## MINUTES

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14TH ANNUAL SESSION

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# **Anson County Baptist Association**



Held With The

Rocky Mount Baptist Church, Anson County, N. C.,

Oct. 26, 27, 28, 1923.



The next session will be held with the Polkton Church, Anson Co. on Friday Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 23, 24, 25, 1924. To Preach the Missionary Sermon, E. C. Snider, W. B. Holmes.

#### DIRECTORY



#### **OFFICERS**

*	Moderator—E. C. Snider	Monroe.	NC
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N	Treasurer-T. B. Goodman	Polkton.	NC

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R. D. Redfearn, E. J. Hutchinson C. H. Martin, W. M. Thompson.

Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention
W. B. Holmes

Messengers to Baptist State Convention
Thomas L. Broadaway, T. B. Goodman, J. M. Broadaway.

### **PROCEEDINGS**

Rocky Mt., N. C., Oct. 26th, 1923

The Anson Association met in its fourteenth annual session Oct. 26th, 1923, at 11 A. M. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. S. Tyson from the text found in Psalms 84:7. After which the Association was organized by electing Rev. E. C. Snider, Moderator; Rev. W. B. Holmes, Vice-Moderator; J. M. Broadaway, Clerk and T. B. Goodman, Treasurer.

The Moderator recognized and welcomed Dr. R. T. Vann, Educational Secretary; Rev. B. Craig of the Union Association and Perry Morgan, B. Y. P. U. Secretary.

The roll of churches was called and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Brown Creek—Henry Martin, Henry Flake, Mrs. Flora Flake. Cedar Grove—J. H. Thomas, T. B. Goodman, J. S. Thomas. Deep Creek—J. A. Ratliff, W. C. Webb, C. H. Harrington. Fall Branch—W. W. Tarlton, Frank Vaughn, S. B. Johnson. Gum Springs—H. M. Cox, B. B. Harris, W. W. Marks. Mineral Springs—H. W. Lowery, Joe Faulkner, F. M. Moore. Mt. Zion—G. B. Melton, W. T. Brooks.

Mt. Beulah—J. C. Tyson, J. K. Tyson, Roy Diggs.

New Home—H. W. Little, J. C. Traywick, G. H. Sinclair.

Polkton—J. T. Williams, R. J. Harrington, Gamewall Stroup.

Peachland—A. D. German, C. A. Redfearn.

Rocky River—Earl Thompson, Victor Smith, J. E. Efird.

Rocky Mt.—W. T. Allen, Thomas Broadaway, M. T. Parker.

The chair appointed M. D. L. Preslar, J. S. Tyson, W. B. Holmes a committee on order of business. The Association adjourned for dinner. Benediction by W. B. Holmes.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Association re-assembled at 1:30, and was led in prayer by I. F. Thomas.

The Committee on order of business made the following report: 1:30 P. M. Education. 2:15. Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U. 2:45. Biblical Recorder. Miscellaneous. Adjourned. Saturday 10 A.M. Devotional. 10:30. Woman's work. 11. State, Home and Foreign Missions. 12 M. Adjourn. 1:15. Orphanage. 2. Aged Ministers Relief. 2:30. Temperance. Adjourn. The Moderator announced the following committees: Digest of letters, I.F. Thomas; Obituaries, M. L. Dorton; Time and Place and Persons to Preach next Session, S. J. Turner, R. H. Thomas, T. H. Williams. To nominate delegates to Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions—J. L. Broadaway, H. M. Cox.

The report on Christian Education by Rev. J. S. Tyson was discussed by Dr. R. T. Vann, and was adopted.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Baptist State Convention is undertaking to maintain one college for young men at Wake Forest, and two for young women, Meredith and Chowan. These two institutions together enrolled last session 1,038 students, including 81 ministerial, and 21 student volunteers. Their plants and equipment are valued at \$991,340.43. The total of their

Our five high schools are Dell, Buies Creek, Wingate, Liberty, Piedmont, and Boiling Springs. These enrolled last year 1,421 students, including 65 ministerial students, and 9 student volunteers. Their joint property is valued at \$540,000.00, and their endowments aggregate

The Home Mission Board maintains in North Carolina (8) eight high schools, which enrolled last session 1,869 students, including 61 ministerial students and 53 student volunteers. Their plant's value aggregate \$442,150.00, and their endowments \$25,500.00.

