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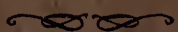
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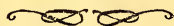
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COUNTY LINE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS:

Rev. D. P. Lewis	-----	Moderator
Rev. G. W. Thomas	-----	Vice-Moderator
Rev. W. A. Blackwell	-----	Foreign Secretary
Brother Frank Smith	-----	Corresponding Secretary
Bro. J. C. Thomas	-----	Treasurer
Bro. L. S. Burton	-----	Auditor

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. J. C. Lyon
Rev. D. P. Lewis
Rev. G. L. Smith
Rev. J. T. Peace
Rev. J. L. Yancey
Rev. W. C. Sommerville

COUNTY LINE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

ART. I. This body shall be know as "THE COUNTY LINE BAPTIST ASSO.

ART. II. The object of this association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament. Each pastor will be required to encourage Christian Education in general, to urge home and foreign missions, and to do all in his power to support an active prayer meeting and help to build a strong Sunday School in his church.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to at least two delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body, and ministers who are pastoring church or churches of this body shall be considered members of this Association ex-officio having all of the rights of the Association; and ministers who are not in charge or connected with churches within the bounds of this Association, who present testimonials of good standing in the Baptist denomination, may become members of this Association by paying one dollar (\$1.00) annually; also any layman in good standing in the Baptist Church may become an annual member by the payment of fifty cents (.50) annually.

ART. IV. The delegate from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and a statistician, whose duties shall be such as are generally performed by such officers. In addition there shall be appointed a Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Ministerial Board, and an Executive Board, which later shall have charge of the work of the Association during intermission of its annual session. Officers of the Association shall constitute the Executive Board, other members may be added to this board, if the Association deems it necessary.

ART. V. (a.) Amendment: That a Woman's Auxiliary will be organized forthwith; the said Auxiliary will be governed by the Executive Board of the County Line Association.

ART. V. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the constitution, to preserve the decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken or when called upon, and give the casting vote if a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the vice-moderator to preside in the absence, or at the request of the moderator.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the clerk to report the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of minutes among the churches.

ART. IV. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all funds sent up from the churches or collected during the session of the body, and disburse the same for the purpose for which they were sent or collected. He shall not pay any order on the treasury except it is signed by the moderator and clerk of the Association.

ART. X. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the association through dele-

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gates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her the moderator shall extend to the delegate the right hand of fellowship.

ART. XI. This Association shall not maintain fellowship with any church that does not preserve Gospel order.

ART. XII. This Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all privileges of the body save that of voting.

ART. XIII. The Association shall meet on Wednesday after the second Sunday in July and continue through Thursday of the same week.

ART. XIV. We will receive no ministers or laymen into this Association but those who have a good moral character.

ART. XV. Any Baptist Sunday School or Missionary Society within the bounds of this Association may become a member of the Association by sending voluntary contributions. Each shall be entitled to one delegate

ART. XVI. We will withdraw the right hand of fellowship from every minister who walks disorderly and contrary to the Gospel rule.

ART. XVII. The officers of this Association shall be elected every two year and verified by two-thirds of the members present.

ART. XVIII. This Association shall open and close each meeting with prayer.

ART. XIX. The representation fee shall be not less than 2 cents nor more than 3 cents per capita member.

ART. XX. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of this Constitution.

Committee on Constitution

Rev. W. C. Somerville

Bro. Ed Thomas,

Bro. James Satterwhite

ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES AND PREACHERS

1. Aarons Creek—Bro. Norman Smith, Bro. James Thomas.
2. Baptist Grove—Bro. Thomas Hockins, Bro. Thomas Green.
3. Mt. Spring—Bro. T. E. Bass, Bro. Jessie Clement.
4. New Johnson Creek—Bro. S. H. Puryear, F. A. Clark Bro. Lubie Downy.
5. Michels Creek—Bro. G. Heggie, Bro. James Huggins.
6. New Grassy Creek—Bro. McWilkerson, Bro. Rob. Harris.
7. New Corinth—Bro. Matt Chavis, Bro. B. Elkerson.
8. Nelson Chapel—Bro. J. L. Barnes, Bro. Wesley Wilkerson.
9. M. T. Gideon—Bro. Jessie Downy, Bro. Albert Tuck.
10. Harris Hill—Bro. A. Chavis, Bro. C. Allen.
11. S. T. Matthew—Bro. E. B. Peace, Bro. Milton Thomas.
12. Vernal Hill—Bro. J. C. Thomas, Bro. R. Jay.
13. Goshen Hill—Bro. M. A. Allen, Jones Tharp.
14. White Rock—Bro. Judge Green, Walter Green.
15. Stovall Chapel—Bro. Milton Smith, W. L. Cupper.
16. Davis Chapel—Bro. J. G. Morton, Willie Morton.
17. Blue Wing—Bro. O. L. Cunningham, L. S. Burton
18. Hartie Grove—Bro. T. G. Nutall, Bro. L. A. Hays.
19. Whit Stone—Bro. Thom. Webb, C. A. Nutall.
20. New Hope Grove—Bro. N. Satterfield, S. H. Harris

