

MINUTES
—OF THE—
81st ANNUAL SESSION
—OF THE—
Three Forks
Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—
BRUSHY FORK BAPTIST CHURCH
WATAUGA COUNTY, N. C.
August 30 & 31, 1921.

The next session of this Association to be held at Timbered Ridge Church, Watauga Co., beginning Wednesday after the 4th Sunday in August, 1922.
Eld. A. J. Greene to preach the introductory sermon;
Eld. L. C. Wilson alternate.

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Three Forks Baptist Association

ANNUAL SESSION LXXXI.

Lovill, N. C.,

Tuesday Morning, Aug. 30, 1921.

THE Three Forks Baptist Association met in its eighty-first annual session in the house of worship of Brushy Fork Baptist church. "He Will Carry Us Safely Home" was sung. Prayer was then offered, L. A. Wilson leading.

"Down at the Cross" was sung, after which F. M. Huggins, the appointee for the annual sermon, read John 1 chap. from 35th verse. Prayer by F. M. Huggins. Nearer My God to Thee was sung. Bro. Huggins then announced as his text Luke 14 chap. 23 v. Subject: "Winning the Lost to Christ."

After the sermon R. C. Eggers led in prayer.

Rescue the Perishing was sung.

The moderator called for the church letters that had not been sent to the clerk.

A motion prevailed that the church letters be turned over to the Committee on Finance.

A motion prevailed that W. S. Farthing cast the ballot of the association for the present officers. Bro. Farthing so cast the ballot; Smith Hagaman for Moderator and W. Y. Perry Clerk.

The order of business was read by E. F. Sherwood, and adopted.

The moderator invited correspondents and visitors from sister associations to seats. The following brethren reported: Jerry Harrison and B. F. Wilcox from Stony Fork, J. H. Love from Watauga P. P. Hayes from Holston, Tenn., J. P. Wilkinson from Mt. Lebanon, Va., John Hodges from Stony Fork, and Mrs. Victoria Greene from Sweet Water, Tenn.

The moderator appointed the messengers from Bethel church as com. on obituary of Rev. C. S. Farthing; messengers from Forest Grove on obituary of Rev. J. F. Eller; for obituary of Rev. Asa Brown, Vance Howell and T. M. Jones.

W. R. Cragg and Roy Dotson were appointed Com. on Finance.

Com. on Time, Place and Preacher: Wm. Elrod, E. B. Hagaman.

The pastor and messengers of Brushy Fork church were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises.

J. R. Isaacs read the report on

TEMPERANCE

We are glad to note the fact that Prohibition has done much for the last few years in moralizing our country, in decreasing crime, the number of orphan children and the number behind prison bars in our county, state and nation. It also makes more loving companions and happier homes.

But remember, Liquor is not all gone yet, as we see the effects of it around our public places. According to statistics the greatest drive against liquor since the nation went on a dry basis is in full swing today. An army of about 50,000 law enforcement officers is now co-operating with Federal Prohibition Commissioner Haynes, in administering the Volstead law.

Imported liquor is being seized and piled on our shores in great quantities and I am sorry to say it still has its staying places in our cities, towns and homes, yet tis true, and unless we as Christians and citizens of this great country of ours, increase our zeal against it, we will have it to deal with.

The fight is on, Christ on our side, victory is ours, Christ for us, who can be against us?

J. R. Isaacs, }
J. H. Mast, } Com.

The report adopted after being discussed by L. C. Wilson, Wm. Elrod, E. J. Farthing, F. M. Huggins, J. L. Hayes, C. J. Cottrell, John Norris, J. R. Isaacs, Smith Hagaman.

Com. on Religious Exercises reported that J. H. Farthing preach at the stand at 2:30, and Clay Wilson at the church at 8 to night

J. R. Isaacs led Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow.

Benediction by John Norris.

Adjourned for one hour

AFTERNOON

The association reassembled to the singing of Amazing Grace.

Clay Wilson led in prayer.

The Report on The Duties of Pastors to their Churches was read by W. S. Farthing.

DUTIES of PASTORS to CHURCHES

The calling of a minister or pastor is the most important calling in this life. He has the greatest duties to perform, duties which concern this life and that which is to come, and the prosperity of the Lord's kingdom, from a human stand point, depends largely upon the pastors.

The pastor should be the spiritual guide and guardian of his flock. He should ward off dangerous influences and fortify the minds of his people against them. He should teach them their full duty to God

and their fellow men.

He should labor to evangelize the unsaved in the community of his church, to add them to his fold and to develop them for service.

The pastor owes it to his church to know something. In the first place, he should know his people, their environments, their associates, their temperaments, and all their needs. He cannot know these things by riding several miles once a month, preaching twice, and then returning home at once. He should frequently be in touch with all his people.

In the second place he should have something with which to supply the spiritual and moral needs of those under his charge. The pastor should give himself to reading and thinking. The Bible should be his main text book. He should know the book, but he should not be afraid of using other books. There are many books that would help the minister in studying and understanding the Bible, and he should have them, and the Baptist pastor should take and read at least one good Baptist paper.

The pastor should also labor for the betterment of the community in which his church is located. He should strive to make it a better place to live in, a better place to raise children in, and a better place to do church work in.

Lastly, the pastor should reinforce his teachings by his examples. The true life of a pastor is one of his greatest assets. He should lead his flock in every good work. He should himself be what he teaches them to be, and ever act as he teaches them to act.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. Farthing, }
Wm. Elrod, } Com.

The Report on Pastoral Support was read by E. M. Greer.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

The support of worthy pastors is a Christian duty enjoined upon all the members of all the respective churches of this, our Three Forks Association, which should be more than lightly considered.

A Christian membership, choosing a minister as their servant, and one who they can safely follow as their Christian leader, should and ever be ready to hold his hands up by their regular attendance at their church meetings, with a reasonable remuneration as pay for his faithful labor taking care of his members, and working for our Lord and Master.

The pastors of all churches are expected to meet the members of the same, and there is nothing more inspiring to both preacher and members than to work in harmony to better the condition of our hopeful world.

One of the many Christian duties of a church membership is to be

there at the date, time and hour of preaching.

One most important anxiety on the part of the members of all churches is the support of their worthy pastors, as it is a just and Christian duty.

E. M. Greer, {
D. C. Mast, } Com.

Reports discussed by W. S. Farthing, E. M. Greer, D. C. Mast, Wm. Elrod, E. J. Farthing. Reports adopted.

The Report on Orphanage was read by E. M. Gragg,

ORPHANAGE

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville is one of the best institutions that the Baptist have under their fostering care, and the Kennedy Home coming up to help with the fine farm with 80 children under care there, and 450 at Thomasville, making 531. Therefore we should feel it our duty to help those children with our means, and do all we can to encourage those noble men who are looking after those children. Let us go there with our help and our prayers, and help the widow and orphans at home as much as we can.

E. M. Gragg, John Norris, Com.

Report adopted after being discussed by E. M. Gragg, L. C. Wilson, F. M. Huggins, Smith Hagaman.

