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THE BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its 75th Annual Session with Yanceyville Baptist Church, Caswell County, N. C., on Wednesday, the 4th day of August, 1909. Opened by devotional exercises by J. A. Beam. The Moderator called the Association to order.

On motion W. T. Bryant was re-elected Moderator.

On motion, B. S. Graves was elected Clerk, and C. R. Vernon re-elected Treasurer.

Roll of churches was called and delegates enrolled as follows: Beulah, ——; Blanche, D. Y. Mebane; Clement, C. R. Vernon; Ephesus, ——; Lamberth Memorial, A. L. Boyd; Lea Bethel, Graves Thompson; Milton, ——; Providence, J. S. Harvey; Semora, J. B. Yarbrough; Shiloh, G. B. Yarbrough, H. C. Myers and W. T. Bryant; Thompsonville, M. D. Walters; Trinity, C. J. Yarbrough, Wm. Starley; Kerr's Chapel, P. M. Somers, T. A. Pottillo; Yanceyville, J. L. Poteat, J. L. Edmunds and W. G. Farthing.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Order of Business—J. S. Harvey, C. J. Yarbrough and J. B. Yarbrough.

On Digest of Church Letters—H. A. Howard, H. C. Myers and M. D. Walters.

On Time, Place and Preacher—J. M. Poteat, A. L. Page and J. B. Walters.

On Finance—J. S. Harvey, L. A. Gwynn and C. J. Yarbrough.

To Name Executive Board—J. S. Harvey, L. A. Gwynn and C. J. Yarbrough.

The Moderator recognized the following visiting brethren: J. A. Beam, Danville, Va.

REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows: That the subjects be taken in regular order, without allotting time to either—Education, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Periodicals, Orphanage, Temperance, Sunday Schools, Ministerial Relief, Home Missions.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The creed and history of our denomination ally us as a people with Education, and all right educational policies and agencies. We believe it to be our duty to foster and promote the education of all the people in the

It is intended to have at least one Sunday School Convention in each Association during the year. We have held one since our last meeting. We are requested also to co-operate in an effort for special training in the Sunday school work, and to have our officers and teachers take special interest, our membership should be greatly increased. A few facts copied from the *Biblical Recorder* may arouse us to greater activity:

"We have 214,000 church members and 150,000 Sunday school scholars. You see the Sunday schools are only 70 per cent. as large as the churches—they ought to be larger. This is true in 459 of our churches. There are 200,000 white children in North Carolina, from four to twenty-one years old, in no Sunday school. Every year over 8,000 white children and 20,000 negro children get old enough to go to Sunday school. Yet, from 1905 to 1908 the net gain in all the Sunday schools in North Carolina was only 20,000 for the three years.

"The above facts are true of over 60,000 children reaching the age of accountability each year. Nearly 300 of our churches are without Sunday schools, and 800 Sunday schools close for winter."

Respectfully submitted,

D. Y. MEBANE.

Report discussed by writer.

"How to Conduct a Successful Sunday School," discussed by A. L. Boyd, J. S. Harvey, C. J. Yarbrough and W. G. Farthing.

✓ Report was adopted. Pledges taken for Sunday schools.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

In the age in which we now live, in order that we keep abreast of the times, we feel the necessity of reading books and papers to keep us well informed. And in making our selection we should not fail to provide some good religious literature. We commend the religious press generally, and the *Biblical Recorder* and *Charity and Children* in particular, and beg that you give the *Recorder*, our State organ, a place in your home.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. HARVEY.

Discussed by writer and D. Y. Mebane. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON NAMING EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, your committee, beg leave to recommend the following brethren for the Executive Board: J. B. Yarbrough, P. M. Somers, Graves Thompson, R. T. Wilson and R. S. Graves.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. HARVEY

L. A. GWYNN

C. J. YARBROUGH

The report was adopted.

On motion, adjourned. Benediction by J. A. Beam.

THURSDAY MORNING

Religious exercises conducted by J. K. Faulkner. At 10:30 the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention made a most hopeful and encouraging report for year 1908. What burdens our growth has laid upon us. How our responsibility has been increased by the very success of our work in distant countries. The work has grown to be so large, and has been crowned with such wonderful success, that we are forced to give far more to missions in order to fill the large place God has opened for us.

METHODS OF WORK.

The main thing is the preaching of the gospel, and all that is done is aimed directly toward reaching the people with the Evangel of Christ. There are some valuable aids to the work of preaching. One of these aids is the educational work. We have 142 schools with 3,846 scholars. Four of these are women's training schools, and eight theological schools. We have four printing plants which print hundreds of thousands of religious tracts, periodicals, books and Bibles in the languages of the various countries.

FINANCES OF THE BOARD.

The total receipts for the year were \$460,797. The Convention fixed the estimate for this year at \$537,500. North Carolina is asked to give \$45,000. The Beulah Association is asked to give \$165 of this amount.

Expenditures were as follows: Expenses in Richmond, 7 per cent.; in various States, 7½ per cent.; for interest on money borrowed, 2 per cent.; sent to foreign fields, 87½ per cent. of total receipts.

