

M i n u t e s
OF THE
EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
THREE FORKS BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

Held With
MIDDLE FORK CHURCH
Watauga County, N. C.
August 28, 29, 30, 1928



The next Session to be held at Shulls Mills Church at
9 o'clock A. M. Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August
1929.

P. A. Hicks to preach the Annual Sermon.
L. A. Wilson, Alternate.

ORDER OF BUSINESS, 1929

Before noon First Day:

1. Annual Sermon.
2. Address of Moderator.
3. Organization.
4. Call for new churches and cor. messengers.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Reports of committees:
 - Books and Periodicals.
 - Education.

Afternoon, First Day.

Reports of committees continued:

- Sunday Schools.
- B. Y. P. U.
- W. M. U.
- Orphanage.
- Ministerial Relief.
- Hospitals.

Second Day, A. M.

Reports of committees continued:

- Temperance.
- Missions—State, Home, Foreign.

Afternoon, Second Day.

- State of churches.
- Pastoral support.
- Duties of Pastors to Churches.
- Digest of Letters.
- Resolutions.
- Nominations.
- Report and election of treasurer.
- Report and election of colporter.
- Time, Place and Preacher.
- Finance.

7. Appointment of standing committees.
8. Miscellaneous.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR

I. G. Greer Boone, N. C.

CLERK AND TREASURER

W. Y. Perry Vilas, N. C.

COLPORTER

R. C. Eggers Zionville, N. C.

HISTORIAN

A. J. Greene Vilas, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

G. P. Hagaman, W. O. Gordon, D. D. Dougherty, R. C. Eggers,
W. W. Wilson, Smith Hagamon, A. J. Greene, I. G. Greer and W. Y.
Perry.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS

Antioch—W. H. Glenn Valle Crucis, N. C.

Bethel—L. C. Wilson Sugar Grove, N. C.

Bethel—E. J. Farthing Sugar Grove, N. C.

Bethel—R. M. Farthing Breda, Alberta, Canada

Bethany—J. T. McGuire Hackett, N. C.

Boone—P. A. Hicks Boone, N. C.

Boone—Roy Dotson Boone, N. C.

Cove Creek—Will O. Gordon Sherwood, N. C.

Cool Spring—W. C. Payne Blowing Rock, N. C.

Elk Knob—Dewey Trivett Tamarack, N. C.

Forest Grove—W. Swift Reese, N. C.

Howards Creek—John Norris Boone, N. C.

Howards Creek—Edmund Greene Boone, N. C.

Laurel Spring—J. Levi Greene Deep Gap, N. C.

Middle Fork—R. H. Shore Blowing Rock, N. C.

Middle Fork—J. W. Bradshaw Blowing Rock, N. C.

Mt. Gilead—Lee Norris Dark Ridge, N. C.

Oak Grove—E. C. Hodges Adams, N. C.

Proffits Grove—L. A. Wilson Boone, N. C.

Rich Mountain—W. A. Pennell Zionville, N. C.

South Fork—J. M. Griggs Todd, N. C.

Stony Fork—W. H. Smith Stony Fork, N. C.

Willowdale—A. J. Greene Vilas, N. C.

Willowdale—G. W. Trivett Vilas, N. C.

Zionville—R. C. Eggers Zionville, N. C.

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LICENTIATE

Bethany—A. T. Watson Hackett, N. C.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.
3. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect upon the person who spoke before him as to make remarks on his steps, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as he can so as to give his views or ideas.
4. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
5. No person shall rise and speak more than three times to any one subject without liberty from the Association.
6. No member shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same or whispering in the time of public speaking.
7. No member shall address another in any other appellation than that of brother.
8. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this decorum.
9. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as required by the Association.
10. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other members, provided the chair be filled. He shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

M i n u t e s

Blowing Rock, N. C., R. F. D.,
August 28, 1928.

Three Forks Association met this evening in its Eighty-eighth Session, with Middle Fork Church, according to the order of the last session of this body, at 2 o'clock. W. T. Vandyke led the singing of several songs.

L. A. Hurst, the appointee to preach the annual sermon, announced as his subject, "The Great Commission." Text: Matt. 28:20. 1. We need co-operation. 2. What is the Commission? It is Christ's command; it is the authority of every missionary and all missionary enterprise. 3. To whom was the Commission given? It was given to the church. The preacher is no more responsible for giving the gospel to the world than every other member of the church. 5. What does it embrace? Preaching, teaching. 5. What is the plan? Ye are my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth. 6. What will be the result? If the Missionary spirit dies the world will be lost. If that spirit grows spiritual power will prevail, people will be attracted by the gospel and souls will be saved. After the sermon R. C. Eggers led in prayer.

The Moderator delivered his annual address. Subject: "The Day After Yesterday."

The Moderator called for the church letters that had not been forwarded to the Clerk.

A motion prevailed to refer the letters to the Clerk. A roll of the churches was called and messengers from 26 answered.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

Antioch—John Ward, J. L. Glenn, L. D. Harman.
Bethel—W. R. Vines, W. W. Wilson, M. H. Edmisten.
Beaver Dam—Lee Swift, Geo. Robinson.
Brushy Fork—Gordon Hodges, S. F. Moody.

Bethany—L. M. Farthing, A. T. Watson, Howard Edmisten.
 Brushy Fork—Gordon Hodges, S. F. Moody.
 Boone—Smith Hagaman, W. R. Gragg, J. F. Moore.
 Blowing Rock—Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Mrs. T. H. Coffey, Mrs. Fred Hartley.

Cove Creek—A. I. Greene, W. Y. Perry.
 Cool Spring—J. W. Pennell, C. M. Shore, T. E. Robbins.
 Elk Knob—Letter. No messengers.
 Fall Creek—M. W. Storie.
 Forest Grove—Ellis Moody.
 Gap Creek—Alfred Watson, H. E. Norris, A. G. Miller.
 Howards Creek—Murray Greene, Gurney Norris, L. F. Cottrell.
 Laurel Spring—Joe Coffey, J. B. Clawson, Arthur Greene.
 Middle Fork—T. F. Greer, D. S. Shores, W. A. Triplett.
 Meat Camp—B. B. Greene, Carl Byers, H. S. Jones.
 Mt. Calvary—Clyde Greene, Ira Hodges, Will Puckett.
 Mt. Lebanon—F. H. Hollers, J. C. Danner, J. E. Maltba.
 Mt. Gilead—O. H. Trivett.
 Oak Grove—Cleve Gross, W. M. Hodges, E. C. Hodges.
 Pleasant Grove—J. H. Mast.
 Proffit's Grove—W. A. roffit, L. E. Wilson, D. L. Greene.
 Rich Mountain—A. B. Greene, J. R. Brown, H. W. McNeil.
 Shulls Mills—J. M. Day, J. B. Reed, Garmon Garland.
 South Fork—Will H. McGuire, W. F. Norris, T. M. Jones.
 Stony Fork—J. S. Wellborn, D. L. Wellborn, J. D. Cook.
 Three Forks—J. C. Brookshire, W. H. Hayes, H. G. Cook.
 Timbered Ridge—E. B. Hagaman.
 Union—Letter.
 Willowdale—A. J. Greene, I. A. Bungarnes.
 Zionville—J. R. Isaacs, Solomon Grogan.
 Zion Hill—H. A. Hagaman.

The Moderator declined to stand for re-election. L. C. Wilson nominated I. G. Greer for Moderator who was unanimously chosen by a rising vote. W. Y. Perry was re-elected Clerk.

By request of the chair L. A. Hurst led a prayer of thanksgiving for the men who have led us in the past and for the leadership of the Holy Spirit for the new Moderator.

L. A. Hurst introduced to the Association W. O. Gordon, the new pastor of Bethel Cove Creek and Willowdale churches.

The following visitors were recognized and welcomed into the Association by the Moderator: J. A. McKaughan representing the Biblical Recorder and State Missions. From Watauga Association, Tenn., Robert M. DeVault and J. F. Farthing.

Brushy Mountain Association: G. W. Sebastian.
 Caldwell County Association: H. H. Crisp, I. C. Miller, and Noah Austin.

