

MINUTES
—OF THE—
Avery County
Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

Beech Mountain Baptist Church

AUGUST 25, 26, 27,

1921

IN THE 10th ANNUAL SESSION

The next session will convene with Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
two miles south of Minneapolis, beginning on Thursday
before the fourth Sunday in August, 1922

L. W. Hall to preach the Introductory Sermon

R. T. LEWIS - - - - Moderator

D. BUCHANAN - - - - Clerk

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MINUTES

Avery County Baptist Association, 1921

Beech Mountain Baptist Church,

Thursday Morning, August 25, 1921.

The association met at the regular hour, 11 o'clock.

Opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. L. W. Hall. The Introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. N. S. Hampton, text: St. John 4:35. Theme, Lift up your eyes, look upon the fields and then act. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Hall after which the association took recess till 1:30 afternoon.

EVENING SESSION, first day

The association met according to appointment, singing "Oh How I Love Jesus."

Devotional services conducted by Rev. W. Clay Wilson. Prayer by Thomas Farthing. Lesson 12th Chapt. 1st Cor. Prayer by W. Clay Wilson. Singing, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow."

Rev. S. M. Pitman, the Moderator, called the association to order for business and letters were called for from the different churches. Breth. R. T. Lewis and L. W. Hall were appointed as reading clerks and the following letters were read:

1 Cranberry, 2 Flat Springs, 3 Aaron, 4 Henson Creek, 5 Elk Park, 6 Elk Valley, 7 Pleasant Hill, 8 Minneapolis, 9 Pleasant Valley, 10 Crossnore, 11 Mt. Pleasant, 12 Green Valley, 13 Oak Grove, 14 Yellow Mtn., 15 Roaring Creek, 16 Beech Mtn., 17 Chestnutdale, 18 Jonas Ridge, 19 Powdermill, 20 Big Meadows.

Corresponding Breth. were invited to make themselves known and L. C. Wilson, R. L. Palmer, E. M. Greer from Three Forks association, Rev. J. E. Hoyle from Caldwell association, W. Clay Wilson from McGlee County association, Missouri.

The present term of officers being expired the moderator entertained a motion and recommended that a lay member be elected as Mod.

On motion and second that R. T. Lewis be elected as Moderator and he was unanimously elected.

Motion carried that D. Buchanan retain his place as Clerk and Treas. of the Association.

Bro S. M. Pitman asked the new Moderator to take charge, after which he appointed the Committees, as follows:

Women's Work—Sarah Pyatte, Lotta Pitman, S C Braswell.

Pastoral Support—N A Buchanan, G W McGuire, L L Ollis.

State, Home and Foreign Missions—L W Hall, L C Wilson and J E Hoyle.

Education—Chas. Younce, S M Pitman, Thomas Farthing.

Temperance—W Clay Wilson, W W Pyatte, S C Braswell.

Periodicals—J E Hoyle, R L Palmer, N S Hampton.
 Obituaries—T F Cook, Jr., W M Green, Monroe Gragg.
 Time & Place—J G Buchanan, N A Buchanan, A E Norman.
 Sunday School—W Clay Wilson, E O Pyatte, T F Cook.
 State of Churches—N S Hampton.
 Finance—J G Buchanan, W M Green.
 Resolutions—A L Miller, W Clay Wilson.
 Preaching—A L Miller & delegates of Beech Mt. Church.
 Orphanage—R L Palmer, W C Wilson, Moses Thomas.

Report of the Associational Executive Com. was called for and read by J G Buchanan.

REPORT of EXECUTIVE COM.

We have had five regular meetings of the Committee and in the meantime succeeded in having the church at Newland reorganized. The church house at Newland has not been built yet, but however there are good prospects that the house will be built.

We have tried to look after the Baptist cause in this county and press forward the promotion of the cause of Christ at home and abroad.

As we see conditions in Avery County, our Baptist cause has suffered for the lack of funds.

Our Missionary has worked up an interest in the county for better church buildings and better equipment for the S. S. work. We insist that we aid and encourage this work at Newland, and that we give the church work at Elk Park careful attention. Our Missionary has succeeded in getting a good work and a good church building started and we certainly should not fail to help them.