A DECADE OF DEVELOPMENT.

In ten years we have grown from 82 missionaries, 845 baptisms, \$109,267 contributed—average 7 cents per member, to 231 missionaries, 2,905 baptisms, \$460,797 contributed—average 22 cents per member.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend that special effort be made to secure a contribution for Foreign Missions from every church in the Beulah Association, and from every member of the various churches.

We urge all of our people to subscribe for the *Foreign Mission Journal*, and that they read the leaflets and tracts sent out for information.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. VERNON.

Report discussed by writer and J. A. Beam. Report adopted.

Delegates to State Baptist Convention—B. S. Graves, J. M. Poteat and J. S. Harvey.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—J. K. Faulkner.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—C. J. Yarbrough. Foreign Missions—G. W. Farthing. Home Missions—J. B. Yarbrough. Education—J. S. Harvey. Orphanage—Graves Thompson. Religious Literature—G. W. Farthing. Sunday Schools—Loftin Lambeth. Temperance—D. Y. Mebane.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The signs of the times are favorable for Home Missions. The million alien immigrants who come into our country each year, the still larger number of native people who move annually into the Southwest and West, the wonderful industrial change now in progress in the South—such facts as these have been used of God to arouse His people to the urgent necessity of taking and holding this land for Christ.

The task proposed is great, and demands devoted attention. Of the 90,000,000 people in the United States, only 20,000,000 are members of evangelical denominations. Of the remaining 70,000,000, 12,000,000 belong to Catholics and other sects, while 58,000,000 make no profession of religion. The forces which tend to make this situation worse are active, powerful and determined.

Among the Christian denominations, none has such a great opportunity and responsibility in winning America for Christ as have Southern Baptists. No other mission board in America last year showed results in conversions, baptisms and additions to churches at all comparable to those which attended the efforts of the missionaries of our Home Mission Board, which is located at Atlanta, Ga. Yet, the Northern Baptists, Northern Presbyterians and Northern Methodists each spent more than three times as much for their Home Mission work as Southern Baptists spent. Northern Baptists raised for Home Missions \$904,798, and had 8,462 Baptisms. Southern Baptists raised \$283,436, and had 25,109 baptisms. The total *additions* to mission churches last year from our work was 47,808, which is more than two-thirds the entire *membership* of the Home Mission churches of Northern Baptists.

In the Southern mountains, at a cost to the denomination at large of only about \$5 for each student, our Board last year conducted mission schools in which 4,316 mountain boys and girls were educated.

In the Southwest great gains came to Southern Baptists through Home Mission endeavor. Home Board work in this department cost about \$70,000, and there were in it 33,000 additions to mission churches. The State Boards had a large share in this work, but the result is none the less gratifying.

Among the negroes the evangelistic work of the Board in co-operation with the National Baptist Convention (colored) is wonderfully successful. In fact, the Home Mission Board, in each department, brought in a harvest for the brotherhood and for Christ which was beyond precedent. Yet, the Board feels that it is but beginning to enter upon the larger work of administering for Southern Baptists their larger gifts, which will enable them indeed to take and hold the Southland for Christ.

We recommend more liberal and frequent collections for this work, and that each church get up a club of subscribers for the *Home Field*, the admirable monthly magazine of the Board, and that our pastors make it a point to preach more frequently to their churches on Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. YARBROUGH.

Report discussed by writer and J. K. Faulkner. Report adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Your committee begs to report as follows: That this Board is located in Durham, N. C., designed to furnish necessary aid to ministers who have given their lives to the ministry, and in their declining years are not able to provide for themselves and those dependent upon them. The committee is glad to state that more money has been raised up to date this year than for the corresponding length of time last year. We are asked to raise \$3,000 this year, and have raised \$1,900 to date.

We have now 32 on the Board. This means in some cases husband, wife, and from one to three or four children. Sometimes it means the old brother, sometimes the widow. So you see it means there are this many families represented. There are several applications pending for action of the Board in August.

The amount asked for means only about \$100 to the family, a sum often entirely inadequate to meet the needs of the case. This being true, we have not been able to meet the urgent requests and pitiful pleas that have come to them. It has been our painful privilege to receive from nearly every one of them this year the sad intelligence of their many needs and various wants. These requests are pitiful and sad, and should enlist the sympathy of all Christian people. Your committee, therefore, earnestly request all the pastors, or some layman, in each church, to see that this Board's work is represented in every church, and that they co-operate with us in bringing the needs and wants of these old Baptist preachers and their families before the people, and urge an increase in contributions during the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. BOYD.

Report discussed by writer, J. K. Faulkner, C. R. Vernon. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We congratulate the temperance forces of the State on the great, glori-

ous victory won by them. Their work was trying, and they won a great victory. We should not let our interest in this cause abate in the least.

