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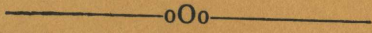
**RANDOLPH BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION**

**NORTH CAROLINA**

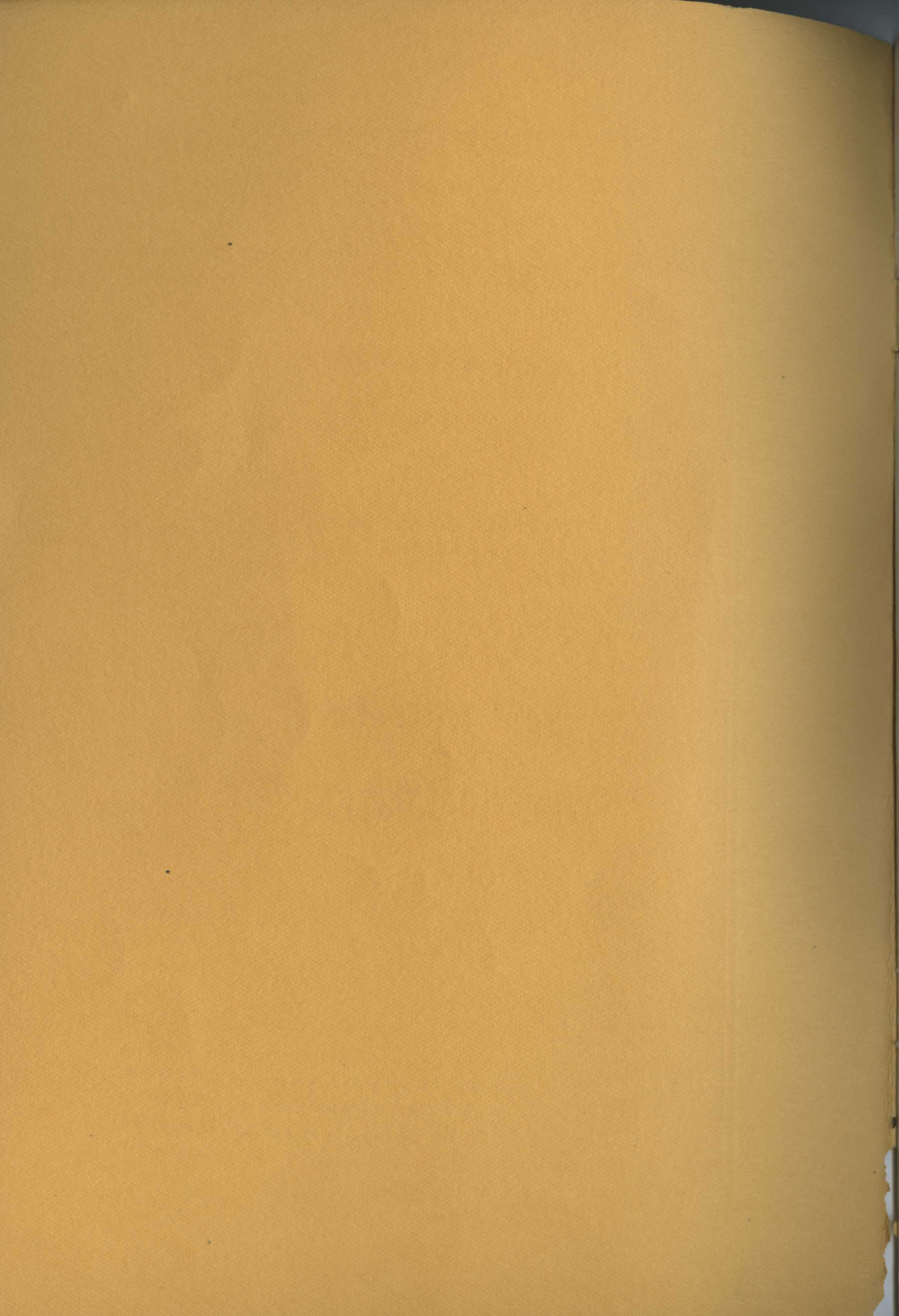
**GLENOLA BAPTIST CHURCH**

**OCT. 21-23,**

**1937**



The next session will be held with Asbury Baptist Church  
one and one-half miles from Seagrove, Thursday and  
Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1938.





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WESTFIELD—J. C. Loflin -----	Fullers
WORTHVILLE—Mrs. M. J. Myrick -----	Randleman



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**PROCEEDINGS****First Day****Thursday, Oct. 21, 1937, 10:00 A. M.**

1. The third annual session of the Randolph Baptist Association convened with Gnenola Baptist Church.

The meeting was opened with a song service led by Mrs. C. W. Scott, followed by the devotional by Rev. C. L. Moffitt.

2. The Association was called to order by the Vice-Moderator, Rev. J. C. Kidd, the Moderator having accepted work in the Liberty Association prior to this time.

3. Enrollment of Messengers and visitors. This disclosed 63 delegates and 56 messengers at the beginning of the session.

4. Visitors from other Associations were recognized at this time. These were: Dr. Chas. E. Brewer, Central; Mrs. C. B. Howard, Little River; Mr. E. C. Roach, Mrs. E. C. Roach, Liberty; Rev. T. H. Biles, Mecklenburg; Rev. S. F. Morton, P. E. Downs, Pilot Mountain; Mrs. Alice Davis, Piedmont; Mrs. J. C. Kidd, Miss Margaret Kidd, Sandy Creek; J. A. McKaughan, Baptist Hospital; W. Perry Crouch, Raleigh, N. C.

5. New pastors were recognized and welcomed:

J. T. Swinson, Central Falls; L. W. Lee, Ramseur and Franklinville; E. F. Mumford, Glenola; James Swinson, Trinity; William W. Finlator, Liberty.