We feel almost ashamed to ask our Missionary, brother Hampton, to go on with the work, knowing that he has been faithful to his trust and has been over worked all the year, then besides we have failed on part of his salary. Yet we are assured that if we leave him off of the Missionary field and enlistment work that our Baptist cause will suffer much loss, therefore we recommend that he be re-appointed missionary and enlistment worker for the next year.

J. G. Buchanan, }
 W. W. Benfield, } Com.
 J. L. Pyatte, }

On motion report was received and discussed by L. C. Wilson, N. S. Hampton and S. M. Pitman.

On motion discussion was closed until 10 o'clock tomorrow for its final adoption.

Report of the Associational Missionary was read by the Mission-

ary, N. S. Hampton, received and discussed by him and S. W. Braswell.

On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT

Dear Brethren:- I humbly submit the following:

Churches Supplied,	7 to 11
Sermons,	370
Mission Meetings,	10
Business Meetings, about	100
Conversions, "	100
Baptisms,	40
Raised for Church house building & repairs,	\$3,500
Subscribed,	800
Other Objects,	400

Distributed more than 3,000 pieces of free literature.

I find a growing interest for better church buildings in the county and it should be encouraged.

The church at Newland was reorganized March the 7 1921, and a pastor being elected for same.

The Baptists at Elk Park have a nice church house started, and are in much need of help.

Amount received from Church and people since the last Association, \$651.31.

Yours in Christ for success,
 N. S. Hampton.

Sang "How Firm a Foundation."

Report on Preaching was called for and adopted as it was read.

Delegates were then assigned homes.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 9 o'clock next day. Singing. Dismissed by prayer led by J. E. Hoyle.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION

The Association met promptly at 9 o'clock. Opened by singing When The Roll is Called.

Devotional services were conducted by L. W. Hall, lesson being read from Luke 5: 20-39 verses, which was discussed briefly.

Prayer led by sister Lotta Pitman.

Sang Oh Land of Rest.

Prayer by L. W. Hall, song Are You Washed in The Blood.

The Moderator called the Association to order, and minutes of the preceding day's session were read by the Clerk, and were adopted.

On motion by L. W. Hall that the Moderator appoint a committee on Nominations. The following were appointed: J. E. Hoyle, L. W. Hall and L. W. Woody.

Report on Temperance was read by Clay Wilson, and on motion report was received, and discussed by him and S. C. Braswell.

On motion the report was adopted.

TEMPERANCE

We realize that one of the greatest battles that the Baptists have to fight is the intemperance of our country. Not only the whiskey business but the tobacco habit as well, especially the cigarett

We have been blessed in this country with good Christian officers, a Christian representative and citizens who have done all in their power to stamp out the whiskey business. We believe that this Association should take a standing vote to express their appreciation and full purpose to co-operate with these men in not only stamping out, but keeping out of this country, the whiskey business

Let us never think for one moment that the battle is over, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

We believe in begining at home to fight the whiskey business. If every church member would let it alone and stand against it we would not be bothered with the rotten business

Therefore, we recommend to all the churches that they see to it that their membership is free from such persons that will deal with the stuff in any way. "Come out from among them and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you."

W. Clay Wilson, Chm'n. }
W. W. Pyatte, } Com.
S. C. Braswell, }

Report of Committee on Nominations was read by J. E. Hoyle. The report was received and adopted.

REPORT of COM. on NOMINATIONS

1. We nominate for the Executive Com:

R T Lewis, Chm'n., J G Buchanan, J M Gragg, S C Braswell and N A Buchanan.

2. We reconmend that in the election of an Associational Missionary the Executive Com. work in co-operation with the State Board of Missions.

J. E. Hoyle, Chm. }
L. W. Woody, } Com.
G. W. Hall, }

Report on Periodicals was read by J. E. Hoyle. On motion report was received. Spoken to by him, N. S. Hampton and W. C. Wilson.

