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Bro. S. C. Turner, Chairman; Bro. G. Parson, Bro. F. C. Dobbins, Bro. Robert Satterwhite, Bro. Travis R. Hunt.

The next annual session will be held with the Mt. Valley Missionary Baptist Church, two miles South of Ronda, North Carolina, on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in August 1947, at 2:00 P. M.

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PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, AUGUST 2, 1946

The Yadkin Valley Missionary Baptist Association met with the Mt. Mariah Missionary Baptist Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1946, at 9:30 A. M. to hold its sixty-fifth annual session.

Service was opened by Bro. Larence Wilborn, who lined hymn No. 392. "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." After a few remarks, he introduced Rev. Dennis Palmer to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. Palmer took a text from Hebrews 5:8. "Though He Was a Son, Yet, He Learned Obedience." His subject was, "The Education of the Son of God." He preached a very encouraging sermon from this text, closing by singing, "We Will Understand It Better By and By." Prayer was offered by Bro. Cephus Wilborn. Ten minutes intermission was given.

On reassembling, the house was called to order by singing, "Down at the Cross." The Rev. J. A. Parson, Moderator from last session, made a few remarks and read a scripture lesson from St. John 3, 1st through the 6th verse. He taught an enlightening lesson from this scripture. Prayer was offered by Rev. L. J. Carlton. After singing "I Heard The Voice," the welcome address was given by Bro. Kellem, who made all feel quite at home, stressing the idea of having the best session in the history of the Association. The response was given by the Rev. L. J. Carlton. The house was declared ready for business.

Motion was carried to use the program as a guide. It was also decided to recognize the old constitution and by-laws. The letters were passed in to the secretary and delegates enrolled. After enrolling the delegates, the house went into permanent organization.

A motion carried to re-elect all officers who were present. They were as follows:

Moderator—Rev. J. A. Parson
Secretary—Rev. J. W. Majors
Vice Moderator—Rev. L. J. Carlton
Assistant Secretary—Bro. G. T. Harris
Treasurer—Bro. C. I. Watkins

The Board is as follows: Bro. S. C. Turner, Bro. Garfield Parson, Bro. J. Walter Bowman, Bro. F. C. Satterwhite, Bro. T. R. Hunt.

The delegates were enrolled as follows:

1. Ararat—Bro. Robert Dyson, Bro. Paul Galloway.
2. Damascus—Bro. Richard Barber, Bro. Talmadge Harris.
3. Friendship—Bro. Herman Sharp.
4. First Baptist—Bro. O. G. Mitchell.
5. Mt. Carmel—Bro. G. A. Lackey, Bro. V. R. Colmen, Bro. L. R. Watts.
6. Mt. Moriah—Bro. Alex Kellem, Bro. Robert Kellem.
7. Mt. Valley—Bro. F. C. Dobbins, Bro. Theodore Dobbins.
8. Mt. Pleasant—Bro. Everett Martin, Bro. Louis Gray, Bro. Robert Hambret.
9. New Home—Bro. Everett Hayes, Bro. James Hayes.
10. Patterson Grove—Bro. Holt Patterson.
11. Parks Grove—Bro. James McGhee, Bro. G. A. Parks.
12. Pleasant Hill—Bro. S. C. Turner, Bro. Clem Redmon.
13. Popular Spring—Bro. John Adams, Bro. C. C. Pettey, Bro. Clarence Adams.
14. Sandy Creek—Bro. Glenn Tidline, Bro. Cleve Spicer.
15. St. John—Bro. Carl Parson, Bro. Linzy Howell.
16. Thankful—Bro. E. G. Parson, Bro. Pink Ferguson.
17. Union Grove—Bro. Clinton Dobbins, Bro. Tharsil Parks.

A motion was carried to dismiss for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

At 2:00 o'clock Friday afternoon, service was opened by singing "A Charge To Keep I Have." Prayer was offered by Bro. Barber. The Scripture was read by The Moderator, who, after a brief explanation of the Scripture, declared the house ready for business.

The minutes of the morning session were read and received. The roll of the delegates was called. All who were called were present. As the congregation sang "Come We That Love The Lord," an invitation was extended to newly constituted churches and visiting brothers.

