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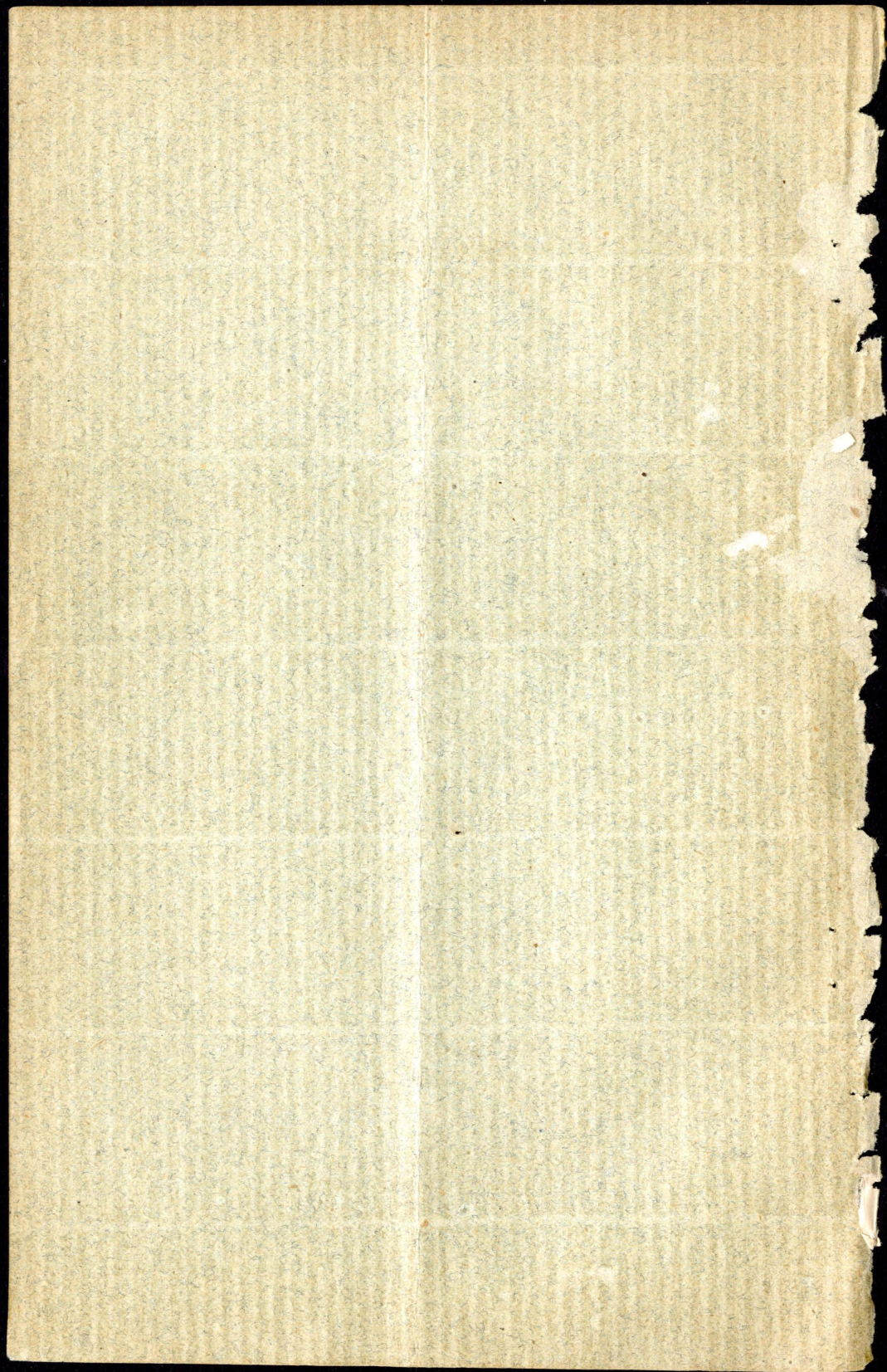
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## Ministerial Registry.

Ammons, John	Outlook, N. C.
Baley, L. J.	Walnut Run, "
Bradley, J. A.	Sexton, "
Briggs, W. K.	Briggsville, "
Briggs, J. W.	Mars Hill, "
Clubb, Clayton,	Sexton, "
Corn, N. P. M.	Outlook, "
Deweese, Levi,	" "
Honeycutt, T. M.	Mars Hill, "
Lewis, Joseph	Gage, "
Lewis, J. L.	Laurelton, "
McDevitt, P.	Mars Hill, "
Metcalf, C. C.	Paint Fork, "
Pinner, R.	Faust, "
Ponder, W. M.	" "
Ramsey, Garrett	Marshall, "
Roberts, L. C.	Sexton, "
Sprinkle, A. J.	Jupiter, "
Wallin, S.	Big Laurel, "
Wallin, Jesse	Marshall, "
Wild, J. M.	Walnut Run, "

## PROCEEDINGS.

Big Laurel, N. C., Aug. 23, 1899.

