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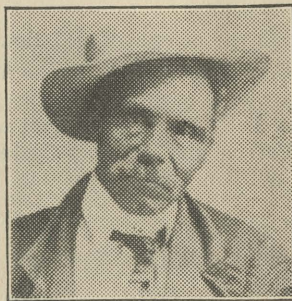
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Rev. J. A. Parsons, Moderator, Taylorsville, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Majors, Secretary, Wilkesboro, N. C.
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The Association will be surprised to see Rev. Robert Grinton's picture engraved in this minute for the first time in the history of the Association. He is the oldest minister of the Yadkin Valley. He has been a successful district missionary more than all the other ministers combined. He has stood firm for the faith and Baptist doctrine. He was moderator of this Association for years; until he gave up for a change in this office. He has done more to build up the Baptist with a sound and wholesome doctrine than any other so far as we know.

PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES

Wilkesboro, N. C., Aug. 25, 26, 27, and 28, 1921.

The Fortieth Annual Session of the Yadkin Valley Missionary Baptist Association met with Damascus Missionary Baptist church, three miles east of Wilkesboro, N. C., at 2:00 o'clock P. M., according to previous adjournment.

Rev. M. N. Watts, being absent and away attending the summer school, Bros. G. P. Parsons, the alternate, filled the introductory place. Rev. J. T. Strickland lined hymn, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross", which was sung sweetly by the delegates. Rev. J. C. Redmond led in a soul stirring prayer. Then Bro. G. P. Parsons preached an able introductory sermon from St. Matt. 5:14; text "Ye are the light of the world." Rev. J. T. Strickland made some good remarks on the text.

The Association adjourned for 30 minutes.

According to adjournment the Association reassembled. The moderator called the house to order by lining hymn: "Come Ye That Love the Lord", and all took a hearty part in the music. He then read a part of the 12 chapter of Proverbs. Rev. G. W. Petty led in prayer. The moderator declared the house ready for business.

The pastor gave the welcome address. He welcomed them in the church, in the homes and the community as a whole.

Rev. J. C. Redmond responded.

Motion carried to enroll the delegates as follows:

Damascus—Bros. J. C. Williams, E. B. Parks and Anthony Wellborn.

Poplar Springs—Bros. J. H. Hunt, C. C. Hunt and S. J. Edwards. Thankful—Bros. C. Parson and Artiway Satterwhite.

Pleasant Hill—Bros. William Luper, Columbus Redmond and Ned Gilreath.

Sandy Creek—Bro. Troy Simpson.

Ararat—Solomon Cloud and Walter Bowman.

Mt. Moriah—R. B. King.

Shiloh—Rev. J. T. Strickling.

Mt. Valley—Bros. F. C. Dobbins and Robert Parks.

Mt. Zion—Not represented.

Mt. Pleasant—Bros. Eugene Mann, Robert Gray and John Andrew Hunt.

Liberty Grove—Is not here.

New Home—Bros. L. A. Thompson, W. B. Thompson and Peter Bowles.

Friendship—Bros. T. M. Redmond and Milans Thompson.

Motion carried to go into permanent organization.

The following brethren were nominated for officers:

Rev. V. A. Parks and Rev. J. A. Parsons for Moderator.

Rev. J. W. Majors and Rev. T. G. Redmond for Secretary.

Bros. C. Parsons and F. C. Dobbins as General Treasurer.

Bros. J. H. Hunt and Eugene Mann for Ministers Relief Treas.

Bro. R. B. King for Foreign Mission Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed Rev. L. J. Carlton, Rev. J. T. Strickling and Bro. Walter Bowman as tellers, who reported that Rev. J. A. Parsons, elected Moderator; Rev. J. W. Majors, elected Secretary; Bro. Calvin Parsons, elected General Treasurer; Bro. J. H. Hunt, elected Ministers Relief Treasurer; and Bro. R. B. King, elected Foreign Mission Treasurer.

The old Moderator, in his usual manner, tendered his many thanks to the Association for its two-years honor to him as Moderator; and he welcomed the new Moderator in his office. Many good feelings were left in the body. The Secretary chose Rev. G. T. Redmond as Assistant Secretary.

Moderator appointed a committee on Arrangements of five with the Moderator and Clerk as follows: J. H. Hunt, C. Parsons, F. C. Dobbins, Walter Bowman and R. B. King.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Rev. G. T. Redmond will preach tonight at early candle light, and Bro. Partee Rowe will alternate.

Motion carried to stand adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Moderator lined hymn, "Dark Was the Night."

Benediction by Rev. G. W. Petty.

NIGHT SERVICES—THURSDAY, AUG. 25, 1921.

Met according to adjournment and the congregation sang many beautiful hymns. Then Bro. Partee Rowe lined hymn, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." Bro. G. P. Parsons led in prayer, after which Rev. T. G. Redmond preached an able sermon from the 1st chapter of Jonah, 6th verse. Text, "What meanest thou oh sleeper, arise and call upon thy God. Then Rev. J. A. Parsons led in prayer. Collection was \$3.50.

Benediction by Rev. J. C. Redmond.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION—AUG. 26, 1921.

