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# MINUTES

OF THE  
Thirty-first Annual Session  
OF THE

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HELD WITH THE  
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# PROCEEDINGS

Lumber Bridge, N. C., October 21st, 1915.



THE Union Missionary Baptist Association met in its Thirty-first Annual Session at 12:30 a. m Thursday morning, October 21st, 1915, with the Laurel Hill Baptist church.

Praise service was conducted by Rev. O. Watkin. At the close of this service Rev. R. McLaughlin lined hymn No. 543. Scripture read from 141 Psalms. Prayer by Brother John Thames.

Rev. J. J. McDonald was then introduced to the audience. He preached the Introductory Sermon from Isiah 54-2, "Spare not, lengthen thy cord." At the close of this service the congregation sang "I heard the voice of Jesus say." Prayer was then offered by Rev. Peter McMillan.

Rev. F. D. Bandy, pastor of the church, arose and delivered the Address of Weldome to the delegates and friends. Response to the Address of Welcome by Rev. W. T. Currie.

The programmes were offered and upon motion they were adopted as a Guide to Our Work.

A call of the roll showed the following representatives present:

New Bethel—A. J. McDonald, M. D. DeBerry.

Oak Ridge --W. M. Patterson, S. M. McGuire.

First Baptist Elizabethtown--Luther McNair.

Cedar Creek--W. H. Culbreth.

Pleasant Union—W. H. Monroe.

Kitchen Branch—W. H. Monroe.

Lillies Grove—Simon Spearman, Henry Roberson.

New Hope—W. H. Carver, Author Carrol.

Flat Swamp—John Thames.

Clarkton--T. P. Cromartie.

- Shiloh--Robt. McNatt, A. P. McGeachy.  
 Rock Hill--Z. McNeill, D. J. Blue.  
 Pilgrim Hill--K. S. Troy.  
 Leach Springs--Malcum Ross, Charley Smith.  
 First Baptist, Parkton--D. J. Johnson.  
 Mt. Pisgah--Lewis Steward, Miles Smith, Daniel Smith  
 Piney Grove (C)--E. W. Boone, W. Z. Boone.  
 Pleasant Hill--F. M. Brown.  
 Abbotsburg--E. D. Brown.  
 White Creek--W. Z. Troy.  
 Spring Hill--Alex Maxwell, A. Henry.  
 St. John--J. B. Everitt, W. M. McEachern, S. A. Mc-  
 Neill.  
 Laurel Hill--P. H. Purdy, John Taylor, I. H. Bain.  
 Bethany--Jas. Henderson.  
 Sand Hill--C. J. Shaw.  
 Baldwin Branch--T. H. McKay.  
 Paradise--T. H. McKay.  
 Second Baptist, Fayetteville--O. Watkin, L. A. Ray-  
 ford.  
 Shiloh (B)--Major Lewis.  
 New Hope (B)--L. P. Cromartie.  
 First Baptist, Fayetteville--F. M. King, P. H. Gillespie,  
 C. A. Cogdell.  
 Savannah--B. J. Melvin.  
 Grays Creek--G. W. Carver, Henry Freeman, Robert  
 McLauchlin.  
 Pleasant Grove--B. G. McMillan, J. H. Glover, W. L.  
 McMillan.  
 Beauty Spot--D. H. Ray, James Graham, Duncan Ray.  
 Second St. Matthew--J. C. McLean, E. H. Howard.  
 Red Springs--Peter Evans.  
 St. Peter--N. W. Ray, C. H. Mumford.  
 St. Matthew, No. 1--G. S. Buie.  
 Cheerful Hope--W. T. Currie.  
 1st New Light--G. W. Burney, R. B. Council, N. B.  
 Dunham.



Swanns Creek—J. E. Geddie, Timon Purdie, Wm. Spearman.

Baptist Union—E. J. F. Melvin, David McDonald, J. H. Evans.

Mt. Olive—H. Jones.

Second New Light—G. W. Spearman, J. W. McKay.

China Grove—W. C. Melvin, Joseph Walker.

Piney Grove (H)—D. C. McNeill, D. B. McAlister, J. M. Pankey.

Round Branch—Atlas Lewis.

On motion the following committees were appointed:

On Finance—Bro. A. L. Johnson, M. D. DeBerry, G. W. Spearman.

On Reception of New Churches—Revs. Peter McMillan, James McSwain, S. W. Smith, J. J. McDonald, J. D. Walker.

On Temperance—Rev. R. McLaughlin, Bros. G. W. Carver, R. R. Darden, W. H. Monroe, Rev. C. J. Shaw.

On Education—Revs. J. M. Smith, Geo. Williams, O. Watkin, H. I. Quick, Prof. L. J. Levister.

On Resolution—Revs. P. W. King, H. Adams, S. W. Justus, L. A. Rayford.

On Constitution—Revs. N. B. Dunham, W. T. Currie, J. J. Scarlette, J. J. McDonald, Geo. Williams, I. P. Pearsall, Bro. F. M. Brown, A. Maxwell, S. A. McNeill.