The French Broad Baptist Association met in its Ninety-second Annual Session with Big Laurel church at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Opening song—"Nearer my God to Thee."

After singing, and prayer by N. L. Shaw, Rev. Jno. W. Briggs preached the introductory sermon. Subject, Pastorage: Text, John 10: 11. The sermon was an earnest plea for more earnest and faithful work on the part of the pastors.

Prayer by Rev. T. M. Honeycutt.

Benediction by Rev. B. H. Mathews.

Intermission one hour for dinner.

At 1 P. M. the Association re-assembled.

Song—"Jesus lover of my soul." Prayer by Rev. M. S. Proffitt.

The Association was then called to order by Moderator, J. F. Tilson. The clerk being absent, J. H. Buckner was asked to fill the vacancy till a permanent organization be effected.

Letters from the various churches was then handed in.

On motion the former method of reading letters was dispensed with and the letters referred to a committee on digest of letters.

On motion of T. M. Honeycutt, Bro. J. F. Tilson was elected Moderator and Dr. J. Wallin cast the entire vote of the Association. S. E. Tweed received a plurality of votes for Clerk, (B. H. Mathews and M. S. Proffitt acting as tellers,) and on motion was elected by acclamation.

The following visiting brethren were invited to a seat in the Association, viz.: Rev. B. H. Mathews, of the New Found Association; Bro. N. L. Shaw, representing the



Biblical Recorder; Rev. L. D. Howard, from the Indian River Association of Fla.; Rev. M. S. Proffitt from the Buncombe County Association and Bro. William Calahan from the Holston Association of Tenn.

Appointed the following committees, viz:

Digest of Letters—J. H. Buckner, J. W. Briggs and J. E. Bryan.

On motion the chairman of old committees being present two new committeemen were appointed, the old committeeman acting as chairman.

Sunday Schools—A. W. Arrowood, Chm., J. B. Sams and M. S. Proffitt.

Home Missions—Rev. L. J. Baley, N. L. Shaw and H. M. Fagan.

Foreign Missions—Rev. J. W. Briggs, L. C. Roberts and S. E. Arrowood.

Temperance—L. S. Tilson, Chm., G. V. Roberts and Joel Calahan.

Orphanage—Dr. J. Wallin, W. R. Sams and Rev. W. C. Nelson.

Education—Prof. W. P. Jervis, Rev. T. M. Honeycutt, and J. A. Wallin.

State Missions—Prof. R. L. Moore, Rev. G. W. Gosnell and Jesse Fisher.

Periodicals—Rev. B. H. Mathews, Rev. A. J. Sprinkle and Edmond Rice.

Finance—E. J. Roberts, S. M. Davis and J. R. Buckner.

Time and Place—W. H. McLain, J. O. Scoggins and John E. Waldrup.

Nominations—B. F. Buckner, S. S. Coats and Rev. J. M. Wild.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and delegates of Big Laurel church, and J. B. Sams.

The usual business of the first day being finished, Bro. N. L. Shaw gave a very interesting lecture on the possibilities and responsibilities of the Baptists of Western N. C.

Song, "Throw out the life-line."

After announcements the meeting adjourned to meet at 9:30 A. M., Thursday.

Congregation sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Benediction by Rev. T. M. Honeycutt.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1899.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Song, "Come thou fount of every blessing."

Prayer by Prof. R. L. Moore. After reading 123rd Psalm and prayer by Rev. A. W. Arrowood, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Revs. G. W. Gosnell from the Buncombe County Association, and Garrett Ramsey from the New Found Association were invited to a seat in the body.

The committee made the following report on

#### TEMPERANCE.

The subject of temperance is one of the most vital of all the subjects that engage the attention of this body. Probably no subject before the Association has been more thoroughly discussed, and more earnestly agitated than temperance; but with all the agitation that could be brought to bear upon the dreadful curse of intemperance for a century, or even a thousand years, with its ever increasing destruction, of heart-broken wives, of sending the souls of men to torment by the thousand, why should not the zeal of the people of God be aroused to its utmost capacity in trying in every way possible to stamp the accursed stuff from existence?

It is not necessary for us to report to this Association that the rum traffic is the most gigantic of all opposers of the church of Christ; it finds its way into all grades and conditions of society.

The nation, the state, the church, the pulpit, the pew, the family, and every individual heart is injured by its blighting touch. As the rays of light make their way into every inch of accessible space in the material universe, so does the influence of strong drink find its way to every heart, and that not to bless, but usually to destroy soul as well as body.

We say "strong drink," not because it is the only source of intemperance, but because it is reduced to a fact that all the temperance reports that have been handed into this Association for years were intended to direct the mind particularly to this dreadful monster and not to all manner of intemperance. Some of us conclude that it means a little of this, that, and the other; and thereby excuse



ourselves from any definite opinion in the matter.