Met according to adjournment. The Moderator called the house to order by lining hymn, "Amazing Sight the Savior Stand," which was sweetly sung by all. Then read the 21st chapter of St. Luke. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. T. Strickling.

Motion carried to call the roll of delegates and mark the absentees. The Secretary called it and it was received in its proper correction.

Motion carried to hear the proceedings of the afternoon session of yesterday. Read, received in its proper correction.

Motion carried to hear the letters from the various churches read. They were read and received in their proper correction, after leaving Rev. T. C. Graham's name off the enrollment of ministers, as he is unfinancial in his church and for resigning Poplar Springs church without a Christian cause.

Motion carried to open the doors for newly constituted churches and correspondents and visiting brethren. As the delegates sang an old hymn, Rev. A. B. Clark and Rev. C. H. Hooser, both of the Yadkin and Davie Associations and Rev. J. A. Morrison, of Greensboro, N. C., and the Roan Association, came and gave the Moderator their hands and took a seat with us for Christian council and advice.

Motion was carried to hear the Missionary Report from over the field. Read and received with much interest to all. The report read, there was much work yet to be done in the field.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 o'clock p. m. The Moderator lined hymn, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus say, Come Unto Me and Live," which was sung sweetly by all.

Benediction by Rev. R. Grinton.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION—AUG. 26, 1921.

The Moderator called the house to order by lining hymn, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," which was sweetly sung by the congregation. He then read a part of the 4th chapter of 1st John. Rev. J. C. Redmond led in a heartfelt prayer. The Moderator again lined hymn, "Oh For a Closer Walk With God," which was sweetly sung by the congregation. After which he declared the house ready for business.

Motion carried to hear the proceedings of the before noon session. Read and received.

As the doors were still open Rev. J. W. Poindexter, of the Orphans Home, of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Rev. A. D. Redmond, of the Yadkin and Davie Association, came and gave the Moderator their hands and were seated with us.

Motion carried to hear the Ex. Committee on Arrangements report. Read and received.

The Religious Committee reported that Rev. J. A. Morrison, will preach at 3:00 p. m. this afternoon, and Bro. W. M. Dowell, alternate.

The Moderator requested for all committees to go to work and bring in their reports correctly written as early as possible.

Motion carried to suspend the business of the Association for 30 minutes for preaching.

The Association reassembled and took up the following work:

Motion carried to hear the report on Resolutions. Read and received after some discussion by Rev. V. A. Parks, J. H. Hunt, C. Parsons.

Motion carried to hear the report on Constitution and By-Laws. Read and received.

Motion carried to hear the report of sending out a Missionary. Read and received after some discussion by Rev. T. G. Redmond, Bro. E. L. Long, Bro. J. H. Hunt, Rev. Grinton and others.

Motion carried to hear the report on Presbytery's Appointment. Read and received after some discussion by Rev. R. Grinton, J. H. Hunt, Rev. A. W. Smith and others.

Motion carried to hear the report on the Orphan's Home of Winston-Salem, N. C. Read and received after some discussion by the delegates.

The doors were still extended for corresponding and visiting brothers when Rev. D. F. Davis and Brother P. L. Harris of the Yadkin and Davie Associations came and gave the Moderator their hands and took seats in our body. They both electrified the body with stirring speeches commanding this Association to God.

Motion carried to hear the report of Enrollment of Ministers. Read and received after some correction.

Motion carried to hear the report of Minister's and Deacon's meeting. Read and received.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Rev. J. T. Strickling will preach tonight at early candle light, and Rev. E. F. Davis, alternate.

Rev. J. A. Morrow preached an able sermon at 3 o'clock p. m. from the 5th Chapter and 5th Verse of Daniel. Text: "In The Same Hour Came Forth Fingers of a Man's Hand." Collection was \$4.00.

Motion carried to adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock a. m. The Moderator lined hymn, "The Day Has passed and Gone", which all did sing sweetly. Benediction by Rev. J. C. Redmond.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION—AUG. 21, 1921.

The congregation met and sang many beautiful pieces before services. Then Rev. C. F. Davis called the house to order and read a part of the 4th Chapter of Genesis, after which Rev. W. M. Crawford led in a soul stirring prayer. Then Rev. J. T. Strickling preached a heart stirring sermon from Genesis 4th Chapter, 7th, Verse. Text: "If Thou Be At The Door, Doest Well, Shall Thou Not Be Accepted; If Thou Doest Not Well, Sin Lieth At The Door". Many beautiful songs were sung by the choir and delegates at the close of the sermon.

Collection \$10.10.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION—AUG. 27, 1921.

The Moderator called the house to order by lining hymn, "Come Ye That Love The Lord," which was sweetly sung by all. Prayer by Brother E. L. Long. The Moderator declared the house ready for business.

Motion carried to call the roll of delegates, read and received.

Motion carried to hear the proceedings of yesterday afternoon. Read and received.

The Missionary report and the Enrollment of Ministers were called up and finished this morning.

Motion carried to pay the \$20.00 that Rev. J. C. Redmond borrowed from Brother J. H. Hunt on the Mt. Pleasant Missionary church in Jonesville, N. C., at the credit of this Association. This motion went over the top with much brotherly love.

Motion carried to hear Resolution read that is offered by Brother Calvin Parsons. Read, received and adopted in the midst of much applause. The body empowered the Executive Board for committee on this Bible School of Training.