On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT on PERIODICALS

"Study to show thyself approved unto God," is the exhortation given by Paul.

Our country is sown down to a thick cover of matter from the press. Throughout Avery County we know ore day what the world did the day before. Much use is made of pictures in papers and magazines, as well as thru the movies, which is reading thru pictures while in action.

If we are to be transformed through the renewing of our minds, we shall need the inspiration not only to know what was written when holy men of old spoke as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost, but we need to know what men of spiritual minds today say as they are filled with zeal by the in-dwelling Spirit of God.

Our denomination is rich in such periodical literature.

The Baptist World and the Review and Expositor have the world for their field; while the Southern Baptist Convention sends out the Home and Foreign Fields, and for women, Royal Service.

Our Sunday School Board is rich in publications of many kinds, all helpful.

But to bring this subject closer to us we mention for our State, Charity and Children and the Biblical Recorder.

As we cannot be spiritually minded without the Bible, even so we cannot be well informed and vitally interested in the extension of God's kingdom unless we study through our periodicals what is being done. We commend the publications mentioned above

J. E. Hoyle, Chm., }
R. L. Palmer, } Com.
N. S. Hampton, }

Report on Christian Education was read by J. E. Hoyle.

On motion report was received. Discussed by Thomas Farthing, L. C. Wilson, J. G. Hall, J. E. Hoyle, and adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Education is a life process. Much has been achieved in the learning of a child before it enters the school room. Our teachers are agents, whose duty it is to direct the unfolding process. The general motive of life will be determined by the direction the teacher gives to his pupil.

The greater amount of learning is now offered by the State, and will continue to be under State direction. This makes it the more important that we support Christian Education as offered thru our Denominational schools. The only one who is safe for himself or

others in the Educational process, is the one whose ideas and motives are influenced by the teachings of the Master, and our best opportunity in gaining such influence is found in our Baptist schools.

Parents can do much in this cause by holding up before the growing child, Christian Education as the greatest of all learning. We recommend our Baptist High schools, such as we find at Bakersville and Burnsville. Then there is Wake Forest College for men and Meredith College for women, both have great opportunities for parents and children.

Chas. Younce, Chm. }
Thos Farthing. } Com.
S. M. Pitman, }

Report on Missions was read by Bro. Hoyle and on motion was received.

Scripture lesson read by W. Clay Wilson 115 Psalm, 1 to 6.

Prayer by R. L. Palmer. Singing, All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, and was ably discussed by Rev. J. Edwin Hoyle, after he read in the 17 chapter of John, 18 and 19th verses.

At request a collection was taken for Bro. D. A. Green who is on a bed of affliction. Singing. Collection amounts \$6.00.

Dismissed for one hour. Prayer led by N. S. Hampton.

AFTERNOON SESSION— Second Day.

Association met at 2 o'clock. Devotional exercises conducted by N. S. Hampton. Singing. Scripture lesson Ps. 15. Prayer led by Thomas Farthing.

Business of association was called for by Moderator.

Discussion was closed on Missions, and report was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Our Lord and Master, the great head of the church, gave His marching orders when he said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature", and this program of action was re-enforced on the day of his ascension when he said: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

With the broader knowledge of the world's spiritual needs that we gained through the war, there came to us a more vital interest in fulfilling our Lord's commands for the spread of the gospel. The ship load of missionaries that crossed the Pacific last August for Asia and the East, was followed this year by the going of many more workers, this company crossing the Atlantic ocean for Europe and some other points.

Our home land is blessed with a great force of consecrated workers

who are striving to meet every condition of need in both town and country. Loving hands in the name of Jesus are stretched forth to induce Foreigners, Jew and Negro. There are schools for the ambitious, hospitals for the sick, seminaries for the Ministers, and for the sin sick soul weary the gospel is preached by the world's most efficient board of evangelists.

And lest there should be left undeveloped some place of need, the State Board of Missions takes a single state as its territory, and works with the associations, striving to carry the message of the cross to every one in the State.