North Carolina Baptists also take part in the support of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville; the Woman's Training School at Louisville; the Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth; and the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans. These institutions enrolled last year 1,501 students, including 162 volunteers for foreign fields. Their property values aggregate 1,425,343.75. Their endowments

Educational institutions owned and controlled by Baptist individuals in North Carolina are Oxford College, Pineland School for Girls, Mountain Park High School, and the Orphanage High School. These institutions enrolled last session 389 stucents, including 2 student volunteers. Their property value, not including the Orphanage, is \$135,000.00.

While the above figures seem large, and are, they are not larger than the needs of the institutions require; and they do not by any means acequately represent the value of the service rendered and to be rendered by them to the Baptist demonination and the Kingdom of God.

Respectfully submitted. J. S. TYSON

The B. Y. P. U. Sunday School work was discussed by Bro. Perry Morgan.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Bible is the book of truth, wisdom, knowledge, and the study and teaching of it is indispensable to christian living. The most effective system in the teaching is to begin with the young around the fireside—at the parental knee, instilling into the tender minds a knowledge of the Creator, our relationship and duty to him; and by example show them to choose the right and to shun the wrong. With some conception of what Bible truths mean, we can lead them with awakening interest week by week to our place of worship to be taught topic by topic and learn to discuss and follow the way of right living.

The church fostering Bible study with the power of the home behind it will accomplish much in the building of the Master's Kingdom.

It is a fact prominent that in any church or community where the Sunday School is made a live wire, we find a high type of citizenship. for it is shown that through Bible discipline we get that type of manhood and womanhood that had in the uplift of humanity and who hold fast to the faith that was once delivered to the saints.

Respectfully respectfully, S. J. TURNER

#### REPORT ON BILICAL RECORDER.

The Biblical Recorder was founded in 1833 by Thomas Meredith and has served as organ of the Baptist State Convention these 89 years.

The Recorder is owned by about 100 Baptists who have gotten some times 6 per cent on their money, two or three years 8 per cent, and a number of years nothing at all. But for the other interests of the corporation we would be obliged to charge \$2.50 instead of \$2.00 for the Recorder. Several of the other papers are charging \$2.50 already, and a number of them have their finances supplemented from the State Mission Boards.

We hope t put on a campaign for an increased circulation in September and October of this year, at which time we hope to enlist the churches in putting the Recorder in the homes of our people, not only for the sake of the Recorder but much more for the sake of the churches. We feel that if our people know the needs of the work they have the right spirit and will supply every need.

When the Biblical Recorder was established its chief mission was to keep the churches informed as to the work of the denomination. The Convention had been organized but three years, the churches belonging to the Convention were scattered over the State, the means of communication were quite limited, and the brethren realized the need of having some means of communication between the churches. The most effective agency they could adopt was a paper to be published weekly and distributed as widely as possible among the churches by inducing the members to subscribe.

Then there is the work of our denomination about which all our people should be informed, and the only means by which they can be informed is by reading the Biblical Recorder. The pastors may call attention to the work of the denomination as opportunity presents, but they cannot use every service for inparting information on about denominational affairs as important as that is. But the Recorder goes out every week freighted with information that all our people should have. It will be seen that one cannot be an intelligent North Carolina Baptist without reading the Biblical Recorder.

For these reasons and others that might be mentioned, we urge our people to subscribe to and read the Biblical Recorder, which for ninetythree years has been the organ of the Baptist State Convention.

If this denominational agency was needed when we numbered but fifteen thousand in this State, and when there were not the dangerous doctrines being taught that we have today, surely we need the paper far more now, and should endeavor to give it a more liberal support, and a wider circulation, that its sphere of influence may be enlarged.

JONAH W. THOMAS.

Report discussed by B. Craig and adopted.

Letters of dismission were granted to Peachland and Mineral Springs churches.

North Wadesboro, a newly constituted Baptist church, was received into the Association.