L. C. Wilson read the report on State of the Churches, discussing the same. The discussion was continued by F. M. Huggins.

Report adopted.

STATE of the CHURCHES

In recent years there has been some increase in the number of additions to the churches. There has also been a general increase in the amounts of their contributions for Pastoral Support, Missions, &c. The financial table however shows, that as yet, there is no general response for the objects fostered by the denomination. Most of the churches contribute nothing to Home, State and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Relief and Christian Education. We believe that these objects are neglected largely because the average church member knows nothing about them and consequently cares nothing. It is the duty of the pastors to acquaint themselves with needs and conditions and lead their churches into this important part of our work.

Another great problem is the enlistment of all the members in church work and placing individual responsibility upon each one. Too many churchmen have taken advantage of their denominational freedom and are in no way actively related to the church. Not more than half of the church members in the association attend their church meetings. Considerably less than half attend Sunday-school and even a less number are vitally interested in church work. We believe these conditions might be remedied to some extent by taking a religious census, more frequent roll calls, stricter discipline and more personal work. Respectfully,

G. P. Sherrill, Com.

A motion prevailed to adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, L. C. Wilson to conduct devotional exercises.

Benediction by R. C. Eggers.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUG. 31, 1921.

The associatioo met and engaged in devotional exercises, conducted by B. F. Wilcox who read Matt. 10:1-15.

John Norris lead in prayer. The congregation then sung "Glory to His Name." Prayer was again offered by B. F. Wilcox.

The association was called to order by the Moderator. The Clerk then read the proceedings of yesterday, amended and adopted.

The roll of messengers was called and absentees erased.

The Report on Christian Education was read by the Clerk who spoke to the same. The report was further discussed by Geo. R. Sherrill, L. C. Wilson, Rev. A. P. VanDusan and E. J. Farthing.

Report adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The aim of Christian Education is to make men and women of Christian character.

Ex President Wilson said: "Character is not taught but caught." Therefore, it is very necessary for us to have schools with the proper views of life manned with teachers of strong Christian character.

Granting that the spiritual side of a person is after all the most essential, how can religion be excluded from education? It cannot without detriment. Education divorced from religion is even more disastrous than no education. Current history has shown us in Russia the baleful effects of no education and in Germany the still more baleful effects of anti Christian state education.

The superiority of the Christian school is shown in the fact that the state school renders a man fit for service to the state. and the vocational school for service to self, but the Christian school makes one capable of service to God and man.

If the members of our churches could be made to realize that the maintenance and enlargement of our Christian schools is a fundamental condition of denominational progress, they would be more careful in the selection of schools for their children.

W. Y. Perry, Com.

W C. Wilson reported as a visitor from LaClecle Co. Asso., Mo.

W. S. Farthing read the report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS

In the last 50 years Southern Baptists have made great progress in foreign missionary activities and results. In 1870 we had only 11 missionaries on the foreign fields, and 250 converts, and the contributions of Southern Baptists, for foreign missions for that year am-

ounted to only \$21,938.

The last conventional year we had 341 missionaries under appointment, 6,998 baptisms, and the native churches contributed \$295,438—an average for all the fields of about \$5.00 per church member.

About one third of the native churches are now self-supporting. We have 544 schools on the fields with 18,000 pupils. We have 16 hospitals in which 205,000 patients were treated the last year. Fifty years ago there were no schools or hospitals of any consequence on these fields.

We now have 457 missionaries under appointment and 611 churches on the fields, with a membership of 59,438. Houses of worship are needed for one half the churches and residences for one half the missionaries.

Our Foreign Mission Board has appropriated something over \$3,000,000 for the prosecution of foreign missions for this year.

Fifty years ago Southern Baptists had no missions outside of China and one or two other countries. Today they have mission stations on every continent on the globe.

Since the London Conference, steps have been taken and initial work done, towards establishing missions in a stretch of territory in southern Europe, embracing Spain, Hungary, Jugo Slavia, Roumania, Ukraine, and southern Russia. The work in these nations will be done in co-operation with the native Baptists.

The Board is also preparing to establish missions in five new provinces in China. Plans are also laid to enter Siberia at two different points, east and west, and if all the plans of our leaders materialize, Southern Baptists will have belted the globe with missions.

The above facts and figures are very encouraging but not at all satisfying. Some one has said that if all the Baptists of the world are now doing to evangelize the race, were multiplied by ten, it would not more than suffice to give every one, who has it not, the New Testament message.

The old work on our missionary fields needs to be better equipped.

The new territory in China and Siberia will stand in need of every thing from the foundation, and the work in southern Europe will stand in need of a great deal of help. Our Baptist people there, tho true, are comparatively few, and poor people. There is perhaps, not a page of Baptist literature, outside of the Bible, circulated in any of those nations, and in some of them, new copies of the Bible can not be obtained now, at any price. In some places they copy hymns on paper, to be used in religious services.

They have no Baptist schools nor hospitals in this new territory.

Now if the work, projected by our leaders is accomplished, a great deal of money will be needed to carry it on and develop it.

We urge all our people, who have pledged to the Seventy-five Million Campaign, to redeem their pledges, that the work may not drag. We also urge all who have *not* pledged anything, to enlist and help to support Foreign Missions, because the fact, that we have not pledged, does not relieve us of the obligation to contribute, nor shut us out from the privilege and blessedness of giving.

The work also will demand many more workers. The Lord alone can give us these. Let us therefore heed the injunction of the Saviour: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." We should also *earnestly* pray for the success of their labors.

E. J. Farthing,
W. S. Farthing.

A. J. Greene read the report on

HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board is our great organization for work among Southern Baptists. Its work is largely cooperative with the various State Mission agencies. Here are some of the ways that help is extended:

1. It furnishes a medium for the strong to help the weak.
2. It helps the growing cities to solve their religious problems.
3. Country churches are assisted in developing and becoming efficient.
4. The evangelization of our southland is the chief goal.
5. It conserves our Baptist people by enlisting them in our work.

The following is a summary of the year's work:

1. In the Evangelistic Department there have been 15,567 baptisms and 22,689 additions to the churches.
2. Among the Foreigners, Indians and Negroes there were 2,157 and 3,208 additions to the churches.
3. In cooperative missions we had eighty Enlistment workers; our Sanitorium treated 298 patients with the great White Plague; much work was done among our soldiers and sailors; our mountain schools had a prosperous year; we aided 824 churches in building; many tracts and books were distributed among our people.

We recommend that our people not only give their prayers to this cause, but that they give it their financial support.

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. Greene, }
R. C. Eggers, } Com

F. M. Huggins read the report on

STATE MISSIONS

The State Board of Missions is responsible for Foreign Missions and Home Missions, but administers only State Mission funds.

State Missions is divided into the following departments: Evangelism, Church Building, Sunday Schools, B.Y.P.U., W. M. U., and Negro Work. The Colportage work has been changed into a Book

Department. while the Mobile Schools, though serving useful ends, have largely been discontinued.