It is not necessary to tell more of the destruction of this double distilled, death dealing monster that is dealt out all over this beloved land of ours. The facts of the matter are, that instead of a decrease, there has been an actual increase during every decade since 1850. We find by statistics, that in that year only a small fraction over four gallons per capita were made use of in the United States; but in the year 1890, it had increased to the enormous amount of fifteen and a half gallons per capita, or nearly fourfold. When two billion dollars are expended in intemperance and only one hundred and thirty-six millions revenue left to the Government, leaving a net waste of one billion, eight-hundred and sixty-five millions, we should, even from a financial standpoint, arise in the power of His might and try to rid ourselves of such a demon. Fifty per cent. of the arrests in the large cities result from drunkenness; and the cost of the arrests for the same purpose is about fifty-three millions annually. With all these facts and thousands of others staring us in the face, with all the admonition given in the blessed Gospel of truth, with all the sorrow, the grief, the woe, the pain, and all the deaths directly resulting from the evil, we, who profess to be followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, should arise from our lethargy, put on the whole armor of God, and with might and main fight it until the Master says: "It's enough; come up higher."

L. S. TILSON,  
G. V. ROBERTS, } COM.  
JOEL CALAHAN. }

Bro. Tilson said we should take a moral rather than a financial view of this subject. We must work where there is the greatest destruction, and where we can do the most good. We are not as wide awake, and are not as busy as we should be fighting this, the greatest of evils. And a fit exhortation to the Church would be, "Wake up; arouse thyself."

It is a sad mistake that even some Baptists will say there is no harm in taking a dram. What does this mean but saying there is no harm in beginning to make a drunkard, or to make the start which leads to all the evils of a drunken life? The beginning is the fatal step. And in the name of God all Christian parents should train their boys to never take the first drink. It is a very dangerous step.

The report was adopted.

Sang one verse of "Jesus lover of my soul."

Prof. Jervis read the following report on

## EDUCATION.

That Education is the universal right of man and the hope of the individual, the Church and the State is an axiom too generally accepted to need argument.

The question that presents itself to us is the means for its attainment and how to make them more efficient.

The family, which should be the starting point in an education, has proven too much of a failure to inspire much confidence; and hence we turn to the State and the Church.

Popular Education is the system on which the state relies to educate its future citizens, and this system more than any other is the hope of the thousands of boys and girls all over the State. If the advantages offered by the State are not utilized the children as a mass are doomed to irretrievable ignorance. Hence the duty of all law-loving and law-abiding citizens is to give the public schools of their respective communities their hearty and undivided support. The purpose of the State is honest and far-reaching; and if there is any failure in making the schools what they should be the fault is not with the State; but lies at the doors of unfaithful school officials and an unappreciative public sentiment. Make the schools what the law contemplates. Elevate them in intellectual and moral tones and then patronize them every day during the term if possible. This course will not fail to give them the force and power for which they were originally intended, and through them, we will have the respectable citizenship so necessary to our material, moral and political prosperity and happiness as a people. The church is a powerful educator; whichever way we turn we need, and must have its influence. Every pulpit should be a rostrum for its promulgation. The public schools need its fostering care through its affiliation. The teachers of these schools will be men and women who not only instruct in the tenets of citizenship, but in those higher accomplishments that fits the child for eternity.

Consecrated men to the faith of Jesus Christ have made sacrifices to establish denominational institutions for higher education all over our dear old state. Among these is Mars Hill College in our own Association, whose power for good in the past is a matter of history which should make us thank God and take courage. This institution offers incalculable opportunities to the people of Western N. C., which opportunity we are glad to note is being highly appreciated. During the session of 1898 and '99 there were enrolled 189 pupils, representing ten counties; and the work of the session was highly satisfactory. The present session opened August 7, and now there is an enrollment of 225 pupils, representing 5 states and 12 counties in this state.



The college offers superior advantages over any previous year of its existence, being re-furnished with desks of the most modern style. The faculty is everything that could be desired. Prof. Moore and two of his assistants are graduates of Wake Forest College, while the teacher of the primary department is a graduate of Mary Sharp College of Tenn.,—men and women whose hearts are aglow with the spirit of their work, cultured, and in every way abreast of the times. The school offers every facility for higher education and deserves the united support and patronage of all our people.

Let the opportunities which this school offers be treasured by us as a denomination, and we will reap a rich harvest for our country and for eternity.

W. P. JERVIS,  
T. M. HONEYCUTT, } COM.  
J. A. WALLIN.

The report was ably discussed by Prof. Jervis and others. Prof. Jervis expressed his gratitude to see the cause of education being supported by so many people; and made an earnest plea for a more united support to the cause of education in the future than we have had in the past. We people of Western N. C., have many advantages for educating ourselves. And let every one lay his hand to the work, and the time is not far distant when all the boys and girls of our beloved country will be educated.

Report was adopted.

Song, "What a friend we have in Jesus."

Prayer by Bro. N. L. Shaw.

At 11 A. M., the work of the Association was suspended and Rev. B. H. Mathews preached on the subject of working together for good. Text, Romans 8:28. Prayer by Rev. T. M. Honeycutt.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:15 P. M., the Association re-assembled. Song, "Alas and did my Saviour bleed." Prayer by Rev. L. J. Baley.

