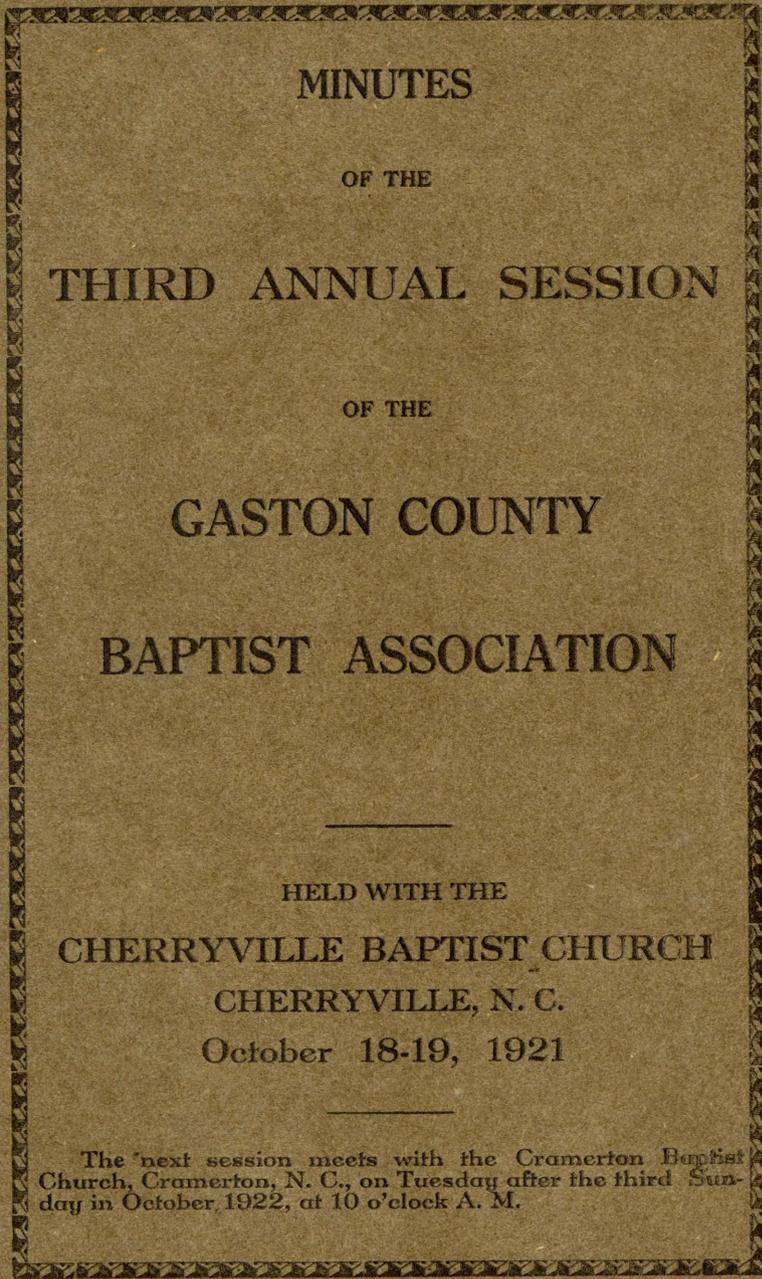


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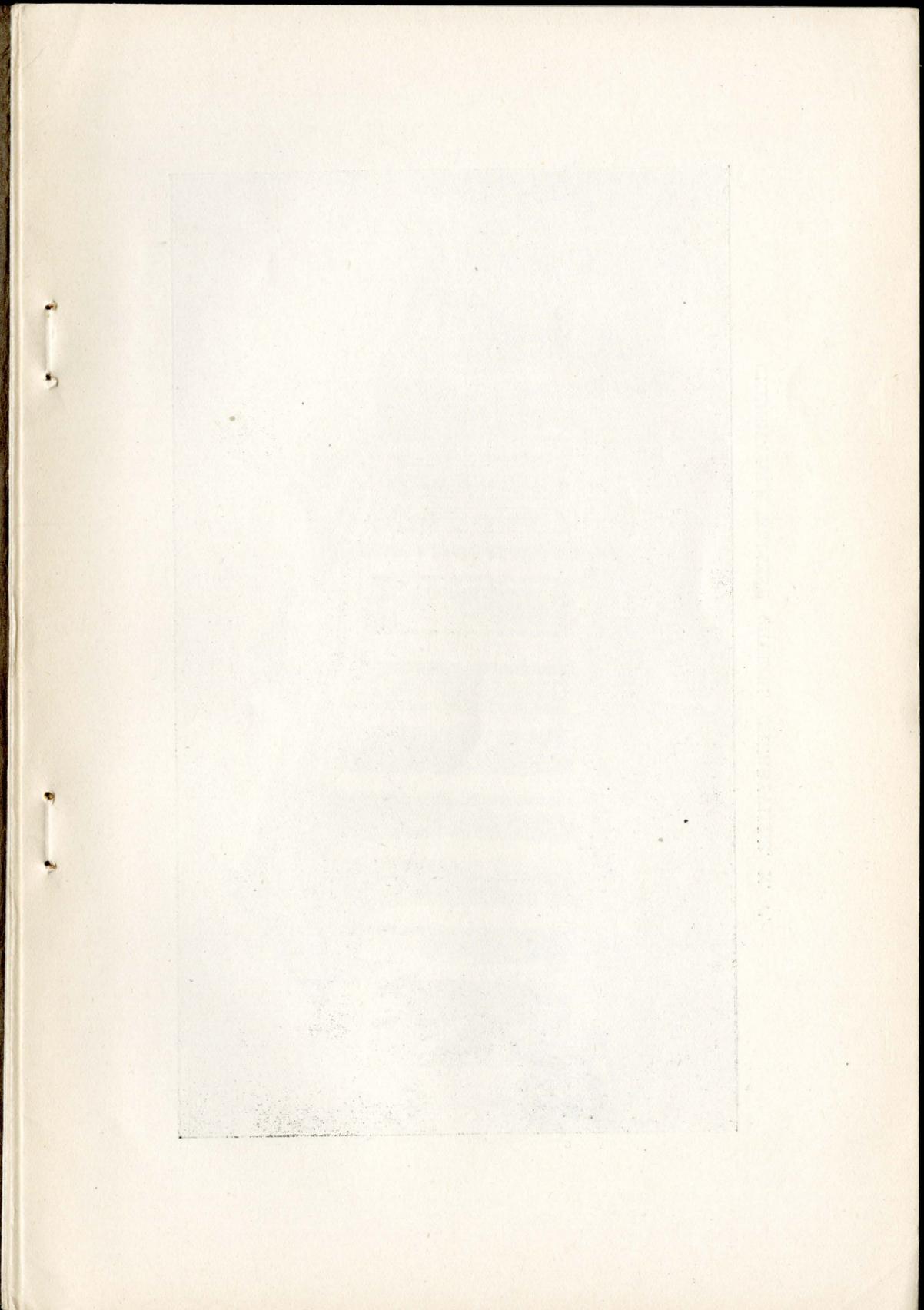
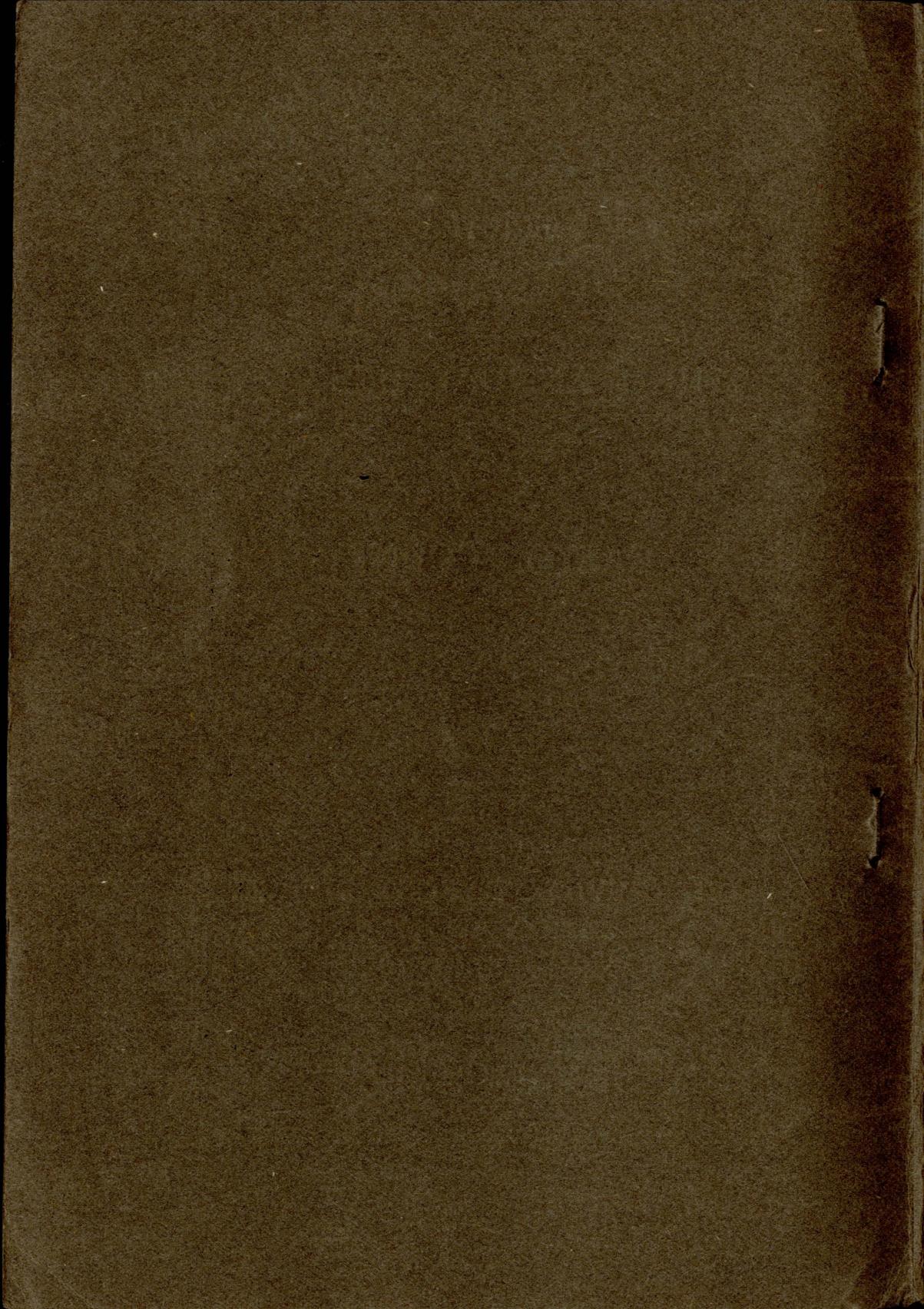
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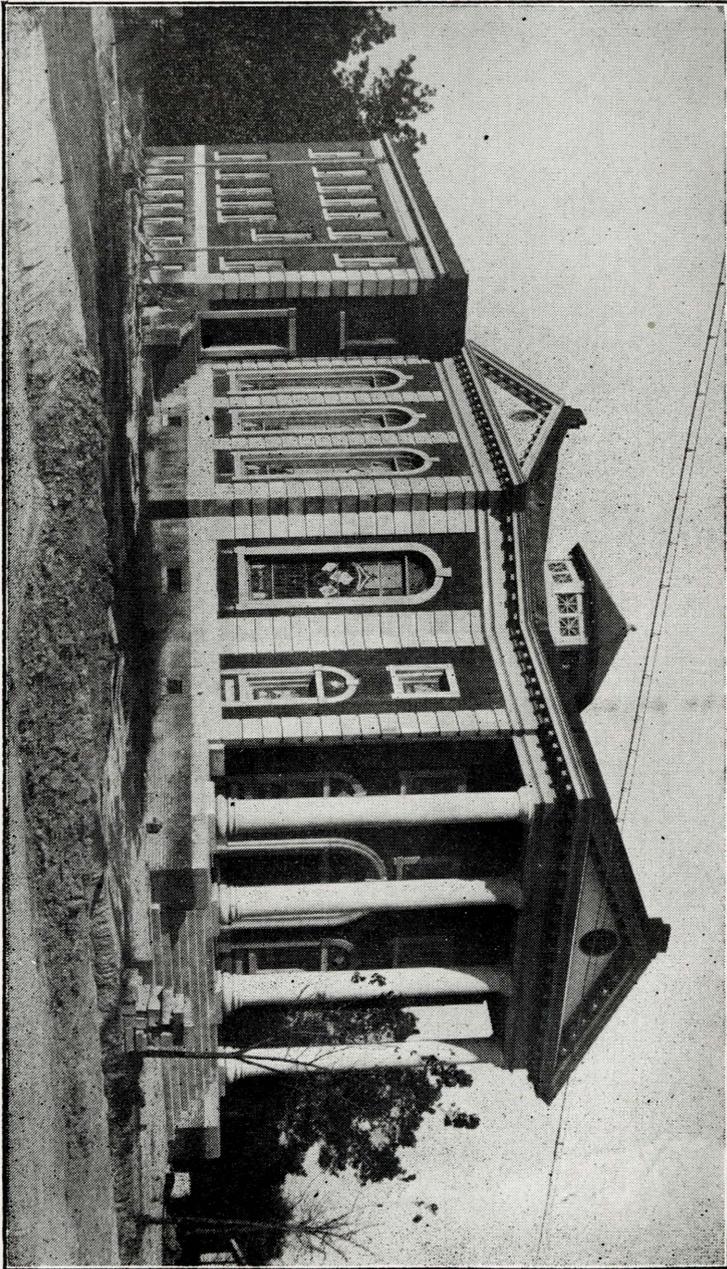
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Vice Moderator ..... C. A. Caldwell, McAdenville, N. C.  
Clerk ..... David P. Dellinger, Cherryville, N. C.  
Treasurer ..... W. L. Walters, Gastonia, N. C.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. J. Francis, Ex-Officio, Chairman, Dr. W. C. Barrett, Dr. J. L. Vipperman, Rev. R. G. Mace, Rev. T. H. King, Rev. W. W. Rimmer, Rev. C. J. Black, Rev. D. F. Putnam and Mr. J. Rollins.

