

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Three Forks Baptist Association: 74th annual session.

MEAT CAMP BAPTIST CHURCH,
Watauga Co., N. C., August 25, 1914.

THE Three Forks Baptist Association convened this day in 74th annual session, in the house of worship of Meat Camp Church.

Thomas Vandyke led the choir in singing a number of selections of new music.

At 11 a. m. J. M. Payne read a part of the 16th chapter of John. At the concluding of the reading, J. J. L. Sherwood led in prayer, after which the congregation stood and sang "How firm a foundation." After the singing, Bro. Payne proceeded to preach the Annual Sermon, using as his text Rom. 1: 14, laying special emphasis upon the thought of our being indebted to God and the world, and our obligation to pay the same.

Prayer at the conclusion of the sermon by W. R. Bradshaw.

After a song, benediction by John Crisp.

The Moderator announced an adjournment of one hour.

FIRST DAY, — AFTERNOON.

After dinner being served on the grounds, Thos. Vandyke led the choir in song.

The Moderator, after some remarks relative to the goodness of God during the year past, requested J. F. Eller to lead in prayer.

Letters from the churches were presented, & read by W. Y. Perry and Millard Hagaman. Thirty-one churches reported.

The Mod. appointed David Green and Lee Fox to preach at the pulpit in the grove at this hour,

John Norris moved that W. R. Bradshaw cast the ballot of the association for the present incumbents, — J. J. L. Sherwood Moderator, and Smith Hagaman Clerk. The ballot was so cast.

The Clerk read the report on Order of Business. Order adopted.

W. R. Bradshaw announced himself as representing State Mission work, Thos. Miller visitor from Stony Fork association, and F. B. Hamrick representing Baptist Orphanage, the Mod. extending to each of them the hand of welcome in behalf of the association.

The following Committees were appointed:

Time and Place— Geo. Roten, James Presnell, G. W. McGuire, and L. N. Perkins.

On Preaching — L. A. Wilson, and Deacons of this church.

Finance— W. T. Vandyke, W. S. Farthing, and Wm. Elrod.
Obituaries— C. S. Farthing and C. J. Cottrell.
Digest of Letters— Will H. McGuire and W. Y. Perry.

Wm. Elrod read the Report on

PERIODICALS.

The knowledge that we have is largely gained by reading. Then it is highly important that we be very careful in what we read. The young people who read the writings of infidels may become infidels themselves. All trashy and cheap story papers should be taken out of the home, and their place filled with good sound literature, and religious papers, such as The Biblical Recorder, The Baptist and Reflector, Home Field, The Foreign Mission Journal, and other reliable religious or educational journals. Also, religious books of sound authority should be read by all.

But all of these are insignificant to the Bible, and we advise a more careful reading and study of this great book, as it stands paramount to all other literature and books.

Wm. Elrod, J. F. Eller, Committee.

Wm. Elrod said with reference to the report, We find a large amount of very light and trashy literature in very many of our homes.

W. R. Bradshaw said we can't do much with a people that won't read, and further, spoke with special reference to the importance of reading the Biblical Recorder.

W. C. Coffey moved that the name of Charity and Children be added to the report. Amendment accepted.

L. C. Wilson spoke with reference to Charity and Children, and further urges the people to read these denominational papers.

J. F. Eller pleads for our people to read the Recorder, also that each church have a club of Charity and Children.

F. B. Hamrick spoke in behalf of the reading of the Recorder and its cheapness of price, as compared with the denominational papers of other States.

W. S. Farthing spoke of the damaging effects of bad literature.

H. H. Farthing said he had been reading the Recorder for many years, and further, there is no other paper equal to the Recorder for North Carolina Baptist.

The Moderator said it is a fact that the matter we read very largely determines what we are to be; and that he would not take any paper that publishes "Pastor" Russell's sermons.

John Norris said bad literature is easy to get— often free.

Report on Periodicals is adopted.

R. S. Roten submitted the following

REPORT on TEMPERANCE.

The cause of Temperance should interest every Christian, the world over. It does seem that the County, State, and Nation, are more temperate now than a year ago, for there are a great many

counties and States that have voted liquor out entirely, especially where the women vote. The seizure act, and the Webb Bill have done much for us along the line of buying and selling, but when we get public sentiment in our homes and in our county and State to such an extent that our people will demand temperate men in office to make our laws, then it is that we will have the power and right to stop the greater part of making and selling liquor. We have reached a time in our history that it is unpopular to use liquor and that the liquor business is no longer a respectable business. We are proud that we are advancing along the line of temperance, but let us press the cause forward, and let us keep up the spirit of sentiment against the curse of liquor, and let us demand that the laws regarding liquor be enforced, and that our churches will do their part in this matter, which we feel sure every true Baptist will and should do. Respectfully submitted.

R. S. Roten, G. P. Sherrill, Com.

J. F. Eller moved the adoption of the report.

G. P. Sherrill said: I believe temperance has made progress, but I feel that we of this county have not made the progress we should have made during the last year. There is being ordered a great deal of liquor in this country, and we need more action.

W. R. Bradshaw spoke of our general progress along prohibition lines, and said we will have national prohibition in the near future.

John Norris said we must have national prohibition to give us the relief needed. Report adopted.

L. A. Greene reports W. R. Bradshaw to preach at 11 a. m., and J. H. Farthing at 2 p. m. tomorrow.

L. A. Greene of the Com. on Hospitality, announced homes for the Messengers during the session. Benediction by C. S. Farthing.

Wednesday Morning.

W. T. Vandyke led the song service. At 8:30 W. R. Bradshaw read from Hebrews 12th chapter and commented on the same.

Prayer was offered by J. H. Farthing leading.

Bro. Bradshaw proceeded to give some evidences of growth in grace. A song at the conclusion of Bro. Bradshaw's talk.

The association was called to order at 9 a. m.

After reading of minutes, at the request of W. S. Farthing, Millard Hagaman was added to the Committee on Finance.

W. S. Farthing, W. H. Eller, and H. H. Greene, were appointed a Committee on Nominations.

Roll of Messengers called.

J. F. Eller moved that Carrol Greene be seated as a messenger from Timbered Ridge church.

L. W. Farthing moved that a Committee be appointed on Queries. L. W. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, and Wm. Elrod were appointed.

F. B. Hamrick read the Report on

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BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The care of the unfortunate is a natural and fundamental expression of Christianity. Jesus was in his ministry what he would have us be. He emphasized things fundamental and cast the program for all ages. He glorified childhood and so related his gospel to the physical wants of life that we cannot hope to save the soul unless we also provide for the body.

So far Orphanage work has been the principal form of our benevolence, largely because it has been showing the most tangible results. It has been said by some that it is necessary only to let the people know the needs of the Orphanage and they will be supplied. The coming year will show whether this is true or not. With only four hundred and thirty children we have fallen behind.

Children are already being received at the Kennedy Home. Within a short while there will be more than fifty children there. The Miles Durham nursery for very small children, at Thomasville, will be completed before the winter months. If this is filled with children, and provide for those that are being received at the Kennedy Home the current expenses must be increased \$10,000 over last year. It means that we must increase our contributions to this most worthy and needy cause at least 25 per cent. Will this association not go on record favoring this additional increase?