Back of our missionary work in its different phases, and founded on the Word of God, stands our Seventy-five Million Campaign. The evangelistic test of our Christianity demands not only a professed interest in this work, but an actual enlistment. Under the inspiration of the Campaign many new workers have been found and sent forth into the field. They have given their all in the service. Shall we do less than a noble part by them, with our love, our money and appreciation and our prayers?

L. W. Hall, Chm.,
J. Edwin Hoyle,
L. C. Wilson.

Report on Woman's Work was read by L. C. Wilson. Discussed by him, Lotta Pitman, S. C. Braswell and N. S. Hampton.

The report was adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK

We your Committee submit the following:

The Societies at Pleasant Hill, with a small membership, Crossmore, Big Meadows and Montezuma are the only Societies in the Association this year. But we are glad to submit that they are a determined, consecrated band trying to do what they can that they may do their full share in the Kingdom. We feel that we should not fail to say that if this church has attained any thing worth while that much of it is due to the untiring efforts of this struggling band of women.

We regret that every church in this Association has not organized their women and given a place which they rightfully own in the great work of the Master.

The world is calling for her in all of the departments of sacrifice and labor. She is finding her place in the economic and business world.

If the woman has a place anywhere that the Lord has called her, it is in the church that He has established by the righteousness of

His power. May we appeal to this Association that every member may go home and infuse a holy purpose in the minds and hearts of their women, that they may take their place in the great work of redeeming the lost world.

Respectfully submitted.

Lotta Pitman, }
S. C. Braswell, } Com.

Report on Orphanage was read by W. C. Wilson. On motion the report was received and discussed by W. C. Wilson and Thos. Farthing. On motion report is adopted.

ORPHANAGE

We your committee on Orphanage beg leave to report as follows:

As it is a command of the Lord Jesus to visit the widow and orphans, we therefore should feel a deep interest in those who are without father or mother, or anything to help them in this life.

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville is one of the greatest institutions in our state and we should look well to our duties in helping to support these 600 or more children. The way for us to feel interested in such worthy objects is to place ourselves in their condition and then ask the Lord what He would have us to do.

R. L. Palmer,
W. C. Wilson,
Moses Thomas.

Report on Time and Place was read by A. E. Norman. Adopted.

TIME AND PLACE

We your Committee on Time and Place, respectfully submit the following:

The next session will convene at Pleasant Hill on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August 1922, Bro L. W. Hall to preach the Introductory sermon.

A. E. Norman, N. A. Buchanan, J. G. Buchanan, D. T. Bailiff.

Report on State of Churches was read by N. S. Hampton. The report was adopted.

STATE OF CHURCHES

15 churches last year, reported for pastoral support, \$1,122 85

19 churches this year, " " " " 1,935 57

16 churches report Sunday Schools.

3 churches report W. M. U. organized.

2 churches ,, B. Y. P. U. "

11 churches last year, report gains by Baptism, 128

16 " this " " " " " " 115

13 " last " gave to Missions, \$810.54

Respectfully, N. S. Hampton.

Report on Finance was read by J. G. Buchanan as follows, and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE

Dear Brethren: We have received from the different churches as follows:

Minute Fund,	\$29.03
75-Million Campaign, undesignated,	7.00
Orphanage,	2.62
Total,	\$38.65

Respectfully,

J. G. Buchanan,
W. M. Green.

Report of Clerk was read by him and adopted as follows:

CLERK AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Brethren: I submit report as follows:

Amount received from Finance Com. last year,	\$33.29
Collected from churches since the association,	6.05
Total received;	\$39.34

Paid out for printing five hundred Minutes, - \$28.00

Postage, - - - - - .90

Clerk's Fee allowed, - - - - - 8.00

Due from 1919 Report, - - - - - 5.70

Total Expended, - - - - - \$42.60

" Received, - - - - - 39.34

Due Clerk, - - - - - 3.26

Which I donate to the Association to start with a clean sheet.

Respt. D. Buchanan.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by W. C. Wilson.

