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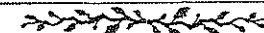
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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

REV. E. ALLISON, - - - - - MODERATOR,
J. M. HAMLIN, - - - - - CLERK.
A. W. BECK, - - - - - HISTORIAN.

NAMES AND POSTOFFICES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

G. W. Brooks, E. Allison, Brevard, N. C.; F. M. Jordan, East Fork; A. W. Beck, Calhoun; W. F. Lee, Tip Top; J. E. Galloway, J. N. Reece, W. C. Boren, Galloway; A. J. Corn, J. J. Gray, Grange; W. C. Dunn, John Owen, J. G. Stamy, J. B. McCall, Balsam Grove; H. Manly, A. J. Manly, Cherryfield; J. F. Woodfin, Boilston. Also S. A. Chambers, Brevard.

ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD.

C. M. Gallamore, C. L. Osborne, J. M. Hamlin,

The next Associational meeting will be held at Rock Hill, twelve miles east of Brevard, on Tuesday, before the third Lord's day in October, 1895. Introductory sermon by Rev. I. T. Newton; A. W. Beck, alternate.

PROCEEDINGS.

JEPHTHA, N. C., Oct, 17th, 1895.—The Transylvania County Baptist Association met this day in its fourteenth session, in the meeting house of Mt. Moriah church, and at 11 o'clock a. m. the Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. S. C. Owen, of Buncombe. Text, 2 Cor. 6:1. Theme, Christian Work. Prayer by Eld. Newton. An intermission of one hour was taken. Benediction by Eld. Chambers.

The ladies of Mt. Moriah church and vicinity spread a rich luncheon of which the Association partook thankfully, as was the case each succeeding day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Entered upoh business, Eld. Allison, former moderator, in the chair. Prayer by Eld. Chambers.

The roll of churches was called and the names of messengers were enrolled as they appear below, Elds. Chambers and J. C. Owen reading the letters:

Brevard—Elds. E. Allison, I. T. Newton, S. A. Chambers and G. W. Brooks, B. N. Glazener, Sr., and C. M. Gallamore.

Boilston.

Blue Ridge—J. D. Bane.

Carson's Creek—E. E. Batson, G. F. Garren, W. P. Hogsed.

Cathey Creek—J. A. Bryson, G. T. Barton, J. A. Henderson.

Cedar Rock.

Dunn's Creek.

Dunn's Rock.

East Fork—G. G. Ballard, C. M. Gillespie, M. W. Garren, L. D. Gillespie.

Enon—Eld. A. W. Beck, J. A. Gallamore J. N. Williams.

Glady Fork.

Glade Branch—W. H. Nicholson, W. R. More, Judson Corn.

Little River—Leander Shipman, M. L. Hamilton, E. M. Allison, M. R. Corn.

Laurel Creek—N. M. Brown.
 Macedonia—W. E. Hall, J. E. Smith S. E. McCall, Vance Galloway.
 Mt. Moriah—G. H. More, W. C. Boren, M. L. Orr, J. C. Whitmire, Jas. M. Morgan, W. L. W. Brooks, E. A. Glazener.
 New Prospect—T. B. Reed.
 Oak Grove—B. C. Owen, J. L. Thomas, C. W. Henderson.
 Pink bed.
 Shoal Creek—J. G. McCall.
 Toxawa—J. N. Reece, L. L. Powell, J. M. Powell.
 Rocky Hill—J. R. Bishop, E. A. Heath.
 Turkey Creek—C. E. Campfield, B. J. Brown.
 Zion—W. E. Galloway, F. T. Whitmire, T. S. Galloway.

The election of officers being next in order, the chair appointed M. L. Orr, W. E. Hall, G. L. Glazener and J. C. Owen tellers, who after canvassing the votes, reported as elected: Eld. E. Allison, Moderator, J. M. Hamlin, Clerk. Eld. A. W. Beck was elected historian by unanimous consent. The moderator elect returned thanks for renewed expressions of confidence reposed. The chair then declared the Association organized and ready for the transaction of business.

