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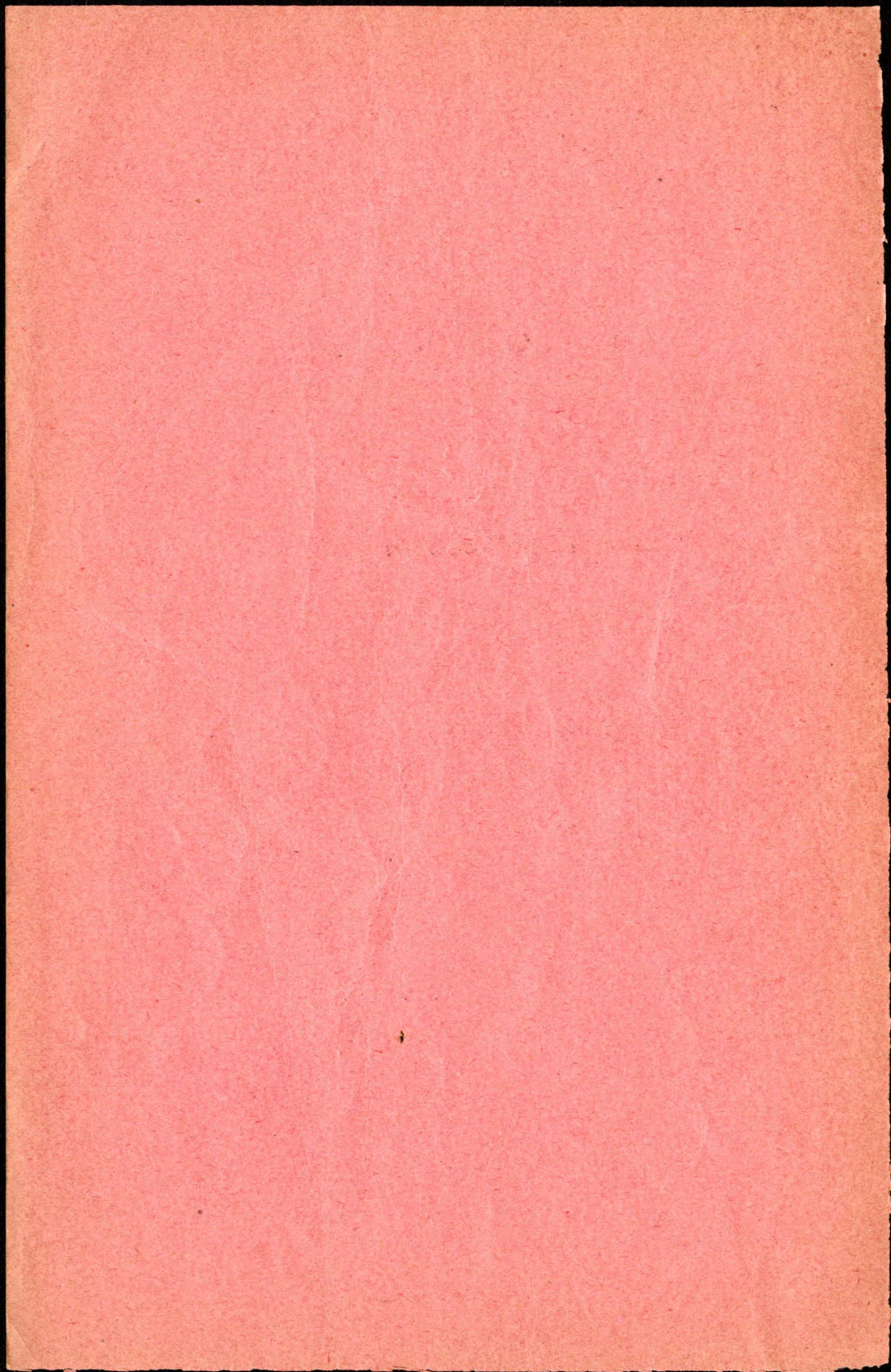
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STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions	Rev. S. B. Wilson, Yanceyville, N. C.
Foreign Missions	J. A. Kersey, Semora, N. C.
Home Missions	J. B. Yarborough, Semora, N. C.
Education	D. Y. Mebane, Blanch, N. C.
Periodicals	J. P. Woody, Alton, Va.
Orphanage	C. J. Yarbrough, Lenox Castle, N. C.
Sunday-Schools	W. C. Pulliam, Woodburn, N. C.
Ministerial Relief	P. N. Somers, Stony Creek, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Beulah Baptist Association met with Ephesus Baptist Church, on Tuesday, the fourth day of August, 1903, in its Sixty-Ninth Annual session. The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. R. J. Bateman, from Nehemiah the fourth chapter and the latter clause of the twenty-first verse.