Resuming business from the before-noon session, Report No. 1, which reported the correction of the letter from Popular Springs Church, was read and received. Report No. 2—that committees be appointed on various topics. The moderator then appointed committees on various topics. A motion was carried that the business part of the association adjourn to meet Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock. Dismissal without benediction followed.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

At 7:30 the devotion service was conducted by the delegates from Mt. Moriah, who rendered a short prayer service which was enjoyed by all. The program was followed by the welcome address on the part of the church by the pastor, the Rev. N. A. White; a welcome in the community by the deacon, Mr. Sawyers; a solo by Miss Helen Kellam. The response was given by the Rev. L. J. Carlton. The Welcome addresses made everyone feel quite at home. The service was then turned into the hands of the ministers, Rev. J. C. Rowe and Bro. Howell. "A Charge To Keep I Have" was sung. Prayer was offered by the Rev. J. A. Parson. After singing "Go Preach My Gospel," the Rev. Rowe took a text from St. John 1:23, words of text: "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness; subject, "A Man Sent From God." He preached a soul-stirring sermon from this text, stressing the point that one sent from God could not fail in life. As the congregation sang "Precious Lord Take My Hand," the board lifted a collection amounting to \$22.00. Offertory prayer was offered by Bro. Howell. Announcements were given by the Moderator. The benediction was given by the Rev. Rowe.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Promptly at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning, service was opened by singing "Take Your Burden To The Lord and Leave It There." The Moderator made some encouraging remarks and read a Scripture lesson from St. John, 10th chapter, 1-9 verses. He taught a beautiful lesson from same, bringing out the point that we may not get what we want in this life, but we can have religion and eternal life after death. Prayer was offered by Bro. O. G. Mitchell. After singing "Bread of Heaven," the Moderator declared the house ready for business. The roll of the delegates was called. The minutes of the Friday evening session were read. The reports of the various topics were called for and placed on the table by the different committees and were read as follows:

(1) Home Mission; (2) Presbytery; (3) Publication of Minutes; (4) Examination of Treasury.

Before being received, these reports were discussed in their fullness. A motion was then taken for ten minutes recess before the 11:00 o'clock preaching services. Dismissed without benediction.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK PREACHING SERVICE

The missionary, The Rev. I. P. Rowe, and Rev. C. B. Baily were in charge of the 11:00 o'clock service. Service was opened at 11:00 o'clock by the Rev. Bailey, who lined hymn No. 266. Prayer was offered by the Rev. E. L. Long. The scripture lesson was read by the Rev. Bailey, found in St. Mark, 10th chapter, be-

ginning at the 33rd verse, extending through the 43rd verse. After singing "Working On The Building," the Rev. Bailey introduced the Rev. I. P. Rowe to preach the missionary sermon. The Rev. Rowe took his text from St. Mark 1:27, "For He taught them as one having authority, not as a scribe." He preached a wonderful sermon from this text, stressing the idea of being properly trained and having authority from God to be a successful missionary. He closed his sermon by singing "When The Gates Swing Open, Let Me In." The board lifted an offering amounting to \$13.10, and the offertory prayer was given by the Rev. Bailey.

The service was then turned over to the Moderator who, after a few remarks, declared the house ready for business. An invitation was then extended to newly constituted churches and visiting ministers and brothers. The Rev. Fowler and the Rev. Rutherford came forward bringing greetings from the Mt. Catawba Association. They made some very interesting remarks praising the moderator and the delegates for the good service of the association. The Rev. William Turner also made some encouraging remarks. The Rev. Baxter, claiming not to be a visitor, made a splendid talk, stressing the idea of Home Mission. He mentioned the incident of the four murders that took place in the community in which he is now pastoring in the state of Georgia, and said that we must learn to adjust ourselves to conditions and work wherever our spirit tells us. The address was followed by a rising vote of thanks for the address given to the association. A motion was carried to adjourn for dinner until 2:00 o'clock P. M. Benediction by the Rev. L. J. Carlton.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The service was opened at 2:00 o'clock by the singing of the hymn, "Come To Jesus." The Scripture lesson was read by the Moderator, found in Romans 10:1. After a few remarks and Bro. Lackey singing "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," the house was declared ready for business.

The reading of the minutes of the forenoon session, and the roll of the delegates was called. The remainder of the reports was read as follows: (5) Foreign Missions, (6) Constitution and By-Laws, (7) Finance, (8) Resolutions.

