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## Anson County Baptist Association



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M. L. Dorton

### MESSENGERS TO BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

I. F. Thomas, T. B. Goodman, S. Baucom

## PROCEEDINGS

Polkton, N. C., Oct. 24th, 1924.

The Anson Baptist Association met this morning at 10:30 with the Polkton Baptist Church in its Fifteenth annual session. M. L. Dorton led the devotional meeting. Prayer by W. M. Gilmore.

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

Brown Creek—Henry Martin, Joe Threadgill, N. P. Liles.  
Cedar Grove—J. H. Thomas, E. L. Winfield, Joe Broadaway.  
Deep Creek—J. D. Tarlton, Mrs. David Huntley, M. M. Ratliff.  
Fall Branch—J. J. Price, R. T. Morton, A. A. Adcock.  
Gum Springs—W. M. Thompson, B. B. Harris, Mrs. J. J. Johnson.  
Mt. Beulah—Purdie Brooks, Beacher Gray, Mrs. Lula Henry.  
Mt. Zion—W. T. Brooks, G. B. Melton, Willie Williams.  
New Home—  
North Wadesboro—B. F. Treadaway, T. S. Martin.  
Polkton—J. M. Griffin, R. J. Harrington, W. F. Humbert.  
Rocky River—M. W. Goodman, W. W. Smith, J. E. Efird.  
Rocky Mt.—T. L. Broadaway, Alex. Allen, M. T. Parker.

The Association was organized by electing M. L. Dorton, Moderator; E. J. Hutchinson, Vice-Moderator; J. M. Broadaway, Clerk; and T. B. Goodman, Treasurer. The time having arrived for the annual sermon, E. C. Snider preached the introductory sermon—reading a part of the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, and Prov. 23:23, stressing the importance of adhering to the Baptist doctrine. The chair recognized A. I. Honeycutt, T. P. Little, J. G. Gullede of the Union Association, and W. M. Gilmore of Sanford, and J. M. Page of Badin. The following committee on order of business was announced: C. H. Martin, E. J. Hutchinson, T. B. Goodman.

The Association adjourned for one hour. Benediction by A. I. Honeycutt.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

T. P. Little led the devotional meeting. Prayer by J. C. Meggs. C. H. Martin presented the following order of business, which was adopted:

1:30. State missions. 2:15. Home missions.  
2:45. Foreign missions. 3:15. Biblical Recorder.  
Miscellaneous. Adjournment.



## SATURDAY

10 A. M. Devotional meeting. 10:30. Christian Education. 11. Orphanage. 12 M. Adjourn. 1:30. Foreign missions. 2. Aged ministers relief. 2:30. Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. 3. Temperance. 3:10. Report of committees.

J. C. Meggs read report on State missions, which was discussed by J. C. Meggs, W. M. Gilmore, and adopted.

## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

State Missions has to do with that part of our organized work with which we are supposed to be most familiar. As the department confines its activities to the state in which we live, we have the opportunity to observe the work from close range. And yet in spite of this fact, State Missions comes in for a larger share of criticism than any other part of our work. Criticism, not construction but of destruction. Nine tenths of this misapprehension is caused by misinformation. Too many of us think we know all about State Missions, when as a matter of fact we do not know anything about it. Let us, one and all, acquaint ourselves with all phases of the work before we too hastily pass judgment on the work or the workers.

The Baptists of this State have been trying to carry on State Mission work for the past ninety-four years. During that time only God knows and only eternity will reveal what has been accomplished. At first the work was largely evangelistic. As time went on, churches multiplied and new and varied emergencies arose. The work could not be confined to evangelism and baptism, but must needs enlarge itself to embrace that last part of the triple command, "To teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." So that to-day State Missions is large enough, and varied enough to foster every denominational enterprise to which we have committed ourselves as a denomination.

To the evangelistic department has been added the enlistment department, and who would say that it is not needed and needed badly. So long as only forty per cent of all those people who have been evangelized and baptized, continue to do all that is done in financing the kingdom we must continue to do enlistment work.