On Obituary—Rev. T. H. McKay, L. P. Cromartie, Bros. Miles Smith, Peter Evans, W. G. Boon, B. G. McMillan, J. E. Geddie, P. H. Gillispie.

On Place of Next Meeting—J. J. C. Campbell, E. D. Brown, Lewis Steward, John Thames, Nelson Shaw, E. J. F. Melvin, Luther McNair, M. Ross, W. M. Patterson, A. J. Ray, Wesley McKay, D. H. Ray, John Jones, Timon Purdie.

On the State and Condition of the Country—Revs. J. J. Scarlette, H. I. Quick, A. B. Vincent, Geo. Williams, Prof. L. J. Levister.

On Grievances—Revs. P. W. King, S. W. Smith, O. Watkin, N. B. Dunham, Geo. Williams, L. A. Rayford, W. R. Monroe, J. R. McNair, and Bros. Miles Smith, D. H. Ray.

On the Moderator's Address—Rev. N. B. Dunham, A.

B. Vincent, H. I. Quick, I. P. Pearsall, Prof. Levister.

On Reorganization—Revs. J. J. Scarlette, O. Watkin, P. W. King, H. Adams, L. A. Rayford, S. W. Smith, S. W. Justus, I. P. Pearsall, J. D. Davis.

At this hour a recess was taken for dinner until 2:30.

Benediction by Rev. J. J. McDonald.

### FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session

Praise service was conducted by Bros. A. L. Johnson and R. R. Darden. Prayer by Rev. J. J. C. Campbell. Hymn, "I hear the voice of Jesus say". Prayer was again offered by Bro. James McSwain.

The Moderator then announced the meeting open and ready for business.

On motion that the minutes of the forenoon session be read.

On motion that the minutes be approved.

The hour for the Moderator's address had arrived and vice-moderator, Rev. N. B. Dunham, was called to the chair Bro. E. E. Smith delivered an able and comprehensive address. [See appendix].

On motion that the moderator's address be referred to its committee for special investigation.

Dr. A. B. Vincent made remarks commenting on the recommendation of the Moderator.

The first topic discussed was: "The Work Before Us, as an Association," by Revs. S. W. Smith and I. P. Pearsall, Bro. E. J. F. Melvin and others.

A letter was read from Rev. O. C. McMillan expressing his regrets at not being able to attend the Association on account of the condition of his health.

A collection was lifted for Hodges Institute, in which the following paid pledges: E. E. Smith, \$5.00; J. J. McDonald, \$1.00; S. W. Smith, \$1.00; E. McMillan, 50c; C. J. Shaw, \$1.00; Geo. Williams, \$1.00; H. I. Quick, 25c; N. B. Dunham, \$5.00; L. P. Cromartie, \$1.00; R. McLaughlin, \$2.00; J. M. Smith, \$1.00; A. B. Brown, \$5.00; A. L. John-



son, \$3.00; J. J. C. Campbell, 25c; Henry McSwain, 25c; L. A. Rayford, 50c; J. D. Davis, 25c; N. W. Whitehead, 25c; E. J. F. Melvin, 25c; P. W. King, \$1.00. There were others who gave small amounts for this worthy cause. Collection \$29.25. Adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

Benediction by Rev. O. Watkin.

### FIRST DAY—Evening Session

Praise services were conducted by Bros. William Patterson and Henry McSwain. Hymn, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." Prayer by Bro. P. H. Gillespie. Second hymn, No. 543, "Amazing Grace".

At the conclusion of the praise service the Moderator announced that the Doctrinal Sermon would be preached by Rev. J. J. Scarlette, pastor of the First Baptist church, Fayetteville. Rev. Scarlette ascended the rostrum associated by Rev. Geo. Williams, who lined hymn No. 654, "I love thy Church, O God."

The speaker used as a text Mark 16.15, "Go Ye Into All the World and Preach My Gospel to Every Creature." This was a masterful sermon and was well received by all who heard it. After which Rev. P. W. King sang "Go Preach My Gospel, Saith the Lord." Prayer by Rev. Robt McLaughlin. A collection was then lifted amounting to \$4.00. Prof. Levister then made a few remarks and the association adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

Benediction by Rev. S. W. Justus.

### SECOND DAY—Morning Session

Praise services were conducted by Bros. F. M. King and Amos McDonald. Hymn No. 218 "Dark was the night and cold the ground." Prayer by Bro. Amos McDonald.

The Moderator then made remarks and declared the house in order for business.

The minutes of the afternoon and evening sessions were read and approved.

The following persons were appointed as reading clerks:

Bros. W. W. Carver, Henry McSwain, W. T. Currie; Misses Sudie McDonald and Essie Mae Baldwin. After the reading of letters the committee on State and Condition of the Country submitted their report. (See appendix)

The Treasurer made his report. The same was referred to the Auditor. (See report)

The Educational Board's report was submitted and after comments the same was adopted.