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. B. McClure, Alexis; J. M. Ballard, Alexis; Rush Padgett, Louisville, Ky.; A. W. Setzer, Maiden; C. A. G. Thomas, Mount Holly; D. B. Tritt, Mars Hill; J. J. Waldrop, Lowell; C. J. Black, Gastonia; W. J. Hopkins, Mount Holly; W. C. Barrett, Gastonia; C. A. Caldwell, McAdenville; R. G. Mace, Belmont; D. F. Putnam, Cherryville; E. A. Teague, Belmont; J. L. Vipperman, Dallas; T. H. King, Gastonia; B. B. Brooks, Gastonia; M. L. Barnes, Gastonia; L. A. Bangle, Lincolnton; C. L. Taylor, Mount Holly; W. F. Hugkins, Alexis; W. W. Williams, Bessemer City; J. P. Bennett, Cramerton; George H. Johnson, Belmont; W. P. McCarter, Gastonia.

#### MOTTO

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that we may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.—Col.4:12.

## PROCEEDINGS.

The Gaston County Baptist Association met in its third session with the Cherryville Baptist Church, at Cherryville, N. C., on Tuesday, October 18, 1921, at 10:00 A. M., and was called to order by the Moderator, W. J. Francis.

After singing a hymn, "My Savior First of All," the Moderator offer a most earnest, effective prayer for the success of the session of the association. Following this was a song, "I Need Thee Every Hour." Devotional services conducted by E. S. Ivery. Romans 12:1-4 was read for the lesson. Prayer by T. H. King.

C. A. Caldwell and T. H. King were appointed as enrollment committee. Upon distribution and collection of enrollment cards, the committee reported that 94 delegates were present at the opening.

The next order of business, the election of officers, resulted as follows: W. J. Francis, Moderator; C. A. Caldwell, Vice-Moderator; David P. Dellinger, Clerk; and W. L. Walters, Treasurer.

The Churches represented and the delegates enrolled during the sessions are as follows:

Alexis—E. V. Senter, Miss Sallie Senter, Mrs. E. V. Senter, Stephen Stroupe, Gorman E. Hovis.

Belmont First—W. J. Francis, M. W. Sanford, J. E. Brown, Geo. H. Johnson.

Bessemer City—C. A. Sparks, J. W. Davis, W. W. Williams, R. P. Rollins, C. C. Clark.

Bruington—J. P. Callaway, W. W. Rimmer, J. E. Chronister, G. W. Abernethy.

Calvary—S. G. McAllister, D. J. Gardner, Mrs. S. G. McAllister.

- Center View**—H. C. Murphy, J. J. Duncan, Lorzoma Ferrell.
- Cherryville**—A. L. Houser, David P. Dellinger, B. H. Roberts, J. W. Kendrick, R. A. Newton, D. F. Putnam, A. C. Warlick, Dr. J. E. Holt.
- Cramerton**—J. P. Bennett, E. C. Smith, W. R. Bush, R. L. Leeper.
- Dallas**—J. L. Vipperman, P. D. Summey, R. S. Lewis.
- East Belmont**—R. G. Mace, R. E. Ingram, R. M. Ramsey, Conner Rumpfelt.
- East Gastonia**—J. L. Price, T. H. King, C. B. Newton, J. W. Stewart, W. M. Miller, M. L. Saunders, A. McCoy, W. L. Walters, G. C. Moss.
- First Gastonia**—W. C. Barrett, H. O. Eisenhour.
- Hickory Grove**—W. B. McClure, L. M. Montgomery, J. F. Abernethy, J. Lee Abernethy.
- High Shoals**—Blanche Sherrill, Ben F. Shelton, Mrs. A. C. Lewis, A. S. Kendrick, A. C. Lewis, W. P. Carpenter.
- Hull's Grove**—T. B. Hull, J. H. Brendel, Mrs. Ollie Brendel, S. H. Upton.
- Long Creek Memorial**—E. S. Ivery, A. R. Holland, T. S. Summey.
- Loray**—W. Lee Smith, C. L. Padgett, S. L. Smith, C. T. Hawkins, C. J. Black, F. M. Pasour.
- Lowell**—J. J. Waldrop, A. E. Clemmer.
- Lucia**—C. L. Tylor.
- McAdenville**—C. A. Caldwell, Summey Britton, T. P. Skidmore.
- Mount Beulah**—E. A. Biggerstaff, J. W. Whitesides, J. H. Kinley, L. A. Barbee.
- Mount Holly**—W. W. Skidmore, A. U. Stroupe, O. L. Hoffman.
- Mount Zion**—D. H. Dellinger, Lee Wacaster.
- Ranlo**—M. L. Barnes, W. J. Day, L. B. Norwood.
- Sandy Plains**—N. A. Jenkins, J. E. C. Ford, J. C. Mullen, E. H. Moten, L. B. Jenkins.
- Shady Grove**—M. P. Randall, Bert Stroupe, Mrs. H. J. Mauney.

**South Marietta**—W. P. McCarter.

**Spencer Mountain**—Iven Hoffman, Elmer Hoffman.

**Tuckaseege**—C. L. Taylor, J. W. Cherry.

The following were enrolled as visitors: J. A. Snow, of South Fork Association; W. G. Count, of Kings Mountain; S. F. Conrad, representing the Biblical Recorder; W. D. Bostic of Shelby, a returned Missionary from China; T. J. Hoover, of South Fork Association.

D. F. Putnam, Pastor, Cherryville Baptist Church, delivers a brief address of welcome.

W. W. Williams reads the following report on Biblical Recorder:

#### REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

The printed page is a great factor and force for either the tearing down or building of God's Kingdom. It can be made to serve the devil or it may be made a powerful influence in the service of God. It is not necessary in this day to urge people to read, but is of great importance that they be urged to use care in the choice of reading matter.

At this juncture in the affairs of North Carolina Baptists no part of our publication work is of so much importance as our State paper. As never before our people need to know about our work. When there is lack of information there will be lack of interest. "My people perish for lack of knowledge." The Recorder is our greatest publicity agency and through it we must reach all our people. Our Association, as a part of the North Carolina Convention, must keep in touch with our numerous churches in order to accomplish what we are associated together to do.

How can our people be interested in what they know nothing about? And how can the Recorder be printed without enough subscribers to pay for it? And how can our members excuse their lack of interest when the information costs less than four cents per week.

We ought to have between one thousand and twelve hundred subscribers in the association and would have that many if the paper went into every home. We have only four hundred and fifty copies going into the homes of our members. Let there be, therefore, a rallying of our churches to its support. We urge that the Recorder be put in every home.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

The motion to adopt this report is discussed by W. W. Williams, S. F. Conrad, C. A. Caldwell, and is adopted.

The Moderator announces the appointment of the following com-

## MINUTES THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

mittees: Time, place and preacher: J. E. C. Ford, A. U. Stroupe and W. B. McClure.

Order of business, W. W. Williams, R. S. Lewis and C. B. Newton.