EVENING SESSION.

Brother Mebane called the Association to order. On motion Brother Mebane was elected Moderator pro tem. Roll of churches was called. Letters were brought forward. Delegates were enrolled as follows:

Beulah—Not represented.

Clement.—C. R. Vernon, L. C. Hester, N. R. Villines.

Ephesus.—J. S. Gravett, M. F. Jackson, L. P. Duncan.

Kerr's Chapel.—Joseph Hurdle, W. S. Underwood, P. N. Somers.

Lea Bethel.—J. J. Roberts, R. L. Walker.

Milton.—By Letter.

Providence.—C. A. Moore, S. T. Ware, J. S. Haraway.

Shiloh.—J. A. Kersey, J. B. Yarbrough, W. R. Bryant.

Youngsville.—P. N. Howard, B. S. Graves, R. S. Graves.

Trinity.—C. J. Yarbrough, Henry Howard.

Blanch.—D. Y. Mebane, R. E. Powell, William Lea.

The Association was then permanently organized by electing S. B. Wilson, Moderator; J. P. Woody, Clerk; C. R. Vernon, Treasurer.

The Blanch Baptist Church presented a letter asking for admission into the Beulah Association. On motion, the Moderator appointed R. A. Moore and R. J. Bateman, a committee to examine the articles of faith and covenant of said church. They reported that the said Blanch Church be received. On motion, the Blanch Baptist Church was received into the Beulah Association, and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Devotional Exercise.—Pastor and Deacons.

On Order of Business.—W. C. Barrett, R. J. Bateman.

On Finance.—W. C. Pulliam, C. J. Yarbrough, A. C. Davis.

On Time, Place and Preacher.—P. H. Clay, R. S. Graves, S. T. Ware.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Tuesday Afternoon.—Periodicals.

Wednesday, 10 a. m.—Devotional Exercise; 10.30 a. m., Education; 11 a. m., State Missions.

Evening Session.—2 p. m., Home Missions; 3 p. m., Foreign Missions; 4 p. m., Aged Ministers.

Tuesday Morning.—10 a. m., Devotional Exercise; 10.30, Sunday-school; 11.30, Report of Executive Board; 12, Orphanage.

The following visiting brethren were recognized: J. S. Farmer, of the Biblical Recorder; S. F. Conrad, of the North Carolina Baptist; F. P. Hobgood, of the Oxford Female Seminary; T. B. Davis, of Bethel Hill Institute.

The report on Periodicals was read by J. P. Woody. It was discussed by S. F. Conrad, J. S. Farmer and R. J. Bateman.

On motion, it was adopted.

There being nothing else before the Association, and it was raining so we could not go home, some twenty minutes was spent in song and prayer service.

On motion, adjourned.

Benediction by R. A. Moore.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotional Exercises conducted by R. J. Bateman.

The Moderator called the Association to order. The roll of churches was called and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report on Education was read. It was discussed by F. P. Hobgood, T. B. Davis, W. F. Fry and W. C. Barrett. On motion, adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to nominate the Executive Board: C. J. Yarbrough, D. Y. Mebane, A. C. Davis, R. S. Graves, L. P. Duncan.