Prof. J. L. Levister was asked to speak at this hour and the Association was treated to an elegant address on the needs of the Theological Department of Shaw University, and the support of the brethren was earnestly requested. A collection was then lifted amounting to \$10.15. Adjourned for dinner.

Benediction by Rev. H. I. Quick.

### **SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session**

Praise services were conducted by Bro. E. Z. Melvin and others. Brother Henry McSwain offered prayer. A very spiritual song was sang by the delegates which was very helpful and enjoyed by all. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Educational Sermon claimed the attention of the Association at this time. Business was suspended to hear this sermon by Rev. N. B. Dunham. Rev. Dunham being out on a committee Rev. Justus suggested that we hear "Echoes from the Field," which was very interesting. As time was swiftly passing, Rev. Dunham still engaged with the committee sent word to the house that he would be unable to preach at this hour and asked that Rev. A. B. Vincent be asked to preaeh in his stead. Rev. Vincent ascended the rostrum, associated by Rev. H. I. Quick who lined hymn "God Moves in a Mysterious Way His Wonders to Perform." Rev. Quick read scripture from 20th chapter of Revelation. Rev. McPhail offered prayer. Hymn, "My Soul Another Year is Past." Rev. Vincent then arose and used as a text Revelation 21:1, "And I Saw a New Heaven, and a New Earth, for the First Heaven and the First Earth

Were Passed Away." At the close of this sermon a spiritual song was sang and Rev. J. J. C. Campbell offered prayer. Another song.

Second Topic: "The Relation of the Church to the Home and Foreign Mission" was briefly discussed by the brethren.

The Committee on Place submitted their report. (See reports)

The Committee on Reorganization submitted their report. (See reports.)

On motion that the reports of the committes be approved.

Visiting brethren were introduced and made welcome to seats with us. Dr. A. B. Vincent, Prof. L. J. Levister, Rev. McPhail and Sister Blackman received a hearty welcome.

The Committee on the Moderator's Address submitted their report. (See reports.)

Committee on Grievance submitted their report. The same being adopted. The committee were discharged. (See reports)

On motion that we pay the Doctor who attended the sick delegate \$4.00.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 tonight. Benediction by Rev. W. H. Diggs.

## SECOND DAY—Evening Session

Praise service by Bros. R. R. Darden and E. D. Brown.

Rev. W. H. Diggs who was to preach the Temperance Sermon ascended the rostum associated by Rev. L. A. Rayford, who lined hymn No. 637, "I love Thy Church, O God." The speaker used for his text Prov.8:36, "But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul." At the close of this excellent sermon a collection was taken amounting to \$2.55.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Benediction by Rev. P. W. King.

**THIRD DAY—Morning Session**

Praise service was conducted by Rev. A. W. P. Smith and Bro. A. R. Edwards. Hymn No. 562. Prayer by Rev. Smith. Second hymn "Go Preach My Gospel, Saith the Lord." Prayer was again offered by Rev. O. Watkin.

The Moderator declared the house in order for business and the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The first order was the report of the Auditor. (See reports.)

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was called. On motion that the report of the Corresponding Secretary be approved. (See reports)

On motion that we represent to the State Convention.

On motion that we send ten delegates to the Convention and they be given \$2.50 each as railroad fare.

The report of the delegates to the 1914 session of the Convention was called for and Dr. E. E. Smith, Revs. King, McLaughlin, P. McMillan, L. A. Rayford reported. All of these reports were very ably made and showed that great progress was being made for the better condition of missionary work in the bounds of the Old North State among Negro Baptists.

The Committee on Education made their report and by motion was approved. (See reports)

Bro. R. R. Darden was unanimously elected as a beneficiary student to the Educational Board.

The Committee on Constitution made their report. The report was approved. (See reports.)

Committee on Resolutions reported. On motion that the report on Resolutions be approved. (See reports.)

The time having arrived for the Missionary Sermon Rev. King, the appointee, ascended the rostrum associated by Revs. J. J. Scarlette, W. H. Monroe. Rev. Monroe lined hymn No. 800. At the close of this hymn Rev. Scarlette read scripture from Isaiah 60th chapter. Prayer by Rev. H. I. Quick. The congregation then sang "Give Me That

Old Time Religion." The Moderator then introduced Rev. King, who arose and used as text Isaiah 62:1, "For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace." After this most wonderful sermon a collection was taken amounting to \$12.04.

A vote of thanks was then tendered the church and the surrounding community for their kind and hospitable manner in which they cared for the Association.

Thus ends one of the most pleasant and profitable sessions of the Union Baptist Association.

Adjourned to meet with the Grays' Creek Baptist Church, twelve miles below the City of Fayetteville, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October 1916. Benediction by Rev. P. W. King.

C. A. COGDELL, Rec. Sec'ty.

REV. E. E. SMITH, Moderator.