Stoney Fork Association: B. F. Wilcox, McMinn Asso., Tenn. Mrs. Victoria Farthing Greene.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Religious Exercises: Pastor and Messengers from Middle Fork Church.

Finance: J. H. Mast and J. S. Wellborn.

Obituaries: L. C. Wilson, Smith Hagaman, and Clerk.

Time, Place and Pracher: J. R. Isaacs, W. T. Vandyke and Frank Moore.

Roy Dotson and Smith Hagaman were appointed to allot the time for each subject on the program.

The Executive Committee's Report was read by Smith Hagaman, which was referred item by item to the following persons:

First item to L. C. Wilson and Roy Dotson.

Second item to full Ex. Com.

Third item to Clerk.

Fourth item to Geo. Rotan and B. F. Wilcox.

Fifth item to Mrs. I. G. Greer and Mrs. T. H. Coffey.

Smith Hagaman, W. R. Gragg and L. A. Wilson were appointed to consider the advisability of changing the basis of representation.

The Association adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Benediction by W. Clay Wilson.

SECOND DAY MORNING SESSION

The devotional exercises were begun by singing "How Firm a Foundation", led by J. R. Isaacs.

I. C. Miller, after reading the 88th Psalm, led Prayer.

The Association was then called to order for business, the Moderator in the chair.

The roll of messengers was then called and absentees erased.

The minutes of yesterday were read amended and approved.

Visitors and correspondents were again invited to report.

Tipton Greene from Caldwell Association and Geo. Brown from Stony Fork Association reported.

The report on Books and Periodicals was read by the Clerk. Report adopted discussion by J. A. McKaughan and I. C. Miller.

L. C. Wilson then made the report on Christian Education, discussing the same. Adopted.

"Amazing Grace" was sung by the Association.

R. C. Eggers read the report on Orphanage and presented Prof. Fortney, the principal of the Orphanage School, who addressed the body on the subject. At this period the Association was called to prayer for the Orphanage led by Smith Hagaman. The discussion was continued by the Moderator. Report adopted.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Frank Moore, who discussed the report followed by Roy Dotson, after which the report was adopted.

On motion of P. A. Hicks the Association asked the Ex. Com. to take the matter of employing a full time Associational Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. worker under consideration conferring with the Stony Fork Association, the Sunday School Board and the State Mission Board. On motion and second the Association adjourned for one hour. Benediction by W. O. Gordon.

SECOND DAY EVENING SESSION

W. T. Vandyke led the congregation in singing a number of hymns, after which Robert M. DeVault read from the 3rd to 6th verse of the 3rd chapter of II Cor., then leading in prayer.

P. A. Hicks submitted the report on State Missions. J. A. McKaughan discussed the report. Report adopted.

The report on Home Missions was adopted after being read and discussed by Robert M. DeVault and J. A. McKaughan.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and discussed by L. A. Hurst. Report adopted.

Clyde R. Greene read the report on B. Y. P. U. and led the discussion, followed by Miss Joy Beaman, the State Mission Board Worker at the Appalachian State Normal School, Boone, N. C. Report adopted.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. T. H. Coffey and discussed by Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Mrs. I. G. Greer and Noah Austin. Report adopted.

A motion prevailed that the Constitution and By-laws be printed in the minutes.

On motion the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Benediction by L. A. Hurst.

THIRD DAY MORNING SESSION

After singing "Nearer My God to Thee," L. A. Wilson conducted the devotional service, reading 42nd Psalm, speaking briefly on feeling the "Presence of God", then led in prayer.

The report of the Executive Committee which had been referred to different people was considered and reported on.

Items 1, 2, 4 and 6 were discussed and adopted.

The Clerk was instructed to appeal to the churches for sufficient money to print the Minutes.

H. A. Hagaman read the report on Pastoral Support. Report adopted after being discussed by Smith Hagaman and R. C. Eggers.

J. R. Isaacs read the report on Baptist Hospital leading the discussion, followed by H. A. Hagaman, L. A. Wilson and P. A. Hicks. Report adopted.

L. M. Farthing read the report on Temperance. P. A. Hicks moved that the report be adopted without discussion. Motion carried.

"Alas and Did My Savior Bleed" was sung.

The appended report on Old Minister's Relief was adopted after discussion by J. A. McKaughan, Smith Hagaman and I. C. Miller.

The time having arrived for the 11 o'clock sermon the Association suspended business and sung "How Firm a Foundation." W. O. Gordon, the appointee, announced as his subject, "The Cloudless Vision." Text: "O that I knew where I might find Him." Job 23 chapter, 3rd verse; also, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." John 14th chapter, 9th verse. At the close of the sermon the Association adjourned for one hour. Benediction by J. R. Isaacs.

THIRD DAY EVENING SESSION

The services were begun by singing "When I Can Read My Title Clear." E. C. Hodges then read Matt. 28th chapter, from 17th to 20th verse, leading in prayer.

L. C. Wilson read the report on the State of the Churches. Report adopted after being discussed by L. C. and L. A. Wilson.

The report on Duties of Pastors to Churches was read and discussed by A. I. Greene. Report adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions by I. A. Bumgarner reported. Report adopted and appended.

Obituaries of W. S. Farthing and R. L. Palmer in the form of resolutions were read by L. C. Wilson, who discussed the lives of both. Smith Hagaman continued the discussion. Report adopted.

The Committee on change of basis of representation reported.

Report adopted.

The Treasurer made his report, which was adopted. W. Y. Perry was re-elected Treasurer.

The Colporter made his report, which was adopted. R. C. Eggers was re-elected Colporter.

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher reported. Report adopted.

The Committee on Finance read the Financial report. Report adopted.

The Moderator read his appointment of Standing Committees. Appointments confirmed.

A motion prevailed that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and that he be allowed \$20 for his services.

The Committee on Nominations read their report. Report adopted.

The Association ordered the Clerk to secure a box in the Watauga County Bank as a place to keep the records of the body.

D. D. Dougherty made a fitting speech to the Association presenting a simple cane, cut from the original site of the mother church of the Association—Three Forks—asking that the cane be accepted and presented to the retiring Moderator, Smith Hagaman. I. G. Greer, the present Moderator, accepted the gift for the Association and A. J. Greene, the Historian of the Association, made the presentation. Bro. Hagaman accepted the gift with a few well-chosen words.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

R. C. Eggers conducted the closing devotional exercises by reading the 20th chapter of Acts, beginning with the 17th verse, leading in prayer.

"How Firm a Foundation" was sung while the messengers and visitors gave each other the parting hand.

Benediction by P. A. Hicks.

I. G. GREER, Moderator.

W. Y. PERRY, Clerk.

R E P O R T S

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Committee submits the following:

1. At our first meeting we suggested to the churches through their pastors amounts for the Co-operative Program. Many of the churches adopted our suggestion and have been paying their quota.
2. In January we planned a fifth Sunday meeting at Boone, but the weather was so bad that we did not carry out the program fully.
3. In April we planned for group meetings at six places in the Association but the weather broke into our plans again. Meetings were held at Boone, Pleasant Grove and Laurel Springs. The theme for discussion was "The Work of a Deacon."
4. In July we had in conjunction with the Stony Fork Association, four group meetings. The central idea was Sunday Schools. The program was given at Antioch, Proffitt's Grove, Forest Grove and Mt. Vernon.

We recommend the following:

1. That the fifth Sunday September meeting be made a Home-Coming meeting for each church and that publicity of this meeting be made during this session of the Association.
2. That we accept the allotment of \$1,500 for our part in the Co-operative Program.
4. That an effort be made to improve the minutes of the Association.
5. That the Association invite the Committee of the Stony Fork Association in conducting the fifth Sunday meetings.

The moderator of the Association is requested to assign a speaker for the above mentioned recommendations and that each recommendation be discussed in open meeting of the Association and passed on separately.

Committee.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

Your Committee on Religious Literature submits the following report:

1. The Bible should be read and carefully studied by all our Baptist people so as to understand the New Testament plan of salvation; that it teaches repentance, belief in the Lord Jesus Christ and Bap-

tism. We believe our Baptist people should be informed by studying God's Word.

