

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**Alabama State Conference**  
OF THE  
**ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
HELD WITH  
**MT. HARMONY CHURCH**

October 24-25-26, 1933

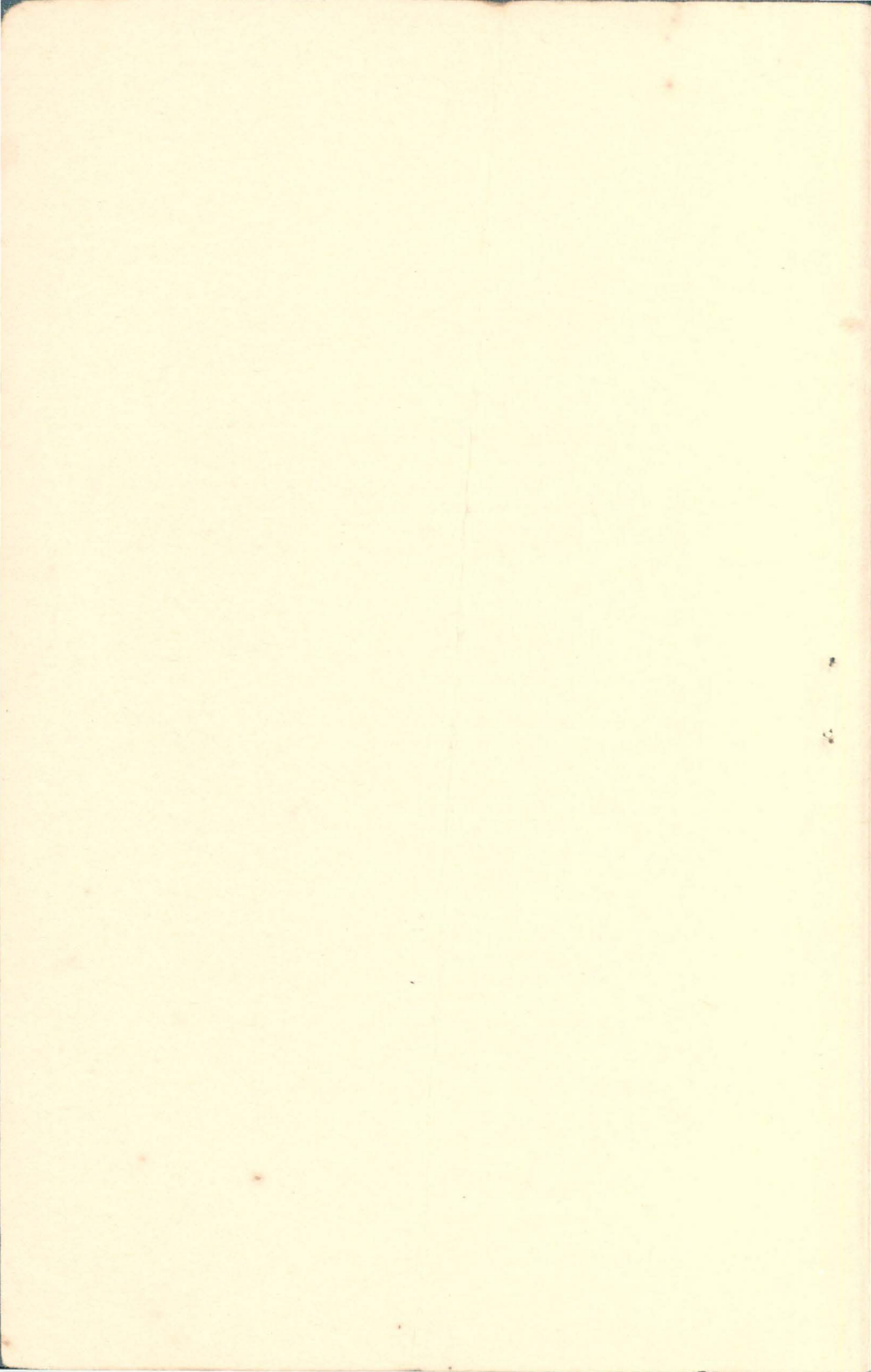
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**OFFICERS**

Rev. M. L. Hollis ..... Moderator, Red Bay, Ala.  
Bro. M. J. Dupree ..... Vice Moderator  
Bro. L. E. Parker ..... Secretary, Millport, Ala.  
Rev. J. S. Frederick ..... Assistant Secretary

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The next Session of this conference will be held with Brilliant Church, Brilliant, Ala., beginning Monday night after the 4th Sunday in October, 1934 at 7:00 o'clock P. M.