Among N. C. Baptists nothing has so enlisted men and women in the work of the kingdom as the Orphanage work. It has been the agency for the promotion of harmony, liberality, and consecration. Thus in the larger work of the kingdom the little child is the leader.

Since the reception of the first child, Nov. 11, 1885, 1516 have been enrolled and the present number is 430, with about 500 by the end of the year. Average cost per child is \$107.64 a year. The health record of the children for the past year has been remarkable, there being no deaths and few cases of serious illness.

Large and valuable additions are being made to the plant at Thomasville. A modern dairy barn has been completed. This department of our work along with the various other industrial features are to be emphasized. A splendid auditorium will be completed within a year. The erection of this important and greatly needed building was made possible by the bequest of the late Dr. S. W. Little of Davie County, whose honored name it will bear. Three new school rooms have been added with improvements on the old school building. A tenth grade has been put in the school course for the purpose of giving those who leave us a better preparation for life's struggle.

We would again urge and recommend: 1, That every S. school set aside one Sunday in each month as Orphanage day; 2, A club of

Charity & Children in each Sunday school and an individual copy to pastors and all homes that are not represented in the Sunday school; 3, A liberal Thanksgiving offering emphasizing the importance of "WORK DAY," giving not less than one day's work to Orphanage. We would suggest that in many churches it is best to select a Sunday nearest Thanksgiving day to hold this special service. This can be done to advantage on country fields.

Finally brethren let us constantly keep in mind the appeal of the LARGER ORPHANAGE and remember as we save the child we not only save the State but we save ourselves and in doing this we find our greatest happiness. Respectfully submitted.

D. C. Mast, F. B. Hamrick.

W. S. Farthing moved to adopt the report.

D. C. Mast said we certainly must make the 25 per cent. advance this year in our orphanage contributions asked for.

F. B. Hamrick spoke to the report in general.

W. S. Farthing said we should carry more business into our religious work as well as more religion into our business.

John Norris, G. P. Sherrill, and L. C. Wilson spoke briefly to the report. The Mod. continued the discussion, urging the Bible plan of laying by in store on the first day of the week.

Letters presented at this hour from four churches were upon motion of W. S. Farthing, referred to Com. on Digest of Letters without reading.

W. S. Farthing moved that a Com. be appointed on Woman's Work. Smith Hagaman and J. H. Farthing were appointed Com.

W. Y. Perry read the report on

STATE MISSIONS.

In writing this report we have aimed at two things:

First, some things that State Missions have accomplished.

The Baptist State Convention was organized in 1830. In that year \$220.62 was paid for State Missions. Last year the Baptists of N. C. paid for State Missions \$50,421.68. The expense was \$3,738.69, or 7.4 per cent.

No tabulated reports of the work were kept until 1880. The reports for the last 34 years show that the missionaries baptized 42,148 persons; organized 530 churches; completed 415 houses of worship.

It is a fact that our most efficient churches are those organized by the aid of State Missions. At least two-thirds of the money given for missions, is given by these churches.

Many of our most useful men have been led to Christ by the missionaries; many a community has been transformed by the influence of State missions; children who were running wild have been brought to the Sunday school, and hundreds of them have given their hearts to Jesus.

Second, The things that are to be accomplished:

The things which remain to be done are the development of the West, and the evangelization of the East. Our greatest destitution is in the East. There are twenty counties in the East which contain only one Baptist in every thirty-eight of the population, while for the State at large, one of every six of her citizens is a Baptist. (This applies to the white race only.)

The piedmont section is a rapidly growing manufacturing section, and this is our supreme hour for planting our cause in that fertile region.

The West is rapidly catching spirit of progress, and our efforts must not be diminished or we will lose our strong hold.

The last census brought out the fact that in 7 states the Roman Catholics made greater gains than the Protestants, and North Carolina is one of those states! Will Three Forks association heed the warning? Let this be our battle cry, "North Carolina and the world for Jesus."

L. N. Perkins, }
W. Y. Perry, } Com.

Will H. McGuire read the report on

HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Mission Board is one of tremendous and far-reaching importance, both in the advancement of the Kingdom, and in the personal interests of the Southern people.

Its aim is to reach the destitute places in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, Cuba, and Panama.

The plan of work of the Board is to operate through the organization and equipment of special departments, some of which follow:

Enlistment and co-operation,—is the expression of the Board's purpose to work for the training and enlistment of backward and needy churches, awakening their denominational and Christian consciences to the importance of greater effort for their own spiritual advancement, and giving the gospel to destitute people around them

Mountain Schools,—to give opportunity to many mountain boys and girls, who otherwise would fail to obtain an education, many of whom will later go out into the world, a great power for good.

Evangelism.—This department sends out evangelists to preach to weak churches, and work in the slums, and in the backwoods districts in the country.

Cuba, and the Canal Zone.—These places are receiving the attention of the Board, and it seems especially important that earnest work be done in the Canal Zone to create a pure Christian atmosphere for the benefit of the rough and wayward class of wanderers who constantly pass through the canal.

The Negro.—This department is important from the fact that the Negro is in the South, and likely to remain there. The majority of Southern Negroes are Baptists, and need only our help to develop them into a great body of Baptist Christians.

The Indians of Oklahoma are receiving the attention of the Board and work is being done to Christianize them.

In addition to the above, the Board is doing considerable work

in the cities, and in publishing many useful tracts which may be obtained free for the asking.

In view of the great work briefly outlined above, does any Baptist man or woman need to be told what his or her duty is in regard to helping push this great enterprise? Have we done what we could? and if not, why did we not? Let us each consider where the great weight of responsibility rests, and make a greater effort to discharge our duty toward the Home Mission work.

Will H. McGuire, Com.

The Clerk read for the committee the report on
FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The duty of giving the gospel to all the world is binding not only on the church, but also on the individual Christian. The command to go is given in Matt. 28: 19-20, with the assurance of all needed help, and in Luke 24: 47, and in Acts 1: 7-8 we have directions as to the message and where to begin, and the power to accomplish the work required. To fully obey this command, we must lay upon the altar not only ourselves, and our children, but also our possessions.

To neglect or refuse to carry out this command is attended with peril not only to the happiness and usefulness of those sent, but to the salvation of those to whom we are sent, as in the case of Jonah.

We therefore urge the members of the Three Forks association to read, pray, and study the word of God, and go and give as the Lord has prospered you.

J. M. Payne, Chm'n.

W. R. Bradshaw read from Mal. concerning robing God, and proceeded to discuss missions in an earnest speech of length.

Reports on Missions adopted.

W. S. Farthing moved that the roll of churches be called, and that the messengers indicate what amount their respective churches will try to raise for missions during the year.