The report on State Missions was read by W. C. Barrett. The report of the Executive Board, and the report of R. A. Moore, Missionary, were read by J. P. Woody. They were discussed by Livingston Johnson and R. A. Moore, and pledges taken. On motion, adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to nominate five brethren as trustees for the Association: D. Y. Mebane, W. C. Pulliam, S. T. Ware.

On motion, adjourned.

Benediction by L. Johnson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song service; prayer by L. Johnson.

The Moderator called the Association to order.

The report on Home Missions was read by R. J. Bateman. It

was discussed by R. J. Bateman and L. Johnson, and pledges taken. On motion, adopted.

The report on Time, Place and Preacher, was read, and, on motion, adopted. The following is the report:

We recommend Shiloh as the place; Tuesday after the first Sunday in August, 1904, the time, and S. B. Wilson the preacher.

P. H. CLAY,
R. S. GRAVES,
S. T. WARE,

Committee.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Dr. J. F. Swann. It was discussed by W. C. Barrett, W. F. Fry, J. P. Woody, and R. A. Moore. Pledges taken, and, on motion, adopted.

Report of Committee to Nominate Executive Board:

We recommend J. P. Woody, C. R. Vernon, P. N. Somers, J. S. Harvey and J. B. Walters.

D. Y. MEBANE,
C. J. YARBROUGH,
W. C. PULLIAM,

Committee.

On motion, reported adopted, and they were elected as the Executive Board for this year.

Report on Aged Ministers was read by J. A. King. It was discussed by J. A. Kersey, W. F. Fry, and R. H. Moore. Pledges were taken, and, on motion, adopted.

On motion, J. P. Woody was elected as a member of the State Mission Board from this Association, and the Executive Board was instructed to pay the expenses of J. P. Woody to Raleigh and back home.

On motion, W. C. Barrett was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion, S. M. Green, C. J. Yarbrough and J. A. Kersey were elected delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

On motion, adjourned.

Benediction by W. C. Barrett.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises, conducted by R. A. Moore.

At 10.30 the Moderator called the Association to order. Roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Moderator called D. Y. Mebane to the chair, and the report on Sunday-schools was read by S. B. Wilson, and discussed by S. B. Wilson and R. A. Moore. On motion, adopted.

At 11.30 the report on the Orphanage was read by W. C. Pulliam, and discussed by W. C. Pulliam and W. C. Barrett. A collection was taken amounting to \$12.81. On motion, adopted.

Report of the Executive Board was read by J. P. Woody, and discussed by R. J. Bateman and W. C. Barrett. On motion, adopted.

On motion, adjourned.

Benediction by R. A. Moore.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After song service and prayer, the Moderator called the Association to order.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

The report of the Committee to Nominate Trustees for the Association made their report. On motion, adopted.

On motion, the following trustees were elected: P. N. Somers, J. F. Walters, G. B. Yarbrough, S. B. Wilson and J. P. Woody.

The report on Temperance was read by R. J. Bateman, and discussed by R. J. Bateman and W. C. Barrett. On motion, adopted.

The following resolution was offered by W. C. Barrett, and, on motion, adopted:

"This Association heartily endorses the action of the Commissioners of Person County, N. C., for not granting license to sell whiskey in the county."

The following resolution of thanks was offered by R. A. Moore:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to Ephesus Church and community for the excellent entertainment of the delegates and visitors.

On motion, adopted.

On motion, adjourned, with prayer by W. C. Barrett.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

At present the printing press has a great influence over our people; in no age was it greater. Periodicals of all kinds are scattered broadcast over our land, and doing a great educational work; therefore we commend to our support the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, Foreign Mission Journal, and Home Field. We insist that no one of our homes be without one of these papers.

C. J. YARBROUGH, Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Brethren:—Our Saviour commanded to go into all the world, to preach and teach and baptize. To this end we have appointed the Foreign Mission Board to direct our missionary efforts in all lands and countries outside of the United States and Cuba. Our

mission fields at present are in Mexico, Italy, Brazil, Africa, China, and Japan. In all we have 127 missionaries, 192 native helpers, 157 churches, and a membership of 8,880. Our missionaries are located as follows: Sixty-three in China, 10 in Africa, 16 in Japan, 4 in Italy, 17 in Mexico, and 21 in Brazil.