Let us notice the work of these departments.

1. Evangelism, or the winning of the lost to Christ is our first and perhaps most important work. The State Board of Missions has employed an Evangelist for the eastern part of the state, and proposes to employ one for the western part. In addition to these, Bro. A. C. Hamby has been secured as general enlistment worker for the state.

2. Church Building. Last year there were \$5247.02 contributed to the Church Building fund. This inadequately small sum is supplemented by an appropriation of \$5000 by the Home Mission Board. But even with this it is small in comparison with the demands made upon it.

3. Sunday Schools. The Sunday Schools of the state have made phenomenal development during the past year.

4. B. Y. P. U. This department has accomplished great things in the training of the young people of our state. Under the leadership of Mr. Perry Morgan the work is expected to go forward. The churches of this association should encourage the organization of B. Y. P. U.s for the training and development of the young people.

5. W. M. U. This department has proved itself worthy in every way. Last convention year the total contributions of the W. M. U. was \$174,326.98.

6. Negro work. Dr. A. W. Pegues has been in the joint employ of our Board of Missions and the Union Baptist Convention, his work being divided between the young preachers of Shaw University and the holding of Institutes among the pastors out on the field.

During the last convention year the State Board of Missions employed 178 missionaries. They supplied 279 churches aided directly by the Board. There were 4,378 conversions, and 1,953 baptisms. \$103,839.42 was contributed to State Missions last year. Of this amount the churches aided by the Board contributed \$12,277.78.

The present situation of our mission work in this state is distressing. Dr. Maddry writes that there is a falling off in the payment of the pledges to the 75-million Campaign. Not over \$628,000, including gifts to the Orphanage, has been sent in for all objects since the last convention. This leaves \$600,000 to be raised by Oct. 31st if we reach our quota. Ten Thousands a Day for Sixty Days!

In this general falling off in the payment of pledges to the 75 Million Campaign, State Missions must suffer with the rest.

We recommend 1, that members of the churches keep their covenant with God and faith with each other in the payment of our pledges to the campaign, 2, that the churches hold revival meetings

making a religious survey as preparation for it; 3, that the pastors preach State Missions at least once during the year; 4, that special collections be taken to supplement the quota to the 75 Million fund; 5, that the pastors secure tracts and other literature from the Board of Missions and distribute them among the members of the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. Robbins, }
F. M. Huggins, } Com.

W. S. Farthing led in the discussion of the above reports followed by A. J. Greene, F. M. Huggins, J. H. Farthing. Reports adopted.

I. G. Greer read the report on

BOOKS and PERIODICALS

Our reading should produce in us three results. First, we should read the papers, magazines and books that will give us general information on the important questions of the day. This will keep us posted on the industrial, social, political and religious world. Without this information we cannot have a strong Christian citizenship.

In the second place, our Baptist people should read books and periodicals that will give them information as to what our denomination is doing. It is not natural for people to be interested in something they know nothing about.

We urge our people to inform themselves through the columns of the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, Home and Foreign Fields and other religious periodicals as to what the Baptists are doing.

Ignorance never accomplished anything. The church is in need of a more intelligent membership.

Your committee urges in the 3d place that our people read the Book that will ground them more firmly in the distinctive doctrines of the Baptist Faith, and that will deepen their spirituality. These are the two paramount needs today of the Baptists of the Three Forks Association.

Report adopted after being discussed by I. G. Greer, W. R. Gragg.

D. D. Dougherty said if there was any pastor in the association who was not taking the Biblical Recorder he would pay his subscription for six months.

A motion prevailed to adjourn for one hour. How Firm a Foundation was sung. Benediction by J. H. Farthing.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUG. 31, 1921

The association sang Jesus Lover of My Soul. A. J. Greene led in prayer.

G. W. Robbins read the report on

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

We your committee appointed to draft resolutions for Old Ministers Relief.

1. We know of no more neglected cause in our Baptist cause than

TABLE I.—STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	PASTOR	P. O.	CLERK	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Received by Baptism	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Died	No. of Males	No. Females	Total Membership
Antioch	W. Swift	Reece, N.C.	D M Edmisten	Watauga Falls	1	\$1000	.....	..	..	5	..	1	68	79	147
Bethel	J H Farthing	Sweet Water	W S Farthing	Sugar Grove	4	400				1	3	2	72	93	165
Beaver Dam	"	"	Luther Wilson	Reese N.C.	1	200		1	3	6	3		52	79	131
Bethany	T. Watson	Hackett	H M Watson	Hackett	1	500	12	1		2	2		27	38	65
Blowing Rock	F M Huggins	Boone	M C Johnson	Blowing Rock	1	2000	4	4	1	2	9	1	53	64	117
Boone	"	"	W R Gragg	Boone	2	410000	23	17		5		1	83	101	184
Brushy Fork	L A Wilson	Zionville	J H Presnell	Vilas	2	2000	5	1	4	14	1	1	43	47	90
Cove Creek	F M Huggins	Boone	E F Sherwood	"	3	1000	4	4					37	78	115
Cool Springs	E C Hodges	Adams	A P Bolick	Shulls Mills	1	1000	7	2		6			39	44	83
Clarks Creek	R H Shores	Blowing Rock	G W Rowe	Valle Crucis	2	500							15	26	41
Elk Knob	J R Trivett	Trade, Tenn	J M South	Tamarack	2	400	12	1		1			32	58	90
Fall Creek	G W Trivett	Sugar Grove	W B Norris	Heaton	2	300		3				1	28	18	46
Forest Grove	R C Eggers	Zionville	W R Johnson	Vilas	2	1000	1			2	3		57	79	136
Gap Creek	Levi Greene	Hopkins	H E Greene	Hopkins	1	1200	3	2		2	3		48	83	131
Howards Creek	D M Wheeler	Boone	E J Norris	Sands	4	500	1	1				1	31	56	87
Laurel Springs	L A Wilson	Zionville	E B Hardin	Rutherford	3	1000			1	5	1	1	40	90	130
Liberty Grove	No Report.														
Meat Camp	R C Eggers	Zionville	L A Greene	Sands	3	750		12		1	1		88	98	186
Middle Fork	E C Hodges	Adams	L P Hodges	Blowing Rock	4	800	3	1	1	2	4		44	51	95
Mt. Calvary	F C Watts	N. Wilkesboro	J M Shoemaker	Balm	4	1000	1			1			45	77	122
Mt. Lebanon	E C Hodges	Adams	I A Bumgarner	Vilas	3	800	18	2	2	5		1	53	66	119
Mt. Gillead	R L Palmer	Beech Creek	T M Younce	Beech Creek	4	1500	10	1		1	8	1	36	45	81
Oak Grove	E C Hodges	Adams	J C Hodges	Adams	3		3	15				3	21	32	53
Pleasant Grove	R C Eggers	Zionville	J H Mast	Zionville	4	1000	17	11	1	13	9	2	73	147	220
Rich Mountain	"	"	L E Beach	"	1	600		1	1	1		1	19	37	56