The following amounts are indicated:

Antioch \$10, Bethel \$50, Beaver Dam \$75, Bethany \$5, Boone \$32, Blowing Rock 15, Brushy Fork 12 col., Cove Creek \$50, Cool Springs 8, Fall Creek \$2, Forest Grove \$60, Gap Creek 2 col., Howards Creek \$5, Laurel Springs 3 col., Laurel Knob \$6, Meat Camp 3 col., Mt Gillead 12 col., Mt Lebanon 3 col., Middle Fork \$15, Pleasant Grove 3 col., Rich Mountain \$5, South Fork \$10, Shulls Mills 3 col., Stony Fork \$15, Three Forks \$25, Timbered Ridge \$20, Union 3 col., Zionville \$15, Flat Springs \$6.

Total Pledges, \$429. Collections, 44.

L. N. Perkins reports on

TIME and PLACE.

Time, Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in Aug. 1915; place, Zionville, L. A. Wilson to preach the Annual Sermon, J. F. Eller, alternate.

The Clerk read the report on
PASTORAL SUPPORT. 8

The relation of church and pastor is one of, at least, an implied agreement. A church in its call to a pastor, virtually solemnly agrees to give him their moral and financial support according to their ability. The pastor in accepting, virtually, solemnly agrees to give himself to those various duties of a pastor.

If, after the pastor has given himself unreservedly to the many arduous duties of the pastorate the church fails to perform its part of this sacred obligation, that church could be guilty of no greater breach of sacred trust; and, if after, a church gives an adequate support to its pastor for the time agreed on he should give himself entirely to his own business to the neglect of preparation and pastoral work he would be equally guilty of as great a sin.

We are sure that to fully comply with the Divine arrangement, a pastor should give himself wholly to these things, and the churches should see to it that his support should be ample to enable him to do so.

What would constitute a support would depend entirely upon the amount of time and money the pastor gives to the work.

To be prepared to be the leader that God and his people expect him to be, he must devote much time to study. He must have books and papers to help him in his study, and keep him informed. This will require a considerable out lay of money.

He must visit the sick, bury the dead, and go among his membership, help, encourage and inform them. This will take much time.

The church must enable its pastor to do these things and then require it of him, else both church and pastor will suffer.

No church should fail to pay its pastor every month. This is much better for the pastor, and equally better for the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Smith Hagaman, E. J. Norris, Com.

J. F. Spainhour announced himself a visitor from Catawba River Association; also, D. O. Ray from Caldwell Co. Association.

J. F. Spainhour spoke with reference to the report. Suggests that each pastor make it a rule to take a collection each month.

W. S. Farthing spoke of the moral support to be given the pastor, as so necessary. Report adopted.

John Norris moved to take a recess for one hour.

Benediction by J. H. Farthing.

AFTERNOON.

After a recess of one hour the association reassembled at 1 p. m. A song led by W. T. Vandyke.

The Clerk read the report on

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY WORK.

About a year and a half ago I was appointed by the State Central Committee as vice Pres of the work of the W. M. U. in Three Forks asso. Up to that time no organized work had been attempted among our women and children. Last year at Cove Creek we held

our first regular meeting and organized an associational union. As yet, we have only three Woman's Societies and two Sunbeam Bands with a membership of 116. Hence our first duty is to try to interest and enlist the women and children, but before we can reach the women and children we must have the approval and support of the pastors.

Perhaps some of you are not familiar with or do not understand just what is meant by "Woman's Work."

In the early fifties, the Foreign Missionaries realized that they were working in vain to cleanse the stream while the Fountain remained impure and there was a call for women missionaries who could go into the secluded homes of the Chinese and other Nations and reach the women and through them the children

As the distressing conditions and terrible needs of these benighted women and children began to be known in the homeland consecrated women, here and there, banded themselves together in small groups or societies to seek to know and try to relieve this need. Then they began to teach the children and train the young people. Out of this little beginning, under divine guidance and blessing, has grown the many strong Missionary Unions of the various denominations all over the U. S. among them our own W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention composed of children junior boys and girls young women and older women through out our Southland, who are regularly studying, praying and going that the name of Jesus may be known and loved to the uttermost parts of the earth. As Baptist women and children (in the Three Forks asso.) we want to have a part in this great work and we earnestly desire the co-operation, encouragement, and prayers of this body in our "Woman's Meeting" today and in all of our efforts to reach the great number of our women who have not yet caught a clear vision of a lost world and have not realized that "the Lord hath need of them?"

Rose Edna Brown, Pres.

On motion the work is approved, and the report is adopted.

The association stood and sang "When I can read my title clear" while the women passed out of the house to attend a Woman's Missionary Meeting at the pulpit in the grove.

J. H. Farthing moved that the Report on State of Churches be passed over for the present session.

L. C. Wilson read the report on

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

The object of this report is to call our attention again to those of our brethren who have done their work and only waiting for the summons to call them home. Some of them have no means of support except the amount they receive from the churches. It should be the pride and ambition of every Baptist of the State that not one of these should suffer for the necessities of life.

Your committee would insist that every church get this subject upon the hearts of their people, and that they may be provided for the necessities of life. Respectfully submitted,

L. W. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, Com.

L. W. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, F. B. Hamrick, and W. R. Bradshaw urge that the churches do not neglect to aid this cause.

G. P. Sherrill suggests a collection for Bro. John Crisp who is present and also a beneficiary of the Old Ministers Relief Board. Amount collected \$5.55. Report adopted

The Com. on preaching announce that J. F. Eller preach tomorrow at 11 a. m.

W. Y. Perry, Treasurer, reports as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Received for Orphanage, | \$ 91.21 |
| " " State Board, | 98.16 |
| " " Gospel Missions, | 37.20 |
| " " John Crisp, | 10.00 |
| " " From Minute Fund, | 34.91 |
| " " In Treasurer's hands from 1913, | 2.38 |
| Total, | \$273.86 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| To Orphanage, | \$ 90.36 |
| " John Crisp, | 10.00 |
| " Walters Durham for | |
| " Foreign Missions, | 57.79 |
| " State Missions, | 16.30 |
| " Home " | 21.06 |
| " Old Ministers' Relief, | 2.93 |
| " T. L. Blalock, Gospel Missions, | 37.20 |
| " Will H. McGuire printing & mailing Minutes, | 27.40 |
| " Smith Hagaman, Clerk of association, | 7.50 |
| " Treasurer for Postage, | .62 |
| " Balance in Treasury, | 2.52 |
| Total, | \$273.86 |

W. Y. Perry, Treasurer.

J. F. Eller moved to adopt the report.

John Crisp expresses gratitude for the contribution made for him.

John Norris moved that W. Y. Perry be continued as Treasurer of this association. Motion prevailed.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

"I love thy kingdom, Lord" was sung. Prayer by F. B. Hamrick.

Thursday Morning.

After a short song service, G. P. Sherrill read 19 verses of the 9th chap. of Daniel. C. S. Farthing led in prayer, followed by another prayer by George Roten.

Association was called to order at 9: 15.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

W. S. Farthing read the following Report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are pleased to note the progress in the Sunday-school work of

this Association.

By reference to the minutes of 1913, we find that all the churches save two reported Sunday-schools, but we hope those two had schools and the clerks failed to report them.