Opportunity was given to churches wishing to apply for membership in this body. Turkey Creek, a newly constituted church, applied, and was after remarks by F. M. Jordan, received a constituent of this body and messengers' names enrolled. Zion church at the last session of this Association being dropped from the roll of churches, applied for restoration. Extract from letter:—"We acknowledge, with shame, the charge for which we were excluded from your body was just. We do heartily commend you for your conduct towards us." Remarks were made by brethren Jordan, J. C. Owen, Newton and Chambers. Zion was re-enrolled and her messengers welcomed to seats.

Correspondents were called for. J. P. Morgan, Corresponding Secretary of Western Baptist Convention; Eld. S. C. Owen, Sunday-School Missionary, and representing the Western North Carolina Baptist, and Eld. J. C. Owen, missionary for Henderson and Transylvania counties, accepted and were cordially welcomed to seats.

The chair announced the following standing committees:

Finance—W. E. Hall and J. A. Gallamore.
 Preaching—B. N. Glazener, Sr., L. Shipman, pastor and deacons of Mt. Moriah church.
 Time, Place and Stated Service—G. H. More and E. E. Batson.
 Education—S. A. Chambers and J. M. Hamlin.
 Temperance—C. M. Gallamore and W. C. Boren.
 Periodicals—S. C. Owen and M. R. Corn.
 Home and Conventional Missions—J. P. Morgan and J. C. Owen.
 Foreign Missions—I. T. Newton and A. W. Beck.
 Orphanage—F. M. Jordan and G. W. Brooks.
 Sunday-schools—S. C. Owen and C. M. Gallamore.

State of Religion—B. N. Glazener, Sr., A. W. Beck and J. C. Owen.

It was agreed that the minute of last session be taken as the order of business this session.

Motion by Bro. Chambers to meet at 8:30 a. m. for devotional services, and 9:00 enter upon business each day. Adopted.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Eld. G. W. Brooks.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SERVICE.

At 8:30 the prayer and praise meeting was conducted by Prof. Chambers.

At 9:05 the Association convened with the moderator in the chair.

The clerk not being present Bro. Chambers was requested to act for the time.

Rev. S. A. Reed, of Buncombe County Association, was welcomed.

Prof. Chambers read the report on Education and the hour of 1:30 p. m. today was appointed for its consideration.

The report on Baptist Literature was read by Rev. S. C. Owen and the hour for its consideration was placed immediately after that of Education.

Sang "Bye and Bye."

Secretary Morgan, from committee, read report on

HOME AND CONVENTIONAL MISSIONS.

The Home Board is located at Atlanta, Ga. Its work includes all of the Southern States, the Indian Territory, the District of Columbia and Cuba. It is now working in co-operation with most

of our State Boards. More missionaries were employed by this Board last year and better results attended their labors than ever before. Missionaries 425, weeks of labor 11,566, churches and stations 3,484, sermons and addresses, 46,620, prayer meetings 5,774, baptisms, 5,921, received by letter, 6,519, total additions 10,564, Sunday-schools 2,110, teachers and pupils 23,702, religious visits 52,089, churches constituted 178, houses of worship built 52.

This Board has given our Convention six hundred dollars annually for several years. With this help we ought to be stimulated to do more than we have for our work in Western North Carolina. May God help us.

The Board of the Western North Carolina Baptist Convention is located at Asheville, and is composed of twenty-three of our wisest and best men, who have oversight of the work in the bounds of the Convention. This Board has had nine missionaries and colporters employed during the last year. These missionaries and colporters have been preaching the gospel, holding protracted meetings, distributing Bibles, Testaments and religious literature and organizing Sunday-schools.

We make special mention of Rev. S. C. Owen, our Sunday-school Missionary, who has succeeded in organizing a Sunday-school Convention in every Association in the bounds of the Convention. We think the mission work and the Sunday-school work are in better condition than ever before, notwithstanding the hard times.