The following report was read by Dr. J. Wallin, on

#### ORPHANAGE.

Your committee would gladly call your attention to this Institution. We regard it as one that especially appeals to every Baptist for his special sympathy and support, because of the nature of the work

it is doing, and because of its effect for good upon the denomination at large. We would especially urge our pastors and churches to make this institution an object of especial care; feeling assured that whatever may be done in this way will meet with the highest approval of our heavenly Father, and result in great good to a most needy class of our fellow beings. We further recommend that each church in this Association take a collection at the January meeting for the benefit of the Orphanage.

DR. JESSE WALLIN,  
W. R. SAMS, } COM.  
REV. W. C. NELSON.

Dr. Wallin discussed the report somewhat at length. After the discussion, a collection of \$7.43 was taken for the Orphanage. Also a number of subscriptions were secured for *Charity and Children*.

Sol. g. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

The following report was read by N. L. Shaw on

#### HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board, at Atlanta, Ga., is doing a great work in preaching the gospel and building houses of worship in all the Southern States. Millions of lost men among the negroes, Indians and foreign population, both in the Southern States and Cuba, are perishing for the bread of life, while the Board is striving to preach the gospel to them. We urge our pastors to preach missions to their churches and to stand by the Boards and aid them in all their mission fields.

At the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention fifty years ago, the Home Mission Board was formed. Then the Baptists of the South were only a hand-full of its population; now the increase is such as to appear phenomenal. In other respects the progress has been more wonderful than the increase in members, as we are now intellectually, socially and financially in the front ranks among the great religious denominations of the land. The Home Mission Board has been largely instrumental under God in bringing about these glorious and beneficial results. Another fact it might be well to remember is, that in our own State the Home Board has given the helping hand to our Baptist cause. Among the important towns where at one time there were weak and struggling churches, we mention Edenton, New Berne, Goldsboro, Charlotte, Salisbury, Asheville, Chapel Hill, Warrenton, Hendersonville, Waynesville, Bryson City and Murphy. We thank God for the great good which has come to us through the Board and pledge ourselves to stand by it and sustain it in the great work of giving the gospel to a perishing world.

L. J. BAILEY,  
H. M. FAGAN, } COM.  
N. L. SHAW.



After appropriate remarks by Bro. Shaw and others the report was adopted.

The following report was read by Rev. Jno. W. Briggs on

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Less than one hundred years ago the nations were inaccessible. Missionary lives were hazarded. Now the whole world is open to the reception of Christian Missionaries. The confusion of Babel has given way to 360 languages and dialects, praising Jehovah—Jesus. A part, or all of God's word has been translated into all these; which means much for the future of the nations.

Our Heavenly Father, the God of Missions, has greatly blessed our work in foreign lands during the past year. We joyfully render thanksgiving and praise to Him for His continued mercies and abundant blessings so graciously bestowed upon the workers and the work. We had a much larger number of converts baptized last year than in any previous year of our convention history. Our Missions generally are well organized and the outlook is full of hope. Most of the missionaries, who were detained at home on account of sickness or want of means to send them, have returned to their fields. Besides these, the Board has appointed and sent out an excellent corps of strong spiritual-minded young men and women. Our denomination has cause to thank God for the high character and excellent qualifications of those who have been appointed during the past year. A number of others, most excellent and worthy, are begging that they be sent. This is a very hopeful sign. God, who chose Paul and Barnabas as foreign missionaries, selected the best; and he still wants the best for this great work. With the new missionaries and return of so many old ones—more than 100 in all—our mission stations were probably never better manned than at the present time. Still the work has developed so gloriously that other missionaries are needed at important points.

CHINA.—Missionaries to China are being welcomed into the homes of the higher class. Here, especially in South China mission, the work has moved forward exceedingly well. The brethren have established, at Canton, a publishing house, to be known as The Chinese Baptist Publication Society, with Dr. R. H. Graves President and Rev. R. E. Chambers Corresponding Secretary. It is the purpose of the Society to print scriptures, tracts, religious newspapers and other literature.

MEXICO.—We are glad to report that there is a more hopeful outlook in our Mexican missions. From both the old and the new missionaries come cheering, hopeful reports. Quite a good number of baptisms have been reported recently.

ITALY.—In Italy our work moves steadily forward. The English Baptists have recently turned over to us their mission in Naples. Dr. Taylor is trying to unite and strengthen the interests of the Baptists in that great city.

AFRICA.—There have been no special changes in our African missions. The work is moving on steadily.

JAPAN.—In Japan the work is progressing well. The missionaries feel much encouraged. Owing to the severity of the climate, the Board has procured a lot and built a house for Rev. J. W. McCallum and family. He now has a good home. Arrangements are being made to build a house for Rev. and Mrs. Maynard also. The conditions in Japan seemed to demand these houses.

BRAZIL.—There has been marked advance in the work in Brazil. Our line of missions now extends from Manaus on the Amazon, to San Paulo in the south, a distance of several thousand miles.