On motion report was received and discussed by W. C. Wilson and N. S. Hampton. The report was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School is not a separate institution, but a part of the church. We believe it to be one of the most important factors of the church. A large majority of our people who are saved are those who have attended Sunday school; the old as well as the young. On every Lord's day there should be a coming together that the soul might fed. "As new born babes desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow there by." The pastor and church that look well to their Sunday school, are looking well for their church, and should not have any cause to be ashamed.

What shall we study? We believe in giving more heed to the

study of the Scripture itself. Helps are good. Our Sunday school literature is good, but we should not stop with simply reading what our good writers have to say on the Scripture. We should "desire the sincere milk of the word."

We believe that only good Christian teachers and officers who have the Holy Spirit should occupy very responsible places in the service. We believe too, that much prayer should be made to God in behalf of the school, officers and teachers. The aim of all should be to turn the lost to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Wilson, Chm. }
E. O. Pyatte, } Com.
T. F. Cook, }

On motion that the Executive Com. of the Association appoint a time and place for a Sunday school Convention to be held, and notify each Sunday school, also to prepare a program to be published in the county paper.

OBITUARIES

We the Committee on Obituaries submit the following:

The minutes of the various churches show the deaths of twelve in the last year.

Resolved, That we as a committee in behalf of the Avery County Association offer our sympathy to each bereft family, and pray the Master to fill the vacancy caused by death with another brother or sister, that the cause may be put forward. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Respectfully submitted,

L. F. Cook,
J. M. Gragg,
W. M. Greene.

Report on Resolutions was read by W. C. Wilson and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

We your committee on resolutions wish to present the following:

Resolved first: That we this association are deeply grateful to the good people of this community for the very fine, generous and hospitable way in which they have taken care of God's servants during the sitting of this association. We trust they will be more than repaid in spiritual betterment as a result of the sitting of this association.

Resolved second: That we are well pleased with the service rendered by the Moderator and Clerk of the association. They have served us and the cause commendably. We feel it to be the duty of this association to ever remember in prayer these two brethren, as they shall lead out and manage the affairs of this body through the

coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. Miller, Chm.,
W. Clay Wilson.

Corresponding delegates were appointed as follows:

To Three Forks—W. C. Green.

To Roan Mountain—D. Buchanan, L. W. Hall.

On motion the State Board send a delegate to State Convention.

Report on Pastoral Support was read by G. W. McGuire. On motion the report was discussed and adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

The life and thrift of our churches depends largely upon the pastor's ability to cope with today's problems. We are conscious of the beginning of a fast age, new problems confront the pastor all along the line. If we wish a pastor worth while, the day is at our door when we must so contribute to his support, that he may be able to put on the whole Armor of God. Paul says, 1st Cor. 16: 2. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him, that there be no gathering when I come."

We find that a majority of our churches are not paying their pastors as much as they could earn from other callings. And that about 80 per cent of our members fail to contribute to the pastor at all.

If we wish to avoid a panic in church prosperity we should begin to register in duties.

Respectfully, the committee,

N. A. Buchanan,
G. W. McGuire,
L. L. Ollis,

Committees for 1922

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator for the next association. They are all earnestly requested to have a report ready written for their associates to criticize at next session of asso.

Com. on Woman's Work—Mrs. Lottie Pitman.

Pastoral Support—G. W. McGuire.

State, Home and Foreign Missions—L. W. Hall.

Education—J. D. Braswell.

Temperance—J. L. Pyatte.

Periodicals—N. S. Hampton.

Obituaries—Troy Jones.

Ophanage—James Weatherman.

Sunday Schools—S. C. Braswell.

State of Churches—W. W. Pyatte.
 Time and Place—Vester Stafford.
 Finance—W. M. Green.
 Resolutions—S. M. Pitman.

