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OF THE

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OF THE



**Brushy Mountain
Baptist Association**



HELD WITH THE

Pleasant Home Baptist Church

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OFFICERS

C. C. WRIGHT, Moderator

R. P. BLEVINS, Clerk & Treas.

MINUTES

OF THE

Brushy Mountain Baptist Association

Some Vital Facts about the Brushy Mountain Association for the year 1912-13 that closed with this Association.

23 Churches with 2721 members.

23 Churches raised for all objects \$7939.63.

An average church raised \$345.20.

An average church member paid \$2.91 for all objects of christian endeavor.

23 Churches paid to State, Home and Foreign Missions \$552.91.

An average church raised for Missions \$24.39.

An average church member gave to Missions 20c.

23 Churches maintained 22 Sunday Schools with 2656 enrolled and an average attendance of 1228.

An average Sunday School had 55 present each Sunday Morning.

Is your church an average church, if not, why not?

Is your Sunday School an average school?

Resolve NOW to make your church an average church and your Sunday School an average school.

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- W. H. Church, W. C. Meadows, M. McNeil, R. P. Blevins. Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention 1914.
- R. A. Spainhour, R. P. Blevins, R. L. Proffit, W. C. Meadows, M. McNeil, U. A. Miller, Delegates to State Baptist Convention 1913.

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Proceedings of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association

FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

The Fortieth Annual Session of the Brushy Mountain Association held with Pleasant Home Church, August 21, 22, 23 and 24, 1913.

THURSDAY, AUG. 21--MORNING SESSION

The Association was opened with prayer by E. L. Middleton. The introductory sermon was then preached by R. P. Blevins, Text: Through God we shall do valiantly for, He it is that shall trod down our enemies.--Psalm 108:13.

AFTERNOON SESSION

A quorum answered to the roll call of churches. On motion of W. C. Meadows, C. C. Wright was elected Moderator for the ensuing year. R. P. Blevins was chosen Clerk.

J. W. Burchett of the Elkin Association, G. W. Sebastian of the Stone Mountain, D. M. Wheeler of Stony Fork, T. E. Redman of of Briers Creek, W. W. White of Ashe Association and E. L. Middleton, our Sunday School Secretary, and W. M. Green the Recorder man, were all recognized as visiting brethren.

The afternoon session was then given over to the discussion of Sunday Schools.

The following report was then made on Sunday Schools:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We find authority for Sunday Schools in God's word. The fact that a Sunday School, with good organization, adequate equipment and good teaching is sure to become effective in winning souls for God and in developing them for His use, is proof of God's favor.

The Sunday School work of the State is hopeful. There seems to be a steady, healthful growth. Since 1905, we have grown from 1290 schools to 1921 in 1912; a gain of 631 or 49 per cent. in seven years. Mere numerical growth, however, is not

necessarily indicative of success. We find more general interest in the cause than formerly. Schools are improving their organizations as well as enlarging their membership. Many are training their teachers in the Sunday School Board's training courses. Churches are building class-rooms or using curtains to improve their equipment.

We find the following facts about the work in our own Association in 1912:

Twenty churches report a membership of 2460. Only sixteen of these churches report Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 1846. This gives a Sunday School membership only 75 per cent. as large as the church membership. From the letters to this session it seems only about one-third of our church members belong to our Sunday Schools. We are assured there is progress since last year. It seems there is now a Sunday School in every church and several branch schools.

As a policy for next year we would recommend the following:

1---That all our Sunday Schools co-operate in the work of our Sunday School Convention by sending messengers to the next session.

2---A vigorous campaign to enlist more of our church members and others not reached for the Sunday School. A religious census followed by grading the school will greatly aid in this.

3---The organization of Teacher Training Classes for officers and teachers. These may pursue the Normal Course or the Reading Course. Free literature will explain both courses.

4---The co-operation with other associations in supporting Sunday School Missions by putting this fund on same basis as the other mission and benevolent objects of the Convention. The Sunday Schools, however, ought to meet this obligation.

5---More definite plans for making our schools evangelistic. These ought to become great soul-saving agencies. Every unsaved member of our classes ought to be brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

6---That our officers and teachers secure literature on the various phases of up-to-date Sunday School work. This will be furnished free by our Sunday School Secretary, E. L. Middleton, Raleigh, N. C.

D. M. WHEELER
LEE WALSH
W. O. BARNETT,
Committee.

On motion for the adoption of report, E. L. Middleton presented the subject in an able and graphic manner, and brethren J. W. Burchett, T. E. Redman, D. M. Wheeler, G. W. Sebastian, made short enthusiastic talks on the Sunday Schools in their associations. The report was adopted and pledges taken for Sunday School missions.

Adjourned until 9:30 A. M. Friday.