Each of the fields has its own peculiar trials and difficulties, and some are very trying. But from them all there came up very encouraging reports to our last Convention. In all they report 1,790 baptisms for the last year. The fields are becoming much more accessible; and it appears that God is now opening the way to the hearts of the people of the heathen world as He has never done before.

Brethren, if we do not offer them Christ and His word now, will they not accept something else and be forever lost? As the work advances the demands grow upon us. Truly God has laid a responsibility upon His people.

But we are glad to report an awakening at home, a general forward movement. Men have been found who are anxious to go and work, and our people are coming to their support as never before. Every State in the Southern Baptist Convention, with probably one exception, has advanced with her offerings. North Carolina is advancing with the others, and this year she asks for \$20,000. Is there one in our number who will dare say that \$20,000 is too much for North Carolina to give to Foreign Missions this year? If not, then we must remember that Beulah is one of the Associations of North Carolina, and this call to advance with our offerings comes to us.

J. F. SWANN,
Committee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee congratulate the members of this body upon the great educational awakening that means so much for our people. We report with pleasure that all our institutions of learning last year were full to overflowing. Wake Forest College, the Baptist Female University, Oxford Seminary, and Chowan Female Institute.

We urge upon our people the importance of using all the education advantages within their reach, and of aiding in every way in increasing these.

F. P. HOBGOOD,
For Committee.

STATE MISSIONS.

The wisdom of the State Mission work has been established by the work that has been done. Nearly all of our strong churches, were once mission points, aided by the Board. In a few years some of the churches that are receiving help now will be paying back large interest in their State Mission collections.

The necessity for this work has been seen by some of the brethren.

ren and they have "come up to the help of the Lord." But the great host of Baptists have not seen and felt the need of the work. The demands have increased until we have a hundred missionaries on the field. The contributions have increased until they amount to \$25,000 for this year. This is an advance of \$1,500 over last year. This means that the individual must give more.

With this large number of missionaries we are not able to furnish the gospel to those who are begging for it. We need more money. Wee to us Christian men and women if, in this age of intelligence, progress, and prosperity, we do not give the gospel to our perishing neighbors.

Our State is being filled with Mormons. Seven Day Adventists, Roman Catholics, and others, who are scattering their literature where they go. The time has come when we must put colporteurs in the field and supply them with Bibles and literature, that the people may have the truth. To do this we must have a small sum in hand that we may procure supplies and supplement the salaries of the colporteurs.

We have a number of young ministers at Wake Forest and the Seminary who could be secured, at a small salary, to do evangelistic work in the State during the vacation. This work would be almost self-supporting. In this way our mission points in the country might have the advantage of the labors of these students and at the same time the Board put to very little expense. It would furnish opportunity for the churches to become acquainted with these men and hold them in the State when they complete their course. We need to hold our best men.

W. C. BARRETT.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The rapid growing sentiment against intemperance is an evidence of the heard voice of God. Some ancient philosopher has said that "the voice of the people is the voice of God." But I think that a reversion would better express the true sentiment of Christians and would be better expressed thus: The voice of God is the voice of the people. The aim of mankind should be to serve God and keep His commandments.

Concerning our duty, as Christians, to propagate the truth of God and stand firmly for righteousness in every phase of the question: be it therefore recommended by this committee, that every Christian enlist in this great move against intemperance.

Regarding this drink evil as one of the greatest enemies of the cause of Christ in earth today, we do recommend that every church shall discipline, rigidly, its members for following it as a business, aiding, or any way befriending this evil. The reason being, that we believe this evil to be not only non-Christian, but base and immoral.

Be it also recommended that Christians shall enlist in the re-

cent temperance move known as Anti-Saloon League, and do all in their power to prohibit this evil by voting against it and enforcing the law.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. BATEMAN.
W. C. BARRETT.

HOME BOARD.

The Home Board has never had to undertake quite so much as they now have already on them.