Roster of Delegates

Was called and the following names were recorded who attended this session, and we regret that so many churches failed to send messengers. The names are as follows:

- Pleasant Hill—L L Ollis, L W Woody, N A Buchanan and Lotta Pitman.
- Cranberry—J C Mann, Cordelia Staten.
- Flat Springs—Conley Phillips, W C Green, Monroe Dugger.
- Chestnutdale—S C Braswell, Etta Braswell.
- Jonas Ridge—Edie Barrier.
- Beech Mtn.—T F Cook, Joe Palier, W C Church, L L Church.
- Powdermill—A L Miller.
- Minneapolis—R T Lewis, L W Hall, W W Pyatte.
- Yellow Mountain—D Buchanan.
- Pleasant Valley—William Hampton.
- Elk Valley—D T Bailiff, Mrs. Emma Eller, A. E. Norman.
- Crossnore—J. G. Buchanan.
- Big Meadows—Mr. & Mrs. E. O. Pyatte.

Seven churches had no representatives, but all sent letters.

On motion the Clerk ask the churches to send funds to pay any indebtedness that he may incur on Printing Minutes.

On motion that the Association adjourn its sitting by singing, "How Firm a Foundation."

Closing prayer by L. C. Wilson.

R. T. LEWIS, Moderator.

D. BUCHANAN, Clerk.

TABLE I.-STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	P. O.	CLERK	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Received by Baptism	Rec by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
Aaron	N. S. Hampton	Pineola	N. C. Harlen	Ledford	Montezuma	2 500	2	1	1	1	1	1	27	41	68
Big Meadows	J S Pyatte	Nebo	J L Pyatte		Pyatte	2 600	12	2	3	3	1	1	52	80	132
Beech Mtn	R L Palmer	Beech Creek	L L Church		Dark Ridge	1 1000	2	1	3	4	1	1	92	116	208
Cranberry	J M Whitaker	Johnson City	Floessie Julian		Cranberry	24	24	5	1	1	1	1	34	44	78
Chestnutdale	L O Wilson		S C Braswell		Minneapolis	40	7	17	2	1	1	1	19	20	44
Crossnore	N S Hampton	Pineola	Elmer Cornett		Pineola	1 2000	2	2	3	6	1	1	60	93	153
Elk Valley	G W Trivett	Sugar Grove	D T Bailiff		Heaton	800	2	1	2	2	1	1	37	52	89
Elk Park	N S Hampton	Pineola	Mrs B M Hamrick		Elk Park	500	2	1	3	4	1	1	39	47	86
Flat Springs	D A Green	Butler, Penn.	J W Green		Whaley	800	4	2	2	5	1	1	25	67	92
Green Valley	N S Hampton	Pineola	Fritz Hall		Spruce Pine	4 800	4	4	1	1	1	1	39	47	86
Henson Creek	J Y Sparks	Ledger	L S Vanoe		Spear	500	1	1	8	8	1	1	42	63	105
Jonas Ridge	J S Pyatte	Nebo	L C Shell		Jonas Ridge	400	1	2	4	4	1	1	64	49	113
Minneapolis	L O Wilson	Vilas	R T Lewis		Minneapolis	2 1500	27	2	2	1	1	1	21	65	86
Mt. Pleasant	N S Hampton	Pineola	H S Burleson		Hughes	1 600	2	1	1	2	1	1	19	22	41
Oak Grove	N S Hampton	Pineola	T Jones		Newland	500	2	1	2	2	2	2	95	129	224
Pleasant Hill	J M Whitaker	Johnson City	L A Ollis		Frank	1 1900	8	1	1	2	2	2	83	100	183
Pleasant Valley	N S Hampton	Pineola	Luther McGuire		Heaton	4 500	11	2	2	2	2	2	15	21	36
Powdermill	D A Green	Butler, Tenn.	Tom Green		Senia	600	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	11	18
Roaring Creek	D A Green	Butler, Tenn.	J G Hughs		Valley	1	4	8	1	1	1	1	46	78	124
Yellow Mt	L C Wilson	Vilas	Yester Stafford		Spear	1000	5	8	1	6	1	1	78	124	202

MINUTES

OF THE

Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention, 1921.

Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention met at Newland, N. C. on Friday before the fourth Sunday in Sept. 1921.

1. Introductory sermon, preached by Bro. L. W. Hall, text, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

2. Called to order by R. T. Lewis, and the Convention proceeded to organize by electing Bro R. T. Lewis, Moderator, and J. M. Gragg as Sect.