Twenty-one churches reported ever-green Sunday schools, and there is evidence of an increase in attendance and better teaching.

But we should not be satisfied with present attainments. There is still plenty of room for improvement in all the details of the work. We need a more consecrated and better informed teaching force; we need the help of all our Baptist people in our Sunday school work, we need the regular attendance of all our unsaved men, women, and children, we need an occasional sermon from our pastor on the teaching function of the church, and we need that a distinctly spiritual atmosphere should pervade all our schools

There should be a union of purpose on the part of all our Baptist people to make the Sunday school a great soul-winning agency.

The Sunday schools of tomorrow should be greater in magnitude and results than the Sunday schools of today, and this desired end can be best attained by the hearty co-operation of all our people and efficient leadership.

We would urge upon all our membership the duty and importance of helping in the work, and especially would we invoke the aid of parents. The Sunday schools need THEM, and THEY need the Sunday schools, for they help the parents to solve their family problems and fill the vacuum in our public religious services, made by our custom of once-a-month preaching

We would press upon the teachers the necessity of equipping themselves for their God-given duty and privilege of teaching.

We would recommend the Bible as the chief text-book to be used in our Sunday schools, but we would recommend the lesson helps published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as aids in studying the Bible and in the preparation of the lessons. Respectfully.

W. S. Farthing, John Norris, Com.

W. S. Farthing said 185,000 in N. C. are enrolled in our Sunday schools, 160,000 are not; 80 per cent. of our church membership and 95 per cent of our preachers come from the S. S.

L. C. Wilson spoke, particularly of the necessity of Church members being in Sunday school.

John Norris spoke on the same line.

The Moderator said- The great purpose of the S. S. is the Church meeting to worship and teach the Word.

The report on Sunday schools was adopted.

Will H. McGuire read the Report on

DIGEST of LETTERS.

We find from the letters from 35 churches that during last year we had 198 baptisms; received by letter 93; restored 27. Lost by letter 108; excluded 48; deaths 37. Membership: males 1,612, females 2,187, total membership 3,799.

Contributions to the various objects are as follows:

Pastors' Salaries \$1,851.18; Building and Repairs \$408.45; Incidentals \$77.25; Sunday school expenses \$247.09; Poor \$87.87; State Missions \$129.20; Home Missions \$88.64; Foreign Missions \$353.22; Orphanage \$286.66; Ministerial Relief \$17.31; Other Objects \$262.91; Value of Church Property \$19,810; Minutes and Clerk \$32.18; Education, (Training School,) \$9.97.

Three churches not represented.

Beech Mountain, Bethany, Brushy Fork, and Zionville churches ask for the next session of the Association.

Will H. McGuire, W. Y. Perry, Com.

Millard Hagaman read the Report on

EDUCATION.

Our educational facilities are growing and becoming more efficient.

Opportunities of an education are now within reach of every young man, woman, and child.

With the increase of educational interest has grown the necessity.

Our life as a denomination in the affairs of the Kingdom depends upon the intelligence of our individual membership. Herein lies our strength. A leader, though efficient, can never develop to large things, an uninformed and ignorant people.

The man who denies his child the opportunities of an education today, to a very large extent, closes the door of opportunity in the face of that child.

Whether we will or not, the necessity is upon us as a denomination. Each Baptist should see to it that in the education of his child and especially the young men and women, as they select a school for their higher training, shall have interwoven with it wholesome religious training, and that the school shall stand four-square upon sound religious principles; otherwise, instead of a strong healthful religious character to go out to be a leader in public thought and work, who shall bless his community; a weakling, morally and religiously whose breath of scepticism may poison the very atmosphere about him.

We advise that each Baptist select well the higher institution of learning to which he intrusts the education of his child.

Respectfully submitted,

Millard Hagaman, Com.

W. Y. Perry spoke to the report, especially for christian education.

L. C. Wilson read some of his views with reference to proper reading matter in our education.

John McBride continued the discussion with reference to the importance of education in Baptist schools.

W. S. Farthing continued along the same line.

C. S. Farthing and John Norris spoke briefly.

D. O. Ray of Caldwell Co association said refuse to send, or allow your child to go to schools not sound in doctrine.

The Mod. spoke at length on the subject of Denominational Education. The Report is adopted.

A song while the spectators retired from the house to hear a sermon by J. F. Eller.

As arranged in the program for the association—Talks of one minute from a messenger from each church in answer to the question "Is the spirit of Christian giving growing in your church?"

The roll of churches was called and messengers responded. Most of whom reported progress, a few do not.

The moderator closed the talk by giving the New Testament plan of giving, "Lay by in store on the first day of the week" etc. Said the reason this is not observed is that members of the church have set their feet on this and said, virtually, I will not.

The Colporteur, J. J. L. Sherwood, submitted a verbal report as follows: Sold about \$15 worth of books. All money turned over to me by the Association is in the Watauga County Bank, except what is in books. Report is received and approved.

L. W. Farthing moved that J. J. L. Sherwood be continued as Colporteur next year. Motion carried.

Thos. Vandyke read the following Report on

FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance reports as follows:

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| Received for Minute Fund | \$ 32.23 |
| " State Missions | 27.73 |
| " Home Missions | 22.39 |
| " Foreign Missions | 36.93 |
| " T. L. Blalock | 19.07 |
| " Baptist Orphanage | 52.31 |
| Total, | \$190.66 |

Wm. Elrod, W. T. Vandyke, Com.

Report is adopted.

Those who attended other associations reported as follows:

L. C. Wilson attended Caldwell County Association;

J. M. Payne " Stony Fork Association.

W. S. Farthing submits the Report on

NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations would recommend the following Correspondents:

To Ashe Association,—Alex. Hagaman, J. F. Eller, L. A. Wilson.

Table I. Statistical.