Section number two of the resolutions was voted down and turned back into the hands of the Presbytery and the Board to work out some means by which a pastor in the valley may become a member of the association. The joint committee of the Presbytery and Board made their report. While they were absent, a devotional service was carried on by the delegates. The printing press was turned into the hands of the Board in order to decide what was to be done with it. The ministers and deacons meeting was reported to be held on Friday before the fifth Sunday in Septem-

ber. The Board reported that the report on distribution, and all other business reports would be read the following night. The report on the enrollment of ministers was read and received. The report on Time and Place was read and received. All other reports were received under one heading with the proper corrections. A motion was carried that the business part of the Association be closed until Friday before the fourth Sunday in August at 9:00 o'clock, 1947, to meet with the Mt. Valley Missionary Baptist Church, near Ronda, North Carolina. The Board reported that the Rev. D. W. Rutherford and the Rev. R. W. Barber would conduct services Saturday night. The Moderator asked the delegates to stand and help him sing two verses of "A Charge To Keep," and he asked for the hands of all delegates. The song was beautifully sung by the congregation. The benediction was given by the Rev. L. J. Carlton.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The devotion service was conducted by a group of delegates with the Rev. Palmer in charge of the song service. After a group of spirituals were sung, the pastor, Rev. H. A. White, gave words of thanks to the friends of the community who helped to entertain the delegates. The service was then turned into the hands of the ministers.

After singing "I Don't Know What I'd Do Without The Lord," prayer was offered by Bro. W. M. Dowell. The Rev. Barber introduced the Rev. Rutherford who took his text from St. John 12:24-32. Text, "And If I Be Lifted Up From Earth, I Will Draw Men Into Me, Except A Corn Of Wheat Fall Into The Ground And Die, If Abideth Alone." Subject, "The Loneliness of Jesus." He preached a heart-warming sermon from this text, stressing the point that too many people are looking for the better things in life and in heaven, but are not willing to pay the price. A solo was sung by Brother Lackey while the offering was taken by the board. The collection amounted to \$27.55. A second collection was taken for Brother Eldridge Dodd, a sick man in the community, amounting to \$11.35. Offertory prayer was given by the Rev. Barber. The reports of the board on the registration of the ministers and delegates, and the report on distributions were read. Announcements were given by the moderator and others. "A Charge To Keep I Have" was sung. The benediction was given by the Rev. Rutherford.

SUNDAY MORNING MASS MEETING

At nine o'clock sharp, the service was opened by the Rev. E. L. Long, by singing "Down At the Cross." The scripture lesson was taken from Sunday School Lesson, found in Exodus 20:14; Proverbs 4:14-23 and Matthew 5:8. After reading the scripture the Rev. Long commented on the lesson. Prayer was offered by

Brother Talmadge Harris. After several selections were sung, the house went into a round-table discussion. The topic was "The Problems Facing The Church In A War-Torn World."

This topic was discussed in its fullness by the delegates and ministers. All were enlightened and felt that they could better face the problems of life after having heard the discussion. The subject was summarized by the Rev. J. E. Baxter, who did a beautiful job comparing the human being with the lower animals; how they cared for and protected their young ones and the careless way of people solving problems of their young and protecting them. The board then took an offering for Brother Everett Martin of Jonesville, N. C., who wished to purchase a leg amounting to \$26.02. Offertory prayer was given by Brother C. C. Harris. Ten minutes intermission was given before the 11 o'clock preaching service. Dismissed without benediction.

SUNDAY MORNING ELEVEN A.M. PREACHING SERVICE

Service was opened by the Jonesville choir, which sang a group of spirituals. Service was then turned into the hands of the moderator, the Revs. J. A. Parson and L. J. Carlton, to preach the annual sermon. Prayer was offered by the Rev. E. L. Long. After singing the hymn "Amazing Grace," the Rev. Parson took a text from John 1:29; "And the next day John saw Jesus coming unto him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.'" He preached the most powerful sermon in his preaching career from this text, emphasizing the point that no one could be found on earth worthy to give a remedy whereby man might be saved after sin entered the world. He proved also that God sent his only begotten son that all men might be saved. The sermon was similar to "The Sermon On The Mountain." Everyone seemed to feel the spirit. The choir then sang "A Happy Home On High." The choir sang another group of spirituals while the Board took an offering amounting to \$51.36. Offertory prayer was given by the Rev. E. L. Long.