The religious committee reported that Rev. P. C. Adams will preach the Missionary sermon today at 11 o'clock a. m., and Rev. A. D. Redmond, alternate.

Motion carried to hear the reports on Woman's Home Missionary Society. Read and received after a discussion by J. H. Hunt, E. L. Long, J. C. Redmond, L. A. Thompson, Rev. A. W. Smith and others.

Motion carried to hear the report on Foreign Mission. Read and received. It was decided that every church bring up what it can on the church letter every year. Not less than 50 cents on Foreign Mission; 50 cents on Education; 50 cents on Orphan's Home.

Motion carried to hear Rev. Father Grinton address the Association on the Missionary Rules and Regulations of the Baptist Doctrine.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 o'clock p. m. Benediction by Rev. G. W. Petty.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION—AUG. 27, 1921.

The Moderator called the house to order by lining hymn, "How Sweet The Name of Jesus Sounds," after which he read a part of the 13th Chapter of 1 Cor. He then asked the delegates to let the session be ruled with prayer. After which Rev. W. J. Poindexter led in prayer.

The Moderator declared the house ready for business.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported that Rev. M. N. Watts will preach at 3 o'clock p. m., and Brother E. L. Long, alternate.

Motion carried to hear the proceedings of the before noon session. Read and received.

Motion carried to hear the examination of treasurer's. Read and received.

Motion carried to hear the report on the finance committee. Read and received.

Report on evening services as follows: Rev. P. C. Adams preached an able sermon from 2nd Kings 20th Chapter, 15th Verse. Text: "What Have They Seen in Thine House." Rev. A. D. Redmond sang one beautiful song at the close. Financial committee lifted a collection of \$2.70.

The Association lifted a collection for the three deaf children of Mrs. Fannie Early to the amount of \$9.15.

Motion carried to hear the report on church improvement. Read and received.

Motion carried that the financial committee turn over \$70.40 of Association funds and \$2.00 educational funds to the general treasurer; \$2.75 to the foreign mission treasurer and \$11.10 to Rev. W. J. Poindexter, the superintendent of the Orphans Home Institution of Winston-Salem, N. C., to help them in the needed work.

Motion carried to hear the report on time and place of the Bible School. Read and received.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported that Rev. W. J. Poindexter will preach tonight at early candle light, Rev. A. W. Smith, alternate; tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. J. A. Parsons and L. J. Carlton. No further services are reported.

Motion carried to hear the report on time and place. Read, received and adopted in the midst of many applauds: Saying on to Friendship Missionary Baptist church.

Motion carried to pay Rev. R. Grinton, the late appointed Missionary, \$5.00 to start him on the field. The delegates will keep in mind that Rev. P. C. Adams is appointed also missionary to assist Rev. R. Grinton over the field.

Motion carried to hear the report of the Executive Board of Christian and Bible School which has control of the educational work. Read and received in the midst of much applause by Ministers and Deacons.

Motion carried to stand adjourned to meet on Thursday at 2 o'clock p. m., before the 4th Sunday in August, 1922, with Friendship Missionary Baptist church near the Taylorsville road.

The delegates lined and sang: "By the Grace of God I'll Meet You", which was sung through many tears and regrets to leave such a lovely Association that had not been held before.

Benediction by Rev. A. W. Smith.

At the adjournment the financial committee reported that Rev.

M. N. Watts preached an able sermon this evening. Collection was taken for Sister Mima Wellborn's sick son which amounted to \$1.50.

This closed one of the most interesting sessions ever held in the Yadkin Valley. The brethren were all of one accord as the Apostles were of days of old. God's word was the spirit of every movement of the session.

REV. J. A. PARSONS, Moderator.

REV. J. W. MAJOR'S, SECRETARY.

The Sunday morning mass meeting met at 9 o'clock a. m. House called to order by singing, "Amazing Sight The Savior Stands." Rev. L. J. Carlton led in prayer. He then read a part of the 4th Chapter of Hebrews. Rev. G. W. Petty talked on the Chapter. Speeches by the following subjects and persons: Rev. W. J. Poindexter gave an interesting talk on the duties each one owed to Orphan's Home Institution; Miss Orrisie Harris made a strong speech on Temperance or whiskey traffic, which many did enjoy; Rev. A. W. Smith sang with the congregation; Rev. J. A. Parsons, Brother W. E. Hackett, Prof. Reuben White stirred the eye note of living. The latter swept the congregation over and over, to the lofty vision on high.

Motion carried to print the address of Sister Orisie Harris in the minutes this time. Rev. A. W. Smith addressed the meeting on Temperance.

Motion carried to adjourn to the house for preaching as the hour hand is pointing toward 11 o'clock a. m.

The total collection during the Association up to Sunday morning at 11 o'clock a. m., was \$55.29.

Donated to Mrs. Elizzie Early's three deaf and dumb children of Jonesville, N. C., \$9.15; to Sister Mimie Wellborn's sick son, \$1.50; to Damascus church, \$22.32; to Rev. R. Grinton, \$2.00; to Rev. A. W. Smith \$2.00; to Rev. G. W. Petty \$2.00. Total donation of this collection is \$38.97. Balance placed in Minister's Treasury, \$16.32.

