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RESIDENT PASTORS

NON-RESIDENT PASTORS
W. L. Brown, L. C. Danhet, W. M. Gold, B. M. Bridges.

MINISTERS NOT PASTORS

PROGRAM OF 1924 MEETING TO BE HELD AT DOUBLE SPRINGS, WED. AND THUR. BEFORE FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—FIRST DAY
10:00 A. M.—DEVOTIONAL SERVICES AND ORGANIZATION.
10:30 A. M.—INTRODUCTORY SERMON . . . R. L. Lemons
12:05 P. M.—MISCELLANEOUS.

DINNER.
1:30 P. M.—STATE MISSIONS . . . D. G. Washburn.
2:00 P. M.—HOME MISSIONS . . . J. C. Gillespie.
2:30 P. M.—FOREIGN MISSIONS . . . R. L. Lemons.
3:35 P. M.—MISCELLANEOUS.

NIGHT SESSION
7:45 P. M.—DOCTRINAL SERMON . . . Walter N. Johnson.

SECOND DAY
9:30 A. M.—DEVOTIONAL SERVICE.
11:00 A. M.—BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL.
12:00 M.—MISCELLANEOUS.

DINNER.
1:30 P. M.—ORPHANAGE . . . J. R. Green.
2:10 P. M.—TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS . . . J. M. Goode.
2:40 P. M.—OBITUARIES . . . I. D. Harrill.
3:00 P. M.—TIME, PLACE, FINANCE, TREASURER’S REPORT, MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

ADJOURNMENT.
The Kings Mountain Baptist Association met in its Seventy-third annual session with Lattimore church Wednesday and Thursday, October 3, 1923.

Devotional service was conducted by J. M. Goode.

The association was called to order by the moderator, J. W. Suttle, with G. G. Page, clerk.

Prayer was led by R. L. Lemmons.

J. C. Baumgardner, J. B. Lattimore, S. B. Hamrick, and S. H. Austell, were appointed tellers to enroll delegates.

While delegates were being enrolled the rules were suspended and all old officers re-elected as follows: J. W. Suttle, moderator; D. F. Hord, vice-moderator; G. G. Page, clerk; and Geo. Blanton, treasurer.

Delegates were enrolled as follows:


BETHLEHEM:—J. P. Blalock, N. R. Morris.


BUFFALO:—O. M. Mauney.


CARPENTER’S GROVE:—R B. Brackett, Cicero C. Falls.


EASTSIDE:—Not represented.

FALLSTON:—Minnie Royster, S. M. Green.

FLINT HILL:—J. F. Greene, Edgar Moore, F. B. Ledbetter.


KINGS MOUNTAIN, SECOND:—C. B. King, Frank Adams, H. B. King.

Mrs. J. C. Blanton.


LAWNDALE:—Chas. E. Wease, J. W. Davis, J. C. Bridges, W. D. Earl.

W. B. Denton, C D Farney, Jr.

MACEDONIA:—J. J. Hicks, S. C. Jolly, C. F. Moss, Theodore Moss.

MT. SINAI:—D. Champion.


NEW PROSPECT:—T. Y. Hord, D. M. Blanton.


NORTH BROOK:—Not Represented.

OAK GROVE:—W. P. Lovelace, Miles H. Ware, James S. Ware.

PATTERSON GROVE:—Not Represented.

PATTERSON STATION:—Mrs. L. F. King, E. H. Dillingham, Lester Camp.

PLEASANT HILL:—W. T. Brown, A. A. Anthony, Andrew Thrift.

PLEASANT RIDGE:—D. B. McSwain, L. A. McSwain.


ROSS GROVE:—D. L. Houser.


THOMASSON GROVE:—T. Edd Baumgardner, L. C. Hord.


WACO:—J. L. Hord, S. L. Dellinger, A. W. Black.

ZION:—G. T. Cabiness, A. C. Irvin, Joe Spangler, M. G. Cabiness, S. S. Mauney, Grady Wilson, Eubert Irvin.

ZOAR:—J. B. Hamrick, S. B. Hamrick.

VISITORS RECOGNIZED

Z. D. Harrill, moderator and the following brethren of the Sandy Run Association, G. W. Jolly, C. Harrill, B. M. Bridges; D. F. Putnam, Gaston County Association; G. P. Abernathy and C. A. Lineberger of the Catawba River Association; W. R. Beach of the Recorder; T. E. Downs of the Pilot Mountain Association; and J. A. McKaughan of the Buncombe.

NEW PASTORS RECOGNIZED

R. L. Lemmons, Shelby First.

Prayer was led by J. W. Suttle.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

J. R. Green preached the introductory sermon. He read some verses from the first chapter of Ephesians and took as his subject “Security of the believers in Jesus Christ”, using as a text John 10:27-28, “My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me and I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.”

The sermon was a strong discussion of the way of salvation, the final perseverance of saints and of Christian Stewardship.

Prayer by W. A. Elam.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

(By J. C. Gillespie)

The Biblical Recorder has already entered upon its 89th Volume as the organ of our Baptist State Convention. It has been faithful in fostering every undertaking looking to the uplift of mankind and the glory of God. It has “earnestly contended for the faith once delivered to the saints,” as well as giving information concerning every phase of our work; thus keeping the bond of unity among the brethren and making it stronger all the while. At the same time it has kept every department of the work in close touch with every other department and the different sections of the State in sympathy with each other.

And again in this day of so much corrupt literature and teaching, it is
of the utmost importance that we read good literature. It not only restrains from the bad, but gives our people and their families access to the best thought of the age thus inspiring them to higher endeavors. And none is better than our own Biblical Recorder.

It is our Organ, we direct its policy and elect its editor, hence as Baptists of this state we are under moral obligations to support it.

We would urge therefore that the Pastors and other leaders bring the claims of the Recorder to the attention of their members and thus to enlarge its circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. C. GILLESPIE.

Discussed by J. C. Gillespie and W. R. Beach.

Adopted.

Report in Sunday Schools.

(By Rush Padget)

Our Lord in the great commission, says, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Shall we note that he says "teaching them to observe all things." The great task that confronts us, is to teach in such a way as to bring about action to get men to comply with what they are taught.

We have the Bible but men are not living up to it. Its commands are being taught but not observed.

We have books and a profusion of literature on every subject teaching men the will of the Lord, but the multitudes are living on in their own way.

The preacher in Ecclesiastes says, "of making books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh." Teaching which does not compel action truly becomes wearisome, and fails short of filling the great commission in Matt. 28:19, Luke 6:46, "And why call ye, me Lord, and do not the things which I say."

We are made to wonder what our country would be without the Sunday School. Eternity alone will reveal, we feel its influence, rejoice in its blessings, and thank the Lord for what it is doing, and trust yet for greater things in the future.

In the Southern Baptist Convention there are 28,256 white Baptist churches, with 3,284,634 members. There are 21,121 Sunday Schools with enrollment of 2,201,345, which leaves 7,024 churches with no Sunday Schools and 2,020,039 church members who do not attend Sunday school. The reports show 5,200 Baptist churches with no buildings, 14,000 with one room buildings.

North Carolina ranks first in the number of Sunday Schools as compared with the number of churches, and in the ratio of Sunday School enrollment as to church membership she ranks second in the South.

In the Kings Mountain Association every church reports a Sunday School. We have 8,513 church members with 6,692 enrolled in Sunday School. The church membership is 1,822 greater than the Sunday School enrollment. Of the forty churches in the association there are at least twenty-seven one room buildings.