6. Adoption of Program. The program was adopted as read, subject to such changes as may be necessary for orderly procedure.

7. Committee on Committees.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on committees: R. E. Heath, O. P. Dix, W. C. Moffitt, E. F. Mumford, Claude Purvis.

8. Religious Literature.

This report was read by C. M. Strickland and was adopted.

Bro. Strickland, speaking to the report, yielded part of his time to O. P. Dix, representing the Biblical Recorder.

### RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Our religion has three ways of expressing itself. The preaching of the gospel, personal testimony, and the written Word.

The Bible takes first place in our religion, and should be read in our family devotion and in private life. It should be read **prayerfully**, and we need the Holy Spirit to reveal the Word to us. John 14:26. The Word is the savior of life and no Christian can afford to neglect it.

We have many good books, and each church needs a good library. We should guard well the reading of our young people. Then we have our denominational papers. They keep us informed about our denominational work. These papers should be read by parents and children, it would help us to stand by the Kingdom work and make better Christians of us.

Respectfully,

C. M. STRICKLAND.

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9. On motion Bro. Perry Crouch, of the State Board, is given fifteen or twenty minutes at this time, he, because of accident to Miss Mabel Starnes, having to leave. Before speaking he called the Association to prayer for Miss Starnes and those missionaries who have chosen to remain in the foreign fields during the present crisis, particularly in China and Japan.

10. Report on Mills Home.

Read by J. C. Edwards. Rev. J. A. Neilson, of Mills Home Church, spoke to this report, presenting the church side of the orphanage life. Reading from the 6th chapter of John, he gave three attitudes toward the child. 1. The attitude of Philip, thinking of the "cost." 2. That of Andrew, "What can these amount to?" 3. The attitude of Christ, "Bring him to me."

### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Loyal Baptists have comprehended what the Lord Jesus means by the statement: "Preach the Gospel to every creature." They believe that it is preached by precept and deed. The Baptists of North Carolina are conducting orphan ministry. The children without parents and homes find a home and guardianship in the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina but the distressing thing about it is this institution is limited sorely in its service to children and who have made it so? Not loyal Baptists, but unloyal Baptists. And why? It is because they have shut up their bowels of compassion against needy humanity by refusing to give of their prayers and substance to promoting and enlarging the quarters and provisions for this mass of human need.

The Orphanage cared for 524 children in the Mills Home, 160 in



the Kennedy Home and 173 thru Mothers' Aid, making a grand total of 857 in 1936. This institution is supported thru once-a-month collections from our Sunday Schools climaxed by a Thanksgiving offering in November. This institution is restrained from aiding many worthy subjects because of inadequate quarters and substance. Hence this responsibility falls on all who affiliate with the Baptist denomination of North Carolina. What shall we do about it?

We recommend that our pastors and laymen lay the doctrine upon the hearts of our people as it is given by the Apostle James: "This is pure and undefiled religion, to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction." Then we believe we will hear the Master say "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

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11. Mrs. Scott led us in singing "Standing on the Promises."

12. Announcements

The pastor of the hostess church announced lunch had been prepared for all who would remain.

13. At this time the Moderator introduced Rev. L. R. O'Brian, who preached the Associational sermon, using Matthew 7, stressing several phases of consecrated Christian living, which was very inspiring. At the close of the sermon the Association adjourned for lunch.

#### Thursday Afternoon

14. Devotional conducted by Rev. O. P. Dix, after which the session was called to order.

15. Fifteen delegates were enrolled at this session.

16. Trinity Baptist Church presented a letter of dismission from the Piedmont Association to unite with the Randolph Association and was received.

The messengers from this church, together with the pastor, came forward and were given the hand of fellowship by the Moderator on behalf of the Association.

17. Report of Committee on Committees.

Executive Board—R. E. Heath, J. C. Edwards, L. R. O'Brian.

Historian: W. A. Jones, J. T. Swinson, G. H. King.

Time, Place and Preacher: E. F. Mumford, J. H. Williams,  
L. W. Lee.

Reports to Association: Dr. J. T. Helms, R. S. Allred, C. L. Moffitt.

Resolutions: Mrs. C. W. Scott, Mrs. O. P. Dix, E. C. Williamson.

#### 18. Report on Hospitals.

Report read by Waldo Cheek, who spoke briefly of the hospital, sharing his time with Bro. J. A. McKaughan, representing the hospital.

### HOSPITAL REPORT

Our denomination is rendering a great service in ministering to the physical needs of the people of North Carolina through its hospital in Winston-Salem. There each day surrounded by a marked Christian atmosphere, many are receiving not only the touch of a healing hand upon their diseased and broken bodies, but also food for their spirits and come away rejoicing because of good health and renewed spirits within them.

The year closing June 30, 1937, was the greatest in the history of the 14 years of ministry of this great Baptist agency—greatest in number of patients admitted, in number of churches contributing to its support and greatest in amount contributed.

About 5,000 patients applied for treatment during the year. Of this number 1,000 could not be admitted for want of room. The hospital never turns away a patient as long as there is an empty bed.

The Nurses' Home has recently been enlarged—the capacity doubled—also plans are underway to enlarge the hospital.

During the year 1,000 mothers were returned to their 3,000 children; 4,000 patients returned home to 20,000 fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, and 200,000 interested kinsmen and friends. More than 100 ministers of the Gospel and 25 missionaries received treatment there during the past year.

The hospital has a staff of five internes, 66 doctors, and 55 nurses. Both the hospital and the doctors are rendering a vast amount of free service to sick and distressed humanity—not less than \$160,000 for the year, to patients coming from practically every section of the state.