FRIDAY AUG. 22, MORNING SESSION

J. W. Burchett of the Elkin Association, conducted devotional exercises at 9:30.

The Association was called to order by the moderator and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved. J. W. Burchett read the following report on periodicals:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

This is an age of extensive reading---our men, women, and children are going to read something, and this being true we must look carefully to the reading matter put in their hands. Baptist should do their best to get the Recorder in as many homes as possible. In order to keep posted on the work of the denomination at large every Baptist should take it. We need the Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field in order to know what we as Baptist are doing for the evangelization of the world. Your committee insists that all take the Recorder this year and be convinced of its worth.

J. W. BURCHETT
J. W. MOORE
L. M. McGLAMERY,
Committee.

Upon motion for its adoption it was discussed by J. W. Burchett and W. M. Green and the body accepted the report.

The moderator then called for the report on State missions. R. P. Blevins read the following report, and on motion of W. C. Meadows, State Missions was presented by R. P. Blevins and E. L. Middleton:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The command is to go into all the world and preach the gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation. Then State missions mean the preaching of the gospel to our own people, the salvation of our friends and neighbors---and even more than this it means the enlargement of our work in all fields of endeavor and the advancement of the kingdom of God throughout the nations of earth.

With the marvelous material growth of our State; the great influx of immigrants and non-Christian element, and with the many sections of our State that are destitute as to the doctrines of the Bible, and in their destitution and helplessness are crying out to the Baptist State Convention for the necessary aid that will put them on their feet---with the mammoth task of State missions and its great needs shall we not rally around her standards and make our motto burn with a fire kindled by our King---"North Carolina for Jesus."

R. P. BLEVINS
I. N. BAUGUSS
W. A. BROWN.

The 11-o'clock sermon was then preached by T. E. Redman, after which the morning session was closed with special prayer for more workers in the field, by R. P. Blevins.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The delegates reassemble in house and after prayer by D. M. Wheeler the Association is called to order by moderator.

The report on Woman's Mission society was then read by clerk for the committee. Upon motion for its adoption J. W. Burchett presented the woman's work in our field.

Financial Report, Woman's Mission Union, Brushy Mt. Asso., 1912-13

	No. Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Louisville Tr. School	Expense Fund	Other Objects	Total
W. M. S., N. Wilkesboro, 1st ch	33	\$28.15	\$20.00	\$51.00	\$2.10	\$2.50	\$10.85	\$114.60
Y. W. A., " "	25	18.50	10.00	5.00	5.50	1.00	.65	40.65
Sunbeam Band " "	18	5.00	5.00	8.00	1.00			19.00
W. M. S., Wilkesboro church...	25		11.00	5.00		1.60	7.80	25.40
" " Harmony " "	15	1.00	3.00	5.00			9.95	18.95
" " Zion Hill " "	14		2.00	3.00			.31	5.31
Societies recently organized or re-organized								
W. M. S., N. Wilkesboro, 2d ch.	7		.60					.60
Sunbeam Band " "	20							
W. M. S., Pleasant Home church	8							
Total								\$224.51

Miles traveled by President of Union in interest of Missions.....	183
Church visited in Association.....	4
Societies organized or re-organized.....	4
Letters and cards written.....	166
Tracts and literature distributed.....	200
No. Foreign Mission Journal subs in U. S.	38
No. Home Field subscribers in Union	42
No. Mission Fields " "	14

Received by Pres. for traveling exp.	\$7.00
Balance from last year.....	1.00
Total.....	8.00
Expended.....	4.50
Balance.....	3.50

MRS. J. W. GARVEY, Pres.
MISS ADDIE HOWELL, Sec.

The Moderator called for report on Home Missions and W. C. Meadows read the following report:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The problem of Home Missions is America's supreme problem. It is our imperative issue, for in the Home Mission task is the solution of a vast problem upon which hangs the material and Spiritual well-fare of our Nation, involving the happiness or misery of our people.

The work of the Home Mission Board is:

1st That of preaching the gospel to save the 20 million lost souls in our South land, among our white people, the negroes, Indians, Foreigners, in Cuba and Panama.

The foreigners are coming to us at the rate of a million a year, which will be greatly increased by the opening of the Panama canal, and the Panama Exposition in 1915. We must evangelize them as they come, or they will jepordize all of our Christian Institutions.

2nd The Mountain School problem is one of vast importance and is doing great good, not only literary training, but through the religious influence in these schools a great majority of the young men and young women leave there Christians and go out to bless the country as teachers, Sunday School workers, and preachers.

3rd The work of enlistment is an important part of the work, fulfilling the second part of Christ's last commission--teaching them to observe all things commanded. The object is to enlist every member of the Churches in the work. If the three million Baptists of the South were trained so they would keep and obey only one verse of Scripture: 1st Cor. 15 2., we would soon take all this fair South land for Jesus.

Brethren in the Ministry let us all make a strong effort to unite all of our forces in the work of Missions.