Shulls Mills	E C Hodges	Adams	J M Day	Shulls Mills	2	1200	11	2		1	1		28	37	65
South Fork	T F Roberts	Alvarado, Va.	W H McGuire	Brookside	4	1200	9	3			1		49	71	120
Stony Fork	F C Watts	N. Wilkesboro	Z V Greene	Stony Fork	2	1000	4	2		6			87	91	178
Samson	No Report.														
Three Forks	E M Gragg	Vilas	A J Edmisten	Boone	4	500		1		2			24	41	65
Timb'rd Ridge	A J Greene	Mabel	W L Greene	Sugar Grove	3	1000	21			3	3		40	50	90
Union	R C Eggers	Zionville	J M Burkett	Mabel	2	800	8	6		3		3	65	103	168
Willowdale	A J Greene	Mabel	J H Brinkley	Vilas	1	200	1	1					39	42	81
Zionville	L A Wilson	Zionville	J C Jones	Zionville	1	800	1			12	1	1	32	64	96
Zion Hill	Henry Glenn	Watauga Falls	Alvin Cannon	Beech Creek	2	800	14	1	1	3		1	42	82	124

TABLE IV.-- W. M. U.

Church	Organization	President	P. O.	No. of Members	75-Million Undes.	Missions	Chris. Ed.	Orphan-age	Training School	Other Objects	TOTAL
Bethel	W. M. S.	Mrs. W. W. Wilson	Sweet Water, N.C.	20	149.36	3.40			2.84	1.20	156.80
Beaver Dam	"	Geo. Swift	Reese		No statistics given.						
Blowing Rock	"	J D Brown	Blowing Rock	7	54.00	11.00	19.00	17.00		1.00	102.00
"	Sunbeams	"	"			.60		1.00			1.60
Boone	"	Esie Greer	Boone	50		4.66		3.25			7.91
"	Y. W. A.	Annie Winkler	"	15	40.15						40.15
"	W. M. S.	Mrs I G Greer	"	34	228.31			39.50		108.27	376.08
Cove Creek	"	Annie V Sherwood	Sherwood	28	11.80	31.00	8.00	25.40		1.00	79.00
Forest Grove	"	Mrs R E Moody	Vilas	27		21.80	1.00		5.95	30.00	58.73
Timb'rd Ridge	"	Miss Clara Greene	Leander			3.67			2.00		5.67

the neglect of our old worn out preachers, who have given all their lives in traveling over these hills and mountains almost without money and without price, preaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to a lost world as best they can, doing all they can for our blessed master.

2. If we as a denomination would take care of our preachers in providing for them homes and substantial support, as other denominations do, we feel that more of our young men would be willing to enter the ministry. Therefore we urge our churches to wake up to a greater sense of their duty and do all they can for these old worn out heralds of the cross. We suggest that all of our churches take up a free will offering once a year for this worthy cause.

G. W. Robbins, J. M. Day, Com.

Discussed by G. W. Robbins, J. H. Farthing, and L. A. Wilson.
Report adopted.

Roy Dotson read the report on Sunday Schools. Report adopted after being discussed by Roy Dotson, Geo. R. Sherrill, W. S. Farthing

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday-school is no longer looked upon as a separate and distinct organization from the church, but is now generally considered as a part of the church. It is no longer looked upon as a nursery of the church suited only for women and children, but the best intellect of our association find the Sunday-school work challenging all their energies.

We now have Sunday-schools established in all our churches, most of them running throughout the year. The Sunday-school is generally recognized as being one of the best agencies of the church for evangelistic endeavor and the development of Christian character.

While these things are true and rather plausible, yet we feel that the Sunday-schools throughout this association are falling far short of their possibilities and of their duty as an agency of the church.

We believe that before we can ever reach the maximum of efficiency in the Sunday-school work, our first indispensable duty is to train our teachers. A corps of welltrained teachers means a progressive Sunday-school. A corps of inefficient teachers means an ineffective Sunday-schools.

Again, we need to enlist more church members in the Sunday-school. Considerably less than half of the church members in this association attend Sunday-school. The disinterested churchman is our greatest handicap in the Sunday-school work.

Your committee makes the following suggestions:

1—To enlist indifferent pastors and try to secure their help and co-operation in the work.

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2—Immediately start a Teacher Training Class in every church, using the Normal Manual.

3—Make the Sunday-school truly the teaching service of the church.

4—Take a religious census, keep an accurate roll and follow up absentees.

S. C. Eggers, }
Roy Dotson, } Com

Mrs. I. G. Greer read the report on

WOMAN'S WORK

Realizing our dependence upon Divine help, we make this report with hearts full of thankfulness to God for what He has permitted us to do in His service. We feel that it has been largely due to the untiring zeal and consecration of our superintendent, Mrs. Horton that so much has been accomplished.

The annual meeting of the Union was held at Bethel Baptist church Sept. 18, 1920. A splendid delegation was present and every department of the work was fully discussed.

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES

W. M. S.	7
Y. W. A.	1
Sunbeams,	3

Total amount contributed to Campaign Pledges about

	\$737.28
Local Expense	55.00
Relief in Near East	18.50
Charitable Objects	14.50
Total	\$825.28

A marked increase in personal service is manifest. However, some of our societies seem slow to report such service. It is urged that through missionary channels we make the personal service department a great constructive force in our midst—that every society do some definite Christian work toward wiping out suffering, distress and poverty in our communities. This part of the work cannot be overemphasized.

We recommend that during the coming year Mission Study and Bible study be given a prominent place.

We urge that each church in the association send a delegate to Beaver Dam church on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in Sept. to attend the annual meeting of the W. M. S.

All pastors are cordially invited to attend this meeting also.

We give thanks unto the Lord for all His bountiful blessings during the year and pray that He may lead us out into still greater service for Him.

We also recommend that all churches that already have W. M. S. organizations provide some work along missionary lines for their young people in Sunbeam Bands or Y. W. A's.