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ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. J. C. Lyon	-----	Berea, N. C.
Rev. J. T. Peace	-----	Oxford, N. C.
Rev. J. L. Yancey	-----	Virgilina, Va.
Rev. D. P. Lewis	-----	Louisburg, N. C.
Rev. G. L. Smith	-----	Stovall, N. C.
Rev. E. D. Smith	-----	Virgilina, Va.
Rev. M. G. Green	-----	Oxford, R. 1
Rev. J. S. Smith	-----	Roxboro, N. C.
Rev. W. A. Blackwell	-----	Oxford, N. C. R. 7, B. 144
Rev. H. H. Harris	-----	Roxboro, N. C.
Rev. S. T. Thomas	-----	Roxboro, N. C.
Rev. James Morton	-----	Virgilina, Va., R. 5
Rev. P. J. Johns Jones	-----	Oxford, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

The County Line Missionary Baptist Asso. of N. C.

Oxford, N. C., July, 1931

The Association convened on the above date in its 5th annual session with the Hardie Grove Baptist Church, Lewis N. C., (5) five miles north of Oxford, N. C.

First Day, morning session of the County Line Missionary Baptist Association convened with Hardie Grove Baptist Church, Lewis, N. C., July 15, 1931, at 10:00 o'clock.

Rev. D. P. Lewis called the association to order, then asked Rev. J. C. Lyon and Rev. J. L. Yancey to take charge of praise service. Rev. J. L. Yancey sang Hymn No. 128, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross, etc.

Rev. J. C. Lyon read the 23rd Psalm. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. L. Yancey, after which (10) ten minutes were given for praise service in which time many brethren gave strong testimonies, then Rev. J. C. Lyon turned the service over to the Moderator, Rev. D. P. Lewis, he then pronounced the house ready for the procedure of business.

Next the moderator asked for the welcome address by the Pastor or Deacon, the Pastor being absent, Bro. T. J. Nutall came forward and made the association welcome to the church, ground, and to the refreshments, and homes. Next Rev. Batt Green gave a hearty response. Then the constitution was read by the Secretary. The visitors were made welcome to a seat in the association. The Roll of Churches, and messengers was called.

Next a committee on hours of meeting was appointed, Bro. T. J. Nutall, L. A. Hays, Rev. G. L. Smith. The hour for the moderator's annual address. Rev. D. P. Lewis came forward and delivered his address with power, full of logic and inspiration.

A motion passed that the moderator's address would be received, and turned into the hands of the committee next, the committee on hours of meeting made their report, a motion passed, that their report be received and adopted.

Then the visitors were asked to come forward, their names reads as follows: Bro. Mitchell Greenwood, from the Shiloh Baptist Association A collection was taken, amount of money raised was \$3.15. The benediction by Rev. J. T. Peace.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION

The moderator, Rev. D. P. Lewis, asked Rev. M. G. Green, and Bro. George Peace, to ascend the rostrum. Bro. George Peace sang Hymn No. 369, "Amaze in Sight, etc. Rev. M. G. Green read the 3rd chapter of St. John. Bro. Geo. Peace offered prayer. Then Rev. J. L. Yancey sang, "Take Your Burden to the Lord and Leave It There."

The minutes of the forenoon session was read, received and adopted. The moderator announced that the house was ready for the procedure of business. Then the brethren brought echoes from other fields.

Bro. Amis Greenwood, Bro. Jones, Bro. A. Peace of Oxford, N. C. Rev. C. A. Adkins, each came forward and spoke of the work from their fields, and the body received them gladly.

A motion passed to recommit the moderator's address to the committee

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again. Rev. J. L. Yancey sang a song. The moderator asked Rev. H. Haskins and Rev. G. L. Smith to ascend the rostrum. Rev. Smith, asked to be excused, said that he could not preach as he was sick, and asked the congregation to help him sing, "On, Jordan, Stormy Banks I stand."

Rev. H. Haskins chose for his subject, Rev. 12 chapter, and 1st verse. His theme was, the church in Tribulation; from this subject he spoke briefly, and very inspiring, after which a collection was taken, which amounted to \$3.20. Benediction by Rev. H. Haskins.