4th But why all this so necessary? Because thousands are dieing in sin and are eternally lost. And because of the alarming spread of Roman Catholicism. Now Catholics are entitled to an equal privelege with other denominations, but they are not satisfied with that, but are making every effort possible to

control the public schools, the Press, Freedom of Speech, and even the Government of the U. S.

Our greatest means of defence is in Home Missions.

W. C. MEADOWS

J. F. PEARSON

W. M. PRATT.

Upon motion of U. A. Miller for the adoption of report the different phases of our Home Mission work was brought out by W. C. Meadows and R. P. Blevins.

T. E. Redmon read the following report on the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The Thomasville Baptist Orphanage is now caring for over four hundred children, who, without our aid would be thrown on the uncertain and often cold mercies of the world.

This institution is worthy of the sympathy and support of all Baptists of the State. Therefore we recommend that all Churches and Sunday Schools, since it is dependent upon them for maintenance, give liberally to its support. We further recommend that each church appoint three ladies to supplement its pledges. Respectfully submitted.

T. E. REDMOND

E. R. SETTLE

C. D. HARRIS,

Committee.

Bros. Redmond, Averitt and Meadows then told the Association of the work of the Orphanage.

A motion to discontinue the pledge system was tabled until Saturday.

On motion adjourned until 9:30 Saturday.

SATURDAY, AUG. 23---MORNING SESSION

Devotional exercises were conducted by W. C. Meadows.

The Moderator called the Association to order and Bro. S. H. Averitt invoked the blessings of God upon the body.

T. E. Redmon read the following report on foreign missions:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Just before our Lord left the world he gave the command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." And we as his followers are not excused until this is done. With the promise that he has the power to bless and protect all true carriers of his word, this specific command was given to commence at Jerusalem, or at home, and Judea and Samaria, and then to the uttermost parts of the earth. His will is that all men should know the Son, and the story of the cross, and the good news of salvation. His means of sending it is through men, directed by the spirit. No Christian should be satisfied until he has done his best, in order that all men might be saved. Brethren, don't falter by the way if results are not always encouraging for it is not ours to bless, but the Lord's, seeing that we are commanded to be faithful to the end "and lo, I am with you always."

T. E. REDMON

W. T. KILBY

A. B. McNEIL,

Committee.

Upon motion for the adoption of report it was discussed by T. E. Redmon, R. P. Blevins, W. C. Meadows and passed by the Association.

R. L. Proffit read the following report on education:

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Realizing the great importance of education in our South land, and the rapid strides made in the past ten years along religious, political, and material lines of endeavor, it behooves us to put forth every possible effort in the promotion and continuance of the present aroused interest in education. It gives us pride to note the decrease in illiteracy in our own County during the past ten years from 13 per cent. to 2 per cent. Also during the same period the attendance in our public schools has more than doubled, and with the incentive of the compulsory clause of our recent school laws we believe that the future for us will compare favorably with any section. We heartily

recommend the employment of religious men and women as teachers in our schools and the opening of each days session by reading the Bible and prayer.

We recommend to your consideration the recently organized school at Mountain View under the management of Prof. E. R. Settle. Respectfully submitted.

R. L. PROFFIT
U. A. MILLER
J. H. JOHNSON,
Committee.

Upon motion for its adoption it was discussed by R. L. Proffit and U. A. Miller. Prof. E. R. Settle of the Mountain View school made a strong appeal in behalf of education. The report was adopted.

D. M. Wheeler of the Stony Fork Association then delivered the 11-o'clock sermon, on "The Open Door."

AFTERNOON SESSION

The following report on old Ministers Relief was read by the clerk for Committee.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

We have our Savior's own testimony that we will have the poor with us always and we also have the command to deal with an open hand toward them and if we obey this command we have the precious promise that he will bless us in whatsoever we put our hands unto. Now there are no more worthy poor than those faithful servants of God who endured hardships and made sacrifices, that we of today know little of, to establish and advance the kingdom of God in our State. These are fast passing on to their reward, but there are a few that are no longer able to labor and it should be a precious privilege (to say nothing of duty) to take care of these handsomely until it is God's pleasure to call them to their reward. "In as much as ye did it unto the

least of these ye did it unto me;" so let us give this worthy cause our earnest and abundant support. Respectfully submitted.

E. J. LEACH
L. D. WHITTINGTON
A. S. ELLER,
Committee.

The report was discussed by A. S. Eller, U. A. Miller and W. W. White and adopted.

G. W. Walsh presented the following report on Temperance:

Your Committee on Temperance begs to report that on surveying the field we find that prohibition and the prohibition laws have wrought much good in our mountain section; that people are marketing their apples and fruit growing has received a new incentive. We wish to urge that our people, preachers and laymen, heartily support the cause, and thus obtain for the advancement of the Kingdom and the general improvement of our people.