Then the Sunday School department, headed by a man who is putting his life and soul into the task of making more, bigger and better Sunday Schools with better equipment, and better trained teachers. Close akin to this work is the B. Y. P. U. work that is only in its infancy, but is proving to be the very best agency we have for enlightenment and enlistment of our young people.

This year there are one hundred and seventy-nine missionary pastors, aided by the board. Some of these are located at our educational centers; others are in industrial centers, while still others are in the open country.

Since State Missions is the foundation and fountain head of all other missions and benevolences, it ought to need no appeal made in its behalf but it should command respect and support on its own merit, and it will when people know the facts.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MEGGS

The report on Biblical Recorder was read by W. B. Holmes and discussed by J. M. Page and adopted.

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS

There is a strong tendency throughout our country towards pleasure seeking, and the lighter phases of life, to the neglect largely of the more weighty things that build up the better part of man.

Therefore the Biblical Recorder, Home and Foreign Fields, and Charity and Children should be in every Baptist home in N. C.

1. For the Information and Inspiration found on their pages.
2. Because they indoctrinate.
3. They provide suitable reading for home Circle.
4. They take the place of evil literature.
5. They promote right thinking for the young people.
6. They contain the best thoughts of our best thinkers for the safety of our homes and the best interest of every good work. We commend these periodicals as worthy of a place in every Baptist home in the Anson Association.

W. B. HOLMES.

The Moderator announced the following committees: On Time and Place and Preacher for next session: T. L. Broadway, N. P. Liles. To nominate delegates to Southern Baptist and Baptist State Conventions, R. J. Harrington, W. F. Humbert. To report on Foreign Missions, C. H. Martin. On B. Y. P. U., Augustus Parker. The Association adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10 A. M. Benediction by G. C. Ivey.

## SATURDAY MORNING

The Association met at 10 A. M. C. H. Martin conducted religious exercises. The body was called to order by the Moderator. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

J. B. Huff, President of Wingate Jr. College and F. G. Walker of Wingate were recognized by the Moderator. M. L. Dorton read the report on Christian Education. Report adopted, after being discussed by the writer and J. B. Huff.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

More is being done along educational lines by the State today than ever before. Our State colleges, high schools and grammar schools are being better provided for and are more adequately meeting the demand



upon them. At the present rate of progress our State will take its place in the front rank, educationally, before the passing of many years.

We are concerned about our own denominational schools and colleges. We have Wake Forest College for men, which enrolled last year 873-90 ministerial students and volunteers. Meredith and Chowan for girls, which enrolled last year 586-26 volunteers. Combined property value, including endowment is \$3,553,700. Mars Hill and Wingate are maintained as Junior Colleges, with an enrollment this year of practically 800-75 ministerial students and volunteers—combined property value of \$361,030.

4422 students enrolled in all Baptist schools in North Carolina last year with 336 ministerial students and volunteers. Total valuation of property \$4,521,428.

We have a great interest in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and W. M. U. training school, Louisville, Ky. The South Western Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans. These institutions enrolled last year 1484 pupils—property valued at \$2,277,000.

North Carolina Baptists desire, and demand, that their institutions of learning shall be Christian, not only in name, but in reality, and that they stand for the faith, once for all delivered unto the saints.

For these schools and colleges, North Carolina Baptists are justly proud. Let us rally to these institutions and help to make them what their founders meant for them to be—and more if possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. L. DORTON.

The Orphanage report was read and discussed by M. D. L. Preslar and I. F. Thomas and adopted.

#### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The Orphanage is the one vital living department of our denominational work that keeps us in constant touch with the crying needs of our dependent children.

For 39 years this work has been growing until we are now caring for 575 children at Thomasville and the Kennedy Home, 325 in the state with their own mothers.

The current fund necessary to maintain the orphanage is around \$175,000.00 the year, not including buildings and improvements. The contributions of one Sunday in each month from the Sunday School, and a great Thanksgiving offering equal to One Day's Income has become the main source of supply. The marvelous way in which the Lord has blessed this big home is a loud call for our continued loyalty.