The hospital depends very largely upon the Mother's Day offering for providing treatment to those who cannot pay. This offering last May was a little more than \$20,000.00. Hospital linen, such as sheets, pillow cases, towels, etc., has been donated in increased quantities this year by Woman's Missionary Unions and other church organizations.

May we all cherish this institution and support it more and more



so that it may continue to grow in size and in service to suffering humanity!

WALDO C. CHEEK.

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19. Report on Social Service.

Read by Rev. R. E. Heath, the report was adopted. Bro. Heath spoke very earnestly, pointedly and appealingly on this very important subject.

Dr. Brewer, of Meredith College, also spoke to this report, as well as for Meredith College.

**REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICE AND CIVIC RIGHTEOUSNESS**

During the past year we have come face to face with many problems that have to do with social service and civic righteousness. We are now in danger of another war. We as a people cannot prevent war so long as we have hate in our hearts, as individuals and as a nation. Greed and hate are both the mother and father of war. And this is only found in hearts where there is no Christ. Greed and hate lose their power at the Cross of Christ, and no Christian should take any part in the crossing of International Boundaries in war. And we need to protest vigorously against compulsory military training of our youth.

(2) We are now living in an age of the greatest crime wave that ever crossed the United States, and our youth today is taking a hand in this crime wave in great numbers. A recent disclosure shows that criminals are highly organized and are operating on a scale almost unbelievable. From 1924 to 1937 the number of persons confined in penitentiaries and reformatories has more than doubled. In 1934 the number was 158,000. The annual cost of crime is \$14,000,000,000. This in itself is a great challenge to you and me to look on the fields so white to harvest. We don't find very many who serve time in the pen that come back to make the community in which they live a better place to live, by their holy living. This can be partly overcome by a sympathetic attitude on the part of our people. We should teach them to hate sin but to love the sinner.

(3) The liquor situation in our country is tragic in the extreme by the free use of money, by false propaganda and by campaign promises—soon to be forgotten when elected to office—and what is more tragic than to know our Government is in the liquor retailing business for the money they get out of it regardless of the loss of lives and the homes they break rather than make. Many men today are forfeiting their rights to operate a car for the use of liquor, and men will even forfeit their Christian influence for a job with the A. B. C. stores. Men, and many of them young men, are sent to the roads and to the pen for using that which our form of government has



### Building Against The Day Of Need

Second, the younger men now active in the ministry of Southern Baptist churches will, if they live, grow old, and unless something is done to prevent them from reaching old age in poverty they are well nigh certain to become dependents upon the churches or upon their communities. It is not enough to say that the children and grandchildren of aged ministers should or will take care of them. The simple truth is that most of them do not and many of them could not if they would; they have family cares of their own that usually make drafts upon them for all that they can do. Many children of ministers do help their parents and they often do it at a very great sacrifice, but be that as it may, is it not better for churches and ministers to co-operate in the payment of certain (not burdensome) dues by means of which age benefits may be built up through The Relief and Annuity Board during the years of active service and drawn upon during the years of inactivity and retirement. These church dues may be limited to three (3) per cent of the minister's monthly salary while the minister pays a like amount. No salary is too small to enable the churches and ministers to benefit by this plan.

### RECORD OF BENEFITS PAID

The Relief and Annuity Board has already paid to aged ministers and widows over Three Millions of dollars in benefits, but vastly more needs to be done and the Board is limited in what it can do only by the churches. Let them co-operate.

Read and Respectfully submitted,

E. C. WILLIAMSON.

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#### 23. Miscellaneous.

R. E. Heath moves that the body express its sympathy for Miss Daffie Boone, who has just received word of the sudden death of her brother, and that prayer be made for her and relatives. This was done.

25. By request of R. S. Allred, who is to report on the Sunday School work, it was agreed that this topic go over until tomorrow and that the W. M. U. Supt. be given his period which will be this evening at 7:30.

26. The Moderator announced all who desired to contribute to the support of the United Dry Forces could do so as they went out.

27. Song, led by Mrs. Scott, "Jesus Saves." Prayer by L. R. O'Brian.

Adjournment.



27-A. After adjournment J. A. McKaughan reported the offering referred to above amounted to \$5.21.

#### Thursday Evening, 7:30

The evening program was devoted to Woman's Work and the Baptist Training Union, with a program rendered by the B. A. U. of the Asheboro Church.

The meeting was opened with a song "To the Work" and prayer by W. F. Cates.

28. Mrs. M. T. Lambert, Supt of the W. M. U., led the devotional, reading Isaiah 6:1-8, after which she addressed the Association concerning the work of the women, using as her theme the words of Isaiah, "Here am I, send me." Urging her hearers to get a vision of God, a vision of self and a vision of the needs of those around us. Let every one be a true volunteer and lend ourselves for service.

29. Song, "A Volunteer for Jesus."

30. Mrs. Lambert read the report of the W. M. U. work.

The report was adopted.

31. Miss Ruth Tucker spoke for the B. A. U. of Asheboro Church.

32. Two Intermediate girls from Asheboro church rendered a special musical number, "Give of Your Best to the Master."

33. The B. A. U. program was given at this time.

34. Song, "Work for the Night is Coming."

35. Closing prayer by Bro. Penn Owen.

#### REPORT OF WOMEN'S WORK

God be praised for His blessings on our Randolph Association!

It has been a pleasure, a privilege and a wonderful experience during the past year to work with a group of consecrated women, "Workers together with God," whose services can never be too highly valued in the life of their respective churches.

Jesus said, "Go, tell—". No Christian or church can afford to leave those significant words out of their faith and practice. That is why every Missionary Baptist Church should have a Missionary Society, whose object is to stimulate a Missionary Spirit in the women, through prayer, increased service, promotion of regular and systematic giving. It also imparts Missionary education to the youth of the church through its junior organizations.