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**Table 2 =
Financial.**

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Incident- als	S. S. Expenses	Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	75-Million (Undes.)	State & As Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Ministers' Relief	Hospitals	TOTAL
Antioch	20.51		8.30	8.41		1.15										38.37
Bethel	75.00	6.50	4.50	31.74		2.50	28.20	339.61				37.60	2.84			528.49
Beaver Dam	105.64			3.00		1.50	20.30	53.78	15.44	6.55	122.90	28.77	14.40	17.70	23.90	442.38
Bethany	25.00			6.00		1.00				2.00	2.00	2.00				38.00
Blowing Rock	325.00			68.79	20.37	3.00	17.38	90.50	12.65	25.00	25.00	57.60				645.39
Brushy Fork	129.33		72.91	10.81	19.10	2.70		30.00	7.45			48.50		2.50		319.29
Boone	640.00	300.00	289.78	123.18	62.73	5.00	386.46	500.00	35.34	5.00	3.25	222.44	5.40			2578.58
Cove Creek	350.00		61.31	25.62		5.00	103.54	139.25	4.70	15.47	25.	149.57	8.			887.46
Cool Springs	131.00			6.00	4.50	1.00	16.50					18.60				187.35
Clarks Creek	45.00			2.00		70						1.40				49.10
Elk Knob	33.48			10.00												43.48
Fall Creek	39.00		15.00	2.50	50.00	50		10.50								117.50
Forest Grove	110.09		1.00	22.00		1.25	39.40	143.01	9.15	6.25	6.40	104.06	31.95			474.56
Gap Creek	84.57	110.00	6.75	11.12	11.12	2.93	68.92	43.47	2.00	5.00		18.00		2.00		354.76
Howards Creek	68.80		16.00	8.90		1.60						6.20				101.50
Laurel Springs	98.95		1.75	4.85	18.80	2.27		122.66	3.80	3.10		4.10				260.29
Liberty Grove																
Meat Camp	140.45	89.00	13.95	12.49		2.64	23.79		13.66			21.54				317.47
Middle Fork	122.85			8.75		1.35	41.00	10.00			9.55	15.58				210.04
Mt. Calvary	200	30				1.25										231.25
Mt. Lebanon	75.33			9.30	24.00	1.00	3.50					40.60		4.05		157.78
Mt. Gillead	47.05		26.15	10.00		1.00	20.00									104.20
Oak Grove	40.14				4.25	25						3.00				47.64
Pleasant Grove	114.73		62.61	26.00	9.57	2.20	7.55	36.42	9.57			43.23		3.60		315.48
Rich Mountain	53.16			5.00		1.20						9.00				69.36

Shulls Mills	156.66	6.00		47.59		1.00	35.80					25.05				272.10
South Fork	169.28	165.00	94.86			2.00	28.70	71.13				35.75				564.72
Stony Fork	60		12	23.85	50.00	2.33			6.50	35.40		4.00				194.08
Samson																
Three Forks		3.00		7.00		75			1.00	1.00	1.00	1.85	1.00			17.60
Timb'rd Ridge	57.25			10.50	5.61	2.00	85.15	92.36	2.61	1.15		21.39				277.95
Union	86.45		23.00	14.32	32.90	3.00					2.90	11.57	3.00			177.14
Willowdale	122.75			39.68		1.75			8	13.00	5.00	21.25				277.95
Zionville	135.83	65.00		10	15.00	1.60	21.75		5.60	3.20	9.40	68.70	6.65			342.73
Zion Hill	43.65			5.		70										49.05

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75-Million pledges.

Mrs. Greer spoke briefly to the report, followed by Mrs. D. F. Horton. Report adopted.

Roy Dotson read the report on

FINANCE

We your Committee on Finance make the following report:

Receipts:

Ministerial Relief,	\$ 4.05
Minute Fund,	58.57
Orphanage,	30.35
75 Million,	20.50
State Missions,	1.00
Home Missions,	1.00
Foreign Missions,	1.00
Missions, (undesignated,)	13.66

Total, \$118.48

11.65

\$130.13

Respt. submitted.

W. R. Gragg, }
Roy Dotson. }

Report adopted.

Report on Nominations was read by E. B. Hardin and adopted.

NOMINATIONS

Your Committee on Nominations recommend the following:

Executive Committee: G. P. Hagaman, D. C. Mast, J. R. Isaacs,

I. G. Greer, W. N. Howell, with the Moderator and Clerk.

For member State Board of Missions: Rev. A. J. Greene.

For Associational Vice Pres. Foreign Mission Board: W. Y. Perry.

For Sunday School Secretary: Roy Dotson.

For Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: Rev. R. C. Eggers,

G. P. Hagaman, Geo. Sherrill, and W. S. Farthing.

For Delegates to Baptist State Convention: F. M. Huggins, A. J.

Greene, and Ed C. Robbins.

For Correspondents to Ashe Association: L. A. Wilson, W. H.

Michael, Will H. McGuire.

For Correspondents to Stony Fork Association: W. T. Vandyke, E.

M. Gragg, and John Watson.

For Correspondents to Caldwell Association: J. D. Brown, J. M.

Hodges, Wm. Elrod.

To Watauga Association: R. C. Eggers, R. L. Palmer, J. H. Farthing.

To Mitchell County Association: G. W. Robbins, J. M. Day, and

I. G. Greer.

We recommend that any member in good standing at home be allowed to report himself a Corresponding Messenger to any association he may visit, with which we have correspondence.

Respectfully,

W. R. Gragg, }
E. B. Hardin, } Com.

E. B. Hagaman read the report on

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER 1922.

We your Committee beg to make the following report.

The next session of this association to convene at Timbered Ridge church on Tuesday [amended to, begin Wednesday] after the fourth Sunday in August 1922, and we recommend that Bro. A. J. Greene preach the introductory sermon; L. C. Wilson alternate.

Wm. Elrod, E. B. Hagaman, Com.

Report adopted.

A. J. Greene, the Colporteur, read his report, Report adopted.

REPORT OF COLPORTEUR

Books bought during the year.....\$156.99

Books sold during the year.....\$171.05

Books on hand.....\$ 61.33

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. Greene, Colporteur.

A motion prevailed that Ed Robbins be elected Colporteur.

The Treasurer made his report. Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for Orphanage, \$ 12.27

" State Board of Missions, 77.11

" Minute Fund, 47.50

Total, 135.88

Disbursements:

To Orphanage, 12.25

To Walters Durham for:

State Missions, 3.00

Home " 5.04

Foreign " 3.30

Undesignated " 47.28

Cristian Education, .50

Ministerial Relief, 3.51

Hospitals, 1.50

75-Million, 12.00

Clerk of Association, 7.50

Will H. McGuire, Printing and Postage, 40.00

Total, 135.88

The present Treasurer was reelected.