REV. D. P. LEWIS Mod.

REV. W. A. BLACKWELL, Sec.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Rev. D. P. Lewis called the house to order, and asked Bro. Frank Smith and Bro. Geo. Peace to conduct praise service, they ascended the rostrum. Bro. Geo. Peace sang Hymn No. 200 "Sure Pity Lord, etc."

Bro. Frank Smith read for scripture lesson, St. Matt. 5th chapter. Prayer was offered by Bro. M. G. Green. The service was then turned over to the moderator.

The moderator asked for the minutes of the First Day Evening Session. Minutes were read, received and adopted. Rev. W. A. Blackwell sang "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, etc."

The hour having arrived for the sermon. Rev. H. Haskins and Rev. G. W. Thomas ascended the rostrum. Rev. H. Haskins sang "Jesus is Mine". Then he read the 5th chapter of Romans. Bro. G. Heggie offered prayer.

Rev. H. Haskins sang "Blest be the Tie that Binds" etc. Rev. G. W. Thomas chose for his text Romans 5:17. His theme was "In one Man all died, and in one Man all were made alive. From this subject he dealt very closely and made our hearts rejoice. Then Rev. H. Haskins sang I am going to die with the sword in my hand.

A collection was taken which amounted to \$13.38 and \$2.00 of this amount was given to Rev. G. W. Thomas.

Benediction by Rev. G. W. Thomas.

REV. D. P. LEWIS, Mod.

REV. W. A. BLACKWELL, Sec.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION

The moderator, Rev. D. P. Lewis, asked Rev. J. H. A. Jenkins, and Rev. G. W. Thomas to conduct praise service. Rev. Jenkins read Romans 8. Rev. G. W. Thomas offered prayer. A motion passed that Rev. H. Haskins and Rev. H. T. Simon would preach at the stand.

Next Dr. G. D. Warton came before us and delivered an address. Miss Landis sang a solo, and Miss Beatrice Royster read a paper and Rev. McCraven from Shaw University delivered an address. Next, the various committees made their reports. A motion passed to adjourn to meet with the Blue Wing Baptist church, Wednesday and Thursday after the Second Sunday in July, 1932.

REV. D. P. LEWIS, Mod.

REV. W. A. BLACKWELL, Sec.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance wish to make the following report.

Strong drink is a great evil, and through its influence many homes have been broken up. Many lives have been lost, and many churches have been greatly enjoyed. Therefore be it resolved, that this association denounce it in every form. Resolve, second, that ministers and deacons belonging to this association, preach and teach a total abstinence from the use. Also that the Sunday School Teachers and all christian workers may warn the youths of this land the result from the use thereof:

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. T. Peace

Rev. J. C. Lyon

Rev. W. E. Townsend

Bro. Thomas W. Strongfield.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

We, your committee on moderator's address, wish to make the following report, that we have carefully examined the same, and do desire it to be put in force, because only by such inspiring talk and uplifting example, can the County Line Association go to a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. T. Peace

Rev. G. L. Smith

Deacon S. H. Puryear.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

We your Committee on Time and place beg to leave a report as follows that our next setting will be held with the Blue Wing Baptist Church, near Virgilina, Va., July 13th, 14th, 1932.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. L. S. Burton

Bro. Thomas Hockins

Bro. James Hughes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

We, your Committee on Program wish to report that, The Introductory Sermon will be preached by:

1. Rev. Bat Green, alternate Rev. P. J. Jones.
2. Doctrinal Sermon by Rev. H. H. Jenkins, alternate Rev. J. L. Yancey.
3. Topic: Qualification of a Deacon, led by Rev. J. T. Peace.
4. Topic: "The call of the ministry and its significant led by Rev. S. W. Thomas.
5. Shaw University Representations.
6. Orphanage.
7. Paper by Miss Irena Bobbitt.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. C. Summerville

Bro. Jack Morton

Bro. A. Chavis

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES

We your Committee on New Churches wish to report that there is one (1) church to unite with this association namely "New Hope."

Delegates, Bro. N. Satterfield, Bro. Sam Harris.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. T. G. Nutall

Bro. Thomas Webb

Rev. Jessie Clement.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

We, your Committee on Nomination of Officers wish to report that all officers will hold their same offices for the next two(2) years.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. F. A. Clark

Bro. L. S. Burton

Bro. J. C. Thomas

Bro. Norman Smith

Bro. Thomas Green

Bro. G. Heggie

Bro. M. C. Wilkerson

Bro. Matt Chavis

Bro. Wesley Wilkerson

Bro. Albert Tuck

Bro. Collen Allen

Bro. James Thomas

Bro. M. A. Allen

Bro. Walter Green

Bro. Milton Smith

Bro. T. E. Bass

Bro. Willie Morton

Bro. L. A. Hayes

Bro. C. A. Nutall

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY

We, your Committee on Obituary beg to submit as follows. We find that two members of this association have been called from labor to reward, namely Rev. S. L. Smith, one we dearly loved, we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. We pray God's blessing upon his family.

