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This page is dedicated in loving memory of the deceased members of the Deep River Association who labored side by side with us in this great cause of Kingdom building. The Heavenly Father saw fit to call them home to receive the great and just reward. The fire they started, and rekindled from time to time, still burns in the hearts and in the lives of those who remain. Even though the way was hard, the task great, the laborers few, they toiled on, many times singing the words of this great hymn of the Church, "Fight on My Soul 'Til Death, Shall Bring Thee to Thy God. He'll Take Thee at Thy Parting Breath to His Devine Abode."

HOME AT LAST

Home at last on heavenly mountains, Heard the "Come and enter in." Saved by life's fair flowing fountains, Saved from earthly taint and sin.

Free at last from all temptation
No more need of watchful care;
Joyful in complete salvation,
Given the victor's crown to wear.

Welcomed at the pearly portal Evermore a welcome guest; Welcomed to life immortal In the mansions of the blest.

Home, Sweet Home, our home forever,
All the pilgrim journey past;
Welcome home to wander never,
Saved through Jesus, Home at last.



FORWARD

For several years various leaders and workers of the Deep River Association have expressed their desire to have a complete record of the Association. To the date of this writing, nothing has ever been written concerning its founding, its early pioneers, or its mission and program as the parent body of several churches located in and around the center of the State of North Carolina.

The purpose of this booklet is to place on file a permanent record of the Workings of the Deep River Association from the year 1916 to the year 1961. This booklet is also presented in the hope that it will cause its readers to take a look backward over the long road of progress over which the Association has come and somehow catch some of the Spirit, zeal, and ideals which made its founding Fathers press on in the face of great odds. For forty-five years this Association has struggled along through successes and failures, good times and bad times, joys and sorrows.

The reader of this booklet must bear in mind as he reads these pages that in a writing of this kind it is virtually impossible to list all the facts, or call all the names of the hundreds of courageous men and women, living and dead, who gave of their time, their talents, and their energies in this great work. For this we beg forgiveness.

The facts recorded here have come primarily from two main sources. First, this writer talked at length with many people who over the years have worked closely with the Association and know something of its history down through the years. Secondly, much use was made of old minutes of the Association, however many of the first few sessions could not be found.



THE STORY OF THE DEEP RIVER ASSOCIATION

In the year 1916 there were forty-three churches which made up the New Hope Association. These churches were divided by two rivers, Haw River and Deep River. At this time there were two Ministers and Deacons "Meetings" holding sessions within the New Hope Association. These were known as the First District Ministers and Deacons Meeting, and the Second District Ministers and Deacons Meeting, and the Second District Ministers and Deacons Meeting. The Second District was composed of those churches located on the Southwest side of Haw River and Deep River. The Moderator of the New Hope Association at this time was the Reverand J. H. Dunston.

At the forty-seventh (47th) Annual Session of the New Hope Association, which was held with the Oakland Baptist Church, Ramseur, North Carolina, in October 1916, a letter was presented by the churches that made up the District Number Two Ministers and Deacons Meeting, asking that they be given permission to withdraw from the New Hope Association and organize themselves into another Association to be known as the Deep River Association. The leader of this group was the Reverand A. T. Tuck.

The request of these churches caused considerable discussion. It was during this period of discussion that spokesmen for the group gave as additional reasons, other than those stated in the letter, (see letter) the fact that they were a group of small churches that were unable to entertain the Parent body, and also pointed out the disadvantage of having to travel long distances to attend the annual gatherings.



Liberty North Carolina July 27, 1916

To the New Hope Missionary Baptist Board and Association Assembled in Oakland Church; Ramseur, North Carolina, October 4-6, 1916

Dear Brethen:

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Realizing that the bounds of the New Hope Association are so large that she is failing to do the work that we feel ought to be done, and seeing a demanding need of more and special attention being given to the Western District of the Association, also to extend the bounds farther Westward.

We, the Churches of District No. 2, in Conference assembled during July, 1916, send our pastors and delegates -in good faith--to ask you to grant us our letter to organize an Association, viz: "The Deep River Missionary Baptist Association." These are the Churches:

Mount Moriah, Harnett - Rev. J. S. Hooper, pastor; Giles McNeill, delegate.

Red Hill - Bro. John Person, delegate.

Pearl Street First Baptist (Sanford) - Bro. C. C. Jones, delegate.

Lambert's Chapel - Bros. J. W. Mason and Tom Brooks, delegates. (Rev. A. T. Tuck, pastor of the three churches last mentioned).

Robert's Chapel - Rev. Geo. W. Moore, D. D., pastor, Bros. G. L. Palmer and Sandy Dowdy, delegates.

Mount Pleasant, Harris Grove - Rev. H. G. Goldston, pastor; Rev. R. D. Brooks, delegate.

New Zion (Jonesboro) S. P. McNeill, delegate.

Bethlehem - J. W. Brown, delegate.

Oak Grove - Rev. R. E. Edwards, pastor.

Taylor's Chapel - Bros. Watson and Henry Woodell, delegates.

Deacon S. T. Tuck Moderator of Union

(This request was granted)



Following are the forty-three (43) churches which made up the New Hope Association before the Deep River Association was organized:

Barbee's Chapel Hickory Grove North East Chapel Bessel Creek Lambert's Chapel Oak Grove Markham's Chapel Bethaby Hill Oakland Pearl Street (Sanford) Bethlehem Mt. Gilead Mt. Moriah Piney Grove Bethlehem (Wake) Bethasadia Mt. Olive Red Hill Bunn's Chapel Mt. Sinai Rock Hill Black River Robert's Chapel Mt. Vernon Mt. Zion (Chatham) Mt. Zion (Wake) Cole's Chapel Shiloh Taylor's Chapel East Durham Mt. Pleasant First Baptist Terrell's Chapel New Bethel (Mebane) Union Chapel (Apex) Harris Grove New Hope White Oak Haw River New Hope White Rock New Zion Harrington

The thirteen original churches of the Deep River Association were as follows:

Bethlehem Mt. Olive Pearl Street(Sanford)

Harris Grove Mt. Pleasant Red Hill

Lambert's Chapel New Zion Robert's Chapel

Mt. Moriah Oakland Taylor's Chapel

Oak Grove

The names of the Oakland Baptist Church, and the Mt. Olive Baptist Church did not appear among the list of churches asking to withdraw, however, these churches met in the first session of the Association.

ORGANIZATION

The organization of the Deep River Missionary Baptist
Association took place at the First Session of the Association
held with the Red Hill Baptist Church; Cameron, North Carolina
on October 27, 1916. Rev. A. T. Tuck, B.Th., was pastor.

At this point the reader should bear in mind that the first session of the Association met for only one day. The main purpose of this meeting was to set up the proper organizational structure and to adopt a Constitution. This first session should not be confused with the First Annual Sesson which was held one year later on October 4, 1917.

EXCERPTS OF PROCEEDINGS FIRST SESSION

The Union Meeting District No. 2, of the New Hope Association, convened with the Red Hill Baptist Church at Cameron,
North Carolina, October 27, 1916. Devotional exercises were
conducted by Bro. J. W. Mason and Rev. H. G. Goldston. After
singing, "I Will Trust in the Lord," etc., Bro. J. W. Mason
read Psalms 133. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. G. Goldston.
At this period we entered into a permanent organization of the
Deep River Missionary Baptist Association. The congregation
joined in singing Hymn No. 152, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way,"
etc., followed by a hearty handshake.

Deacon S. T. Tuck, Moderator (pro tem) in the chair, announced the meeting was open for business. The Committee on



Officers reported as follows:

Rev. George W. Moore, D.D., Moderator - Raleigh

Rev. J. S. Hooper, Vice-Moderator - Cameron

Rev. A. T. Tuck, B.Th., Secretary - Route 2, Bear Creek

Rev. R. E. Edwards, Assistant Secretary - Goldston

Rev. H. G. Goldston, Treasurer - Goldston

Deacon W. G. Glover, Auditor - Bennett

The report was adopted. After a very impressive installation ceremony by Rev. A. T. Tuck, each officer spoke a few words expressing their appreciation for the honor conferred upon them, and that they would strive to perform the duties of their office. While singing "Bless Be the Tie That Binds," etc., the congregation welcomed the newly elected officers with a handshake.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT FIRST SESSION OF ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR - - - - Rev. Geo. W. Moore, D.D., Raleigh

VICE MODERATOR - - Rev. J. S. Hooper, Cameron

SECRETARY- - - - Rev. A. T. Tuck, B.Th., Bear Creek

ASS!T: SECRETARY - Rev. R. E. Edwards, Goldston

TREASURER - - - - Rev. H. G. Goldston, Goldston

AUDITOR- - - - - Deacon W. G. Glover, Bennett

EXECUTIVE BOARD - - Revs. R. E. Edwards, Chairman; H. G. Goldston, J. S. Hooper, A. T. Tuck, Deacons J. W. Brown, J. T. Palmer, S. T. Tuck, J. W. Mason, C. C. Jones

HOME MISSION BOARD-Rev. R. D. Brooks, Bros. H.L. Womack, L. C. Dark, J. A. Armstrong, C. L. Jordán

FOREIGN MISSION - - Bros. W. M. Hooper, John Davis, I. N. Coltraine, John Aiken, G. W. McRae, J. E. Gordon BOARD

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EDUCATIONAL BOARD -Revs. A. T. Tuck, Chairman;
G. W. Moore, D.D., Bros. H.L. Womack,
G. L. Palmer, J. A. Siler

MINISTERIAL BOARD -Revs. Geo. W. Moore, D.D., R.E. Edwards, H. G. Goldston, J. S. Hooper, J.D. Core, A. T. Tuck, R. D. Brooks

TRUSTEE BOARD - - - Deacons J. W. Brown, S. T. Tuck, W. G. Glover, D. T. Tuck, James Bynum

ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT AT FIRST SESSION

Revs. G. W. Moore, D.D., R. E. Edwards, H. G. Goldston, R. D. Brooks, Jas. Hooper, A. T. Tuck and J.D. Core (recently joined).

ROLL OF LICENTIATE MINISTERS PRESENT AT FIRST SESSION

Bros. J. W. Mason, G. W. McRae, I. N. Coletraine, W. M. Hooper, G.R. Coletraine, E. D. Murchinson, C. L. Jordan, J. M. Foust, H. L. Womack, Boston Chalmers, F. R. Chalmers, F. S. Steele.

ROLL OF DEACONS PRESENT AT FIRST SESSION

S. T. Tuck, J. W. Brown, C. Brown, J. W. Mason, W. G. Glover, Isaac Taylor, Henry Waddell, Julius Lee, H. T. Tyson, G. W. McRae, C. L. Jordan, E. D. Murchinson, J. E. Person, Carey Womble, O. W. Wooden, Prof. J.F. Miller, T. W. Mask, John Coletraine, Robert Harris, J. E. Gordon, B. Chalmers, John Aiken, Geo. McIver, James Toomer, D. T. Tuck.

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS REPRESENTED AT FIRST SESSION

LAMBERT CHAPEL - Bros. W. R. Graves, J. A. Siler. OAK
GROVE - John W. Coletraine, G. R. Coletraine. LIBERTY MISSION I. N. Coletraine. HARRIS GROVE - R. D. Brooks. MT. PLEASANT J. F. Miller. ROBERTS CHAPEL - E. V. Womble, W. M. Emerson.
TAYLOR'S CHAPEL - Julius Lee, H. W.Waddell, Isaac Taylor.
BETHLEHEM - J. E. Gordon. PEARL STREET (Sanford) * James
Toomer. NEW ZION - A. J. Holt. MT. MORIAH - Napoleon Davis.
CAMERON MISSION - Phillip Chalmers. MT. OLIVE - Robert Harris,
O. W. Wooden.

Visiting Messengers - BLACK RIVER GROVE - T. W. Mask. RED HILL - E. D. Murchinson.

Visitors - Bros. W. D. Godfrey, Alex Graves and many others whose names were not taken.



ARTICLE I. This body shall be known as "The Deep River Missionary Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Association shll be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament Church, to encourage Home and Foreign Missions; Religious Education, and Establishing Churches.

ARTICLE III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to two delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body, shall be considered members of the Association ex-officio, and ministers who are not in charge of or connected with churches within the bounds of this Association, and who present testimonials of good standing in the Baptist denomination, may become members of this Association by payment of \$1.00 annually; provided, ministers who aided in the organization of this Association shall be considered members so long as they are in good standing in the Baptist denomination.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor.

ARTICLE V. Any church desiring to become a member of this body, shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and presenting a voluntary contribution.

ARTICLE VI. This Association requests that each subordinate church pay 15@ per capita (each member) for the objects stated in Article II.

ARTICLE VII. Any Baptist Sunday School or Missionary Society within the bounds of this Association may become a member of this body by sending voluntary contributions.

ARTICLE VIII. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, and adjourn on Sunday.

NOTE: The duties of the officers will be stated after the first session. The Rules of Decorum will be in keeping with Baptist usage. The Constitution of the Sunday School Convention and of Woman's Auxiliary Convention will appear after the first session.



EXCERPTS OF PROCEEDINGS FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

Cameron, North Carolina October 4, 1917

"The Deep River Missionary Baptist Association met with Red Hill Baptist Church in its First Annual Session, Thursday morning, October 4, 1917.

The Association was called to order at ten o'clock A. M., by Rev. G. W. Moore, D.D., Moderator. Devotional services were conducted by Bros. H. L. Womack and E. D. Murchinson. Hymn

No. 711 ... was sung. Bro. Womack read Ps. 1:1-6 verses. Prayer by Bro. Murchinson. "Near The Cross" was sung. Bro. Womack ledin prayer. The congregation standing, joined in singing, "Pass Me Not, Oh Gentle Savior."