**Our Motto :**

**"Peace With God and All Man Kind"**



# A P P E N D I X

## Report on Resolutions

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to make the following report :

Whereas, seeing the need of a most efficient consecrated ministerial leadership among our people, we therefore recommend this Association take its stand, requiring all applicants for the ordination to pass 80% or not less than 75% in the following branches: (1)—Harveys' on Church and Pastor. (2)—Pendelton's Outline of Theology. (3)—Outline of Church History of the Baptist Venders Sacred Geography with Bible Atlas. (4)—Baptist Doctrines, Hancock's Church Directory. (5)—History of the United States. (6) History of the Old and New Testament, Smith's Language. We recommend that this course be printed in the minutes of this Association from year to year. We recomend further that we will strive to uphold the good name of our preachers and Christian workers.

Resolved further, That this Association hold a communion service at the close of its annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. P. W. King

“ H. Adams

“ S. W. Justus

“ L. A. Rayford Committee.

## Report on New Churches

We, your Committee on New Churches, beg leave to make the following report :

Having examined the orthodox of the two following churches, viz: Pleasant Hill and Round Branch, we find them properly organized. We therefore recommend that



they be admitted to membership in the body.

Rev. Peter McMillan  
 “ J. D. Walker  
 “ James McSwain  
 “ S. W. Smith  
 “ J. J. McDonald Committee.

### Report on Temperance

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to make the following report:

That the teaching of scripture and of experience prove that total abstinence from everything injurious to the body and soul is promotive to growth and strength and character and mind, and is essential to the peace, harmony, purity, and happiness of society.

Resolved, That this Association continue with all its powers to discourage with every legitimate measure to stamp out the use of intoxicating beverages, the use of tobacco in such forms as cigars, cigarettes and snuff, and further to discourage the use of anything that tends to hinder the growth of the race in manhood and womanhood. We further recommend that the leaders of this Association be moderate in all things.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. C. Shaw  
 “ R. McLaughlin  
 “ R. R. Darden  
 “ W. H. Monroe  
 “ G. W. Carver Committee.

### Report on Education

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to make the following report:

As education is on great demand to lift the masses of a people, and

Whereas, It is the means by which all races are raised to a state of civilization, and

Whereas, No race or people can reach the height of the glory of God without education, therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend to our different churches a place for instructing young men and women for the duties of life—our Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.; State

Normal, Fayetteville, N. C., and that the Trustee Board as soon as possible open the doors of our own Hodges' Institute, Clarkton, N. C.

Rev. J. M. Smith  
 " O. Watkin  
 " H. I. Quick  
 " Geo. Williams  
 Prof. L. J. Levister Committee.

### Report on Obituary

We, your Committee on Obituary, beg leave to make the following report :

After having examined the several reports we find that it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from labor to reward fifty-two of our members since our last meeting. Let us bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. McKay  
 L. P. Cromartie  
 Miles Smith  
 Peter Evans  
 T. J. Brown  
 B. J. McMillan  
 D. Tysor  
 P. H. Gillespie Committee

### Report of the Auditor

Having examined the Treasurer's reports, finding that during the year there have been placed in his hands \$319.87 and finding that orders have been drawn to the amount of \$308.60, leaving a balance on hand of \$11.27.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. McDonald, Auditor.

### Report on the State and Condition of the Country

In grateful recognition of a loving providence, whose guiding hand in all the affairs of mankind may be clearly seen, we acknowledge our short comings and sins in this annual gathering of the Union Baptist Association, and ask prayerfully that the joy and peace of full salvation be restored unto us in all our efforts in the uplift of people.

First—We recognize the hand of God in the disturbed

conditions of the economical, social, financial and civic life of the nations at war, because when mankind does not obey God he has always allowed trouble to time up and chastise the lives of rebellious nations.

Second—We recognize in the suffering of the present war conditions blessings in disguise. When society and nations forget God in fast living, luxury and unwise management of the stewardship committed to all his subjects, wars and rumors of wars, famines, and pestilences, and sufferings have been the prices paid as a toll to disobedient humanity.

Third—After almost two years of war and suffering, and the upheaval and defeat of society, financially, economically and social, the promise of peace has already flashed across the angry cloud of waring nations. While we do not know when the present war may end but we do know that the King of Glory will rule eventually and an era of peace and happiness will be ushered in under his blessed reign.

Fourth—We recognize the benedictions of Heaven in the tide of prosperity which have come upon our country. The present corn crop of possibly over 3,000,000,000 bushels; wheat crop over 100,000,000 bushels, the largest on record, and the cotton price now promising to go to 15c, if not 20c per pound, and the price of cotton seed breaking all record, and the wise and God fearing facing a land flowing with milk and honey.