Also Bro. P. L. Puryear. These brothers are greatly missed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. L. Yancey

Bro. James Thomas

Bro. Thomas Green

Bro. George Peace.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

We, your Committee on Constitution desire to recommend, that we will receive every item offered except item 19, which was an assessment of 2 cents per capital. Therefore we recommend that any church failing to pay 2 cents will not be recognized in this association.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. J. C. Lyon
Bro. Matt Chavis
Bro. Robert Harris
Rev. H. Haskins

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We your Committee on Education, beg to submit the following report: Whereas, education is being emphasized in every educational institute, and whereas the state is erecting high schools in every county for the educating of the youth. We therefore offer the following recommendation:

(1) That the County Line Association will encourage the young men to take advantage of this grand opportunity to have a real Religious training at Shaw University.

(2) That each church will devote something each year to aid worthy young ministers who have been called by God, to preach the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. G. W. Thomas
Rev. J. T. Peace
Bro. F. A. Clark
Bro. J. B. Day

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALITY

We, your Committee on Hospitality wish to make the following report:

Respecting our Baptist Church and Association, we turn kind thanks and high appreciation, to this church, for her benevolent hospitality to us for our stay here. May the Lord of Host ever hover over this church and people, with our continued prayer for them.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. G. L. Smith
Rev. S. T. Thomas
Bro. Milton Smith

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOUR OF MEETING

We, your committee on hours of meeting wish to report that we will open at 10:30 a. m., adjourn at 1:00 p. m., reassemble at 2:00 p. m., and adjourn at 4:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. L. A. Hayes
Rev. G. L. Smith
Bro. T. G. Nutall

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AMOUNT OF MONEY BROUGHT UP FROM EACH CHURCH

Blue Wing -----	\$ 6.00	
New Corinth -----	5.00	
Mt. Gideon -----	2.00	
St. Matthew -----	3.00	
Nelson Chapel -----	1.25	
Aaron's Creek -----	1.18	
Mt. Spring -----	1.76	
Whet Stone -----	1.63	
Stovall Chapel -----	4.10	
Baptist Grove -----	3.71	
New Grassy Creek -----	4.07	
Harris Hill -----	1.00	
Hardie Grove -----	3.00	
Davis Chapel -----	4.00	
White Rock -----	1.00	
New Johnson -----	7.65	
Goshen Hill -----	1.20	
Virnal Hill -----	1.60	
Michels Creek -----	4.53	
New Hope -----	3.00	
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Total A. M. -----	\$62.68	
Total amount of money brought up from each church -----	\$62.68	
Public table collections -----	22.41	
Balance on hand from the Treasure -----	7.68	
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Total amount -----	\$92.77	
For Moderator -----	\$ 4.00	
For Sec. No. 1 -----	4.00	
For Sec. No. 2 -----	2.00	
For Sexton -----	2.00	
For Introductional Sermon -----	2.00	
For Doctrinal Sermon -----	2.00	
For Compiling Minutes -----	5.00	
For Foreign Mission -----	3.00	
For Orphan Asylum -----	5.10	
For General Expenses -----	2.78	
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Total Amount -----	\$31.88	\$31.88
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Balance on hand -----	\$60.89	
Finance report for 1931 of Treasurer, Bro. J. C. Thomas -----	\$84.46	
Paid out -----	44.35	
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For Printing Minutes and Program -----	\$40.11	
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	\$ 7.61	

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LICENSED MINISTERS

Bro. G. W. Peace	-----	Virgilina, Va.
Bro. Sidney Heggie	-----	Oxford, N. C.
Bro. John Handy		
Bro. H. Wilkins	-----	Baltimore, Md.
Bro. J. W. Royster	-----	Virgilina, Va.
Bro. Frank Smith	-----	Oxford, N. C.