Our work along all lines consists of—

1. The work in the mountain region, which consists in aiding schools as well as preaching. This work is done under the direct instruction of the Convention, and the results following this work are most satisfactory.

2. Our work among the foreign population is a great work. We are enabled to have missionaries at the piers of our great ports to preach or teach the incoming foreigners of Christ. By their instrumentality, the first thing the poor lonely emigrant hears about is Jesus. These ladies operate in the piers of Galveston and Baltimore. The rapid increase of settlement of foreigners in our country makes this work more pressing in its great need.

3. The work East and West of the Mississippi which includes, on the West, work done in Oklahoma, Indian Territory and the States of Texas, Arkansas and Missouri; on the East of the Mississippi means work in Louisiana, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina and other States east of the river, all of which is important.

4. The work among the negroes, which for the past several years has been a great work done by the Home Board. But now the negroes seem to be declining the acceptance of favors as the past ones—which may mean self-evangelization.

5. The last I will mention is our work in Cuba, which is most encouraging to us. The additions to the churches and the general spread of Baptist influence is all that we could reasonably expect.

The situation concerning our property is materially unchanged. Recently judgment was given against Diaz, and he and his family were forbidden the use of our property further. He appealed, but no fear is felt, as we believe the judgment of this court will be sustained. If so, none of our property will be lost.

We have now in the field eleven missionaries and twenty-two Christian teachers, making our force, in all, thirty-three strong. Three new fields were opened last year, and other churches have been organized with good hope of growth.

One great need of Cuba is more preaching force. We now need at least five new men.

North Carolina pledged ten thousand dollars to this Board at our Convention in December. If we raise this it is going to take

interest and work. The needs are so pressingly great that we could not afford to undertake less.

Let us resolve that our Association shall be informed as to this great work and not be behind in her part of the work.

We have now 671 missionaries on the field. Had last year 18,690 additions to our churches. Surely this is great evidence of God's presence and blessings with us and future fruitfulness.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. BATEMAN.

HARRELSON BEQUEST.

The following is that part of the will of Mr. Harrelson that relates to the Beulah Association:

"And the other part I desire said Trustees to pay such persons appointed by the Beulah Association of the Missionary Baptist Church to be used for such purpose as the said Association may desire; but it is enjoined upon said Trustees to see that the interest devised to the said churches be used as far as possible in my native county, but in no case shall said trustees be held responsible for the disposition made of said funds by the said churches."

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee, beg to make the following suggestions:

We recognize the need and importance of the work in our Association. We think the work ought to be kept up at the points already cultivated. At Paylors we have a house already up but not completed, and we recommend that the mission work in the Association be divided between the pastors of the Association, and we further recommend that the churches be grouped into fields.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. WOODY,
C. R. VERNON,
P. N. SOMERS,
J. S. HARVEY,
J. B. WALTERS,
Committee.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

To the Beulah Association—Greeting:

Your committee beg leave to make the following report:

The Orphanage seems to be in the best condition in one sense that it has ever sustained, namely, in the fact that it is better equipped in buildings and money to erect the same. But these

buildings call in louder tones for our support, as the management expects to have in the near future some four hundred children, and that is a call upon us for greater efforts to sustain the running expenses, as these private donations are not available to do this work. In a report that I had the honor to make to the Beulah Association a few years ago, it was recommended that we put up a building at the Orphanage to be known as the Beulah building, but the Association did not sustain the suggestion. It was well that they did not, as since then whenever more room was required God seems to touch the hearts of His people of means and they come forward and erect buildings sufficient. There are now about 260 children in the Orphanage, and as above indicated, they expect largely to increase the number. It takes about \$4.87½ per month per capita to run the Orphanage. That means a call for something like \$2,000 or \$2,500 per year. That means an increased effort all along the line. We recommend, therefore, that our churches should systematize the work so that there would be a continuous stream of money going in all the time, and that it would be well to take monthly collections for this object, and let us see to it that these little ones are cared for, knowing that "our labors in the Lord shall not be in vain." Charity and Children is well edited, and is worthy of a place in our homes. Who should give? We believe the rule laid down by Paul and Luke makes it the duty of every member of the church to take a part. (See Acts 2: 45; Deut. 16: 17; not grudgingly, 2 Cor. 9: 7.) Why should we give? Because of the reward. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. The Bible declares that He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord; it also declares that he that loveth sparingly shall also reap sparingly. The Saviour says that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We find the law of giving and reward following the same running through the Bible. The Saviour says He that giveth a cup of cold water to one of his little ones shall not lose his reward. (Read Mat. 25:31 to 45.)

