

MINUTES

OF THE

12th ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Anson County Baptist Association



HELD WITH THE

ROCKY RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Anson County, N. C., Oct. 28, 29 & 30, 1921

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preach the introductory sermon, Rev. M. D. L. Preslar.

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PROCEEDINGS

Rocky River, Oct. the 28th, 1921

The Anson Association met in its 12th annual session with the Rocky River Baptist Church October the 28th, 1921 at 11 A. M.

Dr. C. L. Jackson preached the introductory sermon, using as a text Acts 11:26.

After which the Association was called to order by the Moderator, W. F. Humbert. The roll of churches was called and names of delegates enrolled, as follows:

Brown Creek: W. L. Thompson, Henry G. Flake, Henry Martin.
 Cedar Grove: J. M. Broadaway, T. B. Goodman, E. L. Winfield.
 Deep Creek: C. H. Harrington, J. A. Ratliff, G. L. Tucker.
 Fall Branch: R. T. Morton, W. A. Price, F. Kelly.
 Gum Springs: Lee Ussery, H. M. Cox.
 Mineral Springs: H. W. Lowery, W. J. Godfrey, L. F. Moore.
 Mt. Beulah: J. K. Tyson, W. H. Harrington, M. J. Hutchinson.
 Mt. Zion
 New Home: G. H. Parker, J. S. Williams, M. C. Rushing.
 Polkton: J. M. Griffin, O. O. O'Neal, W. F. Humbert.
 Peachland: J. W. Thomas, M. L. Horne, H. M. Walters.
 Rocky Mt.: David Parker, N. E. Howard, S. P. Thomas.
 Rocky River: C. L. Waddell, D. L. Thompson.

M. W. Goodman and Miss Rachel Flake were appointed reading clerks, and the letters from the different churches were read; after which the Association was organized by electing W. F. Humbert, Moderator; M. D. L. Presler, Vice-Moderator; J. M. Broadaway, Clerk, and T. B. Goodman, Treasurer. The Moderator recognized and welcomed J. M. Page, representing the Biblical Recorder, and to Dr. C. E. Brewer, President of Merideth College. M. D. L. Presler, T. B. Goodman and Jonah W. Thomas was appointed a committee on order of business. The Association adjourned for one hour. Benediction by J. M. Page.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled at 2 P. M. Prayer by Dr. Chas. E. Brewer.
 Committee on order of business made the following

report, which was adopted:

2 P. M., Bilical Recorder; 2:20 P. M., Christian Education; 3 P. M., Woman's Work; 3:30 P. M., B. Y. P. U.; 4 P. M., adjourn. Saturday, 10 A. M., Devotional Exercises; 10:15 A. M., Aged Ministers Relief; 10:45 A. M., Needs of the churches; 11:15 A. M., State, Home & Foreign Missions; 12:30 P. M., adjourn; 2 P. M. Orphanage; 2:30 P. M., Temperance; 3 P. M., Sunday Schools; 3:15 P. M., Miscellaneous business.

The following report on Biblical Recorder was read by D. L. Thompson, and discussed by J. M. Page & adopted.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

For the past 87 years the Biblical Recorder has been the organ of North Carolina Baptists. Its mission has been the promotion of our denominational work in all its departments. It keeps helpful information before our people. It records the acts of N. C. Baptists from week to week. It is Biblical in its teaching.

The Recorder is more than a denominational payer. It has a page for the family circle. It takes notes of current events and publishes a digest of the most important events of the week. The page of news notes always contains the doings of our Baptist family and the news letters from the churches are very informing as to our work at other places.

Owing to the fact that the Recorder was not paying expenses, the directors found it necessary to raise the price on August 1st to \$2.00. They regretted very much to have to do this, but this was necessary, or the size of the paper must have been reduced.

Many churches are putting the Recorder on their budget. Collection is taken from the Recorder fund as for any other object. A proposition has been made to the churches whereby the Recorder may be had at the old price. If three-fourths of the resident families take it, they get it at \$2.00 each. This should be of great interest to every church and the means of the putting it into many homes. Our churches are urged to accept the liberal offer made them, and secure it at the price of \$2.00.

The Recorder is essential to the progress of our work and is necessary if our people are to be well informed as to the great needs of our efforts to save a lost world. Let us insist that our people take and read carefully the Biblical Recorder. Respectfully submitted, D. L. THOMPSON.