W. L. Walters reads the following report on South Ford Institute:

## REPORT ON SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE.

Statement Showing Property South Fork Institute,  
Turned over to S. T. Gaddy, Secretary,  
Executive Committee South Fork Association  
December 21st, 1920.

1. Certificate of Deposit, Peoples Bank of Catawba, N. C. ....		\$ 199.92
1. Certificate of Deposit, Peoples Bank of Catawba, N. C. ....		433.20
7. Notes, Maiden Graded School, due February 23rd, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, \$200.00 each, .....	\$1,400.00	
Accrued interest on above notes .....	239.53	1,639.53
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2. Notes, secured by First Mortgage, P. C. Costner, \$1,000.00 each, due October 5th, 1920, 1921 .....	2,000.00	
Interest on above notes .....	28.33	2,028.33
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4. Notes, Union Cotton Mills, Maiden, N. C. \$200.00 each, due August 4th, 1921, 1922....	800.00	
Accrued Interest on above notes .....	67.60	867.60
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Total .....		\$5,168.58

SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE,

By

Retiring Secretary-Treasurer.

W. L. WALTERS, Chairman.

Motion to adopt this report is discussed briefly by W. C. Barrett and the report is adopted.

J. L. Vipperman offers the following resolution regarding the South Fork Institute: Resolved, That this Association instructs through its Executive Committee, that an immediate settlement be made through our Executive Committee and the Trustees or properly legalized authority of the South Fork Baptist Association, of the South Fork Institute property.

The resolution is unanimously adopted.

The Moderator appoints the following committee to inquire into and report upon the Articles of Faith of Center View Baptist Church applying for membership in this Association; W. C. Barrett, J. L. Viperman, and T. H. King.

The Association adjourns at 12:10 to meet at 1:00 p. m.

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association meets according to adjournment and is called to order by the Moderator. Devotional service is led by A. W. Setzer. Prayer by C. J. Black.

W. C. Barrett, from the committee appointed to report on the Articles of Faith of Center View Baptist Church, reports and recommends that the church be accepted as a member of this Association and that the delegates be seated in this body.

On motion the report is adopted and the delegates are introduced to the Association and welcomed as a new church in this body.

J. E. Ford reads the following report on Place and Preacher:

#### REPORT ON PLACE AND PREACHER.

We, your committee on Place and Preacher, after careful thought do recommend Cramerton as the Place. Preacher C. J. Black, alternate, W. P. McCarter.

Respectfully,  
J. E. FORD,  
W. B. McCLURE,  
A. U. STROUPE.

The Moderator announces the following committee to confer with Trustees of South Fork Institute; M. A. Stroupe, E. B. Denny and W. C. Barrett.

M. L. Barnes reads the following report on State Missions:

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

One of the greatest problems that has and should interest the minds of every Southern Baptist is that of State Missions. This work should weigh heavily upon the heart of every Baptist that names the name of Christ as his Savior; because our achievements in all of our denominational activities will be determined in a great measure by our State mission work. More men and women are employed in and more money is

expended by Southern Baptist for state work than by all denominations combined, and this effort has found its justification in the large number of men and women won to Christ and the lives of Christian usefulness for these many years. There were either in part or in whole last year a total of 2,654 state workers and the sum of \$1,928,469 expended.

In North Carolina we find that our churches under the impetus of the campaign are responding more liberally than ever before to the Kingdom cause, and are the most liberal to be found any where in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. The appropriations for the last two years have been sufficiently large to enable the Board to employ 8 general state workers or enlistment men, 4 Sunday school workers, 2 B. Y. P. U. workers, 2 W. M. U. workers, 2 educational workers and 3 office workers for the Board of missions as well as to supplement the salaries of 196 missionary pastors. There were 1,953 baptisms and 2,285 additions to the churches. Thirty churches have been aided in building houses of worship.

In Gaston County Association there are several churches receiving aid from the State Board. These churches have shown a substantial growth and notwithstanding the business depression their contribution has been good. There have been one hundred and fifteen additions reported. That you may get some idea of the work in our association I wish to call your attention to the following churches and facts:

The Calvary church of little over one year in age, has a Sunday school with enrollment 263, B. Y. P. U. with 35 members, W. M. U. with 25 members and Sunbeams with 50 members, and we bought a lot for \$800 and will have same paid for by first of November. There were 54 additions last year.

Ranlo another young church, made a steady growth in contributions met all of its pledges, has a live Sunbeam, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. There were 28 additions and others to follow.

South Marietta Street church, which has been handicapped by being out of a pastor for several months has taken on new life, doubled its Sunday school and with in the last few months has had twenty nine additions.

Shady Grove is making fine progress and the outlook is encouraging. Ten were received into the church recently by baptism. The young people are becoming very active and will soon organize a B. Y. P. U.

Mt. Zion has done well in meeting its obligations and has received one for baptism and several by letter.

We are proud of every effort of the past, the sacrifices and our achievements, but let us not be satisfied until we have solved our pitifully small building fund and put on a new church building era for this work and place on the mission fields some of our strongest men.

M. L. BARNES, Chairman.

W. C. Barrett reads the following report of the Executive Committee:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

This has been a strenuous year with the churches. On account of the unsettled conditions in business, the restlessness of the people and the downward trend in the price of labor and principal commodities, it has been difficult to keep up the spiritual life and meet the financial obligations of the churches, but the Lord has been with us and blessed our efforts.

At most of the Mission points in our Association, a large percent of the members have been out of employment a large part of the time this year. The mills have been standing or running on part time, most of the year.

Mt. Zion-Shady Grove field, A. W. Setzer pastor. This field was without a pastor from February, when Brother Ivery left, till July when Brother Setzer took charge. While the progress has not been as great as we had hoped, yet there is signs of increasing spirituality, especially at Shady Grove, where a B. Y. P. U. is to be organized.

Lucia, C. L. Taylor, Pastor. They have had regular service once a month. The work here has been disappointing to some of us, however, when we consider the difficulties we are encouraged. The brethren have decided to not ask the Board for any assistance next year.

Ranlo, M. L. Barnes, Pastor. They have had one service each week. In spite of the labor conditions, the church letter shows fine progress. They need a house to worship in. They are forced on account of conditions to have a Union Sunday school.

Calvary, M. L. Barnes, Pastor. This church is very young, but very progressive. They have had one service each week during the year. They have bought a large lot facing the main road at a cost of \$800.00, and propose to finish paying for it by the 1st of November.

South Marietta, W. P. McCarter, Pastor. This church has made one of the best records in this part of the country, however, they have been hard pressed this year, having a heavy indebtedness on account of the new church building, and being without a pastor from April, when Brother McCarter took charge. The attendance at Sunday school and preaching service has doubled in the last few weeks, and when all of the mills get to running on full time, they will meet all of their obligations.

W. C. BARRETT, Chairman.

W. C. Barrett reads the following report on Home Missions:

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board, located in Atlanta, Ga., is the only great inter-State Missionary organization of Southern Baptist. It forms a bond of union, and has probably been the greatest force among Southern

Baptist for the unification of our great Denomination. Through this Agency, Southern Baptist in the largest way make it possible for the strong to help the weak. The greater part of the work of the Board is, therefore, in the weaker States, yet the rapid development in our industrial and business life, and the unprecedented growth of our Cities, and the increasing demands from the country districts, where the larger per cent of our Baptist people live, make it necessary for the Home Board to do a great deal in the older States.

Through the evangelistic, missionary and enlistment forces of the the Home Mission Board, much is being done to conserve our vast host of Baptist people, and to enlist them in our denominational work.

The Board has just closed the most remarkable year of its history, both in the amount of funds received and the results accomplished.

At the annual meeting of the Board in June 1920, the work was laid out on a basis of 100 per cent greater than that of any previous year. This was done on the strength of the pledges to the 75 Million campaign, and because of the increased demand for a larger outlay of money in meeting the calls for help. At that time cotton was bringing about 40c per pound. Sometime after that it went down to 10c, which reduced the income of the Board considerably, and brought about a debt of \$727,622, consequently the Board has been forced to re-trench very materially in order to take care of the indebtedness and current expenses.

This is a time for Baptist people to demonstrate their loyalty and faith. Our Boards are depending upon us. If we fail as churches and individuals, our Boards and the work they are trying to do, will not only be embarrassed, but abandon. We would conclude this report, therefore, with an appeal to every church and every Baptist in the Gaston County Association, to meet its full obligation, or as near as possible, and as soon as possible to the 75 Million campaign.

W. C. BARRETT, Chairman.

J. L. Vipperman reads the following report on Foreign Missions:

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

October 17, 1921.

I count myself happy to submit the report on Foreign Missions.

So mightily has our God moved among the nations of the earth that it is deeply refreshing to submit a report in which it can be truly said: "This is the Lord's doings, and it is marvellous in our eyes."

The Providence of God has thrown wide open the doors of the world and guards them for our entrance.

The commitment of New Testament churches to World Evangelization is a glorious fact for which the Triune God is alone responsible. Every redeemed soul is inoculated with the missionary blood of Calvary's cross.

Facing Need and Responsibility. The task before us is worthy of

Southern Baptists and is characterized by thrilling prospects. We have undertaken on our foreign fields new and old, to give the gospel of Jesus Christ to approximately 200,000,000 black people, 475,000,000 yellow people and 4,000,000 brown people, and to a white population of 225,000,000. The European program has significance in the fact that it contemplates immediately the evangelization of the white races. Historically, they are the pioneers of the world. The white population, among which we are now projecting our work, is sufficient in numbers to make three nations as large as the entire American Republic.

Southern Baptists have projected foreign mission work in five great sections of the papal and pagan world; namely, in the republics to the south of the United States, in Japan, China, Africa and Italy. In those countries there is combined population of more than 700,000,000, among whom Southern Baptist have 32,000 church members, and to whom we have sent 114 ordained missionaries. Missionaries are surrounded by heathen influences, opposition and prejudice such as are unknown to the preachers in the homeland. To quote another who speaks concerning this, "For every year of Evangelical effort, there have been one hundred years of idolatry and ignorance; for every church or chapel there hundreds of temples and monasteries; for every missionary there are thousands of priests; and for every convert, thousands of idolaters."

The complete transformation of the greater part of the world within the last few months is one of the greatest events in human history. The radical change of three-fourths of the human race intellectually and politically and the making of them ready for spiritual readjustment, in so short a time is without parallel in the history of nations.

Southern Baptist have suddenly fallen heir to such a missionary responsibility as never fell to a people before. It is an hour of testing and an hour sublime opportunity. Are we equal to it? Can Southern Baptist summon the courage to put their message afield and advance their faith among the peoples of the earth when the opportunity and the challenge are given them to do so?

