belmont was presented, asking to become a member of this Association, and same referred to a committee as follows: Rev. W. J. Wyatt, E. H. Hinson and E. P. Smith.

The Moderator announced that the next thing in order would be the permanent organization, and upon motion of Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Rev. L. R. Pruett was unanimously elected as Moderator.

Bro. W. M. Lyles was elected as Clerk and Bro. T. J. Renfrow was chosen as Treasurer.

The Moderator recognized the following visitors: Rev. J. W. Cobb, "Biblical Recorder;" Rev. Livingstone Johnston, Corresponding Secretary; Bro. Archibald Johnston, "Charity and Children;" Bro. Godwin of the South Yadkin Association, and Rev. Mr. Gilliam of the Presbyterian Church of Concord.

The Moderator announced that the next thing in order would be the subject of the State Missions, and in the absence of Rev. D. W. Thomasson, who was to make this report, Rev. B. Lacy Hoge was requested to make same, as follows:

Resolved: That each church in the Association increase their pledges to State Mission.

The resolution was received, and was ably discussed by Rev. Livingstone Johnston, who gave the Association a most excellent address, and showed the great good accomplished by the State Mission Board. His address was well received. A collection was taken and \$5.54 realized. Prayer by Dr. Barron.

The roll of churches was called, and \$659.50, pledged for State Mission. (See table).

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Order of business—Rev. J. L. Shinn, U. T. Bowden, Theo. Merton Alexander.

Finance—F. T. Beaty, J. R. McCurdy, W. A. Yost.

Time, Place and Preacher—Gerald Hurt, H. W. Pigg, S. Q. Garrison.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this church.

Rev. R. T. Vann, D. D., President of The Baptist Female University, was recognized by the Moderator, and made a few remarks very much to the delight of the Association. Rev. S. F. Conrad announced that he was representing The North Carolina Baptist, and asked for subscribers to same.

The Moderator appointed Rev. G. W. Reed to make report on Ministers Relief Fund, in place of Rev. S. W. Bennett, who was appointed at last session of the Association, but was unable to be present.

The Clerk called attention to the fact that at the last Association the Moderator had failed to make an appointment to report on Periodicals, and Rev. Walter H. Dodd was selected to make this report.

Motion was made by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge that the Executive Committee be, and are hereby empowered to appoint a committee in each church to look after Missions, etc., etc.; and same carried.

Hymn No. 11 was sung and benediction pronounced by Rev. Livingstone Johnston, and an adjournment had until 8 p. m.

#### Evening Session.

The Association met at 8 p. m., and devotional exercises conducted by Rev. G. W. Reed.

The Moderator introduced Dr. Vann, President B. F. U., who gave the Association one of his best addresses, and made every member of the Association proud that we have such an institution, where we can have our young women educated. Dr. Vann is a great favorite with the masses, and he was heard with a great deal of pleasure.

The speaker referred to the fact that he was trying to raise a fund of \$1,000.00 to use as a loan to poor girls, who are not able to pay their way through college, and upon motion, a collection was taken for this purpose, and \$4.08 realized.

The Moderator requested Rev. B. W. Spillman to make report on Sunday Schools. The committee on Order of Business made following report:

**Friday, August 23rd.**

9.30 Devotional Exercises.  
 10 a. m. Report on Periodicals.  
 11 a. m. Report on Foreign Missions.  
 Adjourn at will.  
 2.30 p. m. Devotional Exercises.  
 3.00 p. m. Report on State of Churches.  
 4.30 p. m. Miscellaneous Business.  
 Adjourn at will.  
 8.00 p. m. Devotional Exercises.  
 8.15 p. m. Report on Orphanage.  
 Adjourn at will.

**Saturday, August 25th.**

9.30 a. m. Devotional Exercises.  
 10.00 a. m. Report on Ministerial Relief.  
 11.00 a. m. Report on Home Missions.  
 Adjourn at will.  
 2.30 p. m. Devotional Exercises.  
 3.00 p. m. Report on Education.  
 4.00 p. m. Miscellaneous business.  
 Adjourn at will.  
 8.00 p. m. Devotional Exercises.  
 8.15 p. m. Report on Sunday Schools.  
 Adjourn at will.

