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MISSIONARIES :

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| Sister T. C. Bullock | Brother M. J. Hinton |
| Sister Maggie Mills | Brother Charlie King |
| Sister Mariah Spain* | Sister Maggie Speight |

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FINANCE COMMITTEE :

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| Brother Wade Allen, Chairman | |
| Sister Hattie Lawrence | Sister Della Dancy |

* Deceased

PROCEEDINGS

Morning Session, Sept. 9th, 1931 3

The thirteenth annual session of the Woman's and Men's Home Mission Association held with St. Paul's Baptist Church, Tarboro, N. C., opened at the appointed hour with the praise service as scheduled. Those in charge were sisters T. ... Bullock, Elnora Ruffin and brother Moses Staton. Sister Ruffin opened by lining hymn 237, which was sung by all present with the spirit. Sister Bullock followed with the reading of Matt. 25:1, 19, after which brother Staton led in prayer. The congregation then sang hymn 250 and the meeting opened for expressions from the delegates and friends present. The sisters and brothers expressed themselves as being very grateful to the Heavenly Father for sparing them to be present in another Association and expressed the determination to continue the good work and to strive to bring others into the fold. After thirty minutes of praise and expressions, the meeting was turned over to the President sister Viola McMillen. She, with the other officers, came forward and took their places. After explaining that because of the death of one of the deacons of the church, whose funeral was to be preached there that afternoon, the three o'clock session would be omitted she made some remarks concerning the work and formally announced the Association opened and ready for the transaction of any business the body should see fit to bring before it. Sister A. R. Kearney then made a motion to hear the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws. Seconded by brother Norman Shirley. The motion was carried and the President requested the recording secretary, brother Wm. Dickens, to read them in sections. This being done, on motion the same was received and adopted. A motion was then carried instructing all members to wear badges while in meetings or turning out with the dead. By motion the Burial Ceremony was read, received and adopted. The formal business being ended, the roll of Locals called and the Association was ready for the appointing of Committees.

The President appointed the Committee on Hours of Meeting. While this committee was out, the following delegates brought greeting from their Locals; Sister Viola Lancaster, Red Hill; Brother Henry Batts, Batts Chapel; Sister Sallie Pickens, Batts Chapel; Brother Morris Mayo, Red Hill; Brothers Moses Staton and Henry Glass, Weeping Mary; Sisters Mary L. Knight, A. L. Kearney, Mary Meacham, Zion Chapel.

The Committee on Hours then came forward and reported as follows—Praise Service 9:30-9:45 A. M.; Morning Session 9:45 A. M.-1:00 P. M.; Afternoon Session 2:30-5:00;

Night Session 8:00, close at will; Dinner to be served in church dining room from 1:15-2:30 P. M.; Supper 6:00-7:30

This report was received and adopted and the following delegates continued with greeting from their Locals:— Sister Chaney Bradley, St. Luke's R. B.; Sister Florence Thorpe, Zion Chapel, R. B.; Sister Annie B. Bryant, Red Hill; Sister Julia Redman; Sister Maria Spain, Eastern Star; Sister Mary Bryant; Brother Norman Shirley, Batts Chapel. By motion of Sister Sallie Dickens and seconded by Sister A. R. Kearney the time for greetings was extended.

Rev. B. J. Tyson was invited to speak to the body which he did in a few well chosen words, bringing a message of friendship and love from his people and wishing the organization God speed. Sister Maggie Speight then came forward and told of her love for the order, giving as her reason that it had been the means of her conversion. Rev. L. B. Kearney being present after some years of absence, came before the body and expressed himself as still being in love and union and determined to work for the order as long as he lived. His remarks were very encouraging and filled us all with cheer.

The President then asked brothers Norman Shirley and Henry Glass to raise the collection. The amount of \$1.75 was reported. The chairman of the Board sister Mary A. Reid then announced a meeting of the Board immediately following the session to be held in the Pastor's study. At this time the President asked the Secretary of the Woman's State Convention, Miss Mary A. Burwell, of Raleigh N. C., who had just arrived, to come forward and be introduced to the body. After the introduction, she made the announcements for the rest of the day. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Morris Mayo the first session adjourned.