If we are equal to the hour, we can take the Word of Life to millions of our fellow human beings, and we can in a few years gain a standing and leadership for our faith and denomination which it is thrilling to contemplate. Let us face the question calmly and decide deliberately what we will do in the face of so extraordinary a missionary situation. The uplifting effects of the 75 Million Campaign have been keenly felt in our work in foreign lands. Our great advance here at home has inspired the native churches to efforts like our own. Every field is pressing its great Campaign with fine success.

The highest number of baptisms was reached in the number of baptism of 6,998 converts. We now have 611 churches, 187 of which are self-supporting. The total membership is 59,438. Their contributions last year amounted to about \$5 per member. 41,727 pupils were instruct-

ed in our 907 Sunday schools. 405 foreign missionaries are now under appointment, 72 having been sent out during the year. At the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board held June 8th and 9th, 1921, 21 missionaries were appointed for work abroad.

Southern Baptist have prospered immeasurably in material things and rich spiritual harvests have been gathered in heathen lands by their missionaries. We ought to honor God with more sacrificial givings and offerings, then will we see the Kingdom of God come with power. Foreign missions make a new call.

Recommendations:

1. First special attention be given to Wills and Annuities. Write the Board for particulars.

2. That we take and read "The Home and Foreign Fields."

3. That we commend the policy of the Board in preserving a complete autonomy at home and abroad, unembarrassed by enlarging alliances with other bodies holding to different standards of doctrines and different views of church life and church order.

4. That all lovers of God pray earnestly for this work: Matt. 9:37, 38:

5. That we do our best to catch up whatever may be lacking in the 75 Million Campaign. The building of Southern Baptist college, seminary, hospital and orphanage in Jerusalem where our Lord was crucified is at once thrilling to contemplate. May our lives be channels of blessing-rivers of living water, bringing life and beauty and refreshing along the way, until at last we find a home with God in the ocean of His Eternity.

Respectfully submitted,

JUDSON L. VIPPERMAN, Chairman.

T. H. King reads the following report on Education:

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We live in a day of education. Culture has come to be considered the inalienable right of every individual. Knowledge is power. Lack of it becomes a social and civic menace. It is a commanding duty of the State to provide such education for all the children of the State as will equip them for good citizenship. It does not have to be shown that education is good to show that it is powerful. It is estimated that only one man in fifty is a college graduate; and yet this small per cent of our citizenship has furnished more than half the leading men in political life. And more than seventy per cent. of our lawyers, authors and teachers are college graduates.

It matters much what kind of education is provided for our people. Put into your schools to-day what you expect to come out in your civilization to-morrow. It is generally conceded that the late world war came

as the result of a certain type of education in Germany. German school-teachers threw the world into a cataclysm of fire. On the other hand, nation-wide prohibition came gloriously in this country after temperance had been taught for a generation in our Sunday schools and day schools.

But we are concerned in this report about that type of education known as Christian education. Christian schools are necessary to Christian faith. "In Him was life, and that life was the light of men." Early in our history it was discovered that religion alone was not a sufficient equipment for our task. We have various powers given us by God which should be trained for God. Our achievements in the field of education have amply justified our efforts. Our Christian schools have been a mighty agency in Kingdom extension. Without them, the history of our denomination could have been written in half its pages. And the general influence of our Christian schools on the educational life of the country has been most wholesome. Just what type of education we would have in our public and State aided institutions to-day, if we had had no Christian schools, it is not difficult to know. It would have been characterized with rationalistic unbelief.

"Our task," says Dr. E. M. Poteat, "is to enthrone Jesus over all the world and over all the life of the world." Our Christian schools are being watched and tested as never before. They must be kept true to the great fundamental teachings of the New Testament and they must ever be pervaded by a wholesome Christian atmosphere.

Wake Forest College, Meredith College, Chowan College, and Mars Hill College, together with fourteen secondary schools, are owned and controlled by the Baptists of the State. We have reason to be profoundly grateful for the fidelity of all of them to our Baptist ideals. They are worthy of our greatest confidence and generous support.

Attention is here called to the discussions in the denominational press recently relative to our Baptist colleges and The Southern Association of Colleges. Space forbids a discussion of this matter in this report; but your committee feels that our Baptist colleges should beware of entangling alliances with unchristian educational organizations.

Boiling Springs School, owned and operated by The King's Mountain and Sandy Run Associations, because of the fact that it is one of our very best secondary schools and because it is accessible to the people of our Association, should be supported and patronized as far as possible by the Baptists of this Association. And we hope that the time is not far distant when this Association will join with the others maintaining this institution.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. KING, Chairman.

Motion is made at the close of the reading of each report and all the foregoing reports are discussed, in whole or in part, by M. L. Barnes, W. C. Barrett, S. F. Conrad, Wade D. Bostic.

At the close of the discussion of Foreign Missions by Brother Bostic a most earnest, fervent prayer was offered by Dr. Vipperman in behalf of his mother who is at the point of death.

The motion to adopt all reports on Missions is unanimously passed.

W. L. Walters reads the following Treasurer's report:

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

October 18, 1921.

Gaston County Baptist Association:

I submit to you herewith my report as treasurer of the Association for the year just closed:

##### Receipts:

From Churches for minute fund..... \$207.94

##### Disbursements:

Brumley-Walters Printing Company—

Program for 1920 Session ..... \$ 4.00

Enrollment Cards 1920 Session..... 10.00

Digest of Letters 1920 Session ..... 10.00

Minutes of 1920 Session (including cut of H. B. Moore)... 160.00

David P. Dellinger, Clerk, Services as Clerk..... 17.03

Expense of Office, Postage, Stenographer Fees, etc..... 14.41

Total Disbursements ..... \$207.94

Deficit: Due D. P. Dellinger, Clerk..... \$ 7.96

(Which is donated.)

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. WALTERS, Treas.

#### TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION.

The Association reconvened according to adjournment and is called to order by the Moderator. After several songs the Scripture Lesson is read from Isaiah 53rd, Chapter by Geogre H. Johnson who also lead in prayer.

A quartette is beautifully rendered by Mrs. George S. Falls, B. H. Roberts, M. A. Stroupe and W. C. Hicks. This is followed by a song "When the Roll is Called up Yonder."

T. H. King preached the Associational Sermon, using as a text, I Cor. 15:3, the theme being The Atonement. This Sermon made a profound impression and effect upon the congregation. Prayer by Mr. King.

Song, "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus."

C. J. Black, for R. G. Mace, reads the following report on Sunday School:

#### REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In 1910 there were, in North Carolina, 1,809 Sunday-schools with a membership of 166,636, an average of 92 members per school. In 1920 the number of schools had increased to 2,129 and the membership had increased to 221,028, an average of nearly 104. These figures show a net gain during the ten year period of 321 schools, 54,392 members and an average membership of 12.

This increase, while encouraging, is by no means as large as it should have been.

There were, at the meeting of the Convention last year, 301,611 members of Baptist churches in the State. The Sunday-school membership, therefore, lacked 80,583 of being as large as the church membership. At the last meeting of our own Association there were reported 5,873 church members, only 1,749 of whom were members of the Sunday schools. Our Sunday-school enrollment lacked 490 of equaling our church membership. Roughly speaking, two-thirds of our church membership is not enrolled in the Sunday-schools. This proportion would doubtless hold throughout the State.

An analysis of these figures will show something lacking in our denominational life. It would seem that a vast proportion of our church members have lost sight of the teaching function of the church. At least many of them are disinterested in the efforts that are being made to carry out that phase of the Great Commission. Your committee believes that the lack is found:

First: In our organization. Too many schools are dragging along without proper organization.

Second: In equipment. Many schools are lamentably lacking in equipment, both in class rooms and teaching material.

Third: In teacher training. A very small proportion of our Sunday-schools know the first principles of teaching to say nothing of their lack of Bible knowledge.

Fourth: In evangelism. Too often the evangelistic note is never sounded in the Sunday-school.

These conditions very greatly hinder the work of our Sunday-schools and must be remedied before we can hope for rapid progress.

In view of these facts, your committee recommends:

First: That the churches of our Association organize and grade, as far as possible, according to the Convention plan, giving more attention to the Home Department and Cradle Roll.

Second: That, as rapidly as possible, the churches provide ample equipment in the way of class rooms and teaching material.

Third: That every church institute immediately an intensive system

of teacher training.

Fourth: That evangelism be emphasized as never before.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. MACE, Chairman.

The motion to adopt the report is discussed by C. J. Black and is adopted.

J. L. Vipperman offers the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION ON WAYS AND MEANS:**

Recognizing the fact that we have a most blessed Association, but also that it can and ought to be still greater,

Resolved, That we ask the Moderator to appoint a committee of three which shall be known as "The Ways and Means Committee," who shall report back to this session of the Association the ways and means by which a still higher degree of efficiency can be reached by this Association.

J. L. VIPPERMAN.

The Resolution is adopted, and the following committee appointed: C. J. Black, T. H. King, and George H. Johnson.

The following visitors are enrolled, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Robinson, Miss Lela Robinson, Miss Helen Durham, Miss Lela Durham, of Dallas; D. M. Martin, of Shelby.

J. L. Vipperman makes a most earnest and pathetic plea for and on behalf of E. S. Ivery who has been sorely afflicted and unable to return to the ministry or other work sufficient for his support. A contribution was made amounting to \$53.65.

The Association adjourned at 9:15 p. m. to meet Wednesday morning at 9:30. Benediction by A. E. Teague.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.**

The Association met at 9:30 a. m. The devotional exercises were conducted by A. E. Teague, the Scripture Lesson being the 53rd Psalm. Prayer by J. L. Vipperman.

Minutes for Tuesday and Tuesday night read and approved.

The following visitors are enrolled: Mrs. L. M. Rhyne, McAdenville; M. L. Kesler, of the Thomasville Orphanage; Mrs. R. J. Durham, Dallas; M. A. Putnam, Shelby; J. W. Suttle, Moderator of the Kings Mountain Association.

M. A. Stroupe reads the following report on Temperance:

**REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.**

Whereas, the Church was in a large way responsible for the passage of our prohibition laws, in spite of which large quantities of contraband intoxicants are being manufactured and sold by the blind-tigers, and blockaders all over our States; therefore be it

Resolved, that our great temperance duty to-day is the enforcement of our prohibition laws, with a special effort toward getting rid of the blind-tiger and blockade stills which continue to blight the lives of many of our young men, and hinder the progress of the Kingdom.

Resolved, that we urge and insist upon the strict enforcement of the law by all of our officials from policemen to governor.

Resolved, that we take our place in this righteous fight, and assume our full share of the responsibility of bringing to the attention of our people the tremendous evil effects of alcohol in any form.