Your corresponding secretary has lost no time during the last year in traveling from county to county, from church to church, from village to village and all over the bounds of the Convention, collecting money to pay off the missionaries in order that the Board may meet the Convention out of debt.

The plans of carrying on the work will be different next year from this year. The Board intends to take hold of the central points and employ strong men who can develop the churches and hold ministers' institutes, in order that they may be educated more thoroughly in the mission work.

The ladies' mission societies are doing a most noble work. They have given, all together, about eight hundred dollars during the last year. May God bless them in their work.

J. P. MORGAN.
J. C. OWEN.

The report was discussed by Sec. Morgan and Eld. S. C. Owen.

The following contributions were made to pay the debt due the missionary of this Association:

W. R. Garren, for Carson's Creek, 50 cts.; W. E. Galloway, \$1.00; J. P. Morgan, 1.00; S. C. Owen, 1.00; E. Allison, 1.00; J. C. Whitmire, 1.00; M. L. Hamilton, 1.00; Marcus Owen, 1.00; C. L. Osborne, 1.00; A. H. Garren, E. H. More, B. N. Glazener, Sr., and A. W. Beck, each 25 cts.; J. R. Whitmire 50 cts.; others \$1.50. Total, \$10.50.

S. A. Chambers moved that this matter be referred to the Associational Board, and that they report to

to this body 10:00 a. m. tomorrow. The motion prevailed.

On motion of A. W. Beck, the old Board, consisting of C. L. Osborne, C. M. Gallamore and J. M. Hamlin, was continued.

J. C. Owen, missionary, made the following report for July and months following:

Days of service, 67; miles traveled, 580; sermons delivered, 102; religious visits, 106; prayer meetings held, 8; professions witnessed, 104; baptisms in connection with work, 54.

Respectfully,

J. C. OWEN, Missionary.

Adopted.

The hour for public worship having arrived, I. T. Newton preached from the text, "I have fought a good fight."—2 Tim. iv:7. Prayer by S. C. Owen. Took recess one hour. Benediction by F. M. Jordan.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order and led in prayer by F. M. Jordan.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The hour for the special order having arrived, S. A. Chambers, from the committee, re-read the report on

EDUCATION.

Education means a drawing out of one's self.

From time immemorial the Baptist people and ministers have been regarded as an uneducated sect. This was perhaps something near the truth in times past, but it is certainly a misconception now. One of the four oldest schools in our country is the old Brown University—Baptist to the core. Also, the first president of Harvard was a Baptist. Education of our rank and file has, within this century, advanced more rapidly than any other denomination. The U. S. Census Report, of 1890, credits our denomination with more schools of higher education than any other denomination. Within the last seventy years the greatest meta-physician, Francis Wayland; the greatest expositor, Conant, and the greatest preacher and commentator, John A. Broadus, were each of them Baptists.

Nay, more, in times past our people, as a sect, were "everywhere spoken against," but now they have the respect of all.

As the educated man has more power than an ignorant one, the call is imperative to educate our sons and daughters. We cannot wait in the education of our children. Their time is now. We should use this now while we have it.

We point with pride to Wake Forest, with two hundred and forty-six students and more still coming. But is this enough? Is it too much to say that in our own loved State there are one hundred thousand Baptist boys and girls who are looking out for the knowledge to fit them for life's coming battle. Brethren, what is our duty toward them?

Our last year's high school project has not yet materialized.

Shall we give it over? May the Lord incline you to answer the question rightly.

The committee also recommends that J. C. Owen be aided in his course in Wake Forest. We also recommend Bro. Lafayette Powell for aid in getting an education at Brevard.

S. A. CHAMBERS.
J. M. HAMLIN.

The report was discussed in its various features. S. A. Chambers spoke of Education in General, F. M. Jordan, Wake Forest, the chair on High School, J. P. Morgan, Embarrassments of an Imperfect Education, S. C. Owen, High School and the Support of Beneficiaries, I. T. Newton, Raleigh Female University and Academies as College Feeders, and J. C. Owen on High Schools.