W. S. Farthing reported visiting Stony Fork association.

L. C. Wilson attended Southern Baptist Convention, also Avery County association.

W. R. Johnson read an obituary of Rev. J. F. Eller.

W. S. Farthing read an obituary of Rev. C. S. Farthing.

TABLE III.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPT.	P. O.	SEC'Y.	P. O.	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S. S.	Months Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	D. L. Greene	Sugar Grove	L. W. Ward	Watauga Falls	1	14	81	95	40	6						
Bethel	E J Farthing	Sweet Water	Cathie L Shull	Sweet Water	1	8	111	119	49	12	31.74				15.00	46.74
Beaver Dam	J R Wilson	Reese	Fay Wilson	Reese	1	9	60	69	12	12.00			30.00			42.00
Bethany	L M Farthing	Hackett	H M Watson	Hackett	1	5	40	45	25	12	1			.90		.90
Blowing Rock	J H Winkler	Blowing Rock	Mary Greene	Blowing Rock	1	11	60	71	30	12	4	68.79	16.17	37.61	20.37	142.94
Boone	W R Gragg	Boone	R M Greene	Boone	1	12	189	201	90	12	13	23.18	5.96	71.40	61.38	261.86
Brushy Fork	J L Hayes	Vilas	L M Trivett	Vilas	1	7	55	62	25	12	2	10.81		7.50		18.30
Cove Creek	J J Glenn	Vilas	W Y Perry	Vilas	1	9	91	100	50	12	2	25.62		109.15		134.77
Cool Springs	J W Pennell	Boone	Virgie Rogers	Blowing Rock	1	5	25	30		9		6.00		18.60		24.60
Clarks Creek	G W Byrd	Banner Elk	Nelia Taylor	Banner Elk	1	5	35	40	16	6						
Elk Knob	J S Thomas	Tamarack	Blanche Maine	Tamarack	1	4	45	49		12						
Fall Creek	T B Gryder	Heaton	Pearl Storie	Heaton	1	5	25	30	12	12		2.50				2.50
Forest Grove	R E Moody	Vilas	Ola Dotson	Vilas	1	10	102	112	60	12	1	22.00		104.06		126.06
Gap Creek	H E Greene	Hopkins	Eula Luther	Hopkins	1	6	77	83	34	6		11.12				11.12
Howards Creek	D W Cook	Sands	Ruth Brown	Sands	1	16	137	153	30	6		7.40				7.40
Laurel Springs	Arthur Greene	Brownwood	Teniv Hardin	Rutherford	1	7	90	97	28	9		2.35				2.35
Liberty Grove.	No report.															
Meat Camp	Clyde Greene	Sands	W M McGuire	Sands	2	13	156	169		12		23.79			5.95	29.74
Middle Fork	F Edmisten	Blowing Rock	Mary Greer	Blowing Rock	1	4	29	33		12		8.75	10.00			18.75
Mt. Calvary	T L Shoemaker	Balm	Clyde Greene	Balm	1	6	55	61	27	12		9.47				9.47
Mt. Lebanon	S B Hayes	Vilas	M A Bumgarner	Vilas	1	6	50	56	36	12	6	9.30		12.00	3.50	24.80
Mt. Gillead	G M Laurance	Beech Creek	Ethel Warren	Beech Creek	1	7	75	82	40	12	10	10.00		8.51	20.00	38.51
Oak Grove	J W Greene	Adams	Hetty Gross	Adams	1	8	24	32		9		5.00		2.20		7.20
Pleasant Grove	N T Byers	Zionville	Lillie Lawrence	Zionville	1	10	45	55		12	15	26.00				26.00
Rich Mountain	A B Greene	Zionville	Martha Castle	Zionville	1	5	35	40	15	12		5.00		9.00		14.00
Shulls Mills	G W Robbins	Shulls Mills	J M Day	Shulls Mills	1	9	131	140	30	12		47.59		5.80		53.39
South Fork	I E Duncan	Todd	E R Mikeal	Todd	1	5	Report for 6 mos.			12		22.09		9.27	28.70	60.06
Stony Fork	A J Wellborn	Stony Fork	Annie Wellborn	Stony Fork	1	9	114	123	45	6		9.38		4.00	10.47	23.85
Samson	No report.															
Three Forks	A J Edmisten	Boone	Lottie Edmisten	Boone	1	7	45	52		6		7.00		5.70		12.70
Timb'rd Ridge	H H Greene	Peoria	Lucy Greene	Sugar Grove	1	8	48	56		12		10.53	1.06	.50		12.09
Union	J F Oliver	Mabel	Sallie Warren	Mabel	1	10	117	127	53	12	8	12.81		1.51		14.32
Willowdale	D L Glenn	Vilas	E Brinkley	Vilas	1	10	58	68	30	12	1	22.30		10.73	6.65	39.68
Zionville	Geo Roten	Zionville	Pearl Grogan	Trade, Tenn	1	7	50	57		12		10.00				10.00
Zion Hill	W J Palmer	Beech Creek	Ina Ward	Beech Creek	1	7	35	42	25	6						

The committee on obituary of Rev. Asa Brown not having sufficient data, were allowed to furnish to the Clerk a copy of the one adopted by South Fork church for insertion in these minutes

W. S. Farthing and Wm. Elrod spoke of the life work of C. S. Farthing. L. C. Wilson spoke of the work of all three of the departed brethren.

E. J. Farthing spoke of the influence of his father on his life.

G. W. Robbins spoke of the pastoral activities of C. S. Farthing.

Report on obituaries adopted.

The Moderator read his appointment of Standing Committees

Committees for 1922.

Foreign Missions—F. M. Huggins, W. F. Sherwood.

Home Missions—Roy Dotson, Raleigh Johnson.

State Missions—W. S. Farthing E. J. Farthing.

Education—D D Dougherty, G P Hagaman.

Pastoral Support—J R Isaacs, A L Wilson.

Sunday Schools—D C Mast, E F Sherwood.

Prphanage—Roy Gragg, Mrs. I G Greer.

Books and Periodicals—R C Eggers, Alex Wilson.

Resolutions—G W Robbins, John Norris.

Order of Business—W Y Perry, J L Hayes.

State of Churches—Wm. Elrod, Thomas Vandyke.

Duties of Pastors to Churches—J H Farthing, Carrol Greene.

Temperance—G P Sherrill, W J Hagaman.

Woman's Work—Mrs. D F Horton, Mrs. Roy Wilson.

Old Minister's Relief—A J Greene, Mrs. F. M. Huggins.

Nominations—W S Farthing, J K Perry

A motion prevailed that the association reconsider the report on Time Place and preacher.

The report was amended by striking out Tuesday and inserting Wednesday for the beginning of the association and continue through Thursday.

A motion prevailed that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of minutes, and that they be distributed to the churches in proportion to the amount of money each church has contributed for minute fund. The association also recommended that the printing be done by Will H. McGuire.

On motion the Clerk was allowed \$7.50 for his services.

A motion prevailed that the messengers or this association be requested to ask their churches to contribute to the erection of a house of worship for Three Forks church.

A motion prevailed that the Moderator appoint a committee to confer with a like committee from Stony Fork association as to the

advisability of a consolidation between the two bodies.

W. S. Farthing, L. A. Wilson, R. C. Eggers, Wm. Elrod, and G. W. Robbins, Committee.

A Resolution was passed recommending that the association have no preaching during the business session of the association.

On motion of F. M. Huggins the Moderator appointed J. T. C. Wright and Roy Dotson a Com. on B. Y. P. U. work next session.

RESOLUTIONS

Notwithstanding the wonderful achievement in the cause of intemperance, never possibly in the History of the world has intemperance so asserted her powers and multiplied her forces as now

Therefore Resolved, That the Three Forks Association now in session call upon every church and every member, and we plead with every liberty loving citizen to rise up and stand for the enforcement of the law, that every violator shall be brought to justice.

And that we pledge our loyal support of the officers in the discharge of their solemn and sworn duties in the execution of the law to the end that peace and safety may be restored to our homes and our country.