W. C. PULLIAM.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

This is a great work, for we are taught by the Bible that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and in helping the aged and infirm ministers and their families we know of no work that is more deserving and will do any more good than to support this worthy cause.

You can imagine for a minute a preacher, who has spent all of his days preaching Jesus Christ, brought down in destitute circumstances with no means to support himself and loved ones. This ought not to be the case. Look what a host of Baptists there is in North Carolina, and by each one contributing a small amount it would relieve this condition and put our worthy brethren in comfortable circumstances. By reference to the minutes of our Convention in Durham last December, we find that we have only nineteen that call upon this Board for help. We think this is a

good showing for our State. Let us continue to press this work to the front, for we know not how soon we may have more to help. We would highly recommend this work to this Association, trusting she will do her part.

Respectfully submitted

J. A. KERSEY,
Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Believing that the Sunday-school is essential to the life of the church, and as it flourishes or droops, so do the interests of the church, we urge the churches to look well to the interests of their respective schools.

Secretary T. Neil Johnson's report at our Convention at Durham shows enthusiastic and faithful work. During the past year he attended four Union Meetings and shared in the work of three Sunday-school conventions and institutes. He led forty-three teachers' meetings and one summer school, besides delivering seventy-nine addresses in connection with the Sunday-school work. He ably discussed the Sunday-school at the Mid-Summer Meeting this year.

We would urge upon the Beulah Association the necessity of taking a deeper interest in the Sunday-school work. In the year 1900 nine of our churches had Sunday-schools. In 1901 eight, and in 1902 only seven reported Sunday-school work.

If we will stop to consider the many by whom we are surrounded that need the teaching of the Bible, and the great good that may be done by a little effort on our part, we will give this work a deeper consideration.

Your committee recommends that the Sunday-school workers of this Association meet at our next Union Meeting and discuss this great work and try to advance it. There are many destitute places within the bonds of our Association where much good might be done if we will only go forward.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. UNDERWOOD,
Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, your Board, having employed Bro. R. A. Moore as Missionary to labor in our Association for three-fourths of his time for the salary of \$202.00, have heard his report and do accept it as hereto appended, which will be read and spread on our minutes.

We find that \$42.93 has been paid on his salary, leaving a deficit of \$159.07, which we recommend to be paid to him at this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. BATEMAN,
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C. R. VERNON,
Committee.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY.

R. A. Moore's missionary report to the Executive Board of Beulah Association for three-fourths of the time for the Associational year of 1902 and 1903:

Number of sermons preached.....	56
Number of religious calls	1,167
Number of miles travelled on field.....	2,578
Amount of books sold	\$258.52
Amount of books given away	64.41
Aggregate of books furnished	\$319.93

Secured subscriptions for the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children and foreign journals.

Canvassed for the Lambeth Memorial around the location, and some places not in Ephesus and Clement congregations; secured pledges for the church to the amount of \$262.30, a part of which has been collected and turned over to W. B. Clay, the Treasurer of the Building Committee.

Found a man at Thompsonville who agrees to give a nice lot on which to build a Baptist church-house and others who want to help build the house. One brother thought \$500 could be raised for building a house there. There is a flourishing Sunday-school at that place. Have filled appointments at Paylor's school-house, Bayne's school-house and Thompsonville regularly, when not providentially hindered, and preached at other places as opportunity was afforded.