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*Brother Moderator, brethren of the County Line Baptist Association
and Friends:*

We have met here on this occasion to render thanks to our Heavenly Father, for His kind providence in permitting us to meet again in this our fifth annual session. Of all the meetings that command my attention during the year, this gathering of Baptist leaders and christian workers seems nearest to my heart. I have been blessed to witness the struggle and growth of this Association as undertaken by you five years ago. For three years I have been your humble leader, and I can but feel humble to appear here today to present an added page to our history with the hope of inspiring you who are heirs of the glorious heritage, to keep the good work going. For this is the Lord's work, and to share even feebly in the Master's cause, yes, even as "a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord" is far better than to dwell in the tents of wickedness", and to be a leader, a friend, a brother to the Christ is truly an honor, which none should decline. Therefore, we meet in His name, on His business, with appointment and authority from above, and charged with the high duty of bringing the world to Christ. Conscious of our high calling let us put into our meetings this week the best that we possess, to the end that unity and progress will follow as a happy sequence.

It is a great thing to have an hour when the best stirs you to come to a summit on life's long, rough road, when you catch sight of a divine landscape, or hear a snatch of a song or a bar of music, or see a look in the face of a friend, that sends all the good in you surging to the front until you say: I will be a man! I will shake off shabby habits, crucify lusts, cleanse my heart of filth, snap the shackles of sin, and be free. When we come to that place in life we are at our best. I am sorry for the man who never has an hour on some mountain peak, who never feels an ecstasy, who never has a thrill, who is always mediocre, and goes through life with his head down, his pulses dull and his sense stale. Therefore, let us see that the hours, which we shall spend here on this mountain of privilege, shall be full of inspiration, full of fellowship, and full of increased knowledge concerning the common problems which we share as ministers and christian workers.

There are many possibilities before us, a united brotherhood, a more efficient organization, and a larger and greater service. The Lord has made you stewards of 19 church houses valued at thirty one (\$31,750) thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars. He has given you nearly sixteen hundred members for spiritual development and training in christian character. All of this constituency has great potential power waiting to be converted into useful channels.

Last year the churches of this association sent to the annual session \$70.36, gave \$43.38 for Home Mission, and \$164.15 for sick and poor. The total amount given for all charitable purposes was \$277.89. If you divide this amount by the total membership in all the churches, you will find that we gave only 20c per individual member for the year, as 1 2-3 cents per month. Brethren we are not giving the Lord interest on the air which we use, say nothing of the multitude of other blessings which we receive.

If the ministers and deacons could get the members of this Association to give 2 1-2 cents per month, per member, we would raise for all charitable causes \$420.00. If they would give 5c per month, per member, we would

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raise for missions in this board \$840.00. I believe, we can do more for Home Missions, sick and poor than we are doing.

The purpose of this Asso. is to bring in to being the improvement of the local church, the individual and the community by the united efforts toward the establishment of a higher plane of moral, social and christian ethics, of living. With the embodiment of these ideals and principles in our constitution, it is therefore, mandatory that we live up to our constitution.

I hope and pray that during the coming year we may courageously seek to carry out into action, the inspiration of this session, the principles embodied in our constitution and resolutions. It is not enough, primarily to make high resolutions, but we should execute them. For truth is never ours until we convert it into action. "Faith without work is dead." For your consideration, I recommend the following:

1. That the Woman's Auxiliary be given a larger space on the program.
2. Association advise its ministerial board to refuse to recommend or indorse any applicant for ordination that has not (1) fair Bible knowledge (2) nor doctrines of the Baptist church (3) nor at least a grammar grade education.
3. A more hearty cooperation with the Baptist convention in its effort to maintain Shaw University as a school for christian education.
4. Association appoint a Sunday School Board, composed of not less than 5 members. Close with this prayer.

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FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

The ----- Baptist Church,
----- County, North Carolina,
----- Association—GREETINGS:

Dear Brethren:—Through the mercy and grace of Almighty God, we are permitted to communicate with you again in your Annual Session.

The condition of our Church -----
and -----

as Messengers. Receive them in love.
We have collected and paid out:

Baptized - - - - -
Dismissed - - - - -
Restored - - - - -
Received by letter - - - - -
Excluded - - - - -
Deaths - - - - -
Total - - - - -

For Pastor ----- \$-----
For Home Missions ----- \$-----
For Foreign Missions ----- \$-----
For Orphan Asylum ----- \$-----
For Building and Repairing Meeting House ----- \$-----
For Educational Purposes ----- \$-----
For Sick and Poor ----- \$-----
For Incidentals ----- \$-----
Brought to the Association:
For Repairing Church ----- \$-----
For Education, Home and Foreign Missions, Old Folks' Home \$-----
Total paid out ----- \$-----

Valuation of Church Property ----- \$-----

May the Great Head of the Church preside over your deliberations.

-----, *Pastor*

-----, *Clerk*