Sister Mildred Kellam from West Virginia turned in an offering to the board amounting to \$39.00 which she had collected from members of the church in Virginia. The board turned the \$39.00 over to the church, as it was a church affair. The Rev. L. J. Carlton presented words of thanks to the members and friends of the church for the kindness shown to the delegates and visitors while in the community. The Rev. White, brother to the pastor of Mt. Mariah Church, gave some very encouraging remarks as to how the church and various auxiliaries had planned for the reception of the association. After singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds Our Hearts," the benediction was given by the Rev. E. L. Long.

VARIOUS REPORTS

I.—REPORT OF BOARD

We, the Board, wish to make the following corrections of the letters turned into our hands of Popular Springs Church:

1. Added to Church7
2. Contributions to the poor.....\$40.00
3. There are no ordained ministers.
4. Associations funds\$10.70

Done by Orders of the Board.

II.—REPORT OF BOARD

We, the Board, wish to recommend that committees be appointed on the following topics:

1. Constitution and By-Laws
2. Enrollment of Ministers
3. Foreign Mission
4. Home Mission
5. Examination of Treasury
6. Resolutions
7. Presbytery
8. Publication of Minutes
9. Finance
10. Missionary Appointment
11. Obituaries
12. Ministers and Deacon's Bible School
13. Church Extension Aid
14. Appropriation
15. Time and Place

Done by Order of the Board.

III.—PRESBYTERY

We, the Committee on Presbytery, report as follows:

- Rev. J. A. Parson
Rev. L. J. Carlton
Rev. I. P. Rowe
Rev. R. W. Barber

Rev. E. L. Long will take the place of the deceased Rev. W. M. Patterson.

Committee: L. G. Gray
J. C. Allen
H. W. Patterson

IV.—CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

We, your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, report the following:

We recommend that the 1945 Constitution be sustained and that By-Law No. 6 be struck out. We also advise that the Constitution be printed in the 1946 Minutes.

Committee: Rev. L. J. Carlton
 Rev. E. L. Long
 Bro. C. C. Harris
 Bro. George A. Lackey
 Bro. John B. Hampton

V.—FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

We, your Committee on Foreign Mission, make the following report:

Be it resolved that every church do its duty to help support Foreign Mission as much as it is able and that each church take a special collection for this purpose as often as possible and send it to the Foreign Mission Board.

Committee: Lawrence Watts
 O. G. Mitchell
 Everette Martin
 Evert Hayes

VI.—FINANCE REPORT

<i>Churches</i>	<i>H.M.</i>	<i>M.R.</i>	<i>Church Ext.</i>	<i>Assn. Funds</i>
1. Ararat	\$.25	\$.25		\$ 4.10
2. Damascus .....	.50	.50	\$.50	18.60
3. Friendship .....	.25	.25		5.60
4. First Baptist .....	.25	.25	.25	1.00
5. Mt. Carmel .....	.50	.50	.50	3.10
6. Mt. Mariah	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.50
7. Mt. Pleasant .....	.25	.25	.25	5.50
8. Mt. Valley .....	.25	.25		4.70
9. New Home .....	.25	.25		2.00
10. Parks Grove	1.00	.50	.50	2.40
11. Pleasant Hill .....	.25	.25	2.00	7.40
12. Pleasant Union .....	.25	.25		2.10
13. Patterson Grove .....	.25	.25		3.60
14. Popular Spring .....	.25	.25	.25	10.70

15. Sandy Creek25	.25	.25	3.80
16. Thankful50	.50		20.70
17. Union Grove50	.50		7.70
18. Saint Johns25	.25		8.50
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	\$8.00	\$6.50	\$5.50	\$114.00
Brotherly Union, Jonesville ..				2.50
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Grand Total				\$136.50

Committee: Clem Redman
C. W. Ferguson
Alexander Keller

VII—MISSIONARY REPORT

I, your humble missionary, make the following report:

There has been very little missionary work that I have been able to do this year, due to illness in my family, and too, I have not been able to get about as I would like. However, I have done my best under the present circumstances. My heart is in the work and I realize that the "Harvest Is Great and The Field Is White and Ready For Harvest, But the Laborers Are Few."

Brethren, We, as Missionaries, must realize that we are responsible for the spreading of the true Gospel in our land and country. And we are all Missionaries.

Pray that I might be a true Missionary and do the will of my Maker at all times.