The Alabama State Conference of the Free Will Baptist met with Mt. Harmony Church five miles south of Vernon, Alabama on Tuesday night following the fourth Sunday in October 1933.

Song service conducted by Prof. L. E. Parker. Prayer by Rev. W. D. Martin.

Devotional by Rev. M. L. Hollis. Sermon by Rev. J. L. Corner Text Rev. 3:5.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

Song service led by L. E. Parker. Devotional led by Rev. J. L. Lavender. Talk by Moderator M. J. Dupree. Program adopted subject to changes. The Moderator appointed the following to act as Credential Committee: Rev. J. D. Byars, W. D. Martin, J. L. Lavender.

Good song service enjoyed while Credential Committee arranged report. Report of Credential Committee called for and the following Delegates were seated.

From Vernon Association: Rev. J. A. Hass, Rev. J. L. Lavender, A. J. Robertson, L. E. Parker, J. M. Graham.

Mt. Mariah Association: Rev. T. L. Walker, J. M. Stokes, Early Dean. J. G. Taylor, J. T. Williams, J. A. Hickman. Ward Buckhalter. Rev. J. E. Tillie, Rev. J. D. Byars.

Jasper Association: Rev. M. T. Hollis, W. D. Martin, J. L. Carnes, J. S. Frederick, J. F. Ashmore, M. Thompson, Bro. J. T. Tidwell, J. A. Underwood, M. J. Dupree. Rev. J. D. Byars, Chairman.

Visiting preachers' from M. E. Church South: Rev. R. M. Beard.

From the Christian Church: Rev. Willette Black.

Called for the Election of Officers, the following were elected: Rev. M. L. Hollis Moderator, Vice Moderator M. J. Dupree, L. E. Parker Clerk, J. S. Fredrick Assistant Clerk.

Move in order for the Moderator to be empowered to appoint all necessary committee's carried.

On Devotional: J. T. Tidwell, J. G. Taylor, J. A. Underwood and Deacons of Mt. Harmony Church.

On Querries and Resolutions: Bro. L. E. Parker, J. T. Williams, J. M. Graham.

On Temperance: Rev. J. L. Carnes, W. D. Martin and J. D. Byars.

On Home Mission: Rev. M. L. Hollis, J. A. Underwood and J. A. Hickman.

On Finance from each Association: From Mt. Mariah, J. A. Hickman

Vernon. E. L. Wheeler; Jasper, J. A. Underwood.

Twenty minutes song service. Fifteen minutes intermission. House called to order after song and prayer. Sermon by Rev. M. Thompson in 2nd chapter of Acts subject the Fire or Power is as fire. Adjourn for lunch:-one hour.

### **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

House called to order by Moderator Rev. M. L. Hollis. After song prayer by J. L. Ashmore, one hour Round Table discussion on Querries as follows:

Querrie No. 1 Hebrews 10th chapter and 26th verse, does this teach Unpardonable Sin if not what does it teach. (Very ably discussed.)

Querrie No. 2. First Samuel 15th chapter. Was King Saul saved or lost, this querrie past until Thursday.

2:30 o'clock Devotion Service after which sermon by Rev. W. D. Martin, text 17th verse of the 22nd chapter of Revelation. Song by the class after which adjourned until 7:00 o'clock P. M.

### **EVENING SERVICE**

Song and Praise Service. Devotional service conducted by Bro. M. J. Dupree had a wonderful service, after which Rev. J. M. Hass brought the message from the 12th chapter of 1st Cor., to a large congregation after which the conference adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Thursday morning.