G. W. WALSH
S. H. LOVETTE
L. MATHERLY,
Committee.

Upon motion the report was discussed by W. W. White and G. W. Sale and adopted.

The Executive Committee recommended that H. C. Kilby be appointed as one of our trustees of Mountain View school.

The Moderator appointed R. A. Spainhour member State Mission Board.

The Moderator appointed R. P. Blevins, R. A. Spainhour, W. C. Meadows, R. L. Proffit, and U. A. Miller as delegates to State Convention to be held at Shelby, N. C. W. H. Church, R. P. Blevins, W. C. Meadows, and M. McNeil as delegates to Southern Baptist Convention.

The Committee on Time and Place submit the following report:

That the time of the next meeting of the Brushy Mountain Association be on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August 1914, with the Lewis Fork Baptist Church, and that W. F. Carlton preach the introductory sermon at 11 o'clock on Thursday.

F. G. HOLMAN
J. O. PARDUE
W. T. STROUD,
Committee.

The following resolutions were offered by the Committee and passed upon by the Association in session:

Resolution I Resolve that we, the Brushy Mountain Association for one year dispense with the pledge system, and ask all of our churches to determine at a church conference how much they will undertake to raise this year for the different objects that claim our support. That each church appoint a Committee whose duty shall be to see every member of the church and solicit a contribution according to 1st Cor. 15, 2 and 2nd Cor. 9, 7 and report the results at the next Association.

We also recommend that the work be divided as follows: September and October for State Missions; November and December for Orphanage; January and February Foreign Missions; March and April for Home Missions; May and June for Sunday School Missions; July for Education; August for aged Ministers.

By adopting this plan we place the Churches conscience. Brethren, use not this liberty to a failure, but let it abound in the riches of your liberality, so that this year will show better results than last.

Resolution II Whereas it hath pleased our heavenly Father to break the Home circle, and to sever the ties of many friends and companions by removing from time to eternity the beloved daughter of our esteemed Moderator Bro. C. C. Wright while yet in the bloom of youth and promise of a useful life to a rich reward in Heaven. Therefore, be it resolved that we bow in humble submission to the will of our blessed Lord, commending the bereaved to His abundant Grace, that this be spread upon our minutes and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

Resolution III Resolved that the thanks of this body are due and hereby tendered to the people of this Church and community for their kind hospitality in taking care of the delegates and visitors. It was royally done.

W. C. MEADOWS
W. M. PRATT
D. J. PARDUE,
Committee.

The treasurer's report was read by clerk and accepted.

A motion was made that the clerk and treasurer be one office known as that of clerk and treasurer. The motion was carried.

The Committee on Devotional exercise announce that R. P. Blevins will preach the sermon tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

And this closed the last business session of the Association.

SUNDAY, AUG. 24

W. W. White conducted devotional exercises.

At 11 o'clock R. P. Blevins preached from Rom. 6; 23 "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord"--and the fortieth annual session of the Brushy Mountain Association was closed with M. McNeil pronouncing the Benediction.

Minutes of the Sunday School Convention

The Thirteenth Annual Session

SATURDAY

10:30 a. m. meeting called to order by President C. C. Wright, song by choir. Devotional exercises conducted by A. T. Pardue. The subject: Reaching the people for the Sunday Schools, by E. L. Middleton. After some fine music by the choir the convention was dismissed for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 the congregation assembled in the house. After music by choir a roll of Churches was called. Churches were represented as follows:

Edgewood by C. C. Wright, no report, Fishing Creek by U. A. Miller, letter; Harmony by T. M. Hawkins, letter; New Hope by A. S. Eller, letter; N. Wilkesboro by C. C. Gambill, no report; Oak Grove by A. T. Pardue, no report. Bro. R. L. Church was recognized from Elkin Association and Bro. Moore from Brier Creek Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Upon motion of U. A. Miller Prof. C. C. Wright was elected President. Upon motion of.....U. A. Miller was elected vice-president and C. C. Gambill secretary and treasurer.

The following Committees were appointed by the President: Committee on time and place T. M. Hawkins, Houston Steelman and A. S. Eller. Committee on Resolutions U. A. Miller, R. L. Wellborn and N. T. Jarvis.

A motion was made and carried to instruct the Secretary to ask all Churches not represented to send in their letters to the Secretary so the report may be placed in the minutes.

How to develop a Sunday School in giving was discussed by Mr. Steelman.

A. T. Pardue spoke on subject: Lesson preparation and teaching. E. L. Middleton spoke on organizing our forces.

QUESTION BOX

Conducted by E. L. Middleton. A number of leaflets were passed to each delegate present on which were printed 25 questions which were to be asked by the delegates and answered by Mr. Middleton. This raised a lively discussion of various phases of Sunday School work and short talks were made by many of the delegates.

After a song by the choir the convention was dismissed with prayer by T. M. Hawkins.