The Moderator, Rev. Moore, in the chair, announced the First Annual Session of the Deep River Association open for business. After listening to many encouraging and instructive remarks given by the Moderator, setting forth the purpose of our coming together and the object of the meeting, we all entered into an impressive testimonial meeting. The following took part: Bro. Womack, "We all ought to thank God."; J. W. Coletraine, "I thank God for this opportunity, pray for me."; Rev. J.S. Hooper, "Let us strive to catch men."; Bros. J. W. Mason, "Let there be no strife between us."; S. T. Tuck, "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."; E. D. Murchinson, "The Lord worketh all things for good." Hymn, "My Soul Be On Thy Guard," all standing. Rev. R. D. Brooks, "In union there is strength;" Bro. T. W. Mask, ... "I have been praying for a great Association ever since I

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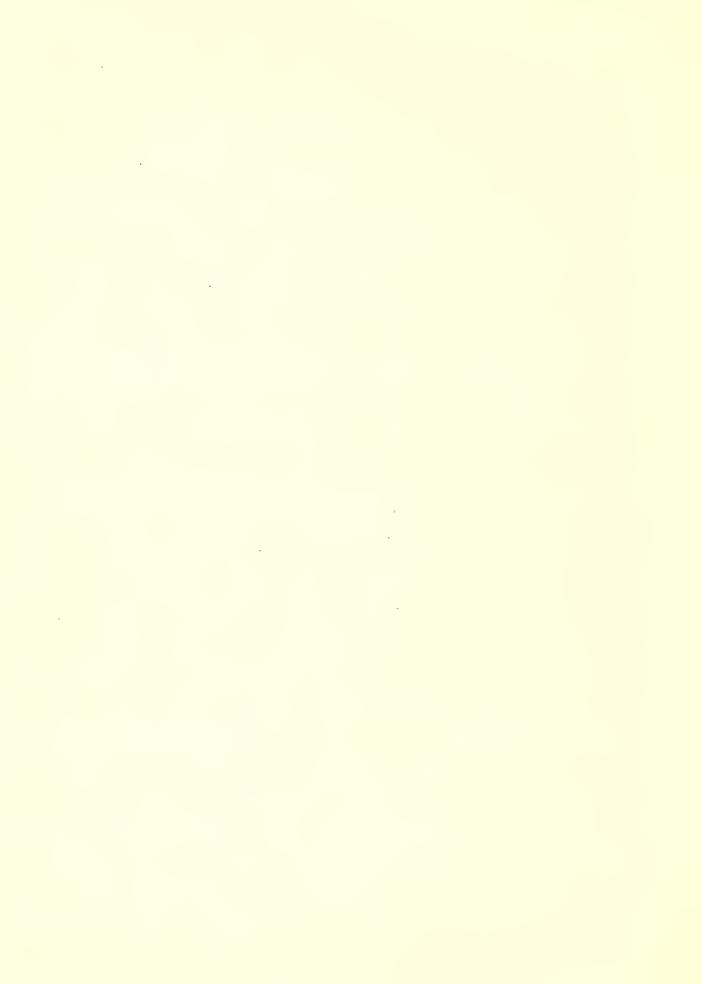
heard of it being organized;" G. W. McRae, "We are glad you are here with us"; I. N.Coletraine, "We desire that you hurry and come out west, we need you"; Rev. Goldston, "I have been praying for this day and the Lord has answered them"; G. R. Coletraine, "My soul rejoiceth to be here"; J. F. Miller, (formerly a Methodist) "I am glad that I have become a Baptist"; Isaac Taylor, "I feel like the children of Israel did after crossing the Red Sea"; W. R. Graves, "I am glad to be here"; J. A. Siler, "I feel that this will be a great Association"; A. T. Tuck, "The harvest is great but the laborers are few, pray for more and better laborers.

Deacon J. W.Brown, who had the honor of suggesting the name for the Association said, "I am glad to meet my brethern in this our Association." Rev. Moore, "Did not our hearts burn while he talked with us by the way."

"Following these hearty expressions, the Moderator led and asked that each one repeat a Bible verse, then we all repeated the 23d Psalms in concert. A very frevent prayer was offered by Bro. J. W. Mason, after which we joined in a Christian handshake. The entire devotion seemed to be filled with the spirit of the Master. We had never witnessed anything on this wise, expressed."

This first annual session, which lasted for four days was filled with many expressions, addresses, sermons and reports which were far too numerous to include on the pages of this report.

The reader should keep in mind that these were sincere
Christians who had come together for the first time in an annual
gathering of a newly organized association. Their hearts were
filled with thanksgiving, humility, brotherly love and pride, for



what they, with the help of Almighty God had been able to accomplish.

MINISTERS WHO PREACHED IN THE FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

Introductory Sermon---Rev. H. G. Goldston (Text, Isa. 45:22)

Bro. J. W. Mason (Text, Gen. 13:8)

Missionary Sermon----Rev. R. E. Edwards (Text, Jonah 3:2)

Rev. J. D. Core (Text, Luke 18:1)

Bro. H. L. Womack (Text, Luke 5:4)

Doctrinal Sermon----Rev. G. W. Moore (Text, Eph. 4:5)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES

We, your Committee on New Churches, beg leave to make our report: After hearing the testimonies given by the messengers from the following churches:

First Baptist Church, Liberty - I. N. Coletraine Black River Grove, Angier - T. W. Mask First Baptist Church, Cameron - Philip Chalmers

We find them to be in gospel order and therefore commend them to the Association.

R. D. Brooks, J. M. Foust, Alex. Graves, G. R. Coletraine, Isaac Taylor,

COMMITTEE



ANNUAL ADDRESS OF REV. GEORGE W. MOORE, D.D., MODERATOR OF THE DEEP RIVER ASSOCIATION, OCTOBER 4, 1917, RED HILL CHURCH CAMERON, NORTH CAROLINA

Brother Vice-Moderator, Pastors, Delegates, Brethern, Ladies and Gentlemen:

... Our journey, and conditions, have been similar to that of the children of Israel. The Association can say with unburdened and rejoicing hearts, we found the way we long have sought and mourn because we fount it not.

With the plans well organized in the hands of the high constable and leader, Rev. A. T. Tuck, B.Th., the young son of thunder, a Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego and a Daniel if you please who snatched tongues from lions throats, on that beautiful day last October, 1916, at Ramseur, North Carolina at Oakland Church. The churches went up in good spirit, love and in union as a body, representing the Deep River Bounds, in meditation, prayer, and faith, with a petition asking for a full grant of permission to organize a new association in a neglected and much needed part of the grand old New Hope Association Bounds. We paid our fare that was commanded of us, and the echo rang out "God be with you till we meet again."

Struggles

Without hat, garment and shoes, we started out over this part of the ocean to submarine, and torpedo if need be, for the Son of God said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto

the end of the world." Amen.

Without canoe or paddle among the other fifty-five associations of the grand Union Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to do our part in getting people to hear God. The beginning has been fine, mudsills have been laid, through the well-arranged and attended Union Meetings, the Auxiliary Sunday School Convention, Board Meetings and a profound Gospel Bible Chautauqua.

How Overcome

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That tells us we have what we want, We once were in darkness, but now in the light, Through many long journeys, toils and setbacks, We have come at last.

'Tis grace, prayer, faith and work has brought us safe thus far, and grace, work and faith in our God will lead us on to victory.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethen to dwell together in unity." United we stand, divided we fall. The waste places shall be made glad and the desert shall blossom as the rose. Let the motto of this Association be, "Always a Square Deal."

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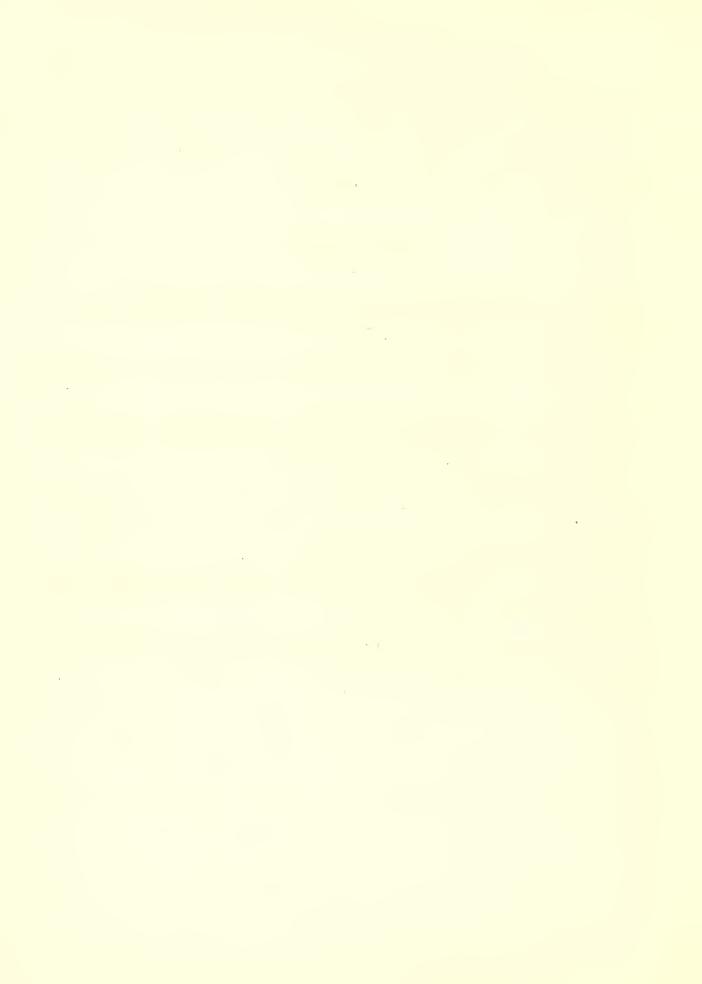
The savage lets the desert remain a desert, but the civilized man digs the irrigation ditch, floods and arid plains with moisture and roses bloom upon the wind-swept sands. Let us not forget to do all that we can for dark Africa and the new field Hati, for the heathens in Africa and the Haitians are calling for us to come over and bring them the bread of life.



The following missionaries are over there and must be fed: Rev. W. H. Thomas, Mrs. Cora A. Thomas, Rev. C. C. Boon, M.D., Mrs. M. Branton Tule, and Rev. J. O. Hayes, all educated at Shaw University; Raleigh, North Carolina.

Recommendations

- 1. I want to recommend that the Association and the Auxiliary Sunday School Convention adopt the Bible training course which at the completion of the books to be studied, the applicant will receive a diploma.
- 2. That the Association employ someone to do this teaching and institute work.
- 3. That each pastor and preacher pay annually #1, each licentiate pay seventy-five cents, each deacon pay fifty cents and each delegate pay twenty-five cents.
- 4. That each church bring aside from representation fee \$5.00 for missions.
- 5. That the Association encourage and help all worthy young men aspiring for the ministry.
- 6. That the pastors, deacons and the churches open their doors for the consecrated and devoted women in our bounds to do Home and Foreign Mission work.
- 7. That we recommend all worthy young men and women to our great educational foundation head, Shaw University.

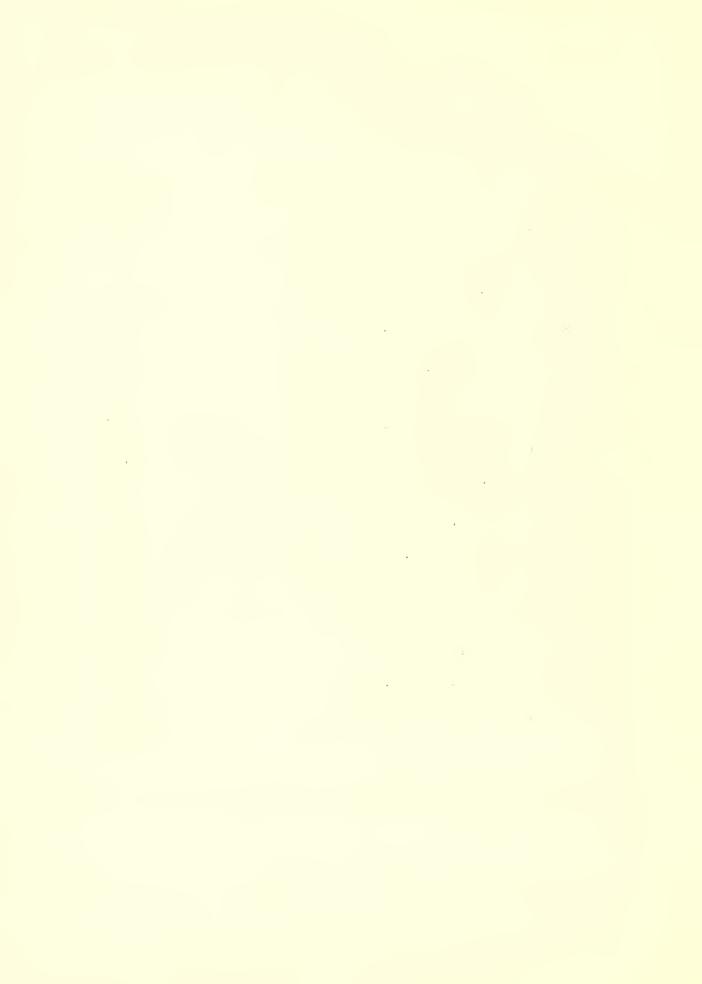


FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

October 31, 1917

Churches	No. Members	Amt. Sent
Robert Chapel	184	\$ 20.00
Lambert Chapel	148	18.45
Pearl St. (Sanford)	91	13.65
Oakland	69	10.35
Taylors Chapel	62	6.16
Bethlehem	61	9.15
Oak Grove	••• 56	5.75
Red Hill	45	5.00
Mt. Moriah	41	5.00
Black River Grove	40	6.00
Harris' Grove	31	2.27
New Zion (Jonesboro)	20	3.00
Mt. Pealsant	11	1.65
Liberty Mission	9	1.35
Cameron Mission	••• 5	•75
Mt. Olive	• • •	
	873	\$108.53

Prof. J. A. Siler, Prof. J. F. Miller, Rev. H. G. Goldston, Bros. J. W. Mason, W. M. Emerson, COMMITTEE



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DEEP RIVER ASSOCIATION October 31, 1917

Received from all sources \$192.43

Paid orders as follows:	
Home Mission	\$ 5.00
Foreign Mission (per State Convention)	8.20
Union Baptist State Convention (fee)	5.00
Sexton, Red Hill Church	1.00
Executive Board, expenses	6.00
Rev. G. W. Moore (Mission Services)	5.00
S. T. Tuck (Mission Work)	1.80
A. T. Tuck, Secretary Services	15.00
A. T. Tuck, (3 composition books)	.15
W. G. Glover (Mission Work)	1.80
Cole Printing Co., Ass'n blanks, programs, env	6.50
Laws and Denning, for printing Minutes	35.00
Delegates expense to State Convention	10.00
	\$100.45
Amount Collected	\$192 . 43
Expenses	100.45
Balance on Hand	\$ 91.98

H. G. Goldston, Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have carefully examined the Treasurer's record and find it correct.

Faithfully submitted, W. G. Glover

Dr. G. W. Moore served as Moderator of the Association from 1916 to 1920. Rev. A. T. Tuck was then elected Moderator, and Rev. F. R. Edwards took Rev. Tuck's place as Secretary. The Association grew and increased her bounds during the years 1916 to 1920, which is indicated by the fact that the number of churches had increased nineteen (19). Rev. A. T. Tuck served as Moderator from 1920 to 1933, a period of thirteen years. By the end of this period the number of churches reporting in the Association was twenty-one (21). New ministers had joined the Association and the work of the Association was being felt by the individual church.

In the year 1926 the roll of officers of the Association as recorded in the tenth session was as follows:

OFFICERS - 1926

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Revs. H. G. Goldston, J. W. Mason Bros. C. C. Jones, Sandy Smith

TRUSTEE BOARD

S. T. Tuck, G. H. Graves, and Job F. Siler

In October 1933, which was the seventh (17th) Annual Session of the Association, Rev. O. P. Foster was elected Moderator.

This session was held with the St. John Climax Baptist Church;



Climax, North Carolina. By this time other churches had joined the Association and the number of churches reporting was twenty-three (23). The names and addresses of these churches are as follows:

Wall Street, Sanford New Zion, Jonesboro Black River, Angier First Baptist, Cameron Oak Grove, Liberty First Baptist, Siler City Lambert Chapel, Coles Store Red Hill, Cameron Roberts Chapel, Goldston White Oak, Lillington Mt. Olive, Moncure Ridge Road, Staley Mt. Moriah, Cameron Edward Grove, Liberty Mt. Pleasant, Benlee Oakland, Ramseur Mt. Calvary, Colon Christ Memorial, Pinehurst St. John, Climax Harris Grove, Siler City Bethlehem, Carthage Union Baptist, Sanford New Bensalem, Glendon

Rev. O. P. Foster, the Moderator, began almost immediately to put stress on Christian education, more participation in the state work, and the need for more aid to Shaw University. This new approach was well stated in the recommendations which he made to the Nineteenth Annual Session, held with the Robert's Chapel Baptist Church, October 4, 1935. Following are the Moderator's recommendations:

"1. First, that someone be appointed in this Association or sitting to spend at least two days or nights with each church in the bounds, teaching the laws of the Church Directory of the Baptist Church so as to better inform the members of the Baptist Church. It may be known as a Bible School. Some of our people do not know why they are Baptist, and we recommend that the church take care of the one appointed to do this work and



said person shall make a report in the next Association of churches visited. Number of days and amount received from each church.

- 2. We further recommend that the Association will go back to Thursday, and the men get their business through as much as possible and let the Women's Convention open on Friday night and close Sunday. This may be done in order that the men may have time to spend with the sisters in their meeting.
- 3. We recommend that the Ministers attend every Association Convention if possible in order to get information and aspiration. Ministers should let other people know that they still live. Every minister who can, should start now making arrangements to go to the Lott Carey Convention in Orange, New Jersey.
- 4. We recommend putting our Association on the map by representing in the General Baptist Convention, Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, and continue our interest in Shaw University by donations and sending students to Shaw and encourage them to do as Paul told Timothy Study.

And let us not forget the cause of education. Our worthy boys and girls who are in school. As we recommended in our address last year - let those desiring help from this Association be recommended by their church and pastor of which they hold membership."

O. P. Foster, Moderator

Down through the years all available records will indicate that Rev. Foster has stuck basically to these ideals as expressed in the Nineteenth Annual Session. The first record of the Deep River Association having appointed field workers was found in the recordings of the minutes of the Twenty-First (21st) Session. held with the Mt. Olive Baptist Church; Moncure, North Carolina. These field workers were listed as Rev. C. C. DeBerry and Bro.

J. W. Walker. In the Twenty-Third (23d) Annual Session the field workers were reported as Rev. C. C. DeBerry and A. E. Quick.

The Deep River Association continued to grow during these years. By the Twenty-Third (23d) Session held with the Red Hill Baptist Church; Cameron, North Carolina in 1939, the number of churches reporting was twenty-seven (27). New churches that had cast their lot with the Association were the following:

Ellington Grove

Butler's Chapel

Rocky River

St. John Dunn

The growth did not stop here. The reports of the Thirtieth Annual Session held with the St. John Baptist Church; Climax, North Carolina indicate that three more churches had joined the Deep River Association. These churches were the following:

First Baptist, Pittsboro Cunningham

Pine Ridge, E. Sanford

The need for high quality leadership was constantly being stressed by the Moderator and other leaders of the Association. Ministers were being urged, to attend leadership training schools and prepare themselves in every way possible to meet the challenges of the hour. Much attention was being given to new ministers and to those who had the ministry in view.

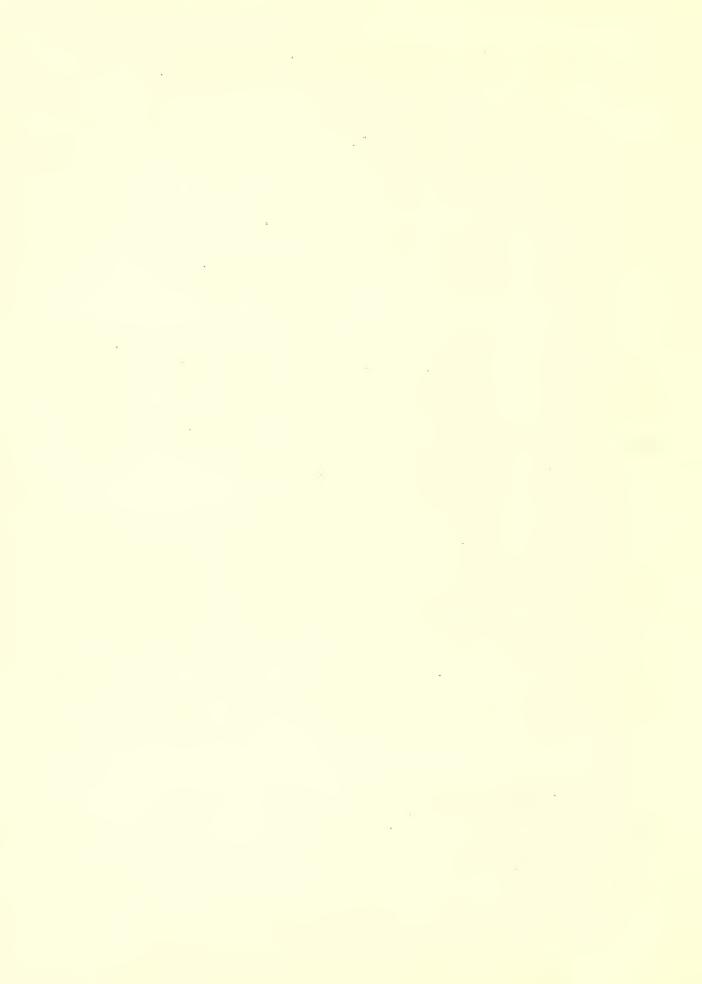
June 3, 1947

The Ministers Council met at the home of Rev. A. F.

McCleave on the above date for the purpose of outlining a course
of procedure as a basis for Ordination of Ministers in the Deep
River Association. The decision of the Board was as follows:

In order for a minister to be ordained, he must have a fair knowledge of the following:

Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English, History,



Geography, Spelling, The Scriptures, the Baptist Church Government and Discipline. The Examining Board would be permitted to ask ten questions from each or all subjects.

The passing grade shall be 60 per cent. All ministers receiving ordination should be of high moral standing. There shall be a sufficient proof of the need of his ordination.

At this point this writer feels that the most effective method of measuring the growth, and charting the course of the movements of the Association is to observe some of the recommendations made by the Moderator, and put into effect by the Association. Following are the recommendations made to the Thirty-Second (32d) Annual Session assembled at the First Baptist Church; Benson, North Carolina in October, 1948:

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That we continue our interest in Foreign Missions, State Missions and Shaw University.
- 2. That we continue to help such young men and women in College who are qualified for the same.
- 3. That all ministers who will attend the Ministers Institute at Shaw next spring will be given their expenses there as before.
- 4. That we continue to help those churches that are trying to build, that have met the approval of the Association and other fields where churches are needed after a thorough investigation to the satisfaction of the Association, and other needy churches that are already built.
- 5. As a rule deacons do not want to be taught by their pastor. I recommend that the Association secure the service of a Minister, or more, to visit each church and hold a conference with the deacons on his present day duty as a deacon of his church of today.

Humbly submitted,
Your Servant,
O. P. Foster, Moderator

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

Bro. Moderator, we, your Committee on Recommendations of the Moderator, beg leave to report. We have carefully considered these wonderful recommendations and feel that they should be put into practice:

- 1. We recommend that 1, 2, 3, and 4 be used in present form.
- 2. We recommend that number 5, which refers to the training of deacons be put in effect with the Moderator taking a leading part in the setting up of these classes with the cooperation of the pastors.

We suggest that the Moderator make a tour of the Association, securing such help as he sees necessary. Grouping churches where it is possible. We further recommend that the Association pay one-half of the expenses and ask the churches to take care of the other one-half.

We, Your Committee A. F. McCleave G. B. Watson T. H. Brooks

Not only had considerable progress been made in the Association, and there can be no doubt that she was looking ahead to greater things, but other changes were taking place also. Some of these changes can best be summed up by looking at the roll of churches and pastors which follows. Many faithful and loyal ministers and laymen had laid down their crosses to receive the crown.

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND PASTORS, 1948

Churches	<u>Pastors</u>	Post Offices		
Wall Street	.Rev. A. F. McCleave	Siler City		
Mt. Olive	.Rev. A. F. McCleave	Siler City		
First Baptist, Benson	.Rev. G. B. Watson	Sanford		



Mt. CalvaryRev. C. TaylorSiler City
Red HillSiler City
Oak GroveSiler City
BethlehemSiler City
New Zion, JonesboroRev. J. W. MasonSiler City
St. John, ClimaxRev. J. W. MasonSiler City
Edward's GroveRev. A. T. AlstonBurlington
First Bap., Siler CityRev. A. T. AlstonBurlington
St. John, DunnRev. A. L. Thompson
Rocky RiverRev. J. W. AlstonSiler City
Ridge Road
First Bap., PittsboroRev. D. D. BrownSiler City
Oakland, RampeurRev. A. T. TuckSanford
First Bap., CameronRev. W. A. BradshawChapel Hill
Mt. MoriahRev. A. T. TuckSanford
Harris Grove*Rev. C. F. WilliamsCarthage
Black River GroveRev. G. B. WatsonSanford
Taylor's Chapel*Rev. C.F. WilliamsCarthage
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*Deceased

During these years of progress under the leadership of Dr. O. P. Foster as Moderator, the Association saw the need for



changing its Constitution. The original Constitution, as you observed, listed eight Articles. The present Constitution is made up of twelve Articles. (See Constitution)

In the year 1955 the Executive Board made a decision to operate its own printing press. This idea was put into effect mainly because of the heavy expense of having the minutes of the Association printed. The Association press prepared all the programs and minutes of the Association, and its auxiliaries for the years 1955 through 1960. To the date of this writing the Association press, operated by Dr. and Mrs. A. F. McCleave, is still in service.

THE INSTITUTE

In the Moderator's (Dr. Foster) Annual Message during the Forth-Third Session of the Association held with the St. John Baptist Church; Climax, North Carolina, he recommended "that the committee who was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for an Institute to be held in our Association this Fall and Winter be continued."

The first Institute held in the Deep River Association was held in the spring of 1959 at the Wall Street Baptist Church; Sanford, North Carolina. The Institute has been held for three consecutive years since that time. Instructors for the classes have been supplied at Association expense by Shaw University.

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CONSTITUTION

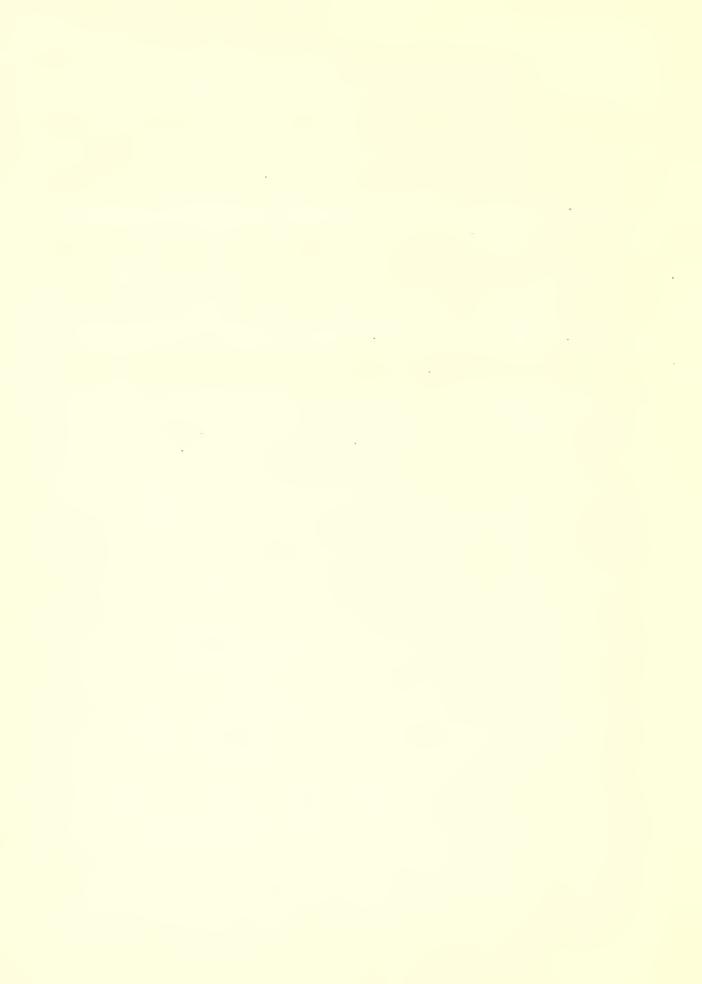
- ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known as "The Deep River Missionary Baptist Association.
- ARTICLE 2.. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament Church, to encourage Home and Foreign Missions, Religious Education and establishing churches.
- ARTICLE 3. This Association shall be composed of messengers chosen by churches connected with it. Each church being entitled to two messengers. Ministers who are members of churches connected with this body shall be considered members of the Association exofficio. Treasurer and Auditor.
- ARTICLE 4. The officers of this body shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor.
- ARTICLE 5. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an Annual Session of the Association through messengers for the purpose and present a voluntary contribution.
- ARTICLE 6. This Association requests that each Subordinate Church pay 25 cents per capita (each member) for objects stated in Article 2.
- ARTICLE 7. Any Baptist Sunday School or Missionary Society within or without the bounds of the Association may become a member of this body by sending a messenger and a voluntary contribution.
- ARTICLE 8. Any Baptist Sunday School or Missionary Society within the bounds of the Association who present testimonials of good standing in the Baptist denomination may become members of the Association by payment of \$1.00 annually; provided, any minister who has passed the age of his or their activity the Association will contribute \$1.00 annually for his or their dues.
- ARTICLE 9. This Association shall meet annually on Friday before the first Sunday in October, and close out on Sunday.
- ARTICLE 10. The Treasurer shall not pay out any money unless ordered by at least two-thirds of the Executive Board (when not in session). Order written by the Secretary and signed by the Moderator of the Association or chairman of the Executive Board.
- ARTICLE 11. All applicants asking aid of this Association mentioned in Article 2 for education must be members of good standing with the Baptist Church of which they belong. Active in the work of the Church. Also the church must be a member of

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the Association. The applicant must bring a letter of recommendation from such church, signed by the pastor and clerk in its regular conference. Those who attend Shaw University will be given the most consideration. Whereas, five cents of the per capita be paid for education, there shall be an education board composed of one member from the Association and one member from all the Auxilaries.

ARTICLE 12. The Education Board shall supervise the distribution of all educational funds. Each Auxiliary will set aside its educational money at each meeting and turn over same to the Educational Board each year at the Association. The Board will make a report of its distribution to the Association assembled.