2. We recommend the Biblical Recorder, which is the official publication of our State. Its editorials are sound and fundamental; its literature is wholesome. We insist that every Baptist home in our Association should put this paper in their home. It keeps us posted as to the work of our denomination. We feel that no Baptist should be without the Recorder in their homes for it stands for the organized work of our denomination.

3. We further recommend to all our churches of the Three Forks Association that they read Charity and Children, edited by brother Archibald Johnson of the Thomasville Orphanage. It is worthy of our support and it keeps us informed as to the great work which is being carried on by this noble institution of our great Baptist churches.

4. No member of our churches should, under any condition, neglect to read and study very carefully The Home and Foreign Fields, for we are living in a day when great changes are taking place on the battlefields of the churches and every one should be thrilled at the great changes which are being brought about in the carrying forward of the Gospel by the noble servants of our Lord and Master, and where can we learn of this work better than in The Home and Foreign Fields?

5. Last but not least, every home should be opened to our Colporteur who has good religious books and wholesome books for the children all of which should take the place of so much of the trashy literature, which, I am sorry to say, is found in so many of our homes today.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. ROBBINS

For Committee

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Through all the history of Southern Baptists, Christian education has been one of the outstanding departments of our work. But at no time in the past has Christian education meant possibly what it means now. In this day of skepticism and liberalism this day of no difference in religion no difference in education, one thing just as good as another.

If our people could only think of our Baptist schools as they should think. If we could recognize and appreciate what they have been to the Baptists of the South nothing would be lacking in reliev-

ing them of every embarrassment and placing them in their rightful place as one of the leading factors in giving the gospel to the world.

If there is any outstanding need among our people today it is a better equipped and qualified ministry. And not only is this pressing demand upon us but those of our young people who go out as teachers and leaders must be trained and prepared for their task. But why argue the necessity of more and better equipped Baptist schools? The multiplying forces arrayed against the Baptist cause is the answer.

The only means of self defense, the only safe rule for making strong and powerful the Baptist cause in this Southland is found in the uplift of our Baptist schools. To this end the centennial campaign is directed. If every preacher will put himself in the lead and if every church and every member will be loyal to this glorious task a mighty victory will crown their efforts and a better day will dawn.

Let the charge be made no more that Three Forks Association has no interest in the education of her people in a Baptist school.

May no church be satisfied with anything short of having done her whole duty in this great undertaking. Let the year 1930 tell the glad story of the loyal support that the Three Forks Association has given this glorious cause. And your committee wishes to call attention to the Preachers' School at Meredith College, where every preacher may have an opportunity to gain much information and inspiration as they sit at the feet of some of the greatest preachers and teachers in the South.

This is an opportunity in reach of every preacher and should not be trifled with. Our hearts are moved with gratitude for a host of mighty men like a William Cary, a Judson, a Luther Rice in the dark past and then later a John A. Broadus, a J. R. Graves, a B. H. Carroll, a Matthew T. Yates and a J. B. Gambrell, who have left a monument to their memory in laying a foundation upon which we build. And then such men as an E. Y. Mullins, a George Truett, with thousands of other mighty men like those of the past are still broadening the foundation for a glorious habitation. Yet this is not our hope. Our future is lodged in the education of the masses. When a revival of Christian education shall possess our homes and permeate our entire church life our problems will be easily solved. Catholicism has ever been the outstanding foe of the Baptist through the dark past but never so dangerous as now. She has her eye upon this blessed old Southland building schools and churches as her purpose has always been at the door of every Baptist home.

Of all the invading foes of the Baptists, Romanism is the outstanding enemy.

The influx of every nation on earth in the South with priestcraft is enough to call every Baptist to prayer at this hour.

If not too late nothing but information, an educated conscience backed by love of God led by the Holy Spirit will check the onward march of the enemy of the cause of Jesus Christ and this American land.

"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done."

L. C. WILSON.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

On November 11th, 1885, the first child was received into the Orphanage. Up to February the 1st, 1928, there had been 2,639 children enrolled. There were present April 30th, 1928, 618 children and of these 117 were at the Kennedy Home.

The Orphanage is now aiding 70 mothers with 300 children in their homes. These added to the number now present in the Orphanage makes 916 children. During the 42 years of history, counting the mothers aid, the Orphanage has helped 3,266 children.

Last fall the Orphanage was staggered by an overwhelming debt but the Thanksgiving offerings cleared that up but did no more. It has happened that once a month collections have been fairly good this year, so the debt on the Orphanage is not so great this fall.

We are told that out of the many hundreds of churches in this State that there are less than 600 that make the once a month collections. We hope that every Sunday School will take the once a month collection.

We trust that every church in this Association will make a Thanksgiving offering to the Orphanage, and that every member will make and offering equal to one day's wages.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. EGGERS

For Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We believe the Sunday School to be one of the leading associated branches of the church work. We also believe that more interest is being shown in Sunday School each year. We find more interest in the rural Sunday Schools since the adoption of standard Sunday School literature.

We urge that the teachers and officers in all the Sunday School

stress the importance of the young people staying for church services. There being a tendency among the children and young people to think their responsibility ceases with the close of the Sunday School service. It is imperative that they should be trained to recognize that the preaching service is of greater importance than the Sunday School and that the Sunday School is preparatory to greater church service. We heartily endorse the plan of the graded Sunday School, since it requires the possessing of, and studying of the Bible. While we believe in the use of Sunday School literature, we do not believe in it to the exclusion of the Bible.

We urge that the churches make the best possible provision for class assembly. We also urge that the churches use their best judgment in selecting teachers to teach in the Sunday Schools, and we especially urge that the teachers give the best instructions possible that interest may be increased in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. MOORE
ROY DOTSON

For Committee

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The Baptist State Convention was organized at Greenville on March 26, 1930. At this first meeting, a State Mission Board was elected and a Corresponding Secretary was sent out to raise funds with which to evangelize North Carolina. We have been working at this task for ninety-eight years, and God has blessed our efforts in a marvelous way.

We are now carrying on our State Mission work under the direction of the General Board, of which Dr. Charles E. Maddry is secretary. This Board is divided into four departments: Missions, Education, Training Activities and Benevolence.

The department of Missions is under the supervision of Walter M. Gilmore. There are 87 pastors and 134 churches that are being aided this year. Last year these pastors baptized into the fellowship of their churches 1,456 and received 1,263 others by letter or otherwise.

Our Board is now co-operating in maintaining the following student workers: L. H. Tapscott, Chapel Hill; Y. C. Elliott, N. C. State; Miss Cleo Mitchell, N. C. C. W., and Miss Joy Beaman at the Appalachian State Normal.

We have three evangelists, J. M. Page, J. R. Cantrell, Raleigh, and S. T. Hensley, High Point. These are fine consecrated men that are

doing very effective work, and they are ready to serve our churches wherever their services are needed.

The Board is doing a very helpful work in conducting each year at Meredith College a ten days' school for our preachers. This year there were enrolled 325 preachers and their wives. We would urge all of our preachers to take advantage of this school.

Out of each dollar given to the Co-operative Program undesignated, twenty-three cents of it goes to State Missions. Your committee would urge that our churches give liberally to support our Co-operative Program, and that we pray for the continued blessings of God on all our co-operative work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. D. DOUGHERTY,

P. A. HICKS.

Committee

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board reports the expenditure of a half million dollars during the last year. In order to stay within its income, it was necessary to retrench 33 1-3 per cent. from the preceding year. Notwithstanding the retrenchment, the floods, and the storms, the work went steadily on.

Evangelism:

In this department we retained sixteen workers at an expense of \$6,666.87. The appeal of the evangelist has lost none of its charm. In order to reach large groups of people at one time in our large cities, it is necessary to have trained men to lead in the campaigns. Our Board is able to do this.

Independent and direct mission::

In this field we have more than a hundred workers. The Board tries to reach the foreigners in our midst. As industry comes more and more to our section, we shall have a larger population of people from other countries. It is absolutely necessary that we train Negroes and Indians to work among their own people. The Baptists have great responsibilities in this work. Work among the deaf has been inaugurated in every state within our territory. At Oteen and at Jacksonville we reach many sailors and soldiers.

Cuba and Panama:

These two countries are at our door. Our relationship is such that we must see that our cause is not allowed to suffer. The Board needs funds to build new churches and to establish schools to train leaders to care for their own people.