| Table I. Statistical. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| CHURCHES | PASTORS. | P. O. | CLERKS & P. O. | Time of Preaching. | Value of Ch. Property. | Received by Baptism | By Letter. | By Restor-ation. | Dismissed by Letter. | Excluded. | Died. | No. of Males. | No. Females. | Total Membership. |
| Antioch | W. Swift, | Reese, N.C. | W. J. Farthing, Wat. Falls. | 1 | 1000 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 67 | 81 | 148 |
| Bethel | J H Farthing, | Sweet Water, " | W S Farthing, Sweet Water. | 4 | 400 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 66 | 81 | 147 |
| Beaver Dam | " | " | John Sherrill, Reese, N.C. | 1 | 500 | 5 | 3 | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 60 | 81 | 141 |
| ✓ Bethany | G W Trivett, | Vilas, | J L Triplett, Matney, " | 3 | 500 | 9 | | | 1 | 3 | | 31 | 27 | 58 |
| ✓ Beech Mtn. | R L Palmer, | Beech Creek, | H J McGuire, Whaley, | 1 | 500 | 23 | | 6 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 91 | 111 | 202 |
| Boone | J M Payne, | Boone, | W R Gragg, Boone, | 2&4 | 300 | 3 | 11 | | 4 | | | 51 | 51 | 102 |
| Blowing Rock, | J M Payne, | Boone, | W C Craig, Blowing Rock, | 3 | 1200 | 3 | 1 | | 3 | 1 | | 45 | 62 | 107 |
| Brushy Fork | J M Payne, | Boone, | J H Presnell, Vilas, | 2 | 1000 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 70 | 82 | 152 |
| ✓ Cove Creek | J M Payne, | Boone, | D C Mast, Sugar Grove | 3 | 1000 | | | | 2 | | | 41 | 63 | 104 |
| ✓ Cool Springs | J F Eller, | Vilas, | Q B Cannon, Blowing Rock | 4 | 500 | 15 | 4 | | 2 | | | 54 | 64 | 118 |
| ✓ Clarks Creek | CS Farthing, | Sugar Grove, | Joel Eggers, Banner Elk | 1 | 350 | | | | | | | 13 | 23 | 36 |
| *Elk Valley | | | W L Laurance, Hale | 1 | 700 | | | | | | | 68 | 42 | 110 |
| ✓ Elk Knob | W H Mikeal, | Trade, Tenn. | J M South, Tamarack | 1 | 400 | 8 | 2 | | 2 | | | 40 | 53 | 93 |
| ✓ Fall Creek | R L Palmer, | Beech Creek, N. C. | W B Norris, Hale | 2 | 300 | 1 | 4 | | 4 | | | 22 | 18 | 40 |
| Forest Grove | L A Wilson, | Zionville, | Millard Hagaman, Vilas | 3 | 700 | | | | 2 | 3 | 1 | 60 | 91 | 151 |
| ✓ Flat Springs | D A Greene, | Dark Ridge, | A I Greene, Dark Ridge | 4 | | 12 | 5 | | 2 | | | 38 | 35 | 73 |
| ✓ Gap Creek | Asa Brown, | McGuire, | G A Hopkins, Hopkins | 1 | 550 | 1 | | 1 | 5 | 2 | | 30 | 53 | 83 |
| ✓ Howards Creek | E M Gragg, | Vilas, | E J Norris, Sands | 4 | 500 | | | | 1 | 1 | | 17 | 46 | 63 |
| Laurel Springs | L A Wilson, | Zionville, | H L Greene, Hopkins | 4 | 800 | 17 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 73 | 110 | 183 |
| Laurel Knob | CS Farthing, | Sugar Grove, | G S Holman, Baldwin | 2 | 500 | 19 | 13 | | 2 | | | 20 | 29 | 49 |
| Meat Camp | I C Miller, | Stony Fork, | L A Greene, Sands | 1 | 750 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 51 | 86 | 137 |
| Mt. Calvary | | | E F Chapel, Balm | 2 | 800 | | | | | | | 37 | 61 | 98 |
| Mt. Gillead | J F Eller, | Vilas, | R L Phillips, Beech Creek | 3 | 1500 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | | 35 | 50 | 85 |
| ✓ Mt. Lebanon | J F Eller, | Vilas, | H M Bumgarner, Vilas | 2 | 850 | | | | 5 | 1 | 2 | 30 | 54 | 84 |
| Middle Fork | L C Wilson, | Sweet Water, | A J Shull, Blowing Rock | 2 | 800 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 41 | 47 | 88 |
| Pleasant Grove | L A Wilson, | Zionville, | J R Isaacs, Mabel | 4 | 400 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 67 | 122 | 189 |
| ✓ Pleasant Valley | John Norris, | Sugar Grove, | W L Hagie, Elk Park | 4 | 250 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | | 60 | 82 | 142 |
| ✓ Rich Mountain | W Swift, | Reese, | L E Beach, Zionville | 2 | 400 | | | | 7 | 8 | | 25 | 37 | 62 |
| ✓ South Fork | J M Payne, | Boone, | W H McGuire, Brookside | 4 | 1000 | | | | 4 | 2 | | 49 | 71 | 120 |
| Shulls Mills | B F Wilcox, | Shulls Mills, | J M Day, Shulls Mills | 4 | 500 | 1 | 3 | | | | | 13 | 18 | 31 |
| Sampson | | | S E Harrison, Penley | 3 | | | | | | | | 32 | 37 | 69 |
| Stony Fork | I C Miller, | Stony Fork, | A A Hamby, Stony Fork | 2 | 1000 | 1 | | 6 | 1 | 102 | | 92 | 194 | |
| Three Forks | I C Miller, | Stony Fork, | J C Brown, Boone | 3 | 400 | | 2 | | 5 | 1 | 1 | 44 | 67 | 111 |
| Timb'rd Ridge | J F Eller, | Vilas, | Wade Greene, Peoria | 1 | 560 | 2 | 1 | | 2 | | | 25 | 42 | 67 |
| ✓ Union | G W Trivett, | Sugar Grove, | A J Greene, Mabel | 1 | 600 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 | | 58 | 90 | 148 |
| ✓ Willow Dale | J J L Sherwood, | Vilas, | W E Dugger, Vilas | 4 | 200 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 32 | 39 | 71 |
| ✓ Zionville | J J L Sherwood, | " | R S Roten, Zionville | 2 | 800 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 58 | 86 | 144 |
| ✓ Zion Hill | G W Trivett, | Sugar Grove, | E F Tester, Rominger | 2 | 800 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 33 | 43 | 76 |

16 To Avery Co. Association—D. A. Greene, G. W. Trivett, L. W. Farthing, John Norris.

To Caldwell Co. Asso.—J. M. Payne, J. H. Farthing, L. C. Miller, L. Wilson.

To Catawba River Asso.—J. J. L. Sherwood, John Carlton.

To Mitchell Co. Asso.—Wellington Swift, L. C. Wilson.

To Stony Fork Asso.—C. S. Farthing, Wm. Elrod, J. F. Eller, S. L. Fox, E. M. Gragg.

To Watauga Asso.—J. H. Farthing, Geo. Roten, C. S. Farthing, J. J. T. Reese, R. C. Eggers, J. J. L. Sherwood, W. S. Farthing.

To Southern Baptist Convention—W. C. Coffey.

To Baptist State Convention—L. C. Wilson, J. M. Payne, Smith Hagaman, D. F. Horton.

Member of State Mission Board—D. D. Dougherty.

Associational Vice Pres. Foreign Mission Board, - Smith Hagaman.

Sunday school Secretary for Three Forks Association, W. Y. Perry.

Executive Committee—D. C. Mast, Smith Hagaman, L. N. Perkins, Will H. McGuire, W. C. Coffey.

W. S. Farthing, W. H. Eller, H. H. Greene, Com.

On motion the name of W. S. Farthing was added to the list of Correspondents to Watauga association, also, David Horton to the the State Convention.

Geo. Roten read the following

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolved 1st That this body take into consideration the propriety of dropping off one day of the Association.

Resolved 2nd That the sincere thanks of this body be extended to the brethren, sisters, and friends of Meat Camp church and surrounding vicinity for their hospitality and kindness manifested toward us during this session.

Resolved 3rd That we tender the gratitude of this body to all the visiting brethren for the respect they have shown this body.