First Day, Night Session.

Praise service was conducted by sisters A. R. Kearney, Christine Norfleet and brother M. J. Hinton. Sister Norfleet led in singing, "Blest be the Tie that Binds." Sister Kearney read Ezekiel 17:1, 10, and brother Hinton led in prayer. Second hymn, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone," was also led by sister Norfleet. After expressions hymns and prayers by various members and friends the meeting closed with prayer by sister Rosa Clark.

The President then took her chair and announced that the local programme would be given and introduced the mistress of ceremonies, Mrs. Clara Lawrence. The programme as follows:

LOCAL PROGRAMME

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| Mrs. Laura Lawrence | Mistress of Ceremonies |
| Music | St. Paul's Church Choir |
| Scripture Reading, Psalm 37, | Brother Norman Shirley |
| Prayer | Brother Morris Mayo |
| Music | St. Paul's Choir |
| Welcome, in behalf of Home Missions, | Rosa Clark |
| Welcome, in behalf of the Church | A. W. Wood |
| Responses, Sisters Maggie Speight and Viola Lancaster | |
| Duet, Sisters Rosa Clark and Mary E. Scott | |
| Welcome in behalf of S. S., A. S. McMillan, M. D. | |
| Response, Brother Wm. Dickens | |
| Paper Mrs. Clara Lawrence | |
| Music St. Paul's Church Choir | |

These addresses were expressive of very sincere welcomes and all present enjoyed them. The responses were timely and well given and impressed us deeply. Following this programme there was a very inspiring sermon delivered by the Rev P. A. Thorpe. Rev. Thorpe was introduced by Sister Rosanna Christman in a few well chosen words. He used John 6:35 for his text, reading the whole chapter as a scripture lesson. After the reading of the lesson Brother Batts led in prayer. At the conclusion of the sermon the choir sang a beautiful anthem. Mrs. Laura E Edmonds at the organ. The President then took charge of the service. She commented very favorably on the programme, mentioning especially the singing by the choir. She thanked the Rev Thorpe for his services and explained the congregation that he had very kindly consented to fill the pulpit in the absence of Rev. Killebrew who was scheduled to speak. She then introduced the Rev. J. H. Bratche and Mr. Joe Irvin to the Association the Association. Each spoke to the audience, expressing his pleasure in being present and wishing us much prosperity in our work. The mistress of the ceremonies then appointed sister Christine Norfleet and brother Moses Staton to lift the offering. The amount of \$4 10 was taken and was handed to Rev B. J Tyson who prayed God's blessing upon the gift and givers. The doxology was sung. Benediction by Rev. P. A. Thorpe.

Second Day, Morning Session.

Praise service led by sisters Viola Lancaster, A. F. Kerney and brother Henry Glass. Singing, prayer by brother Glass. Scripture reading St. John 14th chapter and singing "Oh, for a Faith". The members joined heartily in the service and a half hour of praise and prayer was enjoyed by all. The meeting was then turned over to the President who proceeded with the regular business of the

Association. A motion was made, seconded and carried to hear the reading of the minutes of the first day. Minutes were read, received and adopted, The time having arrived for the addresses of officers, some of whom were not quite ready, it was moved that these be deferred until the afternoon session. Motion was carried. The President then announced that the finance committee had assembled and was ready to receive reports. She advised that only one or two report at a time and that they go very quietly in order not to disturb the meeting. The reports of missionaries was then called for. They reported as follows:—Sister T. C. Bullock spoke first of her real and untiring efforts to hold her members together. She reported no new Locals organized. Sister Maggie Speight reported much work done in her community but no new Locals. She expressed the hope that she would have something to report at the next board meeting. Sister Delia Dickey, brothers M. J. Hines, Charlie King Wm. Dickens and Mr. Rand Gray all made similar reports. Sister Sallie Dickens then reported some progress made by her Local both in gaining new members and in doing much mission work in her community. At this juncture the business was suspended a few moments to allow the body to offer prayer for Mr. Rand Gray. Sister Maggie Speight made the request brother Hinton prayed fervently for the conversion of the brother. Sister Reid led in the singing the old hymn "Just as I Am," all joining heartily. A wonderful visitation of the Holy Spirit witnessed and all were greatly blessed.