Mountain Mission Schools:

In this system of schools there are twenty-two with one hundred and eighty-eight teachers, and about five thousand students. Some of these schools will have to close because of funds. Many of them ought to live. They fill a need that cannot be supplied otherwise.

Southern Baptist Sanitorium:

This institution is located at El Paso, Texas. It gives more in free service each year than the amount that it receives from our Board.

Church Extension:

This department has funds of more than a million dollars to assist in erecting new buildings. The help is administered by loans. The fund will grow and we can help more and more. Many places have church houses which might otherwise not be able to build.

Publicity:

This department keeps in touch with our work and informs the people what we are trying to do. The material for our papers, magazines and tracts are the work of this department.

A. J. GREENE,

M. J. WILLIAMS,

Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

We note with pride that ten churches reported gifts to Foreign Missions and eight reported gifts to the Co-operative Program.

We are pleased to note that there has been an increase in the number of churches contributing to the Co-operative Program this year. We feel that our people are informing themselves about the missionary work in foreign lands and that they are learning more and more to obey the Master's command to give the gospel to the whole world.

We are pleased to report that conditions on our foreign fields are much improved and a better state of affairs exists so that our missionaries who were called away on account of trouble in the foreign lands may return to their field of labor if only Southern Baptists would make it possible by liberal giving.

If our people would look at the great work done by our workers and the very splendid results it seems to us that they would be more liberal in their support of the cause.

A number of the churches did not report anything given to Missions at all. We should not be so selfish as to spend all that God gives us for our own pleasure and millions who know not our Saviour

go hungry and without the gospel. We would record in this report—1st, that we urge all of our preachers and pastors to preach on the subject of Missions as often as they deem it wise and also that they keep a good stock of missionary literature on hand and put in the hands of their members to be read; 2nd, that the churches insist that each member contribute regularly to the Co-operative Program.

We believe that our people can be enlisted in this great work if all preachers and Sunday School teachers will give themselves to the task and lead out in giving of their means to support the work. So let us take courage and press on until Christ says it is enough.

L. A. HURST,

W. F. SHERWOOD.

REPORT ON BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

History: The B. Y. P. U. was first organized in North Carolina about 1899 or 1900. For ten years it grew very slowly. In 1909 the work was reorganized under the leadership of Dr. B. W. Spilman. The first state convention was held at Durham in 1910 where a constitution and plan of work were adopted. A full-time secretary was employed for this work in 1916. The growth of the Union has been steady from that time until now we have 2216 Unions in the state. 337 new Unions were organized last year. The B. Y. P. U., Convention is now the largest Baptist gathering in the state, more than 1500 delegates attend these conventions.

Object of the B. Y. P. U.: The constitution of the Union states the object as follows: (1) The increased spirituality of the young Christian; (2) Their training in essential church activities; (3) Their edification in scriptural knowledge; (4) Their instruction in Baptist doctrines and history; (5) Their enlistment in all forms of missionary endeavor through existing denominational organizations. The meaning of this object may be set forth in three words: Consecration, preparation, service.

Office and Workers: The office of the B. Y. P. U. is 214 Biblical Recorder Building, Raleigh, N. C. J. A. Ivey is General Secretary; Miss Winnie Ricket is Junior-Intermediate Secretary; Miss Mary Francis Biggers and Miss Margaret Harrison are field workers. These folks are at the service of any church and they are especially anxious to organize Unions in new territory.

The B. Y. P. U. in Our Association: While the work has been before our people in a limited way for a number of years its growth has been very slow. We have some 8 or 10 Unions in about four churches. This means that we have 31 churches in our association

without Unions. Unions have been organized in other churches of the Association but for some reason have fallen by the wayside. Our task is to sell our people on the B. Y. P. U. and to help them solve local conditions that tend to make it difficult for the Union to exist. Everyone who has studied the subject recognizes the advantages to a church of a going B. Y. P. U. organization. When certain local conditions are worked out the B. Y. P. U. will assume the same position in our Association that it already occupies in so many Associations of the state; second only to the Sunday School in its contributions to a healthy church life.

Recommendations: Your committee recommends that the Association appoint or elect a B. Y. P. U. associational superintendent. We suggest that among the various duties of the superintendent may be mentioned the following: (1) Organizations of new unions; (2) Supervision of Associational B. Y. P. U., rallies, which in the opinion of your committee should be held at least twice each year; (3) Enlisting the churches in B. Y. P. U. study course work.

G. P. HAGAMAN,

CLYDE R. GREENE,

Committee.

WOMAN'S WORK

Growth is a natural process in the material world about us. One has only to plant the seed and set the tender plant in the earth and give it fair conditions, slowly but surely it begins to grow and soon we have the plant budding then blossoming into beauty and yielding fruit. Every spring we see anew the great miracle of nature when apparently dead branches swell, send out tender green buds and soon the trees that looked so brown and dead are covered with beautiful green leaves. A careful observer sees not the same tree but a larger and stronger one which is evidence of another year's growth. Not so in the realm of spiritual growth. This spiritual growth comes only through effort. We must bend our wills and put forth our energy to the utmost in order that we might grow and develop along spiritual lines. If there is progress to be made it is necessary for us to grow in our work. If in our activities we stand at one place and the passing years bring no increase in our power and in our achievement we may well stop and ask the question, Why? For this reason we want to pause and look at the records of the past ten years of the W. M. U. and consider whether or not we are making any real progress. Let us look first at the number of women in our churches who are taking an active part in the

work. In 1917 we had 25,664 women and young people enlisted out of a membership of 126,612. In 1927 we reported 40,326 women and children and a membership of 173,399. The percentage is nearly the same but the figures show that in ten years we increased the number of members in our societies 14,662, a gain of more than one thousand a year. This being the Ruby Anniversary year of our W. M. U. we have taken for our goal 4,000 members in the now existing societies. With 133,073 unenlisted women and young people in our churches it should be an easy goal for us to reach. When we consider the fact that only the women who are members of W. M. U. are having any part in the great missionary movements of today we should put forth every effort we have to make them realize their opportunities in helping send the Gospel to a lost world.

In 1917 we had 1,443 organizations and in 1927 we had 2,413, an increase of 925. Notwithstanding this fact, as nearly as it can be estimated we have 913 churches with no missionary societies. It seems to me here lies an open door of service to our Societies. The door of opportunity is open wide to us right here in our association. We have 35 churches in this association and there are only five W. M. S.'s.

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PASTORAL SUPPORT

The success of a Church may be determined largely by the vision and leadership of its pastor. A pastor succeeds in terms of the support he receives from his members. This support should be three-fold: He should be encouraged in his work by the individual member and he should be defended against unjust criticism. No pastor can succeed without the prayers of his people. Paul would have failed many times but for the fact that in every church he visited, he knew there was a group of Christians praying for him. Behind every great pastor may be found praying Christians.

The pastor should receive financial support from his churches. The churches of the Three Forks Association are not furnishing this support. Let us examine the facts: Last year we paid \$5,853.85, or \$167.25 per church, or \$1.29 per member. Paul said, "They that proclaim the Gospel, shall live of the Gospel." We should be more liberal in supporting our pastors in order that they might have more time to study, pray and minister to the flock.

Your committee suggests that each Church should have a treasurer who receives all money paid in for pastor's salary, and that he gives the pastor a check each month for a regular amount. If we do not

appreciate the Gospel, God will take it from us as He has other people and nations of the past.

Respectfully submitted
BERT FARTHING
I. G. GREER

Committee

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BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The North Carolina Baptist Hospital reached its fifth milestone on May the 29th of this year. From small beginnings it has grown in five years to be one of the leading Baptist Hospitals in the South. It has overcome, what seemed to be one day, impossibilities, and now offers its helping hand to the thousands of sick over the State.

Near ten thousand patients have received treatment since it began its work. Only eternity can reveal the good it has done for suffering humanity, and the lives it has saved.

We find that last year the death rate was only fourteen and one-half to the thousand, less than any other Hospital in the South.