A splendid representation met at the Ramseur Baptist church, April 28th, for our third annual meeting. The theme for the morning

session was "Christ for the World." "The World to Christ We Bring" was the theme for the afternoon session.

During the year five new societies have been organized, two W. M. S., two G. A.'s. and one Sunbeam Band, making a total of thirty-two organizations. Two W. M. S. have re-organized and are now carrying on splendidly. Tithing and subscriptions to Biblical Recorder nearly doubled the past year.

We made seven points out of ten on the Associational Standard and received the Mission Study Banner for the Greensboro Division.

Our women contributed \$1,342.31 for all purposes, which was over our apportionment. This money followed by our prayers, will help to carry the glad news of Salvation around the world in Jesus' name—and He said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. T. LAMBERT.

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### Friday Morning, 9:40

Mrs. Scott led us in singing two songs, "Savior More Than Life to Me" and "We Praise Thee, O God."

36. Devotional conducted by Rev. R. E. Heath, who called on Rev. J. L. Price, of Siler City, Sandy Creek Association, to lead in prayer.

37. The Moderator called the Association to order.

38. Enrollment of delegates and visitors. There being one additional delegate and nine visitors.

39. Recognition of visitors, Rev. H. M. Stroup, Rev. J. L. Price.

40. Co-operative Program.

(1) Christian Education Report read by L. R. O'Brian for G. H. King, who was called away because of the illness of his brother.

(2) State Missions Report, by R. R. Surratt.

(3) Home Missions Report not read at this time. The Moderator was asked to substitute for this report.

(4) Foreign Missions Report, by E. F. Mumford.

(5) Ministerial Education—L. R. O'Brian.

(6) Ministerial Relief. This report was merged with Relief and Annuity.

41. All the foregoing reports were read successively and opportunity given for general discussion.



### STATE MISSIONS

For over a century the State Mission Board has done a great work, and its only limit is not what to do, but what to do it with.

In the past the Board has come to the rescue of many churches who were struggling hard to get on their feet, and without some aid probably never would have accomplished what they have, but some of them are giving back to the Board, and making it possible for still more churches to succeed in the name of our Christ.

Today the Board is aiding a number of churches, but there are still more who seemingly need aid as bad as those receiving it, so we as Baptists should sound the S. O. S. that is to say Service of Supply, and support our Board better in the future, if our objective of over a century ago which was, and still is, to win the people of North Carolina to Christ, is to come true.

Our General Missionaries are doing a great work, assisting in revivals, supplying pulpits, visiting our State Missionaries on their fields, assisting them in their revivals, conducting Stewardship Schools, and helping the churches form better fields.

Our attention is called to the enlarged and enlarging task of State Missions. The Board is now undertaking in several separate activities, but there is one that should have more attention, that is the prison population. It is of grave importance that so little is done to reclaim criminals while in prison, or to help them after release. Efforts along this line should be encouraged.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we as an Association do our best to spread the gospel, and to help the needy of our great State North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT R. SURRETT.

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### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In giving a report on Christian Education I am very happy to say that our Baptist academies, junior colleges, senior colleges, seminaries and training schools have made steady progress during the past year, both in students and in endowment funds..

Our Baptist schools show commendable gains in enrollments in all ranks from academies to the seminaries, a total of nearly 2,000 more students than the previous year. Endowments show gains for the year amounting to \$6,292,127.85, while the value of the school property increased \$5,161,746.93.

Facts like these show that several of our states are alert and active in their effort to give our schools the support they need to render greater Christian service and to provide more adequate educational opportunity for our Baptist sons and daughters, under Christian environment.

Our real task in all these denominational schools is to make



them and to keep them deeply and genuinely Christian in all their ways, life and administration, in campus relations, in spiritual emphasis in class teaching, in all athletics and in student solicitation.

We must encourage the churches and the individuals to help some schools with both funds and students. It should be our purpose to turn out graduates with a real interest in doing church work and to acquire a greater knowledge of God's Word.

We must maintain our denominational schools, and so maintain them that they shall rank as first-class educational institutions. It is inevitable that institutions that are not Baptist will attract, train and hold our Baptist youth unless we Baptists adequately equip and endow our schools so that these schools, will be able to offer Baptist youth as complete educational advantages as are found in other schools. In our denominational schools we must offer every advantage that is given in non-denominational schools, plus Christian atmosphere and ideals, and activities that Baptists regard as essential. Then, and only then, shall we make the progress that we should make in Christian Education.

G. H. KING.

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### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The home is the beginning place for every worthy cause. Jesus said, "Ye are my witnesses." "Beginning at Jerusalem," Acts 1:8; the message of Jesus must begin at home, right here in America. If it reaches out to the uttermost part of the earth.

The disciples tarried at Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high; and then went out preaching, the Lord adding to the Church daily those that were saved. The Home Mission Board seeks to carry out that commission. If we are missionary at all we are missionary at home, with our time our talent, our money. Baptists must recognize stewardship, or money, if we ever win the world to Christ.

#### Facts of the Board

The Board has 327 Missionaries working in 850 mission stations. Have placed during the year 35 new Missionaries. This enlargement was made possible by the Bottom's Trust Fund.

#### A Year's Progress.

On fields in the South we opened 39 new stations last year, bringing the total to 640 Churches and stations. A membership of 11,755. During the year 2137 were added by baptism, 3633 professions, 16,431 sermons preached, 5,858 Bibles and Gospels, and 256,335 Tracts distributed.