Your humble Missionary,
Rev. I. P. Rowe

VIII.—REPORT OF BROTHERLY UNION, JONESVILLE

To the Yadkin Valley Association:

We, the members of the Yadkin Valley Brotherly Union, wish to make the following report:

We have ten members. We use the Bible for our guide. We meet four times each month; twice in devotional meetings and twice in business meeting. We have given to churches and sick people, and other worthy causes \$178.29 since last Association, leaving us \$28.90 in the treasury.

We send \$2.50 for our representation fee, and we ask this honorable body to pray for us.

Bro. J. R. White, President
Bro. Robert B. Gray, Secretary
Bro. John B. Hampton, Treasurer
Bro. Louis Gray, Chaplain

IX.—ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS

We, your committee on the enrollment of ministers, make the following report:

1. Rev. J. W. Majors, Wilkesboro, N. C., Route 2.
2. Rev. J. A. Parsons, Taylorsville, N. C., Route 5.
3. Rev. L. J. Carlton, Moravian Falls, N. C.
4. Rev. E. L. Long, North Wilkesboro, N. C., Route 1.
5. Rev. T. G. Redmon, Wilkesboro, N. C., Route 2.
6. Rev. Cube Bailey, Dobson, N. C., Route 1, Box 23.
7. Rev. I. P. Rowe, Taylorsville, N. C., Route 2.
8. Rev. J. C. Rowe, Taylorsville, N. C., Route 2.
9. Rev. R. W. Barber, Wilkesboro, N. C., Route 2.
10. Rev. C. H. Dobbins, Statesville, N. C., Route 4.
11. Rev. Dennis Palmer, Wilkesboro, N. C., Route 2.
12. Rev. B. C. Burns, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
13. Rev. Jesse Patterson, Lenoir, N. C., Route 1.

LICENSED MINISTERS

1. Bro. William Dowell, Roaring River, N. C., Route 1.
2. Bro. Elijah Barnes, Boomer, N. C.
3. Bro. Herman Sharp, New Hope, N. C.
4. Bro. Lloyd Carlton, Boomer, N. C.
5. Bro. Connie Hayes, Boomer, N. C., Route 2.
6. Bro. John Jones, Boomer, N. C.
7. Bro. G. P. Parson, Jonesville, N. C.
8. Bro. J. B. Hampton, Jonesville, N. C.
9. Bro. Lawrence Wilburn, Jonesville, N. C.
10. Frank Bailey, Wilkesboro, N. C., Route 2.
11. Bro. C. C. Harris, Wilkesboro, N. C., Route 2.
12. Bro. James Howell, Taylorsville, N. C.

Committee: Pink Ferguson
Robert Dyson
Lingy Howell

X.—PUBLICATION OF MINUTES

We, your Committee on Publication of Minutes, report as follows:

We advise that 700 copies of the Minutes and 200 blanks be printed this year, and insert on the blank "Christian Education." We also advise that they be gotten out by December 1, 1947, or as soon as possible thereafter and sent to the various churches with a blank to each church.

Committee: Lawrence Wilburn
Herman Sharps
Theodore Dobbins
Clinton Dobbins

XI.—JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Joint Committee of the Presbytery and the Board, report as follows:

Be it resolved, that all ministers in good standing, pastoring in the Missionary Baptist Churches in the bounds of the Yadkin Valley Association, become members of this Association.

Done by Orders of the Joint Committee
This 24th day of August, 1946

XII.—TIME AND PLACE REPORT

We, the Committee on Time and Place, make the following report:

That the next Annual Session of the Yadkin Valley Missionary Baptist Association will meet with the Mount Valley Missionary Baptist Church near Ronda, N. C., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1947, at 9:00 A. M. The Rev. Dennis Palmer, Sr., will preach the introductory sermon. Brother C. C. Harris will be alternate delegate.

Committee: A delegate from each church.
This 24th day of August, 1946

MISSIONARY CIRCLES REPORTS

I.—PATTERSON GROVE OBITUARY

The Rev. W. M. Patterson was born in the year 1897. He became minister at an early age. In his later years he became a successful pastor in the Yadkin Valley Association and did a splendid job with his work. He also served as president of the Sunday School Convention and encouraged the Sunday School to keep alive wherever he pastored. On June 20th, 1946, he died at the age of 49. At the time of his death he was serving as president of the Sunday School Convention and was pastoring three churches in the valley.