The denomination from mountain to sea has been wonderfully strengthened by the reflex influence of their generous giving to the orphanage. The helpless childhood of our state lays upon us the obligation to widen our work and to reach out the hands of help to those who are without a penny, a home, or a friend. And there are hundreds of children in North Carolina utterly destitute who are as worthy and as promising as those who are already enjoying the blessing and protection of the orphanage. So the task ever widens, and we are therefore asking the Sunday Schools and churches of this Association to continue to make larger investments in the orphanage.

Your committee would again recommend:

- (1) A monthly contribution from every Sunday School in this Association.
- (2) The plan of setting apart one day for the Orphanage at or near Thanksgiving by every man, woman and child in this Association.
- (3) A club of Charity and Children in the well organized Sunday Schools with an individual copy to as many others as possible.

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE

Adjourned for one hour. Prayer by I. F. Thomas,

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled at 1 P. M. Devotional meeting led by F. G. Walker. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved 1. That the Anson Association shall hereafter meet on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in Oct.

Resolved 2. That the Moderator select a preacher for the Sunday sermon.

Prof. W. F. Humbert discussed the report on aged ministers' relief.

#### AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF

A new day is breaking for the minister who has grown old and feeble in the service, and has labored almost without compensation.

The Relief Board of the Baptist Denomination situated at Dallas, Texas, since it was established May 1, 1919, to September 1, 1924, has received 1,415,000 dollars from the 75 million fund. Five hundred and eighty thousand dollars of this amount have been paid for the relief of the sick and needy. Something more than \$500,000 have gone into the amunity fund, out of which all needy ministers over 68 years of age draw pensions. At the present time there are over one thousand beneficiaries, including a number of orphan children. Up to date, only 56 per cent of the amount allotted to it out of the 75 million fund has been collected by the Board.

The Board plans that never more will want and care grip the ministers broken in health and strength. A fund provided by the sympathy and loyalty of the Baptist people will supply the simple needs of the preachers who gave their best for the Master's kingdom. Every effort will be made to make their last days comfortable and contented. No class of people are more deserving.

Respectfully submitted, W. F. HUMBERT.



J. Bascom Huff, told in a very pleasant way, what the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. were doing.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U.

Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s have spread throughout the Southland, but still there is more needs for the work of both organizations.

The Sunday School is essentially a teaching service; everything in it comes out or leads into the lesson of today. It aims to teach the Bible, the book of truth, wisdom and knowledge, to win the unconverted to Christ, to enlist soldiers in the Lord's army.

With the above points accomplished, and the proper teaching in the home, around the fireside, the effects of the Sunday School will be seen in the better type of citizenship in the church and community.

Closely related to the Sunday School is the B. Y. P. U. It is the training service of a Baptist church—training the young converts as the Seminary trains its young ministers. The membership of a B. Y. P. U. is made up of young soldiers who have enlisted in the Lord's army. Their efficiency as church leaders will depend upon their training. The B. Y. P. U. gives them proper training, by having them do the work in public.

The organization bears the same relation to the church that the preaching service does the Sunday School and prayer meeting, and is essentially as important. Our Baptist churches are weak today in some respects because we do not have efficient leadership. There must be some place in the plans of our churches to train young christians or we will always lack leaders and workers, therefore we can't expect to attain the highest work.

Having a doctrinal, denominational, missionary and a Bible study meeting monthly, the work is interesting, and the young people love the work.

Respectfully, AUGUSTUS PARKER

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Our Home Missions Board and Southern Baptist Convention refers with gratitude to the wonderful progress made during the last few years in Home Mission Endeavor, especially during the five year period of the 75 million campaign, which has been unique and outstanding in Baptist annals. Notwithstanding the embarrassment of a debt that has rested on the Board for four years past. God has richly blessed the labor of the missionaries and evangelists of the Board. Thousands have been brought to Christ through the Home Board, and today many heart searching cases are coming upon us from weak churches, calling for help to enlarge and help destitute fields where missions are needed. Changing conditions in the industrial world, the migration of the negroes by hundreds of thousands to the North, the test of our civilization by the creeping in of insidious error in our Schools and Colleges, all these call of the leavening of power of the Gospel.