R. A. MOORE,
Missionary.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Collected for—

State Missions	\$47.80
Home Missions	23.30
Foreign Missions	18.29
Education	50.53
Ministerial Relief	18.83
Orphanage	6.65
Public Collection for Orphanage.....	12.81
Minutes	20.90
Baptist Female University	30.80

Total 229.91

Paid over to Treasurer.

W. C. PULLIAM,
C. J. YARBROUGH,
A. C. DAVIS,
Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

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Disbursements.

To R. A. Moore, Missionary	\$47.80
To J. P. Woody, Clerk	20.90

The balance turned over to the Boards.

C. R. VERNON, Treasurer.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Beulah Baptist Association met in its fifth annual session with Ephesus Baptist Church on Wednesday, August 7, 1903. Opened with hymn, "It is Well With My Soul," followed by a prayer by Miss Hattie James, the Vice-President of the Association.

Roll of Societies was called and reports presented. Owing to the lack of time for a meeting, no program had been prepared. The work was briefly discussed by the Vice-President.

Adjourned to meet at the same time and place as our Association.

HATTIE JAMES, Vice-Pres.

MOLLYE WALTERS, Clerk.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Lea Bethel.....	\$6.95	\$23.14	\$7.18
Clement	9.90	17.50	6.21
Yanceyville	5.24	4.65	4.38
Ephesus	1.66	7.20	4.00
Shiloh	3.90	8.05
Trinity	6.80	2.00
Providence	1.70	1.65	1.65
Kerr's Chapel	2.30
Total.....	34.55	60.04	31.47

CONSTITUTION OF THE BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

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Art. 12. An Executive Committee, consisting of five brethren, shall be appointed at each session of the Association, which committee shall direct the missionary operation of the Association and make an annual report of its proceedings to this body. Three of these brethren shall constitute a quorum for business, and all money sent up to these churches for Associational missions shall be paid over to this committee.

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Art. 14. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers and the Constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association at each annual session to appoint a standing Presbytery to all requests from the churches relating to these matters during the succeeding Associational year, and until a new Presbytery be appointed.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The moderator shall take the chair every day during the session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum order, shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise and address himself to the moderator.

7. When two or more members rise at the same time, the moderator shall name the person to speak first.

8. No man shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself finally from the Association without leave.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections avoided.

11. While the moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up or walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand up, or pass between him and the moderator.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to a day certain, to commit or amend, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16. No standing rules shall be rescinded, altered or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. The Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum shall be read on Saturday of each session of this Association.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Home Missions.	Expenses.	Sunday School Expenses.	Poor.	Ministerial Relief.	Schools and Colleges.	Minutes.	Repairs.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.
Blanch							\$1.50							
Beulah	\$150.00	\$30.00	\$80.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$14.00	21.00	\$4.00	\$2.50	\$41.75	\$2.50	\$170.00	\$12.19	\$113.00
Clement	200.00	92.75	39.50	25.00	41.75	4.65			8.00	5.00	4.00		48.00	475.00
Kerr's Chapel	100.00	5.00	5.00	2.50	4.65		4.33		1.80		1.50	40.00	8.80	19.75
Lea Bethel	50.00	11.95	14.35	1.50	26.80	2.00			2.00	10.00	2.00			
Milton	100.00	10.00	3.50		3.50	2.00			2.00	5.00	2.00		6.50	
Providence	100.00	8.00	4.00		3.00	2.00			2.00	15.00				
Shiloh	125.00	20.00	8.67	5.00	6.00	5.00	5.60		1.00	10.00	1.55	3.50	2.51	
Trinity	100.00	16.66	3.50		6.00	4.53			3.00		2.00	71.59	13.72	
Yanceyville	141.67	3.95	10.38		13.65									

PLEDGES MADE BY THE CHURCHES.