We have hereto appended statistics taken from minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention for 1898:

Statistics Foreign Missions, Southern Baptist Convention, 1898.

LOCATION.	Date.	No. Churches	Missionaries.	Ordained Natives	Baptisms.	Members	S. S. Scholars	Houses of Worship.	No. Schools	No. Scholars	Contributions.	Average Contributions.
China .....	1845	22	40	9	427	1802	875	25	35	880	\$1802.03	\$1.00
Africa .....	1850	6	6	2	37	341	211	7	4	140	654.87	1.92
Italy .....	1870	22	1		38	518	255	4			185.80	.36
Mexico .....	1880	26	10	9	45	1091	365	16	1	30	89.50	.08
Brazil .....	1882	23	18	6	285	1524	440	5	3	115	4302.00	2.08
Japan .....	1889	1	7	1	13	71	300				76.00	1.07
Totals		100	82	27	845	5347	2446	57	43	1165	\$7110.20	\$1.33

French Broad Association: 30 churches, 22 ministers, 3,000 members. Baptized 160, contributed to foreign Missions \$11.85; for all purposes \$825.25, an average of \$0.26 per member.

The Foreign Mission Board at the late session of the Southern Baptist Convention, having received from the different churches of the South \$109,561, reported out of debt; and have decided to enlarge the work 25 per cent. Our State Convention is asked to raise \$9,000 of the \$136,000, actually needed for the work already laid out. How much of this amount shall this Association attempt to raise?



Your committee recommend that each church appoints one of its most active members, full of the missionary spirit, as collecting agent to raise at least one cent every month per member for this object.

J. W. BRIGGS,  
L. C. ROBERTS, } COM.  
S. E. ARROWOOD.

This report was very ably discussed by Bro. Briggs and others. The churches were asked to show an increase of work in foreign missions in the coming year. We should go to work and do *all we can* to give the glad tidings of great joy to those who are in spiritual darkness. When Christ said, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel," it meant that every one of his followers should do something. We cannot all preach, but we all *can* help to support those who are giving their lives to the cause of the blessed Master.

Report adopted.

Report was then read on

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

As has often and truly been said, "The Sunday School is the church at work," and most of our churches seem to believe the same; for in most of them Sunday Schools are organized, the majority of which are doing a great deal of good while in others the good results are not so great; yet we believe there is an upward movement in some of those that have been apparently asleep, and a decided improvement in some of the leading schools in the Association. The Chautauqua, which was held at Mars Hill in Aug., 1898, the first ever held in W. N. C., and then again in Aug., 1899, at Mars Hill, has infused new life into many of our Sunday Schools by awaking many of our people to the grand possibilities lying out before them in this department of Christian work, causing them to place a higher estimate upon Sunday School work; and also of better qualifying superintendents and teachers. The next session of the Mountain Chautauqua will convene at Mars Hill next August, and we would advise all interested in Sunday School work, and especially superintendents, teachers and leading Sunday School workers to attend this Summer School of Sunday School workers; for much of the help our people need may be found in this meeting. Some of the older schools, waking out of sleep and taking on new life, are doing a good work in their respective communities.

We are glad to note that the churches are aroused to the truth that the Sunday School is truly the work of the church, for the teaching of God's word and not the work of the community at large. Recognizing this fact, some of our churches take the matter of organiz-

ing their Sunday Schools into their own hands, and the results are, we have better superintendents, better teachers and better schools.

Some schools have what is known as a teacher's meeting. The superintendent and teachers organize themselves into a class, meet on Sunday evening or during the week, and study the lesson for the following Sunday. This has proven to be a decided help to the schools whose teachers have taken this advanced step.

We advise the Sunday Schools and churches to make full reports to the Sunday School Convention which convenes at Flag Pond, Tenn., Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1899.

A. W. ARROWOOD, Chm. } COM.  
J. B. SAMS,  
M. S. PROFFITT.

On motion to adopt, the report was ably discussed by Bro. Arrowood and others. Bro. Arrowood said the Sunday Schools should be conducted by officers and teachers who are awake to the cause of Christ. He proved that if the Sunday School is a nursery to the church, it *must be conducted* by Christians; that it is not very profitable for a person without religion to try to teach religion.

The prosperity of the church depends in a great measure upon the work of the Sunday School.

Report was adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. W. Briggs the Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 A. M., Friday. Song, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Benediction by Dr. Jesse Wallin.

#### FRIDAY.

The meeting met pursuant to adjournment. Song, "Come thou fount of every blessing." Prayer by Rev. B. H. Mathews.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following churches with their delegates were enrolled, viz:

Mars Hill—Rev. T. M. Honeycutt, R. L. Moore, James Bradley, J. B. Huff.

Paint Gap—Rev. T. M. Honeycutt.

Little Ivy—By letter.

Lower Walnut Creek—S. M. Davis, Joseph W. Crow, and J. Bradley Davis.