ARTICLE 13. The officers mentioned in Article 4, in case of removal by death or any cause, the Board shall have the power to elect any member of the body to fill vacancy.



OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION 1961

MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Dr. O. P. Foster, Rev. J. W. Mason, Rev. D. D. Siler
Dr. A. F. McCleave, *Dr. A. T. McDaniel

TRUSTEE BOARD

Rev. J. W. Mason, Rev. D. D. Siler, Bro. Clemon Paige, Bro. D. H. Gilmore and Rev. R.W. Perry

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bro. D. H. Gilmore, J. A. Murphy, Alex Graves, T. J. Foster, Sr.

All Ordained Ministers

FIELD WORKERS

Rev. A. E. Quick, Rev. G. W. Wright

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Wall Street......Dr. A. F. McCleave......Sanford
Mt. Olive......Rev. J. R. Burt......Garner
Mt. Calvary.....Rev. C. Taylor.....Siler City
New Zion....Rev. Edward Hooker....Pleasant Garden
First Baptist
Cameron...Rev. J. E. Lucas....Robbins

New Bensalem......Rev. J. W. Alston.......Siler City



Oak GroveRev. C. TaylorSiler City
Pine GroveRev. D. D. SilerSanford
St. John Dunn*Dr. A. T. McDanielDunn
Roberts ChapelRev. A. T. AlstonBurlington
Edwards GroveRev. M. P. McCleaveGreensboro
First Baptist PittsboroRev. D. D. SilerSanford
Harris GroveRev. E. W. JohnsonBahama
Taylor's ChapelRev. T. J. Foster, JrBurlington
First Baptist Siler CityRev. M. P. McCleaveGreensboro
White OakRev. J. E. LucasRobbins
Red HillSiler City
Rocky RiverRev. D. D. SilerSanford
Lambert ChapelRev. D. F. BrownDurham
OaklandDr. A. T. TuckSanford
St. John ClimaxRev. J. A. ThompsonGreensboro
Mt. MoriahRev. J. E. LucasRobbins
Black River GroveRev. E. W. JohnsonBahama
Butlers Chapel
BethlehemRev. S. T. HarrisRaleigh
CunninghamRev. O. R. FosterIron Station

TENURE OF OFFICERS OF DEEP RIVER ASSOCIATION

Moderator

*Dr.	G.	₩.	Moore	.1916	-	1920
Dr.	Α.	T.	Tuck	.1920	-	1933
Dr.	0.	Ρ.	Foster	1923	-	

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Vice Moderator

*Rev.	J.	S.	Hooper1916	-	?
Rev.	0.	P.	Foster?	-	1933
Rev.	D.	D.	Siler1933	-	
			Secretary		
Rev.	Α.	T.	Tuck1916	-	1920
*Rev.	Н.	L.	Womack1920	-	1957
Rev.	Α.	F.	McCleave1958	-	
			Treasurer		
*Rev.	Н.	G.	Goldston1916	_	?
Bro.	Sa	ndy	Smith?	_	?
*Bro.	C.	C.	Jones?	_	?
Rev.	G.	В.	Watson	-	1959
Rev.	J.	W.	Alston1959	-	
			Auditor		
*Bro.	W.	G.	Glover1916	_	
*Rev.	C.	C.	DeBerry?	-	?_
*Bro.	G.	В.	Wooden?	_	1940
*Rev.	R.	D.	Brooks1940	_	?
			Lucas ?		?
Rev.	R.	W.	Perry?	_	?
*Dr.	Α.	Τ.	McDaniel?_	_	1961

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THE WOMAN'S DISTRICT HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY

AUXILIARY CONVENTION



THE WOMAN'S DISTRICT HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Officers

PRESIDENT......Mrs. C. L. Tuck.....Bear Creek

VICE PRESIDENT....Mrs. Lizzie Headen....Goldston

SECRETARY......Miss Alice Womble.....Goldston

ASSISTANT SFCRETARY.Mrs. H.S.Cole.....Sanford

TREASURER.....Mrs. A. A. Murchison...Cameron

"The first session of the Deep River Woman's District Home and Foreign Mission Auxiliary Convention convened with the Missionary Sisters at the First Baptist Church; Sanford, North Carolina, April 28, 1917."

Circles Representing in First Session

Red Hill, Cameron....Mrs. J.B. Hooker..... \$ 1.00

Lambert's Chapel.....Mrs. Millie Matthews... 1.00

Pearl Street, Sanford..Mrs. Jannie West..... 3.00

Mt. Pleasant......Mrs. Mary Palmer..... 1.00

Roberts Chapel.....Mrs. Josie Womble..... 1.00

Oakland Baptist.....Mrs. Maud Isley..... 3.00

The first session was addressed by Mrs. P. G. Shepard,

President of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention of

North Carolina. Mrs. Shepard spoke of "Woman's Love for God."

Others not listed as officers who took an active part in this

first session were Sisters Susie Heck, S.A. Miles, Millie Matthews,

Ella Jones.

[&]quot;The first Annual Session of the Women's District Home and Foreign Mission Auxiliary Convention met October 6, 1917 with the

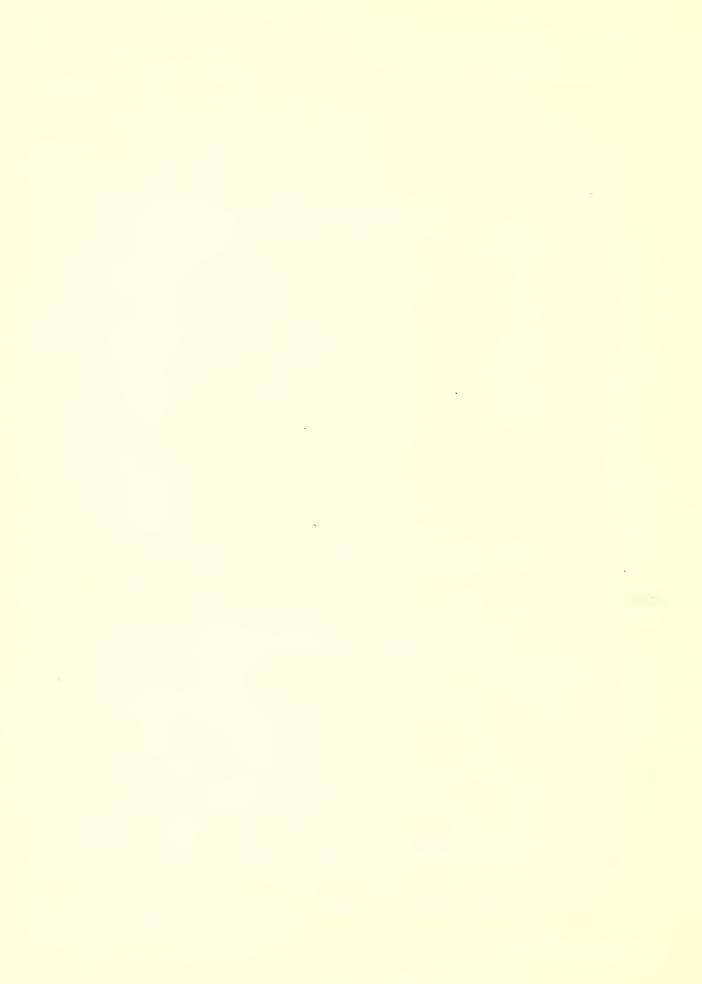
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Sisters Missionary Society of Cameron, North Carolina. The meeting was opened with singing and prayer was offered by Sister Lizzie Headen. The topic for discussion in this first Annual Session was "How Shall We Best Prepare for Work Among Our People." Eph. 6:13-20.

Persons addressing this First Annual Session of the Convention were: Rev. G. W. Moore, Rev. Core, Bro. James Toomer, and Mrs. Bella Hooker.

REPORT OF FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

The Fifth Annual Session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention met with the Missionary Circle of Black River Grove, Saturday, October 1, 1921. The opening service was conducted by Mrs. Lizzie Headen, and Mrs. Maud Isley. Topics discussed during this session were: "My Life For Christ and Humanity," and "The Need for Consecrated Religious Parents, School Teachers, and Leaders in General."



ENROLLMENT FIFTH SESSION

Sisters Lizzie Headen, Maud Isley, Alice Mask, Lula Cole, Alice Murchison, Lyda Taylor, M. J. Matthews, S. M. Degraffenried, Revs. A. T. Tuck, H. L. Womack, F. R. Chalmers, Joseph Siler, C. L. Matthews, T. N. Allen.

REPORT OF CIRCLES Fifth Annual Session

Mount Moriah	\$ 1.00
Oakland	1.00
Red Hill	1.00
Cameron Circle	1.00
Oak Grove	2.00
Robert's Chapel	3.00
Edward's Grove	1.25
Bethlehem.,	1.50
Taylor's Chapel	1.00
Sanford (Pearl Street)	4.00
Black River Grove	1.00
Mt. Pleasant	2.00
Shady Grove	1.00
Siler City	1.00
Jonesboro Circle	1.00
Total	\$23.00

Mrs. Lizzie Headen, Mrs. Alice Mask, Mrs. Alice Murchison, Committee

The Woman's Convention, which met annually on one day, grew very fast in the early years. Under the leadership of Mrs.

C. L. Tuck many new circles were organized and by this time were reporting in the annual meetings. By the tenth annual

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session which was held with the Wall Street Baptist Church; Sanford, North Carolina, October 2, 1926, a total of seventeen (17) circles were reporting.

OFFICERS LISTED IN TENTH SESSION October 2, 1926

PRESIDENT......Mrs. C. L. Tuck

VICE PRESIDENT.....Mrs. Sarah Gordon

TREASURER....Mrs. Alice Murchison

AUDITOR.....Mrs. S. A. Hicks

TREASURER'S REPORT (In Part)

Amount Brought Forward...... \$ 93.13

Amount Collected this Session...... 78.75

Total Amount...... \$171.88

NOTE - From the period 1926 to 1935 this writer could find no record of the meetings of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, however, it is known that the Convention did meet in its regular sessions. The Convention met on October 3, 1931 with the Red Hill Baptist Church and also in October, 1932 with the First Baptist Church of Siler City, North Carolina. No minutes of these sessions could be found. In the year 1933 Mrs. A. B. McCleave was elected President of the Convention.

The first listing of a Constitution of the Woman's Convention was recorded in the minutes of the Nineteenth (19th) Annual Session held in October of 1935 with the Roberts Chapel Baptist Church; Goldston, North Carolina. (See Constitution)

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CONSTITUTION

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WOMAN'S CONVENTION AUXILIARY TO THE DEEP RIVER ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE T

Sec. 1. This body shall be known as the Deep River Missionary Baptist Auxiliary Woman's Convention.

ARTICLE II

Sec. 1. The object of this Convention shall be to promote the cause of Home and Foreign Missions. To assist in supporting the orphans and awaken a general interest in the morals and the religious education of both the old and the young.

ARTICLE III

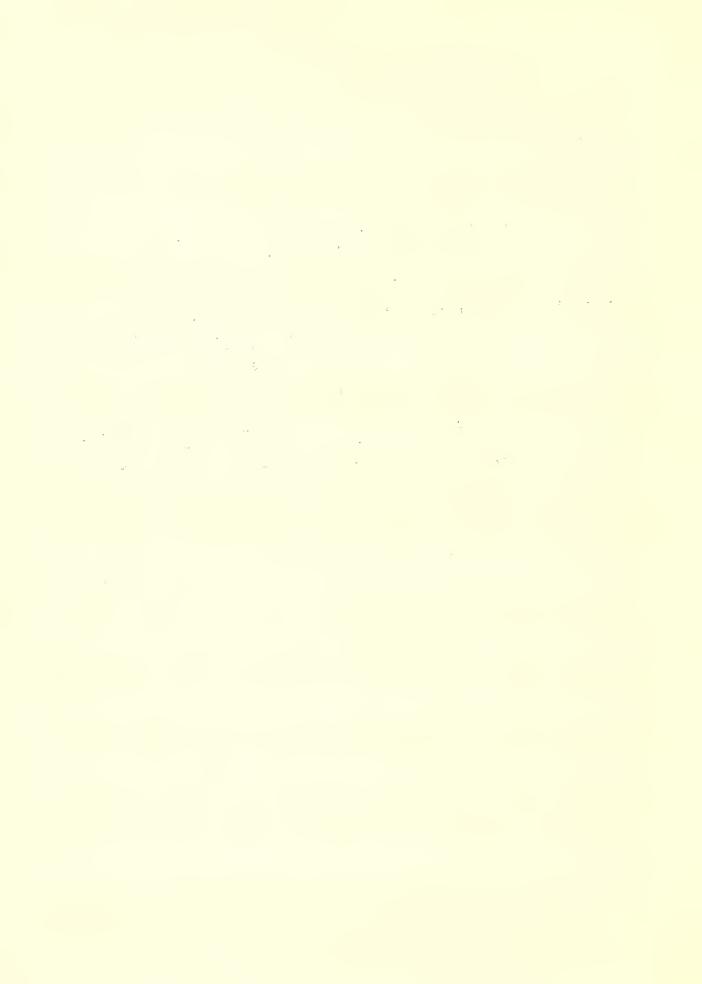
Sec. 1. All applicants desiring aid from this Convention must be members of the Missionary Baptist Church of the Deep River Association, and be recommended by their churches and circles.

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 1. This Convention shall be composed of officers and delegates sent from the Circles and other persons who are in good standing in the Baptist Church may become members by paying an annual fee.

ARTICLE V

- Sec. 1. The Officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor.
- Sec. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention. The Vice President may perform duties in the absence of the President.
- Sec. 3. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the Convention. She shall prepare the minutes for the press, the stationary and postage be furnished by the Convention.
- Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall hold all moneys and valuable belongings of the Convention, and shall make a proper entry of all receipts and disbursements. All orders for money must be signed by the President. Books shall be open at any any time for inspection.
- Sec. 5. All officers, managers and missionaries of this Convention must be members in good standing of regular Baptist churches. The funds of this Convention shall be used for educational purposes. The Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members at any Annual Meeting.



CONVENTION OFFICERS 1935

PRESIDENT	Mrs. A. B. McCleave
VICE PRESIDENT	Mrs. Ollie Turner
2d VICE PRESIDENT	Mrs.Cora Alston
SECRETARY	Mrs. L. L. Foster
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Mrs. Eva Siler
TREASURER	Mrs. Lizzie Headen
AUDITOR	Mrs. Lillie Aikens

FIELD WORKERS

Mrs. Ella Todd - Mrs. P. L. Foster

General Field Worker - Mrs. Millie Matthews

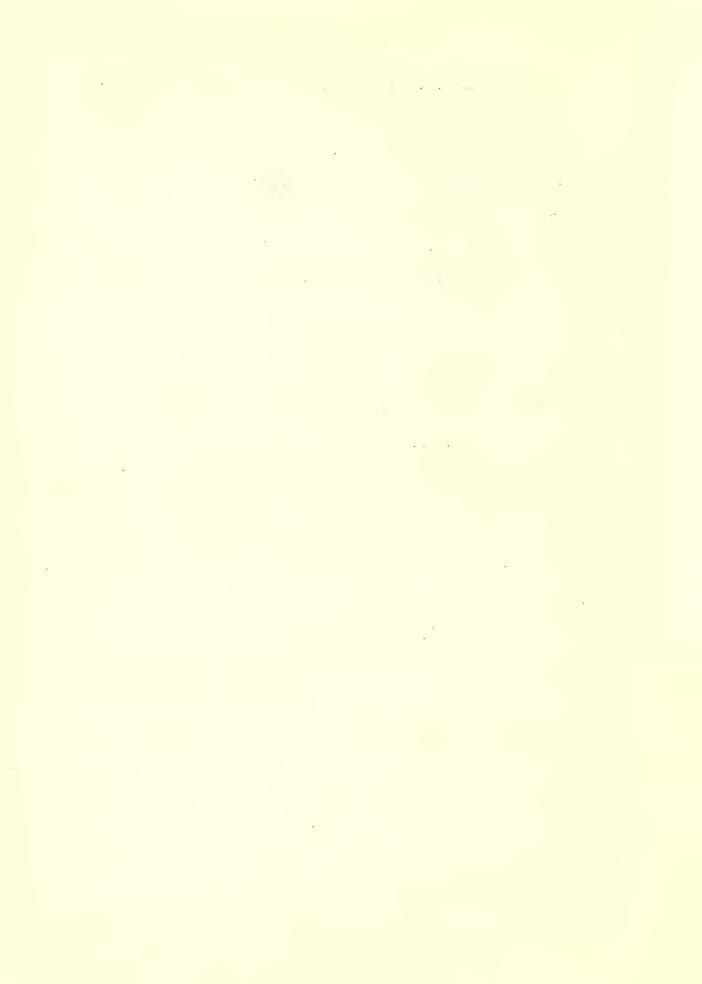
Under the leadership of Mrs. A. B. McCleave the work of the Women's Auxiliary continued to prosper. This growth can best be summed up in a recommendation presented to the Deep River Association which asked for more time to do the work of the Convention.

RECOMMENDATION

Red Hill Baptist Church Cameron, North Carolina September 30, 1939

"The Home and Foreign Missionary Convention Auxiliary of the Deep River Association: We, the members of the Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, wish to have a separate annual session, since the programs are crowded and time too short to complete our programs. We are asking the officers and members of the Association your careful consideration."

The Executive Committee (This report was received and adopted)



Some of the other changes which had taken place in the Convention can best be seen in the listing of officers and workers. Many new persons had come into the Association and the roll of churches representing in the Convention was now twenty-six (26).

OFFICERS OF WOMAN'S CONVENTION 27th Annual Session 1943

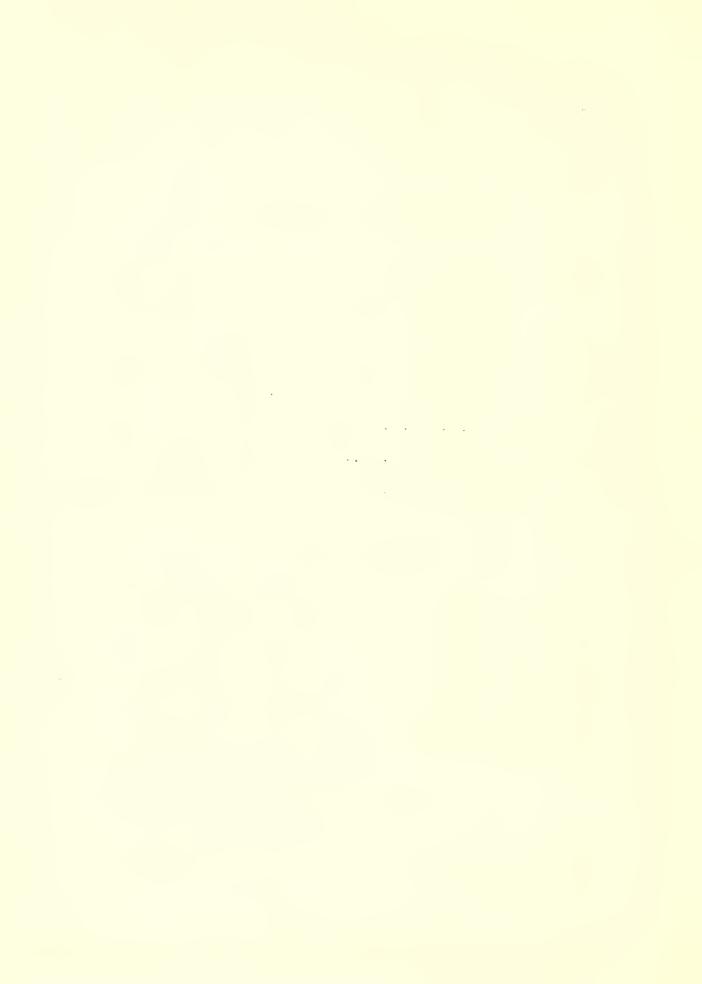
PRESIDENTMrs.	A.B. McCleave
FIRST VICE PRESIDENTMrs.	Cora Alston
SECOND VICE PRESIDENTMrs.	Ollie Turner
RECORDING SECRETARYMrs.	L. L. Foster
CORRESPONDING SECRETARYMrs.	Bessie Harris
TREASURERMrs.	Lizzie Headen
AUDITORMrs.	Callie Tuck
FIELD WORKERS	Carrie Strickland Ella Todd Siler

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mrs.	P. L. Foster, Chairman	Mrs. Francis Harris
	Ollie Turner	Miss Ethel Matthews
Mrs.	Cora Alston	Mrs. Bessie Harris
${ t Mrs.}$	Lizzie Headen	Mrs. Ammie Foster
${ t Mrs.}$	A. B. McCleave	Mrs. Sarah Gordon
${ t Mrs.}$	L. L. Foster	Mrs. Carrie Watkins
${ t Mrs.}$	Lillie Akins	Miss Florence Harris
	Elnora Paige	Mrs. Sallie Murphy
${ t Mrs.}$	Carrie Strickland	Mrs. Lillie McRae
${ t Mrs.}$	Ella Todd Siler	Mrs. T. H. Brooks
${ t Mrs.}$	Carrie Glover	Mrs. Mattie Lee Paige

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mrs.	T. A.	Н. В.	Brooks, McCleave	Chairman e		Ammie Fos Bessie Ha	
	-		Foster	•	-	Margaret	



at its Thirty-Seventh (37th) Annual Session held with the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in October of 1953. The members of the Board of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention voted the retiring President a cash donation for "twenty (20) years of faithful, unselfish service and good leadership."

OFFICERS ELECTED AT THIRTH-SEVENTH SESSION

AUDITOR......Mrs. Mattie L. Paige

FIELD WORKERS

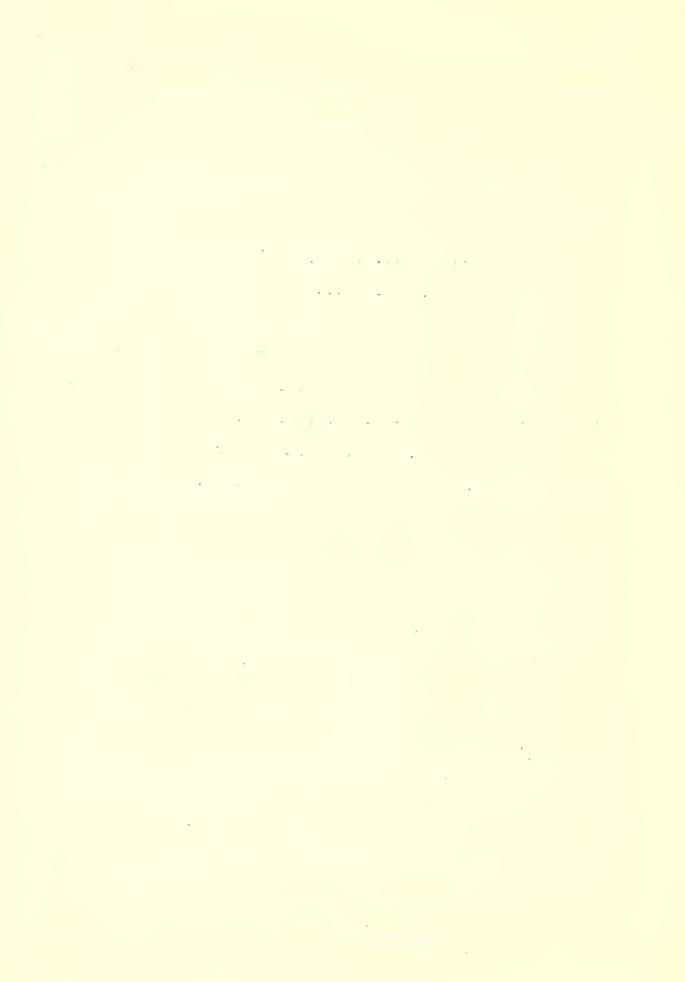
Mrs. Carrie Strickland, Miss Isabella Lane, and Miss Ruth Graves

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mrs. A. B. McCleave, Chairman

Mrs. Carrie Jacobs
Mrs. Sophia Williams
Mrs. Swannie Peoples
Mrs. Clara Kersey
Mrs. Ollie Turner
Mrs. Mary B. McNeil
Mrs. P. L. Foster
Mrs. Janie Saunders
Mrs. Mable Bowden
Mrs. Lydia P. Snipes
Mrs. Florence Emerson

Over the past few years since 1953 Mrs. M. E. Singletary, serving as President, has guided the Convention to even greater heights. Mrs. Singletary has continued to stress the need for Christian education, State and Foreign Missions, and the Oxford Orphanage. Much of the thinking of Mrs. Singletary can be noted



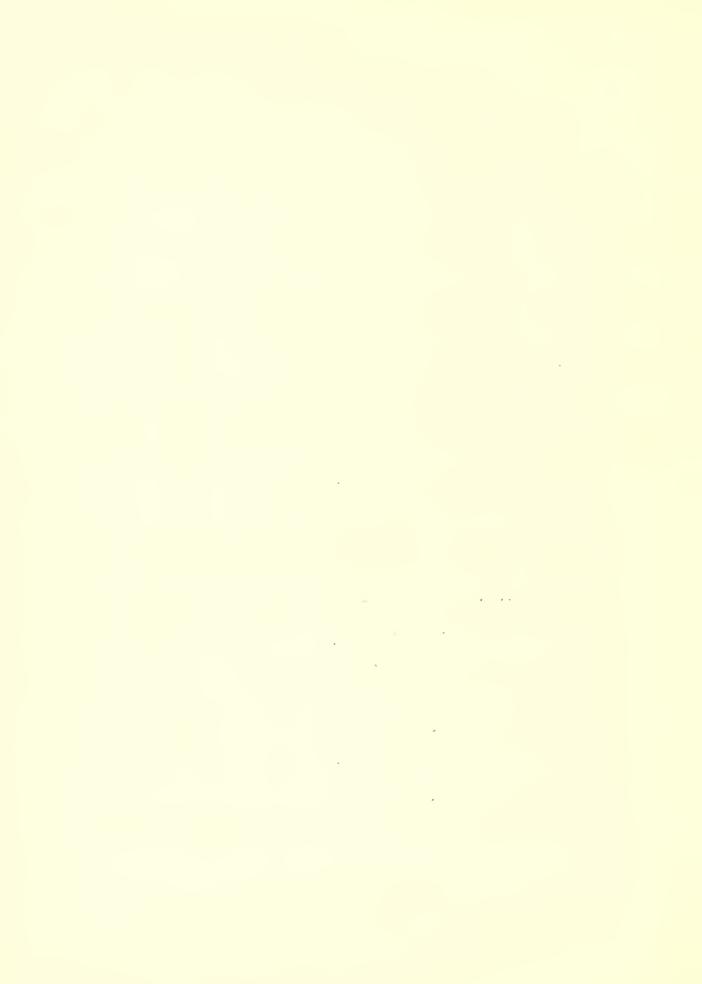
in this statement made before the Forty-Fifth (45th) Annual Session held with the Oakland Baptist Church; Ramseur, North Carolina in October 1961: "We must lend a helping hand to those who suffer, near us and afar off. There are those who are beaten down in sin, even at our door. Do we lend a helping hand or do we let them struggle alone while we make excuses? Will the Savior say to us, "I was hungry and you gave me no drink, beaten down and you gave me not your hand?" Are we guilty? Are we trying to carry the banner for Christ with anger, envy, selfishness, many types of unrighteousness in our hearts?

There must be a forgetfulness of self and a working together for the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men, women, and children."