Finally, as a race we rededicate and reconsecrate our lives to the glory of God who has brought us out of a cruel bondage in sight of a promise land of citizenship. Just fifty years ago Chief Justice Tanner declared in the Scott decision, that the negro has no rights a white man is bound to respect. After fifty years under a democratic administration, Chief Justice White, from the highest tribunal of the world, has declared that the Grand-father clause is unconstitutional. We praise God for men of the South like Drs. R. B. Riley, Jno. E. White, W. D. Weatherford and others, who are pleading over causes before the Southern bar of public opinion.

We humbly and cheerfully submit our cause in patience, faith and obedience to the court of heaven, over which God the Father presides; Jesus Christ we accept as our at-

torney and counsellor, and the Holy Spirit as comforter.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. Vincent  
 H. I. Quick  
 J. L. Levister  
 J. J. Scarlette  
 Geo. Williams      Committee.

### Report on Reorganization

The Committee on Reorganization submitted the following report :

We recommend that the following brethren constitute the officers of the Union Association for the ensuing year :

Rev. E. E. Smith ..... Moderator  
 Rev. S. W. Smith ..... Vice Moderator  
 Bro. C. A. Cogdell ..... Recording Sec'y  
 Bro. A. L. Johnson ..... Treasurer  
 Rev. W. T. Currie ..... Auditor  
 Rev. L. A. Rayford .. Corresponding Sec'y

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Revs. E. E. Smith, N. B. Dunham, C. J. Shaw, J. J. Scarlette, O. Watkin, P. W. King, F. D. Bandy, W. H. Monroe, H. Adams.

#### HOME MISSION BOARD

Revs. E. E. Smith, N. B. Dunham, O. Watkin, J. J. McDonald, P. W. King, Bros. A. L. Johnson, Dennis Tysor.

Respectfully submitted,

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Rev. J. J. Scarlette | Rev. O. Watkin   |
| “ P. W. King         | “ H. Adams       |
| “ L. A. Rayford      | “ S. W. Smith    |
| “ S. W. Justus       | “ I. P. Pearsall |
| “ J. D. Davis        | Committee.       |

### Report of the Educational Board

The Educational Board beg leave to make the following report :

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Brought over from 1915.....        | \$ 1.89  |
| Received at Second New Light ..... | 138.85   |
| Total receipts .....               | \$140.74 |

**DISBURSED FOR TUITION**

|                                        |          |
|----------------------------------------|----------|
| R. R. Darden, 1st Baptist Fayetteville | \$19.50  |
| N. A. McMillan, Swanns Creek .....     | 19.50    |
| Alex Robinson, Second New Light....    | 15.00    |
| E. M. Burns, Swanns Creek.....         | 13.50    |
| W. H. King, Pleasant Grove.....        | 12.00    |
| J. W. McLaughlin,† Laurel Hill.....    | 9.00     |
| Total Disbursed .....                  | \$ 88.50 |
| Balance on hand.....                   | \$ 52.25 |

Respectfully submitted,

|               |                 |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| E. E. Smith,  | N. B. Dunham,   | C. A. Cogdell,  |
| Dennis Tysor, | O. Watkin,      | A. L. Johnson,  |
| P. W. King,   | J. J. McDonald, | O. C. McMillan, |
|               | Committee.      |                 |

**Report of Treasurer**

Brother Moderator, and brethren, I beg leave to make the following report :

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Brought over from 1914 .....       | \$ .28   |
| Received at Second New Light ..... | 317.29   |
| Received at Grays Creek .....      | 2.30     |
| Total receipts .....               | \$319.87 |
| Disbursed .....                    | \$308.60 |
| Balance on hand.....               | \$ 11.27 |

Reference to this report is made in the minutes of the 1914 session, page 17 and 18.

Respectlully submitted,

A. L. Johnson, Treasurer.

**Report of the Committee on Grievance**

We, your Committee on Grievance, beg leave to make the following report :

We have carefully examined the complaints coming be-

fore us and find nothing in them against said churches. We recommend that the action of the churches be final.

Rev. S. W. Smith, Rev. P. W. King, Rev. O. Watkin,  
 Rev. G. W. Williams, Rev. W. R. Monroe, N. B. Dunham,  
 J. M. Smith, Bro. Miles Smith, Bro. D. H. Ray,  
 Committee.

### Report of Treasurer--Home Board

#### RECEIVED

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Brought over from 1914 .....          | \$ 64.67  |
| Received at November Union 1915 ..... | 60.20     |
| Received at January Union 1915 .....  | 60.51     |
| Received at May Union 1915 .....      | 88.59     |
| Received at August Union 1915 .....   | 64.78     |
| Total Receipts .....                  | \$ 338.77 |

#### DISBURSED

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| Paid out by order of the Board to assist in<br>building or repairing church houses ..... | \$102.00  |
| Paid for missions and Hodges Institute .....                                             | 99.33     |
| Total disbursed .....                                                                    | \$ 201.33 |
| Balance on hand .....                                                                    | \$ 137.44 |

E. E. Smith, Treasurer.

### Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Brother Moderator, and brethren: I am glad to submit to you our thirty-first annual report. First I want to say that the revival spirit in the midst of our Association was great. Every protracted meeting we have heard of has had good results, many being added to the church and and faith. We trust such will be saved.

