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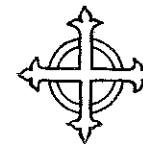
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## Proceedings.

Quebec, N. C., October 17, 1912.

The Transylvania County Baptist Association met according to appointment at 11 a. m. today in the meeting-house of the Oak Grove Baptist Church.

After a few songs by the choir and prayer led by W. D. Jackson, R. D. Cross read several scriptures on the theme of ministerial support.

As neither Brother Owen nor Brother Holtsclaw were present at the hour for the annual sermon today, the sermon was preached by Brother R. D. Cross. Text I Cor. 9:14—"Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live by the gospel." After the sermon the congregation was led in prayer by Brother F. M. Jordan, the choir then sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and the body adjourned for one hour, Brother Cross pronouncing the benediction.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Reassembled according to adjournment. The choir sang "Shall It Be You," and Brother M. L. Jones led in prayer.

The pastor of Oak Grove Church, in behalf of the church and choir, extended a cordial welcome to all messengers and visitors, and invited all who would do so to join with the choir in the singing.

The moderator of the previous session appointed G. T. Lyday and C. W. Henderson as reading clerks.

The roll of churches was then called by the clerk of the previous session, the letters were read and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

BLUE RIDGE—H. P. Jones and Emerson Jones.

BOILSTON—W. S. Allison, W. E. Taylor, E. F. Reece, Eli Simpson.

BREVARD—C. C. Duckworth, J. M. Hamlin, Ora L. Jones, R. T. Aiken and Rev. R. D. Cross.

CARSON'S CREEK—Coats Cassell.

CATHEY'S CREEK—J. A. Bryson, Fate Osteen and L. P. Hamlin.

EAST FORK—S. E. McCall, R. A. Garren and D. Gillespie.

ENON—M. L. Jones and G. T. Lyday.

GLADY BRANCH—G. H. Tinsley and Judson Corn.

LAUREL CREEK—H. C. Baynard.

LITTLE RIVER—H. P. Moore, John Fisher, G. C. McCall, M. M. McCall and W. M. McCrary.

MACEDONIA—A. J. McCall and S. Galloway.

MOUNT MORIAH—Rev. F. M. Jordan.

NEW PROSPECT—Waddie Breedlove, Vergil Owen and Riley Johnson.

OAK GROVE—G. W. Henderson, R. G. Smith, H. C. Raines, and T. C. Henderson.

PLEASANT HILL—M. C. Aiken.

ROCKY HILL—Represented by letter only.

TOXAWAY—James M. Powell, R. C. Powell, D. P. Morgan, J. D. Morgan and B. S. Chapman.

TORKEY CREEK—B. J. Brown and Jerry McCall.

ZION—A. M. Paxton and W. J. Galloway.

After the enrolling of the delegates, on motion of R. D. Cross, the unanimous ballot of the body was cast by the clerk for A. J. Manley for moderator. On motion of J. M. Hamlin, Ora L. Jones cast the unanimous ballot of the Association for T. C. Henderson for clerk.

Committees to make reports at this session of the Association were appointed as follows:

*Nomination of Executive Committee*—A. J. Bryson and J. A. McCall.  
*Time, Place and Preacher*—J. M. Hamlin and M. L. Jones.  
*Finance*—A. M. Paxton and H. P. Moore.  
*Preaching*—Deacons of Oak Grove Church.

On motion of T. C. Henderson, visiting brethren were welcomed to seats in the body and asked to take part in the deliberations. The following visiting brethren responded: S. E. Garner, representing the Biblical Recorder; S. R. Reid, from Twelve Mile River Baptist Association, and Z. I. Henderson, from Beaver Dam Association.

J. M. Hamlin moved that for the remaining days of the Association the body assemble at 9:30 a. m., for devotional exercises, resume business at 10:00 a. m., adjourn at 12:00 m., resume business at 1:30 p. m., and adjourn at will. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The report on Biblical Recorder was called for. The report was not prepared as M. W. Garren, the committee, had died before preparing it.

However, the Recorder was discussed by S. E. Garner, who gave a brief description of its work, its different departments, and its benefits to all members of the family. He emphasized the truth that it is unwise for parents to

take all kinds of cheap secular papers and leave out our denominational literature.

F. M. Jordan spoke of the letters in the Recorder from the brethren in the field, and of the good influence the paper has on the children in the homes where it is read.

Z. I. Henderson spoke of the excellent work of the Recorder and its power for good in the homes.

R. D. Cross stated that during the long winter evenings the children, who are bubbling over with energy, will certainly read something; and in order to prevent their reading worthless literature they should have access to the columns of the Recorder, which will give them information, inspiration and indoctrination.

The moderator appointed C. C. Duckworth to write the report on the Recorder.

C. W. Henderson announced the homes that were assigned to the delegates from the various churches of the Association.

On motion of F. M. Jordan, after the choir sang "Nearer My God to Thee," the body adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow, J. M. Hamlin pronouncing the benediction.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association met this morning according to adjournment. R. D. Cross conducted the devotional exercises.

As the moderator, in his efforts to destroy the works of the devil, and rid our county of one of the greatest curses of the age, was summoned to Brevard to testify against some parties who have been engaged in illicit distilling, and was therefore prevented from being present this morning, the Association elected J. M. Hamlin as vice-moderator. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

W. R. Bradshaw, evangelist of the Baptist State Convention, and N. A. Melton, from Carolina Association and principal of Fruitland Institute, were recognized by the moderator and welcomed to seats in the body.

The report on Biblical Recorder was read by C. C. Duckworth, who briefly discussed the report, stating that the Recorder is a record of Biblical truths, and is an excellent and indispensable paper for the Baptists of our Association to teach them to observe the things commanded of them in God's word.

The report was further discussed by Brother Bradshaw, who stated that as this is an age which is demanding progressive farmers, progressive Sunday school teachers, and progressive politics, we should also have progressive religion, and that no person in our Association can be a real progressive Baptist without reading the Biblical Recorder. After the discussion the report was adopted.

#### BIBLICAL RECORDER

After the organization of the Baptist State Convention in 1830, the first work was the evangelization of the state, or state missions. To successfully accomplish this work the leaders saw the need of an institution for the education of preachers; so they founded Wake Forest College. But then they saw that in order to succeed in both evangelization and education they must have some central means of communication; so they established the Biblical Recorder as the agent of all the work. So it grew out of a real need, but no greater was the need then than now. We need to be informed on all departments of the convention and the Recorder will give us the needed information. In order that all may be informed and inspired and kept in touch with the different departments of the work, such as Home, State, and Foreign Missions, Education, Sunday Schools, and the work of Evangelization, it is necessary to take and read the Biblical Recorder. We would earnestly request all pastors not only to take the paper themselves but also to induce the members of their churches to do the same thing.

Respectfully, C. C. DUCKWORTH, Committee.

The report on the State of Religion was read by the clerk for the committee. It was discussed by R. D. Cross, who desired that the fifth Sunday meetings be revived as a means of developing spirituality among the churches. The report was further discussed by H. P. Moore, T. C. Holtsclaw, Z. I. Henderson and others and then adopted.

#### REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION

It has been the custom formerly to judge from the statistics found in the church letters to the Association as to the religious condition of the various churches composing the Transylvania County Baptist Association. But since the last Association saw fit to appoint some one to make the various reports, having them ready previous to the meeting of the Association, I have written to some member of each church in the bounds of this Association asking for a report on the religious condition of the members of each individual church. And I have obtained replies from only six of the churches, viz: Little River, Enon, Cathey's Creek, Carson's Creek, Mt. Moriah and Zion.

It seems from the reports rendered by these brethren that there has been very little spiritual growth among a large majority of our church members, while there remains the "faithful few" in all the churches who are striving hard to hold aloft the banner of King Emanuel, and to exalt His name above all other names in the earth. And we are encouraged to believe that there is soon to be a tide of pure and undefiled religion sweep over our county that will show to the world that there is a reality in the religion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. One thing that causes us to hope that this will take place in the near future is the interest being manifested in our midst and in other portions of the county where meetings have been held, in the salvation of the ungodly; and the spiritual condition of the members of the churches seem to be improving in sections of the county where I have had an opportunity to make observations along this line. For the consummation of this glorious result let us all devoutly pray. Respectfully,

W. B. HENDERSON, Committee.

On motion of C. C. Duckworth, a collection was taken to aid Laurel Creek Church in building a meeting house and the sum of \$8.75 was received.

A. M. Paxton read the report on Temperance. Several brethren discussed the report. In these discussions our state prohibition law was highly commended, our public officers, whose duties it is to destroy illicit distilleries, commended for their faithful efforts along that line, and the fact recognized that it is necessary for the United States Congress to so amend the interstate commerce laws as to prohibit intoxicating liquors from being shipped into prohibition territory. R. D. Cross moved that a committee be appointed to prepare a resolution on this subject for Congressman Webb. The motion carried and the moderator appointed as this committee R. D. Cross, G. T. Lyday and W. E. Taylor. The report on Temperance was adopted.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We are told in II Peter 1-6 to add to knowledge temperance. We are gaining in knowledge every day and we are glad to say we believe that we are also adding temperance. People can be intemperate in a great many things. We should abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks, as we believe that there are more homes ruined and more lives lost by its use than by any other one thing in existence. We have voted the legal making and selling of intoxicating liquor out of the state, and now the biggest thing that bothers us is the "blind tiger," or blockade still. We as christian people should unite and do in our power to put

an end to this infamous business. We heartily endorse the efforts being made by the Anti-Saloon League to secure the passage through Congress of an "Anti Jug Law." Respectfully submitted,  
A. M. PAXTON, Committee.

After the adoption of the report on Temperance the congregation sang "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood," and the Association adjourned for dinner after the benediction by C. C. Duckworth.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reassembled according to adjournment. After a few songs by the choir and prayer led by J. E. Galloway, the following resolution, offered by the committee appointed this morning, was unanimously adopted by the Association.

### RESOLUTION TO CONGRESSMAN WEBB

Resolved: That we, the members of the Transylvania Baptist Association, put ourselves on record as favoring the Webb Bill before the United States Congress, or any other that will prohibit the Federal Government from permitting the shipment of spiritous or malt liquors into prohibition territory; and ask you to do all in your power for such legislation.

R. D. CROSS,  
W. E. TAYLOR, Committee.  
G. T. LYDAY,

The report on State Missions was read by J. M. Hamlin and discussed by W. R. Bradshaw. During the discussion Brother Bradshaw emphasized the fact that we are responsible for the lost men and women in our state, of whom there are about one million. After the discussion pledges for State Missions were taken and the following pledges were made:

Boilston.....	\$ 5.00	Macedonia .....	\$ 5.00
Brevard .....	60.00	New Prospect.....	5.00
Cathey's Creek.....	5.00	Oak Grove .....	12.00
Enon .....	5.00	Toxaway.....	1.00
Glady Branch.....	5.00	Turkey Creek .....	5.00
Little River .....	15.00	Zion .....	10.00

After the pledges were made the report was adopted.

## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The heart of every true North Carolinian swells with emotion when it contemplates the material and educational strides the great Old North State is making. Once she was prostrate but not without latent life and hope. Today she stands erect in the forefront of progressive states, facing the future with high and cherished ideas. We love her without shame for what she was; we love her with pride for what she is. She is what her people have made her. The farmers and manufacturers with wonderfully increased products have given her wealth. The teachers of the schools and colleges with increased attendance have given culture and refinement. Riches exert an influence, knowledge is power. How important that one be guided and the other embellished by the principles of the gospel.

Let no one think for a moment that the present material and educational achievements have been attained independantly of religious influences, rather the preaching of the Word in the days of adversity as in the days of prosperity was a great stimulating factor. The great barrier has been and is its restraint from financial embarrassment. The State Board has been working too long and too efficiently to have failed to exert an influence for the general good of the state.

Passing over all the previous years of the Board's work, let us see what it attempted last year. It employed 152 missionaries, who preached at 351 points. They reported 1,921 baptisms. Ten churches were organized, fourteen church buildings were completed, and thirty-six others are in course of construction. These mission churches springing into life gave to pastors' salary \$25,432, church building \$32,510, objects of the convention \$10,721, other objects \$5,011—grand total \$73,975.

This is a clear demonstration of the argument that the preaching of the gospel is helpful to develop material resources. The corresponding secretary in relation to this says in the Recorder: "The rapid material development of our state makes it the more imperative that we prosecute State Missions with renewed vigor, as our religious progress depends largely upon the successful prosecution of our State Mission work."

This year's work of the State Board is being operated on a basis of \$50,000. We have now on the field 153 missionaries who are dependant on the contributions of the churches for their support. While the Board is operating on a basis of \$50,000 scarcely 50 per cent of that amount has been sent in from the churches.

Twelve thousand dollars have already been borrowed, more must be unless the churches bestir themselves and rush to the relief of the Board. Let us allow a spirit of helpfulness to pervade our minds and hearts as will move us from now until November 30th to make unusual efforts to meet our own part of the obligation.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. HAMLIN, Committee.

The following report on Time, Place and Preacher was read by J. M. Hamlin and adopted:

Time—Thursday before third Lord's day in October, 1913.  
Place—Boilston Church.

Preacher—R. D. Cross. Alternate—Mark R. Osborne.

Respectfully, J. M. HAMLIN,  
M. L. JONES, Committee.

The following resolutions were presented and read by R. D. Cross and adopted by the body:

1. Resolved: That we appoint, at this session, the convening of the next session of the Transylvania Fifth Sunday meeting;
2. That the executive committee of the Association arrange a series of missionary institutes, in connection with the representative of the State and Foreign Mission Boards, in all our bounds.
3. That we employ a missionary evangelist in our bounds for at least a few months in the summer.

R. D. Cross.

Report of committee on Nomination of Executive Committee read by J. M. Hamlin and adopted without discussion.

We, your committee on Nomination of Executive Committee, beg leave to submit the names of the following brethren to Executive Committee of the Transylvania Association for the ensuing year: A. M. Paxton, C. C. Duckworth and T. C. Henderson.

Respectfully, J. A. BRYSON,  
A. J. McCALL, Committee.

The report on Education was called for. The report was not ready, as the committee was not present, but the subject was taken up and discussed by Prof. Melton. He spoke of the great improvements that are being made in our public schools; the place, need and work of the state high schools; the need for the work of our denominational high schools; and the work of Wake Forest College and the Louisville Seminary. He spoke especially of the work of Fruitland Institute and its present needs, stating that they are in great need of a new \$10,000 building. He asked that the Transylvania Association join the Carolina Association in helping to erect this building, and adopt Fruitland as our Associational High School. Further discussions were made by T. C. Henderson and W. R. Bradshaw, after which, on motion of J. M. Hamlin, the moderator appointed C. C. Duckworth, G. T. Lyday and T. C. Henderson as a commit-

tee to confer with Prof. Melton and the board of trustees of Fruitland Institute in regard to this body's recognizing Fruitland as our Associational school and assisting in the erection of the new building.

The congregation sang "Nearer My God to Thee," and after the benediction by W. R. Bradshaw the Association adjourned until 8 o'clock tonight.

## EVENING SESSION

The association met at 8 p. m., according to adjournment, the vice-moderator occupying the chair. Prof. Melton conducted the devotional exercises, reading a part of of the 15th chapter of I Corinthians. Z. I. Henderson led in prayer. A few appropriate remarks were made by Prof. Melton in regard to those who die in the Lord. The choir sang "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood," and then the historian read his report. Several of the brethren present made brief talks on the lives and work of those of our number who departed this life during the past year. The report was then adopted and the body adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow, being dismissed by prayer by M. L. Jones after the choir had sung "I Have No Mother Now."

## REPORT OF HISTORIAN

### I. CURRENT EVENTS

The thirtieth anniversary of the Transylvania County Baptist Association was held with the church at Enon, near Penrose. A spirit of welcome and a profuse exhibition of hospitality seized the church and community which made everybody feel that it was good to be there. Good fellowship pervaded the deliberations and the social intercourse of hosts and guests. Elders W. R. Bradshaw, representing the State Mission Board; N. A. Melton, Fruitland Institute; W. H. Davis, Carolina Association, and Z. I. Henderson, North Greenville, S. C., were welcomed visitors, and ably presented their respective charges and proved themselves companionable in labor and refreshment.

The business of this session was routine in character throughout, unless the inauguration of a centennial feature be an exception. About a hundred years ago the Baptist cause was planted in what is now Transylvania Associational territory. The Association recognized the fact, intimated its endorsement of making 1913 a memorial year and turned the shaping and character of the project over to a special committee. It is a matter of regret that this committee after making a number of efforts was never able to obtain a quorum, and has allowed

the project to remain where the Association left it—without form and void.

When Israel entered the Promised Land she set up memorial stones to mark an epoch in her history and to transmit to future worlds her achievement in following the leadership of Jehovah, Israel's god. No doubt our fathers were providentially lead from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, from Burke, Lincoln, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Rockham, and from Europe to the beautiful valley of the Upper French Broad. No one was native born. They met as strangers, but one common faith united them into one little family of Baptists first known as the Arm of the French Broad church. On April 17th, 1813, this little mission church was the only organization, as far as is known, of any kind existing in what is now Transylvania county.

This, as a cursory remark, seems but a small achievement, but what we are today as a denomination is attributable to this little beginning of a hundred years ago. It would be no mean thing for the more than two thousand Baptists of today to do homage in some tangible way to the little mission church of a century ago.

History abounds in records of failures.

The Association left no unfinished work, and advised no undertaking of any general co-operative enterprise during her recess. The year 1912 may be put down as a season of drifting. The union meetings have ceased to meet, because, as the executive committee asserts, no church has offered them a home.

Two of our native young ministers who, after preparing themselves in the schools with a view of doing better work around their native homes, have felt called on to go beyond our borders. Elder J. K. Henderson accepted a call to Bakersville, N. C., and entered the work there early in November. Elder J. R. Owen, though loved by his people at Brevard, resigned the pastorate June 1st to assume similar work at Canton, N. C. He left Brevard July 1st. Mrs. Owen filled a place in the church choir, Sunday school, societies and in the social walks that may be difficult to supply.

Elder R. D. Cross, of Calvary church, Asheville, N. C., was unanimously elected pastor of Brevard church. He accepted and began work October 1st. Elder E. Allison, who has been engaged in evangelistic work in other Associations, has returned and is doing pastoral work in our churches.

On April 14th Brevard church set apart C. C. Duckworth to the full work of the ministry, Elder I. T. Newton of Blacksburg, S. C., with the eldership of Brevard constituting the presbytery. Mark R. Osborne was also ordained to the ministry by Little River church a few months since.

#### II. OBITUARY.

BLUE RIDGE CHURCH—N. M. Burns was born 1829 and died December 11, 1911. "He was admired and respected by all who knew him."—Sylvan Valley News.

BREVARD CHURCH—Mrs. Jane Hightower King died January 18th. She was the wife of John W. King, who died in the Confederate service. She was a widow of a half century, but in this long, lonely life, she demonstrated the declaration "godliness with contentment is great gain."

R. J. Pickelsimer died March 4th, 1912. He gave his manhood to the cause of sin. In early youth he set out to serve his Master, but failing to count the cost he returned to the world. For a number of recent years he was beaten with many stripes, and died trusting Jesus.

Charles Manning Gallamore died March 28, 1912, in the fifty-seventh year of his age. He was superintendent of the Sunday school seventeen years and deacon of his church for twenty. He served as clerk and moderator of this Association. When at home he was prompt to attend appointments of the union meetings and sessions of the Association. He served a term as county superintendent of schools and chairman of the board of education, and gave satisfaction in all these official relations. He began more than thirty years ago teaching in the old field school and ended his teaching career in the high schools. Brother Gallamore was a well balanced man, cool, deliberate, firm. He lived and died in peace with God and man. Though snatched from earth he left no differences unsettled with his brothers or neighbors.

Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Wilson Allison, wife of Elder E. Allison, died April 21, 1912. She had filled her three score and ten years. The debt this world owes her cannot be computed. She was a home-keeper and made it possible for her husband to accomplish great things in his evangelistic work.

Lucy Duckworth Whitmire died May 22, 1912. She attained to a ripe old age and left not a soil upon her good name. She was always modest, unselfish and retiring in manner. She was devoted to her family, loved her friends, honored her church and served her Lord.

EAST FORK CHURCH—J. A. Galloway died — day of March. He was about sixty-eight years of age. He never married. He served in the Confederate war. "He was an open book known and read of all men." He never deceived, despised the unreal, honest to a farthing, reliable in business, true to his obligations and loyal to his country, his church and his God."—Sylvan Valley News.

Miles W. Garren died September 8, 1912. He was a substantial citizen of Eastatoe township, serving a number of years as magistrate and road trustee, and a member of the board of education. He was a pillar in his church.

DUNN'S CREEK CHURCH—Dennis Holden was accidentally shot and instantly killed May 11, 1912. He was in the thirty-ninth year of his age. His life was pure. His sun set at noon in a blue sky.

MOUNT MORIAH CHURCH—William M. Garren died suddenly May 19, 1912. He was a good soldier in the Christian warfare. He fought sin in his own heart and enjoyed a faith that gave him comfort.

OAK GROVE CHURCH—Elizabeth Owen Whitmire, wife of John Whitmire, was born about 1826 and died May 23, 1912. "Aunt Betsy, as many called her, was said to be one of the best members of Oak Grove church for the last twenty years of her life."—A. J. Manly in *Sylvan Valley News*.

ENON CHURCH—John Philips dropped dead on the first day of March, in the seventy-third year of his age. He was a model of moral excellence.

Saul Owenby, born 1850 and died July 5, 1912. A man whose life exemplified the worth and power of God's grace.

J. M. HAMLIN, Historian.

### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association met this morning at 9:30 o'clock, and after a song and prayer service the minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

The report on Education was received, having been sent by the committee, who, on account of sickness, was unable to attend this session of the Association. The report was adopted.

#### EDUCATION

Christian education is grounded in the desire to bring every pupil under Christian instruction and into the Christian faith. It builds among many lives, but its corner stone is Christ. For this reason the Christian institution has a work that no other institution can do.

Men may be taught science and art, they may live in close sympathy with nature, yet if they are not taught to love the One who has placed these gifts before them, their education is a failure. Since Christ is the only true foundation, there is nothing that will endure the final test except those things which are built on that foundation.

The aim of Christian education is two fold. First, to lead to Christ; second, to train for service. We realize that the salvation of the soul is the most important thing that concerns us in this life, but we must not fail to stress the salvation of the life. Training is necessary that the life may count more for God.

The great work of the disciples was only begun when the Master called them into service. It was needful that they spend much time with their Teacher in order that they might know how to become fishers of men.

In the words of our Home Board Secretary, "we have evangelized, but we have failed to train." With such conditions we may have many zealous workers, but zeal without training often becomes a stumbling block.

The Southern Baptist Convention has established a system of thirty schools in the mountain section of its borders. Last year these schools

had a total enrollment of 5,000 pupils. We recommend to the young men and young women Mars Hill College (Madison county) and Fruitland Institute (Henderson county). The latter institution had an enrollment of fifteen from this Association last year.

Wake Forest College stands second to none as an institution of learning for men, and Meredith College for women. Chowan College is also a growing Baptist institution for women.

MARK R. OSBORNE, Committee.

The report on Orphanage was read by G. T. Lyday who briefly discussed the report. He stated that much could be done to help the orphans by sending them apples, many barrels of which are now rotting on the ground throughout this mountain country. R. D. Cross emphasized the importance of making a special offering for the orphans on Thanksgiving Day. Several other brethren discussed the report, during which discussions Charity and Children was recommended, the fact that we are not contributing but a very small per cent. of the amount necessary to care for the children from our Association commented on, the donation to the orphanage of the Kinston Farm recommended, and monthly collections for the orphanage recommended. Pledges for the orphanage were taken and the following pledges made:

Boilston .....	\$ 5 00	Mt. Moriah.....	\$10 00
Brevard .....	75 00	New Prospect .....	5 00
Catheys Creek.....	5 00	Oak Grove.....	10 00
Enon.....	10 00	Toxaway .....	3 00
Glady Branch .....	8 00	Turkey Creek.....	5 00
Little River.....	10 00	Zion .....	5 00

After the pledges were made the report was adopted.

#### ORPHANAGE

"Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this: to visit the widows and fatherless in their afflictions and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world."

The Thomasville Orphanage was founded in the year 1885. For ten years John H. Mills was its general manager. His work was hard and his burden was heavy. He laid the foundation on which the splendid structure stands. To this day the power and pathos of his appeals are remembered by those who heard him in that trial and hardship. Many times during his administration the supplies at the orphanage were exhausted, but light always streamed in and scattered darkness.

During Brother Mills' management the institution acquired three

hundred acres of land upon which buildings were erected sufficient to shelter 150 children. He laid the cause on the hearts of our people. No man in our state, in my opinion, ever did a greater work than Brother Mills in preparing and fitting up a place where the poor and unfortunate children can be cared for and educated.

At the end of ten years of heroic service Brother Mills gave up the work and Rev. J. B. Boone was elected at the annual meeting of 1905 to succeed him. Brother Boone also gave ten years of unselfish service to the orphanage. Under his wise management many new and commodious buildings were erected and the general equipment vastly improved.

At the end of the second decade, or in the year 1905, Rev. M. L. Kesler assumed control of the orphanage. His work has been along the line of general improvement and development of the orphanage life on the broad basis laid by his predecessors. Many magnificent buildings have been erected since he took charge of the institution and general improvement is seen on every hand. We believe that no other orphanage in the South is so well equipped for efficient services as is our own institution.

There are ten separate families at the orphanage now, divided into thirty-eight members to the household. Each of these homes is presided over by two women, a teacher and a matron, each one's duties well defined and do not conflict.

Brethren, let me impress upon your hearts that this is our institution, where the orphan children of our own county of Transylvania can be placed and prepared to fight the battles of life more successfully. Therefore let us urge the churches of our Association to take regular collections for the support of same. Respectfully submitted,

G. T. LYDAY, Committee.

The report on Home Missions was presented and read by R. D. Cross. He then discussed the report, describing the vastness of the field, the great need of Christianizing the foreigners that each year come to our country, and our responsibility toward the negro of the South. He very forcibly presented the fact that although Cuba gained gained her independence from Spain, yet she is not free, being bound down under the yoke of Catholicism; and in order that she may be liberated from this bondage the Home Board should be liberally supported in its work by the hearty co-operation of all the Baptists in the Southland. He stated that Home Missions should be carried on "for self protection," for a "base of supplies," and because of "God's providential leading."

On motion of H. P. Moore pledges were taken for Home Missions. The following were the pledges made:

Boilston .....	\$ 5 00	Gladly Branch.....	\$ 2 00
Brevard .....	50 00	Little River.....	5 00
East Fork.....	5 00	New Prospect.....	2 00
Enon.....	5 00	Oak Grove.....	6 00

The report was then adopted.

### HOME MISSIONS

At the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845, the Home Mission Board was established for the purpose of collecting, combining and directing the energies of the denomination in the sacred purpose of the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord. The need for the elevation of our Southland was great, for then there were four or five millions of unsaved people; but for many years the Board had a hard time for life, and so much that the need has become greater, for now there are from twelve to fifteen millions of unsaved people in the bounds of our convention. Only in the last few years have our people come to take the matter of home missions seriously. Our need each year is from a half million to a million dollars for equipment, in helping to build houses, and pay men to evangelize and train.

I. The departments, or divisions, of our work are as follows:

1. The immigrants or foreigners in our bounds. There are not as many of them in the South as in the North, because of the negro in the south; but yet there are from four to five millions, primarily in Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas and Texas. These have come to our doors for the bread of life. Shall we give them bread or a stone?
2. Among the three millions of people in the highlands, or mountains, of Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama we have thirty-one schools to train the youth, and are building more in Arkansas.
3. Among more than nine millions of negroes in our bounds, almost wholly Baptists, we have thirty men employed to train their leaders.
4. In the great Southwest, or the country West of the Mississippi river, in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico the need and opportunities are great, both among our native born people and the foreigner in their bounds.
5. Cities, such as Baltimore, New Orleans, Galveston and Houston are great centers now, and will soon become much greater because of the Panama canal.
6. Cuba was taken over by the Board because the Foreign Board could not meet the needs. Here our next door neighbor looks to us for the bread of life.

II. We must give them the Gospel for the following reasons:

1. For self protection. If we do not give them the Gospel they will heathenize us.

2. As a basis of supplies for both men and money for the salvation of the heathen world.

3. Because it seems that God has specially chosen our land as the center from which He will save the world. Respectfully submitted,  
R. D. Cross, Committee.

J. M. Hamlin moved that the rules be suspended and the work of the Association continue today until one o'clock before adjourning for dinner. Motion carried.

The question of a Transylvania County Baptist centennial to be held next year was discussed by several brethren. R. D. Cross moved that the centennial be held, and that J. M. Hamlin, H. P. Moore and the executive committee take the matter in charge and arrange in regard to time, place, etc. The motion carried.

The congregation sang "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds." The moderator then appointed the following committees to make reports at the next session of the Association:

*Biblical Recorder*—C. C. Duckworth.  
*State of Religion*—M. L. Jones.  
*Orphanage*—H. P. Moore.  
*Temperance*—T. C. Henderson.  
*Home Missions*—Mark R. Osborne.  
*Education*—O. L. Jones.  
*State Missions*—R. D. Cross.  
*Foreign Missions*—J. M. Hamlin.  
*Ministerial Education*—T. C. Holsclaw.  
*Sunday Schools*—G. T. Lyday.

The report on Ministerial Education was read and discussed by T. C. Henderson. A collection was taken for the Student Fund of Louisville Seminary and \$10.00 secured. The report was then adopted.

#### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

The greatest calling, the most important position that any man can fill in this life, is that of the Gospel ministry. This fact was recognized by the great Apostle Paul who, in his letter to the young preacher, Timothy, said, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

As the strength and success of the church depends largely upon the strength in efficiency of its ministry, and the honor or responsibility for the success or failures of the denomination rests largely upon the

preachers, who are the recognized leaders in the churches, the great need for an educated ministry is very apparent.

As was stated in last year's report, "The time has passed for offering an excuse for a young man's entering the ministry without first taking a course of special training for this most important of all positions." Our denominational high schools are doing much for the training of young men who are called of God to His work and, which necessarily follows, called to prepare for the great work whereunto they are called.

The Board of Education is helping more than seventy-five young men at Wake Forest College to fit themselves for more efficient work as laborers in the Master's harvest field. This Association should extend to the Educational Board its sympathy and support, as the Board is dependent upon the Baptists of the state for the means whereby it aids these young men. Each church should take at least one collection a year for this cause.

"The State Convention is also helping to educate some of her worthy young men in our seminary at Louisville, Kentucky; and our churches ought to rally to the support of this work." Brethren, with the Holy Spirit to direct us, let us think kindly of this work and, in the fear of God, act wisely.

T. C. HENDERSON, Committee.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

#### FINANCE REPORT

Blue Ridge—Minute fund, .60; Home Missions, \$1.50; Foreign Missions, \$1.50; Orphanage, \$2.55. Total, \$6.15.

Boilston—Minute fund, \$1.50.

Brevard—Minute fund, \$5.25.

Carson Creek—Minute fund, .75.

Catheys Creek—Minute fund, \$1.50; State Missions, \$10.00; Orphanage, \$5.00. Total, \$16.50.

East Fork—Minute fund, \$1.00; State Missions, \$5.00; Home Missions, \$1.75. Total, \$7.75.

Enon—Minute fund, \$2.00.

Glady Branch—Minute fund, \$1.30.

Laurel Creek—Minute fund, .50; State Missions, \$2.00. Total, \$2.50.

Little River—Minute fund, \$2.00; Home Missions, \$5.00; Foreign Missions, \$5.00; Orphanage, \$1.00. Total, \$13.00.

Macedonia—Minute fund, .80.

Mt. Moriah—Minute fund, \$1.10; Home Missions, \$1.87. Total, \$2.97.

New Prospect—Minute fund, \$1.45.

Oak Grove—Minute fund, \$2.35; State Missions, \$10.80; Home Missions, \$1.88; Orphanage, \$1.34. Total, \$16.32.

Pleasant Hill—Minute fund, .75.  
 Rocky Hill—Minute fund, \$1.15.  
 Toxaway—Minute fund, \$2.00.  
 Turkey Creek—Minute fund, \$1.23; State Missions, \$4.00. Total, \$5.25.  
 Zion—Minute fund, \$1.00.

Respectfully submitted, A. M. PAXTON,  
 H. P. MOORE, Committee.

It being ascertained that there were not a sufficient amount of minute funds to secure the printing of the minutes of the Association, the delegates pledged their churches for the following amounts: Boilston \$1.00, Brevard \$2.25, Catheys Creek .25, Enon .50, Gladys Branch \$1.00, Little River \$1.00, Macedonia .50, Mt. Moriah \$1.00, New Prospect .50, Oak Grove .65, Turkey Creek \$1.00, Toxaway .25, Z. I. Henderson .25.

The financial report was adopted. J. M. Hamlin then offered the following resolution which was adopted by the Association:

Resolved, That we urge the clerk to have his manuscript in the hands of the printer in ten days; that he be paid \$12.50 for his services, and that he have as many copies of these minutes printed as the remaining fund will warrant.

The following resolution, presented and read by R. D. Cross, was adopted by the body:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to ask the churches not represented this morning for a reasonable amount for the following objects: Orphanage, Home Missions and Foreign Missions; and also include State Missions for the churches not represented at all.

The congregation sang "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," and the body adjourned until 2 p. m., the benediction being pronounced by S. E. Garner.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reassembled while singing "Rock of Ages." The body then engaged in prayer, led by Z. I. Henderson.

The report on Foreign Missions was called for, but was not prepared. The subject was taken up, however, and discussed by a number of brethren. Z. I. Henderson spoke

of the importance of sending preachers into all parts of the earth, stating that there is really only one mission, and that the different departments are for convenience. He stated that we are as responsible, or even more responsible, for the lost of heathen lands than for those in our home land. S. E. Garner emphasized the fact that all our work is strengthened with the strengthening of foreign missions, F. M. Jordan spoke of the magnitude of the work that has been done in China by Matthew T. Yates and Jesse C. Owen.

A motion carried to incorporate in the minutes a report on Foreign Missions to be prepared by Judson Corn and approved by the clerk.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

We see from a report of this Association for the year 1904 that our churches, with a membership of 1016, reported \$28.21 given to foreign missions. In the year 1907, with a membership of 1620, the sum of \$101.86 was given to this cause. In 1909, with a membership of 1865, we gave \$124.11. In 1911 the minutes show a membership of 1710 and \$81.06 given to foreign missions. From these figures we see that last year we gave only a fraction over four cents a member to this important part of the Master's work.

Now brethren, let us make a special effort this year to do more than ever before for foreign missions.

We earnestly request all of the churches to set a day, and we suggest the first Sunday in March, as special Foreign Mission Day, and try to secure a contribution of not less than ten cents from each member. If we succeed in this effort we shall be able to make the best report on foreign missions that has ever been made to this Association, and the Lord will bless us for enlarging our efforts in His work.

JUDSON CORN, Committee.

C. W. Henderson read the report on Sunday schools. He then briefly discussed the report, and was followed in the discussion by Judson Corn and S. E. Garner. Brother Garner stated that children will be interested in something, and the only way to prevent them from going into useless and wrong pleasures on Sunday is to introduce to the church through the Sunday school. He recommended various devices for interesting and holding the pupils after they are enrolled in the schools.

The report was adopted as read.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The time was when the Sabbath school was looked upon as a human organization, separate and apart from church work; but that day has passed, and the modern Sunday school is one of the great auxiliaries in church work. The Protestant Sunday school as it stands today in this country was organized in Philadelphia September 19, 1790. During this period of one hundred and twenty-two years the work has moved forward so rapidly that today it is one of the greatest factors in the training and Christian development of the young people of our country.

It was once thought that any one with a little zeal and energy could teach a Sunday school class. But in order to be a successful Sunday school teacher we must have God's Spirit richly dwelling in our hearts and have a large amount of drilling in God's word and the methods of the modern Sunday school. Otherwise we will not be workmen that needeth not to be ashamed. The Sunday school teacher has under his charge the budding youth, the tender plant, the flower and hope of our country. In the new-born child are hidden all the distinct faculties of the body, mind and soul, which must unfold and be developed during life. The moral sentiment is the first to be developed in the child in the form of affection and obedience by home and Sabbath school training. He must be taught to love the truth, to love the beautiful, and to the universal good. It is this necessity that places Sabbath school teaching above every other profession on earth.

On the young people of this country rest the hope and destiny of the nation; and the great problem which confronts the people of the United States today is how to properly develop these precious gems.

The Sunday School Normal Course is a great factor in preparing men and women for the great work of Sabbath school teaching. Oh! that God may hasten the day when we shall be able to secure a corps of teachers in all our Sabbath schools that are full of the Spirit of the Lord and well equipped for instructing in God's Word, for we feel that the greatest need of our Sabbath schools today is well equipped teachers.

C. W. HENDERSON, Committee.

The following resolution, prepared by Ora L. Jones and read by Judson Corn, was adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the thanks of this Association be extended to the pastor and deacons of Oak Grove church for their kindness in entertaining this body.

2. That the thanks of this Association be extended to the many families of this community for their kindness in furnishing homes for the messengers of this meeting.

On motion of Judson Corn the Association authorized the moderator to appoint delegates to represent this body

in the Baptist State Convention. F. M. Jordan and T. C. Henderson were appointed and instructed to appoint their own alternates in case they could not attend the Convention.

The business of the Association being completed, the congregation sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and the body adjourned, being dismissed by prayer led by F. M. Jordan.

## SUNDAY

On Sunday morning, after the close of the Association's regular work, a large congregation assembled in Oak Grove church at 10:30 o'clock and spent one half hour in services of song, prayer and scripture reading.

At 11 a. m. F. M. Jordan preached a great sermon based on the text, "Christ is all, and in all."—Col. 3:11. Theme: Salvation, wrought out by the death and suffering of the Lord Jesus Christ.

After the sermon the congregation sang "The Ninety and Nine," and was then led in prayer by S. E. Garner. A collection was then taken for Brother Jordan and \$7.00 received. The congregation engaged in singing "Amazing Grace" and then adjourned, Brother Jordan pronouncing the benediction.

A. J. MANLEY, Moderator.

T. C. HENDERSON, Clerk.

### Church Finances.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S S Missions	Orphanage	Colleges & Schools	Other Objects	Total
Blue Ridge.....	34 21					60		1 50	1 50		2 55			40 36
Boilston .....	50 00					2 50	5 00	5 00	5 00		5 00			72 50
Brevard .....	540 00	7 50	225 85	40 00	17 00	7 50	8 00	38 65	47 00	6 36	22 14	10 00	35 00	1005 00
Carr's Hill .....						1 00								1 00
Carson Creek .....	17 90			3 00		75								21 65
Cathey's Creek .....	25 00			1 60		1 75	10 00				5 00			43 35
Dunn's Creek .....														
East Fork .....	50 00			3 80		1 00	5 00	1 75						61 55
Enon .....	43 77		16 00	8 00		2 50	6 20	3 58	5 35		10 40			95 80
Glady Branch .....	60 03			10 19		2 30	2 00	18 57	2 00		7 53			102 62
Laurel Creek .....	26 60	238 00	50	4 00	4 50	50	2 00							276 10
Little River .....	100 00		4 00	11 00	5 00	3 00	28 00	5 00	5 00		10 00		4 00	175 00
Macedonia .....	60 00			3 82		1 30					3 40			68 52
Mt. Moriah .....	50 00					2 10		1 87						53 97
New Prospect .....						1 95							16 75	18 70
Oak Grove .....	70 00			6 90	2 00	3 00	12 00	6 00	6 00		5 13		3 10	114 13
Pine Grove .....						75								75
Pleasant Hill .....						1 15		1 11						56 76
Rocky Hill .....	50 00			4 50										
Shoal Creek .....														
Toxaway .....						2 25								2 25
Turkey Creek .....	40 00	7 00		5 00		2 25	4 00						16 25	74 50
Zion .....	25 00	140 00	1 00			1 00								167 00
Totals .....	1242 51	392 50	247 35	101 81	28 50	39 15	82 20	83 03	71 85	6 36	71 15	10 00	75 10	2451 76