Sunday evening's collection was \$11.04. paid to Rev. J. A. Morrison's who preached at 3 o'clock p. m., \$7.00. The remaining \$4.04 was left in Damascus church treasury.

This ends all collections for the present session, according to the financial committee's report.

Let it be understood prayerfully that the Board of the educational department advised that the Minister's Relief money be used for Summer School for the benefit of our Ministers, Deacons, and those seeking for a sound Christian education.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

We your committee on time and place respectfully submit to this body the following report:

Resolved, that Friendship church has called for this Association for the last ten years and failed to get it; therefore, be it resolved, that the next Annual Association will convene with Friendship Missionary Baptist church, commencing on Thursday before the Fourth (4) Sunday at 2 o'clock p. m., 1922. Rev. J. T. Strickling will preach the Introductory Sermon; Brother W. M. Dowell, alternate. This church will be found near the Taylorsville line in New Hope Township of Iredell County.

Done by Order of the Association.

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF SHILOH CHURCH, MT. AIRY, N. C.

Dear Brethren, We submit to this body the following report of our Home Mission work for this year: We have raised \$26.29; given to widow's orphans, \$3.50; to other Christian causes, \$9.80. Total given, \$13.30; balance in treasury with back money, \$38.37.

We have accomplished much this year in the Lord's Vineyard. Pray for our success, always.

REV. J. T. STRICKLING, President.

BROTHER CHARLIE NELSON, Secretary.

BROTHER JAMES NELSON, Treasurer.

REPORT OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Dear Brethren, we your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, make to this honorable body the following report: First, we advise this body not to enroll any minister who fails to meet the Association and other meetings that are appointed by this body, unless they state to the body a lawful excuse. We advise all ministers to meet the Annual Session every year and the minister's and Deacon's meeting every three months according to adjournment or at the call of the Moderator.

We advise the secretary to have the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules or Order and Articles of Faith printed. We advise every church to be ruled by the same to banish trouble.

R. GRINTON,

J. C. REDMOND,

T. M. REDMOND,

Committee.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENT.

We your Committee on appointing a Missionary on our field this year, we recommend Rev. R. Grinton to place on the field as General Missionary and Rev. P. C. Adams, his assistant Missionary. If duty is in the lead much good can be accomplished as a strong missionary worker is so much needed in our field. We advise the

Missionary to meet the Missionary Board of Presbyterys every three months, place appointed by the chairman and ten days notice given to the Board by the Secretary as to place and date.

ANTHONY WELBORN,
NED GILREATH,
C. PARSONS,
Committee.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

Dear Brethren: The purpose of this school is to help the preachers, deacons, and others in the Yadkin Valley Association, who are interested in the study of the Bible. "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God, who hath made us able ministers of the new testament—2nd Corinthians, 3rd Chapter, 5-6 Verses.

There will be one session of Summer School held during the next year from July 20 to August 2, 1922, at Damascus church. Revelation and Daniel will be studied with much interest. We advise the Secretary to get up a short course of study and send to all who are interested in the Bible School.

Rev. L. J. Carlton was chosen to teach Class A-1.

Rev. V. A. Parks was chosen to teach Class B-2.

All ministers, deacons, and Bible workers are urged to prepare to attend this Summer School; every church is advised to send a contribution up for this great cause.

Done by the Executive Board of Education.

The Executive Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Rev. W. J. Poindexter, superintendent of Winston-Salem, N. C. Orphan's Home, will preach tonight at early candle light; Rev. A. W. Smith, alternate; Rev. J. A. Parsons, the moderator, will preach Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and Rev. J. A. Carlton, alternate.

REPORT ON CHURCH IMPROVEMENT.

It is the opinion of this Committee that a great command was addressed primarily to the Apostles, and their successors as preachers; and it is their duty to consecrate the best efforts of heart, mind and hands to carry out this great command, trusting him to supply their every need. This duty he has enjoined upon the churches as custodians of the ministry. See Acts 13:5-15-24, Revelations 2:3. Also this duty is enjoined upon the churches in striking for Auxiliary, Home Mission and Baptist Young Peoples' Union Societies, sense calling for our sympathy, prayer and means, in carrying forward this great work. See Phil. 4:10-20.

We earnestly recommend increased contributions to our Mis-

sions, and that they contribute on the direct plan as heretofore asked in the church blanks.

We advise quarterly collection taken up for this cause.

C. C. MARTIN,

P. C. ADAMS.

Committee.

Whereas, we see the need of improvement along educational lines and a better understanding of the scripture and more unity among our ministers and deacons, and a more uniform system of teaching, whereas, we see and feel the great benefit derived from close contact with strong and able leaders and feeling that the Baptist cause may be strengthened by having a training school of two or three weeks duration where all the ministers and deacons may come together and discuss the difficult problems of their work, Be It Resolved, that we take this matter under consideration.

If thought best set aside a fund for this purpose.

C. PARSONS, Committee.

P. S.: We want to save all the money in the Old Saint treasury to pay the expenses of a training school for the young ministers to prepare them for good work.

TEMPERANCE ADDRESS BY MISS ORISSIE S. HARRIS.

"The Curse Of Strong Drink."

Strong drink is raging. Wine is the greatest mocker of the State. Strong drink, the same paw with open claws, the velvet mocks with coarseness, the claws tear openly. Whosoever is deceived by drink is not wise. A man is a fool to be deceived by drink because to be deceived he must invite deception, and the citizen sovereign who though he lets no wind or strong drink pass his lips yet for some paltry revenue of some vile notes, he welcomes it into the community, among the houses, schools and churches. He will yet realize in tears if not in blood, fire or tenor that licensed wine is the greatest mocker over the State. High license is the saloon keeper's guilt paint upon the windows of the guilty mind to keep conscience from seeing out or God from seeing in. What infernal infatuation is it that makes men offer themselves, their loved ones, as victims upon the altar of this mocking devil drink, when they know that there is such chemistry in it that as will soon mildew and destroy every bright holy thing in life. I have seen it take a manly, chivalrous man who loved his wife perfectly and make him feel abused because she was not cheerful when he came home drunk. I have seen a man who loved his wife so changed by it he could look coldly on her when her heart was breaking, sneer at her tears, and leave her thus alone at midnight and go for more drink. I have seen a loving son so altered by it

that while his old mother knelt before him and clung to his knees to pray, the devil of drink would say, come on away, let's go to the saloon, and he would tear her hands away and go, and leave her prone and fainting on the floor. I have seen a manly, self-respecting father who idolized his children, so transformed by it that he would skulk and watch an opportunity to steal into his own house without meeting them. I have seen a man who revelled in good books and pictures and all that is lovely and of good report, so besotted by it as to prefer over his own exquisite home to spend the nights playing with a greasy pack of cards and a thief for a partner. I have seen a man whose life was as clean and open as the day, so drunk by drink that he would skulk through alleys rather than meet old friends. I have seen a noble fellow die away from home and friends quivering in delirium tremens. One hundred thousands died from drink this year in this country. Three hundred today. Ten in less than an hour. Three hundred thousand more are ready for the coming year. Three million women and children are ready for the coming holocaust of the coming year. and yet I shall be called villant and fanatical if I say that the saloon ought to die. It will die unless signs are misleading our country is to get right and stay right on this question and no longer be partner in the calamity of the people. Have you ever had a square look at this thing? Let me make you a picture. I shut my eyes and on the wings of thought fly to some lofty eminence, whence looking down take the country in at a glance in all its great extent. I hear the roaring oceans east and west, and ever and again amidst the multiplied harmonious of the world. I hear another sound or rather a confused multitude of sounds, of awful discord. So different from the rest, so high and like a wail, in such a minor key, that pierces through the mighty music and never ceases to be heard or rather felt. So wierd it is that my heart draws back and a nameless fear comes over me. The other sounds I understand for I can see the oceans, rivers, the mills, the marts, palaces, and cottages, where happy low-voiced women go singing about their precious daily cares. I can see the yellowing harvest kissing the sun and bowing to the breezes, and beckoning to the joyous husbandmen. I can see the mountain sides veined up their granite cliffs with seams of gold and silver and coal and iron bursting from the over-flowing province of the hills. What a sight it is our own, our splendid country. But still that other sound continues. It sounds as though it were the very last in hopeless agony there. But what is that blot on the burning landscape as though it had just been burnt over. I overlooked it in its blackness. Oh, God! it sounds as if thousands of men, women and children were consumed in fire there. See! the smoke and hear the awful cry as if a lost world was shrieking out its dying agony. Ah, now! I see, that

smoke is from the belching craters of distilleries and breweries, and that black blot is a city foul to see and smelting to heaven. Ah! I see why the rest of the country was so happy. Such a sight. Thousands of miles of streets, and not a happy home. Six millions of people and not a cheery face. Tell me then in the name of all that is clean, why ought not the saloon to go? The saloon is going, I tell you, perhaps not by your political party or mine, your church or mine. But God reigns and his people will awake and as it lies dying at the last amongst its bags of bloody gold and we stand over it. If it shall look up into our face and whisper another million of revenue. For a single breath of life. You will say as I will, no! Down, down, to hell! and say I sent you there.

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REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

It is the sense of this committee to rejoice at the improvement of this Association on many needed lines. We stress the fact that we are moving one with this Christian work on the fiery line of the Gospel.

Since we are donating to so many causes, Resolved, that every minister and deacon advise every member of their church to give 10 cents a year for Mission Funds, and advise them to fill out their Association letters complete.

S. J. EDWARDS,

J. H. HUNT.

Committee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Brother Moderator: We, your Committee on Education, beg to submit the following report: We have carefully noted the recommendation on education adopted in your last session, and feel that they are just what you need; we recommend that they be adopted at this meeting. Respectfully submitted,

C. H. HAUSER,

W. J. POINDEXTER.

Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S MEETING.

The First Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Deacons will convene with Thankful church on Friday, at 2 o'clock p. m. before the Fifth Sunday in October, 1921. Rev. L. J. Carlton will preach the Introductory Sermon, and Brother E. L. Long, alternate.

MILONS COLBERT,

GAITHER PARSONS.