We should thank God and take courage. This year the Hospital has received \$4,000.00 less for charity work than it did last year, but are having greater demands made on it. It is looking now as if there will be 600 free cases this year which, it is estimated, will cost \$35,000 to care for them. Beside this, the Nurses Home has been completed and at the beginning of the year there was a debt of \$14,000 on this building. The Duke Endowment promised \$5,000 if the hospital would pay the entire debt this year. Last year the Hospital paid out of its running expenses about \$7,000 on charity. This year it must go on the debt, so we see something must be done to save the situation.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

1. That we urge all our people to carry their patients there, and give the Hospital the advantage of this increased revenue.
2. That churches sending charity patients will themselves pay \$1.50 per day, or get the family or community to join them in raising this amount that the Hospital may tide over this emergency.
4. That we pray for the success of the Institution.
4. That we put on the program, and give an offering on Mother's Day, or some other day, and let us show the Christ-like spirit to help.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. ISAACS
J. H. MAST

Committee

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, beg to submit the following report:

The struggle against intemperance has been an age long one, and it is one of the great problems of our Christian civilization today. Will our civilization be able to combat, successfully, this great social disease? Or will the disease prove the stronger? We have the prohibition law in our land—have had it for eight years, public sentiment gave it to us. Will that same public sentiment continue to foster it and preserve it for the generations yet to come? These are questions of grave concern to every God-fearing and right thinking citizen today. This is the place, we believe, where the great task of the church of God sets in to leaven, as it were, the public mind and heart with the spirit and ideals of our Master as exemplified in the highest type of Christian ideals; to carry light to the public conscience; to continue to hold before the public mind the high ideals of the Christian religion.

The prohibition law has, within its eight years existence, proven a great blessing to all classes, especially to the working man in our towns and cities. It has delivered many homes from the curse of drink, and saved many a young man from a career of blight and placed him on a plane of an upright, useful life. And the good work is still going on, showering the blessings of sobriety and prosperity on every hand. But let us not console ourselves with the thought that the prohibition work is complete. It is far from that. Apathy and indifference as to the enforcement of the law on the part of so many of our good citizens, and, (sorry to say it) many times on the part of church members, has got to be amended. Public sentiment has got to get behind the enforcement of this law. It can never be enforced successfully until public sentiment demands its enforcement. We, therefore, recommend earnestly, that every member of our Baptist Churches and every right thinking citizen, whether a member of any church or not, or of any denomination whatsoever, to purpose in his heart with a strong purpose, to render every aid in stamping out the liquor traffic in his or her community.

Respectfully submitted

L. M. FARTHING
J. A. WILLIAMS

Committee

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

From the best information that we can get, we now have about one hundred and twenty old ministers or widows of ministers on our board that receive on an average of about \$120 per year. It ought to be much more. This fund ought to be increased until all these faithful servants of Christ have an adequate support in their old age. Let each pastor and church see that more liberal offerings be made for this worthy object.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. WILSON
JOHN NORRIS

Committee

STATE OF CHURCHES

In spite of all the adverse conditions that exist among our churches we do feel that there are many things tending to growth and enlargement that should encourage us to more faithful and consecrated devotion in the enlargement of every department of our work.

Your committee feels warranted in saying that there is a growth of interest in all of the departments of our work. There is that search of information that should encourage. It seems clear that there is a spirit of enlargement on. If we are not mistaken there is a growing interest manifested in the business sessions of the Association.

Our people want to enlarge, and they will enlarge when we give ourselves to an earnest study of the Bible, with a desire in our hearts to do the Lord's will. Enlargement and Enlistment are the watchwords of the hour.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. WILSON
L. C. WILSON

Committee

DUTY OF PASTORS TO THEIR CHURCHES

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity." 1 Cor. 13:13. "Charity never falleth." We think the first duty of a pastor to his church is to have the love of God in his heart and to love his fellowman. "Charity suffereth long and is kind." Then possessing as he does, this love, he should endeavor be a true shepherd of his flock, feeding them as the elders were exhorted to do in I Peter 3:2, "to feed the flock which is among

you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint but willingly, not for filthy lucre but of a ready mind." And again, "Take heed therefore, unto yourselves and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers to feed the church of God." To do this intelligently the pastor should study the characteristics and the needs of his people as well as the message he is to bring them. He may do this by visiting the homes and working places. Then he should study, as Paul wrote to Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth."

Respectfully submitted

RESOLUTIONS

First, be it resolved that we extend our highest appreciation to Middle Fork Church and community for the hospitable way in which they have cared for this entire body.

Second., That we extend our appreciation to the retiring Moderator Brother Smith Hagaman for his faithfulness to his duties.

Third. That we extend appreciation to the newly elected Moderator Brother I. G. Greer, for his efficient presiding over this the 38th session of the Three Forks Association.

Fourth. That we extend appreciation to Brother W. Y. Perry for his ever faithful duties as clerk of this Association.

Fifth. That we extend our appreciation to the visiting brethren and sisters and invite them back to cooperate with us.

Motto: Give and live, or hold and die.

Respectfully submitted

E. J. FARTHING

I. A. BUMGARNER

PROPORTIONATE REPRESENTATION

We your committee to whom the matter of changing the Constitution of the Association so as to provide a new basis of church representation in the Association was referred, submit the following:

We recommend that each church, regardless of membership, have three messengers and one additional for each 50 above 100, or the nearest fraction thereof.

Respectfully submitted

W. R. GRAGG

L. A. WILSON

SMITH HAGAMAN

W. S. FARTHING

WHEREAS, our loving Heavenly Father has seen fit to call from our midst our beloved W. S. Farthing on July 11, to that glorious beyond, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Three Forks Association now in session wish to express our deep sorrow at the parting of our dear brother whom we all loved for his noble life of faithful and devoted service in everything that meant for the advancement of the cause of Christ in this Association and throughout the State, even to the ends of the earth. He served as Moderator of this Association with peculiar satisfaction from 1892 to 1912. But while he is no more with us he will live on in our hearts.

R. L. PALMER

We also call attention to the death of Rev. R. L. Palmer which occurred some time before our last session. He was an earnest and faithful preacher and ever true to the doctrines of the Baptist faith. Surely it can be said of him that he came up through great tribulation. Being afflicted for a number of years, he had no little task to support his family and do much preaching.

One by one we gather across the River.

Respectfully submitted

SMITH HAGAMAN

W. Y. PERRY

L. C. WILSON

Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance from last year	\$ 1.53
Received for Minutes	82.75
Orphanage	3.50
Hospital	4.00
Co-operative Program	14.75
Total	\$ 106.53
Disbursements:	
To Orphanage	\$ 3.50
Walters Durham	14.72
To Hospital	4.00
Will H. McGuire, Printing	75.21
Clerk of Association	7.50
Postage, to Clerk and Treasrer	75
Total	\$ 105.68
Balance in Treasury	\$.85

FINANCE

Minute Fund	\$ 67.32
Orphanage	7.00
Missions	2.50
Ministerial Relief	4.53
Total	\$ 81.35

REPORT OF COLPORTER

Books and Cash reported last year	\$ 60.00
Books bought this year	33.25
Books sold this year	46.55
Books on hand	44.70
Cash on hand	2.00
Total Books and Cash on hand	\$ 46.70

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. EGGERS
Colporter

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Time and Place, report to you as follows:

Having had applications from only three churches for the Convention for the coming year, and that the only church making an appeal for the Association through the Associational letter being Shulls Mills we, therefore, recommend that the Association convene next session with Shulls Mills Baptist Church.

TIME:

We recommend that the Association convene on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock following the fourth Sunday in August, 1929, and that the time be confined to two days with day session only.

PREACHER:

We recommend that P. A. Hicks preach the annual Introductory Sermon at 11 o'clock on Tuesday, or the first day.

Alternate: L. A. Wilson.

Respectfully submitted

J. R. ISAACS

W. T. VANDYKE

J. F. MOORE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: G. P. Hagaman, W. O. Gordon, D. D. Dougherty, R. C. Eggers, W. W. Wilson, Smith Hagaman, A. J. Green, I. G. Greer and W. Y. Perry.

Associational Vice President Foreign Mission Board: W. Y. Perry.

Associational B. Y. P. U., Director: Clyde R. Greene.

Associational Sunday School Director: Roy Dotson.

Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention: Smith Hagaman.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention: I. G. Greer, D. C. Mast, L. C. Wilson.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATIONS:

To Ashe: L. A. Wilson, John Tatum, Will H. McGuire.

To Stoney Fork: R. H. Shores, P. A. Hicks, G. W. Robbins.

To Caldwell: R. C. Eggers, W. C. Payne, W. T. Vandyke.

To Watauga: L. C. Wilson, E. J. Farthing, W. Swift.

To Mitchell: Lee Norris, E. C. Hodges, J. T. McGuire.

To Avery: G. W. Trivett, J. L. Glen, W. B. Norris.

To Brushy Mountain: I. G. Greer, Levi Greene, W. D. Farthing.

Respectfully submitted

JOHN WARD

P. A. HICKS

ROY DOTSON

COMMITTEES FOR 1929

State Missions—L. C. Wilson, G. W. Robbins.
 Home Missions—J. A. Williams, L. A. Wilson.
 Foreign Missions: Will O. Gordon, R. C. Egger.
 Christian Education: Smith Hagaman, Sam Horton.
 Pastoral Support: Clyde Green, W. T. Vandyke.
 Duties of Pastors to Churches: J. F. Moore, W. T. Byers.
 Sunday Schools: P. A. Hicks, Ed. Hagaman.
 Books and Periodicals: W. D. Farthing, Dean Swift.
 Baptist Orphanage: Mrs. D. D. Dougherty, Mrs. Mast.
 Resolutions: Roby Vines, Lee Swift.
 State of Churches: E. C. Hodges, W. C. Payne.
 Temperance: D. D. Dougherty, W. R. Gragg.
 Old Minister's Relief: J. R. Isaacs, E. J. Farthing.
 Woman's Work: Roy Dotson, Mrs. Lee Swift.
 B. Y. P. U., Work: Clyde Eggers, Joy Beaman.
 Nominations: G. P. Hagaman, Cleve Gross.
 Baptist Hospital: A. J. Greene, Mrs. Smith Hagaman.
 Order of Business: W. Y. Perry.

SUGGESTED AMOUNT FOR EACH CHURCH TO COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FOR 1928 - 1929

Antioch	\$ 12.00	Meat Camp	20.00
Bethel	115.00	Mt. Calvary	20.00
Beaver Dam	75.00	Mt. Gilead	5.00
Bethany	7.00	Mt. Lebanon	5.00
Brushy Fork	40.00	Oak Grove	10.00
Boone	600.00	Pleasant Grove	40.00
Blowing Rock	110.00	Proffit's Grove	10.00
Cove Creek	156.00	Rich Mountain	5.00
Cool Spring	8.00	Samson	2.00
Clark's Creek	3.00	Shull's Mills	10.00
Elk Knob	2.00	South Fork	40.00
Fall Creek	4.00	Stoney Fork	10.00
Forest Grove	20.00	Three Forks	75.00
Gap Creek	8.00	Timbered Ridge	20.00
Howard's Creek	10.00	Union	20.00
Laurel Spring	15.00	Willowdale	20.00
Middle Fork	25.00	Zionville	20.00
Zion Hill	15.00		

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

Yr.	Church	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1841	Three Forks	Isaiah Wilcoxon	Richard Gentry	
1842	Beaver Creek	Isaiah Wilcoxon	Richard Gentry	B. McBride.....
1843	Roans Creek	B. McBride...	Richard Gentry	Richard Gentry...
1844	South Fork	B. McBride...	Richard Gentry	B. McBride.....
1845	Three Forks	B. McBride...	Richard Gentry	R. P. Farthing...
1846	Roans Creek	B. McBride...	Richard Gentry	Richard Gentry...
1847	Ebenezer	B. McBride...	John Cook	Jos. Harrison.....
1848	Three Forks	B. McBride...	Richard Gentry	B. McBride.....
1849	North Fork	B. McBride...	Richard Gentry	Richard Gentry...
1850	Gap Creek	B. McBride...	Richard Gentry	B. McBride.....
1851	Pine Grove	B. McBride...	John Cook	Jos. Harrison.....
1852	Cove Creek	B. McBride...	John Cook	L. Hodges.....
1853	Horse Creek	B. McBride...	John Cook	A. Farthing.....
1854	Old Fields	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	I. Farmer.....
1855	RoanCreek	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	A. C. Farthing.....
1856	Antioch	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	L. Hodges.....
1857	Meat Camp	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	J. A. Farthing.....
1858	South Fork	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	John Cook.....
1859	Three Forks	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	Jos. Harrison.....
1860	Bethel	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	Wm. Wilcoxon.....
1861	Three Forks	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	D. C. Harman.....
1862	Gap Creek	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	A. C. Farthing.....
1863	Ebenezer	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	J. A. Farthing.....
1864	Cove Creek	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	E. F. Farthing.....
1865	Mulberry	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	S. J. Farthing.....
1866	Meat Camp	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	A. C. Farthing.....
1867	Brushy Fork	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	D. C. Harman.....
1868	Globe	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	L. L. Maples.....
1869	Bethel	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	Job Moore.....
1870	Three Forks	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	D. C. Harman.....
1871	Yadkin	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	R. P. Farthing.....
1872	Antioch	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	A. C. Farthing.....
1873	Meat Camp	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	T. F. Nelson.....
1874	Mulberry	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	A. C. Farthing.....
1875	Mt. Zion	D. C. Harman	L. L. Greene	D. C. Harman.....
1876	Mt. Pleasant	D. C. Harman	L. L. Greene	J. M. Hall.....
1877	Globe	D. C. Harman	L. L. Greene	J. A. Farthing.....
1878	Cove Creek	A. C. Farthing	Hiram McBride	W. B. Brown.....
1879	South Fork	A. C. Farthing	Hiram McBride	Asa Brown.....
1880	Pisgah	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	D. C. Harman.....
1881	Brushy Fork	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	E. F. Jones.....
1882	Flat Top	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	D. C. Harman.....
1883	Mulberry	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	A. C. Farthing.....
1884	Bethel	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	E. F. Jones.....
1885	Three Forks	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	J. J. L. Sherwood.
1886	Laurel Spring	A. C. Farthing	J. J. T. Reese	C. W. Thomas.....
1887	Beaver Dam	A. C. Farthing	J. J. T. Reese	J. M. Harman.....
1888	Boone	A. C. Farthing	J. J. T. Reese	J. H. Farthing.....
1889	Mt. Zion	A. C. Farthing	Jacob Younce	David Greene.....
1890	Three Forks	A. C. Farthing	Jacob Younce	Dr. C. E. Taylor..
1891	Mt. Gilead	A. C. Farthing	Jacob Younce	J. J. L. Sherwood.
1892	Meat Camp	W. S. Farthing	Jacob Younce	J. F. Davis.....
1893	Antioch	W. S. Farthing	Jacob Younce	T. H. Farthing.....
1894	Gap Creek	J. F. Spainhour	Jacob Younce	Dr. C. Durham.....
1895	Cove Creek	W. S. Farthing	Jacob Younce	L. A. Wilson.....
1896	South Furk	W. S. Farthing	Jacob Younce	J. E. White.....
1897	Brushy Fork	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	T. H. Farthing.....
1898	Cool Spring	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	David Greene.....
1899	Beech Mtn	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	L. C. Wilson.....
1900	Laurel Spring	J. A. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	I. C. Wilson.....