Resolved, that we insist upon the election of men to the General Assembly of North Carolina, who are in sympathy with the Anti-Saloon League, and its efforts to rid the State of illicit distilleries, and that we call upon our Senators, and Representatives to stand loyally by the Federal Government in its efforts to enforce the Eighteenth Amendment.

M. A. STROUP, Chairman.

Motion to adopt is discussed by M. A. Stroupe, S. F. Conrad, George H. Johnson, and is adopted.

J. J. Waldrop reads the following report on Orphanage:

**REPORT ON ORPHANAGE**

Under the blessings of God the Orphanage closed its thirty-sixth year of loving service June 1st, 1921. Since the Orphanage was founded two thousand and sixty-two have been received and blest by its kindly ministry. There are at present five hundred and thirty-one being cared for, two hundred and forty-one boys, and two hundred and ninety girls. Of these eighty-five are at the Kennedy Home. The Institution is aiding this year, twenty-one children with their mothers. Sixty-two have been received during the year.

Each passing year demonstrates the wisdom of once a month collection from the Sunday Schools and Organized classes. It is seen more clearly in times of depression. The school that has become a regular monthly contributor has developed the habit of giving to the Orphanage, and this habit holds through all the vicissitudes of prosperity and adversity. We have no apprehensions about the future support of the Orphanage. We know that it is going to be supported. We also know something of the benefits derived from the once a month offering, both to the individual and the Sunday School.

Our campaign pledges should by no means take the place of the once

a month offering to the Orphanage. The baby in the bull-rush cradle on the perilous tide was not to blame for his situation, nor is the child to blame who is today sweltering in hot and fever infested tenements, or who is dying for want of proper nutrition and care in the home of the poor and ignorant, or his natural protectors gone is the victim of selfish relatives and strangers who have made him their pitiable slave. The baby did not ask to exist, existence was thrust upon him. By a mere accident he was born in the slave's hut and Pharoah in the palace, it might have been reversed had destiny so ordered. Nature shuffles children into the world apparently as a careless seedsman scatters grain. In home of virtue and comfort sometimes the baby comes not at all, but in the homes of the poor and ignorant they are sometimes numerous. The helpless little strangers are the beneficiaries or the victims of whatever circumstances surround them at birth. If the child finds himself in the bull-rush cradle, he cannot arise and demand his rights at the palace gate. In a world of plenty he cannot reach forth his hand and take. His only recourse is a feeble cry, yet the child in his cry prefers a right. He is no beggar pleading for that he does not deserve nor own. Every child has a God-given right to mother, father, home and love. When the bull-rush cradle was opened it was God who said to the child, "cry." Flattery has always been considered the easiest mode of access to royal personage. Here is a baby sentenced to death, the eventful moment has come and he faces a royal princess. What will he say? What can he say? He can only cry, and the princess yields to the authority of that cry, for the child cries in the name of the great Jehovah. If the princess had known the language of this cry it might have been different. If she had known the future of the child doubtless she would have left him to his fate.

The Orphan's plea is not only effective because of his desolation, but because of his danger. The immediate danger of an orphan child is not the danger of nakedness nor starvation. If Christians will not feed and clothe a child, the devil will; and make his own use of him in the end.

The woman of whom Solomon said, "Her feet go down to death, and her steps take hold on hell," ever keeps an open door to the lonely and friendless girl, and the men who say, "Let us lay in wait for blood," too frequently find their tool in the neglected and homeless youth. Thus the cry of the bereaved babe is a cry for protection in a world where weakness means destruction unless overshadowed by strong and valiant pit.

The cry of the orphan child touches the hearts of North Carolina Baptists, and we respond to that cry with our means for their support in a glorious way; but what are we doing for the unfortunate girls who are cast out of society, and at whom the finger of scorn and ridicule is pointed on every hand? The door of temptation to further sin and crime ever stands ajar to this class of young womanhood. Surely our Heavenly Father would have North Carolina Baptists place before them

an open door with strong inducements to quit the wretched life they are now living and take Jesus for their companion. This we can do with full assurance that He will receive them, for He said to a certain woman. "Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more." We would urge every Baptist in our association to give the proceeds of one day's work or income to the Thomasville Orphanage on, or about Thanksgiving Day.

J. J. WALDROP, For Committee.

The motion to adopt this report is discussed by J. J. Waldrop, M. L. Kesler, and the report is adopted.

Song, "In the Service of the King."

George H. Johnson reads the following report on Woman's Work:

#### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

There are now a great many organizations in our churches. When rightly and righteously conducted they are all helpful, especially is this true of all those organizations lead and conducted by our Godly women. Their work is among the most telling forces for the progress of the local church and for the building up of the things of interest in their respective communities.

Last year they organized over 200 new societies in the State; reported in money over \$300,000.00 contributed to all objects. This was an increase of more than 80 per cent over their gifts of the previous year.

In the bounds of our Association they are doing a wonderful work. In their recent meeting at Belmont their reports showed great gains along all lines.

We would heartily commend our women for the work they have done and are doing, and urge all Pastors and Churches to encourage and assist them in their efforts to further the interests of the Kingdom of God.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. JOHNSON, Chairman

On motion to adopt, the report is discussed by George H. Johnson, C. J. Black, and is adopted.

M. L. Kesler announces the critical illness of Mrs. W. H. Reddish, who is now in a hospital at Charlotte. Upon the suggestion of J. L. Vipperman, M. L. Barnes leads in earnest prayer for Mrs. Reddish.

C. J. Black makes motion that the Reports hereafter be limited to one-half page, which is adopted.

The Association adjourns at 12:00 o'clock to meet at 1:00 p. m.

Benediction by J. W. Suttle.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association meets at 1:00 p. m., as per adjournment and is called to order by the Moderator. Song, "The Fight is On." Devotional Services conducted by H. O. Eisenhour, the Scripture lesson being the 6th chapter of Ephesians. Prayer by Mr. Eisenhour.

The Moderator appoints R. S. Lewis to serve for W. L. Walters in the collection of the Minute Fund.

Committee to nominate members of the Executive Committee are appointed as follows: T. C. Smith, W. W. Williams and A. McCoy.

Moderator appoints as delegates to the State Convention: D. P. Dellinger, T. C. Smith and George H. Johnson.

Southern Baptist Convention: W. C. Barrett, member State Mission Board: T. H. King.

W. W. Williams, for M. O. Thornburg, reads the following report on B. Y. P. U.

#### REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

The Gaston Associational B. Y. P. U. was organized by the Gaston County Baptist Association in October 1919, with Rev. R. G. Mace of Belmont as its first director. The Association was divided into four districts and a Vice President appointed for each. Some work was done in each district during the first year, especially in the Gastonia district where the work seemed to be better organized. The Gastonia City Union functions the work of the Gastonia District.

There were at the beginning of the last Associational year 14 Senior Unions and 8 Junior Unions in the Association. There has been organized during the year 8 Senior Unions and three Junior Unions—making a total of 22 Senior Unions and 11 Junior Unions in the 29 Organized Baptist Churches in the Association at the end of this Associational year, leaving 7 churches yet unorganized.

The aim during the past year was to extend the B. Y. P. U. work to every Baptist Church in the Association. To this end an Annual Associational Meeting was held at Loray on April 8th and 9th of this year. There have also been several district rallies held during the year. The Gastonia District has been especially active during the past year and now has a Union in every church in the district, eight in number.

The following officers were elected at the Annual Convention last year:

**M. O. Thornburg, President.**

Rev. W. W. Williams, Vice President.

Rev. A. E. Teague, Vice President.

F. L. Smith, Sec'y-Treasurer.

Mrs. M. O. Thornburg, Jr. Leader.

As authorized by the Associational B. Y. P. U. By-Laws and Constitution, Mr. C. M. Austin was appointed by the President in August as Sec.-Treas. to succeed Mr. F. L. Smith who resigned.

Below is the Group Plan of organization for the Associational year 1921-1922:

Group No. 1. Mr. T. A. Graham, Vice President. Gastonia District. Churches: Loray, Ranlo, South Gastonia, Calvary, First Gastonia, East Gastonia, Spencer Mountain, Lowell, Sandy Plains.

Group No. 2. Mr. R. S. Lewis, Vice President. Dallas District. Churches: Bruington, Dallas, Lucia, Long Creek Memorial, Alexis and Mt. Zion.

Group No. 3. Rev. W. W. Williams, Vice President. Bessemer City District. Churches: Bessemer City, Cherryville, Mt. Beulah, High Shoals, Hull's Grove and Shady Grove.

Group No. 4. Rev. A. E. Teague, Vice President. Belmont District. Churches: Belmont First, East Belmont, Mt. Holly, Hickory Grove, McAdenville, Cramerton, Tuckaseege.

The Associational B. Y. P. U. has received and paid out funds during the year as follows:

Received by collections at Annual Convention	\$17.00
Expenses of convention, invited guests, etc...	\$15.00
Paid for stamps and envelopes .....	2.00
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	\$17.00

There have been two Executive meetings held during the past Summer, at which time plans for extending the work were discussed, each District having been represented at these meetings.

It is the purpose of your Associational Executive Committee to extend the work to every Baptist Church in the Association during the present B. Y. P. U. Conventional year, which ends on May 31, 1922, and we earnestly request the hearty co-operation of the Pastors, and Laymen to this extent.

Respectfully submitted,

**M. O. THORNBURG, President.**

**C. M. AUSTIN, Sec'y-Treas.**

On motion to adopt, the report is discussed by W. W. Williams, and is adopted.

T. C. Smith reads the following report on Ministerial Relief:

#### MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

As it is supposed to be known by all the Ministerial Relief Work

has of the different States been merged and is now under the control of Southern Baptist Board and is in the hands of Dr. Wm. Lunsford of Dallas, Texas for N. C. we have 55 benf. Our State paid into this fund last conv. year \$62,000.00 the N. C. Board has intrusted a permanant investment fund of \$30,000, this fund received \$1,350.00 last year from the estate of Rev. J. L. Stewart.

Three years ago So. Baptist conv. assumed charge of this work. I will give apart of a report the genereal committee makes. This in the form of a comparative statement to show the wisdom of the change, from the individual States to the So. Baptist conv. The figures are:

Benf.	Received	Annual Amt.
1919	5	\$ 75.00
1920	33	75.00
1919	23	100.00
1920	46	100.00
1919	68	120.00
1920	176	120.00
1919	178	150.00
1920	174	150.00
1919	22	180.00
1920	171	180.00
1919	12	240.00
1920	47	240.00
1919	0	280.00
1920	12	280.00
1919	4	300.00
1920	52	300.00
1919	0	360.00
1920	16	360.00
1919	0	375.00
1920	1	375.00
1919	0	450.00
1920	1	450.00
1919	0	600.00
1920	1	600.00

T. C. SMITH, Chairman.

On motion to adopt this report the same is discussed by T. C. Smith, and it is adopted.