It was agreed, on the motion of I. T. Newton, that that part of the report relating to a high school be referred to a committee of three, who shall report tomorrow in connection with that of the Association-al Board. The report was then adopted.

S. C. Owen, from the committee, and as a special order, presented the report on

PERIODICALS.

The power of the religious press, as an agency in religious education, is universally acknowledged. In this progressive age no church member can keep apace with his denominational church work and not read its papers. Such papers have become a necessity, (1) because so much trashy and poisonous literature is being distributed through the mails and being read by the youths of this country and influencing them in the wrong direction. (2) To stimulate our church members to more active service for the Lord. Very many of our church members read political and secular papers to the exclusion of their religious papers. As a proof of this the Western North Carolina Baptist has only about 600 subscribers among 20,000 Baptists in Western North Carolina, and all who read it admit that we have the best paper that we have ever had for the money. Brethren, how long shall this state of affairs exist?

We mention with pleasure our new Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., at 50 cents a year, which is devoted to our Foreign and Home Mission work.

We call special attention to the literature of our own Baptist Sunday-school Board, located at Nashville, Tenn. The Lesson Helps are surpassed by none, and in some respects, equalled by none. All the income from the sale of its literature is applied to missions in our Southern Baptist Convention. Last year there was \$7,000.00 paid into the treasury of our Boards from its sales.

S. C. OWEN, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by S. C. Owen, S. A. Chambers and J. P. Morgan.

The report was adopted.

I. T. Newton moved that the report on Foreign Missions be placed on regular program for Saturday at 10:00 a. m. So ordered.

G. H. More, from the committee, read the report on

TIME, PLACE AND STATED SERVICE.

Time, Thursday before the third Lord's Day in October, 1896. Place, Rock, Hill church. Stated Service, Rev. I. T. Newton to preach Introductory Sermon, Rev. A. W. Beck, alternate.

G. H. MORE.
E. E. BATSON.

A motion to amend by inserting "Tuesday," instead of "Thursday," was made.

The further consideration was deferred until tomorrow.

C. M. Gallamore, from committee, read report on

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance, after investigation, find the condition of the churches in this Association in a better state as to their encouraging the use of intoxicants, than they have been for ten years. there are other lines of intemperance that need to be guarded, so that God's blessings may come in great power upon the people. Resolved, That we, the Baptists composing the Transylvania County Association, do pledge our best endeavors in counteracting and, preventing the evils growing out of the liquor traffic. (1) By keeping the temptations out of our homes and away from our children (2) by the practice of personal total abstinence; (3) by influencing our brethren and neighbors in the same direction; (4) by impressing the principles of total abstinence in the Sabbath-schools; (5) by preaching it and praying it in the church, and excluding drinking members; (6) by the use of text-books in the public schools, which teach the physical, intellectual and moral effects of alcoholic liquors; (7) that we look to the All wise God in earnest prayer to aid us in all our efforts as Christians and citizens, to do our whole duty towards the overthrow of this monstrous and powerful evil.

C. M. GALLAMORE.
Chairman.

Spoken to by J. P. S. C. Owen, Morgan, S. A. Chambers, and J. C. Owen. The report was then adopted.

On motion, adjourned to 8:30 tomorrow.

Benediction by S. C. Owen.

THIRD DAY—FORENOON SESSION.

At 8:30 a. m. devotional exercises were conducted by J. C. Owen. At 9:10 the forenoon session opened with the Moderator in the chair. Prayer led by A. W.

Beck. The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

J. C. Owen, for the committee read the report on
STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We, your committee on the state of the churches, beg leave to submit the following report:

As compared with the past, we are glad to note that the condition of the churches is very encouraging. Most of our churches have, within the last year, had good revival meetings, in which many have been added to the army of the Master. We are glad that one, at least, which, last year, was spiritually dead, is now alive and in a thriving condition.