Rev. Patterson is not dead but has gone to reward for the splendid work performed here on earth.

Church Clerk, Sister Hattie Patterson.

II.—PLEASANT HILL OBITUARY

Sister Emma Cain Russell was born July 29, 1862 and joined the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and was a faithful member almost ever since it was established. She believed in going to church and even in her old age she always made her way to the church as long as she was able. She departed this life on May 16, 1946, at the age of 83 years, 9 months and 14 days. She leaves to mourn her loss, one sister, three daughters, nine grandchildren and a host

of relatives and friends. "Why should we weep when loved ones rest in the bosom of Jesus Supreme—in the valley by the dark river of death? They say it's no more than a dream. Only a dream, only a dream, and Glory beyond the dark stream; how peaceful the slumber, a happy waking-death is only a dream."

Sister Bessie McMillan Harris was born September 4, 1880 in Ashe County. She was united in matrimony with the late Lee Andrews Harris. To this union were born 15 children. She was a faithful wife and mother and a very kind neighbor, always ready to help when and where she could. She joined the Pleasant Hill Church a number of years ago and was a faithful member until death. She departed this life June 13, 1946, leaving 13 children, several grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. She is not dead; she is at rest awaiting her reward.

Mrs. Rachel Ann Ferguson Smith, daughter of the late Anderson and Roxana Ferguson, was born May 16, 1871. She was married to Isaiah Smith on February 14, 1886, and to this union were born eight children (one son and seven daughters). She departed this life June 25, 1946, at the age of 75 years, one month and ten days. She leaves eight children, 20 grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her passing. "May our loss be Heaven's gain."

Church Clerk.

III.—ARARAT OBITUARY

Sister Della Snow Johnson was born in Surry County, N. C., in 1876, the daughter of the late Robert and Josephine Douglas. She joined the Ararat Missionary Baptist Church at an early age and was a faithful member until death. She was first married to Robert Snow, and to this union was born five children. Later she married Ned Johnson. On January 2, 1946, she departed this life at the age of 70 years with a life history of Christian leadership. "As loved ones depart from this life on earth and go to a place on high, there is no more weeping and sorrow—you don't even have to die."

Church Clerk.

IV.—SANDY CREEK OBITUARY

Sister Sarah T. O'Neil Tidline, daughter of the late Isaiah and Annie O'Neil, was born May 3, 1893, the only child. She joined Sandy Creek Missionary Baptist Church when she was quite young, remaining a loyal member until death. She was always active and cooperative in church and community activities, living a life as an example for all Christian peoples.

She was united in marriage to Mr. Glenn Tidline, and to this union was born six children. She died on December 5, 1945, at the age of 52 years, six months and two days. She leaves a husband, six children, one granddaughter and a host of friends to follow her examples. We loved and miss Mrs. Tidline, but God loves her best.

Church Clerk.

V.—UNION GROVE OBITUARY

The Rev. Clarence Parks was born January 22, 1876 and joined the Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church when he was in his teen age, where he remained a faithful member until death. Some time down in his life he was called to the ministry, to which he gave his life's work.

On February 11, 1946 he died, leaving four neices and quite a few relatives and friends to imitate his life.

Church Clerk, Sister Estelle Calloway

VI.—POPULAR SPRINGS OBITUARY

Sister Mary Jane Nickols Wilburn was born in the year of 1878 and was married to Andy Wilburn a few years later. To this union was born six children (three sons and three daughters). She joined the Popular Springs Baptist Church at an early age where she remained until she died. She was very cooperative in supporting the church and community activities. Her husband preceeded her in death, and on June 17, 1946, she died at the age of 68 years, seven months and 24 days, leaving two brothers, six children, 25 grandchildren, and a number of relatives and friends. We feel that she heard that welcome voice saying, "Well done, thy Faithful Servant," and she departed this life.

Church Clerk, Mrs. J. C. Adams

VII.—NEW HOME OBITUARY

Brother Dock Hayes was born in the year 1867 and joined New Home Missionary Baptist Church while in his teen age. He was quite a church worker, serving as deacon for 50 years, where he did an outstanding job of keeping his church together. He was married five times, and four of his wives preceeded him in death. He died on April 1, 1946, leaving a wife, two sons, 10 grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to follow his outstanding example in the community in which he lived.