The Home Mission Board notwithstanding its burdensome debt presents a wonderful outlook for the future. So marvelous has been God's favors upon our people in the past few years that we are able by virtue of our sources, and resources, to size the present situation and make Southern Baptists the greatest single religious force in the South and throughout our nation. If we fail here, we fail everywhere; if we succeed here, we

succeed everywhere. May God help our people in this great day of opportunity, with high resolve, to meet the issue worthily, and hasten the coming of His kingdom throughout the earth.

The following is a brief summary of some of the features of the Board's work for the past five years. Sermons and addresses delivered 802,282; prayer meetings 101,075; religious visits 1,282,210; baptisms 203,532, total additions to churches 324,086; workers' conferences held 4,667; volunteers for Christian service 15,049; church houses built or repaired 2,225 Sunday Schools organized 3,183; copies of Scripture issued 55,533; page-tracts distributed 35,812,479.

If we raise the full 75 million, and the Home Board receives its due proportion, we can pay off all the Board's debt and be ready for an aggressive work for the coming year of kingdom building. Let us work, pray and pay, that we may do our best for the master. J. S. TYSON

Report on Temperance read and discussed by Jonah W. Thomas, and adopted.

#### TEMPERANCE

Our denomination has always stood for temperance and moderation in every thing.

We rejoice in the fact that the enemies of prohibition have failed in every attempt to defeat the purpose of the 18th amendment to the Federal Constitution. We also rejoice in the fact that sentiment is becoming stronger in favor of prohibition as the years come and go. Let us not depend on the law only to free our country of the whiskey traffic, but let us individually and collectively do all in our power to discourage it. The battle for absolute prohibition has only begun. There are more elicit stills and blind tigers now than ever before; to stamp out this lawless business is the main problem for God's people.

Whisky will continue to blight our country just as long as men of influence who profess to be christians and pose for gentlemen, back it up and encourage it for gain.

The officers of the law should be made to feel that in the discharge of their duties they have the hearty co-operation and sympathy of the members of the Anson County Baptist Association.

Respectfully submitted, JONAH W. THOMAS



Report of committee on Time and Place and preacher. We recommend that the next session be held with the Deep Creek Baptist church, commencing on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October 1925; to preach introductory sermon, Rev. C. H. Martin.

Committee and digest of church letters reported. Received by baptism 95; by letter 46; by restoration 28; total 169; lost by letter 49; by exclusion 6; by death 12; net gain 102.

On motion the Association elected delegates to S. B. and B. S. Conventions. (See Directory).

The Moderator announced the following brethren as writers for the next session:

- State Missions—E. J. Hutchinson.
- Home Missions—W. F. Humbert.
- Foreign Missions—J. C. Meggs.
- Christian Education—J. S. Tyson.
- Orphanage—W. J. Russell.
- Biblical Recorder—Mrs. J. J. Johnson.
- Aged Ministers Relief—M. D. Hill.
- Needs of the Churches—J. W. Sullivan.
- Sunday Schools—I. F. Thomas.
- B. Y. P. U.—T. L. Broadaway.
- Woman's Work—Mrs. W. F. Humbert.
- Temperance—C. H. Martin.

The usual vote of thanks was extended to the Polkton church and community for the splendid hospitality shown us during the session of this Association.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Deep Creek church on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in Oct., 1925, at 10:30 A. M. Benediction by the Moderator.