The committee would make the following recommendations:

—that the Sunday School be under church control.
2.—That we emphasize the use of the Bible more in the Sunday schools.
3.—That the churches elect no one to be ordained as deacon who does not attend Sunday School.
4.—That we encourage the building of Sunday School rooms.

RUSH PADGETT, Committee.

Discussed by Rush Padgett and Lawson Wright. Adopted.

VISITORS RECOGNIZED

Walter M. Gilmore, Raleigh; S. F. Conrad, Charlotte; W. K. Collins and C. M. Teal of Sandy Run Association; M. A. Adams, Rutherfordton; F. B. Hamrick of the Orphanage; M. M. Green of the Sandy Run; J. P. D. Withrow of Hollis.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Religious Exercises:—The pastor and deacons of Lattimore church.

OBITUARIES:—J. J. Hicks, D. L. Houser, S. M. Green.

CHURCH FINANCE:—J. D. Huggins, M. G. Cabiness, A. M. Hamrick.

WOMAN'S WORK:—W. O. Johnson, Mrs. S. A. McMurry, Mrs. A. H. Sims.


ORPHANAGE:—D. G. Washburn.


HOME MISSIONS:—J. A. McKaughan, B. E. Putnam, J. L. Blanton.


AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service by Bolling Springs Quartett.
Prayer, M. A. Adams.

VISITORS RECOGNIZED


REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

(By J. R. Greene)

THE PAST

At a meeting of the Chowan Association in 1826 the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that brethren Ross, Meredith, Newborn, Jordan and Hall, be appointed to correspond with Associations of the State, with a view to forming a State Convention, and to report to our next Association."

This agitation bore fruit, for on March 26, 1830, in the town of Greenville, N. C., there was held a meeting of "The North Carolina Benevolent Society." At this meeting the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that this Society be transformed into a State Convention." There were fourteen brethren present. Elder F. W. Dowd was elected president; and Elder John Armstrong, recording secretary. A "Board of Directors" was appointed which corresponds to our present Mission Board, and at the very first meeting of the Convention the work of State Missions was begun. Elder John Armstrong was the first Corresponding Secretary of the Convention.

THE PRESENT

The work of the State Mission Board is growing by leaps and bounds.
There are more demands for assistance today than ever before, and the resources of our Board are wholly inadequate to meet the needs that press in upon it from every side.

For the work of 1923 the Board appropriated $126,000 for all phases of our work. Of this amount $64,209 was appropriated for missionaries salaries.

We have on our Board this year 175 missionaries. We also have a corps of four evangelist's with H. T. Stevens as Superintendent.

In the department of Enlistment and County Church we have six men, with A. C. Hamby as Secretary. These men are doing a splendid work, in forming new fields, securing better equipment, increasing pastors' salaries and building up the country churches.

Secretary Middleton is directing our Sunday School work efficiently and acceptably and our Sunday School work has gone forward in a way that cheers us all, and North Carolina now ranks among the most forward-looking and progressive States of the South.

Perry Morgan is leading our Baptist Young People in a marvelous way, and there are now 1,150 Unions in the State. Miss Farrobow is leading the Juniors and Intermediates, and there is being trained a generation of young people in the B. Y. P. U. who will be used of God to transform our churches in a few years.

Our Board is overwhelmed with the problem of church-building in backward communities and growing educational centers. We are just completing our splendid church house at Chapel Hill, and have moved into the Sunday School unit of our house at A. and E. College. The Board is going to join the Forest Avenue Church at Greensboro in an effort to take care of our Baptist girls who go to the North Carolina College for Women, and when this is done we will have our State Schools in splendid shape.

The W. M. U. Department, led by Mrs. W. N. Jones and Miss Mary Warren, is making progress in a gratifying way. New Societies are being organized, and the doctrine and practice of New Testament Stewardship is being taught and cultivated in our churches as never before. The W. M. U. is slowly but surely transforming the devotional and spiritual life of our churches.

THE FUTURE

The marvelous growth of ninety three years in our State Mission work is but an earnest of the glorious future that awaits us if we are faithful to our trust. But will our present effort and outlay enable us to keep pace with the educational and material prosperity of the State? The State is spending millions in public education. Splendid school houses are being built and already there are more than 550 high schools in the State, and 1,800 high school teachers in these schools. Our Colleges and Universities are crowded with students, and North Carolina is rapidly taking her place with the foremost States in public education. The State is making rapid strides in better farming, and with the progress that is being made in agriculture, North Carolina will soon rank among the first States in the variety and value of her farm products. Our State is rapidly becoming a great manufacturing and industrial center. The State is second in the Union in the cotton mill industry. In Gaston county there are 102 cotton mills. For many years the great undeveloped water power of North Carolina went to waste, but today all the state is a-hum with power and energy developed from the falls of our numerous creeks and rivers. The coming of the automobile has brought the blessing of good roads, and in
four years we are spending sixty five millions for good roads under the
direction and supervision of the State, and the counties are spending mil-
lions more. This means untold wealth and undreamed progress for the
State in every phase of its life.

What effect shall this material prosperity have upon our 1,900 country
churches? Some of our county towns are still without Baptist preaching.
There are 300 pastorless churches in the state. There are at least 1,600
churches with once-a-month preaching. There are 1,200 churches by ab-
sentee pastors. At least 60 per cent of the Baptists of North Carolina have
had no part in the 75 Million Campaign.

J. R. GREENE
P. A. WHISNANT
C. A. HAMRICK.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS
(By J. A. McKaughan)

The Home Mission Board made a great report to the Southern Baptist
Convention in Kansas City last May. When the Convention met in that
city eighteen years ago, the Board's receipts for the year were $169,988.92.
This year they were $1,002,193.07.

Then the board reported 10,551 baptisms, this year 38,770. Then there
were 20,570 additions to the churches, this year 59,597. In 1905 the
board had no special department of Evangelism. Shortly after that the
department was organized and through it there have been 152,346 con-
verts baptized, 208,643 additions to the churches and 23,260 volunteers
for the ministry or definite mission work.

All the other departments of the board's work have advanced in a sim-
ilar way. Surely we have reason for abundant thanksgiving to God for
His marvelous favor upon the work of our Home Mission Board.

It is our one great Southwide missionary agency and has been the
greatest single factor in helping to make the South a mighty Baptist em-
pire; especially has its power been felt in the newer section of the South,
the Mississippi Valley and great Southwest.

While Southern Baptists have made mighty progress there are greater
needs and vaster opportunities at present than ever before in our history.
There are millions of lost souls whom we must reach and our people
must be enlisted in all our denominational life and activities.

Our Home Mission Board is heavily in debt on account of the great en-
largement of the work and the failing off in receipts due largely to the
deflation in prices in general.

The last report of the board states, that if we raise $75,000,000 by the
close of the 75 Million Campaign and the Home Board receives its due
proportion, the Board's debt can be paid and the board's work increased
fifty per cent over its present operations.

J. A. McKAUGHAN, Chairman
B. E. PUTNAM
J. L. BLANTON.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS
(By W. A. Elam.)

The best thing that can be said about our Foreign Mission work is,
that is is growing. We are doing work now in sixteen foreign lands, as
follows: Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Chile China, Japan, Italy, Jugo-
Slavia, Hungary, Roumania, Russia, Switzerland, Spain, Palestine, Mexico
and Siberia.
We now have 891 churches of which 211 are self-supporting. 442 or one-half own their houses of worship. In addition to the churches, there are 2,596 out stations which give us a total of practically 4,000 stations where the word of God is preached regularly.

Last year there were 12,611 baptisms which is 4,720 more than reported the year before. We now have 103,328 members on the Foreign fields. These gave last year $4.23 per capita.

