## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# ANSON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 

HELD WITH THE

# ROCKY MOUNT BAPTIST CHURCH <br> ANSON COUNTY, N. C. 

OCTOBER 24, 25, 26, 1913.

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officers
Moderator: H. Morton. $\qquad$ Polkton, N. C.
Vice-Moderator:
R. D. Redfearn.
$\qquad$ Peachland, N. C.
Clerk: J. M. Broadaway $\qquad$ Polkton, N. C.
Treasurer: W. F. Humbert $\qquad$ Polkton, N. C.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

H. Morton, chairman; R. D. Redfearn, E. J. Hutchinson, J. M. Flake, J. W. Thomas, Alonzo Griggs, S. J. Turner, A. B. Brooks, T. B. Goodman, A. E. Harris, A. D. Grifin, J. J. Williams, J. M. Broadaway, W. F. Humbert, I. F. Thomas, J. E. Efird, C. H. Martin, Fairly Moore.

Ordained Ministers holding membership with churches in this Association: R. D. Redfearn, E. J. Hutchinson, C. H. Martin, J. W. Little, H. Morton.

Member of State Mission Board: W. F. Humbert.
Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention: H. Morton,
Messengers to Baptist State Convention: R. D. Redfearn, J. M. Flake, S. J Turner.

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Preacher of Introductory Sermon. $\qquad$ Rev. D. A. Brown

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Rocky Mount, Oct. 24, 1913
The fourth annual session of the Anson County Baptist Association was held with the chureh at Rocky Mount.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Summey of Ansonville, using for a text Romans 9:1-4. Theme: "Christian Solicitude: Our Duty."

At the conclusion of the sermon, prayer was offered by Rev. E. J. Hutchinson.

The Association then adjourned for dinner.
Benediction by Rev. H. Morton.
FIRST DAY
AFTERNOON SESSION
The Association re-assembled. Rev. M. D. L, Presslar led in prayer.

The Moderator then called the Association to order, and appointed W. F. Humbert and Rev. A. Marsh reading clerks.

The letters from the different churches were read and names of delegates enrolled, as follows:

Brown Creek: J. H. Lampley, J. T. Hendley, J. M. Flake.
Cedar Grove: J. L. Broadaway, J. W. Thomas, M. C. McLester.

Deep Creek: E. F. Gulledge, Alonzo Griggs, Henry Gaddy. Gum Springs: E. N. Dabbs, J. D. Ussery, A. E. Harris.
Mineral Springs: Letter not present.
Mount Beulah: E. J. Hutchinson.
Mount Zion: Letter not present.
New Home: J. J. Williams.
Polkton: E. W Flake, T. B. Goodman, W. C. Stroup.

Peachland: J. S, German, Arthur Johnson, A. Parker. Red Hill: W. R. Ramsey, D. H. Braswell, B. F. Threadgill. Rocky Mount: S. Baucom, John Turner, M. T. Parker. Rocky River: J. E. Efird, M. W. Goodman, J. T. Garris.
On motion, the following officers were elected: H. Morton, Moderator; R. D. Redfearn, Vice-Moderator; J. M. Broadaway, Clerk, and W. F. Humbert, Treasurer.
The Moderator recognized and welcomed Rev. M. D. L. Preslar of the Union Association, and Rev. J. A. Summey of Ansonville.
The Association then took up the regular order of business, and W. F. Humbert read the following report on Home Missions, which was discussed at length by W. F. Humbert, I. F Thomas and J. M. Flake, and adopted:

## HOME MISSIONS

In importance and in results, the work of the Home Mission Board stands second to none under the care of the Southern Baptist Convention.
Last year the Board appropriated $\$ 412,000$. Out of this vast sum Mission schools received $\$ 47,000$; Missions among the negroes, $\$ 15,000$; church buildings, between $\$ 50,000$ and $\$ 60$,000 ; General Mission work over $\$ 200,000$; Missions among the Indians, the work in Cuba, in the Isle of Pines and in the Canal Zone absorbed most of the rest.

During the same year, the Home Board employed 1309 Missionaries. There were 26,899 baptisms and 47,728 additions to the church. There were 683 churches organized, many already the church. There were 683 churches organized, many already
established, were revived and strengthened and the field of work established, were re
greatly extended.
The almost three score and ten years of the life of Home Missions have been crowded with perils but they have been crowned with the far-reaching triumphs of a gospel civilization. But the perils that beset religious liberty in bygone years, have not, by any means, passed away. The perils of ignorance and superstition still lift their horrid front across the pathway of civilization and progress. And then there the perils of unbelief and materialism, of selfishness and greed, of immigration and anarchy, and the great peril of the cities, all of which pre-
sent problems, the solution of which will tax the brains of the ablest leaders in church and state.
The success and growth of Home Missions in the past is an auspicious augury of further victories over these perils and dangers in the years to come. Therefore, sustained by an abiding trust in the guiding hand of of the Good Master, we hopefully face the work of the future and set forward.