But when we think of what a church should be, we have not one that approaches the standard. A lack of consecration to God of body, mind and property, is the great defect. Dram-drinking and questionable amusements are indulged in by the laity and even by some of the preachers. Hence, drunkenness, profanity, malice, covetousness, etc., are found prevalent, to a greater or less degree, in all our churches. "My brethren, these things ought not so to be." This state of affairs has been brought about by slackness in discipline and neglect of duty. We believe that corrective discipline is made necessary in any church of converted members only by their not knowing their duty, or neglecting to do it. Therefore we recommend: 1. That the pastors diligently teach their churches duty along all lines. 2. That the churches call no man as pastor who is anti-missionary or who indulges in dram-drinking in any degree whatever. 3. That no church call a presbytery for the purpose of ordaining to the ministry any man who is unprepared for this work, and that the credentials be taken from every brother whose life has been such as to disqualify him for advancing the Master's cause.

A. W. BECK.
J. C. OWEN.
B. N. GLAZENER.

Remarks were made on the report by J. C. Owen, S. C. Owen and S. A. Chambers, and it was adopted. Bro. Newton, from committee, read report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1. Under the Board. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is located at Richmond, Va.

Under its work there are churches in Africa, 4; Brazil, 14; China, 16; Italy, 18; Japan, 7; Mexico, 32. Total, 85. These churches reported 581 baptisms during last year. There are now in these churches 3,493 members, making an increase over the previous year of 570. On these fields are 91 missionaries, 51 are females. There are also 59 native helpers.

The contributions to this work last year were over \$130,000. Of this amount 92 per cent. went to the Foreign field, while 8 per cent. included all home expenses.

II. The Gospel Mission. This mission is located in the interior of China, in a vast territory, extending from the middle of Shantung province on the Northeast, through the populous provinces of Honan, Hupen and Szechuen, towards the Southwest. Those now in the field are in Shantung province near the Grand Canal. This mission works under the following principles:

1. Missionaries are sent directly by the churches; 2. They trust God and the churches for their support; 3. They live on reduced salaries, and adopt the native dress, food and houses in the main; 4. They confine themselves to giving the heathen the gospel, (including the work of lady and medical missionaries) believing that the Holy Spirit and the gospel are sufficient to convert and save them; 5. No money sent by the churches at home is used to employ native workers, or to build chapels and school houses; the people, when converted, will do this work for themselves.

The number of missionaries now on the field is 13, and they are praying to God and calling to the churches for an increase of this number to 100. \$450 will support a missionary under this plan, including teacher of language, medical bill, etc. For married missionaries a proportionate amount is needed.

In the interest of the work under the Board, (including also the work of the Home Board, as noted in the report on Sunday-schools) is published the Mission Journal, having editors in Richmond and Atlanta. In the interest of the Gospel Mission, The Missionary Helper is published monthly at Decatur, Ga. Price 50 cts. a year.

With these missionary facilities and operations, surely no one can longer excuse himself from being properly and fully informed in regard to missionary enterprises, and neglecting to give the heathen the gospel. Your committee recommends that each church of this Association adopt a missionary, and make definite and regular contributions to his support.

I. T. NEWTON. } Committee.
A. W. BECK. }

S. A. Chambers moved to adopt. Remarks were made by I. T. Newton, S. C. Owen, J. P. Morgan and S. A. Chambers. Suspended discussion to take up collection for Conventional Missions. Amount \$3.10.

Remarks were made on the report by brethren T. C. Holtsclaw, and J. C. Owen.

The motion prevailed. Sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Benediction by S. A. Chambers.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled with the Moderator in the chair. Prayer by Bro. Newton. Read letters from Enon and Laurel Creek churches. G. H. More called up his report on Time Place, etc., of next meeting.

On the question of amendment, remarks were

made by brethren Newton, Chambers, Hamlin and S. C. Owen. The amendment carried. The report was then adopted as amended.