There are 796 schools on the foreign fields which were attended last year by 32,789 scholars. This number is about the same as those attending the Baptist schools of our Southland.

We have in all these foreign lands, 1,447 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 67,407. As to the number of missionaries, there are 501 foreign and 2,820 native missionaries. This is almost twice as many foreign and almost four times as many native missionaries as we had in 1919.

Here are some notable gains over last year: Churches 269; Baptisms 4,720; Church membership 39,077; Houses of worship 60; Sunday Schools 476; Sunday School scholars 13,716; Students in School 6,282; Foreign Missionaries 47; Native Missionaries 1,647.

The total receipts for foreign missions last year was $1,891,733.86. In 1920 the Foreign Mission Board was instructed to make a program on a $4,000,000 income from the 75 Million Campaign. So the Board has received less than half that amount per year. The Foreign Mission Board reported a debt last year of $403,879.24. The Board has been very conservative in making appropriations.

On hearing of the Board's financial condition the Southern Baptist Convention in session at Kansas City last May, during one of the most spiritual hours the Convention ever experienced, voluntarily subscribed enough to send fifty or seventy five new missionaries. This has enheartened the work at home and abroad.

The practical suggestion that your committee is, that every body take to heart the Board burdened with debt, overwhelmed by the growth of the work, and appalled by the vast unmet needs and the unlimited opportunity of Southern Baptists have at this time. We urge that everybody do his best to pay his 75 Million subscription and help to secure an offering from all who are unenlisted. We also urge that all our people pray, study and labor until the Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.

W. A. ELAM
SYLVANNUS GARDNER
J. F. GREEN.

Discussed by J. R. Green, J. A. McKaughan, W. A. Elam, O. M. Mull, Walter M. Gilmore.

RESOLUTION
(Offers by Walter M. Gilmore.)

NEW TESTAMENT STEWARDSHIP

Since the New Testament is plain on the doctrine of Christian stewardship; since there is a far-reaching revival of stewardship sweeping the churches of America today; since the co-operating interests at home and abroad are in distressing need of financial relief at this time; since our people are well able to finance their program; and since the Southern Baptist Convention through its Conservation Commission has launched a South-wide stewardship and Budget campaign to function through the State organizations and the district association;
THEREFORE, be it recommended:
1.—That we ask our people in the churches to pray with one accord for an old time revival of spiritual Christianity, a revival of repentance and faith, a revival that will cause our people to turn from pleasure-loving self indulgence to self denial and Christian stewardship; a revival shot through with the spirit, the principles and the methods of New Testament evangelism.

2.—That this association now assembled ADVISE the churches co-operating in this body to teach the doctrine of Christian stewardship, including the stewardship of life as well as money, and that we advise them to budget their finances as early as possible.

3.—That we advise that local current expenses within the churches and outside general interests supported by the churches be kept separate in all the accounting and remitting by the churches.

4.—That we suggest that an every-member canvass be put on in each church as early as possible to provide funds in cash and pledges to finance the unified budget.

5.—That we urge regular and systematic giving, including the tithe together all higher standards of Christian stewardship be applied in the churches as far as possible.

6.—That we request the churches to remit in a regular and systematic way through the established denominational channels all money given to outside co-operating interests.

7.—That we request the churches to pay their pastors and other current expenses in a regular and systematic way.

Report on missions adopted.
Resolution adopted.
Song.

REPORT ON CHURCH FINANCE

(By J. D. Huggins.)

To raise a given number of dollars should not be the first thought in church financial methods. The first thought should be concerning the number of people who can be led to participate in the financial work of the church. Any church financial plans which do not, in their methods of applications, enlist and culture the people in the grace of scriptural giving are inadequate and inefficient even though they produce a given sum of money. We have been too much satisfied when we have succeeded in raising a respectable sum for a given cause, if only a small part of the church membership had a part in giving it. The present proportion of non-contributors in our churches is all the proof needed to demonstrate that prevailing financial plans have failed in the most fundamental question of all—that of enlisting and developing all the people to a state of scriptural obedience in meeting God's claims on their money.

The majority of our pastors are commendably faithful in presenting the scriptural appeal for the financial support of the gospel. But many a pastor has laid out his very soul in presenting the claims of the scriptures for the financial support of our great Master's business only to weep over the failure of hundreds of his people to respond. May it not be, therefore, that our plans are to blame in the methods we have employed in money raising? We cannot expect to get scriptural results without due respect to wise and adequate methods by which the money is to be gathered into the house of God. Our people must be trained and drilled in methods of giving before we can expect the appeal to be effectual.
The appeal must never be less insistent, but the means of compliance with the appeal must be more consistent.

We recommend the Single Budget system for "local running expenses" until the 75 Million Campaign is over, and then we would put all church offerings into the Single Budget plan. The local church must lay out her task on worthy and comprehensive lines. All littleness and faithlessness must be put aside, and the task approached through much prayer.

There are some essential factors necessary in creating and putting into execution a successful systematic financial program for a church which cannot be over-estimated: (1) The place of pastoral leadership. The pastor will either stand in the lead or stand in the way of every needed advancement of his church. There is no promise of better financial conditions in any church except through the sympathy and initiative of the pastor. There is no power like the pulpit in shaping the thinking and in setting up the standards of church life. That power is the exclusive inheritance of the pastor. By wise and intelligent procedure and pastor has the opportunity to remake the financial situation of his church. (2) The influence of the deacons. It is generally accepted that the deacons' business is to take care of the finances of the church; yet it is stating a simple fact when it is said that many churches have a board of deacons who give very little thought or time to the study of church financial plans. If every board of deacons were to set apart a time when they would, with their pastor give themselves to the study of church financial methods until they mastered the problem, we would then be coming into the realization of what the deacon's office can be made to accomplish in the Kingdom of God. A deacon can do no more than he knows how to do, and for that reason every man who accepts the office of deacon ought never to rest until he knows how to put the best possible methods through in the program of his church work. When a pastor and deacons become unanimously and enthusiastically committed to any proposition which ought to become a church policy, there is little fear that any appreciable opposition will arise from any other source. Practically all non-progressiveness in our churches is due either to a lack of information, misinformation, or a faithless leadership.

Every member of the church ought to be enlisted in contributing his part of the whole budget in proportion as the Lord has prospered him. He ought to bring his offering to the house of God as a distinct part of his worship and not wait for a committee to hunt him up and beg for money, "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," and to do it any other way is displeasing to Him. The manner in which we take the offering will mean much either to the success or to the failure of the financial plans.

It must be understood that the budget represents the minimum task of the church for the objects specified in the budget.

One of the most wholesome effects that can be produced in keeping up a sustained interest in systematic finance is a monthly report made by the treasurer to all the church of all money received by him and how expended. This report when received by the church should be given the widest possible publicity among the membership.

The Single Budget system reduces work for everybody to the minimum and increases efficiency everywhere to the maximum. It lends strength and solidarity everywhere by swinging the whole church in line behind one financial program for the whole Kingdom obligation from the payment of the Janitor every month to the sending on every month the money need-
ed for the salaries of the missionaries.

Let us do this business in a way that will be an honor to the great Head of the church. We are laborers together with God in carrying out a great and worthy program for Him.

J. D. HUGGINS
A. M. HAMRICK
M. G. CABINESS.


AMENDMENT:

R. L. Lemmons offered an amendment to the report on church finance that would limit its recommendation to the ensuing associational year.

The amendment carried.

Report adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS

The moderator appointed J. P. Mull, G. A. Hord and A. P. Spake as a committee to nominate trustees for Boiling Springs High School.