A motion was then made and carried to give two prizes to the missionaries bringing in the two largest number of members for the year. The Committee on Education called for the reports of any committees that were ready. The Committees on Education, Temperance and Sunday schools all made their reports. These were received and adopted and the Committees dismissed with thanks. The offering was then taken. The amount raised was \$1.25. Benediction and adjournment for dinner.

Second Day, Afternoon Session

Praise service was conducted by sisters Viola Lancaster and Maria Lyons and brother Charlie H. King. Hymn 487 was led by sister Lancaster. The scripture lesson Mark 4:1, 12 was then read by sister Lyons and brother King led in prayer. All joined in the singing of "A Charge to Keep I Have" and the meeting was then opened for song or prayer as they desired. The thirty minutes thus spent, was a source of inspiration to all. At the close of this service, the President and other officers took their places and the programme was continued. Sister Mary A. Reid was asked to take the chair while the President, sister Viola

McMillan give her annual address. This full of information and instruction and enjoyed by all. A motion was made by brother A. W. Wood, seconded by sister Lancaster that the Association extend to the President a rising vote of thanks and that the address be placed in the minutes. The motion was carried. Miss Mary A. Burwell, secretary of the Baptist Women's State Convention, who had been formally introduced to the Association, was then called to the stand. Her address was most timely and instructive. It made us see the great need of education and of training in systematic giving. She spoke of our duty and obligation, as a denomination, to our State Institution, Shaw University, and showed how easily we could contribute to its support if we were willing to sacrifice a few pennies each year. She also mentioned the missionaries now on the field and in Africa who were looking to us for the bare necessities of life. She asked if we were going to fail them in their time of need. The address was very impressive and made us examine ourselves more closely than ever before and asked ourselves is we were doing all in our power to spread the gospel of our Lord as He commanded us to do. The members joined in singing "Go Preach My Gospel", and they sang it with the spirit and understanding. Mrs. J. C. Wright, of Brick's Junior College was then introduced and in her own inimitable manner spoke of the need of kindness to the fallen among our women. She held the audience spellbound for more than thirty minutes and every heart was filled with joy to know that there still remain those in our midst who are large hearted enough to rescue the fallen from a true desire to help humanity.

At this hour the President introduced the Rev. C. H. Taylor, who preached the sermon of the day. Among the ministers present were the Revs H. Batts, J. F. Bryant, B. F. Tyson, H. Glass and P. A. Thorpe. Rev. Taylor used as his text, Heb. 14:14. Rev. Bryant offered prayer. Rev. Morris Mayo then lined hymn 548 which the congregation joined heartily in singing. The sermon was much enjoyed by all. Sister Florence Thorpe and Rev. L. W. Kearney were then appointed to lift the collection, which amounted to \$2.05. The Vice-President, brother Norman Shirley then asked the blessing on the offering and the meeting was dismissed by Rev. Taylor.

Second Day - Night Session.

Following the usual custom of the Association, the closing session was given over to the "Rosebud"; the Junior Order of the Association. Sister Victoria P. Gray, the superintendent was in charge of the programme of the evening.

ROSEBUDS' PROGRAMME.

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| Miss Hattie Mae Everett | Mistress of Ceremonies |
| Music | Junior Choir |
| Prayer | Mr. Wade Alleu |
| Music—In the Cross, | Junior Choir |
| Recitation | Miss Clara Lawrence |
| Recitation | Julia B. Hughes |
| Music | Junior Choir |
| Paper | Miss Florence Thorpe |
| Scripture verses (1st Cor. 13) | Miss Ruth Gray |
| Recitation | Miss Ruby Chephus |
| Music | Junior Choir |

Sisters Carrie Lee Walston and brother Wade Allen were then asked to lift the collection. Amount \$2.55.