Respectfully submitted.

Geo. Roten, Ira Duncan, Com.

W. S. Farthing moved to strike out the first resolution. After a discussion by a number of the brethren, pro and con, W. T. Vandyke moved to amend by referring this Resolution to the churches for their consideration and expression at next Association.

The matter was so referred.

L. C. Wilson of the Com. on Queries states that no matter for consideration has been brought to their notice.

The Moderator announced the standing Committees for next year a list of which appears in another part of these Minutes.

J. H. Farthing moved that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he be allowed the usual fee, (\$7.50) for his services.

W. Y. Perry moved that the Association adjourn to time and place.

After some remarks the Mod requests the association to stand and sing How firm a foundation, &c. and that all present extend to each

other the parting hand. Prayer was offered by John Crisp leading.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow" was sung, after which the Moderator announced the benediction.

At 12: 30 the Association adjourned.

J. J. L. SHERWOOD, MOD.

SMITH HAGAMAN, CLERK.

OFFICERS of the ASSOCIATION.

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| Moderator, | - | - | J. J. L. Sherwood, Vilas, N. C. |
| Clerk, | - | - | Smith Hagaman, Vilas, N. C. |
| Historian, | - | - | J. C. Horton, Boone, N. C. |
| Colporteur, | - | - | J. J. L. Sherwood, Vilas, N. C. |
| Treasurer, | - | - | W. Y. Perry, Vilas, N. C. |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. C. Mast, Smith Hagaman, Will H. McGuire, L. N. Perkins,
W. C. Coffey.

Associational Vice President Foreign Mission Board:
Smith Hagaman.

Sunday School Secretary, Three Forks Asso.—W. Y. Perry, Vilas.

Standing Committees.

Foreign Missions,—Smith Hagaman, John Sherrill.

Home Missions,—J. M. Payne, Millard Hagaman.

State Missions,—G. P. Sherrill, R. S. Roten.

Education,—C. S. Farthing, Alex. Hagaman.

Pastoral Support,—W. S. Farthing, Will H. McGuire.

Temperance,—Wm. Elrod, W. Y. Perry.

Orphanage,—E. J. Norris, E. J. Farthing.

Sunday schools,—George Roten, John Eller.

Books and Periodicals,—Roby Eggers, John McBride.

Ministerial Relief,—Alex. Wilson, L. W. Farthing.

Resolutions,—W. T. Vandyke, Larkin Hayes.

Order of Business,—Smith Hagaman, W. H. Miller.

State of Churches,—W. N. Howell, John Ward.

On Nominations,—L. C. Wilson, David Greene.

Digest of Letters,—L. N. Perkins, Chas. Mast.

Duties of Pastors to their Churches,—J. J. T. Reese, J. H. Farthing and John Norris.

| FINANCIAL TABLE. CHURCHES | Pastor's Salary. | Building & Repairs | Incident- als. | S. S. Expenses | The Poor. | Minute Fund | State Missions. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Orphan- age. | Ministeri- al Relief. | Other Objects. | Total. |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Antioch | 48.00 | 00.00 | 00.00 | 4.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 00.00 | 1.00 | 3.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 57.00 |
| Bethel | 54.35 | | 1.65 | 7.64 | 4.55 | 1.50 | 14.03 | 14.04 | 22.81 | 12.06 | 1.00 | 12.75 | 146.38 |
| Beaver Dam | 75.00 | | 15.00 | 10.00 | | 1.00 | 12.94 | | 132.94 | 19.86 | 3.30 | | 253.38 |
| Bethany | 34.35 | 1.30 | | 3.50 | | .50 | | .50 | 2.65 | 2.65 | | | 43.45 |
| Beech Mtn. | 39.66 | | | 2.76 | | 1.30 | | | 3.52 | | | | 47.24 |
| Boone | 175.00 | | | 51.08 | | 1.50 | 20.52 | | 7.88 | 64.64 | 3.93 | | 428.81 |
| Blowing Rock, | 100.00 | 10.42 | | 25.00 | 2.16 | 1.10 | 1.73 | | | 10.28 | | | 178.54 |
| Brushy Fork | 93.80 | | 4.00 | 6.00 | 15.00 | 1.27 | 1.00 | | 14.81 | 5.20 | | 6.11 | 139.19 |
| Cove Creek | 100.00 | | 2.35 | 13.00 | 11.76 | 1.00 | 3.75 | 5.45 | 44.50 | 23.00 | 1.50 | | 206.31 |
| Cool Springs | 100.00 | | | 5.00 | | 1.25 | | | 6.00 | 7.28 | | 16.00 | 135.53 |
| Clarks Creek | | | | | | .40 | | | | 1.10 | | | 1.50 |
| Elk Knob | 25.25 | | | | | .50 | | | | 3.00 | | | 29.05 |
| Fall Creek | 20.35 | | | | | 1.00 | 16.94 | 16.95 | 34.37 | 28.00 | | 10.00 | 33.50 |
| Forest Grove | 85.53 | 2.70 | 1.10 | 11.28 | | .50 | | 2.91 | | | | 8.70 | 206.56 |
| Flat Springs | 27.79 | 45.29 | | 3.10 | | .85 | | | 1.93 | | | | 79.59 |
| Gap Creek | 26.70 | | | 2.06 | | .75 | | | | | | 11.94 | 43.48 |
| Howards Creek | 40.00 | | | 1.50 | | 1.30 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 9.00 | | 8.00 | 50.25 |
| Laurel Springs | 62.93 | 1 50 | | 2.40 | | 1 00 | 1.00 | 1 00 | 1 00 | 1.00 | | 27.00 | 116.13 |
| Laurel Knob | 20 00 | 60 00 | | 4.28 | | 1 00 | 1 54 | 1 54 | | | | | 89.28 |
| Meat Camp | 47 00 | | | 5.68 | | 1 00 | 1 16 | 1 16 | 2 31 | 4 12 | | 6 00 | 153 50 |
| Mt. Gilead | 36 00 | 200.00 | | 1 50 | | 75 | 1 16 | 1 16 | 1 41 | .30 | | | 54 01 |
| Mt. Lebanon | 38 55 | | 3 75 | 9 50 | 50 | | | | | | | | |