Church Clerk, Nellie Hayes

VIII.—MOUNT PLEASANT OBITUARY

Sister Jane Paige was born June 1, 1861. She joined the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and proved herself a great leader. She helped the church and community in leadership.

On August 18, 1946, she departed this life at the age of 85 years, two months and 17 days. She leaves three sons, three daughters, 24 grandchildren and quite a number of relatives and friends. May her family's loss be Heaven's gain.

Church Clerk

VIII.—RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, make the following report:

First, be it resolved that all pastors and church leaders refrain from all fornication, uncleanness, and any habits that will hinder the progress of the church. In order to be a leader, one must live a clean, upright and respectable life so that followers may imitate his life.

Be it resolved, second, that all church leaders, including pastors, deacons, superintendents of Sunday School and Sunday School teachers, prepare themselves to do their respective jobs by attending all schools possible and reading all good literature and books, getting all the information possible to help them put over the jobs in which they are serving.

Committee: Rev. I. P. Rowe
J. W. White
Richard Barber
Nathaniel Parks

IX.—HOME MISSION

We, your Committee on Home Mission, report as follows:

Due to the great need of church improvement, family aid and training for Christian leadership, we advise that all pastors and church leaders insist on the support of Home Mission in our churches, homes and communities, to raise the standards of Christian living within the boundaries of this Association.

Committee: John Adams
James Hayes
Paul Galloway
James Howell

X.—LADIES HOME MISSION REPORTS

A. Ararat:

1. Membership	36
2. Time of Meeting	Twice Monthly
3. Total Income for Year	\$112.27
4. Amount Given to Charity	31.00
5. Amount in Treasury	81.27
6. Remarks	Pray much for our continued service.

Sister Bennie Bowman, President
Sister Leshie Johnson, Treasurer
Sister Maggie F. Hatcher, Secretary

B. Union Grove:

1. Membership	29
2. Time of Meeting	Twice Monthly

3. Total Income for Year	\$168.00
4. Amount Given to Charity: a. To Sick	43.00
b. To Ministers	48.00
c. To Church	20.00
d. Flowers	5.00
5. Amount in Treasury	55.00
6. Remarks	We desire the prayers of the Association.

Sister Estella Calloway, President
 Sister Ella McGee, Secretary
 Sister I. L. Morgan, Treasurer

C. Popular Spring:

1. Membership	16
2. Time of Meeting	Twice Monthly
3. Total Income for Year	\$127.00
4. Amount Given for Charities: a. To Sick	25.00
b. To Orphans	20.00
c. To Church	15.00
5. Amount in Treasury	17.00
6. Remarks	We Ask The Prayers of This Association

Sister Connie Hunt, President
 Sister Magnolia Hunt, Secretary
 Sister Ida Adams, Treasurer

D. Patterson Grove

1. Membership	Few in Number
2. Time of Meeting	Once Monthly
3. Total Income for Year	\$35.00
4. Amount Given to Charity: a. To Sick	9.00
b. To the Poor	15.00
c. For Flowers	4.00
5. Amount in Treasury	6.00
6. Remarks	We ask the prayers of the Association that we may grow stronger.

Mrs. J. M. Patterson, President
 Sister Hattie Patterson, Secretary

THE TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YADKIN VALLEY
 MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1946

I. Contributions:

Friday Evening	\$ 14.03
Friday Night	20.00
Saturday, 11:00 o'clock	13.10
Saturday Night	27.55
A collection for a sick man	11.35
A collection in mass meeting	26.02

Sunday at 11:00 o'clock	51.36
A Collection for Brother Dobbis	7.00
Total Collection	\$170.41

II. Other Income:

Association Funds	\$114.00
Church Extension	5.50
Minister's Relief	6.50
Home Mission	8.00
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Total Other Income	\$134.55
Total Contributions	\$170.41

III. Total Income	\$304.96
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**THE TOTAL AMOUNT PAID OUT FOR THE YADKIN
VALLEY ASSOCIATION IN 1946**