The junior programme being closed the President then asked sister Mary A. Reid to introduce the speaker of the evening, Rev W. G. Moyer. This she did in a very effective manner. Rev. Moyer choose for his text, John 12:19, subject, "The drawing personality of Jesus." The sermon was truly wonderful and all realized that if we, as christians, would only hold Jesus up in our daily lives, we would do much to draw men to Him and that each one of us would preach an unspecial, but a live, sermon, each day of our lives. He reminded us that living draws more men to Christ than preaching. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Kilebrew. Singing for collection was led by sister Lancaster. Amount \$6.05. Brother Israel Hilliard and brother Norman Lane had charge of the collection and brother Shirley asked God's blessing on the offering. The following paid 25 cents each: brother Norman Shirley, Israel Hilliard, Norman Lane, Rev. John Bratcher, Rev. W. G. Moyer, Rev. C. A. Taylor, sisters Viola McMillan, Mary A. Reid, Mr. Joe Irvin, sisters Blanche Johnson, Viola Lancaster, Elnora Ruffin, Belle Dickens and Penina Talley.

The President then called for their reports of any committee that were still out. The following reported: Committee on Grievances, Committee on the President's Address, Committee on Obituary, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Finance and Committee on Time and Place. All reports were received and adopted and committees discharged with thanks. The Committee on Officers was the last to report. No changes were made except in that of State Missionary and one member of the Finance Committee. Sister Maria Spain was made missionary and sister Della Dancy was elected to fill the vacancy on the Finance Comm' e. The report was unanimously received and adopted and the committee discharged. The new officers were then installed; the charge being given by Rev. Moyer. The service was both solemn and impressive and all felt

the obligations that were being placed upon them. The President then announced the thirteenth annual session of Women's and Men's Home Mission Association closed, to meet the Wednesday before the second Sunday in September, 1932, with St. Luke's Local 1st Baptist Church, Leggett, N. C. The Rev. Moyer pronounced the benediction and the delegates and visitors repaired to their homes filled with new inspiration and feeling that the time had been well spent.

VIOLA MCMILLAN, President
A. W. WOOD, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 0th, 1932I

Meeting was opened with signing "Pass Me Not," Etc., prayer by brother Wood. Singing "Must Jesus Bear the Cross." The chairman then announced the meeting opened and ready for business. By motion the minutes of the last meeting were read, received and adopted. The members decided that each local could enact any by-laws that it saw fit provided they do not conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association. Adjournment.

September 10th, 9:00 A. M.

Meeting continued. Singing. Scripture reading, Psalm 133. Prayer by brother M. J. Hinton.

There was much discussion concerning the making of programmes and sending of notices. It was finally decided that the programme committee be selected from among the members of the local that entertains the Association and the regular officers of the same. By motion it was decided that all locals must collect the 25 cents Association fee from their members and report the same to the Finance Secretary. It was also decided to have the minutes printed as early as possible and to have just enough to meet the needs of the members. After some lengthy discussion it was moved and passed that each local defray the expenses of its board members and delegates to both board meetings and the Association. It was also passed that the Association defray the expenses of its officers. It was further resolved that the church nearest that one entertaining the Association, will assist in caring for the delegates. After discussing other minor matters, the meeting adjourned until the chairman shall see fit to issue another call.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Dear Christian Workers and Friends:

It is indeed a pleasure to greet you here in this, the County seat of Edgecombe County, which may also be considered the City of Beginnings: since our records show that many of the various Christian organizations date their beginnings here. In every great endeavor, however big the undertaking, our blessed Lord has designed to use women in the making. Standing here today, glancing back over the twelve years of our existence, we recall the labors of our former president, Sister Mary A. Reid, and her co-workers who so faithfully and loyally led us to our present position. With only two or three locals as a beginning, they have builded until we now stand hundreds strong. All hail the day when this apparently insignificant band dared to brave the winds of doubt and criticism to rescue men and women from want and despair.