M. L. DORTON, Moderator  
J. M. BROADAWAY, Clerk

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help	Building and Repairing	Incidentals	S.S. and B.Y.P.U. Expenses	Local Poor	Minute Fund, etc	Other Objects.	Home Total	75 Million (un-designated)	Orphanage	Denominational Total	Grand Total
Brown Creek	500	74 70	5 00	60 80	68 95	19 00	5 00	12 55	746 00	181 28	103 00	284 26	1030 28
Cedar Grove	220	45 70			45 00		4 00		300 10	90 50	37 60	128 10	430 80
Deep Creek	450	135 27		26 00	15 52	4 68	3 65		534 27	149 97	28 16	178 13	812 40
Fall Branch	100	35 00		35 00	34 00	24 00			185 92	44 00		44 00	229 92
Gum Springs	100	94 33			40 00	734 00	2 00	12 50	274 31	7 00	33 00	40 00	317 31
Mt. Beulah	300	80 35							142 00	16 48		48 25	1138 25
Mt. Zion	100	35 00	5 00		13 60		2 00		979 15	48 25		48 25	1027 40
New Home	130	33 00	8 00		29 64		1 00		258 64			258 64	958 64
NorthWadesboro	150	78 00			12 40		5 00		85 655	27 113	90 25	38 50	794 17
Polkton	375		15 75	46 82	127 20		2 00		286 40	422 00		422 00	658 40
Rocky River	200	10 00	12 00						708 00	165 00	28 16	193 18	902 18
Rocky Mt.	250	55 00			40 00		8 20	6 00	350 00				

W. M. U., Cedar Grove \$25; Polkton \$103.



## STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTOR & POSTOFFICE	CLERK & POSTOFFICE	Membership Statistics							
			Time of Preaching	Gain by Baptism	Gain by letter	Gains by rest'on	Loss by letter	Loss by Exclus'n	Loss by Death	
Brown Creek	M. L. Dorton, Ansonville	Burgess Tyson, Wadesboro	2-4	3	1	12	2	1	2	157
Cedar Grove	J. C. Meggs, Marshville	J. M. Broddaway, Polkton	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	140
Deep Creek	M. L. Dorton, Ansonville	W. C. Webb, Wadesboro	1-3	15	3	5	2	2	2	130
Fall Branch	I. B. Little, Norwood	I. T. Flake, Lilesville	8	3	2	4	9	4	1	61
Gum Springs	E. D. Roberts, Cheraw, S. C.	W. W. Marks, Pee Dee	1-3	4	2	2	2	1	1	85
Mt. Beulah	I. S. Tyson, Cheraw, S. C.	J. K. Tyson, Wadesboro	2-4	15	17	1	2	2	1	253
Mt. Zion	E. J. Hutchinson, Wadesboro	Willie Williams, Wadesboro	4	14	6	1	3	1	2	68
New Home	M. D. Hill, Marshville	I. S. Williams, Peachland	1	7	2	5	3	2	2	78
North Wadesboro	E. J. Hutchinson, Wadesboro	S. D. Chinnis, Wadesboro	8	12	10	1	8	2	1	21
Polkton	C. H. Martin, Polkton	Ganewell Stroup, Polkton	8	12	10	1	8	2	2	132
Rocky River	E. C. Snider, Monroe	Earl Thompson, Polkton	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	72
Rocky Mt.	W. B. Holmes, Monroe	R. H. Thomas, Marshville	3	17	2	5	8	2	1	200

CHURCHES	SUPTS. & POSTOFFICES	Officers & Teachers	B. Y. P. U. Membership	Total	Baptisms from School	Contributions for Home Expenses	Total Contributions
Brown Creek	I. F. Thomas, Wadesboro	7	7	91	2	68 75	68 75
Cedar Grove	J. H. Thomas, Polkton	8	24	83	2	56 00	56 00
Deep Creek	J. W. Carrick, Wadesboro, Route A.	7	7	97	6	45 00	45 00
Fall Branch	F. M. Poplin, Lilesville	7	7	48	2	18 00	18 00
Gum Springs	R. B. Gathings, Pee Dee	8	42	71	24	00	15 00
Mt. Beulah	J. K. Tyson, Wadesboro, Route A	7	125	125	40	00	40 00
Mt. Zion	J. S. Williams, Peachland	9	9	88	6	13 60	13 60
New Home	E. R. Gilmore, Wadesboro	7	7	86	6	29 00	29 00
North Wadesboro	W. F. Humbert, Polkton	11	30	102	12	12700	12720
Polkton	D. L. Thompson, Polkton	5	5	43	12	00	12 00
Rocky River	S. J. Turner, Polkton	8	38	40	15	00	40 00
Rocky Mt.							

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS



