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CONSTITUTION OF THE TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Article 1 This Association shall be known as the Transylvania County Baptist Association.

Article 2 The object of this Association shall be for the gathering and preservation of statistics and for missionary enterprises.

Article 3 This Association shall be composed of messengers from the churches connected with the body and regularly appointed by the churches, bearing certified letters of their appointment, and containing such statistics as may be required. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers and one additional messenger for each twenty-five members in excess of the first fifty members.

Article 4 The officers of this body shall consist of a Moderator, a clerk and a historian, each of whom shall be elected annually by ballot, except as to the Historian. He shall be elected by the Association to serve during the will of the Association.

Article 5 The officers under Article 4 shall perform the duties customary to such officers.

Article 6 This Association shall meet annually.

Article 7 This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by the concurrence of two-thirds of the messengers present, and suspended in whole or in part by unanimous consent.

Brevard, N. C., Oct. 17, 1917.

The Transylvania county Baptist Association met in its Thirty-sixth annual session with the Brevard Baptist church on the date above given and was called to order by the retiring moderator, A. J. Manley, at 11 o'clock a. m. After song and devotional service A. J. Manley, who had been appointed by the last year's association to preach the introductory sermon, gave a very clear and forceful discourse upon the theme, "The Sacredness of God's Promises and Commands," using as a text Acts 7; 30-33 and 37.

At the close of the service Rev. A. I. Justice of Hendersonville and Fruitland Institute led in prayer, immediately after which adjournment was taken for one hour for dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session re-convened at two o'clock being opened by song and prayer after which the temporary moderator appointed L. C. Lynch and C. C. Duckworth as reading clerks. Because of the absence of the clerk of the previous session, the Moderator called the roll of the churches, and the following letters were presented and read and the names of the messengers enrolled, as follows:

BLUE RIDGE—Caleb Jones and Cyral Jones.

BOILSTON—(not represented)

BREVARD—E. T. Raines, W. H. Duckworth, J. M. Hamlin, C. K. Osborne, N. A. Miller, C. B. Deaver, C. C. Duckworth, Mrs. D. F. Moore, with the following alternates: Mrs. W. T. Bosse, Mrs. T. M. Mitchell

CARR'S HILL—Carl Allison, Cleveland Reece, V. C. Moore, F. L. Wilson, W. P. Wilson, Bert Lane.

CARSON CREEK—(not represented)

CATHEY'S CREEK—B. J. Wilson, J. A. Bryson, Otis Bryson, Sam Lance, Frank Turner, H. C. Barton and Van Waldrop.

DUNN'S ROCK—S. W. Whitmire, Willie Masters.

EAST FORK—Ed. Gillespie, C. L. Garren.

ENON—G. T. Lyday, A. E. Lyday, C. W. Talley, Clyde Blythe

GLADY BRANCH—E. M. Corn, Elliott Tinsley, G. T. Glazener.

LAUREL CREEK—(not represented)

LAKE TOXAWAY—T. B. Reed, Mrs. Emma Hooper, Ward Breedlove.

LITTLE RIVER—Rev. E. Allison, W. J. McCrary, John Fisher, Baylus Merrell, J. C. Capps, A. J. Beddingfield, P. P. McCall.

MACEDONIA—F. V. McCall, D. C. Owen, C. A. McCall.

MT. MORIAH—E. G. Whitmire, R. L. Hogsed, A. H. Gillespie, J. L. Whitmire.
 OAK GROVE—T. C. Henderson, J. W. Jones, Gideon Miller.
 PINE GROVE—W. E. Patterson Leonard Owen.
 PISGAH FOREST—R. E. Mackey, L. C. Lynch, P. P. Norman.
 PLEASANT HILL—(not represented)
 ROCKY HILL—W. M. Burns, Raymond Bishop.
 SHOAL CREEK—Elsie McCall, Dock Bentley, Tom Smith.
 TOXAWAY—(not represented)
 TURKEY CREEK—A. E. England, A. K. Brown, D. H. Orr.
 ZION—Vessie McCall, A. N. Collins, E. M. Whitmire.

The letters of the foregoing churches having been read and the messengers enrolled, the Association organized by the re-election of Rev. A. J. Manley as Moderator, and by the election of C. B. Deaver as clerk.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator to report at the present session of the Association:

Nomination of the Executive Committee, T. B. Reed and C. C. Duckworth.

Time, place and preacher for next session, R. E. Mackey and C. K. Osborne.

Finance, C. C. Duckworth and Judson Corn.

Preaching for this session, the Pastor and the Deacons of the Brevard Baptist church.

Upon the announcement of the above committees it was suggested by Rev. A. W. McDaniel, and unanously adopted by the body, that the Association extend a hearty welcome to the following churchmen then present:

Rev. J. L. Vipperman, Bible scholar of Mississippi,
 Rev. T. C. King, of the Carolina Association,
 Rev. W. E. Poovey, pastor of the Brevard Methodist Church,
 Rev. Livingston Johnson of the Biblical Recorder,
 Rev. J. C. Owen, representing Home Missions,
 Rev. A. I. Justice, representing State Missions and the Fruitland Institute.

The reports on Home Missions and Christian Education were considered together, one being read immediately after the other. That on Home Mission by Rev. A. W. McDaniel, and on Christian Education by J. M. Hamlin, both of which reports were adopted as read after a very interesting and helpful discussion engaged in by Revs. J. C. Owen, Livingston Johnson and A. I. Justice. The report on Home Missions is as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

"Our Home Mission Board is the great unifying constructive, interstate agency of Southern Baptists, and has been the prime force in making our people a great, splendid, virile body, with a solidarity of thought and purpose unsurpassed by any religious denomination."