It is a great thing to perfect a mechanism and a still greater to develop and maintain the power to keep it functioning properly. This they have done. As Christian workers and home makers, you may congratulate yourselves for having carried on, through the aid of the Holy Spirit, the ideas of the organizers of this body; first by banding yourselves together for Christian council, protection and help, and then by gathering in the children to teach and train them in the ways of our Lord and His Christ.

All are not interested in missionary work to begin with. That is not surprising when we remember that only a few give it any thought. Missionary work is like taking stock in a bank, the more you put into it the more you get out; not only of interest, but of joy as well. Time, money or prayer; it doesn't matter; try it and your interest will be the highest ever paid—100 percent. But you ask "How can we get them interested enough to begin to put anything in?" First of all, by awakening in their hearts a love for Christ. No body of men or women, no matter by what name it is called, has ever accomplished anything at missionary

- effort which has left Him out. The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ, self-communicative and self-sacrificing.
- 2nd: We may arouse our members to the importance of missions by giving them more detailed information.

There is that element of self in man that he does not lose by being baptised or by simply giving to the church. So many people are like the old sister who sent the missionary circle an old hat to give away and then stood outside of the door, after the meeting, to see who had it on. We all know the questions we meet constantly—"How much money must I pay?" "What is it to be used for?" "What did you do with the last we gave you?"

The children, too, must be trained to systematic giving just as diligently as we teach them the commandments. The children's department is the plant-bed of the organization. Then let us see to it that the ground is thoroughly broken up and the soil so well prepared that the plants will not be stunted by the transplanting; but so strengthened by our tender care that the change will be noted only by the steady growth into full-grown and willing workers into our locals. Here opens for us, dear members, a boundless hope when we despair of the adult members of our body.

We may not outnumber other organizations of this kind—but what are numbers when fighting for God and righteousness? What of Gideon's army; of Joshua's band, and of the Children of Israel? Were they many? No; but they were victorious—"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," saith the Lord.

You recall the story of the battle when the army of the Cannanites was put to flight and Sisera himself was slain in the tent of a woman who was a friend of the Israelites. After the battle had been fought and the victory won, Deborah sings a song recounting the battle (Jud. 5:20) in which she ascribes the victory to God, through the forces of nature. She did not take any credit for the victory; so when we

consider that God is in all, over all, through all and that by Him all things are directed, we say with Matthew Arnold, "There is a power, not of ourselves that makes for righteousness." If we do right—God is with us to bring us out victorious—nature is on our side—that God who taught us to love one another and our enemies, speaks to us, saying, "Lo, I am with you always."

Dear Christian workers, the sign post says "Go Forward." There is much land to possess in the Master's name. If we are to carry on this work successfully, we must do so by the way of prayer and faith. Is not our part in the building of the Kingdom the privilege of prayer as well as to witness of His love and power? Are we truly concerned about those less fortunate than ourselves; concerned enough to serve them, care for them when they are ill, give them food when they are hungry and to divide our substance, although small, with them?

OBITUARY

With only seven deaths in our ranks this year, we can truly feel that we have been blessed and that our Heavenly Father has indeed been merciful to us. The donations for these deaths have been paid, and the hearts of the bereaved families gladdened and cheered as far as earthly power made it possible.

He gave them; He took them;
 Since Christ was their Ransom; their Guardian;
 their Guide;
 And He will restore them;
 "They have gone to the grave—
 But we will not deplore them;
 And death hath no sting, since our Savior hath
 died."

RECOMMENDATIONS

Considering the great financial strain under which we are now laboring, I recommend that the greatest leniency be shown all members of the organizations in their effort to keep up their financial obligations,

especially where members are loyal in attendance at meetings and in performing their Christian duties toward each other; that we be very mindful of the fact that we are a charitable organization and so remember to be merciful in dealing with the old among us; at all times remembering to do unto them as we would wish to be done by, were we in their places.

Feeling that the present era demands of all children some specific religious training, I recommend that a committee be appointed to select from the various courses of prepared Bible Study, a simple series of lessons on missions and missionaries to be studied by our juveniles in their regular monthly meetings, under the supervision of their leaders.