Committee.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

It is the sense of this committee to say with profound thankfulness to Him, whom is over all, that we are in a progressive age; therefore, we commend to this body 525 copies of minutes to be printed and sent out to the different churches by the Secretary as soon as he can get the printing done, and that he be paid \$8.00 out of the general treasury for his services, and the Moderator \$3.50 for his services. We advise every church to bring up 10 cents a member as before for Mission or Association Funds.

W. R. THOMPSON,
SOLOMON CLOUD.
Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSION.

Dear Moderator and Brethren: We rejoice to know that we are filling this mission, for what it was intended. The scope of this work is very broad indeed, therefore, we advise each and every church to raise what ever may be possible every year for this purpose. Bring this up with your report on the Association letters at the Annual Session. We advise the Secretary to plan for the time to raise this money and the other missions as well that each church may be kept in touch of this work.

T. W. SIMPSON,
EUGENE MANN.
Committee.

MISSIONARY SERMON.

We your Committee On a Missionary Sermon beg leave to report as follows: We recommend Rev. P. C. Adams to preach the Missionary Sermon on Saturday at 11 o'clock before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1922, at the next Association.

C. H. REDMOND,
PETER BOWLES.
Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSION ORGANIZATION.

We rejoice to say that we need Ladies' Home Mission Societies in all of our churches. We recommend that they may be organized in every church, and that they be instructed to meet every month at a day and time named by them or at the call of the President. This will stimulate the church and Association greatly.

We also recommend that they be instructed to send delegates

to the next Annual Association of this body or organize an auxiliary work.

E. L. LONG,
A. D. REDMOND.
Committee.

REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME

We, your Committee on Orphan's Home, beg leave to report as follows: We advise the Association and churches in general to do more for the Orphans Home this coming year. We feel that they need more of our help. We urge all the churches to send up all they can the next session. See that what each church raises is placed on the face of their letter.

J. C. WILLIAMS,
A. B. CLARK.
Committee.

THE BOARD OF PRESBYTERYS APPOINTED.

Brother Moderator and Delegates: We feel proud to present to this body the following ministers for the Presbytery Board of Five: Rev. R. Grinton, Rev. V. A. Parks, Rev. J. C. Redmond, Rev. L. J. Carlton, and Rev. J. A. Parsons for this year. All of whom we advise to be well informed and qualified for the work.

We further advise them to require the young ministers to meet the educational standard that is found in this minute on another page. The time is not to come; but here; those who lead, must be prepared to lead indeed. So much of this is expected from those who have had the greater advantage of schooling and Christian training.

ARTIWAY SATERWHITE,
W. C. LUPER,
ROBERT PARKS.
Committee.

THE MISSIONARY YEAR'S REPORT.

Dear Moderator and Delegates: I have not done much Missionary work in the field this year, but I have done the best I could. I have gotten my expenses. I see the great need of more labors in the vineyard.

Your servant,
L. J. CARLTON.

REPORT ON ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS.

We, your Committee on Enrollment of Ministers, report as follows:

1. Rev. R. Grinton, Wilkesboro, N. C.
2. Rev. G. W. Petty, Wilkesboro, N. C.

3. Rev. A. W. Smith, Taylorsville, N. C.
4. Rev. V. A. Parks, Call, N. C.
5. Rev. J. W. Majors, Wilkesboro, N. C.
6. Rev. J. C. Redmond, Wilkesboro, N. C.
7. Rev. L. J. Carlton, Moravian Falls, N. C.
8. Rev. J. A. Parsons, Taylorsville, N. C.
9. Rev. P. C. Adams, Roaring River, N. C.
10. Rev. P. A. Biggers, Gastonia, N. C.
11. Rev. T. G. Redmond, Wilkesboro, N. C.
12. Rev. M. N. Watts, Taylorsville, N. C.

Liceniates:

1. Brother Partee Rowe, Taylorsville, N. C.
2. Brother. W. M. Dowell, Roaring River, N. C.
3. G. P. Parsons, Jonesville, N. C.
4. Brother E. L. Long, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

L. A. THOMPSON,
E. R. PARKS,
ARTIWAY SATERWHITE,
Committee.

RECEIPTS

General Treasurer of Aug. 19, 1920, to Aug. 27, 1921.

To balance brought forward	\$73.65
To collection from churches	70.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$143.05

Expenditures

By paid Secretary's Salary	\$ 8.00
By paid Moderator's Salary	3.50
By paid Printing 500 Minutes	62.00
By paid to the New Home Church	\$10.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$83.50

Receipts

Minister's Relief Treasurer's Report.

To balance brought forward	\$28.23
To general collection at this Session	55.29
Total Receipts	\$83.52

Expenditures.

By paid to three deaf and dumb children	9.15
By paid Sister Mimie Welborn's sick son	1.50
By paid Rev. R. Grinton	2.00
By paid Rev. G. W. Petty	2.00
By paid Rev. A. W. Smith	2.00
By paid Damascus Church	22.32

Total Expenditures\$38.97

Total Credits in Minister's Relief Treasurer\$45.29

Receipts**Foreign Mission Treasurer**

To balance on hand	\$4.92
To collections from Churches	5.75

Total Receipts\$10.67

Total credit in all Treasurers

L. J. CARLTON,

I. P. ROWE,

C. W. FLOWERS.

Committee.

Report and Receipts of Finance

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows from the different churches:

1. Damascus	\$12.40
2. Poplar Springs	12.00
3. Thankful	19.00
4. Liberty Grove	3.00
5. Ararat	2.80
6. Friendship	4.00
7. Mt. Moriah	2.10
8. Mt. Valley	1.80
9. Mt. Pleasant	1.50
10. Pleasant Hill	2.20
11. New Home	2.00
12. Sandy Creek	2.20
13. Shiloh	2.30
14. Union Grove	3.10

Total Receipts\$70.40

J. T. STRICKLING,

V. A. PARKS,

ROBERT GRAY.

Committee.

OBITUARIES AND DEATH ROLL

Sister Harriet Patterson departed this life September, 1921. Her age was 72 years. She was the mother of nine children. Five are living and four are dead. She was a faithful member of the Mt. Valley church, and met all her obligations and Christian duties. She never complained about any of her duties. She met them willingly. Mt. Valley has lost one of her best members, but may our lost be Heaven's gain.

We shall know as we are known,
Never more to walk alone,
In the dawning of the morning
Of that bright and happy day,
We shall know each other better
When the mists have rolled away.

By Mary Dobbins.

Sister Nicy Tatum was born Dec. 2, 1891. She was married to Brother W. P. Tatum Jan. 26, 1909. She joined Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist church October 30, 1910. She died Nov. 14, 1920. She leaves a husband and five children to our lost. Her last words were, "I am Saved" Take these children and do the best you can. It is best for me to die; I have suffered so long. I am going to meet my two little boys.

By W. P. Tatum.

Thankful's Death Roll

Brother Mathew Howell was born October 24, 1884, and professed a hope in Christ and joined the Thankful Baptist church 20 years ago. He was a Deacon for 15 years. He leaves one brother and four sisters, a wife, five boys and four girls, to mourn their loss; their loss is Heaven's gain. He was faithful in the church until death. Blessed are those who die in the Lord.

By R. C. Horton.

Thankful's Death Roll No. 2.

Brother T. C. Howell departed this life June 4, 1921. He was 67 years old. He was a member of this church for 45 years. He leaves a wife, five sons and four daughters to mourn their loss; their loss is Heaven's gain. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord; their works do follow them.

By R. C. Horton.

Thankful's Death Roll No. 3

Brother Don Harris was born Feb. 10, 1897, and departed this life June 11, 1921. He joined Thankful Baptist church six years ago.

He lived a consistent Christian. He was peaceable and obedient. He bore his sickness patiently until God saw fit to call him home. We feel that his reward is great in Heaven.

He leaves a father, mother, six brothers and five sisters to mourn their loss; may their loss be Heaven's gain.

By R. C. Horton.

Damascus Death Roll No. 1

Brother Hamp Ferguson departed this life February 18, 1921. He was a member of the Methodist church a good many years, after which he joined the Baptist church at Damascus, where he remained until death. He was a member of Damascus for 21 years. He was faithful to his church duties and was a loyal Deacon of his church. It never rained too hard to keep him from going to church. He went in all kinds of weather. He tried to treat every body right. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn their loss. A good husband is gone, a good church member and Deacon has gone. We hope our loss is Heaven's gain. He was 49 years old. His two favorite songs were: One, "There is a great change since I've been born"; the other one was, "I am on my way to Cannan's Land." He tried to sing these songs until the last hour.

Damascus Death Roll No. 2

Sister Isabelle Parks departed this life April 12, 1921. She was a beloved member of Damascus church, and always filled her seat when she possible could. She was a member of this church for about 30 years.

She was the mother of 13 children; five are now living, the rest dead. She was about 86 years old. Damascus has lost one more good and faithful member. May our loss be Heaven's gain. We hope to meet her beyond this world of tears where we will part no more.

By Committee.

Poplar Springs Death Roll No. 1

Sister Isabelle Edwards was born May the 1st, 1860, and departed this life September the 4th, 1920. She was 60 years old when she died.

She lived a faithful member of Poplar Springs church for about 40 years and attended her meetings when ever she could. She leaves a husband, five children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. We trust this loss is Heaven's gain.

No more restless nights of sorrow,
Never more an ache or pain,
Never more a field of battle,
But a land of peace and rest.

Poplar Springs Death Roll No. 2

Sister Sadie Petty was born October the 14th, 1888, and departed this life May the 6th, 1921. She was a faithful member of Poplar Springs church which she joined about 15 years ago. She was loyal to her Sunday-school and honored the old people of her community. Her presence is greatly missed in her home and Sunday-school. She leaves a mother, three sisters, seven brothers, and many friends to mourn their loss. We feel her absence from us is her eternal bliss.

Poplar Springs Death Roll No. 3

Brother Dennis Holbrook was born Nov. 23rd, 1895, and departed this life June the 8th, 1921. He was a member of Poplar Springs church which he joined about 9 years ago. He leaves a wife, one daughter and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

Poplar Springs Death Roll No. 4

Sister Jane Adams was born July 30th, 1829, and departed this life October 14th, 1920. She was about 92 years old when she died. She lived a faithful member of the church 70 years. She was first a member of Brier Creek church and came from there to Poplar Springs Baptist church of which she was the oldest members. She was one of the most punctual members and even when she was not at herself she would never forget her church affairs. One of her favorite songs was, "I am going home to die no more." She leaves to mourn their loss one son, daughter, and a host of relatives and friends.