The good edifices erected among our people proves their good taste for good and comfortable houses to worship God. The Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work is taking a more prominent hold upon our people.

I am glad to say that our work is progressing and harmony seems to prevail among the brotherhood. Christ, our great head, has guided the old ship safely, though it has been stormy we have been kept together, and the work going on. The mission spirit is steadily growing among



our churches to such extent we can say that it is ready to bear fruit. The educational spirit of our people is still progressing.

The cry everywhere is Hodges Institute. We must educate and thereby improve the homes and churches. Owing to the growth of our Association we are hoping that the reports will surpass any in the history of our previous meetings.

Respectfully submitted,  
L. A. Rayford, Cor. Sec'ty.

### Report of the Educational Missionary

Brother Moderator, and brethren: The following amounts have been collected by me for education:

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Swanns Creek .....   | \$1.00 |
| Mt. Calvary .....    | .63    |
| Baptist Union .....  | .68    |
| Sister Godwin .....  | .10    |
| Brother Monroe ..... | .05    |
| Daniel Monroe .....  | .05    |
| Total receipts ..... | \$4.01 |

Humbly submitted,  
J. R. McNair, Educational Missionary.

### A Resolution

Seeing the great demand for more money to meet our educational needs;

Resolved, That each ordained minister pay \$1.00 annually, and each licentiate 50c, each deacon 25c.

Resolved, further, that each pastor set apart an educational day and take a collection for education. The proceeds of which shall be sent directly to those in charge of the educational fund.

J. J. Scarlette.

### Amended Preamble and Constitution

1. The establishment of Union among our churches upon principles embracing discipline, government and

organization: to encourage among our brethren by all christian means industry, education, self reliance and general improvements and spiritual advancement and to preach the gospel as far as our ability will permit, and to use our best efforts to spread the Kingdom of God on earth. To secure these ends we pledge ourselves to God and to each other to sustain the principles embodied in our constitution.

### **Constitution**

Art. 1. This Association shall be known as the Union Missionary Baptist Association. The object shall be substantially as enumerated in the above preamble.

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Art. 10. This body shall be composed of Pastors and Ordained Ministers belonging to the churches connected with the Association and messenger chosen from the same. Each church being entitled to three messengers and must send to the Association 15c for each member represented in the Association—10c for Education and 5c for Associational purposes.

Art. 14. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a two-third vote.

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### **Elders belonging to the Association**

Revs. J. J. Scarlette, E. E. Smith, S. W. Justus, Geo. Bil-  
lips, W. H. Blackman, W. H. Wilder, F. D. Bandy, W. M.  
Melvin, Maloy Wright, H. Jones, J. C. Williams, T. H. Mc-  
Kay, C. J. Smith, J. R. McNair, Geo. Williams, Geo. Atkin-  
son, O. Wadkin, L. H. Maxwell, N. B. Dunham, O. C. Mc-  
Millan, T. M. Council, Jno. L. Simpson, A. D. Brewington,  
J. J. McDonald, R. M. Morris, C. J. Shaw, J. M. Smith, J. D.

Davis, J. J. C. Campbell, H. Adams, F. D. McKay, S. W. Smith, W. B. McKay, W. H. Monroe, T. O. McKay, Gabriel McKay, P. McMillan, P. W. King, P. H. McMillan, W. T. Currie, J. D. Walker, R. McLauchlin, E. McLauchlin, A. W. P. Smith.

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### **Licentiates Belonging to the Union Association**

R. R. Darden, Dennis Tysor, Amos McDonald, W. W. Smith, W. M. Collins, J. R. Averitt, Vance Melvin, Samuel Easters, J. M. Boon, W. H. Simpson, Joe Williams, Amos Kelly, E. Z. Melvin, V. T. Williams, M. A. Jones, E. D. Brown, C. H. Hall, O. Mitchell, W. H. Daniel, E. W. Boone, Allen Harden, J. B. Averitt, T. J. Conly, W. L. Williams, Heman Jones, Richard McLauchlin, J. P. Burden, Henry Rolins, J. L. Buie, G. W. Carver, W. W. Carver, G. W. Marsh, Benton Womack E. D. Freeman.



## Annual Address of the Moderator

*To the Ministers and Representatives of the Union Missionary Baptist Association, in session at Laurel Hill Church, Greeting :*

Brethren :—With a deep sense of profound gratitude to Him whose eye has watched our steps, whose hand has lead our way through the meanderings of another year, I bear to you a message of cheer, of hope and of inspiration.

Let us rejoice, brethren, that a good God has given us health through the year and has permitted us to come up to another meeting of our Association, where we may recount the work done and plan for larger and better results in the future. Let us esteem ourselves highly favored to be reckoned worthy to serve as messengers of the King, to encounter hardships for the cause, and to bear burdens and afflictions for the Christ, if called upon to do so. May be, my brethren, we've had to tell Jesus during the year all about our trials; tell Him we could not bear our burdens alone! If so, we've found help every time, for we know that He is a very present help in time of trouble.