SUNDAY--MORNING SESSION

The convention assembled at 9:30 and the Sunday School work was demonstrated by U. A. Miller, superintendent of the Sunday School at Fishing Creek, who went through the exercises and lesson as he does every Sabbath morning.

The session was then turned over to the President, and letters from Sunday Schools were asked for, and the following were handed in: Edgewood, Mount Zion, Moravian Falls, Mount Pleasant, North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro, and Walnut Grove. Debs Knob was represented by Carr Wright.

An invitation to a seat in our convention was extended to visitors and was accepted by Dr. R. W. S. Pegram and Rev. R. L. Garner of the Brier Creek Convention.

E. L. Middleton began the discussion of "A message to Christians" by reading several passages of scripture and having the body led in prayer by M. McNeil. After a very interesting address of Mr. Middleton the Convention was led in prayer by W. C. Meadows. The choir sang a very beautiful song.

After some very timely remarks of W. C. Meadows, in reference to the Convention resolution of respect and condolence to our beloved President, in the loss of his daughter, a Committee consisting of W. C. Meadows, T. N. Jarvis and U. A. Miller, was selected to draft said resolutions and present them at the afternoon session.

A collection amounting to \$2.93 was taken to help defray the expenses of having the minutes printed with the Association minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Convention assembled in the house, and after a song by the choir we were lead in prayer by Dr. Pegram.

Making a success of a country Sunday School was discussed by M. McNeil and R. L. Garner. A song by male quartette.

The methods of the Master was discussed by F. B. Hendren. The child in the Sunday School was discussed by W. C.

Meadows.

The Committee on time and place made the following report:

We, your Committee on time and place for the next Sunday School Convention beg leave to report the time Saturday before the 5th Sunday in May, 1914 and the place, New Hope Church.

T. M. HAWKINS
H. G. STEELMAN
A. S. ELLER,

Committee.

The special Committee on resolutions of condolence to our President submitted the following which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved by the Sunday School Convention of the Brushy Mountain Association, 1st, that we extend to our President, Bro. C. C. Wright, our sincere condolence in the loss of his daughter, Dorris, and pray God's richest blessings upon him and his family.

2nd. That these resolutions be published in our minutes and a copy be furnished our County papers with a request to publish, and also a copy to be engrossed and furnished our President.

W. C. MEADOWS
N. T. JARVIS
U. A. MILLER.

The Committee on resolutions made the following report:
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Less than half of the churches of this Association having failed to report their Sunday Schools either by letter or messengers, nor is this the first time they have failed to do so. The pastor, being the inspiration of the Sunday Schools; therefore: We recommend that the pastors bring this matter before the Sunday Schools of their churches at the proper time and see to it that delegates be appointed to convey reports of their Sunday Schools to the next Convention.

We have noticed that too many pastors appear indifferent toward the Sunday Schools of their churches; often refusing to take part in the lesson or remaining out of doors. Now this is very wrong. They should never fail to take part in the discussions of the lessons and review the lesson instead of the Superintendent, or make a Sunday School talk. Brethren, you are

setting a bad example by avoiding the Sunday School.

We commend the earnest work being done by Pastors M. McNeil, W. C. Meadows and a few other workers. You would do well to follow their example. Brother Pastor, another very great need in our Sunday Schools is better teachers. We are now living in the days of Better Education. If we expect John and Mary to attend Sunday School regularly and be interested in the lessons, we must have a teacher for them who has tact, understand the lesson for today and next Sunday and know just how to explain the parts not understood by them. This is a sad fact in almost all of our churches. Now, how can this be remedied? By starting a Teacher's Training School in each church. The Superintendent should require his teachers to meet twenty or 30 minutes before Sunday School, together with young folks who expect to make teachers later. He should suggest methods of presenting the lesson, and have the teachers give their ideas. This would be very helpful, or better could we not all join hands and get Brother Middleton to conduct a ten days training school in some one of our churches so that each church could send its corps of teachers. Let us prepare to mature this at the next convention.

Respectively submitted,

U. A. MILLER
R. L. WELLBORN
Committee.

Approved by Convention Sunday, Aug. 30, 1913.

The resolution was earnestly discussed by several brethren, emphasizing the fact that we must devise some plan to get the pastors interested in our Sunday School Convention.

The following report of thanks to the community was adopted:

Resolved that the thanks of this Sunday School Convention are due and are hereby tendered to this Church and community for the excellent and generous manner in which this Convention has been entertained.

MILTON MCNEIL.

The letters which have been handed in were read.

The Question Box was opened and discussed.

N. T. Jarvis emphasized the fact if we get the best of the Convention we must put in to practice what we have learned.

U. A. Miller offered a suggestion that we have a lesson demonstration at our next Convention.

There being no farther business the Convention adjourned with prayer by N. T. Jarvis and a song by the choir.