On motion, adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 10 A. M. Dismissed by B. Craig.

## SATURDAY MORNING

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. M. L. Dorton. Moderator called the body to order. Proceedings of vesterday read and approved.

Woman's work discussed without report. The chair recognized Rev. J. R. Pentuff, pastor of Polkton church.

Reports on State and Foreign Missions.

## STATE MISSIONS

There can be no stream without a source, there is no light unless there is an object from which light comes.

The spirit had and has a source from which it has gone out into all parts of the world, but not yet by all means where it can be said to have filled the earth as the waters covers the seas,

This prophecy can never be fulfilled unless the fire is kept burning bright at the fountain head.

America has been and is today the greatest agency through which our Lord is sending forth the stream of light into the dark places of the world. America is made of sub-divisions known as states; each state looks after the spiritual light within her own gates. This is called state missions. Some states are sending forth a brighter light that penetrates a larger part of the sinful world than other states. Why is this? The spiritual fires in some states are burning brighter than in others is the

The land where Jesus lived suffered and died, is a land of spiritual darkness from which comes a voice calling for light. This sad condition came from failure to keep the faith in its purity, and neglecting to teach the gospel as Jesus commanded. State missions is to give the gospel of Jesus Christ to all the people of North Carolina, and to each generation. Should we fail to do this for one generation our State would be as dark spiritually as Palestine is today.

In some sections of our state the churches are doing this, but in others there are so few Baptists, they cannot do this without help from the larger Baptist communities, hence the call for state missions. These funds are used in different ways to strengthen the cause wherever there

We have on our Board this year 175 missionaries in the State of North Carolina. These men are busy all the time, and will make a wonderful report for the work of the year 1928. The Board appropriated a total of \$126.000 for all departments of the work. Of this amount \$64,209 was appropriated for missionaries. While we are a large and great people there are many sections of our State that need aid from the stronger churches, let us arise and redeem our State for Christ and the cause we love so dearly.

W. B. HOLMES. Respecfully.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Christ was the missionary from heaven to a lost world. The field is the world, and the command comes from our Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Having risen in triumph from the grave, he gave this great command, and so long as there is an unconverted soul in the world, so long will this command ring out clearly to God's people. With almost two thousand years of missionary work, it is a sad thing to think that today there are over eight hundred works who know not Christ. They are in declarace and the property of the contract of t million souls who know not Christ. They are in darkness and shall forever be unless the people of God arise equal to the occasion, and send the gospel to every corner of the dark benighted lands.

Our Foreign Mission Board undertook great things, but we at home had told them through our pledges that we would come to their rescue in the time of need, and now brethren, our Board is in debt two million dollars. Isn't it time for us to remember our promise and go to their rescue. Just a few years ago it was a big thing for our missionaries to report five hundred baptisms in the foriegn fields, but last year there were twelve thousand baptisms in the foreign fields. Brethren, should

we not thank God and take courage? If Southern Baptists will discharge their stewardship obligations, they can take care of their financial responsibilities to the kingdom of God So simple a thing as this would save every enterprise which Southern Baptists are promoting and would carry the gospel of salvation through Christ into every dark corner of the world.

Respectfully submitted, M. L. DORTON.

Rev. B. Craig very ably discussed State, Home and Foreign Missions.

Moderator requested J. R. Pentuff to write report on Home Missions and M. L. Dorton to write on Foreign Missions, and mail reports to Clerk in time to put in

On motion, adjourned. Dismissed by M. L. Dorton.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Re-assembled at 1 P. M. Prayer by J. R. Pentuff.

## THE ORPHANAGE

On November 11th, 1885, the first child was received at the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

On July 1st, 1923, thirty-eight years later, the total enrollment aggregated 2150.

The children are received between the ages of one and twelve, and are The children are received between the ages of one and twelve, and are dismissed according to preparation rather than age. At present there are 550 children under the care of the Orphanage; 450 at Thomasville

It costs 238 dollars to keep a child. This includes everything—board, It costs 256 uonars to keep a child. This includes everything—board, clothing, schooling and other necessary expenses. Forty per cent of the Sunday Schools in the State contribute a little more than forty per cent of the of the current expenses. The remainder of it comes from Thanksgiving contributions which, last year, amounted to more than 75,000 dollars.