I also wish to recommend that we study our Constitution and By-Laws carefully and strive to keep the laws as therein laid down.

We must decide many important questions regarding our work in this setting of the Association. We can not remain as we are; we must go forward to the greater efforts and larger victories. We must undertake greater things in His name. We must widen our boundaries—take in more territory. By the sign of the Cross we conquer.

Finally: Are we striving to be brave and true; are we standing up for God and righteousness, even amid unparalleled conditions? I know it is not always easy; I know that you are often severely criticised—but stand for the truth knowing that you are not alone. You are enlisted in the army of the Lord and you are fighting under the blood-stained banner of King Emmanuel; God is your King; Jesus Christ is your Commander in Chief, and the Holy Spirit is your Captain, and you can never lose a battle. “They fight from heaven; the stars in their courses fight for you, for you are on the side of righteousness.

For right is right; since God is God;

And right the day must win;

To doubt would be disloyalty—

To falter would be sin.

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

ON OFFICERS:—Mrs. Mary A. Reid, Morris Mayo, A. R. Kearney, Chaney Bradley, Mary Dunn, Mary J. Shirley, Henry Batts, Mary Scott, Hattie M. Everett, A. W. Wood, Hattie Reid, Christine Norfleet, Henry Glass, Annie Cutchin, M. L. Speight.

ON EDUCATION:—Morris Mayo, Rosa Clark, Viola Lancaster, Hattie Lawrence, Florence Thorpe, Mary A. Reid, Moses Staton.

ON TEMPERANCE:—Henry Batts, Mary Dunn, Henry Glass, Mary V. Brown, Elnora Ruffin, Cora Wimberly, Juno Redmon.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS:—Maggie L. Speight, Maria Spain, Chaney Bradley, T. C. Bullock, Della Dancy, Mary Scott, Mary Bryant.

ON GRIEVANCES:—Mary Meachem, M. J. Hinton, Ida Williams, Mary J. Shirley, A. W. Wood.

ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:—A. W. Wood, Viola Lancaster, L. W. Kearney.

ON RESOLUTIONS:—Wm. Dickens, M. A. Reid, Morris Mayo, Della Dancy, Maggie Speight, Maria Spain, Maria Lyons, L. W. Kearney, Florence Thorpe.

ON OBITUARY:—A. R. Kearney, Henry Batts, Chaney Bradley, Annie B. Bryant, Morris Mayo, J. Shirley, Norman Shirley, Annie Cutchin, Hattie Reid, A. W. Wood.

ON TIME AND PLACE:—Annie B. Bryant, Morris Mayo, T. C. Bullock, M. J. Hinton, Mary L. Knight, Norman Shirley, Juno Redman, Maria Spain, Moses Staton.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Committee on Election of Officers We, your Committee on Officers, beg leave to submit the following report: Whereas all officers of the Association have given satisfactory service during their term of office, we recommend that that they be re-elected with the following changes:—In the place of sister Maria Spain, who is a member of the Finance Committee, we substitute sister Della Dancy, and we place in the office of sister Della Dancy (now missionary) sister Mariah Spain. Respectfully,

THE COMMITTEE.

Committee on Education. We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report:—Whereas the State of North Carolina has provided the people with good schools, and, whereas, it is putting forth every effort to better educate the race; be it resolved that this Associa-

ation endorse every movement the State shall put forth to uplift its people; and be it further resolved that every home mission sister and brother make a sacrifice to keep their children in school, and to help their neighbours keep their children in school and to lend every aid to the teacher in their community; that the children be prepared to conquer ignorance, build up the race and make of themselves worthy citizens. Signed THE COMMITTEE.

Committee on Temperance. We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave submit the following report:— Whereas, the use and handling of intoxicants have been the cause of much suffering and poverty among our race, and whereas, extravagance in dress has made it impossible to save any of the money we receive; be it resolved that we be temperate in all things; especially to avoid the use of strong drink and tobacco. We recommend that a fine of 25 cts. be imposed upon any member indulging in the use of tobacco in any form, during the hours of meeting.