Three new churches organized in Cuba, where the Board has 72 workers. Made 42,383 visits and distributed 552,994 tracts. A new department of the Board is that of evangelism. Dr. Roland Q. Leavel is Superintendent.



### Operating on Cash Basis.

For the past three and a half years the Board has borrowed no money for current work. The budget fixed for the year was \$150,000 for mission work and benevolence; \$203,826 for interest and principal on debt. For the year 1936 the board received from all sources \$443,455 which was \$46,291 more than was received in 1935.

Of this amount the women gave \$113,981 in the Annie W. Armstrong offering, all especially designated, and \$56,720 came from the Bottom's Trust. During the past year \$108,313 was paid on debt.

The purpose of the Home Board is to evangelize the homeland. John, 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men to me." 17:18, "As Thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the World."

Baptists are God-sent messengers into all the world. Go ye.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. KIDD.

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### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Board now has work in sixteen different foreign countries. This work, laid out in the prosperous years 1918-1925 suffered much during the financial collapse of 1926-'34. Very few if any new missionaries were appointed or sent out. The personnel of the work underwent a great change. Many missionaries resigned because of old age, sickness, or break-downs from over-work or mental strain. Thus the 544 missionaries on the roll in 1927 were reduced by 1934 to 377. Since 1934 a few new appointments have been made and the replacement of missionaries brought the number to 415, April 1, 1937. Many of this number are getting old and will not be able to carry on much longer. The need for new workers is vital. Should new missionaries be sent it would take from three to five years for them to acquire sufficient language to be well trained for the work.

Because of the financial depression, 1926-'34, the property of the Foreign Mission Board in the Mission fields was neglected and is now in a state of needed repair. Some repair work has been done through the Lottie Moon offerings, thus saving much of the property from decay and ruin. The Board is greatly indebted to the W. M. U. of the South for the aid it has given during the past decade in trying to save our property in the foreign fields.

During the past four years the Board has become more careful in the selection of new missionaries. The candidates must pass a rigid test, not only as to Spiritual fitness, but as to mental ability and health and character.

During recent years the Board has been handicapped because of debt, but we are glad to know that the debt which was \$1,110,000.00 on Jan. 1, 1933 has been reduced from year to year and in May, 1937, was reported \$367,500.00, and the interest in this amount is now only



4 per cent. With the receipts increasing from year to year it seems now that the Board will soon have the debt paid.

The Foreign Mission work as a whole is making progress and even though many obstacles have arisen in many fields we need to keep faith in God and not slacken in our efforts to give the gospel to the world.

During the past year the mission work has suffered in Mexico, Spain, Italy, and Rumania because of wars and religious persecutions, and to this we may add the seriousness of the work in China because of the war now being waged there by the Japanese. The Secretary of State, Cordell Hull made a request that the Foreign Mission Board bring home all missionaries from China, but many of the missionaries have expressed a desire to stay on the job and do all they can for the mission cause in this war-smitten country. Facing a crisis like that in China calls for deep thinking and abiding faith in God that He may show us what to do. It might be wise for those who desire to stay on the field to do what has been suggested by John T. Wayland, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Durham—put into practice Christian neutrality by doing relief work both among the Chinese and Japanese. May God help us and the missionaries to do His will.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. MUMFORD.

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#### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

It is a singular paradox, that although the gold, the silver, and the cattle upon a thousand hills were his, the Son of Man had not where to lay his head. And doubtless this was not more significant than the fact, that with a few exceptions, He has rarely laid His hands upon men of wealth, but humble, poor men, to preach His Holy Word. Rarely, indeed, do we find men of means who have heeded the call to preach the gospel of Christ.

And yet, there are few fields of endeavor which require a greater expenditure of time, labor and money for the proper equipment, than the gospel ministry. Surely, the present day pastor and preacher should be prepared. His varied, complex and comprehensive obligations make it well-nigh mandatory that he be at ease and at home with the teacher, doctor, lawyer, the business and professional man. He must needs minister in the field of domestic, social, commercial and most especially in the Spiritual realm. All this requires time, patience, money and thorough equipment.

We confidently believe that a call to preach involves a call to preparation. To be sure, this preparation must not always come through the schools, but under God, these may greatly help. And in this highly commercialized, technicised, and possibly super-organized society, the man or woman who seeks to get there by the short cut, or easy way, is often headed for disappointment and heartache.



But, you say, how is the poor boy, with limited means, to secure that preparation? And the answer is, it begins in the heart, the will, the conviction, that through God, there is a way! His hands, and the hands of others will come to the rescue.

For many years the Baptist hosts of North Carolina have provided a conservative fund for such aid to needy young preachers. This fund is administered by our colleges and junior colleges to ministerial students who go well recommended and with the proper credentials from their churches, showing that they are worthy of this help. Then, too, our denominational institutions usually give free tuition to young preachers and other special Christian workers. And today, hundreds and thousands of our finest preachers and missionaries, are those who have been thus assisted by the consecrated men and women of our state.

It is still true that where there is a genuine call, a firm, unrelenting conviction and purpose, and a strong will, there is a way. May we as young ministers seek it and may we who are in a position to do so, speed them on their glorious way with our sacrificial gifts.

Respectfully,

L. R. O'BRIAN.

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42. Rev. R. R. Surratt discusses State Missions.

43. Rev. J. C. Kidd discusses Home Missions.

44. E. F. Mumford discusses Foreign Missions.

Rev. J. C. Kidd substituted for G. H. King on the report for Ministerial Education, speaking from his own experience concerning this very vital subject. Urging young men to prepare themselves to the very highest possible degree for the Christian warfare.