W. G. Camp, Rush Padgett and D. G. Washburn were appointed a committee to make recommendation as to the 'use' to make of the 5th Sunday meetings.

NIGHT SESSION

Song Service.
Prayer by J. D. Bridges.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

(By A. V. Washburn.)

During the past year, the growth of each of the three departments, of the B. Y. P. U. Junior, Intermediate and Senior, has been gratifying. In fact, the matter of chief interest has been the adjustment of methods to the new arrangement for Juniors and Intermediates. Just before the last association a separate Standard was offered for Juniors, ages 9, 10, 11, 12 and for Intermediate, ages 13, 14, 15, 16. The reports from Unions in each department show a healthy growth. We now have in North Carolina 791 Senior, 112 Intermediate and 229 Junior Unions. A total of 1,132 unions, with a total enrollment of 42,124 young people. We stand second only to Texas in training work, having 8,009 awards. In our own association we have, four churches having 3 unions, seven having two unions and ten having one union. A total of 36 B. Y. P. U.'s.

We find that there is practically an equal circulation of Junior and Intermediate Quarterlies, which suggests that our leaders are realizing the importance of the Intermediate age. In fact, they are facing the same situation that has long confronted Intermediate workers in the Sunday school, namely, the difficulty of holding Intermediates in the B. Y. P. U. as compared with the ease with which boys and girls are held in the Junior Unions. Is the Intermediate Department to be recognized as a "leakage department" in the B. Y. P. U. the same as in the Sunday School? It seems so.

This opens up a great field for the B. Y. P. U., and inviting one. It relates itself to the teaching and training programs of our churches that must pioneer in this field. Such church program is a necessity if these is to be the necessary co-operative effort of B. Y. P. U. leaders and S. S. workers for the conservation of the intermediate life of our churches.

The Intermediate leakage must be stopped, and a combination of efforts by the B. Y. P. U. and the Sunday School will go far towards doing
all that can be done, apart from home influence and effort.

We would suggest that every church have a director, whose duty it would be to have oversight of all B. Y. P. U. work in the church to organize unions where needed, and encourage the work along all lines.

Another suggestion we would offer is that every Pastor and church urge their respective B. Y. P. U.'s to rally to the support of our denominational paper "The Recorder" and fall in line with the great campaign launched by our state secretary, Perry Morgan, to raise 5,000 new subscriptions during the month of October.

Respectfully submitted,

A. V. WASHBURN.

Discussed by A. V. Washburn and W. A. Elam.

Adopted.

DOCTRINAL SERMON

Walter M. Gilmore preached the doctrinal sermon.

His subject was "Doctrine of New Testament Stewardship."

TEXT:—1 Corinthians 4:1-2.

The sermon was a most excellent message on the Scriptural teaching that God owns everything, even our life, time and property and that we are only stewards of what we possess and that we shall be called upon to render an account of the stewardship.

Prayer by D. G. Washburn.

Song.

Benediction, W. R. Beach.

THURSDAY MORNING

Devotional service by A. C. Irvin.

Minutes read, amended and approved.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

(Prepared by Mrs. G. E. Lovell and read by the clerk)

The Womans Missionary Union of the Kings Mountain Association has indeed gone forward with the work of the Master this past year.

Our watchword is, "He that wrought us for this very thing is God."

2 Cor. 5:5.

Our aims are, individual and united prayer, Bible study, soul winning, enlistment, mission study, organized personal service and systematic and proportionate giving. We also stress the missionary training of our young people by means of the Young Peoples organizations.

Over the 21 W. M. S. reported last year we now have 25., two of these were organized on September 23, one at Casar and one at Norman's Grove.

We have 4 Y. W. A's., 1 Girls auxiliary, 2 Royal Ambassadors and 12 Sunbeam Bands. Total 44 societies.

All these societies gave the sum of $8,302.92 during the year. This sum included all objects of the campaign besides contributions to the Boiling Springs Scholarship Fund, South Mountain Industrial Institute, Attie Bostic Ford Fund, State Expense Fund and Associational Expense Fund.

The superintendent, Mrs. Wacaster, has traveled 1,131 miles, visited 13 societies, written 226 letters. The secretary, Mrs. Lovell has traveled 200 miles, visited 7 societies, written 50 letters. Total miles traveled 1,331; societies visited 20; letters written 276. Organized 4 W. M. S., 1 Royal Ambassador.

The following personal service is reported: Number of religious visits
made, 2,187; Religious services held, 14; Talks with unconverted, 56; Good literature distributed (including Bibles) 283; Garments for the poor, 320; Hours nursing, 1,152; Flowers sent, 81; Baskets and trays of food, 64; Quarts of milk, 100.

This is just a partial report, for many societies do not send in their Personal Service record.

Many of our societies report Mission Study classes, and we have one at least in every society this year.

Our twelfth annual meeting was held here at Lattimore on August 30 and 31. The program was both instructive and inspiring for we had with us our State President, Mrs. W. N. Jones; Superintendent of the Charlotte Division, Mrs. T. B. Henry, and Mrs. H. B. Moore, Superintendent of the Gaston Association W. M. U. A number of the pastors were present throughout the session and Revs. J. R. Green and Rush Padgett had a part on our program.

Officers for the year are, Mrs. John Wacaster, Superintendent; Mrs. W. M. Jennings, Assistant Superintendent; Miss N. M. Livingstone, Junior Superintendent; Mrs. C. J. Woodson, Mission Study Leader and Mrs. G. E. Lovell, Secretary and Treasurer.

Remembering that the Women's Missionary Society is an organic part of the church and seeks in all its activities to advance the causes for which the church stands, and to aid the pastor in his numerous labors, we would ask for the co-operation of all pastors and especially those who have churches not already organized. For we feel this is a work which will build up and strengthen the whole Kings Mountain Association.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. E. LOVELL, Secretary.

Discussed by W. O. Johnson. Adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

(By R. L. Lemmons.)

It is the purpose of this report to give some statistics of our educational institutions and then to offer some observations concerning the obligation of Baptists to their institutions of learning as assets in the Kingdom of God and instruments of the churches in the establishment of the Kingdom. The statistics are from the Secretary of the Baptist State Board of Education. Some special mention is to be made concerning our own Boiling Springs High School although the report to be given by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees will deal especially with the progress and life of the institution.

There are three colleges under the direction of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, one for young men at Wake Forest and two for young women, Meredith and Chowan. These three institutions enrolled 1,058 students last session. Of these students 81 were for the ministry and 21 were student volunteers. The plants and equipment of these institutions are valued at $991,340.45. The entire endowment of these institutions is $1,263,902.26.

There are five High Schools under the direction of the State Convention: Dell, Buis's Creek, Wingate, Liberty-Piedmont and Boiling Springs. These enrolled last year 1,421 students. Of this number 65 were ministerial students and 9 were student volunteers. The property of these institutions is valued at $540,000. The total endowment of these High Schools is $1,900,000. It ought also to be noted that our Orphanage at Thomasville maintains a High School with an enrollment of 84 pupils.
The Home Mission Board of the S. B. C. maintains in North Carolina 5 High Schools which enrolled 1,869 students last year. Of these there were 61 ministerial students and 53 student volunteers. Their property value is $442,150 and their endowment is $25,500.

North Carolina Baptists take part in the support of the Baptist South-wide institutions such as the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La., and the Woman’s Training School, Louisville, Ky. In these institutions there were enrolled last year 1,501 students. Of this number 162 were student volunteers for the Foreign Field. The property value of these schools is $1,425,343.75 and their endowment is $2,905,417.14.