C. C. WRIGHT, President.
C. C. GAMBILL, Secretary.

Minutes of the Woman's Mission Union

Auxiliary to the Brushy Mountain Association

1912-1913

The fifth annual session of the Woman's Mission Union of the Brushy Mountain Association convened with the society at Pleasant Home church, Friday August 22, 1913.

Owing to the inclemency of the day not a very large crowd was present, but deep interest in the program and determination to move forward in the work was a noticeable feature of the occasion.

The meeting was called to order at 11 o'clock, a. m., Mrs. Garvey presiding. The 100th Psalm was read, a short talk made, explaining the Jubilate Movement, after which prayer was offered.

Miss Minnie McNeil, president of the recently organized society at Pleasant Home church, graciously welcomed the Union to her church and response was made by Mrs. N. H. Waugh of the N. Wilkesboro W. M. S.

The Secretary called the roll of societies and reports were given from the W. M. S., Y. W. A. and Sunbeam of the N. Wilkesboro first church; the W. M. S. and Sunbeam of the N. Wilkesboro second church; and the W. M. S. of the Harmony church.

The reports of the societies was followed by the President's report for the associational year, which may be found in full in the body of the associational minutes. A nominating committee, consisting of one delegate from each society represented, was elected. The increasing rain making it necessary to dispense with part of the program, a chain of prayer was offered, followed by adjournment.

AFTERNOON

A steady downpour precluding the possibility of an outdoor meeting, the Association very kindly offered to the Woman's Union, the use of a curtained off space in the rear of the

church, where the afternoon session was held. Lest the meeting prove a disturbance to the business of the Association, it was made as short and quiet as possible.

A beautiful little poem, "Be Strong," was read by Miss Cora McNeil. After prayer, Mrs. C. C. Gambill read from the Jubilate program, a very inspiring selection, "Our Spiritual Need." Mrs. Garvey made a talk sketching some of the different phases of the work of the W. M. U., especially emphasizing the new department of Personal Service Work.

The Secretary called the roll of the churches of the Association, finding six represented. A carefully prepared resume of the work of the year just ending was read by the Secretary, and all were pleased to note the steady progress and growing strength of our work. This paper will be published in full in the Associational Handbook for 1913-1914.

In the absence of Mrs. Jno. R. Jones, of the Executive Committee, Miss Minnie McNeil read a paper outlining the work of the organization for the forthcoming year and offering the recommendations of the committee, as follows:

1st. That our apportionment of \$210.00 to the State Union, be accepted and that each society do its part in raising the amount.

2nd. That we strive to organize, during this Associational year, at least three new Woman's Missionary Societies, one Y. W. A., two Sunbeam Bands and one R. A.

3rd. That our society presidents make a most strenuous effort to place at least one Missionary periodical in each home represented in the society and that our members be repeatedly urged to consecrate more of their time seeking information about the Master's work.

4th. That we adopt the Associational Hand-book prepared by the Executive Committee, with its motto, "Before there can be strong missionary Churches there MUST be missionary consecrated mothers," and that as Christian mothers we determine to live up to our motto.

5th. That each society be instructed to place in the hands of the Secretary or President of our organization, as soon as possible after the Association, a contribution to be used in de-

fraying the expense of the publication of the minutes of our meeting.

6th. That all our societies be asked to co-operate heartily with the President in raising enough money to furnish a Reading or Sitting Room in the Girls' Dormitory now being erected for the Mountain View School, also that individuals in a position to do so, contribute suitable books or magazine subscriptions for the Room.

The President made some remarks explanatory of the work that the Union is trying to do for the Mountain View School. After motion to adopt, the recommendations were discussed by Mrs. N. H. Waugh in a short talk on "Finances." A paper on "The Importance of Our Missionary Literature," which had been prepared by Mrs. J. W. Nichols, in her absence was read by Mrs. W. H. Waugh. Miss Addie Howell spoke on "Our Young People's Work," after which Prof. Settle, Principal of the Mountain View School, was invited in and made an interesting talk, emphasizing the help to our Churches that will be the result of training our boys and girls in our Christian Schools. The recommendations were adopted by unanimous vote.

Mrs. S. R. Joines, for nominating Committee, recommended the re-election of all of the present officers, which met the unanimous approval of the body.

State Mission Day was announced and literature for same given to each society. The Meeting of the Greensboro Division, to be held at Elkin, October 16, 17, 18, was discussed and all societies urged to send representatives. Prayer was offered by Miss Howell, all joining in repeating the Lord's Prayer, which closed the session.

MRS. J. W. GARVEY, President.

MISS ADDIE HOWELL, Secretary.