On motion, it was decided to allow all who had written reports twenty minutes to speak on same. All other speakers to be limited to ten minutes.

The following report on Periodicals was read by I. F. Thomas, and was discussed by the writer, A. Marsh and J. A. Summey, and adopted:

PERIODICALS
We live in an age of educational progress. Every body is reading and will read something. Our whole land is flooded with trashy literature as never before. Therefore, it is imperative that Christians guard their homes against Adventism, Russellism, Mormonism, and other pernicious literature by placing good literature there; that our young people may not be misled. We recommend every Baptist home to supply itself with the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, Foreign Mission Journal, and the Home Field; to pay for them, and read them, as they are published with a view of giving our Baptist people the information and help they need.

The following resolution was offered by J. M. Flake and adopted:
Resolved: That the Anson Association recommend that each pastor, either himself or some one whom he may appoint, will canvass each church and vicinity in the interest of the the Biblical Recorder and other Baptist periodicals, and urge our people to read our denominational literature.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. Flake.

The Moderator announced the following committee: On Finance: W. A. Gaddy, S. J. Turner, N. E. Howard.

On Time and Place and Persons to Preach for Next Session: J. E. Efird, J. W. Thomas, J. S. German.

The association then adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Summey.

## SECOND DAY

## MORNING SESSION

Saturday morning at 9.30 Rev. M. D, L. Presslar read the 23rd Psalm and conducted an half-hour devotional service, after which the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Proceedings of yesterday were read and approved,
Rev. E. J. Hutchinson read the following report on Temperance, which, after discussion by E. J. Hutchinson, was adopted:

## TEMPERANCE

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

We thank God for the achievements attained through the prayers and tears of Godly men and women of our State for the great cause of Temperance. We also thank God for the search and seizure law which makes it hard for our enemies to impose upon our rights which have been attained by a large majority of upon our rights which have bee
the best citizens of our State.
We would recommend therefore that we, as a denomination, do all in our power to enforce the laws already enacted.

The following report on Pastoral Support, prepared by A. D. Griffin, was presented and discussed by E. W. Flake, J. A. Summey, and adopted:

## PASTORAL SUPPORT

Our duty in regard to supporting the ministry is clearly set forth in the Scriptures. When Christ sent forth his apostles and gave them their commission to preach, He commanded them to provide, neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses; nor script for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat Then if our ministers are thus sent forth, it is of his meat, Then if our ministers are thus sent forth, it is our Christian
duty to give of our means for their support, for the
ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.
The following report on Needs of the Churches was read by N. E. Howard and discussed by A. C. Davis and E. J. Hutchinson, and adopted:

## THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH

The greatest need of the church is a more consecrated membership. We need more boys and girls to help in the church work; we need more older members to help in the Sunday schools and prayer meetings; we need more preaching in our churches; we need our preacher located nearer to our churches; we need him to bury our dead; we need him to marry our young people; we need his influence in our community 365 days in the year; we need to know his every-day life, so we will better understand each other.

We need to work as church and pastor more closely together.
At this point E. W. Flake offered the following resolution which, after discussion by a number of the brethren, was adopted:

## RESOLUTION

Believing that our country churches would be better served by having their pastors live among them; therefore be it
Resolved, That a committee consisting of one member from each church be appointed to take in charge the locating and building of parsonages, in the country, in which to locate our preachers that preach to country churches.
Resolved further, That the Executive Committee be instructed to make arrangments with the State Mission Board so as to allow our building committee to use State Mission money contributed by this association in building said parsonages.

Respectfully submitted,
E. W. Flake.