Report discussed and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Balance from last year for State Missions | \$ 65 49 |
| Collected for State Missions | 153 63 |
| " Home Missions | 30 75 |
| " Foreign Missions | 22 06 |
| " Education | 12 00 |
| " Ministerial Relief | 21 00 |
| " Orphanage | 6 05 |
| " S. S. Mission | 7 02 |
| " Minutes and Clerk | 19 76 |
| | \$337 76 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid to Walters Durham | \$ 92 83 |
| " Orphanage | 6 05 |
| " Missionaries | 152 63 |
| " Clerk for Minutes | 19 76 |
| " Balance due State Missions | 66 49 |
| | \$ 337 76 |

C. R. VERNON, Treas.

Report adopted.

Ephesus church asked for letter to join Flat River Association. On motion the letter was granted.

C. J. Yarbrough presented the following resolution:

We greatly appreciate the overflowing hospitality shown us during this session. The Association hereby desires to extend to the Yanceyville church and people of the community our heartfelt thanks for the same.

On motion unanimously adopted.

On motion adjourned. By request sang, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go."

Benediction by J. K. Faulkner.

FINANCIAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | Pastor's Salary | Building Repairs | S. S. Expenses | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | S. S. Missions | Orphanage | Education | Ministerial Relief | Other Objects | Incidentals | Minute Fund | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Beulah..... | \$ 60 00 | \$ | \$ | 7 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 3 00 | 2 00 | 2 00 | | | | 95 | 79 95 |
| Blanche..... | 150 00 | | 3 00 | 16 00 | 8 00 | 10 00 | 8 00 | 8 00 | 8 00 | 5 00 | 60 50 | | 3 00 | 276 17 |
| Clement..... | 225 00 | 10 55 | 11 00 | 65 00 | 30 00 | 50 00 | 10 00 | 20 00 | 25 00 | 20 60 | 25 00 | | 3 00 | 495 15 |
| Ephesus..... | 100 00 | | | 20 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 1 00 | 5 00 | 3 00 | 4 00 | 64 00 | | 1 50 | 208 50 |
| Kerr's Chapel..... | 50 00 | | 11 50 | 11 50 | 6 25 | 10 50 | 1 00 | 12 00 | 2 50 | 5 00 | 11 72 | 2 95 | 1 00 | 125 92 |
| Lambeth Memorial..... | 50 00 | | | 7 00 | 3 00 | 7 00 | | 3 00 | 2 00 | 2 50 | | | 50 | 75 00 |
| Lea Bethel..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Milton..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Providence..... | 93 70 | | 33 20 | 15 00 | 5 00 | 7 00 | 1 02 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 4 00 | 8 50 | | 2 00 | 171 92 |
| Semora..... | 100 00 | | 7 14 | 20 20 | 6 16 | 16 91 | 3 31 | 53 18 | 4 00 | 6 17 | 1 00 | 6 15 | 1 75 | 225 97 |
| Shiloh..... | 125 00 | | 9 00 | 6 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 2 00 | 4 85 | | 2 00 | | | 1 21 | 160 06 |
| Thompsonville..... | 49 00 | | 5 00 | 7 79 | 2 10 | 2 10 | | | | | | | 30 | 113 19 |
| Trinity..... | | | 2 60 | 6 00 | 2 00 | 3 00 | | 1 20 | 1 00 | | | | 75 | 16 55 |
| Yanceyville..... | 87 50 | 670 00 | 2 10 | 18 50 | 14 00 | 16 51 | 2 00 | 13 04 | 5 00 | 7 00 | 5 10 | 7 50 | 3 80 | 852 05 |
| TOTALS..... | \$181 20 | \$680 55 | \$84 54 | \$199 99 | \$89 41 | \$188 02 | \$23 33 | \$121 94 | \$55 00 | \$56 27 | \$175 82 | \$74 60 | \$19 76 | \$2800 43 |

PLEDGES

| CHURCHES | Education | State Missions | Orphanage | Sunday Schools | Foreign Missions | Home Missions | Ministerial Relief | Totals |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Blanche | \$ | \$ 5 00 | \$ 2 50 | \$ 2 00 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 9 50 |
| Clement | 8 00 | 20 00 | 10 00 | 3 00 | 10 00 | 8 00 | 5 00 | 64 00 |
| Kerr's Chapel | 2 00 | 20 00 | 5 00 | 3 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 4 00 | 44 00 |
| Lambeth Mem | 2 50 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 1 00 | 6 75 | 6 25 | 5 00 | 38 50 |
| Lea Bethel | 2 00 | 7 00 | 3 00 | | 7 00 | 3 00 | 2 50 | 24 50 |
| Providence | 2 50 | 15 00 | | 1 00 | 5 00 | 3 00 | 2 00 | 28 50 |
| Semora | 2 50 | 10 00 | 15 00 | 2 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 6 00 | 50 50 |
| Shiloh | 2 50 | 15 00 | 5 00 | 2 00 | 10 00 | 8 00 | 5 00 | 47 50 |
| Thompsonville | | 5 00 | 1 00 | | | 2 00 | 1 00 | 9 00 |
| Trinity | 2 00 | 10 00 | 2 00 | 2 00 | 5 00 | 3 00 | 3 00 | 27 00 |
| Yanceyville | 5 00 | 15 00 | 15 00 | 3 00 | 15 00 | 12 00 | 10 00 | 75 00 |