The committee on Time, Place and Preacher made following report:

Time—Third Thursday in August next, beginning at 11 o'clock a. m.

Place—Matthews, N. C.

Preacher—Rev. Walter H. Dodd, Charlotte, N. C.

Alternate—Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord, N. C.

The reports were received.

The entire Association joined in singing hymn No. 473, and Dr. Vann pronounced the benediction and an adjournment taken until 9.30 tomorrow.

**Friday, August 3rd.**

9.30 a. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. L. Shinn, after which the Moderator announced that the Association was ready to take up the regular order of business. The minutes of yesterday read and with some slight corrections were approved.

Rev. D. M. Austin called the attention of the Association to the fact that the committee on Time, Place and Preacher had evidently overlooked the fact that their report makes the date of next session the 28th day of August, which would embrace the 5th Sunday, the time for our Union Meeting, and upon motion of Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, the vote was reconsidered, and the following amendment offered:

Resolved: That the time of meeting shall be Thursday after third Sunday in August next. The resolution adopted.

The Moderator announced that the next subject to be discussed would be Periodicals, and Rev. Walter H. Dodd made the following report:

Resolved 1: That we should be a reading people, "Reading Mak-

eth a Full Man." Ignorance is the mother of sin, crime and infamy. We must fortify our camp with the bulwarks of knowledge.

2nd: That our inactivity and atrophy are due to our lack of information. We do not support Missions because we do not know the needs. We have three of the best papers in the South. We commend the "Recorder" as the Organ of our denomination. We endorse "The North Carolina Baptist" as being true to Baptist principles, and we commend "Charity and Children," and would be glad to see it in every home in North Carolina.

The report received.

Rev. S. F. Conrad saated that he objected to the clause in report "Ignorance is the Mother of Sin, Crime and Infamy."

Rev. J. W. Cobb, of the "Recorder," was recognized by the Moderator, and discussed the resolution, and presented the claims the "Recorder" had upon the Baptist of North Carolina.

Rev. S. F. Conrad, of the "North Carolina Baptist," gave the Association a splendid address on the report.

Bro. Archibald Johnston, of "Charity and Children," was recognized by the Moderator and presented this paper to the Association and made a most splendid address and urged every Baptist family to provide themselves with all the religious literature possible.

The report was adopted. The entire body then sung that old, but ever inspiring hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' Name," after which the report on Foreign Missions was made by Dr. Barron, as follows:

"The day is past in which to argue the duty of American Christians to carry the gospel to our fellow men who dwell in the darkness of heathendom. Our fathers fought that battle, and did it well.

They laid broad the foundation for Foreign Missions. Our duty is to carry forward the work so nobly begun.

The Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., was appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention as a sort of Central committee to aid our churches in carrying on this work. It has no authority over the church, is simply their committee to carry out their instructions.

Each convention has sought to enlarge on the work of their predecessors, and thus there has been a steady growth of our forces of laborers in Foreign lands. The last convention in May, directed the Board, speedily as possible to send out 25 new missionaries. Many of these appointees are now ready to sail, and will be off as soon as the money is provided by the churches.

From every section of the Foreign Mission fields come encouraging reports of deep interest, and many conversions and baptisms. Never were the additions more frequent and valuable. Even in disturbed China, the outlook is encouraging.

Your committee is impressed with the fact that many of our people do little or nothing for Foreign Missions. We beg to suggest some things which we believe would serve to awaken more interest.

1st: Our pastors, who are the leaders in every good work, need to become more thoroughly acquainted with this work. They ought to preach oftener on Foreign Missions to their churches. To do this intelligently, they must study more the literature which is being published by the Board, and we urge them to send and receive a supply, which will be supplied freely.

2nd: We beg also to suggest that we need more prayer for both the Board and our Missionaries. They ought to be prayed for in the family circle, in the prayer meeting, Sunday school and



church. We believe it would be well to revive the old concert of prayer for Foreign Missions when we meet together to study about the fields and workers, and to supplicate God's blessing on them.