Madison Seminary—W. H. McLain and J. E. Bryan.  
Walnut Creek—Rev. L. J. Baley, Rev. J. M. Wild, G. V. Roberts, R. P. Wild, T. S. Runnion, and G. W. Runnion.

Flag Pond—J. B. Sams, J. E. Tilson, and L. S. Tilson.

Union Valley—T. J. Wallin, M. Gosnell.

California—T. L. Brown and J. H. Buckner.

Locust Grove—Rev. A. J. Sprinkle, B. F. Buckner, E. J. Roberts, J. E. Chandler, C. H. Herren, and S. E. Arrowood.

Big Laurel—J. E. Rice, Edmond Rice, Z. Sams, Joseph Bishop, and S. E. Tweed.

Old Bull Creek—Joel Calahan, H. M. Fagan, and Jno. E. Waldrup.

Laurel Seminary—Rev. S. Wallin, W. S. Rice, J. A. Wallin, and Johnny Rice.

East Fork—Samuel Holifield and B. V. Peek.

Middle Fork—John Chandler, L. E. Briggs, W. H. Allen, and Sheridan Briggs.

Grape Vine—J. H. Arrington, R. G. Dodd, W. R. Sams, B. J. Sams, S. S. Coats, and W. B. Dillingham.

Laurel Branch—Dr. J. C. Tilson, Jesse Fisher, J. N. White.

Upper Laurel—By letter.

Bethel—J. O. Scoggins.

French Broad—W. W. Conner, Thomas Rice, and R. M. Reese.

Foster's Creek—Rev. J. L. Lewis, W. H. Davis, and S. A. Lewis.

Gabriel Creek—Rev. J. W. Briggs, J. R. Buckner, and J. Henry Buckner.

Rev. B. H. Matthews read the report on

#### PERIODICALS.

As our people are informed so will their minds and hearts be enlisted in the several enterprises of the Baptists. If we would become interested in our missionaries we must know of their work. The same may be said of the Orphanage, Wake Forest College, The Baptist Female University, and all other movements for good.

Special attention ought to be paid to the kind and character of lit-

erature used in the home circle. Every home ought to have the purest and the best. We, therefore, urge that every Baptist takes and reads Baptist literature. We believe our denominational journals to be the best and truest in the world. The Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, Skyland Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal, and Home Field rank among the best.

We do heartily recommend that these journals, along with the Bible, be carefully read and studied.

REV. B. H. MATHEWS, }  
REV. A. J. SPRINKLE, } COM.  
EDMOND RICE. }

After remarks by the brethren the report was adopted.  
Report was then read by Prof. R. L. Moore on

#### STATE MISSIONS.

Christ died to save the world—the whole world. It does not matter where the sinner lives, whether in China or in Madison county, unless he is washed in the blood of the Lamb, he is lost forever. Paul describes the awful condition of those who are unsaved; "Without hope and without God in the world." Dear Christian, you know what that means—it was once your condition; but now thanks be unto God we are no longer aliens and strangers but sons of God, walking in the light of his countenance reconciled. And now we are no longer our own but are bought with a price, even the precious blood of Christ. We are Christ's in a very real and abiding sense. And he is saying to you and to me, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Wherever there are unsaved men and women, there is work for Christian people. They are to be lead to Christ and there trained for his service. The field is the world. The State Mission field is North Carolina. There are destitute sections; to these the Gospel must be carried. There are struggling, strategic points; help must be carried to them. There are mighty forces of undeveloped church members; these must be trained and awakened to a realization of their strength. The time has come when the Baptists of our State must plan and push and help the educational work as never before. We are forced in W. N. C., to do more. There are signs of awakening.

The State Mission work includes a force of more than a hundred missionaries, whose labors have been signally blessed in the salvation of souls and the development of our denominational interests. There are strong calls upon the French Broad Association to do more along this line. Bro. T. M. Honeycutt has labored faithfully as our missionary. He has been through the three counties of Madison, Yancy and Mitchell, preaching, attending Institutes and stimulating them to greater efforts in the Master's cause. Our churches should rally to his support and uphold his hands in his great work. During



the past year we have done little; brethren, let us do more. The Lord's seal of blessing is upon it.

On motion the following report of Missionary, T. M. Honeycutt was appended as a part of the report on State Missions, viz:

Sermons preached,	139
Addresses,	79
Conversions witnessed,	43
Baptisms in connection with my work,	29
Miles travelled,	1685
Families religiously visited,	231
Churches visited,	32
Collected for State Missions,	\$82.46.

The reports were unanimously adopted.

Collected \$3.43 for State Missions.

The following resolutions were passed:

RESOLVED: First, That this Association appoint a committee consisting of Dr. Jesse Wallin, W. E. Wilkins and W. P. Jervis to co-operate with the Baptist church at Marshall, in building a Baptist church at that place during the incoming Associational year.

RESOLVED: Second, That we pledge ourselves to stand by these brethren in this great work we ask them to undertake.

The committee on time and place made the following report:

We, your committee, would respectfully recommend Marshall as the place for our next Association, and Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1900, as the time, and that Rev. W. E. Wilkins preach the introductory sermon, with J. A. Bradley as alternate.