Resolved second. That this association deeply feel and realize the necessity of more earnest preaching of the distinctive and fundamental doctrines of our faith.

And that no pains be spared to teach our people what Baptists believe.

And may we hear the Apostle Paul to Titus in these words:

"Who gave himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good work."

Resolved third, That this association express our thanks to this church and community for the noble way in which this association has been entertained. Respectfully,

D. D. Dougherty, }
W. W. Wilson, } Com.

J. H. Farthing conducted the closing exercises by reading 10 Ch. Acts from 17 verse and leading in prayer.

The messengers then sung "How Firm a Foundation," giving each other the parting hand.

On motion adjourned. Benediction by L. A. Wilson

SMITH HAGAMAN, Moderator.

W. Y. PERRY, Clerk.

Roll of Messengers

Antioch—E. M. Greer, L. D. Harman, R. L. Greer.
 Bethel—W S Farthing, E J Farthing, Thomas Farthing.
 Beaver Dam—J R Wilson, Raleigh Wilson, W J Hagaman.
 Bethany—H M Watson, A T Watson, L M Farthing.
 Brushy Fork—T L Mast, A J Greer, J L Hayes.
 Blowing Rock—J D Brown, M C Johnson.
 Boone—C J Cotrell, W R Gragg, Mrs F M Huggins.
 Cove Creek—D F Horton, E F Sherwood, W Y Perry.
 Cool Springs—H H Day, Robert Penley, A P Bolick.
 Clarks Creek—Joel Eggers, Cordell Taylor.
 Elk Knob—Letter, no messengers.
 Fall Creek—M W Storie, W B Norris, Pearl Storie.
 Forest Grove—Smith Hagaman, R E Moody, W R Johnson.
 Gap Creek—John Watson, Otto Miller.
 Howards Creek—Manley McBride, W L Brown.
 Laurel Springs—E B Hardin, Arthur Greene, Geo Greer.
 Meat Camp—B B Greene, Clyde Brown.
 Middle Fork—Wm Elrod, W T Vandyke, Frank Edmisten.
 Mt. Calvary—F P Chapell, Clyde Greene.
 Mt. Lebanon—I A Bumgarner, D S Love, Ronda Earp.
 Mt. Gilead—T M Warren.
 Oak Grove—Jas T Gross, Will Hagaman, W M Hodges.
 Pleasant Grove—J H Mast, N T Byers, L S Pennell.
 Rich Mountain—J A Penley, S E Beach.
 Shulls Mills—J R Reed, T E Day, J M Day, G W Robbins.
 Stony Fork—J S Welborn, D L Welborn.
 South Fork—T M Jones, V C Howell.
 Three Forks—J C Brookshire, G L Vandyke.
 Timbered Ridge—A C Greene, E B Hagaman.
 Union—G C Norris, J R Isaacs, J E Berkett.
 Willowdale—Mrs BS Dugger, Mrs W L Henson, J H Brinkley.
 Zionville—Milton Brown, Ira Reece, Robert Reece.
 Zion Hill—Letter, no messengers.

Officers of Association

SMITH HAGAMAN, Moderator and Historian, Vilas, N. C.
 W. Y. PERRY, Clerk and Treasurer, Vilas, N. C.
 ED ROBBINS, Colporteur, Blowing Rock, N. C.

Ordained Ministers

Braswell, W. A.	Montezuma, N. C.	Micheal, W. H.	Trade, Tenn.
Eggers, R C	Zionville, "	Norris, John	Sands, N. C.
Farthing, J H	Sweet Water, "	Pennell, W A	Zionville, "
Glenn, W H	Watauga Falls, "	Robbins, Edd	Blowing Rock, "
Gragg, E M	Vilas, "	Swift, W	Reese, "
Greene, A J	Boone, "	Shore, R H	Blowing Rock, "
Greene, Levi	Hopkins, "	Smith, H H	Stony Fork, "
Huggins, F M	Boone, "	Wilson, L C	Newland, "
Hodges, E C	Adams, "	Wilson, L A	Zionville, "
Keller, John	Welborn, Ky.	Trivett, G W	Sugar Grove, "

OBITUARY OF BRO. CALVIN S. FARTHING

The members of this Association and its territory, were shocked by the sudden decease of Bro. Calvin S. Farthing which occurred on the 9th of last Jan., while he was away from home. He preached on Saturday at Clark's Creek church and died on Sunday morning following, while the family, where he was lodging were eating breakfast.

Bro. Calvin was a son of Thomas Farthing, deceased, and a grandson of Rev. William Farthing. He was born Nov. 22, 1849, and was 71 yrs., 1 month and 18 days old at his death.

His opportunities for obtaining an education were seriously interfered with by the Civil war, and the untimely death of his father while he was quite young.

On Sept. 28, 1869, he was married to Kisiak E., daughter of Rev. A. C. Farthing, and by that union were born unto him 13 children, 9 sons and 4 daughters, 10 of whom were left to mourn their loss. His wife and 3 children preceeded him to the spirit world—his wife by about ten years. Bro. Calvin professed religion when young, and united with Bethel church Oct. 24, 1866, a few months over 54 yrs. ago and his membership in that body was unbroken until his death.

He was ordained as a deacon Aug. 22, 1886 and served as such till July 23, 1892, when he was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry, Revs J. J. L. Sherwood, A. C. Farthing, J. H. Farthing and John Norris acting as Presbytery.

He was elected pastor of one church, at least, before his ordination. He served quite a number of churches as pastor in this and adjoining associations, and was pastor of three churches at the time of his death, but he did a good deal of pastoral work in a private way. He never forgot to visit the sick and afflicted, and offer them words of consolation and encouragement.

He was for several years in succession President of the Watauga County Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Our deceased brother had a natural talent for vocal music, and in

his younger years, always joined in that part of Public Worship—an example well worthy of the emulation of our young people of today.

Bro. Calvin was a firm believer in the distinctive principles of the Baptist Denomination, and advocated them publicly and privately.

The passing of our brother reminds us of our own approaching dissolution, and should quicken us in to renewed activity in the Lord's Service, "For the night cometh when no man can work."

"Then what my thoughts design to do,
My hands with all your might pursue;
Since no device nor work is found,
Nor faith nor hope beneath the ground."

Again his passing reminds us of the depletion in the ranks of our clergy. A few years ago there were at least, 5 ministers belonging at Bethel church, now, there is but one in close touch with the church. This should prompt us to heed the Savior's admonition: "Pray ye there fore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest. W. S. Farthing, E. J. Farthing, Thos. Farthing.

OBITUARY OF REV. J. F. ELLER.

Rev. J. F. Eller was born in Ashe county Nov. 17, 1857.

He professed faith in Christ and joined the Mount Zion church in the same county in 1877. Soon after, he moved to Watauga county and helped to constitute the Union Baptist church, he going into it as one of its charter members.

He was ordained to the full work of the ministry by the above named church in 1886. Some years later he moved his membership to Forest Grove Baptist church where he remained a member till his death.