The special report of Associational Board was read, laid on the table, afterwards lifted, and finally discarded.

I. T. Newton, from committee, read report on,
ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

We, your committee, recommend (1) That the following Board of Trustees be appointed, viz: L. N. Brooks, M. L. Orr, W. B. Henderson, B. J. Brown, E. E. Batson. (2) That this Board take charge of the work and exercising their best judgment, go forward, heartily co-operate with other schools in the bounds of this Association in seeking, as Baptists, to properly care for the education of our own boys and girls.

I. T. Newton, }
P. P. Orr, } Com.
J. M. Hamlin, }

W. B. Henderson moved that the names of I. T. Newton and C. M. Gallamore be added. Carried. The report thus amended was adopted without discussion.

F. M. Jordan, from the committee, read the report on

THE ORPHANAGE.

The North Carolina Baptist Orphan's Home, located at Thomasville, N. C., is a charitable institution, owned and blessed of God. Fine property, suitable to the purposes, has been bought and paid for. There are now about 130 orphan children there to be fed, clothed and educated. The Orphanage is now under the management of Elder J. B. Boone, who was for years president of Judson College, and the work has grown equal to the hopes of its most hopeful friends. These children come poorly clad and dirty sometimes, but they are washed, clothed, trained and educated. Many of them are bright and will make grand and good men and women, who but for this Home, would be little better than brutes. The cold winter is upon us, and these children need food and clothing, all of which is to come from voluntary gifts of friends throughout the State. If you can't give money, you can give clothes. Old clothes or new ones. Clothes of any size or kind. Church and educational advantages are good, good as your own children have at your own homes. Brethren and sisters, let us do what God requires at our hands by these poor, fatherless, motherless and helpless children. "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord."

Remarks were made by S. C. Owen and the report was adopted.

S. C. Owen moved that this Association make provision now to support J. C. Owen at Wake Forest

College this year, and for this purpose the following contributions were pledged:

Brevard church, \$20; Cathey Creek, \$5; Enon, \$5; Little River, \$5; Oak Grove, \$5; Macedonia, \$5; Toxawa, \$2; Mt. Moriah, \$10; Zion, \$5; J. M. Hamlin, \$10; F. M. Jordan, \$5; Sue Robinson, \$2; W. C. Boren, \$1; Mary Galloway, \$5; J. C. Whitmire, \$5; R. H. Zachary, \$2; G. G. Ballard, \$1; B. N. Glazener, Sr., \$10; W. B. Henderson, \$1. The following paid: N. M. Brown, \$1; C. P. Gillespie, \$1; J. R. Bishop, 50c; E. M. Allison, 50c; E. E. Batson, 50c; W. P. Hogsd. 25c; M. L. Orr, 25c; total, \$108.00. The motion prevailed. I. T. Newton was appointed, by motion, to be agent of the fund thus provided.

Sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Called and revised the roll of messengers.

S. C. Owen read Sunday-school report which was made the special order immediately after assembling tomorrow.

W. E. Hall, from committee read report on

FINANCE.

Toxawa, 95cts; Gladie Branch, 90 cts; Blue Ridge, 90cts; Turkey Creek, 85 cts; Little River, \$1.25; Rocky Hill, 60c; Cathey's Creek, 1.00; Enon, 1.00; Laurel Creek, 75c; Shoal Creek, 55c; East Fork, 1.05; Macedonia, 1.00; Oak Grove, 1.08; Mt. Moriah, 1.75; Zion, 1.14; Brevard, 75c; Carson's Creek, 75c; T. C. Holtsclaw, 50c; pd. total, 16.77.

W. E. Hall, }
J. A. GLAZENER, } Committee.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the Clerk receive the usual allowance, five dollars, for his services and have as many copies of these Minutes as the remaining money may secure—I. T. Newton, Carried.