To The Moderator	\$ 8.00
To The Vice Moderator	5.00
To the Secretary	8.00
To the Assistant Secretary	8.00
To the Missionary	15.00
To the Sandy Creek Church	10.00
To the Ararat Church	10.00
To the First Baptist Church, Boone, N. C.	10.00
To Rev. J. W. Majors	1.00
To Rev. J. A. Parson	1.00
To Rev. L. J. Carlton	1.00
To Rev. E. L. Long	1.00
To Rev. Cube Bailey	1.00
To Rev. I. P. Rowe	1.00
To Rev. H. A. White	1.00
To Rev. Jesse Patterson	1.00
To Rev. Dennis Palmer	1.00
To Rev. Baxter	2.00
To Rev. Rutherford	3.00
To Bro. W. M. Dowell .....	.50
To Bro. Hermon Sharp .....	.50
To Bro. J. B. Hampton .....	.50
To Bro. Lawrence Wilborn .....	.50
To Bro. C. C. Harris .....	.50
To Bro. James Howell .....	.50
To Sister Mary J. Pettey, Home Mission	5.00
To Sister Elem Parks, Home Mission	5.00
To Sister Lula Howell, Home Mission	1.00

To Sister Mary Hayes, Home Mission	1.00
To Rev. J. C. Rowe	1.00
To Sister Daisy Carlton, Home Mission	1.00
To Sister Mattie Mitchell, Home Mission	3.00
To Bro. William Tatem, Home Mission	3.00
To Sister Lillie Barnes, Home Mission	1.00
To Bro. F. C. Dobbins, Home Mission	7.00
To Mt. Mariah Church, Registration Fee	37.00
To an Ill Man in the Mt. Mariah Community	11.35
To help Purchase a Leg for a Man With Only One	26.02
Expenses of the Board	24.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID OUT FOR YEAR 1946	\$217.37
TOTAL INCOME FOR 1946	\$304.96
TOTAL AMOUNT BROUGHT FORW'D FROM 1945	279.34
TOTAL	\$584.30
AMOUNT PAID OUT FOR 1946	\$217.37
TOTAL AMOUNT IN TREASURY	\$366.93
AMOUNT PUT IN TREASURY AUGUST 24, 1946	\$129.55
GRAND TOTAL AT ABOVE DATE	\$496.48

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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 8.—There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five members beside the Moderator and Clerk.

ARTICLE 9.—All letters of grievance, 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.

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

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

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

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

ARTICLE 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 preceeding 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 subject not longer than five minutes, unless he obtains permission of the Association.

6.—No man shall be allowed to leave the house without permission of the Moderator.

STATISTICAL TABLE

<i>Church</i>	<i>Pastor and Post Office</i>	<i>Clerk and Post Office</i>
Ararat	J. A. Parson, Taylorsville, N. C.	Lillie Sawyers, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Damascus	R. W. Barber, Wilkesboro, N. C.	Bessie E. Harris, Wilkesboro, N. C.
Mt. Pleasant	J. A. Parson, Taylorsville, N. C.	Robert B. Gray, Jonesville, N. C.
Pleasant Hill	William Turner, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	Sadie Watkins, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Popular Spring	J. A. Parson, Taylorsville, N. C.	Corrina B. Adams, Ronda, N. C.
Thankful	L. J. Carlton, Moravian Falls, N. C.	R. C. Satterwhite, Boomer, N. C.
Friendship	Willie Barber, Wilkesboro, N. C.	Leva Pearson, New Hope, N. C.
Sandy Creek	J. M. Patterson, Lenora, N. C.	P. M. Miller, Benham, N. C.
New Home	Cube Bailey, Dobson, N. C.	Nellie Hayes, Devotion, N. C.
Patterson Grove	J. M. Patterson, Lenoir, N. C.	Hattie Patterson, Lenoir, N. C.
Union Grove	Dennis Palmer, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	L. E. Calloway, Roaring River, N. C.
Mt. Valley	J. M. Patterson, Lenoir, N. C.	Laura Hampton, Ronda, N. C.
Mt. Moriah	H. A. White, Winston-Salem, N. C.	Howard Tatum, Pinnacle, N. C.
First Baptist	E. L. Long, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	Salvadora Odon, Boone, N. C.
Mt. Carmel	D. W. Rutherford, Marion, N. C.	Lawrence Watts, Taylorsville, N. C.
Pleasant Union	C. B. Bailey, Dobson, N. C.	Nettie J. Gentry, Dobson, N. C.
St. John	I. P. Rowe, Taylorsville, N. C.	Naomi Watts, Taylorsville, N. C.
Parkes Grove	Dennis Palmer, Wilkesboro, N. C.	Ella McGee, Roaring River, N. C.