### WORK ACCOMPLISHED

A retrospective glance over our Association bounds discloses the fact that only a few years ago our Association numbered only 18 churches with a membership of 1500 communicants, with no Sunday school convention, no Wo-mans Missionary organization, no B. Y. P. U. convention. We raised then for all purposes (not including salary of pastors) less than \$200 per annum. Then, as now, brethren, we were working by the light we had. We, at that time, had little light and a small vision ; but since then our light has increased, our vision has broadened and our work

has correspondingly developed. Today, we bless God for 50 churches, with a membership of 4000, with a well organized Sunday School Convention, a Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention and a B. Y. P. U. Convention—all at work for God and humanity.

During the year now closing we have raised and paid out approximately :

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| For church building and repairs ..... | \$4,000 |
| For pastor's salary .....             | 3,750   |
| For education .....                   | 450     |
| For state missions .....              | 50      |
| For local home missions .....         | 200     |
| For foreign missions .....            | 100     |
| For orphans .....                     | 25      |

or a total of something like ..... \$8,575

This sounds good, but brethren we can do better. We have larger responsibilities, we have larger means, we have larger visions and more light.

My brethren, if by some means we could calculate and enumerate the sum spent annually by our people for non essentials, such as chewing gum, soft drinks, cheap candies, cigarettes, tobacco, and the like, to say nothing of what is spent by us on excursions, going to circuses, picture shows, I am sure we would be greatly surprised, yes, amazed, astounded, for no doubt we would see a sum greater than that spent for church buildings and repairs, pastor's salary, education and missions.

This is said, my brethren, not to hurt but to help. These remarks, my friends, will disclose to us some things we are doing which are right and commendable, and, also, remind us of some things that we should leave off, refrain from.

Our state work during the year has been very successful along all lines. The brethren composing the North Carolina National Baptist State Convention at its annual convention held at New Bern, N. C., October 13-17, voted unanimously to unite with our State Convention which will convene at Wilmington on Tuesday before the third Sunday in November. So my brethren, we are expecting



a great session of our Convention—a great gathering of Baptist ministers and brethren.

We are receiving splendid reports from all over the state. Our great Lott Carey Convention has done splendid work in Africa. The salaries of missionaries have been paid promptly and work on the chapel has made satisfactory progress.

#### WORK TO BE DONE

We have in our bounds, brethren, a number of churches which have buildings in course of erection and others undergoing repairs. All these need help, need our united help. This is a part of our home work which is incumbent upon us. Our educational institution, our Associational school—Hodges Institute—needs aid, and funds must be provided at this sitting of our Association for its relief. It is ours, ours to have and to hold: hence, it is ours to complete and to maintain, and if there is lacking any documentary information sufficient to support the truth of the assertion I am now asking that the same come forth at the present session.

#### WE MUST EDUCATE

We must plead and contend, first, for educated ministry, but along with this must come an enlightened congregation, yea, an educated membership. The people must be trained to serve by supporting the causes of education and missions, by systematic and liberal giving of their substance. When this is accomplished we will have in our pulpits better prepared and better paid pastors. Every pastor, deacon and officer of all our churches, every Sunday school officer, our B. Y. P. U. organizations with our Women's Societies must rally to Hodges Institute and to the cause of education generally. You, my brethren, must take greater interest in the public schools. Labor with the authorities in your respective communities to have a good attractive school house, help the authorities to secure a



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good teacher, one that goes to church and to Sunday school. Then see to it that all the children attend school. Do this to help our church and race and our state. .

E. E. SMITH, Moderator.



## Preamble and Constitution

Whereas, The people of God are commanded to strive together in union of interest and effort, elements of success for the advancement of Christ's kingdom; Therefore, we, the Missionary Baptists of this section of North Carolina, agree to form ourselves into an association for mutual help, having in view the following objects :

1. The establishment of union among our churches upon principles embracing discipline, government and organization, to encourage among our brethren by all Christian means industry, education, self-reliance, general improvement and spiritual advancement, and to preach the gospel as far as our ability will permit, and to use our best efforts to spread the Kingdom of God on earth. To secure these ends we pledge ourselves to God and to each other to sustain the principles embodied in our constitution.

## Constitution

**Article 1.** This association shall be known as the Union Missionary Baptist Association. The object shall be substantially as enumerated in the above preamble.

**Article 2.** The officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Auditor and Executive Board of nine. All officers shall be elected annually by the Association and continue until their successors are elected.

**Article 3.** It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association, decide points of order and sign all orders drawn on the Treasurer of the Association; he is ex-officio President of the Executive Board. He shall not vote save in case of a tie.