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|-----------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|--------|
| Middle Fork | 100.65 | 9.20 | 11.27 | 6.52 | | 1.00 | 5.00 | 4.00 | 6.00 | 7.40 | | 21.82 | 172.86 |
| Pleasant Grove | 84 34 | 6.80 | 13.88 | 14.22 | 7.04 | .76 | 5.88 | 2.48 | 2.48 | 8.68 | 6.04 | | 171.00 |
| Pleasant Valley | 32.81 | 50.00 | | 5.00 | 1.75 | 1.00 | | 9.15 | | 2.60 | | | 100.56 |
| Rich Mountain | 16.00 | | | 4.00 | | .70 | | | 3.00 | 2.00 | | | 25.70 |
| South Fork | 31.00 | | | 1.80 | | 1.00 | | | | 2.25 | | | 36.25 |
| Shulls Mills | 4.11 | 1.15 | | 4.81 | | .55 | 1.46 | | | 2.66 | | 5.01 | 19.75 |
| Stony Fork | 40.00 | .60 | | 4.00 | 2.36 | 1.05 | 1.12 | 1.12 | 1.12 | 2.27 | | 13.57 | 63.15 |
| Three Forks | 58.00 | | 10.00 | 3.00 | 10.00 | 1.30 | 8.35 | 8.35 | 8.30 | 12.14 | | 8.32 | 127.76 |
| Timb'rd Ridge | 52.66 | 11.00 | | 11.02 | | 1.00 | 10.60 | 3.55 | 4.73 | 24.24 | 1.54 | 13.70 | 134.04 |
| Union | 80.00 | 6.70 | 18.00 | 6.75 | | .85 | | | 4.53 | 7.00 | | | 123.78 |
| Willow Dale | 75.60 | 1.20 | | 16.50 | 10.26 | .50 | | | 10.00 | | | | 104.06 |
| Zionville | 70.45 | | | 8.00 | 2.55 | 1.20 | | | 13.43 | 6.25 | | 35.50 | 129.84 |
| Zion Hill | 16.25 | | | 2.00 | | .50 | | | 1.00 | 1.00 | | | 18.75 |

Ordained Ministers.

G. W. Trivett, Sugar Grove, N.C. L. C. Wilson, Sugar Grove, N.C.
 C. S. Farthing, " " John Norris, " "
 I. C. Miller, Stony Fork, " W. M. Cannon, Elk Park, "
 John Crisp, Lenoir, " J. H. Farthing, Sweet Water, "
 J. J. L. Sherwood, Vilas, " I. J. McGinnis, Vilas, "
 S. L. Fox, " " J. F. Eller, " "
 Wellington Swift, Reese, " James Bradshaw, Blowing Rk "
 J. M. Payne, Boone, " L. A. Wilson, Zionville, "
 W. H. Mikeal, Sutherland, " Asa Brown, Riverside, "
 D. A. Greene, Whaley, " E. M. Gragg, Boone, "
 Powell E, Herman, Shulls Mills, "

Roll of Messengers.

Antioch, L. W. Farthing, E. M. Greer.
 Bethel, H H Farthing, Alex. Hagaman, W S Farthing. 20
 Beaver Dam, G P Sherrill, Lee Swift.
 Bethany, J L Triplett.
 Beech Mountain, G W McGuire.
 Boone, C J Cottrell, W C Coffey, W L Bryan.
 Blowing Rock, N L Edmisten.
 Brushy Fork, J H Presnell, Jesse Greene, Jesse Brown.
 Cove Creek, John McBride, W Y Perry, D C Mast.
 Cool Springs, J W Pennell, Tipton Green, J B Cannon.
 Clarks Creek, Joel Eggers.
 Elk Knob, J M Vannoy, Roscoe Trivett, David Mikeal.
 Fall Creek, M W Storie.
 Forest Grove, Smith Hagaman, W E Roark, Millard Hagaman.
 Flat Springs, Letter.
 Gap Creek, John Watson.
 Howards Creek, John Robertson, Manley McBride, E J Norris
 Laurel Springs, William Brown.
 Laurel Knob, R A Stephens, G S Holman.
 Meat Camp, H S Jones, T J Tugman, J H Greene.
 Mt. Gillead, J G Cardwell.
 Mt. Lebanon, H M Bumgarner.
 Middle Fork, Wm Elrod, W A Greene, W T Vandyke.
 Pleasant Grove, A L Wilson, A B Cullers, E H Perry.
 Pleasant Valley, Letter.
 Rich Mountain, A B Greene.
 South Fork, J S Brown, Will H McGuire, I E Duncan.
 Shulls Mills, J C Shull, J M Day.
 Stony Fork, W S Greene, W H Miller, A A Hamby.
 Three Forks, L N Perkins, J C Brown.
 Timbered Ridge, W H Eller, H H Greene, Carrol Greene.
 Union, Solomon Eggers, J F Oliver, Henry Norris.
 Willow Dale, W J Mast, John Norris.
 Zionville, R C Eggers, Geo Roten, Linney Greene.
 Zion Hill, Letter.

Appendix—Woman's Work.

Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union,
 Aug. 26, 1914, 2 P. M.

Song: Nearer my God to Thee.

- 1 Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Boldin.
- 2 Chain of prayers for the Missionary Societies of Three Forks association, led by Mrs. D. F. Horton.
- 3 No. of members present from different Societies:
 Cove Creek M. Society, 5; Boone M. S., 4; Blowing Rock M. S. 1.
- 4 Committee of five appointed to nominate officers for the coming year.

- 5 Reports from Societies read and approved.
 - 6 A very interesting paper on "How Missionary Societies can help our Churches," was read by Mrs. Boldin.
 - 7 Reading Our Personal Service by Mrs. D. F. Horton.
- Short discussions on following subjects:
- 1 How to make the Societies interesting, so we may have good attendance.
 - 2 Does personal service increase the Spirituality of our churches?
 - 3 The duty of the Woman's Missionary Union to our children and young people.
 - 4 Methods of advancing our work in the country.

- 8 Report of Nominating Committee.
- Officers elected for coming year:

Miss Rose Edna Brown, Pres.
 Mrs. Richard Greene, Vice - Pres.
 Miss Hattie Swift, Sec. & Treas.

Miss Brown, Pres.
 Hattie Swift, Sec.

TABLE
 WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

| Church | Organization. | President. | Post Office | Number of Members. | State Missions | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Training School. | Other Objects |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Boone | W. M. S. | Mrs B. J. Council | Boone | 25 | 30.00 | 0.00 | 10.00 | 7.97 | 58.85 |
| " | Sunbeams | David Greene | " | | | 7.44 | | | |
| Blowing R'k | W. M. S. | Rose Edna Brown | Blowing Rock | 21 | 5.00 | 7.50 | 5.50 | 2.00 | 12.30 |
| " | Sunbeams | Myrtle Sudderth | " | | | 5.00 | | | 1.50 |
| Cove Creek | W. M. S. | Sue Horton | Vilas | 15 | | | 23.75 | | |

Sunday School Table.