45. Rev. H. M. Stroup, former Moderator, is granted time to speak to us concerning a monument to be erected to the memory of Rev. Sherbal Starnes, at the Sandy Creek Baptist Church. It was suggested that three men be appointed a committee from this Association to work with a like committee from the Piedmont and Sandy Creek Associations to solicit funds for the erection of this monument.

On motion, L. R. O'Brian and the Moderator, J. C. Kidd, were elected to this committee, the Moderator to select the third member.

46. The Moderator appoints Rev. J. C. Edwards as the third member of the above committee.

47. The Moderator explains the reason for our electing of-  
ficers on the last day of the Association rather than the first day.

48. Election of officers.

Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator -----	J. C. Kidd
Vice-Moderator -----	R. E. Heath
Clerk-Treasurer -----	W. F. Cates
S. S. Director -----	R. S. Allred
B. T. U. Director -----	Waldo Cheek
W. M. U. Superintendent -----	Mrs. M. T. Lambert
W. M. U. Asst. Supt. -----	Mrs. W. H. Grimes

In the case of the B. T. U. Director, Miss Mary Bullins was  
nominated along with Waldo Cheek, Mr. Cheek being elected.

49. Delegate to State Convention—J. C. Edwards.

50. The time having arrived for the doctrinal sermon, Mrs.  
Scott led us in singing "How Firm A Foundation."

The doctrinal sermon on the second day of the Association  
is a new order with us. Dr. A. B. Conrad, of High Point, is with  
us to preach this sermon. After being introduced by the Mod-  
erator, Dr. Conrad read a portion of the 15th chapter of 1st Cor-  
inthians, calling on Rev. Bowman, of High Point, to lead us in  
prayer. Bro. Conrad brought to us the very essence of Christian  
doctrine, the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Sa-  
vior, Jesus Christ.

At the close of the sermon the Association was adjourned  
for lunch.

### Friday Afternoon

Devotional by Rev. J. T. Swinson. Association called to or-  
der by Moderator.

51. Digest of Letters, conducted by J. C. Kidd. Represent-  
atives from the several churches, making verbal reports sound-  
ed forth notes of progress along all lines.

52. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

53. The Association voted to hold another mid-term ses-  
sion this year, the arrangements for this meeting left to the ex-  
ecutive board.



## 54. Report of Committees.

(1). Committee on Time, Pace and Preacher reports the following:

Time—Thursday and Friday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1938.

Place—Asbury Church.

Preacher—J. C. Edwards. Alternate—O. P. Dix.

(2). District Executive Promotion Committee:

District No. 1—E. C. Williamson.

District No. 2—C. L. Moffitt.

District No. 3—W. A. Jones.

District No. 4—L. G. Bowman.

Your committee recommends the election of these together with the pastors of the Association as the District Executive Promotion Committee.

(3). Committee on written reports to the Association nominate the following:

L. R. O'Brian, J. C. Kidd, Mrs. C. W. Scott.

(4). Committee to nominate Historian, reports:

C. L. Smith, Central Falls.

C. W. Hilliard, Randleman.

R. E. Heath, Randleman, Rt. 2.

55. L. R. O'Brian makes motion that we, the Randolph Baptist Association go on record as favoring the State-wide movement to erect a Library Building at the Kennedy Home, to be known as the "Perry Morgan Memorial Library."

The motion met with a second and the vote carried.

56. The Clerk stated that the chart used for the "Digest of Letters" is too small.

On motion the Clerk was given authority to have a new chart made. The cost to be pro-rated among the churches. The motion was carried and the Moderator so ordered.

57. The Sunday School report is read by R. S. Allred. The report being adopted, Bro. Allred spoke to the report.

### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

For a long time teaching of God's Word has been considered the chief function of the Sunday School. Truly this function should be emphasized. Every effort possible should be put forth to provide the



very best teaching in all of our Sunday Schools. We need to emphasize teacher training, and encourage all of our officers and teachers to equip themselves as thoroughly as possible to perform well their duties in the Sunday School. To do this there should be, if possible a study course offered in each church once each quarter. Those who find it impossible to study in class should study privately and get credit for the work according to the rules of the Sunday School Board. Paul advised Timothy to study to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. This should apply to every Sunday School worker. Also every teacher should be a Bible student, spending much time each week in preparation of the lesson, and also gaining additional Bible information to be used at any time. If this were done universally we would have better equipped teachers.

Even though teaching God's Word is an important function of the Sunday School there are other functions of importance. It is not enough for a Sunday School organization merely to be concerned about those who are interested enough to come to Sunday School. The Sunday School should assume as one of its chief functions the reaching for Bible Study every prospect in the territory of its possibility. Thus the church, through its Sunday School, should put forth every effort possible to visit those in the community who are not enrolled, and encourage them to come to Sunday School for Bible study.

An Extension Department should be organized in each church to reach for Bible study those who for various reasons are unable to attend the regular Sunday School. Too, there should be a program of regular visitation to make contact with absentees each week. In these ways the Sunday School may fulfill its function of reaching its possibilities.

The teaching in the Sunday School should be such as to train the pupils in stewardship, missions, benevolence, Bible study and the different elements of the Christian life.

Perhaps the greatest function of the Sunday School is the winning of the lost to Christ. If we reach our possibilities, teach them effectively and do not win the lost to Christ, our work will not be complete.

Thus the Sunday School should exist, should go, should teach, should pray, should work toward the end of winning to Christ every possible one.

Respectfully,

R. S. ALLRED.

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58. Rev. J. Louis Price was invited to speak to the Association. His subject was Temperance, as particularly related to the liquor question.

59. Obituaries: Read by Mrs. John Morrison. Report adopted.



## RESOLUTIONS

1. We are truly grateful for the presence and leadership of the Holy Spirit.

2. We wish to express our sincere thanks to Glenola Church for the wonderful way in which they have cared for the spiritual and physical needs of every delegate and visitor.