Never more a night of sorrow,
Never more an ache or pain,
Never more a field of battle,
But a land of peace and rest.

**THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHERS' AND MINISTERS'
TRAINING SERVICE OF THE YADKIN VALLEY
ASSOCIATION AND CONVENTION.**

Courses of Study—The service will comprise four courses, viz: Primary, Intermediate, Advanced, and Normal. Each minister, deacon or student shall select which ever course he desires, but we advise that the teacher and principal in charge to be consulted in the matter.

Systematic Bible Reading Course. Book price 15 cents per dozen.

What the Baptist Believe and Practice. Price 10 cents a copy.

Hiscox's New Directory, \$1.60.

Bible Alphabet, 20 cents.

Story of the Gospel, 75 cents.

A Bible Story Reader, Free.

Bible Thoughts With Questions and Answers, 25 cents.

The ministers and students must understand eight parts of speech of the English language, four of the fundamental principles of Arithmetic, Eighteen Articles of Faith, and he must know church government, before he can render better services to his church and country.

The Bible and church government will be practiced every three months at the Minister's and Deacon's meeting at the call of the Moderator or body.

The secretary is advised to keep in touch with the educational work and plans, and render all helpful needs to the Association. May the body be strengthened by such improvement with us.

For further information of this Summer School course write Rev. J. W. Majors, Secretary, Wilkesboro, N. C., or Rev. J. A. Parsons, Moderator, Taylorsville, N. C.

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Lost by Letter	Lost by Death	Excluded	Restored	Male Members	Female Members	Total Members	Pastor's Salary	Minute Fund	Poor Fund	Orphanage	Foreign Missions	Ordained Ministers	Licentiate Ministers	Building and Repairs	Value of Churches	Seating Capacity	Value of Church Property	Ministers' Education	Church Organized	Total Worth and Payment of Each Church	Counties
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CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Yadkin Valley Missionary Baptist Association.

Article 2. This Association shall be composed of regular Missionary Baptist Churches in good standing and in full practice of the doctrines. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom upon earth.

Art. 3. The delegates selected should bear from each church, respectively, a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interests thereof.

Art. 4. This Association just formed shall meet annually on Thursday at 2 o'clock P. M., before the fourth Sunday in August. Before organization, all letters shall be read and approved. The Association shall elect by ballot a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer—for general relief and foreign and home missions and orphans' home, finances—who will continue in office one year or until others are elected.

Art. 5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at business meetings of the Association, to keep order during each session, to decide questions of order subject to an appeal to the house by any member and to perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the Association, to transcribe them in a book kept for the purpose and to perform all other duties assigned him by the Association.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all funds coming into his hands and to report the same at the order of the Association.

Art. 8. There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five members besides the Moderator and Clerk.

Art. 9. All letters of grievances, together with queries and letters from corresponding associations requiring any attention shall be submitted to the committee of arrangements and be reported back to the association.

Art. 10. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise leadership over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as an Advisory Council upon matters respecting internal regulations of the churches.

Art. 11. When an offense may have been committed by one church against another, or where serious difficulties may have arisen in an individual church, as the case may be, it shall take the matter into consideration and advise upon it.

Art. 12. The association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches that neglect to institute and preserve gospel order among their members, or any of her churches and ministers who treat her constitution with contempt, but shall sustain with all her influences such as promote gospel principals and order.

Art. 13. It shall be the provinces of this Association to invite corresponding brethren to seats in the association, but such will not be entitled to vote.

Art. 14. The Association shall in all cases, except matters pertaining to the Constitution, be governed by a majority of the members present, and shall not adjourn until they have gone through all of the business of the Association, except on extraordinary occasions.

Art. 15. Each church having ordained licensed ministers shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such on the face of the minutes.

Art. 16. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

Art. 17. The Association has a fund created and sustained by voluntary contribution from the churches which shall be held by the Treasurer, subject to the disposition of a majority of the association present at any annual meeting.

Art. 18. The association shall have an annual session at such time and place as the body may from time to time designate.

Art. 19. By an appointment the association may have an introductory, a missionary and a denominational sermon preached at each annual session.

Art. 20. The Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, two-thirds of the members concurring.

RULES

1. This Association shall be opened with singing which shall be followed with a prayer by the moderator or anyone appointed by him.

2. The minutes of the preceding session shall be read, corrected and approved.

3. No brother shall be interrupted when speaking unless his remarks are foreign to the question under discussion. Any brother may arise to a point of order, or the moderator may call him to the proposition under debate.

4. When a member is called to order by the moderator, he shall take his seat until it is determined by the moderator if he is in order or not. Said member may appeal from the decision of the moderator. The decision of the association shall be final.

5. No man shall speak more than twice upon the same object not longer than five minutes, unless he obtains permission of the association.

6. No man shall be allowed to go to sleep or spit on the floor in the session room.

7. No man shall be allowed to leave the house without permission of the moderator.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God and they are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state that he is in by nature by his own free will and ability.

4. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never finally fall away.

6. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and we believe that the only mode of baptism is by immersion.

7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

8. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.