Respectfully Submitted THE COMMITTEE.

Committee on Grievances. We, your Committee, beg leave report that as no grievances have been brought to us we therefore conclude that the Association is in love and union. Respectfully Submitted THE COMMITTEE.

Committee on Sunday Schools. We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report that the Sunday School is a very old and revered institution and since it has accomplished untold good to countless numbers, be it therefore resolved that we encourage every parent and child with whom we come in contact to become a member of it and to use his or her influence to gether into its fold knowing that as we train the child, so it will he inclined to go in after years. Respectfully Submitted

THE COMMITTEE.

Committee on Obituaries. We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows:—Since it has pleased our Heavenly Father to take from us a number of our sisters, be it resolved that we bow our heads in humble submission to him who doeth all things well and strive to be happy in the realization that each died in the full triumph of the faith and is at rest in the loving arms of the Saviour.

Respectfully THE COMMITTEE.

Committee on President's Address. We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows:—Whereas the address of our President is so very instructive and timely; and whereas it is full of thought for our further consideration, we recommend that it be placed in the Minutes that all may have the opportunity to read at their convenience.

Respectfully THE COMMITTEE.

Committee on Resolutions. We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave make the following report:—Resolved that this Association stand firmly by its Constitution and strive to broaden our boundaries and make of ourselves an organization that shall fulfill its purpose in the fullest extent and thus relieve the suffering of many needy and unfortunate.

Respectfully THE COMMITTEE.

Committee on Time and Place. We, your Committee on Time and Place, beg leave to report as follows:—By unanimous consent the next place of meeting will be with St. Luke's Local, Tarboro, N. C., Wednesday before the second Sunday in September, 1932.

Respectfully THE COMMITTEE.

FINANCE REPORT AND REPORTS OF DELEGATES

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| Jerusalem Sisters, M. L. Speight | \$ 7.00 |
| St. Luke's Sisters, Tempie Bullock | 6.75 |
| Weeping Mary Sisters, J. Redmon | 4.00 |
| Weeping Mary Brothers, Moses Staton | 2.75 |
| St. Mark's Sisters, Mariah Lyons | 4.50 |
| Red Hill Sisters, Annie B. Bryan | 14.50 |
| Batts' Chapel Sisters, Sallie Dickens | 6.25 |
| Batts' Chapel Brothers, Henry Batts | 2.25 |
| Salem Chapel Sisters, Mary Dunn | 6.50 |
| Zion Chapel Sisters, Mary Scott | 19.50 |
| Zion Chapel Rosebuds, Florence Thorpe | 1.50 |
| Eastern Star Sisters, Maria Spain | 6.25 |
| St. Luke's Rosebuds, Chanie Bradley | .88 |
| Red Hill Brothers, Morris Mayo | 1.50 |
| St. Luke's Brothers, J. M. Hinton | 4.50 |
| Little Zion Sisters, Sarah Buruett | 1.05 |
| Amount sent to Association | \$ 89.68 |
| Collections | 16.00 |
| Money sent to Financial Secretary | 287.80 |
| Balance in Treasury (1930) | 16.21 |
| Total | \$ 409.69 |

DISBURSEMENTS

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| Death Donation, | Manie Crenshaw | \$ 53.90 |
| | Ophelia Hilliard | 81.30 |
| | Phee Hyman | 51.50 |
| | Minerva Hynes | 53.70 |
| | Siddie Kearney | 58.60 |
| Aid to Rev. Thorpe, for service | | 2.70 |
| Paid to Rev. Taylor, for service | | 2.50 |
| Paid to Rev. W. J. Moye, for service | | 5.00 |
| Paid to Sister V. McMillan, for service | | 17.35 |
| Paid to Brother N. Shirley, for service | | 9.00 |
| Paid to Brother Wm. Dickens, for service | | 14.00 |
| Paid to Sister M. V. Brown, for service | | 15.00 |
| Paid to Sister M. A. Reid, for service | | 9.00 |
| Paid to Sister Hattie Lawrence, | | 7.50 |
| Paid to Sister Maria Spain, for service | | 3.50 |
| Paid to Sister Carrie Walston, for service | | 3.00 |
| Paid to Sister Sallie Dickens, for service | | 3.00 |
| Paid to Sexton, for service | | 1.50 |
| Paid to Choir, for service | | 1.50 |
| Miscellaneous expenses for Financial Sec., | | 9.00 |
| Call Meeting expenses | | 9.42 |
| Total | | \$ 380.97 |