W. H. McLAIN,  
J. O. SCOGGINS, } COM.  
Jno. E. WALDRUP.

Report adopted.

The following report was read by Bro. J. Henry Buckner on

#### DIGEST OF LETTERS.

No. of Churches reported,	23
Total membership,	2,858
Baptisms during the year,	183
Died,	25
Paid for State Missions,	\$32.41
Home Missions,	38.05
Foreign Missions,	11.85
Pastors' Salaries,	666.00
Donations to the Orphanage,	56.11
No. Churches that donated to the Orphanage,	7
No. Churches giving to State Missions,	8
No. Churches giving to Home Missions,	5

No. Churches giving to Foreign Missions, 4

We find no request or anything of that nature that demands special attention.

J. HENRY BUCKNER,  
J. W. BRIGGS, } COM.  
J. E. BRYAN.

Report adopted.

Committee reported as follows on

#### NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on nominations recommend and do hereby nominate the following brethren as Mission Board, namely, Prof. R. L. Moore, S. E. Arrowood and T. L. Brown.

B. F. BUCKNER,  
S. S. COATS, } COM.  
J. M. WILD.

The report was adopted.

Following is the report read by E. J. Roberts on

#### FINANCE.

Received from churches for minutes, \$25.57

On motion, the Moderator was instructed to appoint the following delegates to the State Baptist Convention: Rev. L. J. Baley, T. M. Honeycutt, W. C. Nelson, Prof. R. L. Moore, Dr. Jesse Wallin. To the Southern Baptist Convention: T. M. Honeycutt with C. C. Metcalf as alternate; member of the Board of State Missions, R. L. Moore. Also the following brethren as chairmen of the committees for the respective subjects assigned them for the next Association, namely:

Sunday Schools—J. H. Buckner.

• Home Missions—Rev. A. W. Arrowood.

• Temperance—G. V. Roberts.

Foreign Missions—Dr. Jesse Wallin.

State Missions—Rev. T. M. Honeycutt.

Orphanage—Rev. L. J. Baley.

Education—Prof. R. L. Moore.

Periodicals—S. E. Arrowood.

Resolution of thanks to brethren and friends of Big Laurel church for generous kindness and so bountifully entertaining the Association. Unanimously adopted.



While singing a hymn the brethren gave each other the parting hand till we meet again.

Benediction by Rev. T. M. Honeycutt.

Adjourned to meet at the time and place above mentioned.

J. F. TILSON, Moderator.

S. E. TWEED, Clerk.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

INCREASE, DECREASE, PAID FOR.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	Baptisms	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Pastor's Salary.	Home Missions.	Minutes.	No. Members.
19 Mars Hill	W. E. Wilkins	R. R. Gibbs, Mars Hill	9	30	10	4	5	5	\$10.00	5.00	\$35.39	\$300		\$3.00	265
13 Little Ivy	J. A. Bradley	W. W. McPeters, Ivy	2	1	9	2	1	2				50		.70	124
2 Paint Gap	C. C. Metcalf	J. S. Boone, Paint Fork	5	3	6	2	1	1						.90	135
17 Lower Walnut Creek	C. C. Chubb	J. Bradley Davis, Marshall	3	2	5	2	2	2				25		.90	65
1 Madison Seminary	J. A. Bradley	J. E. Bryan, Marshall	6	2	5	1	1	1			2.21	29		.90	82
2 Walnut Creek	J. M. Wild	D. H. Price, Walnut Run	7	4	7	1	1	1	1.93		1.31			1.41	108
27 Upper Laurel	C. C. Metcalf	J. F. Buckner, Faust	1	2	2									.50	113
1 Bethel	J. W. Briggs	Levi Hamlin, Buckner	5	12	1	1	1	1	87	85	2.07	25	.55	.90	118
13 Laurel Seminary	L. J. Bailey	J. A. Wallin, Big Laurel	3	3	3	2	1	1			3.00	40		.70	17
4 East Fork	M. S. Proffitt	J. S. Bruce, Halewood							50		1.50	45		.65	65
2 Middle Fork	J. W. Briggs	L. E. Briggs, Briggsville		2	12	1	1	1					1.50	1.00	147
1 Laurel Branch	J. A. Bradley	J. E. Rice, Marshall		10	15	1	2	2	5.00	1.50				2.00	247
10 Grapevine	G. W. Gosnell	C. L. Bradley, Grapevine	78	3	3	3	3	3	5.60	4.50	8.36	35	1.00	.75	115
8 French Broad	J. A. Bradley	J. H. Ensley, Marshall	76	3	1	10	1	1						1.06	136
9 Gabriel Creek	J. W. Briggs	J. J. Henry Buckner, Outlook	3	3	3	3	3	1	3.76			42	5.00	1.35	86
2 Big Laurel	J. M. Wild	J. F. Wild, Big Laurel	9	12	4	4	4	3	4.75					.75	145
1 Locust Grove	A. J. Sprinkle	J. E. Chandler, Stocksville	37	6	2	8	2	3						.50	15
3 California	A. J. Sprinkle	J. H. Buckner, California Creek												2.10	344
5 Union Valley	J. M. Wild	R. Ramsey, Sodom		4	1	4	4	4				75		1.05	63
5 Flag Pond	J. F. Sams	L. S. Tilson, Clear Branch, Tenn.	72	9	1	1	1	1						1.35	134
7 Foster's Creek	J. M. Wild	G. M. Lewis, Big Laurel	32	9	7	2	2	2					20.00	1.15	139
2 Old Bull Creek	A. J. Sprinkle	Philip Buckner, Sexton	27												
6 Forks of Ivy															
			783	106	10	110	19	25	\$32.41	\$11.85	\$53.84	\$666	\$38.05	\$25.57	2858
		Total													