If we come to know the workers and their difficulties, we will be more interested in them, and feel like praying for them, and giving to their support."

Report received.

Dr. Barron was recognized by the Moderator, and discussed the report and presented the claims of Foreign Missions in a very forceful manner, and urged greater activity, and asked that we pray continually for the spread of the gospel among the heathen nations.

Rev. Walter H. Dodd spoke earnestly on the report, and requested a special prayer, asking God to give us a man from this Association to go to Foreign fields. Dr. Barron led in this prayer.

Pledges for this work were called for, and \$698.50 pledged. The report adopted.

The committee appointed to interview the church at Belmont, Charlotte, reported favorably, and they were received as members with us, and were given a hearty welcome by the Moderator.

Letters from Cold Water and Rock Hill churches were read, and delegates duly enrolled. The Long Metre Doxology sung, and benediction by Rev. B. W. Spillman, and adjournment taken until 2.30 p. m.

#### Evening Session.

2.30 p. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. C. M. Murchison, after which the regular order of business was taken up. The "State of Churches" was the subject for discussion, and the following messengers reported for their respective churches:

- Arlington—E. H. Hinson.
- Belmont—D. F. Helms.
- Chaney's Hill—Rev. W. T. Talbirt.
- Clear Creek—L. A. Ferguson.
- Cold Water—Rev. W. T. Talbirt, J. W. Connell.
- Concord—Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, F. P. Smith, J. D. McLester.
- Davidson Mission—Rev. J. L. Shinn.
- Friendship—R. J. Mitchell.
- Hopewell—A. P. Sweet.
- Howells—J. L. McCurdy.
- Huntersville—Rev. J. L. Shinn.
- Independence Hill—J. L. McCurdy.
- Long Creek—Rev. C. M. Murchison, F. T. Beaty.
- Matthews—T. J. Renfrow, J. C. Helms.
- Olivet—Rev. Walter H. Dodd, U. T. Bowden.
- Phaniels—Rev. G. W. Reed.
- Pleasant Plains—T. J. Renfrow.
- Rock Hill—A. D. Crisco.
- Tryon Street—Dr. A. C. Barron, Gerald Hurt.
- 12th Street—Rev. S. F. Conrad, W. M. Lyles.
- Wilson's Grove—No response.

A motion made by Dr. Barron, that the Moderator appoint a committee of one, to visit the churches in the Association not represented here. Motion carried, and the Moderator announced that he would make the appointment before the Association adjourned.

The following resolution was presented by Bro. W. M. Lyles, and unanimously passed:

Be it Resolved: That in view of the fact that the Baptist

church at Newells, N. C., does not affiliate with the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association, that a committee of three be appointed to visit this church, and ascertain cause of their action in not affiliating with us, and to secure, if possible, their co-operation in the work we have to do, and to use all means to have them enlist, and be with us at the next session of the Association. The Moderator announced that he would name committee a little later.

The finance committee made report as follows:

We beg to report collections during the session of the Association, for the various objects as follows:

Foreign Missions .....	\$13.00
Home Missions ..	11.40
State Missions ..	16.42
Orphanage.....	8.85
Education.....	5.75
Ministers Relief ..	7.50
Minute Fund.....	21.26

Total .....

\$84.18

Bro. J. R. McCurdy asked the Association to excuse him as it was important for him to return home. The request was granted. The Moderator announced that an adjournment would be taken until 8.00 p. m.

#### Night Session.

8.00 p. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. T. J. Sprinkle, after which the Moderator announced that the regular order of business would be taken up, and the report on Orphanage made by Rev. W. T. Talbirt, but read by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, as follows:

"This year closed with 210 children in the Orphanage. During the year 245 were cared for. The health record of the year was remarkably good. The establishment of the water works system is the immediate and pressing need of the Orphanage. The outlook for the Orphanage was never brighter. More than 300 Sunday schools are giving a collection to this object, one Sunday in each month. We heartily commend this plan to every Sunday school in the Association."

The report received, and able addresses made by Bro. Archibald Johnston and Gen. T. F. Toon, after which pledges were made to this work to the amount of \$193.00. The Moderator recognized Bro. Theo. Merton Alexander, who spoke feelingly as to the work of the Orphanage.