**Article 4.** The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in his absence.

**Article 5.** The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all proceedings of the Association and prepare the same for publication, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes; he shall keep all books and stationery belonging to the Association.

**Article 6.** The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to and

collected during sitting of the Association, and pay out the same upon the order of the Association — all orders being signed by the Moderator and countersigned by the Corresponding Secretary.

**Article 7.** The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence relating to the business of the Association; he shall be Secretary of the Executive Board of the Association and shall countersign all orders on the Treasury.

**Article 8.** The Auditor shall examine the accounts of the Treasurer and make annual report of its condition to this body.

**Article 10.** This body shall be composed of pastors and ordained ministers belonging to the churches connected with the Association, and Messengers chosen from the same, each church being entitled to three Messengers, and must send to the Association fifteen cents for each member represented in the Association, ten cents for Educational and five cents for Associational purposes.

**Article 11.** Any church desiring to join the Association may do so by letter or messenger, the same being regularly organized. All messengers to the Association must be armed with properly credited credentials. No church will be fellowshipped in this Association which neglects to maintain gospel order.

**Article 12.** The annual session of this Association shall be held on Thursday after the third Sunday in October of each year, at such places as may be selected.

**Article 13.** By appointment of the Association there may be preached at the annual session an introductory, missionary, educational and doctrinal sermon.

**Article 14.** This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a two third vote.

## By-Laws

**Article 1.** This Association shall not recognize or receive any church having as members any person excluded from any other church.

**Article 2.** All churches of this body are especially requested to take special care of their pastors, and use all efforts to help them gain instruction into the ministry.

**Article 3.** From this time forward no church within the jurisdiction of this Association shall ordain any minister to preach unless he can read the Bible.

**Article 4.** Any elder or minister found intoxicated, or who shall visit places of ill repute, such as bar-rooms, or knowingly indulge in any immor-

ality, such as living in cohabitation without being lawfully married, or acting in any manner such as will bring reproach upon the Baptist faith and profession shall be called before a council of elders and dealt with for breach of good behaviour.

## Rules of Decorum

**Article 1.** The President and Clerk shall hold their offices from their election at one session until the election of officers at the next session, and it shall be their duty to occupy their respective stations and proceed regularly to organization.

**Article 2.** The President shall call the Association to order, or in his absence the Vice President shall act, and if he is absent the Secretary must open the session.

**Article 3.** There shall be singing and prayer at the opening of each day's session.

**Article 4.** Delegates shall enroll their names by letter or other evidence of election. Letters read and other statistical matter noted.

**Article 5.** Visiting brethren from other Associations, not delegates, may be invited to seats by a majority vote of the body.

**Article 6.** The Association shall proceed to organize by electing a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who, when elected, shall take their seats.

## Articles of Faith

1. We believe in only one living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Gen. 13:26, 2nd Cor. 13:14

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:16.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal particular election. Acts 3:48; Romans 8:28-30; 11:5-7; 2Tim. 2:10; 1 Peter 1-2, 2 John 6:37-44.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Psalms 1-5.

5. We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fall he is in by nature of his own free will and ability. Ephesians 11:1-10.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ. Galatians 11:16, Romans 3:24; 5-9.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted and sanctified.

by the Holy Spirit. Eph. 1:4-7; 2 Thes. 1:13-14; Titus 1:5.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never fall finally away. John 10:28-30; 3:1; 1 Peter 1-9.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ, and that the true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances and that the true method of baptism is in immersion. Matt. 3:16; Acts 8:38-9; Romans 6:4; Eph. 4:12.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment. 1 Cor. 15.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked is everlasting, and that the joys of the righteous are eternal. Matt. 15:43, Rev. 20:12-15.

12. We believe that ordained ministers, or such as have come under the imposition of hands by a regular authorized presbytery only, have a right to administer the ordinance. 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6,

13. We believe that only regular baptized members in good standing have a right at the Lord's Table.



## Constitution of the Union

**Article 1.** This body shall be known as the Church Union of the Union Baptist Association.

**Article 2.** The object shall be to supply ourselves with better houses of worship, to foster the spirit of union and mission in our churches, among our deacons and ministers on principles of righteousness as contained in the Bible.

**Article 3.** Its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually, and a Home Mission Board consisting of life members by payment of five dollars each, and it shall be presided over by the same officers of the Union, and make all appropriations and have charge of all home mission work.

**Article 4.** There shall be devotional services at the opening of each day's session.

**Article 5.** The Union shall meet Saturday before the fifth Sundays of each year at such places as may be chosen.

**Article 6.** There shall be preached an Introductory, Doctrinal, and Missionary Sermon at each Union.

**Article 7.** The Union shall be composed of messengers chosen of the churches and deacons and ministers belonging to the same.

**Article 8.** Each church may represent by letter and message by payment of two cents for each member represented, one cent for building funds and one cent for expenses and missions. Each church is entitled to two messengers.

**Article 9.** This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Union by a vote of two-thirds majority of those present.