### **THURSDAY MORNING**

9:00 O'clock after song prayer by Rev. J. D. Byars. Devotional service by Rev. J. D. Byars, reading scripture lesson last chapter of Zachariah.

9:30 What the State Conference should mean to the Free Will Baptist of Ala. Discussion opened by Rev. J. S. Frederick followed by Rev. J. D. Byars, W. D. Martin, M. J. Dupree, Rev. M. L. Hollis.

10:00 o'clock called for Querrie No. 2. Past from Wednesday afternoon it being ably discussed by Rev. W. D. Martin. Querrie No. 3 Mr. A marries Mrs. B. They live together a while and because everything don't go to suit Mr. A he leaves Mrs. B. Later marries Mrs. C. Is he living in adultery if so how can he get forgiveness for it.

Discussion opened by Rev. J. D. Byars followed by Rev. M. D. Martin, Rev. J. S. Fredrick, Rev. J. L. Carnes and Rev. M. Thompson.

11 o'clock special music and sermon by Rev. J. E. Tilley. Text: 14th



verse of the 4th chapter of Eph. After which the conference adjourned one hour for lunch. Afternoon Thursday—1 o'clock: Devotions were led by Rev. J. F. Ashmore. Report of committee on Temperance.

### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance report as follows:

The curse of strong drink is a baneful one and we wish to be put on record as opposing the return of legalized beverages in any form and we wish to say to our people be careful of your words and especially your vote. Brethren it is the opinion of your committee that the return of the saloon is a Roman Catholic doctrine and not generally known by the people at large.

Let's not be children tossed about by every wind of doctrine and cunning craftiness of men, whereby they lie wait to deceive.—Committee, J. D. Byars, chairman. W. D. Martin, J. L. Conner.

Vote taken on place for the next State Conference voted for Brilliant Church to have the next session, Brilliant, Alabama, beginning Monday night after the fourth Sunday in October, 1934.

Move carried for moderator to appoint all committees appointed as follows: Field Secretary, Miss Nellie Dupree.

To call for finance if there be any on hand in treasure of the Old Home Mission Board, and turn over to the new elected Home Mission Board. Appointed Brother J. M. Stokes. Delegates to the General Conference: Rev. T. L. Walker, Rev. W. D. Martin and Rev. J. S. Frederick. Committee of Lay Members from each Association to raise funds to bear the expenses of delegates to General Conference: from Vernon, E. T. Wheeler; from Jasper, J. A. Underwood; from Mt. Moriah, J. A. Hickman.

Move carried for the finance collected at this session be turned over to the Secretary and he superintend the printing of the minutes.