### Church Directory and Statistical Report.

CHURCHES	Pastor	Address	Clerk	Address	Value of Church Prop.	Seating Capacity	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Died	No. Males	No. Females	Total
Blue Ridge.....	J. P. Corn, Zirconia.....		H. P. Jones, Cedar Mountain.....		\$ 300	200	3	3	1	1		1	24	28	52
Boilston .....	A. J. Manly, Quebec .....		A. C. McKinna, Etowah .....		1200	400	8	1		4	8		51	73	124
Brevard .....	R. D. Cross, Brevard .....		W. M. Henry, Brevard .....		10000	500	3	7	1	17		5	84	122	206
Carr's Hill .....	Not Represented .....														
Carson's Creek .....	M. R. Osborne, Penrose .....		Coats Cassell, R. 1, Brevard .....		150			2		6			27	26	53
Cathey's Creek .....	J. R. Owen, Brevard .....		J. A. Bryson, Selica .....		150	400		2		5	2				139
Dunn's Creek .....	Not Represented .....														
East Fork .....	T. C. Holtsclaw, Horse Shoe .....		J. T. Gillespie, R. 1, Brevard .....		740							2	22	41	63
Enon .....	E. Allison, R. 1, Etowah .....		P. W. Allison, R. 2, Brevard .....		2000	800				3	4	2	71	78	149
Glady Branch .....	A. J. Manly, Quebec .....		G. T. Glazener, R. 1, Brevard .....		1200	200	5	1					29	57	86
Laurel Creek .....	James T. Anders, Flat Rock .....		Marshall Ball, Pisgah Forest .....		238		15	4		3			18	26	44
Little River .....	E. Allison, R. 1, Etowah .....		A. J. George, R. 1, Etowah .....		1700	500	12	2	2	2		1	64	89	153
Macedonia .....	A. C. Queen, Wolf Mountain .....		W. W. Galloway, R. 1, L. Tox .....		800					1	1	1			108
Mt. Moriah .....	M. R. Osborne, Penrose .....		R. L. Hogsed, Calvert .....		1500					2		1			127
New Prospect .....	W. D. Jackson, Rosman .....		T. B. Reid, Oakland .....		2000		25	6	4	4			28	24	52
Oak Grove .....	A. J. Manly, Quebec .....		W. B. Henderson, Quebec .....		1100	300				3		1	52	64	116
Pine Grove .....	Not Represented .....														
Pleasant Hill .....	W. D. Jackson, Rosman .....		E. C. Aiken, Rosman .....				2	2		11		3			44
Rocky Hill .....	J. W. Briggs, R. 1, Etowah .....		J. W. Burns, Cedar Mountain .....		800		2			7					70
Shoal Creek .....	Not Represented .....														
Toxaway .....	J. M. Powell, Pickens, S. C. .....		B. S. Chapman, Tex .....		700		3	10	2	4		1	53	72	125
Turkey Creek .....	T. C. Holsclaw, Horse Shoe .....		S. V. Brown, R. 2, Brevard .....							1	1		54	53	107
Zion .....	M. R. Osborne, Penrose .....		A. M. Paxton, Rosman .....				6	3	1		1				105
Totals .....					\$24578	3300	84	43	11	74	17	18	577	753	1923

# Sunday School Report.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTEND'T	POST OFFICE	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Enrollment	No. Schools	Vol. in Lib'y	No. Quarterl's	Mos. Open	Av. Attendance	No. Baptisms	Contribut'ns for Missions, Orp'n g's, etc.	School Expenses	Total Contribut'ns
Blue Ridge	Emerson Jones	Cedar Mountain	5	24	29	1		6		20		\$	\$	\$
Boilston	J. M. Banning	Horse Shoe	7	50	57	1			12	30	6			
Brevard	J. M. Hamlin	Brevard	17	189	206	1	75	150	12	70	2	66 50	40 00	106 50
Carrs Hill	No report													
Carson Creek	Mrs. F. Q. Batson	Brevard, R-1	5	50	55	1				25				
Catheys Creek	J. L. Waldrop	Selica	7	50	57	1				25				
Dunns Creek	No report													
East Fork	Oneal Cantrell	Brevard, R-1	5	40	45	1			12	17				
Enon	W. L. Talley	Penrose	7	65	72	1		50	12	45				
Gladly Branch	J. N. Heath	Brevard	8	105	113	1		105	12	59	5	19 59	10 19	29 78
Laurel Creek	Mrs. M. J. Baynard	Pisgah Forest, R-1	5	30	35	1			12	24	8			
Little River	J. C. Capps	Pisgah Forest, R-1	8	75	83	1		108	12	50	12	15 00	11 00	26 00
Macedonia	W. A. McCall	Balsam Grove	7	75	82	1			9	38				
Mt. Moriah	J. W. Glazener	Rosman	7	60	67	1				35				
New Prospect	Z. P. Mason	Lake Toxaway	7	27	34	1				25				
Oak Grove	R. O. Thomas	Lake Toxaway, R-1	5	78	83	1		24	12	35		5 13	6 90	12 03
Pine Grove	No report													
Pleasant Hill	J. D. Morgan	Rosman	5	77	82	1				6	2			
Rocky Hill	Street Burns	Cedar Mountain	9	64	73	1				40				
Shoal Creek	No report													
Toxaway	R. M. Powell	Tex	6	65	71	1				45	3			
Turkey Creek	D. C. Sims	Brevard, R-2	7	55	62	1		60	12	40			5 00	5 00
Zion	A. M. Paxton	Rosman	7	66	73	1				31	3		12 15	12 15
Totals			134	1245	1379	19	75	503	117	660	41	\$106 22	\$85 24	\$191 46