The question of education was taken up and discussed by A. C. Davis; the report to be filed later. The report follows:

## EDUCATION

The word education means to draw out, to develop, but Christian education means a little more than the word educa-
tion, as generally used. It means to draw out and develop that which is good and upright, and let that which has an evil tendency remain dormant.
To get better ideas of a Christian education, let us study briefly the child. The child is a physical, mental and soul complex, and by far the most important part is the soul part. Each of these parts is capable of culture and development, and, strange to say, most of our efforts are for the first two. Some one has said: "That an idea is a mental picture," and may we one has said: That an idea is a mental picture," and may we
not say that the mind of a child is a great white canvass on not say that the mind of a child is a great white canvass on
which many artists are going to paint pictures: some ugly and which many artists are going
horrid, and some beautiful.
This brings us to the greatest law in education. That which the child sees, hears, feels and comes in contact with, largely develops him mentally and spiritually. There are three places where the child at present receives the most of his education, where the child at present receives the most of his education,
viz : the home, the Sabbath school, and in the day school, at the viz: the home, the Sabbath school, and in the day school, at the
mother's knee and in the family circle the first and most lastmother's knee and in the family circle the first and most lasting impressions are made upon the minds and hearts of our children. In the Sabbath school, it may be said, the child receives true spiritual training. In the week school he comes in contact with other youths and is daily in association with teacher, and here the parent has to commit to the youths' companons and teacher his training. There are no powers outside the home circle which have more to do with the training and moulding of the youths' character than associates and the teacher, The teachers not only stamps his ideas and manners upon the youth, but also his whole moral or immoral being. Since all this is true, it behoove us, as parents, to be very careful about the teachers and schools we select for the education of our children. The teacher, if not a Godly man, should be the highest type of morality, and the school one, if possible, where there is a warm moral and religious atmosphere. In the Wingate school, in Wake Forest College, and in Meredith College, we believe we have such schools and teachers, and we heartily recommend these institutions to the brethern of our Association.

Respectfully,
R. D. Redfearn.

The letters from Deep Creek, New Home, and Gum Springs, were presented and read, and names of delegates enrolled.

The following report on Aged Ministers' Relief was read by J. M. Broadaway which, after discussion by S. W. Birmingham, was adopted:

## AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF

The Ministers Relief Board has been in existence for twentythree years. The object of this board is to afford aid and relief to needy Baptist ministers of North Carolina and their widows.
There are four regular meetings of the board each year: on the fourth Wednesday in February, May, August and November.

The latest statistics show that there are thirty-five beneficiries with several applications before the board. These beneficiaries receive from forty to two hundred dollars a year. Many of them need more. Some of them have no means of Many of them need more. they receive from the board. These support except the amount they receive from the hoard. Once battle-scarred veterans are the worthiest men among us. Once
leaders of the host, captains on the firing line; they are now leaders of the host, captains on the firing
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These are our fathers in Israel, and instead of leaving them o lack the necessary things, or at best doling out to them a mere pittance, it should be our pride and glory to devise liberal things for them; providing them with the comforts of life and making their last days bright and happy.
We further recommend that every church in this Association take a collection for this cause on the nearest Sunday to Christmas, so that the blessings of a generous gift may bring gladness to our aged ones.

The Association then adjourned for dinner. Benediction by the Moderator.

> SECOND DAY
> AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled at 1 o'clock, and prayer was offered by Rev. A. C. Davis.

The Committee on Time and Place and Persons to Preach for Next Session made the following report:

We, your committee, recommend that the next session be held with the church at Polkton, commencing on the fourth

Sunday in October, 1914, and continuing through Tuesday. To preach the introductory sermon, Rev. D. A. Brown of White Store; missionary sermon, Rev. A. C. Davis of Olive Branch.

The report was adopted.
At the request of the Moderator, Miss Lela Goodman prepared the following report on Woman's Work, which was read by W. F. Humbert and discussed by Rev. A. C. Dqvis, and adopted:

## WOMAN'S WORK

The Scriptures are very plain to us as Christians in regard to Mission work.
In order that we may have a more liberal-minded people in contributing to missions and all other objects of church work, it is well for us to see to it that our women, young ladies, boys and girls are organized into Mission Societies, as planned by our boards.
'Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." In our homes and our societies are the best places to train them in this great work.
Of the thirteen churches in the Anson County Association only three churches have organized societies. These are Polkton, Peachland and Red Hill.

Respectfully submitted,
Lela Goodman.
The following report on Foreign Missions was read and discussed by J. M. Flake, and adopted:

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board of our Southern Baptist Convention is located at Richmond, Va., and is composed of forty members, twenty-two of which live in Richmond; the remaining eighteen are distributed among the states as vice-presidents, etc.
The work of the Board is carried on in the following countries, namely:
China, where we have 140 missionaries, 305 native workers, 73 churches, and 9,990 church members.
Japan, where we have 18 missionaries, 21 native workers, 10 churches, and 585 church members.

Africa, where we have 11 missionaries, 30 native workers, 17 churches, and 663 church members.