M. D. L. Presler read the report on Christian Education, which was discussed by Dr. Chas. E. Brewer and adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

No Baptist having a just sense of appreciation for what our great system of State schools have done for our people, have anything but the kindest of feelings for them, and would rejoice to see them go on to ever increasing fields of usefulness. However, there is as distinct a place for our denominational schools and for what we call christian education as there is for education by the State. Man is a complex being, having a threefold nature, consisting of body, mind and spirit. The State can

function in educating the first two, but the third is holy ground upon which it dare not tread. To do so would bring about chaos and confusion. If persisted in it would have the effect of making the State supreme in matters of religion, the logical result of which would be a state church with all of its destructive heresies. Against such Baptists ever protested.

An education exclusively intellectual, leads to arrogance and contempt for moral influences and distinctions. An education exclusively moral leads to Pharisaism, while an education exclusively religious, leaves undeveloped much that is essential to a complete and highly useful life. Christian Education sets for its ideal the perfect or all round man. It believes that body, mind and spirit ought to be symmetrically developed and subordinated to the will of Christ. Hence it seeks to mould all the powers and forces of the human organism. One has said that religious education is not a part of general education. It is the whole of which our so-called secular education is only a part or a phase.

Such an education must be received under a distinctively christian influence. In an institution doing such work the must be christian. To be true to its ideal such a school must also offer a course in Bible study for which credit should be given as on other studies. North Carolina Baptists have a splendid system of schools following the lines indicated above. In the number we have such preparatory schools as the Wingate High School, Boiling Springs Academy, and Mars Hill College. Then offering full college courses, we have Wake Forest College for boys, and Merideth College for girls. In these schools our boys and girls are not only trained for good citizenship but for intelligent christian service. To them in the main, we must look for our christian leaders through the years that are to come, for it is a notable fact that but few of them come from our State higher institutions of learning. Your committee therefore recommend that we take them into our confidence; remember them in our prayers, and support them by our contributions.

Respectfully submitted,
M. D. L. PRESLER.

K. W. Ashcraft, Moderator of the Pee Dee Association, was recognized and welcomed by the Moderator.

Miss Rachel Flake read the report on Woman's work, which was adopted, as follows:

WOMAN'S WORK

In 1890 our State Woman's Missionary Union was organized, and its thirty-one years of growth has been remarkable. The Convention of the Woman's Missionary Unions held its thirty-first session at Rocky Mount this year (March 24th, 30th & 31st). In many respects it was one of the most notable conventions held by the Baptist in our State. The reports from the societies were excellent. In all, there was reported 1633 societies. The total contributions for the year were \$314,000, an increase over 80 per cent. of previous year.

In the Pee Dee Association, of which we are still members, there are twenty societies. Three of these, namely: Polkton, Peachland and Cedar Grove, are in the bounds of the Anson Association. Polkton Society is the oldest. It was organized in 1904. For twenty years Mrs. J. C. Goodman was its President. Last year she was appointed honorary President

for her long service. This society has twenty-five members. Their contributions this year were \$80.00.

Peachland comes next in age, and has a membership of twenty-four. Contributions \$34.75. Cedar Grove has a membership of seven; contributions \$16.00. These three societies are faithfully doing their part to raise their portion of the \$6,000,000, North Carolina's assessment for the 75 million campaign. The women of the State have raised \$2,000,000 or one-third of the State's apportionment.

We would not forget the women of our churches who are unorganized, though doing much mission work not reported. Their numerous gifts to victims of the many fires, assisting in sickness, and for donations to help build churches, are worthy of notice; then reaching as far as the orphanage, and furnishing clothes, toys, etc., for our unfortunate orphan children. The most of the donations to this institution was money.

The true glory of the life of true womanhood is to serve God, and by doing so, elevate christianity. The world challenges the genuine qualities of womanhood. The Good Master is calling for our best, and it is our privilege to make ampler preparations for the greater work. Therefore, for the strengthening and better development of our work, we recommend:

1st. Every organized society strive to increase its membership.

2nd. That we rest not until every Baptist church in Anson Association has a missionary society.

3rd. All Baptist churches in Anson Association unite and form an Anson Woman's Missionary Union.

Respectfully submitted,
RACHEL FLAKE

The B. Y. P. U. report was read and discussed by H. M. Cox. Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by M. D. L. Presler. Report adopted.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U. WORK

The Baptist Young People's Union of America was organized in Chicago in 1890. It came into life because of the wide spread effect of the Christian Endeavor movement, and was a noble effort to so organize the Baptist Young People as to keep them identified with our own work, and under our own influence.