Upon motion of Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, the roll of churches was called, and pledges made for the completion of the water works at the Orphanage, to the amount of \$96.00 and a cash collection, amounting to \$4.47.

After singing that old sweet hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and benediction by Rev. J. W. Cobb, adjournment was taken until 9.30 tomorrow.

#### Saturday Morning.

9.30 a. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. T. J. Renfrow, after which the regular order of business was taken up.

Letter from Phaniel Church was received, together with \$3.50, to cover the amount of their pledges for the various objects.

The Moderator named Rev. W. T. Talbirt as a committee to visit the churches not represented at this session, namely: Chaney's Hill and Wilson's Grove. He also announced that the following committee would visit the church at Newells, as per resolution

passed yesterday: T. J. Renfrow, U. T. Bowden, W. M. Lyles. The report on Ministers Relief Fund was made by Rev. G. W. Reed as follows:

This subject is one which is (or should be) very dear to the hearts of our denomination, and yet the conditions existing are not what we would have them. Our worn out ministers are deserving of greater consideration at our hands than they have heretofore been receiving and we would like to recommend to this Association, that greater interest be manifested in the donations along this line, so that our worn out ministers may not only be provided with the necessities of life, but also with a greater degree of comfort in the ir declining years.

Report received and discussed by Bro. Reed showing the great importance of activity among our people, to lessen the burdens of our ministers, and made a most eloquent appeal in their behalf Rev. J. L. Shinn and Bro. T. J. Renfrow discussed the report, after which pledges were made to this Fund amounting to \$69.50. (See table). The report adopted.

Rev. D. F. Helms and Bros. F. P. Beaty, Lockey Allen and M. Griffin asked the Association to excuse them, which was done.

Revs. C. M. Murchison and J. W. Cobb expressed their pleasure at being in attendance at this session.

The Moderator recognized Rev. J. A. B. Fry of the Methodist church, Concord, and Rev. Mr. Gilliam, of the Forest Hill Methodist church.

The report on Home Missions was made by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge as follows: "There is no Board of the Southern Baptist Convention that makes a stronger appeal to the benevolence of our people and churches, than the Home Mission Board.

This Board is located in Atlanta, Ga., and has for its object, the extension of the Masters cause throughout the South land and Cuba.

There is a great deal of work that our State Board cannot do without the aid of the Home Board.

This Board has greatly helped the State work in the mountains of North Carolina and other Southern States. Our churches must go forward, and increase their contributions to Home Missions, if they meet the needs of the destitute fields within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. The report received and ably discussed by Rev. B. W. Spillman, Field Secretary to our Baptist Sunday School Board, at Nashville, Tenn., who gave the Association a most able address, showing the great work the Home Mission Board has done, and is doing today. The speaker urged greater activity among our people to do greater things along this line, and showed clearly our duty in this great work, and told us in his eloquent manner the work the Board is doing in the West, as well as what is being done in our own State.

The roll of churches was called and pledges made to this object to the amount of \$90.50. (See table).

Report adopted.

The Long Metre Doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Walter H. Dodd, and the Association stood adjourned until 2.30 p. m.

#### Evening Session.

The Moderator conducted devotional exercises at 2.30 p. m. after which the regular order of business was proceeded with. The Moderator named the following brethren to make reports at the next session of the Association as follows:

Report on State Missions—Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord, N. C.  
 Report on State Missions—Rev. G. W. Reed, Salisbury, N. C.  
 Report on Foreign Missions—Rev. Walter H. Dodd, Charlotte,  
 N. C.  
 Report on Education—Rev. A. C. Barron, D. D., Charlotte, N.  
 C.

Report on Orphanage—Capt. T. J. Renfrow, Matthews, N. C.  
 Report on Periodicals—Rev. S. F. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C.  
 Report on Sunday Schools—Rev. D. F. Helms, Charlotte, N. C.  
 Ministers Relief Fund—Rev. J. L. Shinn, Mooresville, N. C.  
 The following resolution was presented by Bro. W. M. Lyles,  
 and after some discussion, was unanimously passed:

Be it Resolved: "That from this date all moneys pledged and collected for the various objects by our churches, be sent to the Treasurer of this Association, and said funds to be sent by him to the Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention at Raleigh, and applied to the various objects as designated by our Treasurer."