Our hearts reach out in true sympathy for those members of this church who are heavy-hearted because of serious illness in the family.

3. We thank the program committee for the fine work done in arranging for the meeting, and for the highly Spiritual tone of the sermons and addresses.

4. We express our appreciation for each one who has had a part on the program in any way.

5. That as we separate, God's Spirit may guide and protect each and every one until we meet again.

MRS. C. W. SCOTT

MRS. O. P. DIX

E. C. WILLIAMSON.

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60. Miss Daffie Boone expresses appreciation for the sympathy and prayers of the Association in her reported bereavement. However, she was happy to say the report was erroneous.

61. The Association, by vote, authorized the Clerk to make up the deficit in his report by pro-rating the amount among the churches most able to pay.

62. Song: One stanza "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Edwards.

Final adjournment.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Randolph Baptist Association:

Your Treasurer begs to submit the following report for the year ending Sept. 30, 1937.

Received from churches .....	\$101.68	
Paid Bal. on 1935 Minutes .....		\$ 32.00
Mailing out Minutes .....		2.16
For Printing 1936 Minutes .....		50.00
Carrying Charges .....		.48
Mailing Church Letters .....		1.15
Mailing Programs .....		.35

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Envelopes .....	.15	
Paid Part of Clerk's Salary .....	15.39	
	\$101.68	\$101.68

Balance due on Clerk's Salary—\$9.61.  
 Respectfully submitted,  
 W. F. CATES.

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### OBITUARIES

**BEULAH—**

Mr. L. W. Lambert  
 Mrs. Clara Shelton

**CENTRAL FALLS—**

Mr. Oscar Craven Ivey, Chmn.  
 Board of Deacons  
 Mrs. William Chrisco

**GLENOLA—**

Mr. R. B. Adkins

**GRAVEL HILL—**

Mrs. A. A. Loflin

**HULDAH—**

Mr. Henry Jackson

**LIBERTY—**

Mrs. Annie Buckner  
 Mr. George Allen Gregg

**RAMSEUR—**

Mrs. J. W. York

**RANDLEMAN—**

Mrs. Mary E. Wood

**SHADY GROVE—**

Mrs. Melton Burgess  
 Mrs. Callie Linnens  
 Mr. Joe Hicks

**TRINITY—**

Mrs. L. I. Cumby

**UNION GROVE—**

Mrs. Martha Luck  
 Mrs. Eliza Hancock  
 Mr. Jacob Chrisco  
 Mr. Lester Dunlap

**WESTFIELD—**

Mrs. Louzenia Copple



TABLE I — RANDOLPH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	CLERK AND POST OFFICE	SUPERINTENDENT AND POST OFFICE
Asbury.....	C. M. Strickland, Greensboro.	C. A. Fage, Steeds	W. C. Russell, Seagrave
Asheboro.....	L. R. O'Brian, Asheboro	Mrs. W. T. Lambert, Asheboro.	R. S. Allred, Asheboro
Balfour.....	R. E. Heath, Randleman, R2	W. F. Cates, Randleman, R2	W. F. Cates, Randleman R2
Beulah.....	C. M. Strickland, Greensboro.	H. C. Lambert, Bennett	B. H. Powers, Bennett R2
Caraway.....	G. S. Wallace, Central Falls.	C. O. Sawyer, Sophia	Mrs. J. P. Fulp, Sophia
Cedar Cross.....	J. C. Edwards, Staley	Forrest Harmon, Cedar Falls.	Forrest Harmon, Cedar Falls
Central Falls.....	J. T. Swinson, Central Falls.	Ervin Cole, Seagrave	W. S. Strider, Seagrave
Deep River.....	D. L. Temple, Hemp	Mrs. O. C. Ivey, Central Falls.	G. A. Patterson, Central Falls
Franklinville.....	L. W. Lee, Ramseur	C. R. Brown, Ramseur	Herbert Cox, Bennett
Glenola.....	E. F. Mumford, High Point R1.	W. A. Martin, Franklinville	W. L. Grimsly, Franklinville
Grave: Hill.....	J. A. Cox, Thomasville	Mrs. R. L. Boyles, Trinity, R2	Mr. Gideon Bowman, High Point, R3
Hughes Grove.....	Robert R. Surratt, Thomasville.	E. M. Russ II, Denton	Eli Smith, Eldorado
HulDAH.....	O. P. Dix, Asheboro	W. J. Workman, Thomasville R2.	Jesse Noah, Thomasville R2
Liberty.....	W. W. Finlator, Pittsboro.	Vester Moore, Asheboro.	W. C. Vuncannon, Seagrave
Macedonia.....	J. A. Cox, Thomasville.	J. C. Luther, Liberty	R. L. Miller, Liberty
Maple Springs.....	R. E. Heath, Randleman R2.	W. F. Arrington, Julian	W. F. Arrington, Julian
Mt. Lebanon.....	J. C. Edwards, Staley	J. S. Ashworth, Seagrave.	J. S. Ashworth, S-agrove
Mt. Pleasant.....	J. C. Edwards, Staley	E. A. Shaw, Strleby	Alvin Shaw, Strleby
Ramseur.....	L. W. Lee, Ramseur	V. N. Cheek, Liberty	J. C. Edwards, Staley
Randleman.....	T. H. Biles, Randleman	W. L. Burgess, Ramseur	M. E. Johnson, Ramseur
Riverside.....	C. M. Strickland, Greensboro.	C. W. Hilliard, Randleman	A. M. Barker, Randleman
Russell's Grove.....	W. E. Garner, Randleman	Esher Baldwin, Bennett	L. L. Kearns, Bennett
Sandy Creek.....	W. F. Cates, Randleman R2.	Thurman Bennett, Seagrave.	J. P. Bailey, Seagrave
Shady Grove.....	J. C. Edwards, Staley	Miss Ida Williams, Liberty	Miss Ida Williams, Liberty
Trinity.....	Jas. Swinson, Thomasville.	Mrs. T. L. York, Staley	L. A. Edwards, Liberty
Union Grove.....	J. C. Kidd, Bennett	Mrs. G. G. Clinard, Trinity	H. L. Swann, Trinity
Westfield.....	W. C. Darnell, Thomasville.	Clarence Cagle, Seagrave	Waller McNeill, Steeds
Whites Memorial.....	J. C. Edwards, Staley	R. A. Summy, Trinity, R1	R. A. Summy, Trinity, R1
Worthville.....	Edward Batton, Randleman	Mrs. J. W. Jenkins, Worthville.	C. A. Walker, Franklinville