| CHURCHES | SUPTS. | POST OFFICE | SECRETARY | P. O. | No. Schools | Officers and Teachers | Pupils | Total Enrollment | Church members in S. S. | Months open. | Baptisms from School | School Expenses. | Missions. | Orphanage. | Other Objects | Total Contributions. |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Antioch | W. J. Farthing, | Watauga Falls, NC | Luther Ward, | Wat. Falls N. C. | 1 | 6 | 62 | 68 | 00 | 12 | 1 | 4.00 | 0.00 | 00.00 | 00.00 | 4.00 |
| Bethel | E J Farthing, | Sweet Water, " | Maud Farthing, | Sweet Water | 1 | 7 | 92 | 99 | 50 | 12 | 5 | 7.64 | 8.77 | 11.11 | 10.25 | 37.77 |
| Beaver Dam | Geo. Reese, | Reese, | C F Moody, | Reese, | 1 | 10 | 100 | 110 | 40 | 12 | 4 | 10.00 | | 15.66 | | 25.66 |
| Bethany | L J Mikael | Hackett | Carry Mikael | Hackett | 1 | 6 | 42 | 48 | | 12 | 9 | 3.50 | | | | 3.50 |
| Beech Mtn. | G W McGuire, | Dark Ridge | W C Church, | Dark Ridge | 2 | 13 | | | | | | 2.76 | | | | 2.76 |
| Boone | W R Gragg | Boone | | | 1 | 7 | 90 | 97 | | 12 | | 24.22 | 5.86 | | 21.00 | 51.08 |
| Blowing Rock, | J W Hodges | Blowing Rock | Gladis Brown | Blowing R'k | 1 | 9 | 87 | 96 | | 12 | 3 | 25.00 | | | | 25.00 |
| Brushy Fork | J L Hayes | Vilas | Bessie Trivett | Vilas | 1 | 5 | 75 | 80 | 20 | 12 | 2 | 6.00 | | | | 6.00 |
| Cove Creek | W F Sherwood | Sherwood | Mrs. W Y Perry | Vilas | 1 | 9 | 90 | 99 | 40 | 12 | | 13.00 | 4.90 | 3.92 | | 21.82 |
| Cool Springs | J W Presnell, | Blowing Rock | Virgie Cannon, | Blowing R'k | 1 | 5 | 50 | 55 | 25 | 12 | | 5.00 | | 7.28 | | 12.28 |
| Clarks Creek | G W Byrd | Banner Elk | Hester Byrd | Banner Elk | 2 | 3 | | | | 15 | 12 | .87 | | | | .87 |
| Elk Knob | J M Vannoy | Ashland | Osia South | Tamarack | 1 | 7 | | 64 | 20 | 6 | | 2.93 | | | | 2.93 |
| Fall Creek | M W Storie | Hale | Ethel Perlier | Whaley | 1 | 5 | 50 | 55 | 22 | 6 | 1 | .93 | | 2.65 | | 3.58 |
| Forest Grove | A G Storie | Vilas | Roy Hagaman | Vilas | 1 | 9 | 130 | 139 | | 12 | | 11.28 | | 28.00 | | 39.28 |
| Flat Springs | Ervin Greene | Whaley | S M Greene | Whaley | 1 | 6 | 50 | 56 | | 9 | | 3.10 | | .87 | | 3.97 |
| Gap Creek | G A Hopkins | Hopkins | H E Greene | Hopkins | 1 | 6 | 80 | 86 | 21 | 6 | | 2.06 | | | | 2.06 |
| Howards Creek | E J Norris | Sands | Ira Brown | Sands | 1 | 5 | 55 | 60 | | 8 | | 1.50 | | | | 1.50 |
| Laurel Springs | N A Salmons, C. Hardin | Boone | E B Hardin | Rutherford | 1 | 6 | 71 | 77 | 21 | 6 | 1 | 2.40 | | | | 2.40 |
| Laurel Knob | G S Holman | Baldwin | Clay Worley | Baldwin | 1 | 10 | 72 | 82 | 35 | 12 | | 4.28 | | | | 4.28 |
| Meat Camp | W W Norris | Sands | Lenard Wilson | Zionville | 2 | 10 | | | | 12 | | 5.68 | | 4.69 | | 10.37 |
| Mt. Gillead | J C Jones | Beech Creek | Bonnie Younce | Beech Creek | 1 | 6 | | | 35 | 8 | | 1.50 | | | | 1.50 |
| Mt. Lebanon | A R Cook | Vilas | H M Bumgarner | Vilas | 1 | 6 | 78 | 84 | 14 | 12 | | 3.75 | | | | 3.75 |

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|-----------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---|----|-----|-----|----|----|---|-------|-------|------|--|--|
| Middle F. | Wm Elrod | Blowing Rock | A J Shull | Blowing R'k | 1 | 7 | 67 | 74 | | 12 | | 6.52 | 15.00 | 7.40 | | |
| Pleasant Grove | J R Isaacs | Mabel | E H Perry | Zionville | 1 | 9 | | | | 12 | | 9.50 | | | | |
| Pleasant Valley | W L Hagie | Elk Park | Ora Hagie | Elk Park | 1 | 6 | 50 | 56 | 25 | 6 | | 5.00 | | | | |
| Rich Mountain | A B Greene | Zionville | L E Beach | Zionville | 1 | 5 | 50 | 55 | 20 | 12 | | 4.00 | | | | |
| South Fork | J S Brown | Riverside | W H McGuire | Brookside | 1 | 6 | 50 | 56 | | 5 | | 1.80 | | 2.2 | | |
| Shulls Mills | J M Day | Shulls Mills | Emma Brown | Shulls Mills | 1 | 6 | 60 | 66 | | 12 | | 3.25 | | 1.5 | | |
| Stony Fork | R L Wagner | Stony Fork | R L Wooten | Stony Fork | 1 | 11 | 85 | 96 | | 6 | | 4.00 | | | | |
| Three Forks | L N Perkins | Boone | Bertha Greene | Horton | 1 | 6 | 40 | 46 | 20 | 6 | | 3.00 | | 7.1 | | |
| Timb'rd Ridge | W H Eller | Leander | Clara Greene | Leander | 1 | 6 | 76 | 82 | 38 | 12 | 2 | 11.02 | | 18.9 | | |
| Union | A J Greene | Mabel | Sallie Warren | Mabel | 1 | 8 | 100 | 108 | 60 | 12 | 4 | 6.75 | | 7.0 | | |
| Willow Dale | S L Fox | Vilas | Annie Dugger | Vilas | 1 | 8 | 87 | 95 | | 12 | | 16.50 | | | | |
| Zionville | R C Eggers | Zionville | H F Greene | Zionville | 1 | 6 | 80 | 86 | 25 | 12 | | 8.00 | | | | |
| Zion Hill | E F Tester. | Rominger | Henry Hagaman | Beech Creek | 1 | 6 | | | 25 | 6 | | 2.00 | | | | |

PLEASE READ THIS.

To the churches of the Three Forks Association:

It seems to me there ought to be a somewhat larger contribution for minutes.

This year there was \$32.23 contributed for minutes. After the clerk is paid \$7.50, which is little enough, it leaves only \$24.73. After taking out \$3.50 for the paper, and a like amount for postage to mail minutes, it leaves only \$17.73 to pay for the work of putting into type, printing and putting together 800 copies of minutes of, usually 23 to 25 printed pages, including four tables this year, and they are likely to grow longer as the years go by and our work expands.

The printer ought to have at least \$32 for the job, after the clerk and postage are paid, and that would be only 4 cents a copy to pay for his paper, ink, staples, and work.

With the present advanced prices on paper, no printer can afford, or be justified, to do the work for the present amount.

Feeling very grateful to our association for the patronage it has given me, I only call attention to this, feeling that our people will need only to be informed of the above so they may raise an amount sufficient to justify whoever may make the minutes henceforth.

Fraternally,

Will H. McGuire.