In 1893 a committee reported to the Southern Baptist Convention, then meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, commending the organization in the churches, and that this organization be under sole authority of the church. It was also recommended that the Sunday School Board be requested to provide suitable literature for this work. This led to the establishment of the Young People's Leader at the Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas, Texas. Dr. T. T. Eaton, of Kentucky, moved to substitute the following: "That we recommend that B. Y. P. U., organized in any church exist by the authority of the church; that they do such work as the church may appoint."

The next step was taken at the Southern Baptist Convention at Washington, D. C., in May 1895. In Washington the night before the day for the Conference, about fifty brethren met for a preliminary conference. A committee was appointed to formulate a definite report to be presented to the conference next day. This committee's recommendation was as

follows: (1) That a young people's organization of the Southern Baptist Convention is deservable. (2) That the Southern Baptist Convention be requested to arrange it. When this recommendation was presented to the conference, next day there was much debate pro and con. When the vote was finally taken, it was lost, 164 for it and 215 against it. There were many who favored the B. Y. P. U. of A. rather than a Southern B. Y. P. U., and many who favored no B. Y. P. U. at all. These two formed a majority against those that favored the committee's recommendation. This action held back the B. Y. P. U. work of the South for many years. After several years the Southern B. Y. P. U. was at last organized at Atlanta, Ga. It was known as the "B. Y. P. U., Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention."

In 1897 the B. Y. P. U. of A. and the B. Y. P. U. of the South drew up a base defining their relation each to the other.

Today the B. Y. P. U. outlook is splendid in every way. Our literature is adopted to the need of the young members. Our text books are being studied widely. Our Bible readers' course is being increased popular and helpful Sunday School Superintendents depend on B. Y. P. U. to train up workers. The ministry and mission fields get their recruits from the B. Y. P. U. Thank God for the B. Y. P. U.

Respectfully submitted, H. M. COX

A committee consisting of J. E. Eford, R. H. Thomas and I. F. Thomas was appointed on Time and Place, and persons to preach for next session.

On motion it was decided that a collection on Sunday be given to Fall Branch church to help finish their house of worship. The advisability of the Anson and Pee Dee Associations uniting was discussed and referred to the Executive Committee.

The Association adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 A. M. Prayer by I. B. Little.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association met at 10 A. M. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. T. P. Little of the Union Association. After which the body was called to order by the Vice-Moderator.

W. F. Humbert read and discussed the report on Aged Ministers' Relief, which was adopted, as follows:

For many years each State in the Southern Baptist Convention took care of its own aged and needy ministers, if they were cared for at all. In some states the assistance thus given, was in a measure, liberal, but in others, it was a mere pittance, often nothing.

In 1918, the Southern Baptist Convention organized the Relief and Annuity Board, which took charge of all ministerial relief work, and began its duties January 1, 1919, with Rev. William Lunsford, Cor. Sec., and with headquarters at Dallas, Texas. The Board has established two departments by means of which help and relief can reach every minister entitled to assistance.

One is known as the Relief Department, and gives aid both to aged and to disabled ministers who are in needy circumstances. The Board now has a beneficiary list of this class of nearly 800 who receive from \$60 to \$600 a year. Last year the total amount paid to ministers of this class was \$111,000.

The other department is called the Annuity Department. It is very much on the order of life insurance. By this plan, many ministers provide for themselves an ample income for their declining years. The benefits of this department accrues after the beneficiary reaches the age of 68 years. About 700 have already taken advantage of this plan. No object of benevolence should appeal more strongly to right thinking people than aid to the old and helpless minister. He gave his life to the Master's work. In return the help and sympathy that a great and generous people can give, should be placed within his reach.

Respectfully submitted, W. F. HUMBERT

The report on Needs of the Churches was read and discussed by Jonah W. Thomas, and adopted.

REPORT ON NEEDS OF THE CHURCHES

Our churches need pastors who awake to and who have courage enough to warn our people against the social evils that are so effective in destroying verterious young manhood and womanhood, and blighting their prospects for usefulness.

Our churches need pastors who are thoughtful of the fact that small paying member needs much help and encouragement.

Our churches need members that are one hundred per cent. Missionary Baptist, and such only. Our churches need members that are Missionary Baptist because of conviction, and not for convenience.

Our churches need their membership better informed in regards to christian duties.

Our churches need a more consecrated and more active membership.
Respectfully submitted, JONAH W. THOMAS

The work of State, Home and Foreign Missions was discussed by Rev A C Davis.