OFFICERS
WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION
1961

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. Clara Kersey, Chairman Mrs. A. B. McCleave Mrs. W.B. Bryant Mrs. Annie Crudup



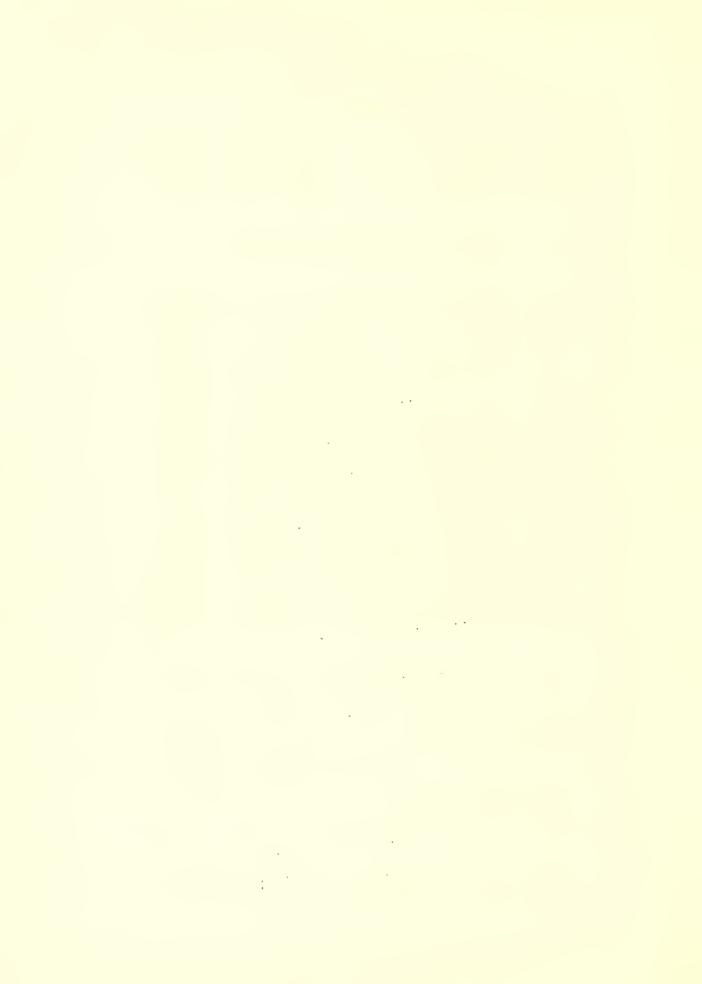
EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mrs. A. B. McCleave, Chairman

Mrs.	Sophie Williams	${\tt Mrs.}$	Callie Coltrane
Mrs.	Lydia Snipes	Mrs.	Elnora Paige
Mrs.	Olie Turner	Mrs.	Wincie Foushee
Mrs.	Mary B. McNeill	Mrs.	W. B. Bryant
	P. L. Foster		Annie Crudup

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE 1961

Wall Street. \$ 44.00 Taylors Chapel. 10.00 St. John Dunn. 11.00 Roberts Chapel. 20.00 Mt. Olive. 12.00 New Bensalem. 1.00 Red Hill. 10.00 White Oak. 8.00 Oak Grove. 7.00 Pine Ridge. 8.00 New Zion. 12.00 Rocky River. 2.50 Edwards Grove. 12.00 Butlers Chapel. 4.00 First Baptist, Siler City. 25.00 St. John Climax. 10.00 First Baptist, Pittsboro. 5.00 Harris Grove. 10.00 Oakland. 10.00 First Baptist, Cameron. 6.00 Black River Grove. 7.00
Representation Fees\$ 287.50
Total Offerings 212.67
Annual Fees
TOTAL RAISED\$ 550.92
Total Paid Out\$ 435.70
Left from this Convention 115.22
Amount Brought Forward 147.41
TOTAL LEFT IN TREASURY\$ 262.63



OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

President

Mrs. C. L. Tuck...... 1917 - 1933

Mrs. A. B. McCleave.... 1933 - 1953

Mrs. M. E. Singletary... 1953 -

First Vice President

Mrs. Lizzie Headen Mrs. Ollie Turner Mrs. Cora Alston Mrs. Elnora Paige

Mrs. C. L. Tuck

Secretary

Miss Alice Womble

Mrs. S. M. Degraffenreid

Mrs. Sarah Gordon Mrs. L.L. Foster Mrs. W.B. Bryant

Treasurer

Mrs. A. A. Murchison Mrs. Lizzie Headen Mrs. Amy Foster Mrs. Wincie Foushee

Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. Bessie Harris Miss Margaret McNeill Miss Ida Jane Person Mrs. Maud Howerton Mrs. Magdalene Hoskin Mrs. Annie Crudup

Second Vice President

Mrs. Ollie Turner Mrs. Elnora Paige

Assistant Secretary

Mrs. H. S. Cole Mrs. Eva Siler Mrs. Sarah Gordon

Auditor

Mrs. S. A. Hicks Mrs. Lillie Aikens Mrs. Carrie Glover Mrs. Susie Lucas Mrs. Callie Tuck Mrs. Mattie L. Paige

Field Worker

Mrs. Ella Todd Mrs. Carrie Strickland Miss Isabella Lane Miss Ruth Graves

THE DEEP RIVER BAPTIST MINISTERS AND DEACONS UNION

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THE DEEP RIVER BAPTIST UNION

The District Number Two Ministers and Deacons Union, which withdrew from the New Hope Association, did not disband when the Deep River Association was organized. The Union continued to operate as the Deep River Baptist Ministers and Deacons Union. You will recall that this was in the year 1916.

The first Moderator of this newly named union was Deacon

S. T. Tuck. He served as Moderator of the Deep River Union until
the year 1928 at which time Rev. J. W. Mason, the present

Moderator, was elected. To the date of this writing, Rev.

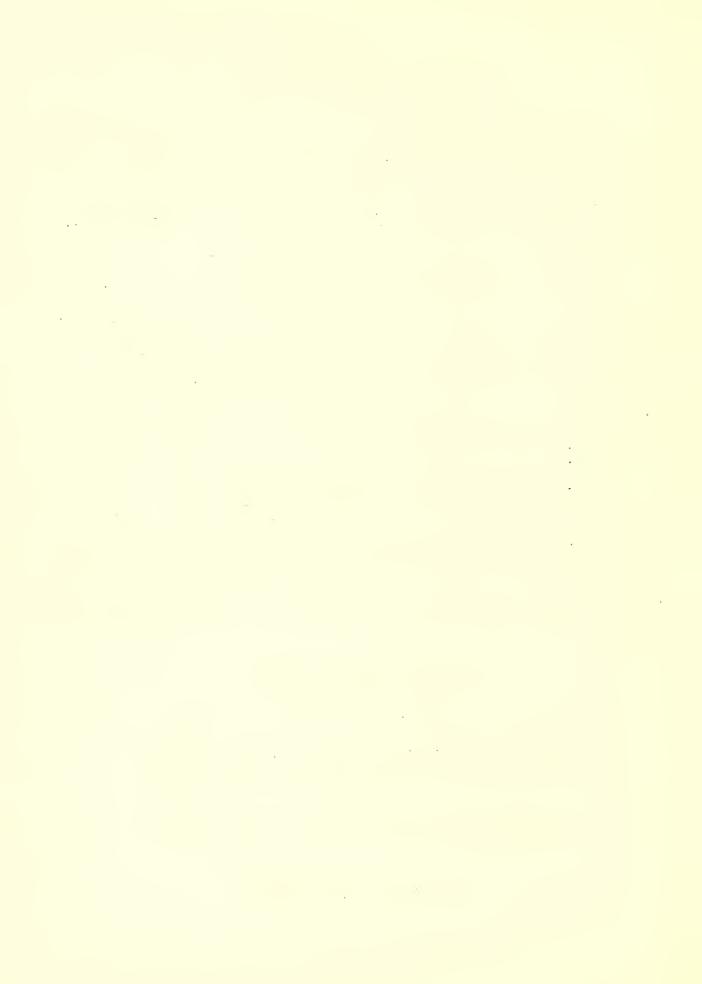
J. W. Mason has thirty-three (33) years of continuous service as

Moderator.

Please note here that no reports of the meetings of the Deep River Union could be found for the early years of its operation. The first written reports of the activities of the Union were found recorded in the minutes of the 1939 sessions of the Deep River Association. The reports of these sessions are as follows:

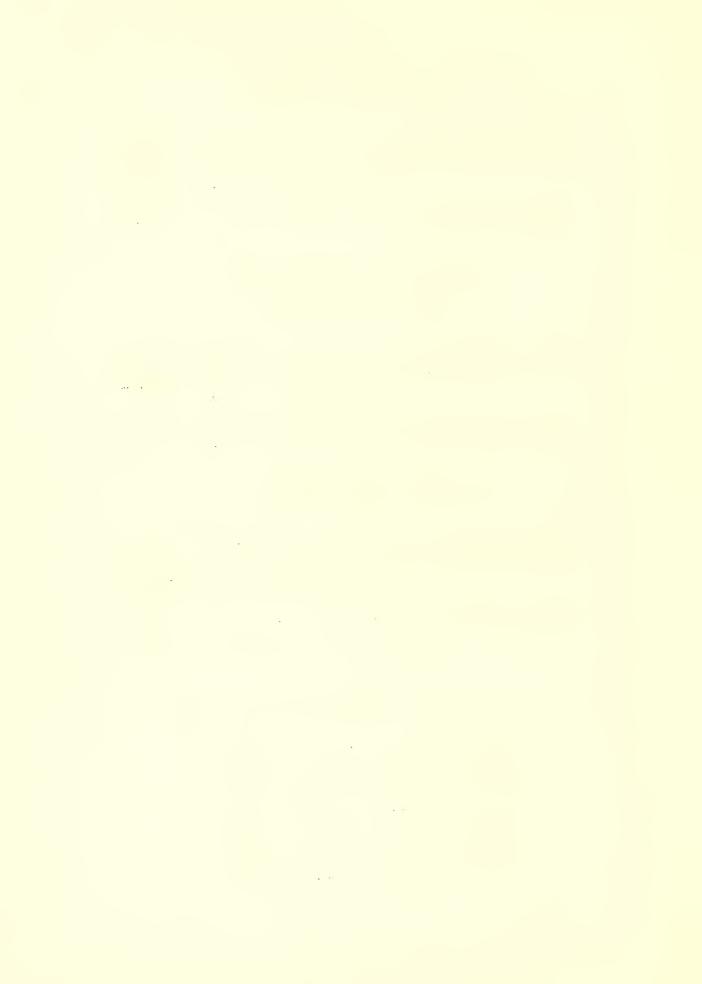
RIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH Staley, North Carolina October 30, 1938

Brought forward	50.55
Disbursements	\$134.25 60.41



WALL STREET BAPTIST CHURCH Sanford, North Carolina January 28-29, 1939

Brought forward
Disbursements \$ 83.40 Balance in Treasury 80.94
NEW BENSALEM BAPTIST CHURCH Robbins, North Carolina April 28-30, 1939
Brought forward
Disbursements \$ 65.50 Balance in Treasury 92.25
MT. CALVARY COLON Sanford, North Carolina
Brought forward
Disbursements \$ 37.00 Balance in Treasury 97.40
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Ridge Road



OFFICERS OF THE UNION 1939

MODERATOR	v. J. W. Mason
VICE MODERATORRe	v. C. C. Deberry
RECORDING SECRETARYBr	o. Job F. Siler
TREASURERBr	o. J. A. Siler
AUDITORRe	v. R. D. Brooks
FINANCIAL SECRETARYBr	o. D. H. Gilmore

The Deep River Union, under the leadership of Rev. J.W. Mason, has done much to support the work of the Deep River Association. Over the years its program has been to help carry out the objectives of the Association as stated in the Constitution. The Union has contributed much to the spiritual as well as the financial growth of the Association. Rev. J.W. Mason, even though confined to a wheel chair, has continued to carry on the duties of the office of Moderator. No history of the Deep River Association could be written without paying a tribute of respect to this dedicated servant of God.

As a means of measuring some of the growth of the Deep River Union over the years a report of the 1961 sessions of the Union Meetings is listed below:

Wall Street \$	32.00
Mt. Olive	24.00
Mt. Calvary	24.50
Red Hill	18.60
Bethlehem	13.85
Oak Grove	14.00
New Zion	36.40
St. John, Climax	40.00

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Edwards Grove \$ 20.50
First Baptist, Siler City 32.00
St. John, Dunn 24.00
First Baptist, Pittsboro 13.50
Oakland24.70
First Baptist, Cameron 16.00
Mt. Moriah 14.50
Harris Grove 14.40
Black River Grove 12.00
Taylors Chapel 20.10
Roberts Chapel 36.00
Lamberts Chapel 31.60
White Oak 10.00
New Bensalem 21.70
Pine Ridge 25.00
Rocky River 11.00
First Baptist, Carthage 7.60
Cunningham 5.50
Butlers Chapel 8.95
DISBURSEMENTS, 1961
St. John Dunn \$ 75.00
Wall Street, Sanford 40.00
Mt. Calvary, Colon 50.00
Harris Grove 50.00
First Baptist, Siler City 100.00
Sextons of Churches 8.00
Programs 14.00
Mailing Fees 7.00



State Mission	\$ 85.10
Education	138.00
Committee to Butlers Chapel	5.00
Officers of Union	123.50
Board Members	174.00
Shaw University	55.00
Printing Minutes	53.44
Leadership Institute	200.00

OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED THE UNION

Moderator

Deacon S. T. Tuck.....1916 - 1928

Rev. J. W. Mason.....1928 -

Vice Moderator

Rev. C. C. Deberry, Rev. J. W. Alston

Recording Secretary

Bro. Job F. Siler, Rev. A. T. Alston

Assistant Secretary (Clerk)

Rev. A. T. Alston Bro. J.Brooks Rev. George Watson Bro. N.Brooks Rev. W.A. Bradshaw Rev. P. W. Hooker

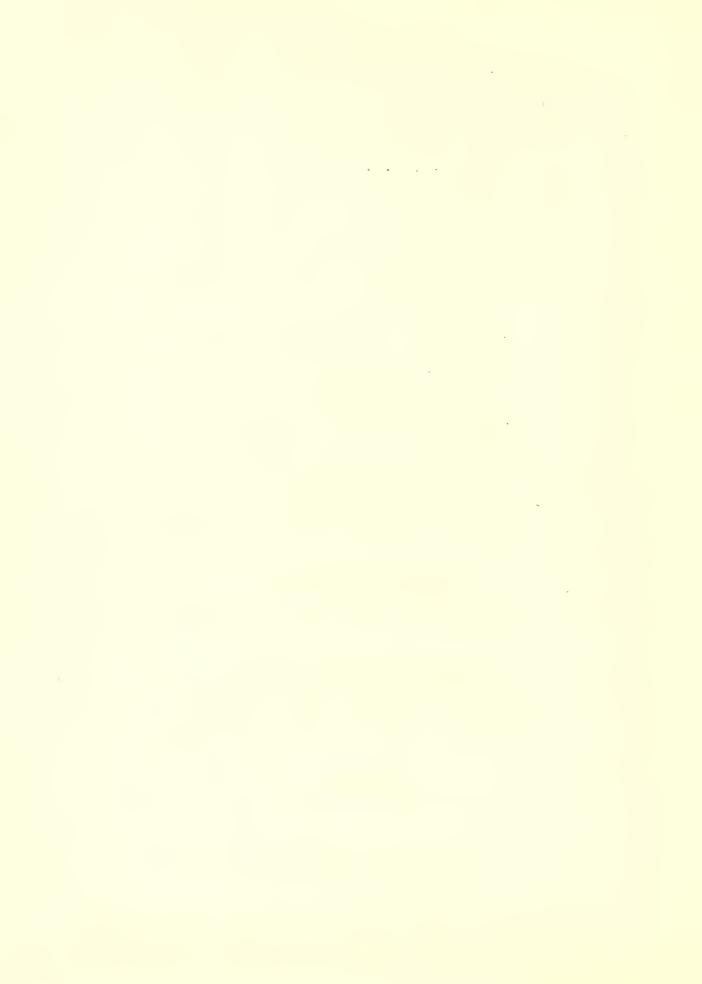
Treasurer

Bro. J. A. Siler

Financial Secretary

Bro. D. H. Gilmore

The Deep River Baptist Union is held each fifth Saturday and Sunday with the various member churches of the Deep River Association. The Executive Board of the Association serves as its governing body.



THE DEEP RIVER BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The First Annual Session of the Deep River Sunday School Convention was held with the Roberts Chapel Baptist Church; Goldston, North Carolina, July 20, 1917. Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. H. G. Goldston and Bro. F. R. Chalmers.