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Buildings and Repairs	Minutes and Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Other Objects	TOTAL
Beaver Creek	65 00		1 00	50 00		5 00	1 00	2 00	20 00	3 00					6 70
Cub Creek	50 00	700 00	18 10	16 00		2 00	6 00	10 00	2 00	3 66		2 00	2 00		79 00
Edgewood	42 50		16 00	17 76		3 00	1 00	5 00	2 00	5 00		1 00	1 00		88 50
Fishing Creek	63 35		2 10	8 74		2 00	3 00	5 00	1 00	18 00		1 00	5 00	9 95	116 10
Harmony	127 51	90 00	1 40	10 00	19 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 92		1 00	2 00		261 80
Lewis Fork	50 00		21 70	1 00	15 00		1 00	1 00	2 00	3 15					92 10
Little Rock	60 00	20 00	50 00	16 50	4 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	2 00	5 00			2 00		119 20
Moravian Falls	60 00		7 00	5 00		5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	10 00		1 00	5 00		101 50
Mt. Carmel	79 50	17 00	1 40	8 50		1 00	1 00	5 00		11 37			3 00	12 00	143 50
Mt. Pleasant	40 00	75 00	1 40	4 00		3 25	1 65	2 00		2 00					125 20
Mt. Zion			95 00	4 50		96 45	51 00	99 00		6 00		7 55	11 23	7 25	4390 20
New Hope	1145 00	1700 00	814 89	163 49	35 00	30 00	2 00	2 37		82 46	177 00		2 00		40 10
1st N. Wilkesboro	30 00		1 50	3 00		1 00				3 00			1 00		92 00
2nd N. Wilkesboro	60 00		1 10	3 00		2 00	5 00	2 00		10 00			2 00		74 10
Oak Grove	65 00		1 25	5 00						3 00					74 20
Pleasant Grove	50 00		75 00	3 00	2 00					10 00					124 20
Pleasant Home	57 52	61 00	40 00												124 20
Pilgrim															36 10
Shady Grove															188 80
Stony Hill	60 00	25 00	69 80	1 26		5 00	5 00	20 00	1 00	5 00			3 00		188 80
Walnut Grove	332 45	135 60	9 50	80 00	3 00	60 00	7 25	60 00		117 68				16 00	821 40
Wilkesboro	80 00		21 00	10 00	4 68	4 00		5 00		5 00					129 00
Zion Hill	\$2518 83	\$2823 60	\$990 44	\$360 25	\$82 68	\$226 70	\$90 90	\$235 31	\$7 70	\$328 24	\$177 00	\$12 55	\$40 23	\$35 20	\$7939 00

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTOR AND ADDRESS	CLERK AND ADDRESS	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Seating Capacity	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
Beaver Creek.....	G. Z. Bumgarner, Taylorsville.....	J. T. Ferguson, Oakdale.....	3	\$ 400	300	2	1	1	1	1	1	26	53	79
Cub Creek.....	W. T. Comer, New Castle.....	W. E. Smithey, Oakwoods.....	4	600	300	1	1	1	5	1	1	17	27	44
Edgewood.....	M. McNeil, Wilkesboro.....	A. G. Hendren, Straw.....	3	1100	650	17	3	2	1	1	1	74	87	161
Fishing Creek.....	N. T. Jarvis, Roaring River.....	R. L. Welborn, Wilkesboro.....	1	500	300	11	2	4	2	1	1	29	48	77
Harmony.....	J. W. Burchett, Knottsville.....	J. O. Pardue, N. Wilkesboro.....	2	750	359	8	1	1	1	1	1	30	42	72
Lewis Fork.....	R. P. Blevins, Wilkesboro.....	Conrad Jones, Ready Branch.....	1	1000	400	24	3	2	3	2	2	67	132	199
Little Rock.....	G. Z. Bumgarner, Taylorsville.....	N. C. Andrews, Boomer.....	3	700	300	15	5	4	4	1	1	27	48	75
Moravian Falls.....	Earnest Bumgarner, Taylorsville.....	D. J. Pardue, Moravian Falls.....	1	1200	300	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	34	52
Mt. Carmel.....	T. E. Redman, New Hope.....	J. T. Rogers, Moravian Falls.....	4	1500	350	3	3	2	1	1	1	36	50	86
Mt. Pleasant.....	L. B. Murray, State Road.....	U. G. Foster, Champion.....	2	1000	500	5	10	5	3	1	3	100	190	290
Mt. Zion.....	D. M. Wheeler, Triplett.....	W. O. Barnett, Mt. Zion.....	4	300	200	7	1	1	1	1	1	47	53	100
New Hope.....	M. McNeil, Wilkesboro.....	W. H. Eller, Purlear.....	4	800	400	2	2	6	1	3	3	58	117	175
1st N. Wilkesboro.....	J. M. Dunaway, N. Wilkesboro.....	S. E. Absher, N. Wilkesboro.....	every	18000	1000	5	12	10	3	1	1	91	154	245
2nd N. Wilkesboro.....	Jonathan Jordan, Roaring River.....	J. W. Porter, N. Wilkesboro.....	1-4	200	4	3	3	1	2	3	1	25	30	55
Oak Grove.....	G. M. Burcham, Elkin.....	I. N. Bauguss, N. Wilkesboro.....	1	38	15	2	2	2	2	3	2	34	37	71
Pleasant Grove.....	L. B. Murray, State Road.....	J. G. Parsons, Buck.....	1	400	250	2	1	4	5	3	3	65	103	168
Pleasant Home.....	Grant Cothorn, Lomax.....	W. T. Kilby, Millers Creek.....	3	800	400	1	1	1	1	1	1	59	81	140
Pilgrim.....	W. F. Carlton, Wilbar.....	Z. V. Church, Congo.....	3	400	350	19	4	14	4	6	1	25	58	83
Shady Grove.....	G. M. Burcham, Elkin.....	M. G. Steelman, Adley.....	2	500	200	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	44	56
Stony Hill.....	Lee Miller, Walsh.....	L. D. Whittington, Parsonville.....	2	500	500	6	1	1	4	2	2	26	38	64
Walnut Grove.....	T. E. Redman, New Hope.....	W. A. Brown, Moravian Falls.....	2	800	400	22	2	1	1	2	2	78	149	227
Wilkesboro.....	R. P. Blevins, Wilkesboro.....	S. J. Ginnings, Wilkesboro.....	2-3	3500	400	11	7	1	1	1	1	42	77	119
Zion Hill.....	J. W. Watts, Liledown.....	J. E. German, Boomer.....	1	1000	500	6	6	4	2	1	1	38	75	113
TOTAL				\$35750	8550	201	73	33	63	29	26	1014	1707	2721