20 Upper Tarry Fork

14 Little Creek

24 Tarry Fork

CHURCHES.

23 Pleasant Hill

11 Long Ridge

Ball Creek



STATISTICAL TABLE.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.	Membership of Church.	Enrollment of S. S.	Average Attendance.	Church Members who attend S. S.	No. of Teachers.	No. Months kept open.	Is the S. S. a Union School?	Is S. S. Literature used?	School Expenses	Orphanage	Missions	Minute Fund
Bull Creek	John E. Waldrop	Halewood, N. C.	134	75	54	25	5	7	No	No	\$4.00	\$	\$	\$1.00
Upper Little Ivy	N. B. Phillips	Ivy,	124	75	60	40	6	12	"	Yes	3.00			
French Broad	R. M. Reese	Marshall,	115	65	40	25	5	12	"	"	6.41			
Gabriel's Creek	H. H. Buckner	Outlook,	136	125	60	50	7	8	Yes	"	5.00	7.50	5.00	1.00
Laurel Seminary	T. M. Wallin	Big Laurel,	17	50	25	15	3	8	"	"	2.00	3.00		
Upper Laurel	J. C. Ponder	"	113	125	90	30	5	6	No	"	8.41			
Lower Walnut Creek*	Jonas B. Martin	Faust,	65	75	50	30	6	12	Yes	"	15.00			
Flag Pond	J. B. Sams	Marshall,	97	174	110	35	8	12	No	"	15.00	1.00		2.50
Locust Grove	S. E. Arrowood	Flag Pond, Tenn.	344	174	69	56	6	12	Yes	"	7.50			1.00
Paint Gap	J. M. Brown	Stockville, N. C.	135	85	57	20	6	10	No	"	3.00	5.00		
Madison Seminary	J. Wallin	Paint Fork,	82	60	25	6	5	8	Yes	Yes	3.00			
Forks of Ivy	L. R. Sams	Marshall,	139	90	45	25	7	12	"	"	18.00	35.00	9.00	1.00
Mars Hill	R. L. Moore	Mars Hill,	265	200	130	90	12	12	"	"				
Foster's Creek	J. R. Anders	Laurelton,	63	75	65				"	"				.50
Big Laurel	S. Rice	Big Laurel,	86	50	35				"	"				.50
Grapevine No. 1	J. F. Tilson	Grapevine,	247	70	73			12	"	"				.80
Grapevine No. 2	J. H. Arrington	"	108	45	51			12	"	"	2.04			.50
Walnut Creek	C. C. Runyon	Walnut Run,		45	38			6	"	"				.80
Rice Creek	Jesse S. Rice	Flag Pond, Tenn.		55	45				"	"				.35
Higin's Creek	W. M. Mashburn			53	45				"	"				.55
Totals.....			1661	1167	467	87	6				\$2.36	\$1.50	\$14.00	\$10.50

\* Were not represented in the S. S. Convention. All are taught in Baptist churches or have Baptist Superintendents. Some are Union Schools and report to the Ivy Union S. S. Convention. We hope to have a fuller report next year. We heartily thank those who kindly aided by filling out blanks. [R. L. M.]

*From this you can get the Superintendents of our A.S.*



The committee submitted the following report on

**FINANCE.**

Raised for minute funds \$10.00 from Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. GUINN, Chm.	} Com.
J. N. RIDDLE,	
Z. SAMS.	

The committee on Digest of Reports submitted a report which is appended with other statistics of our Sunday Schools on page 8, after which the Convention took a collection for Home Missions and received \$2.43.

Prof. R. L. Moore was asked to give a lecture on the Sunday School lesson for today which was listened to with the greatest of pleasure by all the Convention.

Talks on Sunday Schools were made by W. R. Sams and T. J. Murray.

S. Wallin made a very good speech, showing the spirituality in the different churches and mentioned the need of a Baptist Church at Marshall, N. C.

On motion of R. L. Moore, the thanks of the Convention were returned to the Flag Pond people for their hospitality and cordial welcome.

On motion the Convention adjourned to meet at Walnut Creek church on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1900.

Song—"Till we meet again."

Benediction by S. Wallin.

J. F. TILSON, Chairman.

JOHN B. SAMS, Secretary.



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