FIRST OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION

Recording Secretary..Miss Marian C. Gordon.Carthage Compiling Secretary..Rev. A. T. Tuck.....Bear Creek Treasurer...........Giles McNeill..........Cameron

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Bro. H.S. Cole, Exofficio Chairman of Board

S. T. Tuck

Miss Mae M. Graves

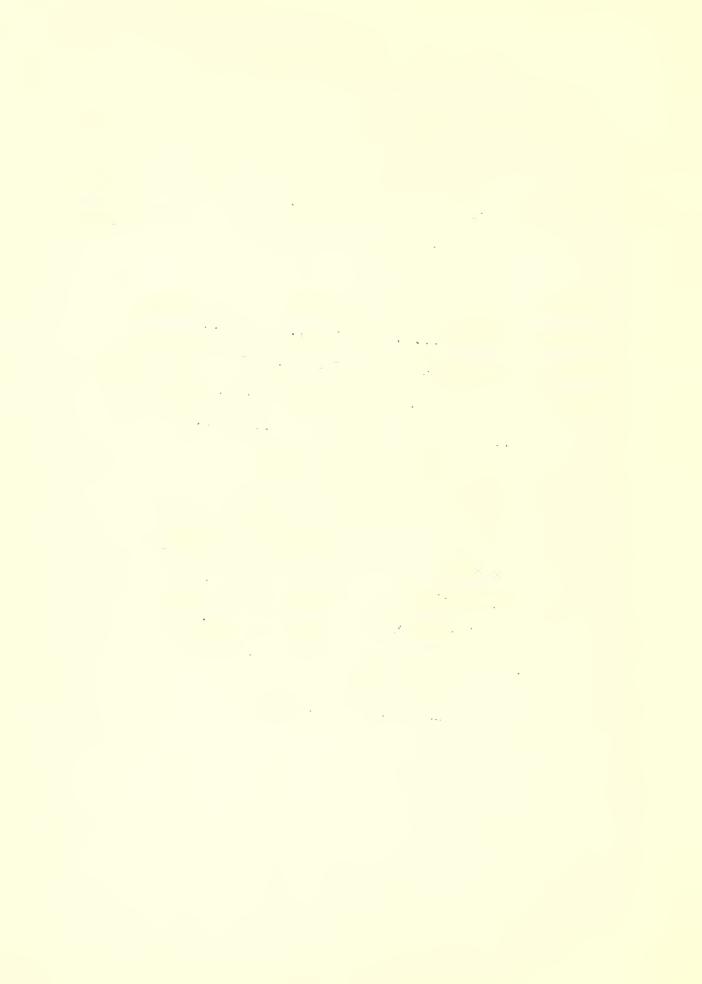
J. M. Foust

Mrs. Maud Isley

E. D. Murchison Miss Lula K. Tuck

C. L. Matthews

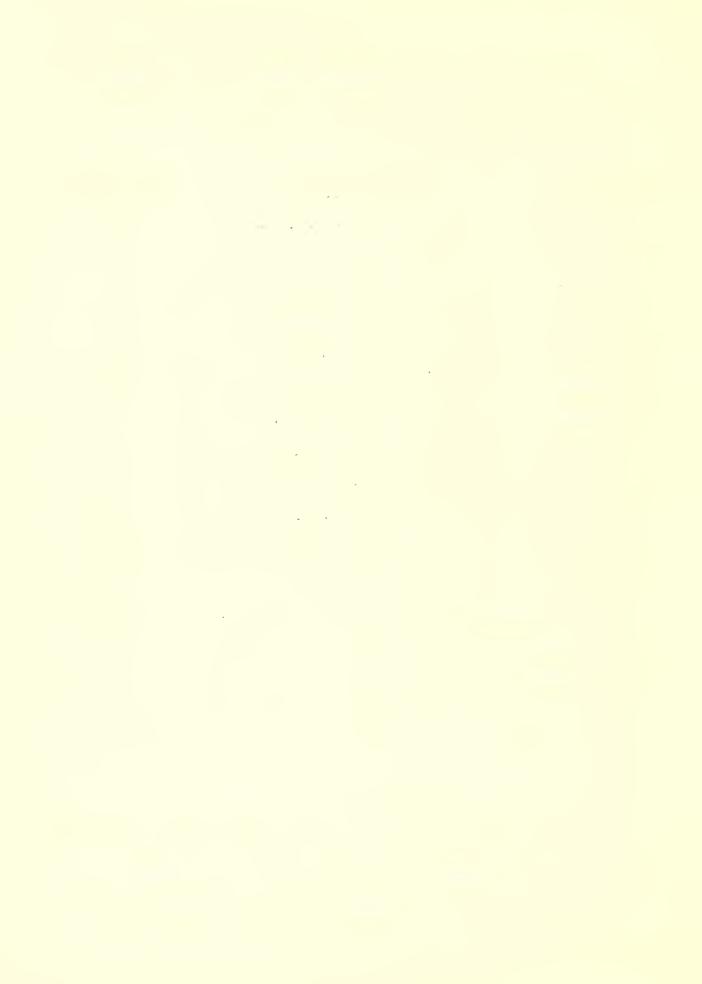
Miss M.C. Gordon



Following is a list of churches representing in the first session of the Convention, along with the number of pupils on roll and the amount sent to the first session:

Schools	Total on Roll	Amount Sent
Oakland	40	\$ 2.00
Oak Grove	19	1.35
Bethlehem	32	1.65
Red Hill	38	1.90
Taylor's Chapel	30	1.50
Pearl Street (Sanford).	115	··· 5·75
Mt. Moriah	20	1.60
Mt. Pleasant	11	••• •55
Harris Grove	15	75
Lambert Chapel	32	1.60
Liberty Mission	20	1.00
Robert Chapel	50	2.50
Mt. Olive	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	25
New Zion (Jonesboro)	20	1.00
Tuck's Grove	¹ +1	2.05
Cameron Mission	20	1.00
TOTAL	483	\$26.45

The next available records of the Sunday School Convention were of the Fifth Session which was held with the Oakland Baptist Church; Ramseur, North Carolina on July 22-24, 1921. Following is the list of officers as reported in the Fifth Session:



PRESIDENT......Mrs. H. S. Cole......Sanford

VICE PRESIDENT.....Rev. J. W. Mason....Siler City

SECRETARY.....Mrs. Bessie A. Newberry.Liberty

TREASURER.....Mrs. Sarah A. Gordon...Carthage

AUDITOR.....Rev. F. R. Chalmers...Fayetteville

GENERAL COMPILER...Rev. A. T. Tuck....Sanford

From the period 1917 to 1921 the Sunday School Convention, under the leadership of Mr. H. S. Cole, grew in terms of the number of churches reporting in the Annual Meeting. There were twenty-two (22) churches that reported in the Fifth Session, a total growth of six additional schools.

The Sunday School Convention is held each year on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the fourth week in July. The Convention is composed of Ministers, Deacons, Superintendents, Delegates and leaders of the various churches of the Deep River Association. The Convention employs various methods to help in its teaching and training program. Much use is made of workshops, demonstrations, lectures, and sermons.

Since the year 1943 Mrs. O. S. Payton has been President of the Convention. Under the leadership of Mrs. Payton the Convention has continued to progress. Some of this growth can be measured in terms of the reports of the last session of the Convention held with the St. John Climax Baptist Church; Climax, North Carolina on July 21-23, 1961.



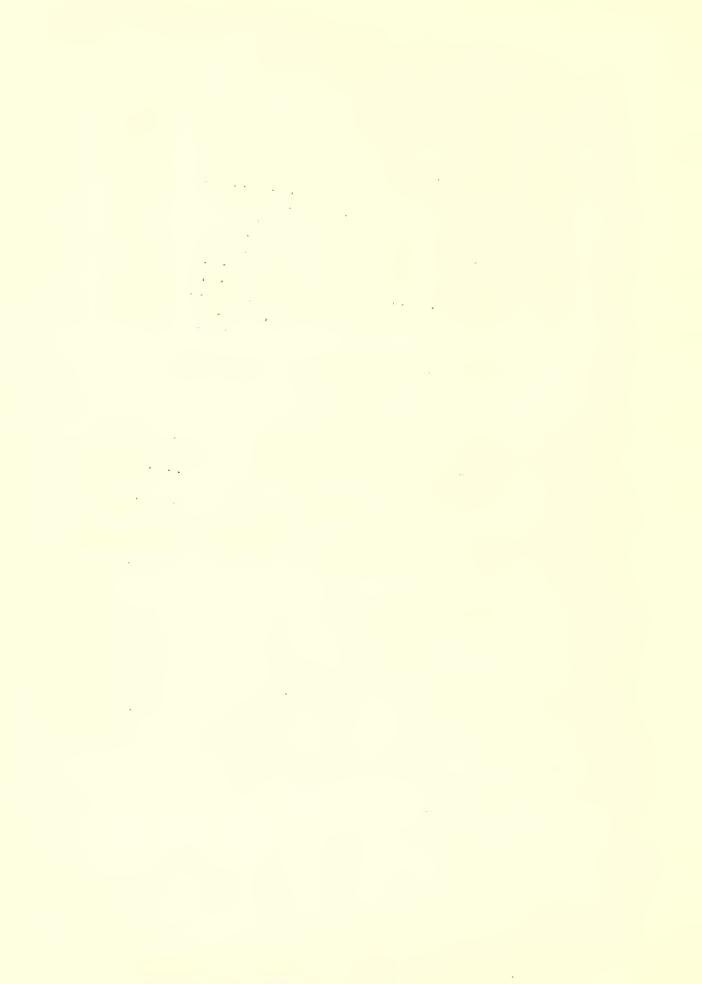
FINANCIAL REPORT 1961

Wall Street	\$ 16.00
Mt. Olive	6.00
Red Hill	6.00
Mt. Calvary	10.00
	4.00
Oak Grove	
New Zion	4.25
St. John Climax	12.00
Edwards Grove	3.00
First Baptist, Siler City	4.25
	10.00
St. John Dunn	
First Baptist Pittsboro	3.00
Oakland	8.00
First Baptist Cameron	6.00
	2.75
Mt. Moriah	
Harris Grove	5.00

OFFICERS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION 1961

PRESIDENTDunn
VICE PRESIDENTMr. D.W. HeadenGoldston
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT.Mr. Warren PersonCameron
SECRETARYMrs. E. J. MatthewsCarthage
ASSISTANT SECRETARYMr. Billie GloverSiler City
CORRESPONDING SECRETARYMiss Ruth GravesSiler City
AUDITORSiler City
TREASURERSiler City
FINANCE SECRETARYMiss Celestine FoxxSiler City
MUSIC DIRECTORMrs. Omega HerringSiler City
ORGANISTMr. Malcolm ThompsonDunn

The Executive Board of the Deep River Association is in charge of all operations of the Deep River Sunday School Convention. Please note here that this was not true in the earlier days of the Convention but later this plan was adopted.



FIRST CONSTITUTION

(1921)

ARTICLE I

Sec. 1. This body shall be known as the Deep River Missionary Baptist Auxiliary Sunday School Convention.

ARTICLE II

Sec. 1. Its object shall be to awaken a greater interest in the Sunday School work in all the Baptist churches where our lot is cast, to assist in supporting the orphans, Home and Foreign Mission work, and awaken a general interest in the moral and religious education of both old and young.

ARTICLE III

- Sec. 1. Its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Messenger and Auditor.
- Sec. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, and sign all orders upon the Treasurer, the Vice-President may perform the duties in the absence of the President.
- Sec. 3. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the convention. She shall prepare the minutes for the press. Her stationary and postage be furnished by the Convention.
- Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall hold all moneys and valuable notes belonging to the Convention.
- Sec. 5. All officers, managers and missionaries of this Convention must be members in good standing of regular Baptist churches. The funds of the Convention shall be used for Missions, Educational and Church Extension. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members at any annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 1. Each school belonging to this Convention shall pay annually to this Convention five cents per scholar represented. Each delegate 25ϕ , deacons 50ϕ , superintendents 75ϕ , pastors \$1.00



Following is a list of officers who have served in various capacities of the Deep River Sunday School Convention:

PRES IDENT

Mr. H.S.Cole Mr. R.L. Harris Mrs. O. S. Payton

VICE-PRESIDENT

Rev. J. W. Mason
Mr. A. C. Graves
Mr. J. A. Murphy
Mr. Joseph Baker
Mr. Phil Glover
Mrs. Beatrice Payton
Mr. Eugene Turner
Mr. James Lee
Mr. C. L. Womack
Mr. D.W. Headen

RECORDING SECRETARY

Miss Marrion C. Gordon Miss Bessie A. Newberry Miss Linda Graves Miss E. J. Matthews

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Miss Alberta Emerson Miss Rebecca Newberry Miss Mamie Akins Miss Ruth Graves

TREASURER

Mr. Giles McNeill Mrs. Sarah Gordon Mrs. Amie Foster Rev. A. F. McCleave Mr. Alex Graves

AUDITOR

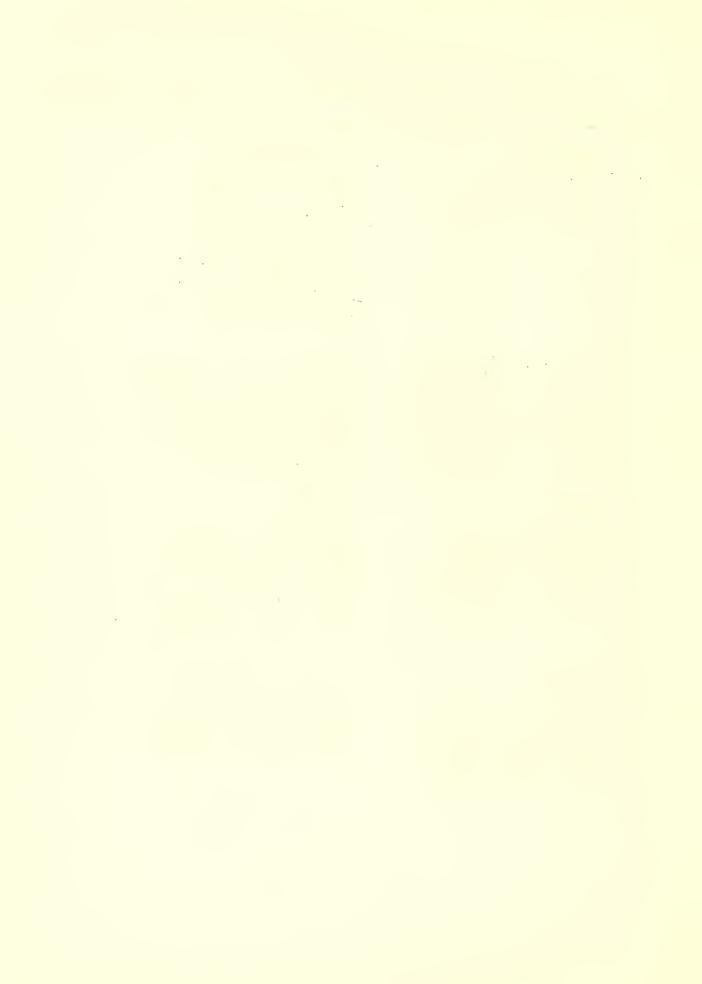
Rev. F. R. Chalmers Bro. J. F. Miller Mrs. Jauanita Miller Mr. Phil Glover Mrs. L. L. Foster Mr. Carl Lee Headen Mrs. Mattie R. Walden