The Orphanage maintains a school of eleven grades. It includes business and domestic science courses and manuel training.

Every inmate of the institution old enough, is taught to work. The Every inmate of the institution old chough, is taught to work. The boys work on the farm. Forty girls work in the dining room; forty in boys work on the main. Forty gains work in the dining room; forty in the laundry, and about the same number in the sewing room. The most of the children attend school a half day at a time. The remainder of the day is devoted to other work. Through the Mothers' Aid fund, 227 children are helped in their own homes, under the care of their own mothers. At present forty-nine such homes are helped by the Orphanmothers. At present forty-mile such nomes are nelped by the Orphan-age with splendid results. Fifteen thousand dollars are now expended in this way, and families are held together that would, otherwise, be in this way, and ramines are near together that would, otherwise, be broken up. These are some of the facts pertaining to our orphanage. What it is doing toward developing true manhood and noble womanhood, only eternity will reveal. Respectfully submitted,

W. F. HUMBERT.

The Orphanage work was very earnestly discussed by Rev. E. C. Snider.

## AGED MINISTER'S RELIEF.

In Feb. of this year our Old Ministers Relief Board, which was controlled by our State Convention, was merged into our anuity department, controlled by our Southern Convention; at the beginning of this new administration, we have one million 149 thousand dollars. The Board paid out last year to eight hundred and four beneficiaries of the Southern Convention \$128,966.00. Of this number there are in N. C. 46 men who receive on an average of \$14.04 per month. Twenty-seven widows who receive \$12.27 per month—making a total of \$11,725.48 paid out in Respectfully submitted, North Carolina,

Discussed by I. F. Thomas and the Moderator, and adopted.

#### TEMPERANCE.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived

thereby is not wise.- Prov. 20:1. "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness

They that tarry long at the wine. They that go to seek mixed wine:

Prohibition has done much to eradicate the liquor traffic, and yet -Prov. 23:29-80. there is a great field for service, in driving this curse from land and

If all our church folks would stand solidly together on this great and county. moral question, it would be almost impossible for any man or men to manufacture or sell strong drink in our Association.

May we as individual Christians and Baptists of the Anson Association go on record as refusing to vote for any man for office if he is

known to be in sympathy with the "wet" element of the county.

The liquor traffic is not the only evil that is confronting us. Cigarette smoking, Coca-Cola drinking is on the increase, which we believe to be simply the confronting us. injurious to our young people, who are the hope of our country, and the future. Let us take a stand against all forms of evil, and be faithful Respectfully submitted, ever unto death.

Report of Committee on Time and Place and Preachers. We recommend that the next session be held with the Polkton Baptist Church, commencing Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1924, and that Rev. E. C. Snider preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. W. B. Committee on Direct Commi

Committee on Digest of Church Letters reported.
Received by baptism 110; by letter 20; restoration 2; total 132. Lost by letter 43; by exclusion 27; by death 16; total 86. Net gain 46.

Committee to nominate delegates to S. B. and B. S. Conventions recommended W. B. Holmes to Southern Baptist Convention, and Thomas L. Broadaway, T. B. Goodman and J. M. Broadaway to Baptist State Convention. All committee reports adopted,

The following brethren were named by the Moderator to draw reports for the session to be held at Polkton

Christian Education Orphanage	
Orphanage State Missions	M. L. Dorton
State Missions Home Missions	I. F. Thomas
Home Missions Foreign Missions	J. C. Meggs
Foreign Missions	J. S. Tyson
Biblical Recorder Aged Ministers' Relief	J. R. Pentuff
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Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. Temperance	W. F. Humbert
Temperance	Wilss Rachel Flake
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The usual vote of thanks was extended to the Rocky Mount church and community for the splendid manner in which they entertained the Association.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at Benediction by Rev. I. B. Little.

Thus ended a very pleasant session of the Anson

J. M. BROADAWAY, Clerk. E. C. SNIDER, Moderator

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS

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