Some other institutions in the State that are to all intents and purposes Baptists are Oxford College, Pineland School for Girls, Mountain Park High School, and South Mountain Industrial Institute. In these Institutions last year there were enrolled over 325 students of which there were at least 2 student volunteers. The property value of these schools is over $155,000. These schools are included in this list for the reason that they are owned and controlled by Baptists individuals of North Carolina.

North Carolina Baptists have interests directly or indirectly therefore in a combined property value invested in schools of $3,553,334.20 which schools have a combined endowment of $6,094,819.40 In these institutions there studied last year 6,174 students and of this number there were 1,208 ministerial students and 586 student volunteers.

The financial figures in the above statistics seem large. But they are not larger than the needs of the Institutions and they surely do not adequately represent the value of the service rendered as is indicated by the figures on enrollment and on ministerial and missionary preparation, as forces for the advancement of the Denomination and the establishment of the Kingdom of God. In justification of this financial investment and in suggestion that it ought speedily to be largely increased let us offer the following observations.

FIRST—These institutions have thus far furnished 37 per cent of the college ministers, 91 per cent of our missionaries and a like proportion of our educated and aggressive laymen.

SECOND—North Carolina is pursuing a policy of compulsory education that means that the next generation of our citizens will be comparatively well educated and the average of intelligence will be far above what it is now. It is not far to see that this fact means that our children and their children will require educated leaders, not only as ministers but as Sunday School teachers and leaders in every Christian enterprise. Let it be said here the first and most important requirement in any Christian worker is spirituality seconded by a sincere consecration, but these qualities alone will not be sufficient to enlist and command the following of the cultivated masses.

THIRD—The most subtle and persistent assaults on our faith the now being made in the field of the natural and intellectual sciences, as taught in our higher institutions of learning. In these schools—note that we say “in these schools”, these assaults must be met and overcome. An atheistic and Godless science are to be defeated in their effect upon the rising generation by the clear and same presentation of the truths of Revelation and spiritual experience, as well as nature’s book. God in science is the same God as in religion. Truths of the material and the spiritual uni-
verse never conflict with themselves. This is a harmonious creation, this creation of God. The Christian truth-seeker need never fear any real discovery of truth. Baptist institutions are the only institutions in which we may have a direct voice as to the character of the teaching being done and it is essential that these schools be maintained at any cost. In the language of another, let us ask, "After all what is education but leading men into the fellowship of the Mighty Father?" The teacher who is himself in this fellowship of the Mighty Father through Jesus Christ the Son, has greater hope of leading others into such fellowship. That fellowship is the essential thing that must be a part of our insistence in combating dangerous types of teaching.

FURTHER—We are not unaware of the controversial agitation that has been going on in newspapers, magazines, religious press and from platform and pulpit. Much of such agitation has been on account of misapprehensions and lack of information. World disturbances that have shaken the faith of the nations in each other seems to have come to the Denomination in that the sincerity and conscientiousness of college and university trustees are doubted by the rank and file of us. What we need now is confidence in our teachers and trustees who are striving to live close to the heart of the God of revelation both in the universe and in the Book. To the support of our schools, therefore, we must come or confess our unwillingness to bear our burden in the struggle of the race to find and understand God in an intelligent revelation of himself in the Bible and in His creation.

While our schools in North Carolina are enrolling about 200 ministerial students each year and about 80 young men and women for the foreign fields, it must be confessed that there is a great dearth of both ministers and missionaries. The plain duty of the members of our churches is therefore to "pray the Lord of the harvest that he thrust more laborers into His harvest."

This final word as to our own Boiling Springs School. It is abundantly justifying its right to our support every day of its history. Its right to live is beyond question. By its fruits we know it. Its consecrated and capable Faculty we commend and to them let us pledge our support in every way. The high moral and religious spirit of the student-body is a joy to us. No asset in Kingdom forces is greater among us than this school.

For the Report of the Board of Trustees and the school management we ask earnest consideration. This is distinctly our institution and by it let us be a blessing to the whole world. By us it can be made greater and for the promotion of its growth we need wisdom. Our prayers, our kindly interest, our commending words and our money we pledge to this institution through its noble President and Faculty.

ROBERT L. LEMONS
J. L. ALLEN
S. R. ANTHONY.

Report adopted with 30 minutes reserved for discussion later.

REPORT ON BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL
(By J. H. Quinn.)

TO THE KINGS MOUNTAIN, SANDY RUN, AND GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS:

Your Board hereby submits its sixteenth annual report since opening of the School. These have been strenuous years and have called for faithful work and much sacrifice on the part of Teachers, Trustees, and
Friends but the blessings of success and the guiding hand of God have ever been with the School. May we ever follow where He leads.

The total enrollment for last year was 269, of these 132 were girls and 137 boys. These were in the last graduating class 60, of these 28 were girls and 32 boys. This was double the number of the preceding class, and makes the total number of graduates to date 316. Unfortunately a small per cent of those who enter the School remain until graduation, but fortunately many who do not graduate here lay broad and strong the foundation for useful manhood and womanhood.

By reference to our catalogues, it will be seen that the lower classes have gradually decreased in numbers while the higher classes have increased in greater proportion. As a result, we dropped the lower grades from year to year. This year we have dropped the seventh grade and now start with the eighth grade. Many see in this tendency the coming of a Junior College as soon as we are properly equipped for it.

Total charges to students last year were $39,813.03, and total collected $37,075.62, leaving a balance to be collected of $2,737.41. Disbursements for the year were as follows: operating expenses of the School, $34,213.05; paid for permanent improvements, $1,629.33, and on back accounts $1,185.62, leaving in the bank from collections $47.62. In the amount above named as collected, $1,750.00 were received from the Educational Board of the State Convention.

The Gaston County Association has donated to the Chair of the Bible Endowment the sum of $1,100.00, which now gives us in this Endowment a total of $2,500.00. It is to be hoped that others may be impressed to follow this example.

Your Board most heartily commends Prof. Huggins and his efficient corps of teachers of last year and this for their faithful services and loyalty to the School.

How much your School owes to its faithful alumni who show their loyalty at every opportunity and who constitute its best advertisement we shall never know. These are rapidly taking positions of honor and leadership in church and State. The Alumni Association at its last annual meeting, resolved to raise $500 during this year towards the endowment of the Chair of the Bible.

PRESENT TERM

The resignations of Prof. Lee and Misses Lide and Quinn left three vacancies in the faculty which were filled as follows: J. L. Lovelace, A. B., Wake Forest, Science and Bible; Miss Annie R. Lineberry, A. B., Meredith College, Mathematics and Science; and Miss Rachel A. Jones, Graduate in Piano, Limestone College, Assistant in Music.

The following report to this Board from the Principal for the present term is self-explanatory:

"The enrollment to date by classes is as follows: Freshman Class, 63; Sophomore, 58; Junior, 63; and Senior, 74, making a total of 263. Of this number, 154 are boys and 109 are girls. There are 217 church members. We have students from North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama and Oklahoma. Eleven N. C. Counties are represented. There are 135 from Cleveland county, 44 from Rutherford, and 7 from Gaston.

"The special departments are as follows: Bible, 163; Music, 83; Home Economics, 21; Art, 6; and Art Education, 7. There are 26 Ministerial and 10 volunteers. The B. Y. P. U's. have an enrollment of 83."
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MEMORIAL BUILDING.