Bro. Eller's services as pastor was in great demand, he being pastor at some time, of almost every church in the Three Forks association and also in adjoining counties.

In Jan. 1920, he was stricken with a severe case of pneumonia, from which he never fully recovered, and on Nov. 20, 1920, the earthly tabernacle fell and Bro. Eller passed on to that of the heavenly.

Bro. Eller was a close student of the Old Book and was considered a good and safe interpreter of the same.

He was a man and preacher of strong conviction. He stood against the wrong and for the right.

His activities covered a wide field, and eternity alone can disclose to us the vast amount of good wrought by this man of God.

Ellis Moody, }
W. R. Johnson, { Com

OBITUARY OF REV. ASA BROWN.

On Jan. 29, 1921, our brother, Eld. Asa Brown, was called from the walks of men to enter upon his reward, at the age of 83 years, 3 months.

Bro. Brown professed religion in early life, and had been a minister of the gospel for more than 50 years, serving as pastor of many churches, earnestly promulgating the teaching of Christ, till death.

In 1912 he united with South Fork church by letter from Laurel Springs church and continued a member the remainder of his life.

Resolved 1, That in the death of Bro. Brown the church has lost a devoted member, the pulpit an earnest advocate of pure and undefiled religion, his family a wise shepherd and counselor, and the community a staunch citizen.

Resolved 2. That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and that we tender our sympathies to his bereft companion and relatives.

Resolved 3. That a copy of this obituary and resolutions be spread upon the records of South Fork church.

Minutes of the Three Forks Annual Meeting
of the W. M. U.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association met in its 8th annual session with Beaver Dam church Sept. 10, 1921 "All hail the Power of Jesus' Name" was sung, after which devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Enoch Swift.

Prayer by Mrs. W. W. Wilson.

The address of welcome was made by Miss Tilda Wilson.

Response by Mrs. F. M. Huggins.

Representatives were called for from the different churches, six churches being represented,— Beaver Dam 9, Boone 3, Bethel 4, Cove Creek 5, Forest Grove 9, Timbered Ridge 2.

Visitors recognized—Mrs. W. H. Reddish, Raleigh, N. C.

Reports of Missionary Societies were read.

The annual report of the Supt. was then presented.

A very impressive memorial service was held for sisters Blanche Hagaman and Jane Swift, after which the congregation joined in singing, "Abide With Me."

A beautiful address was delivered by Cor. Sec. Mrs. W. H. Reddish, giving an outline of the great work accomplished by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Appointment of committees:

Nominating Committee—Mrs. Lee Swift, Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Mrs. Hill Hagaman, Mrs. Nan Johnson, Mrs. A. L. Cook, and Miss Clara Green.

Com. on Resolutions—Mrs. F. M. Huggins.

Com. on Time and Place—Miss Nancy Hagaman, Mrs. Julia Lewis
Rev. J. H. Farthing preached the annual sermon, taking as his
subject: "Calvary." Matt. 27: 38 and Psalms 85: 10.

Announcements by Superintendent.

Closing prayer by J. H. Farthing.

Afternoon Session

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. F. M. Huggins who
took as her subject, "Subjection to Higher Powers." Rom. 13 ch.
Song, "Come Women Wide Proclaim."

Memory verses of Scripture were recited on prayer.

An interesting paper was then read by Mrs. Ruth McConnel on
Foreign Missions—Our old Fields and our new Territory.

Recitations, by some Sunbeams from Cove Creek.

Report of Y. W. A. Supt. Mrs. F. M. Huggins.

North Carolina's part in our Baptist W. M. U. Training School:

Mrs. Clyde Perry.

Mrs. Reddish then talked interestingly on the Training School and
Margaret Fund.

"Records of Baptist History:" Mrs. G. P. Hagaman.

Report of Nom. Com. was presented: For Supt. Mrs. W. W. Wil-
son, Sect., Mrs. I. G. Greer, Asst. Supt., Mrs. D. F. Horton, Per-
sonal service chairman: Mrs. Ellis Moody, Y. W. A. Supt., Mrs. F.
M. Huggins, Junior Supt., Mrs. E. H. Moore, Mission Study Supt.,
Miss Crete Hagaman. Report adopted.

Recommendations prepared by the Executive Committee and
presented were unanimously adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

With a deep sense of the blessings brought by faithful service to our
Heavenly Father, and belief in the ever increasing strength that will
come to us, through going forward in His name to help carry out His
commands, we adopt the following as our working plans for the
year 1921-1922:

1st. Believing that prayer is the most powerful influence that we
can use in bringing the world to Christ, we would urge the impor-
tance of giving it first place in our individual lives, and that we pray
definitely for the coming of His kingdom and for Divine guidance and
blessings on our work, each morning at nine o'clock or near that hour.

2nd. That we continue to emphasize the teachings and principles
of our master in systematic Bible and Mission study, and Proportion-
ate giving.

3rd That in the perfecting and extention of the Union we endeavor
to have each organized society on our list report once a quarter.

4th. That we continue our loyal support and cooperation in the 75
Million Campaign, and adopt the slogan of the Southern Baptist Con-
vention in the "Every One Win One Campaign."

Report on Time and Place presented.

The committee recommended Boone as the place of meeting, but
leave the time to be fixed by the Executive Committee.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. F.
M. Huggins of Boone.

RESOLUTIONS

In behalf of the W. M. U. of Three Forks Association we present
the following resolutions:

Resolved 1st That we extend to the woman's missionary society
of Beaver Dam church our sincerest gratitude for their unstinted
hospitality to us.

2nd. We extend to our efficient Supt., Mrs. D. F. Horton, our
sincerest gratitude for her labors of love, she has so willingly given
us in the past, may her life be a bright and shining light to us.

3rd. That we extend to the Beaver Dam and Forest Grove W. M. S.
our sympathy in the loss of their beloved co-workers, Mrs. Jane Swift
and Mrs. Blanche Hagaman. Our God never makes a mistake, He
doeth all things well.

Sermon by Rev. F. M. Huggins of Boone. Subject, Foreign Mis-
sions. Text, Matt. 28:19.

Song "God will take care of you."

Benediction by Supt.

W. M. U. SOCIETIES

Society	President	Post Office	No. Mem.
Bethel W. M. S.	Mrs. Lora Wilson	Sugar Grove	29
Blowing Rock	Mrs. J. D. Brown	Blowing Rock	
Timbered Ridge	Miss Clara Green	Leander	7
Cove Creek	Miss Annie Sherwood	Sherwood	25
Forest Grove	Mrs. Alice Moody	Vilas	27
Boone	Mrs. I. G. Greer	Boone	28
Beaver Dam	.....	Reece	12
B. Rock Sunbeams	Mrs. J. D. Brown	Blowing Rock	.....
Boone Sunbeams	Mrs. E. H. Moore	Boone	50
Cove C. Sunbeams	Miss Annie Sherwood	Sherwood	
Boone Y. W. A.	Mrs. F. M. Huggins	Boone	28

FINANCES W. M. S.

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