Bro. Theo. Merton Alexander made a motion that the clerk be instructed to address a letter to each church clerk in the Association, advising them and their churches of the above resolution. Motion carried.

In the absence of Rev. D. M. Austin, who was appointed at last session of the Association, to make report on Education, the Moderator requested Rev. B. Lacy Hoge to give this object his attention, whereupon he made following report, which was received:

"The interest of our people in Education is a very hopeful sign for the Baptist, for no people have suffered more from ignorance and prejudice than we have. The prejudice of others against the Baptist is largely caused by ignorance.

There is great need for Associational Schools, and we recommend this Association take active steps to the building of the school at Arlington. Wake Forest College is equal to any in the South for young men, and we should take greater pride in it, and seek to send students there.

The Baptist Female University is the pride of the Baptists of North Carolina, and no school has ever met with greater success.

Money should be raised to lift the debt from our schools and provide a fund for the education of more of the children of the poor."

The report received, and Bro. Hoge gave the Association a splendid talk on this subject. The Moderator gave us a very interesting talk, and urged greater things along Educational lines. Bro. E. H. Williams made a few remarks in reference to the school at Arlington.

The report adopted, and roll of churches called, and pledges to this object to the amount of \$61.00.

A motion made by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, that Bro. E. H. Williams be requested to secure from Bro. E. H. Hinson, a deed for the lot, and deliver same to Trustees of this Association. Motion carried.

The Moderator announced that the next thing before the Association was the election of an Executive Committee of five (5) which resulted as follows:

Rev. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte, N. C., Chairman.  
 Rev. A. C. Barron, D. D., Charlotte, N. C.  
 J. A. Durham, Charlotte, N. C.  
 Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord, N. C.  
 T. V. Talbirt, Concord, N. C.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention was chosen as follows:

Rev. Walter H. Dodd, Charlotte, N. C.  
 Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, Concord, N. C.  
 Rev. W. T. Talbirt, Concord, N. C.

**Alternates.**

Rev. S. F. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C.  
 J. D. McLester, Concord, N. C.  
 W. M. Lyles, Charlotte, N. C.  
 Rev. L. R. Pruett was elected as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and Rev. B. Lacy Hoge chosen as alternate. Bro. W. M. Lyles was chosen as a member of the Board of State Missions.

The Clerk then read report showing amount of money raised by the churches in the Association for various objects to be \$7,930.18.

The benediction pronounced by Bro. Gerald Hurt, and adjournment taken until 7.30 p. m.

**Night Session.**

7.30 p. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. W. M. Lyles, after which the report on Sunday Schools was made by Rev. Walter H. Dodd as follows:

"Resolved that we are terribly in the background in our Sunday school work in our cities and towns. Can we say that we are aggressive? We realize that the greatest debt on earth is the debt of Parent to Child, and especially to develop the child spiritually. We hold the Sunday school work to be second only to the church, and indeed a part of the great plan of the Gospel of our Lord. We recommend that we push the Sunday school work in our country churches." Report received.

The Moderator recognized Rev. B. W. Spillman, Field Secretary of Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn.

Bro. Spillman is a great favorite in North Carolina, having lived here all his life, where he has labored so faithfully in the interest of the Sunday schools, and is now employed by the Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn. He presented this feature of the work in his usual happy style. He emphasized the great importance of personal work in the Sunday school, and urged greater activity in this branch of our work, and dwelt at length upon the importance of the hearty hand shake in the Sunday school, and also the necessity of good music in this work. Report adopted.

A collection was taken to swell the Minute Fund, and \$2.04 realized.

Bro. Theo. Merton Alexander made a motion that the Association tender a vote of thanks to the members of Concord Baptist church, and to the citizens of Concord for their hospitality and many kindnesses shown us during our stay, and same unanimously passed.