Under authority given at the last session of the Associations, your Board borrowed $2,150.00 with which the exterior of the building was completed and the auditorium almost completed—near enough for the Commencement init. The teachers and students assumed the task of raising funds to seat the Auditorium with opera chairs at a cost of nearly $2,000.00 without expense to the Board. They only have a small balance to raise yet. It will require from $9,000 to $10,000 yet to complete this building, but, when completed, it would be a credit to any college. We now owe about $10,000 for borrowed money on this building, but have nearly enough pledged to pay it if it were all collected.

After careful deliberation at its last meeting your Board decided unanimously to issue bonds in the sum of $40,000 to be secured by a mortgage or a Deed of Trust on the School property, the proceeds to be applied as follows: first, to discharge the present indebtedness against the Memorial Building, to complete the building, to install a central heating plant, to purchase a privately owned interest in the present heating plant, and to erect an elevated water tank. Said bond issue to begin to mature on the first day of January, 1929, one-fifth to be due at that time and one-fifth each year thereafter until they are all paid.

The terms of the following members of the Board of Trustees expire at the approaching terms of the three Associations, to wit: Kings Mountain Association—Rev. J. W. Suttle, A. E. Bettis, W. W. Washburn, Z. R. Walker, and D F Hord, and C D. Forney by resignation, term expiring 1925; Sandy Run—Rev. W. T. Tate, G. B. Pruette, J. J. Edwards, Rev. W. K Collins, and D M. Harrill; Gaston County—J E. C. Foard and N. B. Kendrick, by limitation. The resignation and removal from the Association of Dr. J. L. Vipperman and Rev. T. H. King, whose terms would have expired in 1926 and 1927, respectively, leave two other vacancies to be filled for the unexpired terms.

It will be recalled that a large number of churches and individuals made pledges last year to cover the tuition of the ministerial students for the year. A few have not paid their pledges in full. At the regular rate of tuition, the total due on account of ministerial students was $970.00. On this was paid $835.76, leaving a balance of $134.24. No provision was made last year for balances due by the Kings Mountain and Sandy Run Associations on ministerial education for the preceding year. That matter still remains open. Your Board had hoped to be able in this report to recommend some better method for providing for the tuition of the ministerial students, but, so far no satisfactory plan has been found. In any event, some way must be worked out by which we can continue to handle this item of expense. We could ill afford to lose the moral influence of these 26 ministerial students whose lives, as a rule, are models for other students. Other like schools offer free tuition to them and we cannot and must not do less.

Again, we thank most heartily the pastors and ministers of these three Associations, who are all advisory members of this Board, for the hearty co-operation that we have always received at their hands. God only knows how much your school owes to these heralds of the cross for its marked success to date. Brethren, in conclusion, we commend to you the words of Paul to the Corinthian Church (1 Cor. 1:10): “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that
ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

This 29th of September, 1923.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. QUINN, Chairman Board Trustees.
G. B. PRUETT, Secretary Board Trustees.

Discussed by J. H. Quinn.

Exhibition of trustees, ministerial students, alumni, patrons and friends of the School followed by prayer by S. F. Conrad.

There were 26 ministerial students whose tuition it was proposed to divide between the Kings Mountain and Sandy Run Associations in the ratio of three to two. Kings Mountain's part was determined to be 16 students whose tuition was given as $45 each. Pledges were made as follows:

A. H. Sims $45; Elizabeth $45; I. D. Harrill $45; W. E. Ferguson $45; Mrs. W. E. Ferguson $45; Shelby First $90; J. P. Mull class $45; Kings Mountain First $45; Sandy Plains $45; Union $45; Zoar $43; Livingstone Bible class, Grover, $45; E. B. Hamrick $45; Casar $45; D. G. Washburn $45; Shelby Second $45; J. F. Alexander $90; W. G. Camp, $45; Ross Grove, $45; O. D. Price, $45; J. J. McMurry, $45.

The subscriptions surpassed the call. It was decided that the ten girls in the school who are taking training for special service should be included in the contributions.

W. O. Johnson pledged $45 for the endowment fund for the Chair of Bible.

The Report was adopted.

Dr. R. L. Lemons spoke on Christian Education.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS


TO NOMINATE VICE PRESIDENTS OF MISSION BOARDS:—J. C. Gillespie, L. F. McBrayer, Hugh Borders.

SYMPATHY FOR BROTHER WEBB

The Clerk and Moderator were instructed to send a telegram of sympathy to E. Y. Webb, former moderator, in his distress due to the extreme illness of his wife.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION

BIBLICAL RECORDER:—J. P. Mull.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS:—A. V. Washburn.
STATE MISSIONS:—D. G. Washburn.
HOME MISSIONS:—J. C. Gillespie.
FOREIGN MISSIONS:—R. L. Lemons.
CHURCH FINANCE:—B. T. Falls.
B. Y. P. U.:—Rush Padgett.
WOMAN'S WORK:—Mrs. G. E. Lovell.
EDUCATION:—W. O. Johnson.
ORPHANAGE:—J. R. Green.
TEMPERANCE, PUBLIC MORALS, ETC.:—J. M. Goode.
OBITUARIES:—I. D. Harrill.

VISITORS RECOGNIZED

J. F. Alexander, Sandy Run Association; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe of Florida; R. F. Craig, Gaston County Association; G. B. Pruett, G. B.
Harrill, T. M. Holland, G. P. Horne and B. H. Green, Sandy Run Association; W. J. Ferguson, Florida; W. E. Ferguson, Cabarrs association.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Song service led by Boiling Springs Quartett.

VISITORS RECOGNIZED

D. J. Hunt, Sandy Run Association.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE
(By D. G. Washburn.)

On November 11, 1885, the first child was received and the last one enrolled this year runs the whole number up to 2,150. There are at Thomasville 456, and at the Kennedy Home 90, making a total of 546 at the Orphanage.

Children are received between the ages of two and twelve. They are dismissed according to preparation rather than age. The cost of supporting one child a year is about $238.18. The expense bill averages over $350 per day. It takes two barrels of flour, four bushels of meal, a whole beef, ten bushels of potatoes, and other things accordingly, per day, to feed them. We have 45 women and 17 men who are devoting all their time to the Institution.

We have about 2,200 Sunday Schools in the State and 40 per cent of the current fund comes from one third of these Sunday Schools. It is hoped that all our Sunday Schools will make an offering, at least, once a month for the Orphanage.

The boys and girls are taught to work, as well as go to school—they work half the day and go to school half the day. The boys work on the farm, drive the mowers, the disc, plows, the disc harrows, tractor plows, and at times more than 50 are handling the hoes. The girls are taught to sew, cook, and the laundry force consists of forty girls, twenty of these are on duty in the morning and twenty in the afternoon.

The school work is on the graded System and embraces eleven grades. It includes business and domestic courses and some manual training. Special effort is made to cultivate the finer tastes in the children—drawing in school, fancy needle work, cultivation of flowers of their own, and music is taught daily.

It pays to invest money in children, if done wisely; but the dividends cannot be declared in dollars—the ages will declare the results of the investment.

Through the Mother's Aid plan 227 children are being helped in their own homes. They are in 49 homes, which means there are that many mothers. These are to be added to the 546 who are in the Orphanage proper, making the total number of children being helped this year by the Orphanage 773. This work through the Mother's Aid plan is to be greatly commended.

Your committee would earnestly suggest that our Sunday schools take an offering, at least, once a month for the Orphanage; and that our churches make the Thanksgiving offering this year the greatest in our history.

D. G. WASHBURN.

Discussed by D. G. Washburn and F. B. Hamrick.
Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS
(By C. J. Woodson.)