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AND TRAISURER

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Brought forward 1930 | \$ 16.21 |
| Collected 1931 | 393.48 |
| Total | \$ 409.69 |
| Disbursements 1931 | 380.97 |
| Balance on hand | \$ 28.72 |
| Respectfully, | Hattie Lawrence |
| | Carrie L. Walston |
| | Maria Spain |
| | Sallie Dickens, Treasurer |

TABLE OF STATISTICS

| SOCIETIES | PRESIDENT | SECRETARY | POST OFFICE | | | Sent to Association | Paid in during Year | Paid out during Year |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | No. Received | No. Expelled | No. Dismissed | No. Restored | No. Decreas'd | No. on Roll |
| Red Hill Sisters | Mary A. Reid | Mary V. Brown | Whitakers, N. C. | 10 | --- | 2 | 58 | 1450 |
| Red Hill Brothers | D. Reid | Morris Mayo | Whitakers | --- | 1 | 6 | 50 | 320 |
| St. Luke's Sisters | Temple Bullock | A. R. Kearney | Tarboro, | --- | 1 | 1 | 27 | 75 |
| St. Luke's Brothers | M. J. Hinton | C. W. Kearney | Route 4 | 1 | --- | 1 | 18 | 113 |
| St. Mark's Sisters | Maria Lyon | Annie Cutchin | Speed, Route 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 18 | 45 |
| Batts' Chapel Sisters | Sallie Dickens | Rosa Savage | Whitakers, R. 1, Box 178 | --- | 11 | 18 | 45 | 54 |
| Batts' Chapel Brothers | Henry Batts | Norman Shirley | Speed, R. 1, Box 8 | 10 | --- | 3 | 25 | 114 |
| Salem Chapel Sisters | Mary Dunn | Mattie Kearney | Speed, R. 1, Box 93 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 48 |
| Jerusalem Sisters | M. L. Speight | Hattie L. Taylor | Tarboro, R. 4, Box 28 | 1 | --- | 3 | 26 | 28 |
| Zion Chapel Sisters | B. J. Smith | Clara Lawrence | Whitakers | 8 | --- | 3 | 28 | 45 |
| Eastern Star | Rosa Clark | Laura Shields | Tarboro, Box 148 | 27 | 1 | 15 | 78 | 19 |
| Little Zion | Sarah Burnett | Whitakers | Tarboro 603 St. John St. | 11 | 1 | 1 | 25 | 50 |
| Weeping Mary Sisters | Chrisqine Noofleet | Sarah Powell | 1 | --- | 1 | 1 | 25 | 59 |
| Weeping Mary Brothers | Henry Girss | Harvey Howard | Tarboro, R. 1, Box 93-a | 14 | --- | 1 | 16 | 218 |
| Zion Chapel Rosebuds | Carrie L. Walston | ROSEBUDS | Tarboro, R. 4, Box 4 | 11 | --- | 1 | 11 | 15 |
| St. Luke's Rosebuds | Martha Braswell | Hallie M. Everett | Tarboro, 517 E. Baker St. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 1 |
| | | Channie Bradley | Tarboro, R. 4, Box 4 | --- | 1 | 1 | 7 | 50 |
| | | | | | | | 88 | 30 |
| | | | | | | | 14 | 6 |
| | | | | | | | 75 | 30 |
| | | | | | | | 14 | 6 |
| | | | | | | | 7 | 6 |
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| | | | | | | | | TOTAL Paid in Paid Out |
| | | | | | | | | 105 112 39 5398 89 6- 139 62 |