The Association adjourned for one hour.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Association re-assembled at 1:30 P. M. Prayer by Rev W H Davis. The report on Sunday Schools was read and discussed by I. F. Thomas, and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School department of the State Board of Missions is an organized feature of our work as Baptists, with a view to salvation and

service. Bro E L Middleton is Cor. Sec'y, and has associated with him a State Sunday School committee of 7 efficient Sunday School workers, who meet in consultation with the Secretary in regard to plans and the best way to carry them out.

The Secretary has been working as such, faithfully, since June, 1908. A. L. Stephens is field worker for one-half the State. Mrs. Lydia Y. Hilliard is Elementary worker. Special workers co-operate with these three regular workers in holding institutes in town and county churches, when it is desired and requested. Considerable time is given by the General Secretary of the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tennessee, in Training Schools and Assemblies.

In 1910, the number of Baptist Sunday Schools in the State was 1809 with 166,636 scholars, an average of 92. Seven years later the number of schools had increased to 2,157 and the scholars to 219,971, an annual increase averaging 49 schools and 7,619 scholars. Since the beginning of the war the growth has not been so great for several seasons.

First. A good many went away as soldiers, nurses and religious workers. Second. The influenza scourage reduced attendance considerably.

Third. We had a deluge of what men call prosperity; lots of money; good crops and high prices, which enable people to do many things beside go to Sunday School. We are hoping that the report of the work for 1921, will show a revival of interest and encouraging results.

After all, the great question is as to the evangelistic work being done in the Sunday Schools. What shall it profit if the soul be lost? There is no greater opportunity to bring the unsaved to Christ than that enjoyed by a Sunday School teacher. There is no greater help to a pastor's work than a consecrated, harmonious corps of Sunday School officers

and teachers. Respectfully submitted, I. F. THOMAS

The question of Temperance was discussed by W. H. Davis. Report to be filed later.

TEMPERANCE

We rejoice in the progress that has been made in the last few years in prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in our County, State and Nation.

We also rejoice that the people of our County and State are coming to understand more and more clearly that whiskey is a poison to the physical body as well as exceedingly detrimental to the moral and spiritual nature of man; and therefore the use of it is coming to be regarded not only disreputable for a Christian but for every self-respecting citizen.

We feel that every member of a Baptist Church should stand for the enforcement of our laws regulating the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating liquors, and therefore should assist the officers of the law in apprehending and convicting every person known to them to be violating our prohibition laws.

Believing as we do that the smoking of cigarettes is very injurious to the body and mind, therefore we would call upon every good citizen to discourage, and in every legitimate way, to suppress the use of them. We furthermore feel that we should call upon our officers to enforce the law, making it a misdemeanor for any person to sell cigarettes to a minor under seventeen years old. The officers of the law should be made to feel that in the discharge of their duty they have the hearty co-operation and sympathy of the members of the Anson County Baptist Association.

The needs of the Thomasville Orphanage was discussed by S. Baucom.

THOMASVILLE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE INFORMATION	
Number of children at Thomasville 446; Kennedy Home 85	531
Children aided in their own homes	58
Children received since November 15, 1885	2,079
-Daily cost for the support of each child	58½c
Monthly cost per child, \$17.85; Annual cost	\$214.02
Daily cost for the support of 531 children	310.65
Farm products made and consumed	\$8,120.75
Dairy products made and consumed	\$24,714.70
Milk, 63,851 gals., at 35c	\$22,347.85
Number of applications for the year	724
Number received	63
Number completing the course	16
Profit printing department	\$2,177.11
Officers	6
Number of teachers	20
Number of matrons	25
Farmers, dairymen, carpenters, etc.	14
-This includes 3 meals, clothing, shoes, house furnishing, school supplies, lights, power, fuel, insurance, medicine and medical attention, laundry, &c.	

Committee on Time and Place and person to preach at next session made the following report: Place: Mt. Beulah. To preach introductory sermon: M. D. L. Preslar. Time: Friday before 5th Sunday in Oct., 1922.

The following named persons were appointed as writers for the session to be held at Mt. Beulah 1922:

Christian Education: A. D. Griffin
 Orphanage: Jonah W. Thomas
 Home and State Missions: G. H. Parker
 Foreign Missions: W. F. Humbert
 B. Y. P. U.: Miss Rachel Flake
 Biblical Recorder: M. D. L. Preslar
 Aged Ministers' Relief: J. H. Thomas
 Woman's Work: Mrs. M. D. L. Preslar.
 Temperance: D. L. Thompson
 Sunday Schools: W. M. Thompson

The usual vote of thanks was extended to the Rocky River church and community for the splendid manner in which they entertained the Association. The Association appointed J. E. Efid as a delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, and R. J. Harrington, D. L. Thompson and S. Baucom delegates to Baptist State Convention. On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Mt. Beulah Baptist church Friday Oct. 27, 1922, 10 A.M.