C. J. Black reads the following report on Obituaries:

#### REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We have lost the following by death during this Associational Year:  
 First Belmont—3. Mrs. Henry Thomas, Mrs. S. C. Ford, Mrs. G. W. Hansel.  
 East Belmont—E. A. Early, June 24, aged 48. He had been a

member 26 years.

Bessemer City—3.

Bruington—2.

Cherryville—Miss Leila Gay of Scottsboro, Ala., who came under the watch care of the church and had lined up as a most splendid worker. She was suddenly stricken with a fatal disease and died in a Charlotte Hospital \_\_\_\_\_, 1921.

First Gastonia—Brother Robert Morton. Born in Gaston County, February 23, 1862 and died August 14, 1921. He was a faithful member. East Gastonia—1.

Loray—J. M. Eaker, who was born November 1, 1863, died suddenly April 6, 1921.

McAdenville—M. A. Baldwin, I. A. Stafford, R. T. Gunnells, James Guin, Carson Rankin, James Torrence.

South Marietta—1.

Shady Grove—D. W. Witherspoon, J. A. Carpenter, Margaret Wright.

Hickory Grove—Brother Walter Bradshaw, February 13, 1921. He joined Hickory Grove Church and was baptized July 27, 1897. He was a consistent Christian. He left a widow and five children. Young Brother Ruby Joy, who accidentally shot himself while trying to cross a barbed wire fence December 28, 1920. He joined Hickory Grove Church and was baptized July 30, 1920.

Lowell—Rev. C. Q. Rhyne, who was a beloved Pastor from October 1, 1916 until the sad accident which ended his life December 16, 1920. His obituary appears in another place. Brother J. S. Earney, July 11, 1921. Brother John Bell, September 24, 1921, aged 85 years. He came to Lowell from Old Long Creek. These brethren were charter members of Lowell Church.

Long Creek—This church has lost but one during the year, Sister Margaret Fox.

Sandy Plains—Sister F. J. McAllister, May 5, 1921. She had been a member of Sandy Plains since August 1896. Brother L. T. Stanford, February 3, 1921. He had been a member since November 1895. Sister Etta White, November, 1921. She joined Sandy Plains Church, May 21, 1915. Miss Emma Alexander, who was accidentally killed by a jitney.

Respectfully,

C. J. BLACK, Chairman.

On motion the report was adopted.

T. H. King makes statement or oral report on Boiling Springs High School and the matter is further discussed by J. W. Suttle, a member of the Board of Trustees of the School, D. F. Putnam and J. L. Vipperman. And upon these statements J. L. Vipperman makes a motion that the Moderatr appoint a committee of three who are hereby clothed with authority to make such disposition of this matter includ-

ing the investment of such funds as may come into their hands from sale of South Fork Institute, as in their good judgment they may see fit and the Association here and now endorses their actions thereon. Motion is adopted. The committee appointed is as follows: W. C. Barrett, C. J. Black and J. L. Vipperman.

T. C. Smith makes the following report on Nominations for Executive Committee:

**REPORT ON NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

We your committee beg to make the following report:

W. J. Francis, ex-officio chairman; Dr. W. C. Barrett, Rev. R. G. Mace, Dr. J. L. Vipperman, Rev. T. H. King, Rev. W. W. Rimmer, Rev. C. J. Black, Mr. J. R. Rollins, Rev. D. F. Putnam.

T. C. SMITH,  
A. McCOY,  
W. W. WILLIAMS.

On motion is report is adopted and the nominees are declared elected.

The Moderator appointed the following Chairman to write reports for next year:

Foreign Missions, W. P. McArthur.  
Home Missions, J. P. Bennett.  
State Missions, C. J. Black.  
Woman's Work, D. F. Putnam.  
Sunday Schools, W. H. Wray.  
Biblical Recorder, A. W. Setzer.  
Education, R. S. Lewis.  
Ministerial Relief, J. E. Ford.  
Obituaries, A. E. Teague.  
Temperance, F. M. Pasour.  
B. Y. P. U., W. W. Williams.  
Orphanage, W. B. McClure.

The motion on the report on Education is discussed by T. H. King, W. J. Francis, J. L. Vipperman, M. L. Barnes, R. S. Lewis, W. W. Rimmer, C. J. Black. The reports are adopted.

R. S. Lewis reads the following report on Order of Business:

**REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

For Session 1922.

**Tuesday Morning.**

10:15—Devotional.  
10:30—Enrollment of Delegates.  
10:50—Organization.  
11:00—Lecture.

12:00—Dinner.

**Tuesday Afternoon.**

1:00—Biblical Records.  
1:25—Report of Treasurer.  
1:30—Report on Education.  
2:15—Report on Missions—State, Home and Foreign. Including Report on Boiling Springs School.  
7:15—Devotional.  
7:30—Sermon and Lecture.  
8:15—Report on Sunday Schools.

**Wednesday Morning.**

9:30—Devotional.  
9:45—Report on Calling Out of the Called.  
10:00—Report on B. Y. P. U.  
10:30—Report Ex Committee.  
10:40—Report on Woman's Work.  
11:10—Lecture.  
12:00—Dinner.

**Wednesday Afternoon.**

1:00—Obituaries.  
1:15—Orphanage.  
1:50—Digest of Church Letters.  
2:00—Temperance.  
2:30—Old Minister's Relief.  
2:45—Miscellaneous. Including Report on South Fork Institute.  
W. S. WILLIAMS,  
R. S. LEWIS,  
C. B. NEWTON, Committee.

On motion the report is adopted.

J. L. Vipperman reads the following report on Calling out of the Called:

**REPORT ON CALLING OUT OF THE CALLED.**

During the year 6 persons have been called to ministerial and Gospel work.

Sandy Plains 1; Loray 1; Lowell 2; Mt. Zion 1; Belmont First 1; Bessemer City 1.

Respectfully,  
JUDSON L. VIPPERMAN.

On motion the report is adopted.

J. L. Vipperman offers the following report on the Bible School

and Seminary at Dallas:

**REPORT ON THE BIBLE SCHOOL AND SEMINARY AT DALLAS.**

We have had in mind for several years the founding of Bible School and Seminary at Dallas.

The Association has set its approval upon the idea without assuming any financial responsibility.

We are constantly pressing the idea, but the general financial depression has made it unwise to press the work of buildings just yet.

JUDSON L. VIPPERMAN.

On motion the report is adopted.

J. L. Vipperman offers the following Resolution of Thanks:

**RESOLUTION OF THANKS.**

Recognizing the fact that we have been so richly and enjoyably entertained by this church and the good people of Cherryville, Resolved, That we hereby extend our most profound appreciation and thanks to the Pastor, membership, and the good people generally for such excellent entertainment.

JUDSON L. VIPPERMAN.

D. F. Putnam makes motion that the Pastor and Church from which a member moves shall take the initiatory in securing a letter and the transfer of the membership of such person to the church in the community to which he has moved. Motion is adopted.

There being no further business the Association adjourned at 3:15 p. m. Benediction by C. A. Caldwell.

David P. Dellinger, Clerk

W. J. Francis, Moderator.

The passing of Rev. C. Q. Rhyne, December 16, 1920, is an uncommon event in the life and history of the people of all callings and professions in Gaston County and the surrounding section.

The following is from The Gastonia Gazette, of Friday, December 17, 1920:

**REV. C. Q. RHYNE MEETS TRAGIC DEATH WHILE HUNTING WITH FRIENDS.**

**Pastor of Lowell Baptist Church Accidentally Shot And Killed By T. G. Setzer, of Gastonia—Tragedy Occurred Near Maiden—Died Last Night In Lincolnton Hospital.**

Rev. Clarence Q. Rhyne, pastor of the Lowell Baptist church, met a tragic death yesterday when he was accidentally shot and killed by his companion and friend, T. G. Setzer, while they were out bird hunting at Oliver's Cross roads, seven miles out from Maiden, Catawba county. After receiving the loads from both barrels of a shot gun in his body he was taken as quickly as possible by automobile to the Lincolnton Hospital, where Dr. Henry F. Glenn, of Gastonia, and the hospital surgeons operated in an unsuccessful attempt to save his life. The accident occurred at 10:50 yesterday morning, he was operated on at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and died about 8:30 last night. The body was brought to the Ford Undertaking Company's establishment here last night and prepared for burial, later being removed to the residence of Mr. W. M. Bell, father-in-law of the deceased, on route four, where Mr. Rhyne made his home.

No blame attaches to Mr. Setzer for the lamentable occurrence, the killing having been purely accidental. Mr. Setzer himself is almost prostrated with grief over the tragedy. He and Mr. Rhyne were very close friends and had hunted together many times this fall. He is a machinist at the Piedmont Spinning Mill here and lives with his father-in-law, Mr. W. S. Smith, at 528 North Broad street. Mr. C. L. Jones, a farmer of that section, was out hunting with them and was present when the accident occurred.

Accompanied by Mr. Setzer and his younger brother, Floyd Setzer, Mr. Rhyne left here about 7 o'clock yesterday morning, the party going in Mr. Setzer's car. Arriving at Mr. Jones' home they were joined by him and immediately started to the woods on a bird hunt. The dogs flushed a covey of birds and several were killed. The hunters then started out to get some single birds. Coming to a point where two trees stood about three feet apart Setzer stepped behind to let Rhyne pass between the trees first. Just at that moment Setzer noticed a dove flying overhead and, preparatory to taking a shot at it, pushed the safety on his gun as he raised it. In some manner which Mr. Setzer is unable to explain the gun fired when he pushed the safety. Both barrels

were discharged, the double load striking Rhyne in the left thigh and making a very ugly wound. A few of the shot also penetrated the large intestine, it was discovered when he was operated on.

Immediately after the accident the injured man was removed to the home of Mr. Tate Caldwell, about half a mile distant, and efforts were made to get a physician, but without success. Mr. Setzer's car, which was about two miles away, was gotten as quickly as possible and Mr. Rhyne was hurried to the Lincolnton Hospital. Assisting Mr. Setzer in getting Mr. Rhyne to the hospital were Floyd Setzer, C. L. Jones, Henry Jones and Henry Caldwell. Mr. Rhyne bled very little externally until the party neared Lincolnton, when he bled profusely. Internal hemorrhages, however, together with the fact that his intestines had been perforated, hastened his death.