Churches.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education	Minis-terial Relief.	Lamberth Memorial Church.
Blanch	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Beulah	20.00	3.00	4.00	2.00	1.50	
Clement	35.00	8.00	10.00	8.00	2.50	30.00
Ephesus	75.00	12.00	55.00	25.00	10.00	20.00
Kerr's Chapel	20.00	3.00	5.00	2.50	3.00	10.00
Lea Bethel	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.50	1.50	6.00
Providence	9.00	4.00	6.00	2.00	2.50	10.00
Shiloh	20.00	6.00	10.00	5.00	4.00	20.00
Milton	10.00	3.00	3.50	2.00	2.00	10.00
Yanceyville	12.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	3.00	10.00
Trinity	15.00	6.00		8.00	1.00	10.00

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Total.	Schools.	Library.	Quarteries and Papers.	Months.	Average.	Superintendents and Their Postoffices.	Secretaries and Their Postoffices.
Blanch	9	82	87	1	1	48	48	48	D. Y. Mebane, Blanch, N. C.	R. E. Powell, Jr., Blanch, N. C.
Rehlah	8	30	38	1	1	50	12	40	N. R. Villines, Bushy Fork, N. C.	A. J. Green, Jr., Alton, Va.
Clement	5	75	83	1	240	40	12	40	W. C. Pulliam, Woodburn, N. C.	E. R. Burch, Milton, N. C.
Ephesus	5	85	46	1	1	30	9	12	P. N. Somers, Stony Creek, N. C.	W. A. Jordan, Yarboro, N. C.
Kerr Chapel	4	82	36	1	1	20	12	12	J. B. Roberts, Ridgewood, N. C.	Will Apple, Ashland, N. C.
Lea Chapel	4	14	18	1	208	20	9	84	T. B. Jones, Milton, N. C.	R. S. Graves, Yanceyville, N. C.
Milton	7	60	67	1	1	84	9	20	S. T. Ware, Gatewood, N. C.	
Providence	7	60	67	6	1	40	9	20	C. B. Yarbrough, Yarboro, N. C.	
Shiloh	30	30	35	1	1	40	12	24	C. F. Yarbrough, Locust Hill, N. C.	
Trinity	1	30	35	1	1	30	12	24	E. S. Graves, Yanceyville, N. C.	
Yanceyville	44	51	51	1	1	30	12	24		

* Supply.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Time.	Pastors and Their Postoffices.	Clerks and Their Postoffices.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Females.	Males.	Total.
Beulah*										11	7	18
Blanch										67	23	90
Clement	3rd Sun. & Sat.	W. J. Jones, supply, Bethel Hill, N. C.	R. E. Powell, Blanch, N. C.	4	4		6					
Ephesus	1st Sun. & Sat.	W. C. Barrett, West Durham, N. C.	J. L. Wilbourn, Hurdles Mill, N. C.	4	3							
Kerr's Chapel	1st Sun. 3.30	S. B. Wilson, Yanceyville, N. C.	J. P. Woody, Alton, Va.				1	2	3	137	95	232
Lea Bethel	3rd Sun. Evn'g	W. J. Jones, Bethel Hill, N. C.	J. A. Baswell	9	2		2		2	52	25	77
Milton		S. B. Wilson, Yanceyville, N. C.	J. J. Roberts, Ridgeville, N. C.	1						11	6	17
Providence		S. B. Wilson, Yanceyville, N. C.	E. R. Burch, Milton, N. C.							19	12	31
Shiloh		S. B. Wilson, Yanceyville, N. C.	S. T. Ware, Gatewood, N. C.	7	8		7	1		45	29	74
Trinity		S. B. Wilson, Yanceyville, N. C.	J. A. Kersey, Semora, N. C.	7	2	2	14	4	1	55	33	88
Yanceyville		S. B. Wilson, Yanceyville, N. C.	Thos. Slade, Lenox Castle, N. C.	7	1		1		2	35	26	61
			B. S. Graves, Yanceyville, N. C.	3	6		8	1	1	63	16	79

* Not represented.

J. P. Morley Allen Va

C. A. Overton Tracy

Letters called for and this presented letter
By a tie vote - letters were decided to be read
and made and the vote
periodicals discussed by J. S. Farmer
+ S. J. Conant -
Report on the work of Rev. J. S. Davis
+ S. J. C. - 9/10 received for the Anti-Slavery League

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