PIANIST

Miss Classie Glover Mr. Calvin Lampley Miss Wilma McCleave Miss Dorothy Cutts Miss Dorothy Turner

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Miss Margaret McNeill Miss Carolyn Matthews Miss Celestine Foxx



THE DEEP RIVER BAPTIST USHER UNION



THE DEEP RIVER USHER UNION

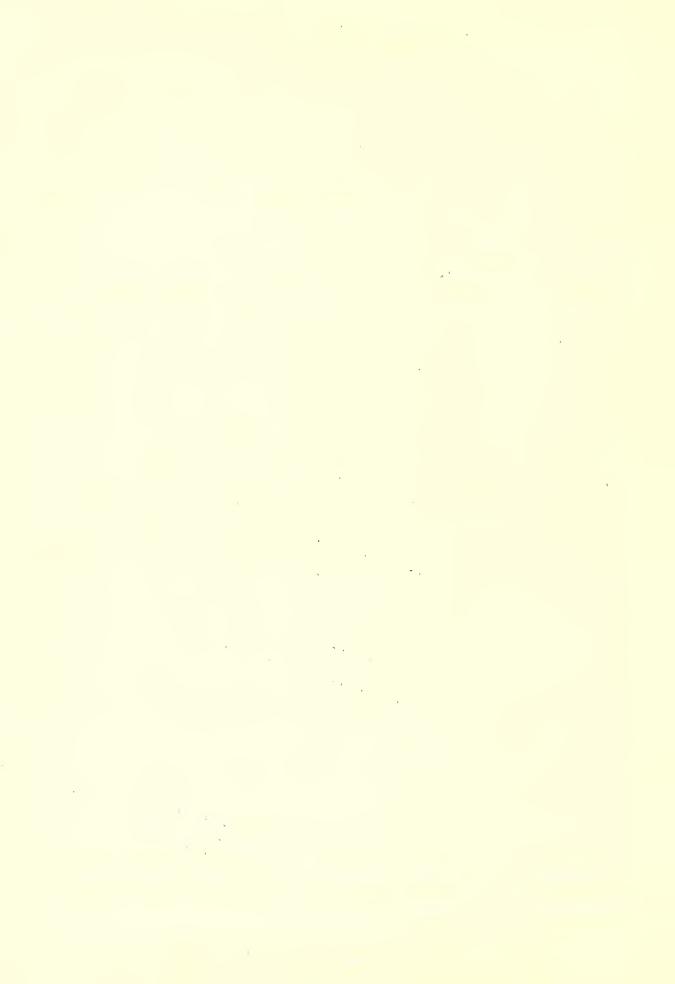
For several years before the year 1953 a few interested ushers and leaders in the Deep River Association had talked of the need for having an organized parent body for ushers within the bounds of the Deep River Association. The dreams of these persons were soon to become a reality.

The first session of the Deep River Usher Union was held at the Harris Grove Baptist Church; Siler City, North Carolina in the year 1953. Mr. W. C. Redding of Sanford, North Carolina was elected as its first President. Other officers who were elected in the first session were not available to this writer. Some of the ministers who helped in this early movement were Rev. A. T. Alston, Rev. J.W. Mason, and Dr. A. F. McCleave.

The second session of the Usher Union was held with the First Baptist Church; Carthage, North Carolina on October 30, 1954. The officers as reported in this session were as follows:

The records indicate that there were three churches that represented in the second session of the Usher Union. These churches were as follows:

Roberts Chapel	\$ 2.00
Red Hill Cameron	 2.00
St. John Dunn	1.00



The third session of the Deep River Usher Union was held with the Lamberts Chapel Baptist Church on July 30, 1955. The matter of registration fees was considered in this meeting. It was voted that Officers, Ushers, and Ministers would hereafter register with twenty-five cents (25ϕ) . Rev. A. T. Alston and Dr.A.F. McCleave stressed the need for having some By-Laws for the Organization. The Union voted to be governed by the "Rules" of the Deep River Association.

The Deep River Usher Union has grown considerably by the time of this third session. Many more usher boards of the churches of the Deep River Association were now representing in the Union. Following are the churches that sent delegates and representation fees to the Usher Union in 1955:

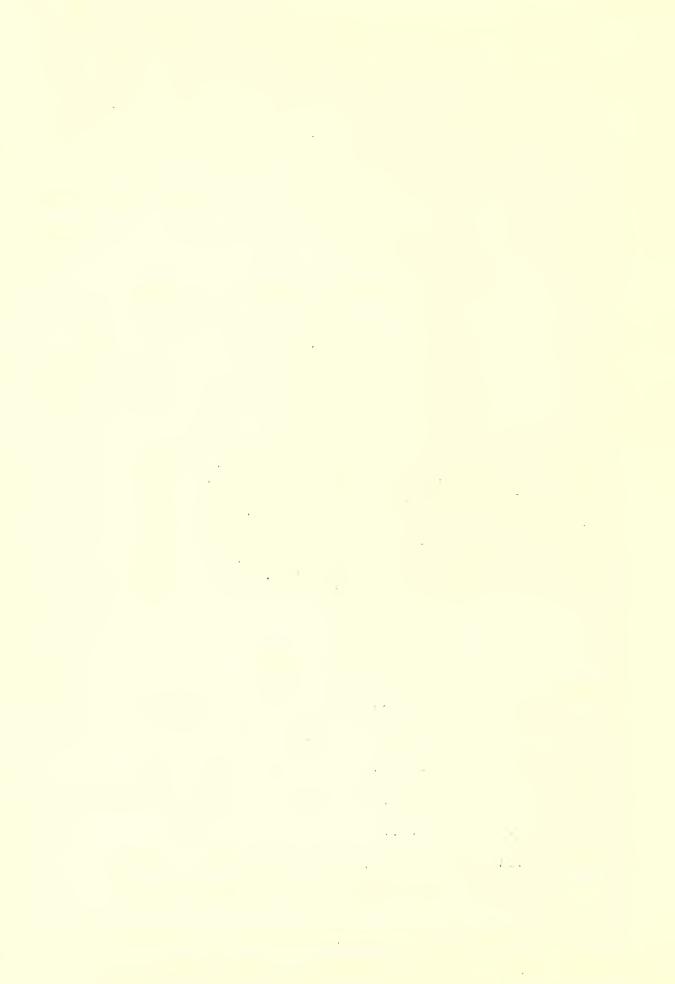
Roberts Chapel	\$ 2.50
Wall Street	2.50
New Zion	1.00
First Baptist Cameron	2.25
Cunningham	1.00
Edwards Grove	1.00
St. John Climax	1.00
First Baptist Siler City	2.50
Red Hill Cameron	2.00

OFFICERS

THIRD SESSION, 1955

PRES IDENT	Mr. W. C. Redding
VICE PRESIDENT	Mr.George Bynum
SECRETARY	Mrs. Clara Kersey
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Mrs. Carrie Strickland
TREASURER	Mr. J.C. Paige
AUDITOR	Mrs. Mary B. McNeill
CHAIRMAN PROGRAM COMMITTEE.	Mrs. Margret Murphy

The 1956 session of the Usher Union was held with the Cunningham Baptist Church; Thomasville, North Carolina on



September 29, 1956. Mrs. Clara Kersey was elected President in this session. Mrs. Vera Hooker was again elected Secretary; Mrs. Carrie Strickland having served for a period of one year. Miss Estella Spinks was elected as the Assistant Secretary. Later Miss Spinks was elected Secretary of the Union. All other officers remained the same.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Clara Kersey as its President, the Deep River Ushers Union has continued to progress. To this writing, there are twenty-one (21) member Usher Boards making up the Union. The Deep River Ushers Union is a member of the North Carolina State Baptist Usher Convention.

The Deep River Usher Union meets in its monthly meetings each fourth Sunday with the various member churches of the Deep River Association. The Annual meetings are held jointly with the Deep River Union Meetings at the last session of the Union before the meeting of the Deep River Association.

Among the accomplishments of the Usher Union are these:
Each year a drive is held for the Oxford Orphanage and as a
result of these drives many cash donations and gifts have been
sent to the Orphanage. Each year the Usher Union has turned over
to the Deep River Association sizeable donations for the purpose
of education. The amounts of these donations usually range in
the neighborhood of one hundred (\$100) dollars.

Following are the officers who served the Usher Union during the year 1961:



TREASURERMr.	J. C.	Pai	ge
AUDITORMrs.	Mary	В.	McNeill
CHAIRMAN PROGRAM COMMITTEEMrs.	Margi	et	Murphy

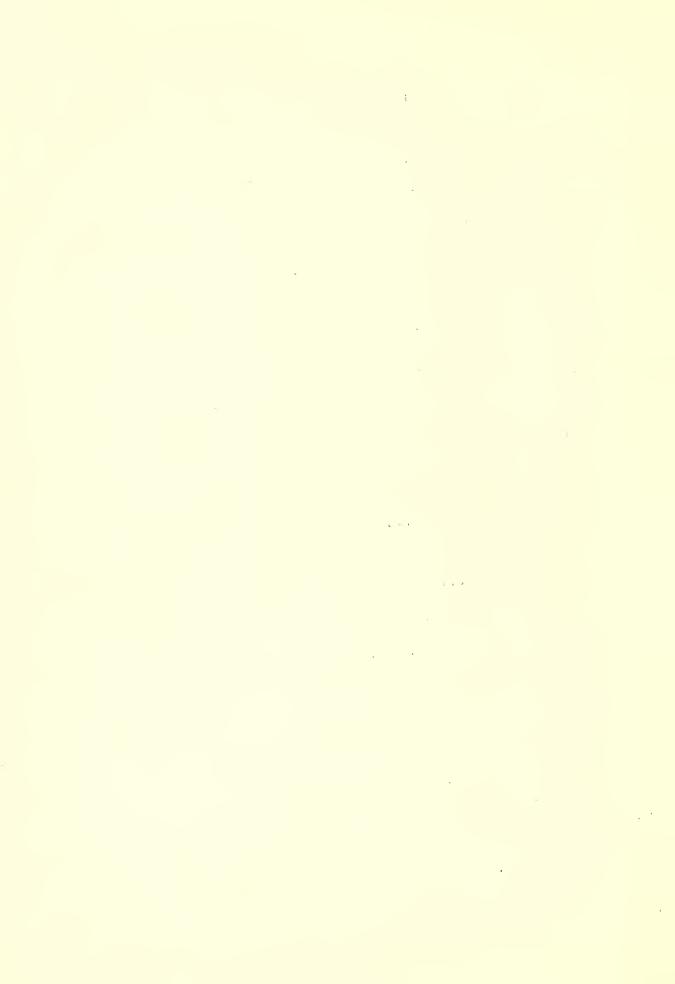
THE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION CONGRESS



THE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

The first accounts of the Baptist Training Union (formerly the Baptist Young Peoples Union), were found in the minutes of the Thirteenth Session held with the Roberts Chapel Baptist Church in the year 1938. This being true, the organization must have had its beginning in the year 1925. Officers listed in the Thirteenth Session were as follows:

By the time of the 1942 session of the Baptist Young
Peoples Union, the name of the organization had been changed to
the Baptist Training Union. The name change was national in
scope, and as a result the name of the Deep River Baptist Young
Peoples Union became the Deep River Baptist Training Union. The



thinking behind this change was the fact that it was felt that all of the membesship of the Baptist Church should be included in its training program, and not just confined to the youth of the church.

The B. T. U. meets annually in joint session with the Sunday School Convention on Saturday the fourth week in July. The training program of the Baptist Training Union is much like that of the Sunday School Convention, to the extent that it also employs lectures, demonstrations, workshops, roundtables, and sermons in its training program. The Baptist Training Union operates its own Executive Board.

OFFICERS OF THE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION 1961

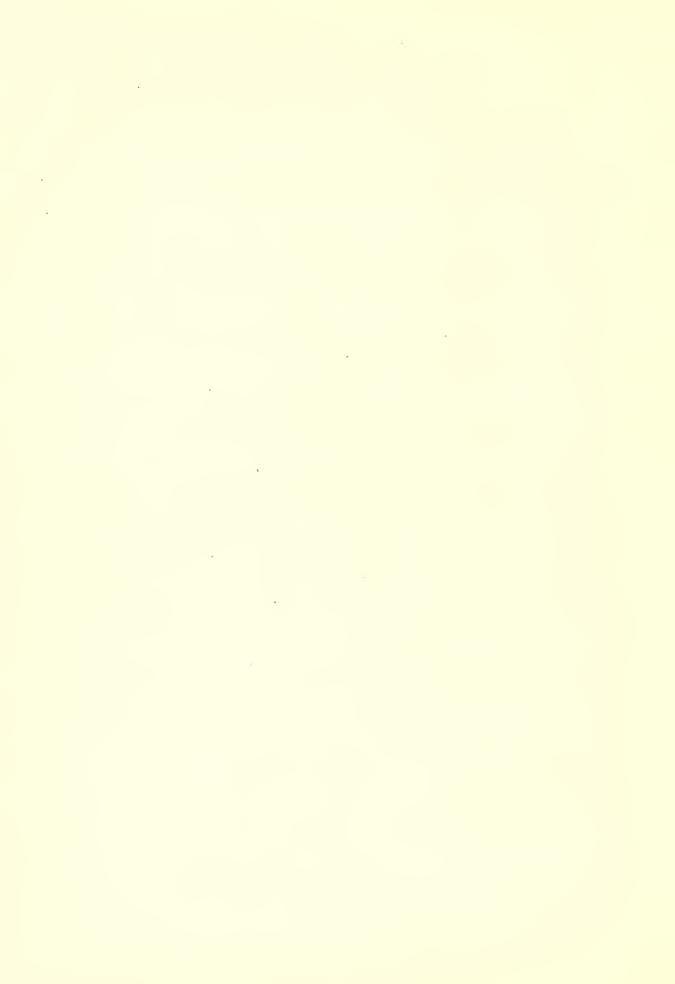
OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED THE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

President

Mrs. A. W. Jones Mr. D. H. Gilmore Rev. M. Philip McCleave

Vice President

Miss Omega Glover
Mr. Obie Wicker
Miss Margaret McNeill
Mr. D.W. Headen
Mr. M. Philip McCleave
Mr. D.H. Gilmore
Mr. Wallace Matthews



Recording Secretary

Miss Gertrude Watson Miss Nell Pinkney Mrs. M. E. Bates Miss Isabella Lane Miss Estella Spinks

Treasurer

Mrs. Lula Tonkins Mr.Samuel Rhodes Mrs. A. B. McCleave

Director of Publicity

Mr. C. Q. Haywood

Corresponding Secretary

Miss Inez Turner Miss Hattie Belle McRae Miss Ola V. Douglas Miss Reatha Gilmore Miss Romonia Hicks

Auditor

Mr. P. L. Foster Mrs. Annie M. Hart

Financial Secretary

Miss Edith Foster Mrs. Omega Foster Johnson

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