Deceased was 30 years old and was a native of Gaston county. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Rhyne, who now live at Rockingham. He is survived by his widow, who is a daughter of Mr. W. M. Bell, with whom they lived, and three young children; five brothers and two sisters, Messrs. Ed, Kelly, Elvin, Robert and Marshall Rhyne, Miss Ida Rhyne and another sister, who teaches at Rockingham. He was educated at South Fork Insitute, Maiden, and had been in the ministry for about four years, practically all of that time having been included in his pastorate at Lowell and Spencer Mountain. He was unusually popular at both of those appointments, which constitute one pastorate. He was a young man of many excellent qualities and was held in the very highest esteem not only by his parishioners, who were very devoted to him, but by all with whom he came in contact. He was designated by all as a fine fellow and his tragic death has cast a gloom over his congregations and his host of friends throughout the county.

At the time of going to press definite arrangements for the funeral had not been made, information as to the time of arrival of members of the family from the eastern part of the State being lacking. It is stated, however, that the funeral will be held some time tomorrow at the Bell home and interment will be in Hollywood cemetery here.

Brother Rhyne was regenerated early in life and baptized into the fellowship of the Long Creek (Memorial) Baptist Church. He was ordained to preach the Gospel on May 16, 1915 by a council called by the Dallas Baptist Church. Five churches were represented in the Council as follows: Dallas, Long Creek, First Gastonia, East Gastonia and Loray Gastonia. There were 19 messengers present in the ordination council: Rev. A. T. Stoudenmire, Rev. G. P. Abernathy, Rev. I. T. Newton, Rev. J. J. Beach and Brother J. R. Lewis.

Having known him from childhood and also having the pleasure of aiding him in a number of meetings beside quite a number of lecture courses conducted in his churches, I am deeply impressed to offer the following to the brotherhood in all good conscience.

1. He was indeed a magnificent Christian gentleman. Mighty forces of honor, purity, honesty, bravery, fidelity, truthfulness and righteousness were builded into his life. Truly he was a veritable Abner—a prince in the Israel of God.

2. He was one of the truest and best friends to be found in all the land. He deeply appreciated a friend and gloried in being a friend, and I think as true as David and Jonathan ever dared to be. To exaggerate at this point would indeed be difficult.

3. He was one of the most unselfish men to be found. How like some outstanding star did his real unselfishness appear in all our deliberative gatherings. So easy to discern that the kingdom was first with him. Many personal and touching incidents to this end could here be recited with abiding and refreshing effect.

4. He was also a devoted husband and father. How his wife and precious children weighted down his heart with loving, anxious care and consideration. I knew his soul so well at this angle of his life. How he has moved my soul upward at this point and in this phase of his life.

5. Then too, he believed gloriously the truth of God's word. He never sought to be wise above what was written. To a point that cannot well be expanded here and now. He believed the glorious doctrines which have made us great and the world better since the days when Jesus was here among men. Oh, how he was growing as a preacher. How we wil always be overshadowed by his loyalty, genuine efficiency, cheerfulness and fidelity in our 75-million drive, is a matter that can better be told in the record above and beyond the clouds that we mortals here are capable of expounding. What a source of inspiration he was to all our religious and social gatherings is written in fadeless letters of life in the minds of those who have been blessed with his presence in such gatherings. Never shall I forget the last address I ever heard him deliver in my Bible Conference, on "Loyalty to God's Word." Oh, how he ever loved and magnified the word of God. How I can now see his cheerful face shine as he recited such as Rom. 8:28; Heb. 13:5; Eph. 3:7; Col. 1:27; John 3:1-8; 2 Cor. 5:17; Tit. 3:5; Mat. 28: 18-20.

May the blessings of God be upon his blessed wife and children and on both sides of the house of this prince whose going has made earth poorer and heaven richer.

Respectfully Submitted,

THE BAPTIST PASTORS CONFERENCE  
OF THE  
GASTON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, THROUGH  
J. L. VIPPERMAN.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS---NO. 1

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT	SECRETARY
1. Alexis	S. M. Stroup, Alexis	G. E. Howis, Alexis
2. Belmont, First	D. P. Stowe, Belmont	W. H. Stowe, Belmont
3. Bessemer City	A. S. Ballard, Bessemer City	Miss Neil Dobbins, Bessemer City
4. Brington	J. O. Smith, Stanley	C. E. Spargo, Stanley
5. Calvary	S. G. McAllister, Gastonia	Columbus Gardner, Gastonia
6. Center View	J. J. Duncan, Belmont	Henry Roper, Belmont
7. Cherryville	J. T. Allen, Cherryville	Dr. J. E. Holt, Cherryville
8. Dallas	R. A. Lewis, Dallas	Miss May Durham, Dallas
9. East Belmont	W. L. Chapman, Belmont	J. B. Brown, Belmont
10. East Gastonia	W. L. Walters, Gastonia	D. M. Robinson, Gastonia
11. First Gastonia	W. H. Wray, Gastonia	Alex McLean, Gastonia
12. Hickory Grove	B. J. Howis, Lowell	L. M. Montgomery, Mt. Holly
13. High Shoals	J. W. Wright, High Shoals	W. P. Carpenter, High Shoals
14. Hull's Grove	S. H. Upton, No. 3, Henry	Hettie Talant, No. 1, Henry
15. Long Creek Memorial	F. M. Pasour, Sr., Dallas	Ben T. Limeberger, Dallas
16. Lucia	B. L. Miller, Davidson	Edna Gardner, Gastonia
17. Lorry	W. Lee Smith, Gastonia	H. H. Roberts, Lowell
18. Lowell	R. L. Featherston, Lowell	R. M. Love, Cramerton
19. Cramerton	W. R. Bush, Cramerton	D. E. Rhyne, McAdenville
20. McAdenville	T. L. Austin, McAdenville	J. A. Ramsey, Bessemer City
21. Mount Beulah	E. H. Biggerstaff, Bessemer City	C. H. Hoover, Mount Holly
22. Mount Holly	O. L. Hoffman, Mount Holly	
23. Ranlo	Union School	
24. Sandy Plains	J. C. Millen, No. 1, Lowell	A. B. Hoffman, No. 3, Gastonia
25. Shady Grove	D. M. Witherspoon, Cherryville	F. P. Foster, Cherryville
26. South Marietta, Gastonia	W. P. Glover, Gastonia	G. A. Howell, Gastonia
27. Mount Zion	D. H. Dellinger, No. 1, Cherryville	Edna Helms, No. 1, Cherryville
28. Spencer Mountain	W. I. Abernethy, Lowell	W. G. Flowers, Lowell, N. C.
29. Tuckaseege	J. D. Smith, No. 2, Mount Holly	Lunday Bumgardner, Mount Holly

# SUNDAY SCHOOLS--NO. 2

CHURCH	No. of Schools		Teachers and		Pupils		Total Enrollment		Church Mem-		Months Open		Expenses		Mission		Orphanage		Other Objects		Total Contributions	
	Officers	Schools	Teachers	and	Teachers	Pupils	Total	Enrollment	Mem-	Months	Open	Bap. from S. S.	School	Expenses	Mission	Orphanage	Other	Objects	Total	Contributions		
1. Alexis	1	1	11	162	173	48	12	7	47.55	12.44	10.75	70.74										
2. Belmont, First	1	1	12	275	288	125	12	2	108.73	128.25	37.20	274.18										
3. Bessemer City	1	1	16	288	304	175	12	3	140.00	120.00	555.07	815.07										
4. Braxton	1	1	12	116	128	100	12	7	65.30	157.00	.....	222.30										
5. Calvary	1	1	9	254	263	95	12	1	66.96	5.82	11.00	83.78										
6. Center View	1	1	7	95	102	34	12	1	69.84	.....	100.00	169.84										
7. Cherryville	1	1	15	277	292	150	12	4	85.96	100.00	.....	169.84										
8. Dallas	1	1	11	139	159	70	12	1	163.28	176.10	95.65	333.30										
9. East Belmont	1	1	25	535	560	200	12	51	431.02	311.61	.....	742.63										
10. East Gastonia	1	1	24	580	604	275	12	13	523.95	385.63	.....	909.59										
11. First Gastonia	1	1	20	531	551	300	12	13	1139.56	855.63	487.50	2,482.60										
12. Hickory Grove	2	13	151	164	69	12	12	5	79.84	37.58	54.87	172.20										
13. High Shoals	1	1	10	160	170	100	12	5	110.90	12.32	.....	123.22										
14. Hull's Grove	1	1	8	109	117	60	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....										
15. Long Creek Memorial	1	1	14	200	214	100	12	3	202.96	39.50	405.03	658.49										
16. Lucia II	1	1	6	20	26	6	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....										
17. Loray	1	1	15	763	778	350	12	20	668.08	.....	195.36	863.44										
18. Lowell	1	1	12	254	266	85	12	12	86.97	10.00	513.97	610.94										
19. Cramerton	1	1	15	293	308	144	12	50	172.58	.....	.....	172.58										
20. McAdenville	1	1	12	276	288	175	12	26	213.15	35.70	425.41	674.26										
21. Mount Beulah	1	1	9	100	109	75	12	5	40.00	.....	.....	40.00										
22. Mount Holly	1	1	12	160	172	80	12	4	175.71	12.00	312.29	627.00										
23. Ranko	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....										
24. Sandy Plains	1	1	11	131	142	92	12	11	64.89	.....	.....	64.89										
25. Shady Grove	1	1	5	40	45	35	9	8	12.49	.....	.....	12.49										
26. South Marietta, Gastonia	1	1	14	294	308	100	12	7.36	103.49	84.50	96.00	291.35										
27. Mount Zion	1	1	8	76	84	40	12	1	23.70	.....	.....	23.70										
28. Spencer Mountain	1	1	9	151	160	40	12	23	169.30	.....	62.02	231.32										
29. Truckasege	1	1	7	147	154	30	12	2	124.94	36.24	.....	174.01										
No report, 1920 figures used													343	6577	6920	3113	306	\$5903.15	2207.39	\$2550.72	\$3695.41	\$11,543.68