The Moderator announced that the business of the Association had been finished, and hymn No. 712 was sung, after which a good, old fashioned, general hand shaking was indulged in by all the delegates and visitors present.

Benediction pronounced by Bro. Spillman, and the 16th annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association stood adjourned, to meet with the Baptist church at Matthews, N. C., on Thursday, August 21st, 1902, at 11 a. m.

L. R. PRUETT, Moderator.

W. M. LYLES, Clerk.

# Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Male Membership.	Female Membership.	Total Membership.	Seating Capacity of Church.	No. Bib. Recr's taken
Arlington.	J. F. Davis, Albemarle.	W. A. Connell, Arlington.	6	0	0	0	0	7	12	19	78	84	162	500	1
Belmont.	D. F. Helms, Charlotte.	C. M. Robinson, Charlotte.	2	56	0	58	0	0	0	2	21	35	56	150	3
Chaney's Hill.	J. F. Davis, Albemarle.	L. A. Ferguson, Brief.	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	38	57	95	300	0
Clear Creek.	B. Lacy Hoge, Concord.	T. V. Talburt, Concord.	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	43	44	87	300	0
Cold Water.	B. Lacy Hoge, Concord.	C. A. Smith, Concord.	1	45	0	46	1	0	1	11	150	173	323	700	22
Concord.	J. L. Shinn, Mooresville.	Covington Garrison, Shopton	19	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	16	23	39	400	2
Davidson Mission.	D. M. Ausm, Charlotte.	H. D. Wincocf, Caldwell.	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	37	30	67	300	0
Friendship.	W. J. Wyatt, Troutmans.	D. W. Garmon, Fuurs.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	51	97	0	0
Hopewell.	C. J. Black, Big Lick.	S. L. Mullen, Huntersville.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	15	22	0	0
Howells.	J. L. Shinn, Mooresville.	C. S. Davis, Croft.	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	19	30	49	300	0
Huntersville.	J. L. Shinn, Mooresville.	T. S. Underwood, Mt. Holly.	4	4	1	6	0	0	0	10	16	19	35	250	0
Independence Hill.	C. L. Cowlen, Wingate.	F. S. Underwood, Mt. Holly.	4	5	0	6	0	0	0	10	30	38	68	300	0
Long Creek.	C. M. Murchison, Penelope	T. J. Rentrow, Matthews.	2	10	1	13	0	0	0	13	65	84	149	400	5
Matthews.	S. W. Bennett, Lilesville.	D. P. Brissie, Charlotte	0	1	13	14	0	0	0	13	17	30	47	400	5
Newells.	Walter, H. Dodd, Charlotte	J. M. Funderburk, Rimer	4	8	1	13	18	1	1	53	11	20	44	250	0
Olivet.	G. V. Reed, Salisbury.	J. E. Broom, Indian Trail.	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	38	44	82	400	0
Phaniels.	A. B. Caudle, Wingate.	A. D. Crisco, Concord.	10	2	0	12	0	0	0	12	98	54	152	500	0
Pleasant Plains.	B. F. Hargett, Kingwood.	J. A. Durham, Charlotte.	1	29	1	31	0	0	0	31	225	308	533	500	0
Rock Hill.	A. C. Barron, Charlotte.	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte.	1	39	0	40	55	5	3	57	70	164	234	300	15
Tryon Street.	A. R. Fruett, Charlotte.		16	39	0	55	57	3	3	118	100	218	336	500	0
12th Street			10	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson's Grove.			10	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
Total.			83	214	10	307	148	67	16	225	908	1347	2169	5810	66

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# Financial Table.