Resolved, That the collection tomorrow be appropriated to the paying off the Associational debt—J. M. Hamlin. Carried.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be unanimately extended to the church and people of this community for their hearty and bounteous entertainment of the delegates and visitors to this Association.—I. T. Newton. Adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of W. C. Boren, Eld. E. Allison was elected messenger to W. N. C. B. Convention.

The Associational Board was instructed to take the mission work under their charge and use their

best judgment in prosecuting the same. The Association then adjourned after benediction by W. C. Boren.

FOURTH DAY.

At 10 a. m., the Association was called to order after prayer was offered by J. C. Owen, with the Moderator in the chair.

The special order was taken up, viz. report on

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We have learned from experience and observation that a good Sunday-school is indispensable to the growth of a church. The Sunday-school is the teaching department of church work where every member can take an active part in carrying out the great commission of our Lord.

The church that is insensible to its duty in this department of its work, will, ere long, be as the church at Ephesus, the candle stick removed. The church that is the most successful in training the children in its bounds will have the most active and consecrated membership in the future. Nearly all, or quite all, of our churches have Sunday-schools—some for the summer months only—but they need to be made better. Many of them are formal and lifeless, wanting in spirituality, more a social than a religious gathering. We are persuaded that many of the Sunday-school teachers never expect souls to be converted as a result of their teaching. To get our churches to realize the magnitude of this work and become interested in learning the best methods of doing it, is the work now before us. This is the object of our S. S. Convention. It has provided for Township Associations where each church and each individual can be reached through the Sunday-school. An organizer was appointed in each township, and but one has done anything. Miss Sue Robinson has organized Gloucester and held two conventions. Through this organization the number in the Sunday-schools have been largely increased. The home class department is a successful method of reaching every family in a community. If this plan of organization is well worked, every family may be reached. Is it worth doing? Brethren, what are we going to do to get our people to take hold of this work?

With pleasure we mention the success of our S. S. Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Nashville, Tenn. It closed the 4th year of its existence last May, having cash receipts from cash sales of its periodicals amounting to \$53,034.52; \$5,916.83 was paid into the treasuries of our Home and Foreign Boards for mission purposes, with a balance on hand of \$2,495.51. Thus we see that our S. S. Board promises fair to be one of the greatest sources of revenue to our S. B. Convention. We can also most heartily recommend the literature of this Board as being in every way worth of our patronage. It is pure in doctrine, simple in style, varied in its range of subjects. The peculiar doctrines of Baptist and the subject of missions are constantly kept before our people. Another department of this Board's work is preparing programs for Mission-

ary day. This Board raised last year, in this way, \$6,000 or \$8,000 for Home and Foreign Missions.

Brethren, let us take pride enough in every department of our Sunday-school work for Christ's sake, to co-operate with every movement for the furtherance of our common Sunday-school cause.
S. C. OWEN, Chairman.

The report was discussed by S. C. Owen, J. M. Hamlin, W. C. Boren, J. C. Owen.

Bro. Jordan was appointed correspondent to State Convention.

A. W. Beck read his report as

HISTORIAN.

We are glad to report that during the last year the cause has been greatly strengthened by the coming into our bounds Rev. S. A. Chambers, Rev. I. T. Newton and Rev. N. A. Orr. One minister ordained, viz., A. J. Manley, one church constituted, viz., Turkey Creek, we think that great progress has been made in the last year; in the bounds of this Association.

Submitted,
A. W. BECK.

Adopted.

Sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

The Association after benediction by F. M. Jordan took recess.

At 11 song, "How firm a foundation," when the house was filled to its utmost capacity. Read Jno. 1:1-18, prayer was offered by S. C. Owen, sang, "What a friend we have in Jesus." I. T. Newton preached from Jno. 1:4 with great power, and the Holy Spirit honored the hour with His presence and much and lasting good was accomplished.

Prayer by F. M. Jordan. A collection was taken amounting to \$4.11.

On motion adjourned to the time and place therefore appointed.

E. ALLSTON, Moderator,
Brevard, N. C.

J. M. HAMLIN, Clerk,
Brevard, N. C.