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY
(Continued)

Yr.	Church	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1901	Bethel	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1902	Fla Top	Farthing	Haseman	D. O. Harman
1903	Zion Hill	Farthing	Haseman	Sol. Younce
1904	Elk Valley	Farthing	Haseman	J. F. Eller
1905	Pleasant Grove	Farthing	Haseman	C. S. Farthing
1906	Shulls Mills	Farthing	Haseman	David Greene
1907	Boone	Farthing	Haseman	C. S. Farthing
1908	Forest Grove	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1909	Howards Creek	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1910	Beaver Dam	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1911	Mt. Calvary	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1912	South Fork	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1913	Cove Creek	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1914	Meat Camp	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1915	Zionville	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1916	Sony Fork	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1917	Antioch	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1918	Bethel	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1919	Union	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1920	Gap Creek	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1921	Brushy Fork	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1922	Timbered Ridge	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1923	Laurel Spring	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1924	Pleasant Grove	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1925	Three Forks	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1926	South Fork	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1927	Zion Hill	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne
1928	Middle Fork	Farthing	Haseman	J. M. Payne

TABLE 1: CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION FOR 1928

Churches	Town, Vill., Country	When Constituted	Pastors and Addresses	Days of Meeting	Members Reported	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Dis. by Letter	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Present Membership	Prayer Meetings?	Revivals during Year	Observed Supper?	Subscribers State Paper
Antioch	C	1848	W. Swift, Reese, N. C.	1	174	5	1	5	3	4	1	2	175	No	1	2	5	
Bethel	C	1851	W. O. Gordon, Sherwood	4	201	18	4	1	1	4	1	4	206	No	1	1	5	
Beaver Dam	C	1874	R. C. Eggers, Zionville	2	84	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	90	No	1	1	1	
Bethany	C	1896	F. C. Watts, Parlier	1	129	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	120	No	1	1	1	
Brushy Fork	C	1858	G.W. Sebastin, N. Wilkesboro	2	149	2	1	1	1	5	1	1	146	No	1	1	3	
Boone	H	1871	P. A. Hicks, Boone	All	367	22	41	1	1	4	1	1	406	Yes	1	1	104	
Blowing Rock	C	1871	P. A. Hicks, Boone	3	148	3	2	1	1	8	1	2	144	No	2	2	3	
Cove Creek	C	1799	W. O. Gordon, Sherwood	1-3	170	4	5	1	1	7	3	3	169	No	1	1	4	
Cool Spring	C	1887	E. C. Hodges, Adams	3	100	5	1	1	1	6	1	1	98	Yes	1	1	1	
Clark's Creek	C		L. A. Wilson, Boone											No				
Elk Knob	C		L. A. Wilson, Boone											No				
Fall Creek	C	1885	W. A. Pennell, Zionville	2	59	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	66	No	2	2	1	
Forest Grove	C	1889	L. A. Wilson, Boone	3	157	1	1	1	1	8	2	2	148	No	1	1	3	
Gap Creek	C		E. C. Hodges, Adams	3	96	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	96	No	1	1	1	
Howard's Creek	C	1832	L. B. Murray, State Road	3	102	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	104	Yes	1	1	1	
Laurel Spring	C	1873	E. C. Hodges, Adams	2	171	4	1	1	1	9	3	3	164	No	1	1	1	
Middle Fork	C	1905	R. C. Egger, Zionville	4	92	12	3	1	1	4	1	1	103	Yes	1	1	10	
Meat Camp	C	1851	L. B. Murray, State Road	3	130	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	130	No	1	1	1	
Mt. Calvary	C		F. C. Watts, Parlier	2	142	6	1	1	1	5	1	1	144	Yes	1	1	1	
Mt. Lebanon	C	1891	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock	4	120	39	6	1	1	3	4	2	157	Yes	2	2	1	
Mt. Gilead	C		E. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove		99	5	1	1	1	4	2	1	97	No	1	1	1	
Oak Grove	C	1916	Monroe Graeg, Vilas	1	78	7	1	1	1	2	1	1	83	No	1	1	1	
Pleasant Grove	C	1891	G.W. Sebastin, N. Wilkesboro	4	258	20	13	2	2	3	18	1	271	Yes	1	1	5	
Proffit's Grove	C	1921	L. A. Wilson, Boone	4	85	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	85	No	1	1	1	
Rich Mountain	C	1905	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock	1	86	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	78	No	2	2	1	
Samson	C	1873												No				
Shulls Mills	C	1888	I. C. Miller, Patterson	4	90	3	1	1	1	9	1	1	84	No	1	1	1	
South Fork	V	1833	Levi Greene, Deep Gap	2	138	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	134	No	1	1	1	
Stonev Fork	C	1841	(Not given)	2	143	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	149	No	1	1	1	
Three Forks	C	1790	F. C. Watts, Parlier	1	121	6	1	1	1	3	1	1	124	No	1	1	3	
Timbered Ridge	C	1906	L. C. Wilson, Sugar Grove	2	85	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	88	No	1	1	2	
Union	C	1885	G.W. Sebastin, N. Wilkesboro	3	197	3	1	1	1	1	1	4	195	No	1	1	2	
Willowdale	C	1911	W. O. Gordon, Sherwood	2	110	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	105	No	1	1	1	
Zionville	V	1836	R. C. Eggers, Zionville	1	151	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	148	No	1	1	2	
Zion Hill	C	1886	L. C. Wilson, Sugar Grove	3	132	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	133	No	1	1	1	

TABLE II: SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION FOR 1923

Churches	Superintendent and Address	S. S. ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION						
		Officers & Teachers	Beginners, 3-5	Primaries, 6-8	Juniors, 9-12	Intermediates, 13-16	Young People, 17-24	Adults, 25 up	Cradle Roll, under 3	Home Department	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Is School Graded?	Standard A-1?	Teachers with Dip.	Baptisms for S. S.	Gifts to Ch. Work	Gifts to Missions, etc.
Antioch	W. J. Farthing, Valle Crucis, N.C.	8	4	5	7	12	10	13			58	18	Yes	No	1	3	\$ 10.59	\$
Bethel	Carl Farthing, Sugar Grove	8	34	15	14	13	26	28			143	132	Yes	No	1	18	38.95	16.08
Beaver Dam	S. M. Dugger, Reese	8	20	30	18	15	12	40			140	90	No	No	4	2	15.30	20.63
Bethany	J. L. Triplett, Maney	8	10	2	9	5	10	14			52	40						
Brushy Fork	L. M. Trivett, Vilas	8	9	1	1	1	1	1			90	51					20.00	
Boone	W. R. Gragg, Boone	16	44	28	59	48	279	86			558	202	Yes	No	12	18	426.75	39.42
Blowing Rock	J. H. Winkler, Blowing Rock	10	25	10	34	16	26	35			150	85	Yes	No	3	3	78.00	25.00
Cove Creek	W. F. Sherwod, Sherwod	11	14	12	9	45	33	28			141	125	Yes	No	4	4	57.15	94.42
Cool Spring	J. W. Pennell, Boone	3	8	6	7	7	8	13			50	40			5			25.00
Clark's Creek																		
Elk Knob																		
Fall Creek	M. W. Storie, Heaton	6	6	8		10		12	6		42	35					3.40	2.00
Forest Grove	W. R. Johnson, Vilas	7	7	9	8	6	33	18			88	50			1		30.26	4.75
Gap Creek	Thos. Fairchild, Deep Gap	7	20	9	9	11	20	40			107	62					6.42	
Howard's Creek	Edmond Greene, Boone	6	15	10	8	12	15	20			77	25						
Laurel Spring	Arthur Greene, Deep Gap	8	15	8	26	21	26	45	6		148	75			1	4	23.04	2.61
Middle Fork	J. H. Holifield, B. Rock	5	6	5	10			14			40	35						
Meat Camp	M. C. Brown, Boone	6	7	6	15			24			58	32					10.00	1.56
Mt. Calvary	R. E. Smith, Banner Elk	8	5	10	8	8	6	36	5		80	55	No	No	5			
Mt. Lebanon	T. T. Danner, Valle Crucis	6	16	15	12	17	14	35			115	85	Yes	No			37.36	4.15
Mt. Gilead		5	10		8	18		25			66		No	No			12.00	
Oak Grove	Clev. Gross, Boone	4	12	15		20	20	20			71	60	No	No	1		25.00	10.00
Pleasant Grove	Wade Byers, Zionville	8	18	35	36	36	20	30			155	91			13		53.18	
Proffit's Grove	L. E. Wilson, Zionville	7	18		16	19	14	30			104	69					17.01	2.61
Rich Mountain	H. W. McNeil, Zionville	4	12		14			10			40	40	No	No	1			
Samson																		
Shulls Mills	G. R. McLone, Shulls Mill	6	10	7			18	15			56							
South Fork	John Cox, Todd																	
Stoney Fork	B. F. Cook, Stoney Fork	8	30	10	10	25		50	15		148	120	Yes	No	2		15.00	14.00
Three Forks	I. T. Barnett, Boone	7	10	6	10	20	20				63	44	Yes	No				85.03
Timbered Ridge	E. B. Hagaman, Beech Creek	6	10								61							
Union		8	10	12	25	25	50	50			180	85						
Willowdale	A. J. Greene, Vilas	7	3	5	6	9	14	30			74	60			1		20.00	45.00
Zionville	J. R. Isaacs, Mabel	9									136	95						40.91
Zion Hill	M. A. Ward, Beech Creek	7			13	10	12	13			55	40					12.13	29.87