CHURCHES	MONEY PAID IN										PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR							
	Pastor's Salary	Incidental Expenses	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Orphanage	Education	Ministers Relief	Poor Fund	Minutes	Total Contributions and Expenses	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Orphanage	Water Works at Orphanage	Minister's Relief	Education
Arlington.....	\$ 75 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 85	\$ 100 81	\$ 5 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 00
Belmont.....	35 00	35 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chameys Hill.....	50 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	3 46	.....	.....	65 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clear Creek.....	75 00	25 00	5 17	3 00	.....	3 86	2 00	.....	119 77	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cold Water.....	481 83	247 45	20 00	13 00	40 00	41 00	.....	.....	887 88	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Davidson Mission.....	100 00	2 00	5 00	7 00	10 00	.....	1 00	.....	132 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Friendship.....	.....	2 00	4 00	.....	.....	3 00	1 00	.....	35 10 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hopewell.....	40 00	400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	440 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hovells.....	35 00	5 52	3 33	1 00	7 20	12 60	1 00	.....	67 38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Huntersville.....	40 00	10 57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Independence Hill.....	60 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	.....	2 30	.....	.....	54 77	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Creek.....	135 00	10 00	7 00	7 60	16 10	7 60	5 00	2 00	206 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Matthews.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newells.....	360 00	125 00	5 00	5 00	12 00	22 00	1 00	2 00	549 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olivet.....	58 50	40 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	69 64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phanels.....	85 00	4 00	3 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	97 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Plains.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rock Hill.....	2000 60	2600 00	447 14	284 40	214 05	33 35	75 00	.....	6 801 84	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tryon Street.....	406 40	867 62	20 00	.....	.....	7 50	2 50	3 00	1 332 29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12th Street.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilson's Grove.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$4051 62	\$4346 49	\$531 64	\$337 12	\$28 59	\$148 67	\$88 50	\$41 25	\$21 23	\$21 76	\$11 076 38	\$ 693 55	\$30 50	\$ 650 50	\$ 193 00	\$92 50	\$89 50	\$11 00

Pledges for Water Works at Orphanage.....\$12 00

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# Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES	SUPTS. AND THEIR ADDRESSES	No. Officers and Teachers	Number of Scholars	Total	Average Attendance	Baptisms from School	Quarters Taken	Charity and Children	Volumes in Library	Contributions	Expenses
Arlington.....	F. M. Hinson, Arlington	6	70	76	60	1	65	0	0	0	6 00
Belmont.....	T. J. Sprinkle, Charlotte	8	134	142	80	2	115	20	0	0	12 15
Chaney's Hill.....	L. S. Pigg, Brief	7	75	82	50	0	3	0	0	0	2 75
Clear Creek.....	J. W. Cornell, Concord	5	37	42	25	0	30	10	0	0	10 50
Cold Water.....	V. D. Sykes, Concord	17	144	161	105	8	140	60	64	38 00	44 00
Davidson Mission.....	S. Q. Garrison, Shopton	7	40	47	30	0	240	10	0	0	9 80
Friendship.....	A. P. Sweet, Caldwell	7	40	48	30	0	30	0	0	0	4 00
Hopewell.....	A. L. Howell, Bosts' Mills	7	40	48	30	0	30	0	0	0	4 00
Hovells.....	A. L. Howell, Bosts' Mills	7	40	48	30	0	30	0	0	0	4 00
Huntersville.....	J. R. Atkins, Croft	4	20	24	15	0	0	0	0	0	2 00
Independence Hill.....	J. R. Atkins, Croft	4	20	24	15	0	0	0	0	0	2 00
Long Creek.....	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	9	110	119	70	2	150	0	0	0	35 00
Matthews.....	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	9	110	119	70	2	150	0	0	0	35 00
Newells.....	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews	9	110	119	70	2	150	0	0	0	35 00
Olivet.....	D. Allen Tedder, Charlotte	9	75	84	68	0	100	20	0	16 00	32 41
Phanix.....	T. M. Yost, Yost	11	85	96	35	0	59	0	143	0	3 31
Pleasant Plains.....	J. E. Broom, Indian Trail	8	50	58	25	0	0	0	0	0	0 00
Rock Hill.....	A. D. Crisco, Concord	5	90	95	60	0	95	0	0	0	0 00
Troyon Street.....	I. W. Durham, Charlotte	21	250	271	168	0	1640	100	600	226 69	89 78
12th Street.....	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	14	190	205	102	16	350	0	0	0	92 28
Wilson's Grove.....	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	14	190	205	102	16	350	0	0	0	92 28
Total.....		138	1410	1553	923	29	3017	220	807	\$ 278 69	\$ 343 98