Intemperance is insidious. It does not come at once with its burning
streams to consume the heart of its victims, but slowly drags itself along, taking one fastness after another, until the fashionable moderate drinker has developed into the reeling, bloated and degraded drunkard. No sane man ever started upon the journey of life with the preconceived intention of becoming a drunkard. We venture to say that among the myriad who have gone down to drunkards' graves, and have entered upon the life of a drunkard's eternity, there was not one who ever thought when he took his first social glass with a friend, or tasted the sparkling wine upon some festive occasion, that such was to be his fate. But day by day the habit grew upon them. Step by step it threw its fatal spell around them, until the last ray of hope which illumined their pathway had disappeared amidst the gloom of perpetual night.

In total abstinence alone is there safety. "Touch not, taste not, handle not" the accursed thig. "For at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

As for social evils, we would especially put the seal of our disapproval upon dancing and card playing in Christian households, as being inconsistent with the Christian profession and destructive of Christian influence. Our Lord commands us to let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven; and certainly it cannot shine very brightly around a card table or a ball room.

C. J. WOODSON.

Discussed by C. J. Woodson, A. H. Sims, R. L. Lemons, and amended so as to put our disapproval upon Sabbath desecration, gambling and all other evil devices.

Report adopted.

TELEGRAM TO BROTHER WEBB

The following telegram was sent to E. Y. Webb at High Point: "The Kings Mountain Association extends its sincerest sympathy to its former moderator, E. Y. Webb, in his deep grief, incident to the serious illness of his beloved wife."

J. W. SUTTLE, Moderator.
G. G. PAGE, Clerk.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER
(By S. L. Dellinger.)

TO THE KINGS MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:—

Your committee recommends that the Association meet next year with Double Springs church on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in October, and that Dr. R. L. Lemons be appointed to preach the annual sermon with Rev. W. O. Johnson as alternate, and Dr. W. N. Johnson to preach doctrinal sermon at night.

B. T. FALLS
W. D. EARP
S. L. DELLLINGER.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, your committee, submit the following names as an Executive Committee for the ensuing year:


JOHN M. WALKER
A. M. BLACK.
REPORT ON OBITUARIES
(By J. J. Hicks.)

The following have departed this life since the last session of the Kings Mountain Association a year ago:

BETHLEHEM:—W. A. Herndon, Mrs. Stacy Etters, Mrs. N. R. Morris, Mrs. T. W. Harmon.

DOUBLE SPRINGS:—Sara Jane Hamrick.

BEAVER DAM:—J. D. M. Green.

BOILING SPRINGS:—J. L. Pruett, Mrs. Gatherne Harnell, R N. Green, Mrs. Judith Goode, D. P. Hamrick.

CASAR:—J. A. Walker, Mrs. Carlo Warlick.

CARPENTERS GROVE:—Mrs. Carla Costner.

DOUBLE SHOALS:—J. T. Flackerson.

KINGS MOUNTAIN FIRST:—Mrs. J. C. Baumgardner, Mrs. A. N. Littlejohn, Mrs. J. M. Hord, Mrs. J. W. Williams


NEW BETHEL:—Cardia Lattimore, Hester Phillips.

PLEASANT GROVE:—W. C. Costner.

SHELBY FIRST:—Mrs. S. L. Gillespie, Margie Suttle, Alton Metcalf, Mrs. J. D. Lattimore, Mrs. Sallie Hord, F. V. Hendrick.

SHELBY SECOND:—Gussie Barnett, Mrs. Marlena Rippy.

WACO:—S. P. Miller, C. C. Beam, F. O. Smith.

ZION:—Mrs. Rachel Weathers, Mrs. Dovie Hoyle.

ZOAR:—M. O. McIntyre.

"One by one the Shepherd gathers earthly men from every store, and folds them into His loving bosom, with tenderness untold".

J. J. HICKS.

Adopted.
REPORT OF TREASURER
(By Geo. Blanton.)
George Blanton, Treasurer, in account with the Kings Mountain Baptist Association, from September 1922 to October 1923, received:

For 75 Million $306.20
For Missions, General 82.70
Paid to Walter Durham, Treasurer 388.90
Received for Orphanage 26.50
Paid to Fuller B. Hamrick, Treasurer 26.50
Received for Boiling Springs Insurance Account 174.00
Paid to E. B. Hamrick, Treasurer 174.00
Balance for 1921 Minutes, not paid for until after the Association 107.95
Received for Minute Fund 1922 minutes 204.60
Paid to Star Publishing Co., G. G. Page, Clerk, and Commercial Printery 283.50
Balance to credit 29.05

Total $901.95

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. BLANTON, Treasurer.

Report Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOILING SPRINGS MINISTERIAL FUND
(By W. O. Johnson.)
We, your committee, recommend that the churches of the Association fostering the Boiling Springs High School be asked with the beginning of the next associational year to place the object of Ministerial Tuition at Boiling Springs in the Budget of their churches, and that Brother J. D. Huggins be instructed to bring this matter to the attention of the churches. We recommend that the delegates to the next association be instructed by the churches in regard to this matter.

W. O. JOHNSON.

Recommendation does not apply to the current year.
Trustees of Boiling Springs High School were instructed to turn any surplus funds for ministerial tuition into the endowment fund for the Chair of Bible.
Trustees of Boiling Springs High School were instructed to create a loan fund for the aid of ministerial students, if in their wisdom, they find it feasible.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON 5TH SUNDAY MEETING
(By W. G. Camp.)
We recommend that the Association appoint a man head of our Sunday School work in this Association, and that this man be responsible for Sunday School Institutes for the fifth Sundays during the year, and for the incoming year we recommend that the Director of the stewardship campaign have the responsibility of providing programs for the other two fifth Sundays during the year.

W. G. CAMP
RUSH PADGETT
D. G. WASHBURN.

Discussed by W. G. Camp.
Report Adopted.
In compliance with the above report A. V. Washburn was appointed as head of the Sunday School work of the Association.

REPORT ON VICE PRESIDENTS FOR MISSION BOARDS
We recommend the following:
REV. D. G. WASHBURN, vice president Home Missions.
DR. R. L. LEMONS, vice president Foreign Missions.
REV. W. A. ELAM, vice president State Missions.
J. C. GILLESPIE
L. F. McBRAVER

Report Adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE
(By D. J. Keeter.)
We, your committee on finance, submit the following report:
Received for Minute Fund $132.70 as follows: Beaver Dam $5.00; Bethlehem $2.00; Boiling Springs $5.00; Buffalo $2.50; Casar $5.00; Carpenters Grove $3.00; Double Springs $5.00; Double Shoals $3.00; Elizabeth $5.00; E. Kings Mountain $3.00; Fallston $3.25; Flint Hill $1.20; Grover $3.00; Kings Mountain $7.50; Lattimore $5.00; Lawndale $3.00; Macedonia $2.00; Mt. Sinai $3.00; New Hope $5.00; New Prospect $5.00; Normans Grove $2.00; Patterson Station $3.00; Poplar Springs $4.00; Pleasant Hill $2.00; Pleasant Ridge $1.50; Pleasant Grove $3.75; Rosa Grove $3.00; Sandy Plain $10.00; Shelby First $10.00; Shelby Second $5.00; Thomasson Grove $1.00; Waco $5.00; Zion $4.00; Zoaar $4.00.

D. J. KEETER
Z. R. WALKER
W. B. DENTON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE TRUSTEES FOR BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

GEO. M. GOLD
J. P. MULL
A. P. SPAKE.