Multiplied thousands of the lost led to Christ, hundreds and thousands enlisted for larger service for the Master, waste places changed into fruitful gardens, destitute frontiers given the stability and culture of older communities, thousands of foreigners made citizens of the heavenly kingdom, the blessings of salvation brought to the multitudes, a great social uplift among our people through the preaching of the gospel and the sacred ministries of our missionaries. These are some of the achievements.

From 1901 to 1916 Southern Baptist increased in numbers 61 per cent., and the baptisms of the Home Mission Board increased 646 per cent. The Convention report at Asheville showed that the Home Mission Board missionaries for that year baptized 6000 more converts than the total number of baptisms reported in Arkansas, Florida, New Mexico, Louisiana, Maryland, Oklahoma, Illinois and Mississippi, besides helping to bring about many in those states.

Last year the Home Board maintained 300 workers and assisted a State and other agencies in sustaining 100 more, besides 217 in large special fields. Among these are seven missionaries to the Indians, 177 teachers in our 32 schools in the Highlands, 12 enlistment workers who work mainly for the development of 10,000 country churches that have only once-a-month preaching, and have consequently been greatly retarded by inadequate opportunities for preaching and pastoral instruction and care.

Twenty-three evangelists and singers are employed, who, with the regular missionaries reported last year among both white and colored a total of 60,202 additions to the churches, of which 37,724 were by baptism. Three evangelists and forty missionaries were colored. Twenty-five teachers and workers are laboring among the foreigners, of whom there are 4,000,000 now in the South. The written and spoken messages of our Board and its many workers are contributing a vast amount of timely and valuable instruction in Bible doctrine and denominational loyalty, which is much needed to offset the unprecedented inroads which Russelism, Holy Rollerism, Mormonism and many other false faiths are making upon the thousands who have been brought into evangelical churches, but who have not been adequately taught.

We gave \$40,000, and lent more than that sum to aid the building of scores of houses of worship for needy churches. The need of this fund is growing as Southern Baptists have the unenviable reputation of having more unhoused churches than any other Christian body in America.

Since we now have 23,000,000 people in the South who do not even make any profession of religion, and since the foundation of the American Republic, and the hope of its permanency as the land of the free and the brave rest upon the Christian character of its people, we at once see the tremendous import of continuing this work on an ever widening scale.

The fact of the war instead of causing us to diminish our offering to this cause is a major reason for our increased sums since it is producing changes that will put a greater strain than ever upon the moral supports of the Southern People.

We, the Committee, recommend that freer use be made of the tracts distributed gratis by the Board. Also that study classes be formed in the excellent Home Mission books recently published, and that subscriptions be secured for Home and Foreign Fields.

We recommend that earnest prayer be made for the work of the Board and that our pastors be asked to preach at least once during the year on Home Missions.

That this Association accept its apportionment for Home Missions as suggested by our State Body, and that we apportion this among our churches and publish the apportionment in our minutes.

A. W. MCDANIEL.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The great absorbing work of the churches of Christ is to preach Christ and him crucified, and to baptize them that accept him. Having done this the school work begins "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." This "allthings" in its extension and comprehension embraces the disciple in his entirety,—soul, mind and body,—that he may be fitted for the Master's use. The first work then of the church is the saving of the soul, and the next is of but little less importance,—the preparing of the soul as a link in the endless chain of saving the world. The preparatory work is called education, or more definitely, Christian Education. Christ in the school, in the teaching, and in the lesson. This view of education is not simply idealistic but conforms to the spirit of the Commission and is attainable. Every church to meet its obligations should make provision for

not only spiritual, but for mental and physical education. Our churches, instead of undertaking directly the entire educational work, have made some provision for spiritual training in monthly or weekly preaching and Sunday school teaching and have, by common consent, turned over mental training to the State's elementary schools. This method, while the pupils are young and under home influences is giving general satisfaction, and they should be well attended. Our churches should not forget that they have a direct interest in the common schools of the State and should lend a helping hand in making them more efficient.

Beyond the point of primary instruction, the churches cannot well meet the obligations of Christian education by patronizing exclusively the higher grades of State schools. The system of schools is beautiful from university to kindergarten, but Christ is, and must be left out. Schools as well as churches should be evangelistic. The Bible should go hand in hand with history, mathematics, the classics. It should be allowed in schools even to interpret itself and shed light upon the whole curriculum. Without it much learning is shorn, in large measure, of dignity.

The fact of the elimination of the Bible from all grades of State schools has given rise in recent years in our annual meetings of much discussion on Christian education, and also to increased efforts to enlarge and support denominational schools. Christian education is the correct education; the State cannot give it; evangelical churches must. If the State should do less in higher education and the churches more, it would tend, in the mind of your committee, to give the State a better citizenship. But while the field of Christian education is continuously invaded by unprecedented appropriations for higher State institutions to the almost entire neglect of the masses in primary education as was the case in the action of the last session of the General Assembly, precludes the development of this thought.

Notwithstanding this handicap our denominational schools, collegiate and secondary, are entering the school year with flattering prospects, needing no wordy encomiums from us, but rather sympathy, prayer, patronage and financial support.

Of the secondary schools, Fruitland claims our most direct interest and a more hearty support which has been withheld in a large measure by the hope of building a school within our own bounds. Your committee still indulges a hope to build this school when the propitious time comes, but up to this date fails of success. This being the only barrier heretofore, and being now removed, your committee would recommend that this Association heartily

co-operate in the support of this school.

J. M. HAMLIN,
C. C. DUCKWORTH.

After an extended discussion of the above reports, and because other committees were not ready to make their reports, the session adjourned until Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The session re-convened at 9:40 o'clock a. m. with the devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. I. Justice, of Hendersonville, N. C. At the close of these exercises J. M. Hamlin moved that the report on the state of the churches be now read, and that the consideration thereof be made a special order for Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The motion prevailed and it was so ordered.

Rev. A. W. McDaniel, for the committee, read the report on the Biblical Recorder which was adopted after a general discussion led by Rev. Livingston Johnson, who was here to represent the paper's interests.

REPORT ON THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

The denominational paper is the "cement which binds the various parts of the structure together, the window through which we look upon the prospects of the other fellow when we are tempted to be too seriously absorbed in our own affairs". We see all the denominational enterprise through this medium. The denominational paper is second only in importance to the attendance upon the worship of the Church. It makes its readers more intelligent and therefore, more efficient christians. And it disseminates the knowledge of true christian and denominational thinking into homes where the opportunity is slight for the attendance upon preaching service. As it is constantly before the family all the year round it is a steady and constant evangel to the higher religious and civic life. It is an unailing index for all the people of the full activities of the Church.

Baptists are not giving their denominational papers the support they should. This is a duty, and is essential to their usefulness and permanency.

Hence your committee strongly recommend that each church in the Association plan and execute at the earliest possible date, a thorough canvass of every family for subscriptions to the Biblical Recorder and Home and Foreign Fields.

E. ALLISON,
A. W. MCDANIEL

The report on Temperance was read by C. B. Deaver, which report was adopted as read.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The prohibition movement has passed the academic stage of discussion, and in its overpowering and magnificent sweep has obliterated the specious plea of State's Rights. The propaganda is no longer regarded as the peculiar province of hysterical and visionary women, for necessity has both persuaded and driven men of all classes and calibers to its standard. And the unctuous and self-pleasing sophistry of rum's mercenary votaries for the use of the narcotic as a medicine, has been so thoroughly exploded by the truth of medical science and therapeutic research, that the falsity of their statements is no longer an effective species of cheap colory by which the designing demagogue and the profiteering specialists may fool the unsuspecting. For men because of the ever widening dissemination of truth, are following less and less the mereipse dixit of those self-important individuals who arrogate to themselves a superabundance of wisdom, and who, standing in the market place, or in the corners of the conservation, endeavor to impress one with the senility of the general public, and with their own infallibility.

Indeed, medical science and experimentation have so thoroughly proven the non-food value of alcoholic liquors, that the practitioner who now prescribes it simply admits his willful resistance to, or his ignorance of, the progress of therapeutic science. In which in the first instance he would be too unworthy, and in the second instance, too foolish to prescribe. For instance, it is now admitted by those of experience and knowledge in medicine that castor oil and hog lard administered freely, is just as effective, and possibly more so, in the treatment of milk sick than was the old stupefying remedy of brandy and honey. And for one to attempt to demonstrate the value to the human body of a substance taken therein repeatedly, which terrifies and abnormally excites the nervous and brain system, destroys the tissues, membranes and corpuscles of the body is to one of ordinary intelligence, too ridiculous and silly to excite contempt;—it should rather arouse one's sympathy and commiseration for his brother's unfortunate stupidity. In a spirit of missionary benevolence we should direct his attention to the fact that the United States Government, and every State medical society in the Union refuses to recognize or list alcoholic liquors as a medicinal drug of food value, but to the contrary, assign it to the division of poisonous narcotic drugs, destructive to the tissues and membranes of the body, enervating

to the system, injurious to the juices of the stomach, deleterious to the nervous make-up, and preventive of a highly, or even well developed brain power. Hence, we are not startled when the masters of medical research tell us that the effect of alcoholic drinking is found in generations hence, in the form of the inebriate, the idiot, the malformed, the lawless and the vicious.

But they tell us that prohibition will not and does not prohibit. Certainly not; and no sane man ever said so. No law prohibits; although some repress and punish. The law against murder, arson, forgery and larceny does not prohibit. Shall we, therefore, repeal the law? No, because the law's existence represses and prevents crime, and every time you minimize the commission of crime the country is that much better off. Therefore, the pretended argument of those who thus oppose the prohibition laws is inconsistent, because they use the same premises in both cases and draw different conclusions wholly contradictory.

Prohibition, however, has made remarkable progress since the Association last met. And notwithstanding the rather surreptitious and wholly indefensible repeal of the local prohibition law of 1915 which had raised the hopes of a few gentlemen from a state bordering on despondency to one of exuberant convivial expectancy, the passage by the Congress of the Reed's Amendment struck them so violently and effectively amidship that they have scarcely, as yet, been able to view the matter composedly.

The recent decision of the United States Supreme Court upholding the constitutionality of the Webb-Kenyon bill, and thereby sustaining the legality of our State and Local prohibition laws, has clarified the legal status of the liquor traffic, and removed the last argument against the power of the Congress to control, and prohibit the interstate traffic in this substance. And under the recent decision of the Attorney General of the United States about the only safe way a person can now transport alcoholic liquors from another state into North Carolina, is in his stomach, and even this way does not render him entirely immune.

Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. B. DEEVER,
W. H. FAULKNER.

REPORT ON THOMASVILLE ORPHANAGE

The first child received at the Orphanage Nov. 11, 1885. During its 32 years of phenomenal growth it has sheltered and trained 1800 boys and girls who have gone out into the world as teachers, preachers, doctors, etc., becoming fathers and mothers of happy

homes. Numbers of them are now in our denominational colleges and schools. Children are received between the ages of two and twelve years and dismissed when prepared for life's work.

The orphanage is a great character builder and is one of the most valuable assets to North Carolina Baptists.

Present economic conditions have greatly increased the cost of running the institution. The annual cost of supporting a child at present is \$127.75. It would be greater were the girls not taught domestic science in all its branches, and the boys the farming business together with the cobbler's trade in so far as the shoes for the institution is concerned. The children go to school half the day and then work the other half. The school course embraces the tenth grade.

More than 500 children are now in school. Thirty-three women and eleven men devote their whole time to the work at the orphanage. For this work a large income is necessary. For that reason we ask the Sunday schools to contribute their offering once a month and the annual "One Day's Wages" thank offering.

JUDSON CORN,
A. W. MCDANIEL.

After reading the above report on the orphanage by Rev. A. W. McDaniel and its adoption by the Association, the needs, necessities and purposes of the institution were very interestingly and fully told by F. B. Hamrick representing the orphanage.

At 11:50 o'clock Rev. Livingston Johnson began a very instructive sermon to the Association, at the close of which the session recessed until 2 o'clock, for dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session re-convened at 2 o'clock p. m. and after singing a song Rev. Judson Corn led in prayer.

The report of the nominating committee naming the Executive Committee for the ensuing associational year made its report which was adopted with the following composing the Executive Committee:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR NEXT YEAR

J. M. Hamlin, Bert Lane, Robert Mackey, C. B. Deaver, A. J. Manley and C. C. Duckworth.

Upon motion it was unanimously voted that the First Thursday in November be set apart as Orphanage Day and that on that day the several churches in the county be requested to gather and send to the orphanage at Thomasville all the produce possible.

The report on State Missions was read by Rev. J. R. Liner and adopted. This phase of the work was extendedly discussed by Revs. Livingston Johnson, A. I. Justice, A. W. McDaniel and others. The report is as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

All Missions are one, but State Missions is primal (next to associational missions). Just as no nation can successfully wage war without maintaining the productive industries and vital activities of the home land so can no body of Christians successfully prosecute its fundamental task of a world-wide evangel without constantly building up the weak places at home.

The object of these state organizations is well expressed in the constitution of the South Carolina convention to be "The promotion of evangelical and useful knowledge, by means of religious education; the support of missionary service among the destitute; and the cultivation of measures promotive of the true interest of the churches of Christ in general, and of their union, love and harmony in particular. The gratuitous education of indigent, pious young men for the gospel ministry; the encouragement of Sunday schools and the religious instruction of children in families.

The work of our State Board now includes lending a helping hand to the Baptist Young People's Union and the Women's Societies.

A brief review of the work of our Board since its organization in 1830 reveals something of the wonderful results of the work. It has established or aided churches in almost all the cities and towns of the State and in many country places. It has established scores of Sunday schools and greatly advanced the Sunday school standard of efficiency; it has cemented together in strongest union the brotherhood of the State; it has fostered the denominational schools and periodicals in a way that has made a most marked advancement in the intelligence and efficiency of our churches. In fact it has been the one great outstanding factor in the rapid development of the North Carolina Baptist constituency in the front line position it now occupies at home and the great influence it wields in foreign lands.

Now that we are involved in a war that is bringing to us greater obligations and larger opportunities we should not back-step in our financial support but should take such forward steps as would be in keeping with the changed conditions.

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. LINER.

By vote of the session it was decided to give aid and support to Fruitland Institute and the following were named members of the Board of Trustees of that institution:

MEMBERS BOARD TRUSTEES FRUITLAND INSTITUTE

C. C. Duckworth for a term of three years.
T. C. Henderson for a term of two years.
G. T. Lyday for a term of one year.

Rev. Judson Corn was elected and endorsed as Association Missionary for Transylvania County to look after such places in the County that cannot be reached and supplied by a church. The financial support of the missionary and the time and manner of his employment to be in the hands of the Executive Committee.

The session here adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The session opened with the singing of a hymn and prayer by Rev. J. R. Liner.

The Moderator named the following standing committees for the next year:

Biblical Recorder; C. C. Duckworth, Judson Corn, C. K. Osborne.

State Missions; W. H. Nicholson, T. B. Reed, Ward Breedlove. Home Missions; Judson Corn, G. T. Glazener, W. E. Hall.

Foreign Missions; J. R. Liner, W. H. Duckworth, W. R. Price.

State of the Church; Judson Corn, J. M. Hamlin, C. C. Duckworth.

Stewardship; T. C. Henderson, W. H. Nicholson, A. M. Paxton.

Sunday Schools; J. M. Hamlin, C. W. Henderson, W. E. Hall.

Education; T. C. Henderson, C. C. Duckworth, J. M. Hamlin.

Orphanage; G. T. Lyday, W. M. Henry, C. B. Deaver.

Ministerial Relief; D. C. Barnard, R. R. Mahaffey, D. A. Orr.

The following report of the Executive Committee was presented and adopted without discussion:

"We have no report to make so far as we are concerned since we have never organized to do any business. However, some members of the committee, with the aid of Rev. A. W. McDaniel, made out progress at the Union meetings which were held at Carr's Hill, Oak Grove, Lake Toxaway and Gladly Branch. These meetings were almost a failure except the one at Lake Toxaway which was well attended by the people of the community, and resulted in a great revival."

A. J. MANLEY, for the committee.

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Just here Rev. A. W. McDaniel read a letter from Rev. F. M. Jordan, who is now too ill to attend the meetings of the Association. It was ordered that the full letter be printed in the minutes of the Association.

LETTER FROM REV. F. M. JORDAN

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Transylvania Association:

It would afford me an inexpressible joy to meet with you, but I am not able to go. I have not been anywhere since last December, and have not been able to walk a step for weeks and months, and suffer a great deal.

I am now in my 88th year and have been in the service of my blessed Savior for 74 years and have preached his everlasting gospel faithfully 65 years.

I have learned by sweet experience that wisdom's ways, the ways of religion, are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. I have drawn my pleasures in this life from the service of God; mixing and mingling with his people and winning souls to Christ, and burying believers with their blessed Savior in baptism. I have never been in a theatre, ball room or at a card table. I would not give one good social prayer meeting for all the theatres, ball rooms and card tables on God's earth.

The Christian has two heavens; one here and the other on the other side of the river. I am now standing on the bank of the river looking over into the promised land, where the tree of life is forever blooming and there is rest for the weary.

There shall I bathe my weary soul in seas of heavenly rest, And not a wave of trouble roll across my peaceful breast.

John says: "Now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him." These light afflictions which are but for a moment shall work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." It is through great tribulations that we are to enter the kingdom. God says, that He will never leave nor forsake, and when we pass through the valley and the shadow of death his rod and his staff shall comfort us. God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, for the former things are passed away.

Sincerely your devoted brother,

F. M. JORDAN.

The report on the state of the churches was read by J. M. Hamlin, and after a general discussion was adopted.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES

Conclusions as to the state of the churches have been drawn from the statistical and financial tables of the annual workings of the Association. In the number of baptisms, the Sunday school attendance, pastoral support, benevolent and mission contributions were taken as items, and as the totals exceeded or fell below those of previous tables it was taken for granted that the churches are not progressing. Taking this method for this report after a casual listening to the reading of the letters without summing up the figures, your committee is impressed that the original standard is maintained and no appreciable progress is made.

But while this may be true, your committee is unfavorably impressed by circumstances attending the present session. Why so few messengers in attendance? Why so many ministers absent? Why so few recognized leaders present? The Union meetings have lost interest for the want of attendance and this apathy seems to be entering the annual meeting. These may be but question marks, little things, but straws show the direction of the current.

Your committee is wonderfully impressed that there is a great work to be done within the bounds of this Association, that the field is inviting, that achievement is possible. That it must be done by the co-operation of the churches and the united leadership of the ministry, and that this Association at this session becomes culpable should it fail to make for entering the work.

Your committee being impressed with the supreme importance of this subject and foreseeing the fact of the pressure of time for a mature deliberation at this session, suggest an adjourned meeting as now organized, officials and messengers, to be held with such church as invites the same, on Friday and Saturday before the Fifth Lord's day in December next for the specific purpose of considering this subject in all its bearings and to take executive action on the same.

C. C. DUCKWORTH.

J. M. HAMLIN.

J. M. Hamlin, for the committee on Sunday schools, recommended to the Association that it adopt the report of the last year for its present report on that subject which was agreed to without discussion.

(This report may be seen Associational minutes 1916, page 25)

The report on Stewardship from the committee on that subject was read by C. C. Duckworth and after an extended discussion was adopted.

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP

The official office of a steward under the Mosaic dispensation; when the law had dominion over the people of God was to look after the substances and possessions of God's kings and God's high priests. It was required of them to be faithful and to use all accuracy in their book-keeping. Under the dispensation of Jesus Christ when Grace is to be the ruling power over and in the hearts of God's people, God has extended the high and exalted privilege to every one of being his own steward.

Peter says: "As every man has received the gift even so minister the same one to the other as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

In Titus we read "For a bishop must be blameless as the steward of God, not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre, but a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate." So when we prayerfully and rightfully consider the stewardship of God's stewards in our Association we, your committee, believe with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, that we have come to the right conclusion, namely, that the stewards of God have uninformed or misinformed opinions, or they are dishonest and are fast being removed by physical and spiritual death. Cannot we readily see the displeasure of our God if we fail to bring our tithes for his kingdom work? Does not it grieve His great and compassionate heart to look down on the broad acres of this valley yielding such abundance, and know that His tenants are withholding from Him that which He should have? Oh, that His ministers may inform themselves and preach a full gospel that God's people may know the great sins that they are committing by withholding God's rent!

C. C. DUCKWORTH.

Rev. J. R. Liner presented and read the following report on Ministerial Relief which was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

All must acknowledge that progress in our churches and Christianity as a whole, depends upon the strength of our ministry. Since that is true the treatment we give to the ministers all the way along the line of their career is vital to our future. If the churches stand by with the proper encouragement and support, it strengthens the heart of the ministry for better preparation, larger undertakings and greater sacrifices. As it is we find a number of things facing the ministry which discourages thoughtful young men from accepting the manifest call of God to this great work.

Among those is the fact that he faces a drear old age. Our ministers are generally poor boys and have to work their way through school or else preach with poor preparation. If they do the latter they will never make more than a meagre living for they will preach to churches that pay but little and will take much of their time from their vocation to give to their churches. If they go through school they take several of the money-making years for that. Then they preach for salaries that barely sustain their families in the places where they live. When they pass middle age the churches begin to shelve them and take up younger men. Then they are left without a job and too old to learn a trade. So they face old age with no purse and no occupation for a livelihood.

The government gives its soldiers board and clothes and a salary besides, while they serve. If they are disabled they are pensioned. If killed in the service their families are pensioned. Those in the government service in civil pursuits are pensioned after a certain length of service.

Many of our factories and corporations in this country and some of our public schools do the same. Some years since Germany adopted a law to pension every old man and woman in need in all Germany.

Many of our leading Christian denominations are raising large pension funds for their worn-out ministers. The Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodists and others have theirs in hand. The Northern Baptists and English Baptists have done the same. At our last session of the Southern Baptist Convention a start was made in that direction. The Sunday School Board at Nashville agreed to start with \$100,000 if the denomination would raise a million dollars.

We your committee recommend to the churches the support of this undertaking and also in the mean time our North Carolina Minister's Aid Fund.

We would recommend that each church take an offering this coming year for this cause.

COMMITTEE:

W. B. HENDERSON,
J. R. LINER,
C. C. DUCKWORTH.

J. M. Hamlin, the Historian of the Association, made the following report which was received by the session and ordered printed in the minutes.

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HISTORIAN'S REPORT

CURRENT EVENTS—

Rocky Hill church was host of the thirty-fifth anniversary gathering of the Transylvania County Baptist Association. Ample provision for the comfort of the messengers and visitors was graciously extended by church and community, and as graciously accepted and enjoyed.

The number of our visiting brethren was unusually small, being but two, Rev. W. R. Bradshaw and Rev. F. B. Hamrick representing the State Mission Board and the Thomasville Orphanage respectively. The visit of these brethren was altogether too short to please those with whom they mingled, being present but two pieces of days, however their work was well presented. Brother Bradshaw has severed his official relationship with the State Mission Board since his visit to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church at Hickory; his official visits to western associations are, therefore, of the past. He has been visiting us so long that he was regarded somewhat as a fixture.

The session at Rocky Hill was harmonious throughout, perhaps too much so. A little agitation sometimes intensifies harmony. A good natured discussion is necessary to life.

Once upon a time the Union meetings were subservient to doing work confided to them by the association to work up during the recess. These meetings have deteriorated in interest, in number of attendance and in other features. The ear of the churches, it seems, cannot be caught individually or representatively. Their attitude toward associational or denominational enterprises and plans of co-operation to further or develop these objects, for this reason cannot be ascertained.

Elder J. N. Lee, soon after the last associational meeting accepted mission work in the Carolina Association. Brother Lee did good work, especially at Rosman that will live beyond his day. Mrs. Lee deserves special mention for her devotion to Sunday school and Young People's work.

Elder T. C. King has invaded our territory as Mr. Lee's successor at Rosman. He comes well recommended. Being a non-resident he simply visits his flock monthly.

At the call of Turkey Creek Church a presbytery consisting of Elders P. P. Orr, J. R. Liner and T. C. Holtsclaw, set apart, January 7, 1917, R. R. Mahaffey to the full work of the ministry.

At a call of Zion church a presbytery consisting of Revs. T. C. King, A. W. McDaniel, J. J. Slattery and J. R. Liner set apart, August 26, 1917, B. B. Reece to the full work of the ministry.

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At a recent meeting of the Trustees of Carson-Newman College the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. J. C. Owen. This fact is noted not because he is a member of this association, for he is not, but because in honoring him his old association feels honored. He, as far as is known, is the first Transylvanian thus honored.

J. M. Hamkin -

OBITUARY

BREVARD CHURCH—

Jesse Mercer Glazeper was born February 14, 1880, and died Dec. 23, 1916. He was true and honorable; never quarreled with a neighbor; never felt the discharge of duty a burden; had an almost complete self-control; was a Confederate Soldier; was a gentleman and a Christian.

William Kimsey Osborne was born February 14, 1838, and died May 9, 1917. He was a Confederate Soldier serving in Co. E. 25th Reg. N. C. T. and in other commands until the end of the war. With this exception he spent his life in this County and near his birth place. He was a good soldier, a good citizen, good church member, holding several offices. He was also a good Mason. He was not wordy about convictions but stood for right as he saw it.

Rev. W. E. Barker, Warren, Ohio, early in 1915 came to Brevard and at once identified himself with the church there. Though in poor health he did what he could to honor his Master's work. He was a lovable brother, strong intellectually and towering spiritually. Brevard Church feels his loss and is grieved. He served Enon as pastor a short time, was called as supply to the First Church at Morganton where the work proved too great and forced his resignation. He was supplying Mt. Carmel, Buncombe County, where he died Sept. 5, 1917.

CATHEY'S CREEK CHURCH—

Mrs. Martha Peace, widow of the late T. J. Ross, was born in Greenville, S. C., Dec. 9, 1852 and died Dec. 25, 1916. She patiently endured a long affliction. She was almost invariably on the right side of moral and religious matters and was immovable.

DUNN'S ROCK CHURCH—

Marion Dunn was accidentally and fatally wounded. He died in a hospital two months after his baptism, and had therefore just begun the new life.

ENON CHURCH—

William R. Allison was born June 30, 1828, and died Aug. 31, 1917. He was a devoted Christian, having joined the Baptist

church about 60 years ago and kept the faith to the end.

EAST FORK CHURCH—

Miss Sarah Elmina Glazener died at the residence of G. G. Ballard, Dacusville, S. C., April 25, 1917, in the 83rd year of her age. She had been a consistent member of the church since she was ten years old.

LITTLE RIVER CHURCH—

Samuel Merrell died February 16, 1917, aged 72 years. He was a descendant of one of the pioneer families of the County. He was long the clerk of Little River Church and was, in by-gone days, an unfailing messenger to the association.

MOUNT MORIAH CHURCH—

Elizabeth Gillespie, wife of the late William Aiken, died July 15, 1917, near the age of 96 years. Her married life reached over a period of 67 years. She was a loyal member of the Baptist Church and a woman of sterling character and fine intelligence.

SHOAL CREEK CHURCH—

Anna Jane Nicholson, wife of the late W. C. Dunn, and a grand-daughter of John Nicholson in whose dwelling-house Cathey's Creek Church worshipped a hundred years ago, was born July 3, 1830 and died July 23, 1917. Many houses have been blessed by her visits in time of sickness.

ZION CHURCH—

Florence Olivia Whitmire, wife of J. W. Glazener, died May 24, 1917, at an age of 34 years. Since girlhood she had been a member of Zion Church. She was widely known in the county before marriage as a teacher.

A new standing committee on Woman's work was created by the Association and the Moderator appointed the following members thereon:

COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK

Mrs. W. H. Duckworth, Mrs. W. P. Henderson and Mrs. J. A. Bryson.

The session here recessed until 1:30 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session resumed its sitting at 1:35 p. m. and after the singing of a hymn was led in prayer by Rev. W. H. Nicholson.

The Executive Committee made the following appointments for the Union Meetings:

TABLE I—STATISTICAL.

Churches	Pastor	Postoffice	Clerks	Postoffices	Value Church Property	Time of Preach.	Rec'd by Baptis.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis'ed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Male Members	Female Members	Total Membership
+Blue Ridge.	R. R. Mahaffey	Brevard, R. 2.	J. M. Jones	Cedar Mtn.	300	8	16	12	1	4	1	1	35	24	59
Boyleston.	C. E. Puett	Brevard.	Carlos Holden	Brevard R. 2.	1 300	8	16	12	1	4	1	1	51	66	117
Brevard.	R. R. Mahaffey	Brevard, R. 1	Carlos Holden	Brevard R. 1.	12 000	8	16	12	1	4	1	1	51	66	300
Carr's Hill.	A. J. Manly	Rosman.	F. L. Wilson	Selica.	1 000	8	16	12	1	4	1	1	51	66	134
+Cars. Creek.	J. B. Kilpatrick	Rosman.	J. A. Bryson.	Selica.	1 500	8	16	12	1	4	1	1	51	66	158
Cathey Creek.	A. J. Manly	Rosman.	J. W. Hamet.	Pis. Fort R. 2	1 500	8	16	12	1	4	1	1	51	66	158
Dunn's Creek.	A. J. Manly	Rosman.	G. W. Whitmire	Brevard R. 1.	1 500	8	16	12	1	4	1	1	51	66	158
Dunn's Rock.	A. J. Manly	Rosman.	G. W. Whitmire	Brevard R. 1.	1 500	8	16	12	1	4	1	1	51	66	158
East Fork.	E. Allison	Etowah R. 1	G. T. Lyday	Brevard R. 2.	800	4	14	8	1	4	1	1	15	22	37
Enon.	A. J. Manly	Rosman.	G. T. Glazener	Brevard R. 2.	2 000	4	14	8	1	4	1	1	19	31	50
Glady Branch.	W. H. Nelson	Lake Tox-y	T. B. Reid	Brevard.	1 000	4	14	8	1	4	1	1	19	31	50
Lake Toxaway.	J. J. Slattery	Hender'ville.	M. L. Hamilton	Oakland.	1 900	4	14	8	1	4	1	1	19	31	50
Little River.	A. J. Manly	Rosman.	Julius Owen	Etowah R. 1.	1 750	3	6	5	1	1	1	1	19	31	50
Macedonia.	A. J. Manly	Rosman.	R. L. Hosges	Balsam Grove	1 500	3	6	5	1	1	1	1	19	31	50
Mount Moriah.	T. C. King	Hender'ville.	W. B. Henderson	Calvert.	1 500	3	6	5	1	1	1	1	19	31	50
Oak Grove.	A. J. Manly	Rosman.	W. E. Patterson	Quebec	1 500	3	6	5	1	1	1	1	19	31	50
Pine Grove.	Judson Corn	Brevard.	L. C. Lynch	Lake Tox-y R. 1	1 500	3	6	5	1	1	1	1	19	31	50
Rocky Forest.	A. J. Manly	Rasman.	Ralph W. Lee	Pisgah Forest	1 000	4	16	3	1	4	1	1	19	31	50
Rocky Hill.	S. B. McCall.	Rasman.	T. R. Chastain	Cedar Mtn	200	4	10	3	1	4	1	1	19	31	50
Shoal Creek.	Judson Corn	Brevard.	T. R. Chastain	Balsam Grove.	1 500	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	31	50
+Toxaway.	T. C. King	Hender'ville.	S. V. Brown	Brevard R. 2.	300	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	31	50
+Turkey Creek.	T. C. King	Hender'ville.	A. N. Collins	Rosman.	2 300	4	7	3	4	4	6	1	43	114	157
Zion.	T. C. King	Hender'ville.	A. N. Collins	Rosman.	32 900	151	33	9	67	23	8	18	2147	2147	2147
Totals—23.					27 400	176	105	13	89	8	15	15	24	72	29
Last year—24.					5 500	24	72	4	22	15	15	15	24	72	29
Gain†															
Loss†															

† Not Reported for two years.

† From Last Years' Report.

TABLE II—FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES	Pastors' Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	Local Evangelism	Poor	Printing	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects	Total
Blue Ridge...	35.00						70				5.00				191.00
Boyleston...	60.00	75.00	30.00	6.00			1.25	5.00	5.00					107.94	1983.64
Brevard...	1400.00		100.00	77.31	200.00		1.60	100.00	100.00	100.00	48.55	49.84			101.60
Carr's Hill...	100.00														
†Carson Creek															140.05
Cathey's Cree			2.00		72.00	38.00	4.55	9.00	9.00	10.50		4.00			52.00
Dunn's Creek...	40.00			7.50			50			1.00					46.25
Dunn's Rock...	15.00			6.50	12.00		2.00	6.10				6.75			21.37
East Fork...				3.17			.75	14.20				17.43			182.68
Enon...	61.54		3.00	24.41	51.30	15.00		14.20							140.05
Glady Branch	36.85		1.50	9.50	34.00		2.00	5.22	10.50						
†Lake Tox'y.															182.55
Little River...	110.70			29.52	40.12		1.72	7.41	7.40	7.40					24.75
Macedonia...	9.45			3.96		2.00		3.08	2.32	3.74					225.33
Mount Moriah	250.00	5.00		20.88	167.63	54.75	3.00	7.59	6.21	9.20				3.80	247.02
Oak Grove...	90.00		58.81	9.38	34.12	16.40	5.00	3.26				26.25	9.77		21.21
Pine Grove...	11.44									30.38		12.11			305.08
Pisgah Forest...	145.87			67.55			4.11					10.00			119.33
Rocky Hill...	50.00	42.00		9.00			1.00	2.80	2.00	3.00					101.79
Shoal Creek...	25.01	169.28		7.50											
†Toxaway...															
†Turk. Creek...							2.00					5.00	9.50	132.00	458.61
Zion...	175.70	8.00	18.71	37.70											
Totals...	2656.56	299.28	213.32	299.88	611.17	121.15		163.66	157.49	165.22	53.55	131.38	19.27	243.74	4544.36
Last Year...	2358.55	88.06	819.94	209.63		70.79		153.10	256.82	129.60	92.72	137.04	21.75	325.37	4673.09
Gain† Loss†	298.01	211.22	606.62	90.25		50.36		10.56	98.33	35.62	39.17	5.76	1.48	81.63	128.73

† Failed To Report.

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Churches	Superintendents.	Postoffices	Secretaries	Postoffices	No. of Schools	Offrs & Teach's	No. of Pupils	Total	Ch. Mem. in Sc'l	Months Opened	Bap't'm school	School Expen's	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total
†Blue Ridge.					1	7	63	70	40	12		6.00				6.00
Boyleston....	J. M. Patton.	Brevard R. 2.	J. M. Reece.....	Brevard R. 2.	1	12	207	219		12		77.84	48.53	66.74	107.94	260.32
Brevard.....	D. F. More...	Brevard.....	Miss Fair Snelson..	Brevard.....	1	9	70	79				10.00	5.00			15.00
Carr's Hill...	Cleve. Reece	Brevard R. 1.	Clunnie Orr.....	Brevard R. 1.												
†Cars. Creek.					1	7	54	60	30	12	18	8.94	1.16	4.43	14.71	29.34
Cathey Creek	J. A. Bryson.	Selica.....	Miss Nora Ross....	Selica.....	1	2	48	50				7.50				7.50
Dunn's Creek.	A. J. Hamet.	Pis. Fo't R. 2	Philip McGaha.....	Pis. Fo't R. 2	1	11	51	62		12		6.50		4.75	3.00	14.25
Dunn's Rock.	G. W. Whitmire.....	Brevard R. 1.	Miss Eva Hogsed...	Brevard R. 1.	1	5	35	40	17	12		3.17				3.17
East Fork....	S. E. McCall.	Rosman.....	J. T. Gillespie.....	Rosman.....	1	7	112	119		12		24.41		17.43		41.84
Enon.....	W. L. Talley.	Penrose.....	O. H. Talley.....	Penrose.....	1	6	82	88	34	12	14	9.83	9.53	5.40	7.90	32.66
Glady Branch	G. T. Glazener	Brevard.....	Miss Helen Justice.	Brevard.....												
†Lake Tox'y.					1	7	82	89	55	12	6	15.24	14.28			29.52
Little River..	W. R. Kilpatrick.....	Etowah R. 1.	M. L. Hamilton....	Etowah R. 1.	1	5	47	52	25	7		2.96				2.96
Macedonia...	W. P. Kilpatrick.....	Lake Tox R 1	C. A. McCall.....	Balsam Grove	1	8	80	88		12	12	20.88				20.88
Mount Moriah	J. W. Glazener.....	Rosman.....	Freeman Hays.....	Calvert.....	1	6	111	117	32	9	7	9.38		26.35		35.73
Oak Grove...	G. W. Henderson.....	Quebec.....	W. B. Henderson...	Quebec.....	1	4	60	64	21	12		5.35				5.35
Pine Grove...	S. P. McCall.	Lake Tox'y..	Herbert Andre....	Lake Tox R. 1	1	9	100	109		12		67.53				67.53
Pisgah Forest	R. E. Mackey	Pisgah Forest.	Russ Howell.....	Pisgah Forest.	1	7	49	56	31	12	10	9.00		7.88		16.83
Rocky Hill...	D. W. Lee...	Cedar Mtn....	Raymon Bishop....	Cedar Mtn...	1	8	35	43	20	12		5.00			2.50	7.50
Shoal Creek..	T. R. Chastain	Balsam Grove	William McCall...	Balsam Grove												
†Toxaway...																
†Turk. Creek.																
Zion.....	A. M. Paxton	Rosman.....	C. R. Clark.....	Rosman.....	1	9	129	138		12	6	25.83		5.00	11.83	42.66
Totals.....					19	136	1478	1614	325		73	299.88	78.50	107.93	147.88	629.03
Last Year...					19	131	1579	1710	553		35	293.39	95.08	129.97	31.04	549.48
Gain† Loss†.						5	101	96	228		38	6.49	16.58	21.84	116.84	79.55

† Failed To Report