J. M. BROADAWAY, Clerk

W. F. HUMBERT, Moderator

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT & THEIR P. O.	SECRETARIES AND THEIR P. O.	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Mem- bers in S. S.	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contri- butions
Brown Creek	I F Thomas, Wadesboro, N C	J G Winfield, Wadesboro, N C	7	98	87	48	620	60	25	5	5	50
Cedar Grove	J H Thomas, Polkton	Mrs Preston Davis, Polkton	9	50	56	20	220	20	00			20
Deep Creek	C H Harrington, Wadesboro, "	Miss Mamie Niven, Wadesboro " R. A.	7	65	72	20	50	00	00			20
Fall Branch	Bun Kelly, Lilesville	Dora Braswell, Lilesville,	5	40	45	27	147	28	00			28
Gum Springs	W B Thompson, Pee Dee	Miss Bunnie Murry, Pee Dee "	9	75	81	70	740	40	00			40
Mineral Springs	Quinton Griffin, Peachland	May Lowry, Polkton,	5	41	46	13	40	00	00			40
Mt. Beulah	J K Tyson, Wadesboro	Frank Harrington, Wadesboro, " R. A.	5	09	65	25	3	24	00			24
Mt. Zion	(No Report)		6	95	101	30	416	00	00			16
New Home	H W Thomas, Marshville	Miss Eleanor Rushing, Peachland	11	131	150	45	8100	3	5542	1333	27	179
Polkton	W F Humbert, Polkton	Magdalene Napier, Polkton	8	80	88	76	42	00	00			40
Peachland	W B Bryant, Peachland	J S German, Peachland	9	50	56	20	12	00	00			12
Rocky Mt.	John Turner, Polkton	Eugene Howard, Polkton	9	25	31	15	2	14	00			14
Rocky River	D L Thompson, Polkton	Odell Thompson, Polkton	9	25	31	15	2	14	00			14

W. M. U., Cedar Grove, \$16.15; Polkton \$189.00; Peachland \$87.55
 Sunbeams, Polkton, 9.35; B. Y. P. U. 6.70; Brown Creek B. Y. P. U., \$15.75

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Times of Preach- ing						Number Males	Number Females	Total Members
			1st	2d	3d	4th	5th	6th			
Brown Creek	M D L Preslar, Polkton, N C	Miss Rachel Flake, Wadesboro, N C	2-4	\$2 000	8	2	5	80	75	154	
Cedar Grove	M D L Preslar, Polkton	J M Broadaway, Polkton, Route 2	2-4	1 000	3	1	1	175	80	155	
Deep Creek	Rev Ager, Wingate	W C Webb, Wadesboro	1st	500	9	9	1	149	59	108	
Fall Branch	I B Little, Norwood	Mrs S M Morton, Lilesville	3rd	1 000	15	4	1	114	18	32	
Gum Springs	T E Staley, Ashley Heights "	W M Thompson, Pee Dee	4th	12 00	7	1	1	1 60	70	130	
Mineral Springs	M D L Preslar, Polkton	Miss Minnie Allen, Peachland	3rd	1 000	5	2	1	30	25	55	
Mt. Beulah	W B Holmes, Porter	I K Tyson, Wadesboro,	4th	1 000	5	2	6	195	107	202	
Mt. Zion	E J Hutchins, Wadesboro "	A B Brooks, Lilesville	1st	1 000	6	1	1	240	42	82	
New Home	J M Smith, Norwood	G H Parker, Polkton, Route 3	1-3	3 000	8	12	1	2 45	70	115	
Polkton	M D L Preslar, Polkton	Mrs W F Humbert, Polkton	2-4	7 000	6	4	1	68	107	175	
Peachland	C L Jackson, Wadesboro	J S German, Peachland,	3rd	800	6	4	8	2 65	98	163	
Rocky Mt.	W J Russell, Aquadale	R H Thomas, Marshville, Route 5	1st	700	2	2	2	3 24	43	67	
Rocky River	C C Burris, Wingate	C L Waddell, Polkton	1st	700	2	2	2	3 24	43	67	

STATISTICAL TABLE