3. Called for letters from sister Sunday schools. The following letters were received: Frank, Chestnutdale, Crossnore, Minneapolis.

Minneapolis paid for Minutes,	\$1.00
Frank,	.60
	<hr/> \$1.60

4. The following committee was appointed on organization:

Rev N. S. Hampton, Chm., S. C. Braswell, Jessie Buchanan.
Com. on Temperance: S M Pitman, Chm., J D Braswell, B A Ollis
Orphanage: W M Braswell, John Hall, M W Clay.
Program: Lewis Hall, Chm, Rev. Mr. Kilgore.

Report received and adopted.

Motion to adjourn until Saturday 9 o'clock.

5. SATURDAY MORNING

Opened by preaching by Bro. Kilgore.

Scripture reading 1st Psalm. Text: "One thing thou lackest".

6. Recess till 1: 30 p. m.

7. Called to order by R. T. Lewis, Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. Kilgore.

Singing by the Chestnutdale choir, which was grand.

8. Question on Sunday-school Work took up and a very good talk by Bro. Preston Johson.

9. Question: What can we do to make our church and Sunday-school larger?

10. Question: What is the leading sin of the age? A nice talk was given by J. D. Braswell, Bro. Kilgore and Bro. Wilson.

11. Moved and carried that a copy of this be sent to Brother D. Buchanan for publication.

12. Moved and carried that the next Sunday School Convention be held on Friday before the 5th Sunday of the association. [?]
Bro. S. M. Pitman to preach the introductory sermon.

13. The Convention closed by singing Doxology. Closing prayer led by Rev. Mr. Wilson.

R. T. Lewis, Mod.

J. M. Gragg, Sec.

REPORT ON ORGANIZATION

1. We understand the Sunday School to be the church at work.
2. Each church should have an "Evergreen" Sunday school.
3. The officers of the Sunday school should be elected by the church, and should be members of the Baptist church.
4. Each S. S. should have a teachers' Training Class. Teacher Training is no longer a theory, but it is a much needed fact, and every church should have a trained force of teachers..
5. Every S. S. should be graded. See Convention Normal Manual for grading S. S. work.
6. Every S. S. should take the advantage of the Correspondence course now offered.

N. S. Hampton, Chm. }
J. G. Buchanan, } Com.
S. C. Braswell, }

ORPHANAGE

While we believe in all our denominational institutions and Missions, we believe that the S. S. should give special attention to our Orphanage.

We recommend that every S. S. in Avery County decide on a certain amount specially for the Orphanage; and that this amount be raised without depending on the monthly contributions; also that these contributions be sent direct to our Orphanage at Thomasville.

We further recommend that more of our people take Charity And Children.

The above report was received and adopted.

TEMPERANCE

Notwithstanding the wonderful achievements in the cause of Temperance, never possibly in the history of the world, has intemperance so asserted her powers and multiplied her forces as now.

Therefore resolved: That we, the Baptist of the Avery Co. Association now in session, call upon every church, and every member of every church, and upon every liberty loving citizen to rise up and stand for the enforcement of the law; and that every violator

shall be brought to justice. And furthermore, that we pledge our loyal and united support in behalf of the officers in the discharge of their solemn and sworn duties, that peace and safety may be restored to our home and country.

The above report was received and adopted.

Respectfully,

J. D. Braswell,
S. M. Pitman.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved: That the thanks of this Convention is hereby tendered the Presbyterian brethren for the use of their church during this session of the Convention.

Resolved: That the thanks of this Convention is tendered the people who have so generously entertained this Convention while in session.

TABLE—4. W. M. U.

Church	Orga'ztn	President	Postoffice	Number of Members	Orphanage	Other Objects	TOTAL
Crossnore	B.Y.P.U.	P L Johnson	Crossnore	30			5.00
"	W.M.U.	Mrs Bell Johnson	"	20	5.00	2.75	7.75
Pls't Hill	W.M.U.	Lotta Pitman	Minneapolis				

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