Italy, where we have 6 missionaries, 49 native workers, 37 churches, and 1,103 church members.
Brazil, 44 missionaries, 117 native helpers, 142 churches, and 9,939 church members.
Argentina, 16 missionaries, 9 native workers, 9 churches, and 248 church members,
Mexico, 33 missionaries, 44 native helpers, 54 churches, and 2,081 church members.
Besides this, we now have about $\$ 900,000$ in equipment in our different fields, consisting in church houses, hospitals, publishing plants, homes for missionaries, etc.

God seems to be greatly blessing this work, which is evidenced by the results for the last twenty years, during which time we have increased our missionaries and native workers nearly 500 per cent., baptisms on the field over 1100 per cent., and our total membership over 800 per cent.
The last Southern Baptist Convention agreed to try to raise for this work $\$ 646,500$, and has kindly asked North Carolina to raise $\$ 52,500$ of this amount. The Executive Board of the Anson Association has requested the churches of this Association to contribute $\$ 100$ toward the fund.

Notwithstanding the fact that some of our people disapprove of the methods used in the distribution of this money, we believe that the men who have the work in charge are conscientiously doing their duty as they see it. If they are in error let us pray that the Holy Spirit may reveal this to them and guide them into the right way. Meanwhile let us not neglect our duty in failing to contribute, but remain loyal to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. Flake.

The following report on State Missions was read by S. J. Turner and discussed by A. Marsh and W. F. Humbert, and adopted:

## STATE MISSIONS

The Board is spending $\$ 50,000$ this year in State Mission work. Our Associatioh is paying about $\$ 150$ of this amount. Upon an average, each church member pays nearly 12 cents.

There are employed on the field more than 150 missionaries, preaching the gospel in destitate places and organizing and building new churches,
The great progress and rapid development of our country make wide the door of opportunity for a greater and more intensive work

Since our Master has commanded us to spread the Gospel, we should cheerfully and abundantly give of our means in maintaining this cause and establishing our faith at all prospective points.

The report on Orphanage was read and discussed by J. W. Thomas and adopted:

## THE ORPHANAGE

The first child was received into the Orphanage Nov, 11. 1885. Since that time 1,420 children have been enrolled, and the present number is 411 . Average cost per child about $\$ 100$ a year Children are recaived between the ages of five and twelve and dismissed according to preparation rather than age.
At the Kennedy Memorial Home, which is located in Lenoir County, two dormitories are in process of erection and will be ready for the reception of children by Jan. 1st. It is hoped that sufficient funds will come to completely equip this part of the institution so that the work there may go forward without interruption. About half of the necessary funds have been secured.
A valuable gift has been made to the Orphanage consisting of 375 acres of land in Transylvania County by Misses Mary and Victoria Galloway. This place is estimated to be worth $\$ 25,000$ but is not available during the lifetime of Miss Mary Galloway. Another notable gift was the bequest in the will of Dr. S. W. Little of Davie County which, it is believed, will turn into the Orphanage treasury some $\$ 25,000$. These two great contributions, in addition to a small sum left by the late John Pullen, have all come since the beginning of the year 1918.

While we are grateful to record these noble gifts to the Orphanage, its constant enlargement requires a steadily increasing current. Bequests are usually put in some permanent memorial to the giver, and are never used to buy meat and bread for the children. That part of the work has always devolved on our churches and Sunday schools, and, please God, it may ever be so!

May every Baptist in the Anson Association contribute largely of his means to the support of this great institution, the home of the fatherless and motherless children

The following report on Sunday schools was read by W. A. Gaddy and adopted: report to be discussed Sunday morning at a Sunday School Mass Meeting to be held at 10 o'clock.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We find authority for Sunday school in God's word.
With good organization and good teaching are sure to become effective in winning souls for God.
The Sunday school work of the state is hopeful. There seems to be a steady growth since 1905 . We have grown from 1.290 schools to 1,920 in 1912.

We find more general interest in the cause of Sunday school than formerly. Our enrollment ought to be increased among our own church members.

The Finance Committee made the following report:
Received on Minute Fund ..... 21.20
State Missions ..... 43.82
Home Missions ..... 26.66
Foreign Missions ..... 21.00
Sunday School Missions. ..... 6.00
Ministerial Education ..... 8.00
Aged Ministers Relief ..... 17.30
Orphange ..... 40.30
Unapportioned ..... 35.82
Total sent up by Treasurer ..... 90.88
Cash on hand ..... 120.02

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The Association then adjourned to meet at Polkton, N. C., the fourth Sunday in October, 1914, at 11 a. in.

Rev. A. Marsh led the closing prayer.
H. MORTON, Moderator
J. M. BROADAWAY, Clerk.

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