RESOLUTION BY J. P. MULL
Resolved, that we, the delegates and ministers, of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association, desire to express our sincere thanks for the royal and hospital manner in which the people of Lattimore, irrespective of denomination, have entertained this association.
Resolution adopted.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION AT GASTONIA

DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
A. C. Irvin; W. O. Johnson, alternate.
Clerk was instructed to print Minutes and receive $30.00 for his clerical work.

TO MEET AT DOUBLE SPRINGS
Association adjourned to meet with Double Springs church Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in October 1924.

J. W. SUTTLE, Moderator.
G. G. PAGE, Clerk.
REPORT OF THE WOMAN’S MISSIONARY UNION
THURSDAY MORNING

The twelfth annual session of the Woman’s Missionary Union of the Kings Mountain Association met with the Lattimore W. M. U. Society of Lattimore church on August 30 and 31.

The meeting was called to order by the Superintendent, Mrs. John Wacaster, and “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name” was sung, followed by prayer by Mrs. N. M. Livingstone.

The devotional service was led by Mrs. Fred Washburn.

Mrs. C. B. Wilson of Lattimore gave a most cordial greeting to delegates and visitors, welcoming them in the name of her society.

The response to this was made by Miss N. M. Livingstone of Grover.

The roll call of societies followed and seventeen W. M. S. and eight Junior societies were represented. Three new societies were recognized at this time, East Side, Macedonia and Patterson Grove, and these were given a hearty welcome into the Union.

Visitors present as follows: Mrs. W. N. Jones, State President, of Raleigh; Mrs. T. B. Henry, Supt. of Charlotte Division of Wadesboro. Both spoke words of greeting from State and Divisional Union.

The superintendent’s report showed gain had been made along personal service lines: in Mission literature subscribed, also gain in membership among societies.

Song—“He Leadeth Me.”

Treasurer reported $102.05 received for Boiling Springs Scholarship Fund; $80.75 received for Associational Expense Fund; $82.03 received for Attie Bostic Ford Fund; total $264.83. Paid out $90.20 for Boiling Springs Scholarship Fund; $80.75 for Associational Expenses; total $170.95. Balance on hand $93.88.

“Promises” was the subject of Mrs. Wacaster’s annual address, and this was full of inspiration to all the women.

A splendid talk on “Our Training School” was given by Miss Ozell Gardner of Double Springs, who is, herself, a Training School girl.

The following committee were appointed, Time and Place: Mrs. D. B. Hughes, Mrs. J. L. Parker, Mrs. J. C. Dodd.

Nominating committee: Mrs. W. L. Packard, Mrs. A. T. Hamrick, Miss Judie Bostic.

Resolutions: Mrs. R. C. Baker, Mrs. Z. R. Walker, Mrs. Boyce Dellinger.

Obituary committee: Mrs. W. A. Elam, Mrs. Max Wilson, Mrs. Jno. Dixon.

Announcements.

Closing prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The session opened by singing “How firm A Foundation.”

Devotional service led by Mrs. Weaver of Boiling Springs.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

A playlet on Standard of Excellence given by the Shelby First W. M. S. Report on Mission Study was given by Mrs. C. J. Woodson; Mission Study classes were reported from eleven societies and fifty certificates.

Song—“Higher Ground.”

Rev. J. R. Green and Rev. Rush Padgett discussed “Ways in Which a Missionary Society maybe helpful to a church.”

Solo by Miss Bertha Bostic: Open Mine Eyes That I May See.”

VICTORY was the subject of Mrs. W. N. Jones’ address.

Our Boiling Springs Scholarship girl, Miss Hamrick, was recognized at
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this time.

Announcements.

Closing prayer by Rev. W. A. Elam.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Rev. R. L. Lemons of Shelby First church preached the sermon. "Our Mission Task" was sung by Mrs. G. E. Lovell.

FRIDAY MORNING

Morning session opened by singing "Praise God", followed by prayer by Rev. W. A. Elam.

Devotional service led by Mrs. J. C. Blanton of East Kings Mountain.

Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

A Sunbeam Demonstration was given by Boiling Springs Sunbeam Band.

Visitors recognized: Mrs. H. B. Moore, Supt. of Gaston County Association W. M. U., and Mrs. J. R. Moore, Supt. Sandy Run Association W. M. U.

Paper on "Young People's Work" written by Miss Livingstone was read by Miss Hord of Waco.

Boiling Springs Scholarship committee as follows: Mrs. J. L. Parker, Mrs. J. W. Wood, Mrs. S. B. Hamrick.

Discussion on "Better Music in our Sunday Schools and Churches" by Mrs. J. Standing Norman of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Frank Elam of Lawndale.

Mrs. T. B. Henry gave an address on the "Responsibility of Christian Leadership."

Duett: "Why Stand Ye Here Idle" by Dr. and Mrs. Lemons of Shelby.

Miss Victoria Ferguson, a former Training School girl, gave a talk.

Mrs. W. N. Jennings of Shelby appointed as chairman of nominating committee in place of Mrs. W. L. Packard.

"Observations of the Times" was the subject of a paper by Mrs. Guy Harrelson.

Delegates and visitors were reported at this time numbering 130.

Announcements.

Closing prayer by Dr. Lemons.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Session opened with devotional service led by Mrs. Lemons.

Minutes of Thursday afternoon session read and approved.

"Personal Service" was the subject of an address by Mrs. H. B. Moore.

"Mission Literature" was presented by young people from Kings Mountain church and everyone urged to SUBSCRIBE.

Time and Place committee reported Zoar as place for meeting in 1924 and the time, last Thursday and Friday in August.

RESOLUTIONS

We, the visitors and delegates to the annual meeting of the W. M. U of the Kings Mountain Association, desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to the women of Lattimore, for the many kindness extended us during these two days, first for the hearty welcome of the Reception Committee, and then the Transportation and Registering Committees for their fine Christian spirit, and deserving special mention is the Luncheon Committee who served us such bountiful lunches. It has been a great pleasure to listen to the wonderful messages brought to us by Mrs. W. N. Jones, and Mrs. T. B. Henry, also a great inspiration to hear Mrs. H. B. Moore, also our Training School girls, Miss Jzell Gardner and Miss Victoria Ferguson. Therefore, be it resolved: First, That these resolutions be a means of expressing our appreciation; Second, That a copy be spread upon our min-
Respectfully submitted,
MRS. R. C. BAKER
MRS. Z. R. WALKER
MRS. J. BOYCE DELLINGER.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE
Whereas, in the year 1923 our Heavenly Father hath seen fit to take our beloved sisters from us, we bow to His will and thank Him for their lives and say "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." The following have passed away: Mrs. J. C. Baumgardner, Mrs. Baston Littlejohn, Mrs. J. M. Hord, Mrs. J. Matt Hord, Mrs. William Turner, Mrs. Bill Ellis.
Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. A. ELAM
MRS. MAX WILSON
MRS. J. H. DIXON.

Motion carried that these three reports be adopted.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
We, your committee on nominating officers, recommend that the following be elected for 1923-24, with the same Executive Committee as last year: Mrs. John Wacaster, Associational Superintendent; Mrs. G. E. Lovell secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. C. J. Woodson, Mission Study Leader; Miss N. M. Livingstone, Junior Superintendent.

MRS. W. N. JENNINGS Chairman.

This report was unanimously adopted.

Boiling Springs Scholarship Pledges taken at this time amounted to $75.

Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.
Session closed with singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Kings Mountain Association adjourned to meet with the W. M. S. of Zoar Baptist church the last Thursday and Friday in August, 1924.

Benediction by Rev. J. C. Gillespie.

MRS. JOHN WACASTER, Associational Superintendent.
MRS. GEO. E. LOVELL, Secretary.
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1905-1913
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1914-1923
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