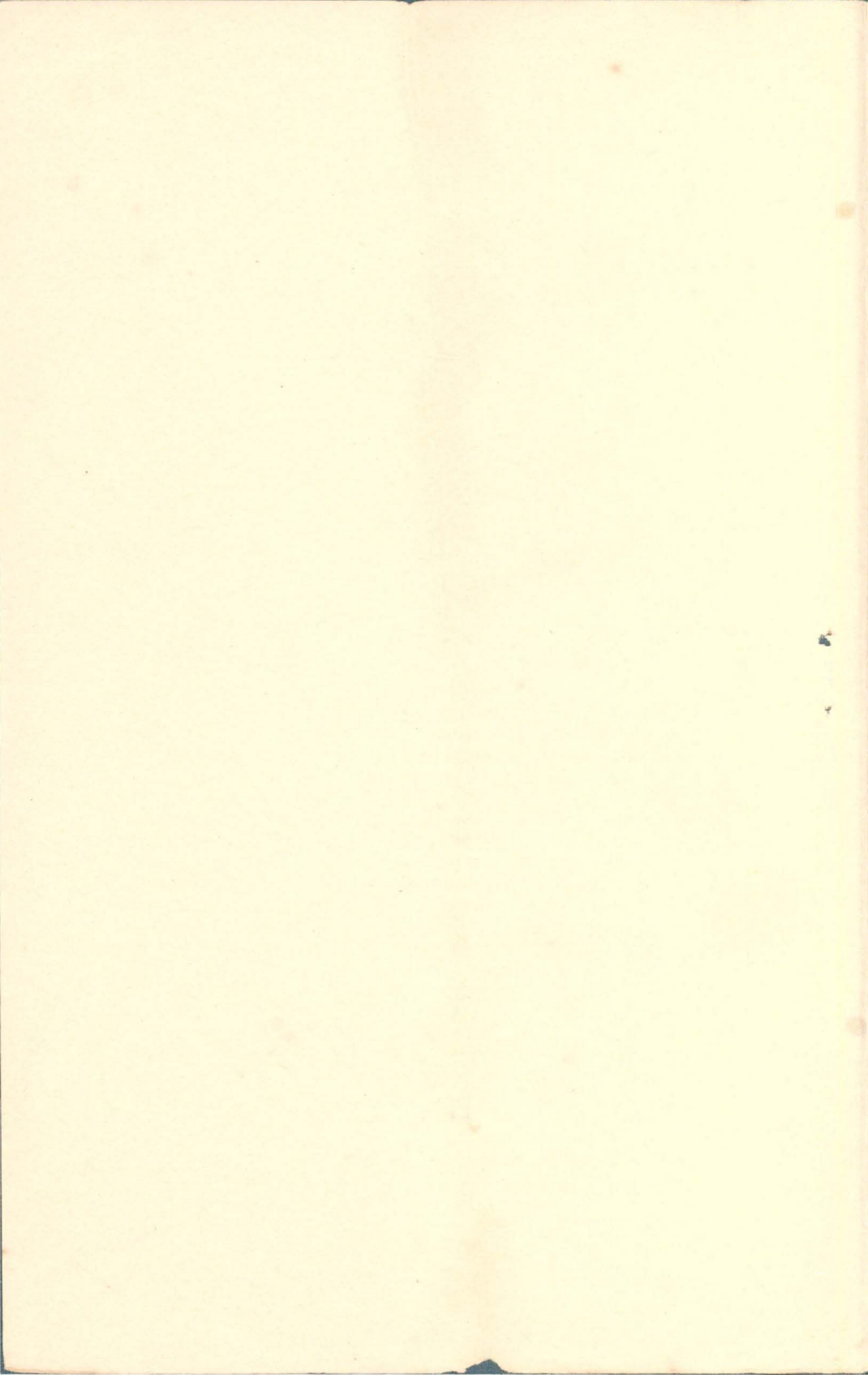
Report of Finance Committee—We your committee on finance report as follows, collected at this session \$10.50.—J. A. Hickman, E. T. Wheeler, J. A. Underwood.

Called for Querrie Number Four—Read as handed in as follows: After one has believed on Christ as their Savior, is God or Christ responsible for his past, present and future sins. Being ably discussed.

Report on Resolutions—We your committee report as follows: 1st. Be it resolved that this State Conference go on record as opposing

any one who comes among our churches setting up new standards and orders that genders to strife and confusion among our people as using their influence toward the pulling away any of our churches as members from the original bodies to which they belong. 2nd, Be it further resolved that we tender our thanks and appreciation to the Mt. Harmony Church and community for the great way and moves in which they have cared for this conference during our stay with them.—L. E. Parker, J. T. Williams, J. M. Graham, committee.

Intermission 15 minutes. The conference re-assembled at 2 o'clock. After song and prayer by Rev. R. M. Beard, special numbers were rendered by quartette. After which the message was brought by Rev. J. L. Walker, Text 1st verse of the 11th chapter of Hebrews. Adjourned until 7 o'clock. 7 o'clock—Re-assembled and after song service, devotions conducted by Rev. M. L. Hollis which was a glorious revival, after which Rev. J. S. Frederick brought the closing message. Text 3rd verse of the 126th Psalms. Adjourned to meet with Brilliant Church, Brilliant, Alabama, Monday night, after the fourth Sunday in October 1934.—Rev. M. L. Hollis, moderator; L. E. Parker, Secretary.



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