CHURCHES	S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESS	S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESS												
		Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Enrollment	Number of Schools	Months Kept Open	Average Attendance	Number of Baptisms	Contributions for Missions Orphanage Etc.	School Expenses	Total Contributions			
Beaver Creek.....	A. J. Gould, Oakdale.....	5	75	80	1	9	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cub Creek.....	No school.....													
Edgewood.....	C. C. Wright, Hunting Creek.....	8	143	151	2	9	75	16	8	00	8	00	16	00
Fishing Creek.....	U. A. Miller, N. Wilkesboro.....	10	138	148	1	6	69	6	17	76	17	76	17	76
Harmony.....	T. M. Hawkins, N. Wilkesboro.....	10	70	80	1	9	50	8	8	74	8	74	8	74
Lewis Fork.....	Lee Walsh, Ready Branch.....	6	60	66	1	12	35	12	10	00	10	00	10	00
Little Rock.....	Isaac Broyhill, Boomer.....	4	51	55	1	4	30	1	1	00	1	00	1	00
Moravian Falls.....	J. T. Humphries, Moravian Falls.....	5	75	80	1	12	45	1	16	50	16	50	16	50
Mt. Carmel.....	W. G. Lowe, Poors Knob.....	6	70	76	1	6	45	1	5	00	5	00	5	00
Mt. Pleasant.....	U. G. Foster, Champion.....	7	176	183	1	12	80	4	6	50	6	50	6	50
Mt. Zion.....	W. M. Minton, Mt. Zion.....	6	70	76	1	6	41	7	4	00	4	00	4	00
New Hope.....	A. S. Eller, Purlear.....	6	69	75	1	12	42	1	4	50	4	50	4	50
1st N. Wilkesboro.....	W. H. Church, N. Wilkesboro.....	16	300	316	1	12	198	2	163	49	163	49	163	49
2nd N. Wilkesboro.....	J. W. Porter, N. Wilkesboro.....	4	30	34	1	5	20	1	3	00	3	00	3	00
Oak Grove.....	No school reported.....													
Pleasant Grove.....	J. G. Parsons, Buck.....	4	60	64	1	12	40	1	3	00	3	00	3	00
Pleasant Home.....	L. B. Pierce, Millers Creek.....	9	100	109	1	8	60	1	5	00	5	00	5	00
Pilgrim.....	B. L. Minton, Congo.....	4	60	64	1	10	40	1	3	00	3	00	3	00
Shady Grove.....	Jessie Church, Adley.....	5	45	50	1	6	35	1	1	26	1	26	1	26
Stony Hill.....	G. W. Walsh, Parsonville.....	6	40	46	1	6	40	3	1	80	1	80	1	80
Walnut Grove.....	R. C. Meadows, Poors Knob.....	4	123	127	1	6	75	6	80	00	113	46	113	46
Wilkesboro.....	F. B. Hendren, Wilkesboro.....	10	125	135	1	12	65	10	10	00	10	00	10	00
Zion Hill.....	Isaac Watts, Boomer.....	7	60	67	1	8	40	4	2	00	2	00	2	00
Mt. Pleasant-Branch	Benj. Huffman, Purlear.....	5	74	79	1	12	53	1	2	00	2	00	2	00
TOTAL		142	2514	2656	22	1228	78	\$41	46	\$354	55	\$396	01	

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