CHURCH	Pastor	Clerk
1. Alexis	1903 W. C. Barrett, Gastonia, N. C.	S. M. Stroup, Alexis
2. Belmont, First	1874 G. H. Johnson, Belmont	W. H. Stowe, Belmont
3. Bessemer City	W. W. Williams, Bessemer City	J. R. Rollins, Bessemer City
4. Brington	1853 W. W. Rhimer, Stanley	J. O. Smith, Stanley
5. Center View	1921 A. E. Teague, Belmont	W. B. Duncan, Belmont
6. Cherryville	1893 D. F. Putman, Cherryville	David P. Dellinger, Cherryville
7. Dallas	1877 J. L. Vipperman, Dallas	J. R. Lewis, Dallas
8. East Belmont	1912 R. G. Mace, Belmont	C. E. Lee, Belmont
9. First Gastonia	1884 W. C. Barrett, Gastonia	Emery B. Denny, Gastonia
10. Hickory Grove	1913 W. B. McClure, Gastonia	J. Lee Abernethy, Lowell
11. High Shoals	1902 W. W. Rhimmer, Stanley Creek	A. S. Hendricks, High Shoals
12. Long Creek Memorial	1772 J. L. Vipperman, Dallas	A. R. Holland, Dallas
13. Lucia	C. L. Taylor, Mt. Holly	W. B. McIntosh, Mt. Holly N. C.
14. Lorrain	1905 C. J. Black, Gastonia	J. Mack Jenkins, Gastonia
15. Lowell	1892 J. J. Waldrop, Lowell	J. R. Blair, Lowell
16. East Gastonia	T. H. King, Gastonia	A. McCoy, Gastonia
17. Cramerton	1911 J. P. Bennett, Cramerton	R. L. Leeper, Cramerton
18. McAdenville	1887 C. A. Caldwell, McAdenville	D. T. Lawrence, McAdenville
19. Mount Beulah	1916 J. L. Vipperman, Dallas	J. A. Ramsey, Bessemer City
20. Mount Holly	1890 C. A. G. Thomas, Mt. Holly	S. O. McCraw, Mt. Holly
21. Mt. Zion	A. W. Setzer, Maiden	D. H. Dellinger, No. 1, Cherryville
22. Ranlo	1917 M. L. Barnes, Gastonia	D. H. Dellinger, No. 1, Cherryville
23. Sandy Plains	1863 C. J. Black, Gastonia	O. G. Paysseur, Gastonia
24. Shady Grove	A. W. Setzer, Maiden	N. A. Jenkins, Gastonia
25. South Marietta, Gastonia	1917 W. P. McCarter, Gastonia	D. H. Stroup, No. 2, Cherryville
26. Spencer Mountain	1909 C. L. Taylor, No. 2, Mt. Holly	G. H. Logan, Gastonia
27. Tuckasee	1911 C. L. Taylor, No. 2 Mount Holly	Ivan Hoffman, Lowell
28. Calvary, Gastonia	919 M. L. Barnes, Gastonia	J. D. Smith, Mt. Holly
29. Hull's Grove	A. W. Setzer, Maiden	W. A. Marley, Gastonia
		D. A. Hull, Henry

STATISTICAL TABLE--NO. 1

STATISTICAL TABLE--NO. 2

CHURCH	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS		LOSSES		No. of Males	No. of Females	Total Membership
			Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter			
1. Alexis	1-3	2,000.00	7	1	..	..	54	74	128
2. Belmont, First	*	22,518.40	4	13	19	1	102	133	235
3. Bessemer City	*	10,000.00	47	26	2	2	143	228	371
4. Brington	1-3	2,000.00	1	11	4	4	84	102	186
5. Center View	1-3	.....	1	3	..	..	18	22	40
6. Cherryville	*	75,000.00	23	28	..	4	149	232	381
7. Dallas	2-4	25,000.00	..	2	6	..	78	85	163
8. East Belmont	*	10,000.00	56	43	3	10	142	259	401
9. First Gastonia	*	30,000.00	15	90	..	4	259	391	650
10. Hickory Grove	2-4	2,500.00	12	19	..	2	84	82	166
11. High Shoals	2-4	4,000.00	12	9	..	..	45	88	133
12. Long Creek Memorial	1-3	55,000.00	10	..	..	..	100	148	248
13. Lucia	*	1,000.00	..	..	..	..	20	24	44
14. Lorrain	*	26,500.00	32	168	19	69	227	325	552
15. Lowell	*	9,650.00	27	8	1	10	64	113	177
16. East Gastonia	*	75,000.00	16	68	4	37	200	275	475
17. Cramerton	*	50,000.00	67	32	6	17	96	124	220
18. McAdenville	*	5,729.00	27	6	2	20	104	160	264
19. Mount Beulah	1-3	4,000.00	12	2	..	4	60	54	114
20. Mount Holly	*	10,000.00	4	16	1	17	141	152	293
21. Mt. Zion	2	4,000.00	1	5	1	2	54	78	132
22. Ranlo	*	1,000.00	5	23	..	..	32	67	99
23. Sandy Plains	2-4	1,500.00	11	8	..	..	91	96	187
24. Shady Grove	1	800.00	10	1	..	..	55	49	94
25. South Marietta, Gastonia	*	18,000.00	4	36	2	2	65	115	180
26. Spencer Mountain	1-3	.....	23	6	..	..	24	47	71
27. Tuckasee	2-4	5,000.00	8	12	..	..	36	48	84
28. Calvary, Gastonia	*	800.00	8	46	..	..	42	77	119
29. Hull's Grove	3	1,200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	66	99
		\$451,397.40	457	682	36	420	2602	3716	6318

|| No report. Last years figures used. \* Every Sunday

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

# FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund **	Other Objects	75 Million (Undesignated)	State and Associat'l Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Minister's Relief	Hospitals	TOTAL
1. Alexis	224.00		5.00	47.55	4.75		50.00	336.27			2.31	12.44				682.32
2. Belmont, First	2,000.00	518.40	400.97	108.73	8.55	10.00	951.70	2,750.58			102.33	217.03				7,058.29
3. Bessemer City	2,000.00	1,381.53	424.74	140.00		14.84	257.00	515.50	56.87	38.90	18.35	195.00	5.00		5.00	5,078.73
4. Bruington	900.00		35.75	65.30	12.00		203.19	597.85				157.00	77.50			2,048.59
5. Center View	20.00		14.80	69.84		1.10	100.00									205.74
6. Cherryville	2,000.00	18,413.81	72.13	85.96		15.37	437.50	550.00	132.30	31.85	75.95	136.60	15.70			21,967.17
7. Dallas	1,000.00		235.32	163.28	64.30	5.00	151.65	1,000.00				176.10				2,795.63
8. East Belmont	2,600.00	529.81	510.75	431.02		1.25	560.74					311.61				4,945.18
9. East Gastonia	3,200.00	4,065.42	487.66	523.95	47.95	18.72	537.22					385.63				9,360.35
10. First Gastonia	2,937.50	10,947.65	3,238.60	1,139.56		21.12	487.50	10,194.37				855.63				29,821.93
11. Hickory Grove	336.28		52.40	79.84	30.50		117.37	487.15				37.58				1,141.12
12. High Shoals	1,000.00	39.67	46.13	110.10		1.60	280.30					32.33				1,510.13
13. Long Creek Memorial	1,001.00	7,410.95	171.45	202.96		9.92	427.56	36.56	39.50			11.00				9,310.90
14. Lucia *																1,000.00
15. Loray	3,360.00	2,142.76		668.08	210.90	16.30	1,701.04	2,072.37	74.00	18.93	57.85	395.56	141.50			11,759.29
16. Lowell	1,113.22	246.44	154.33	86.94	29.87		206.00		210.00	65.00	160.00	100.00	10.00	40.00	10.00	3,481.80
17. Cramerton	1,095.55		51.83	172.58	12.00	5.00	721.03	248.52								2,305.99
18. McAdenville	2,062.50	36.00	142.55	213.15	54.11		611.12	1,360.24				98.70				4,623.37
19. Mount Beulah	400.00	140.00		40.00	12.00	2.00		355.69								949.69
20. Mount Holly	1,552.25	862.84	304.08	175.71	21.95	4.00	75.00	688.98	12.00			130.00		30.92		3,858.00
21. Mount Zion	300.00		26.25	23.70		4.29		208.90								563.14
22. Ranlo	600.00	314.03	15.00			3.00	1.00	117.65				68.54				1,118.22
23. Sandy Plains	400.00		6.00	64.89	25.00	5.00	90.30	237.80				65.00				894.10
24. Shady Grove	200.00	23.00		12.49		3.64	111.50	316.80								667.43
25. South Marietta, Gastonia	801.50	860.30	121.05	103.49		9.20	325.60	51.51	48.01			84.50				2,304.16
26. Spencer Mountain	240.98			169.30	73.00	1.00	35.12	97.90			62.02					679.32
27. Tuckaseege	450.00	500.00	50.00	124.91		1.50	80.00	170.32	12.83			36.24				1,425.83
28. Calvary, Gastonia	600.00	344.00	108.76	66.96	68.00	3.00	70.25	105.00		17.00	10.00	15.32				1,409.69
29. Hull's Grove *	150.00			12.00		2.00		68.75								252.75
	\$32,545.05	\$48,776.61	\$6,675.55	\$5,102.32	\$674.88	\$163.85	\$7,748.65	\$23,409.75	\$585.51	\$171.68	\$488.81	\$3,523.81	\$249.70	\$70.92	\$15.00	\$133,219.84

\*Not represented. 1920 figures used.

\*\* Only \$89.40 paid in.



Account	Debit	Credit	Balance
1. Adams		100.00	100.00
2. Adams		100.00	200.00
3. Adams		100.00	300.00
4. Adams		100.00	400.00
5. Adams		100.00	500.00
6. Adams		100.00	600.00
7. Adams		100.00	700.00
8. Adams		100.00	800.00
9. Adams		100.00	900.00
10. Adams		100.00	1000.00
11. Adams		100.00	1100.00
12. Adams		100.00	1200.00
13. Adams		100.00	1300.00
14. Adams		100.00	1400.00
15. Adams		100.00	1500.00
16. Adams		100.00	1600.00
17. Adams		100.00	1700.00
18. Adams		100.00	1800.00
19. Adams		100.00	1900.00
20. Adams		100.00	2000.00
21. Adams		100.00	2100.00
22. Adams		100.00	2200.00
23. Adams		100.00	2300.00
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25. Adams		100.00	2500.00
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27. Adams		100.00	2700.00
28. Adams		100.00	2800.00
29. Adams		100.00	2900.00
30. Adams		100.00	3000.00
31. Adams		100.00	3100.00
32. Adams		100.00	3200.00
33. Adams		100.00	3300.00
34. Adams		100.00	3400.00
35. Adams		100.00	3500.00
36. Adams		100.00	3600.00
37. Adams		100.00	3700.00
38. Adams		100.00	3800.00
39. Adams		100.00	3900.00
40. Adams		100.00	4000.00
41. Adams		100.00	4100.00
42. Adams		100.00	4200.00
43. Adams		100.00	4300.00
44. Adams		100.00	4400.00
45. Adams		100.00	4500.00
46. Adams		100.00	4600.00
47. Adams		100.00	4700.00
48. Adams		100.00	4800.00
49. Adams		100.00	4900.00
50. Adams		100.00	5000.00