TABLE II — RANDOLPH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Own House of Worship?	When Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	No. of Rooms	Department Rooms	Class Rooms	Value of Church and Grounds	Value Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness	Insurance Carried	
Asbury.....	Mrs. M. D. Dunlap, Steeds.....	Yes	1880	Wood	500	1	..	..	2000	.....	1,000	.....	.....	
Asheboro.....	Miss Rilia Spoon, Asheboro.....	Yes	1934	Brick	700	17	5	28	30000	10000	40000	5370	19500	
Balfour.....	V. M. Green, Asheboro.....	Yes	1931	Brick	250	10	1	9	5000	1500	6500	1196	3300	
Beulah.....	B. H. Powers, Bennett.....	Yes	1902	Wood	500	1	..	..	2000	.....	2000	.....	.....	
Caraway.....	C. O. Sawyer, Sophia.....	Yes	.....	Wood	150	1	..	..	400	.....	400	.....	.....	
Cedar Falls.....	Forrest Harmon, Cedar Falls.....	Yes	1845	Wood	200	1	..	..	1625	.....	1625	.....	.....	
Center Cross.....	Carlisle Cole, Seagrove.....	Yes	1893	Wood	300	1	..	..	1150	.....	1150	.....	1000	
Central Falls.....	E. P. Smith, Central Falls.....	Yes	1901	Wood	200	2	1	..	2000	.....	2000	.....	.....	
Deep River.....	E. W. Brady, Coleridge.....	Yes	1919	Wood	300	1	..	..	1200	.....	1200	.....	1000	
Franklinville.....	J. O. York, Franklinville.....	Yes	1917	Brick	350	1	15	9000	.....	.....	9000	.....	3000	
Glenola.....	T. F. Baker, High Point, R3.....	Yes	1932	Brick	250	3	2	2600	.....	.....	2600	.....	2000	
Gravel Hill.....	Mrs. J. O. Vuncannon, Denton.....	Yes	1933	Wood	250	1	..	3000	.....	.....	3000	.....	.....	
Hugh's Grove.....	W. J. Workman, Thomasville.....	Yes	1896	Wood	600	1	..	1000	.....	.....	1000	110	.....	
HulDAH.....	Vester Moore, Asheboro.....	Yes	1910	Brick	350	4	3	2350	.....	.....	2350	.....	700	
Liberty.....	J. T. Martin, Liberty.....	Yes	1931	Wood	600	3	2	6000	.....	.....	6000	.....	4000	
Macedonia.....	Mrs. Vance Brothers, Liberty.....	Yes	1935	Wood	450	1	..	3600	.....	.....	3600	.....	.....	
Maple Springs.....	E. S. Ashworth, Seagrove.....	Yes	1932	Wood	500	3	..	1500	.....	.....	1500	68	.....	
Mt. Lebanon.....	J. A. Shaw, Strleby.....	Yes	1902	Wood	300	1	..	1500	.....	.....	1500	.....	1500	
Mt. Pleasant.....	L. D. Poe, Staley, R2.....	Yes	1894	Brick	400	11	9	2000	.....	.....	2000	.....	.....	
Ramseur.....	E. B. Leonard, Ramseur.....	Yes	1879	Wood	400	6	5	15000	3500	.....	18500	.....	9500	
Randleman.....	Miss Nellie Robbins, Randleman.....	Yes	1910	Wood	350	1	..	5000	.....	.....	5000	.....	1800	
Riverside.....	J. L. Kearns, Bennett.....	Yes	1935	Wood	250	1	..	500	.....	.....	500	.....	.....	
Russell's Grove.....	Thurman Bennett, Seagrove.....	Yes	1905	Wood	500	1	..	700	.....	.....	700	258	400	
Sandy Creek.....	Miss Ida Williams, Liberty R1.....	Yes	1874	Wood	300	1	..	400	.....	.....	400	.....	200	
Shady Grove.....	Mrs. G. P. Wright, Staley.....	Yes	1935	Wood	300	1	..	3000	.....	.....	3000	.....	1500	
Trinity.....	Ora Maye Welborn, Trinity.....	Yes	1887	Wood	600	1	10	2500	.....	.....	2500	.....	.....	
Union Grove.....	L. F. Cagle, Seagrove.....	Yes	1916	Wood	300	3	..	1000	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....	
Westfield.....	J. C. Loflin, Trinity, R1.....	Yes	1908	Wood	400	1	..	800	.....	.....	800	.....	.....	
Whites Memorial.....	E. W. Allred, Franklinville.....	Yes	1916	Wood	400	1	..	1000	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....	
Worthville.....	Mrs. J. W. Jenkins, Worthville.....	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
<b>TOTALS.....</b>										108825	15000	124325	7002	.....