TABLE III: CHURCH PROPERTY OF THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION — 1923

Churches	Clerks and Addresses	Does Church own House?	Materials used	When was it built?	Persons Seated	Number Rooms	All Depts. cared for?	All Classes cared for?	Value House — Ground	Value Pastor's Home	Total value of Property	Indebtedness on prop.	Insurance Carried?
Antioch	L. W. Ward, Sugar Grove, N. C.	Yes	Wood	1902	300	1	Yes	No	\$ 2500	\$	\$ 2500	\$	\$
Bethel	W. R. Vines, Sugar Grove	Yes	Brick	1924	350	7	Yes	Yes	8000		8000		
Beaver Dam	J. H. Robinson, Reese	Yes	Wood	1924	300	5	Yes	Yes	3500		3500		
Bethany	J. L. Triplett, Matney	Yes	Wood	1895	250	1	No	No	500		500		
Brushy Fork	M. J. Williams, Vilas	Yes	Brick	1886	500	1	No	No	2500		2500		
Boone	J. T. C. Wright, Boone	Yes	Wood	1915	350	10	No	No	25000	5000	30000		6000
Blowing Rock	Mrs. R. L. Greene, B. Rock	Yes	Brick	1924	300	8	Yes	Yes	17000		17000		10000
Cove Creek	J. S. McBride, Sherwood	Yes	Wood	1923	200	7	Yes	Yes	15000	2000	17000	700	
Cool Spring	R. K. Hartley, Blowing Rock	Yes	Wood	1898	300	1	No	No	1500		1500		
Clark's Creek													
Elk Knob	Mrs. Alice Johnson, Tamarack	Yes	Wood	1890	300	1	No	No	500		500		
Fall Creek	L. L. Storie, Heaton	Yes	Wood	1927	300	1	No	No	1000		1000		
Forest Grove	Ellis Moody, Vilas	Yes	Wood	1907	400	1	No	No	1200		1200		
Gap Creek	Thos. Fairchild, Deep Gap	Yes	Wood		300	1	No	No	1200		1200		
Howard's Creek	L. F. Cottrell, Boone	Yes	Wood	1900	300	1	No	No	700		700		
Laurel Spring	J. B. Clawson, Deep Gap	Yes	Wood	1894	500	1	No	No	1500		1500		
Middle Fork	J. C. Ashlev, Blowing Rock	Yes	Wood	1905	400	1	No	No	1800		1800		
Meat Camp	L. A. Greene, Boone	Yes	Wood	1927	500	5	Yes	Yes	6000		6000		
Mt. Calvary	W. H. Shomaker, Balm	Yes	Wood		300	1	No	No	1000		1000		
Mt. Lebanon	B. A. Hodges, Vilas	Yes	Wood	1891	300	1	No	No	800		800		
Mt. Gilead	O. H. Trivett, Beech Creek	Yes	Wood		200	1	No	No	2000		2000		
Oak Grove	Linell Ward, Boone	Yes	Wood	1922	400	4	Yes	Yes	2500		2500		
Pleasant Grove	J. H. Mast, Zionville	Yes	Wood	1892	500	5	Yes	Yes	1500		1500		
Proffit's Grove	D. L. Greene, Zionville	Yes	Wood	1921	300	1	No	No	1000		1000		
Rich Mountain	H. W. McNeil, Zionville	Yes	Wood	1905	300	1	No	No	1000		1000		
Samson													
Shulls Mills	J. M. Day, Shulls Mills	Yes	Wood	1888	300	1	No	No	2500		2500		
South Fork	Will H. McGuire, Todd	Yes	Wood	1900	250	1	No	No	2000		2000		
Stoney Fork	J. S. Wellborn, Deep Gap	Yes	Wood	1900	600	1	No	No	1000		1000		
Three Forks	A. J. Edmisten, Boone	Yes	Wood	1922	500	1	No	No	3500		3500	86	
Timbered Ridge	W. L. Greene, Peoria	Yes	Wood		300	1	No	No	1000		1000		
Union	Hazel Norris, Mabel	Yes	Wood	1887	300	1	No	No	600		600		
Willowdale	I. A. Bumgarner, Vilas	Yes	Wood	1923	300	7	Yes	Yes	8000		8000	300	
Zionville	J. R. Isaacs, Mabel	Yes	Wood	1926	500	7	Yes	Yes	5000		5000		
Zion Hill	Gradon Hagaman, Beech Creek	Yes	Wood	1886	400	2	No	No	1500		1500		

TABLE VI: B. Y. P. U.'S OF THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION FOR 1927.

Churches	Adult Unions	Senior Unions	Int. Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Standard Unions	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Int. Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Sys. Givers in Unions	Total D. B. Readers
Boone	2	1	1	4	105	35	25	160	40	45			
Blowing Rock	1	1	2	20	25	45	6	4	15				
Cove Creek	1	1	52	18	15								

W. Y. Perry, Clerk of Three Forks Association, Vilas, N. C.

I. G. Greer, Moderator of Three Forks Association, Boone, N. C.

TABLE VII: WOMAN'S WORK OF THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION FOR 1928

Churches	No. W. M. S.	No. Y. W. A.'s	No. G. A.'s	No. R. A.'s	No. Sunbeams	Total WMU Org.	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A. Members	G. A. Members	R. A. Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Mem. Enrolled	No. in Study Courses	Gifts to local work	Gifts to Missions, etc.	Total Gifts
Bethel	1				1	6						6		\$ 6.00	\$ 50.15	\$ 56.15
Beaver Dam	1				12	70									44.57	44.57
Boone	1	1	1	1	5	70	18	30	12	30	160	70		92.51	180.58	278.09
Blowing Rock	1				1	21				23	44				165.55	165.55
Cove Creek	1	1			1	3	20	19		31	70				67.20	67.20

W. Y. Perry, Clerk of Three Forks Association, Vilas, N. C.

I. G. Greer, Moderator of Three Forks Association, Boone, N. C.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE THREE FORKS W. M. U.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association was held at Boone Church, Sept. 13, 1928, the superintendent, Mrs. I. G. Greer, in the chair.

Th morning devotional was conducted by Mrs. Coffey, prayer by Dr. Will Gordon.

Mrs. D. D. Dougherty then delivered an address of welcome. Response by Mrs. Hartley.

The roll call came next and the societies responded as follows:

Cove Creek, 7; Beaver Dam, 3; Blowing Rock, 6; Bethel, 5; Boone, 18.

The following Societies then made reports:

Cove Creek, W. M. S. and Sunbeam Band, Beaver Dam, W. M. S.

Blowing Rock, W. M. S.

Boone, W. M. S., Y. W. A. and R. A.

Bethel, W. M. S.

The personal Service report by Mrs. Smith Hagaman, associational chairman, came next.

Mrs. Edna R. Harris then delivered a splendid address on tithing.

The superintendent made her annual report and tendered her resignation which the union accepted regretfully. A beautiful solo by Miss Grabel was followed by a talk on Mission Work by Mrs. Harris. The G. A.'s of Boone, under the leadership of Mrs. Honeycut, then gave an interesting program.

Just before adjournment for dinner the following committees were appointed:

Nominating Committee—Mrs. Enoch Swift, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Tom Coffey, Mrs. Will Farthing.

Recommendations—Mrs. D. F. Horton.

Resolutions—Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Lee Swift.

Time and lace—Mrs. D. D. Dougherty, Mrs. Hartley and Mrs. Perry.

The afternoon devotional was conducted by Mrs. D. F. Horton.

Mrs. Will Gordon made a talk on Mission Literature.