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Officers of the Conference for 1949-50 Session

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| Moderator | ----- | Rev. A. L. Reynolds |
| | 606 Buena Vista Ave., Rocky Mount, N. C. | |
| Assistant Moderator | ----- | Rev. L. E. Ambrose |
| | Creswell, North Carolina | |
| Clerk | ----- | Rev. R. P. Harris |
| | Kenly, North Carolina | |
| Treasurer | ----- | Mr. Oscar Webster |
| | R. F. D., Pinetown, North Carolina | |

Executive Board

Revs. A. L. Reynolds, L. E. Ambrose, R. P. Harris, W. A. Hales
and Mr. Oscar Webster

Standing Boards and Committees

ORDAINING COUNCIL—Revs. R. P. Harris, A. L. Reynolds, W. A. Hales.

EDUCATIONAL BOARD—Mr. Robert Spencer, Mrs. D. H. Furlough, Rev. W. A. Hales.

MISSION BOARD—Mr. D. R. Harris, Mr. Oscar Webster, Rev. J. A. Alexander.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD—Mr. D. H. Furlough, Mrs. A. M. Reynolds, Miss Alice Webster.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE—Rev. L. E. Ambrose, Rev. M. C. Roscholer, Mr. J. A. Harris.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE—Rev. W. A. Hales, Rev. R. C. Alexander, Rev. T. F. Davenport.

Roll of Ministers

R. C. Alexander, Box 301, Robersonville, N. C.

T. F. Davenport, Creswell, N. C.

R. P. Harris, Kenly, N. C.

W. A. Hales, 2601 Columbia Ave., Norfolk, Va.

A. L. Reynolds, 606 Buena Vista Ave., Rocky Mount, N. C.

R. C. Ambrose, Creswell, N. C.

J. A. Alexander, 2549 Vincent Ave., Norfolk, Va.

M. C. Roscholer, 902 E. 28th St., Norfolk 8, Va.

C. H. Denton, Vet. Hospital, Kecoughtan, Va.

W. M. Oliver, Plymouth, N. C.

W. E. Richardson, 844 46th St., Norfolk, Va.

Licensed Ministers

W. A. Woolard, Pantego, N. C.

Roll of Churches with Their Clerks and Newly-Elected Pastors

Martin County—

Corinth—L. F. Waters, Clerk, Jamesville, N. C.; Rev. J. R. Davidson, Pastor.

Washington County—

Mt. Tabor—Mrs. Howard Ambrose, Clerk, Creswell, N. C., Rev. Charlie Hamilton, Pastor.

Mt. Olive—L. D. Ange, Clerk, Jamesville, N. C.; Rev. W. L. Moretz, Pastor.

Mt. Zion—Mrs. Marie Marriner, Clerk, 115 E. Water St., Plymouth, N. C.; Rev. W. H. Ivey, Pastor.

Union Chapel—J. H. Allen, Clerk, Plymouth, N. C.; Rev. J. A. Alexander, Pastor.

Piney Grove—E. D. Patrick, Clerk, Roper, N. C.; Rev. R. C. Ambrose, Pastor.

Tyrrell County—

Free Union—Mrs. Viva Spencer, Clerk, Columbia, N. C.; Rev. L. E. Ambrose, Pastor.

Sound Side—E. B. Armstrong, Clerk, Columbia, N. C.; Rev. J. W. Alford, Pastor.

Malachi's Chapel—C. A. Voliva, Clerk, Columbia, N. C.; Rev. J. W. Alford, Pastor.

Gum Neck—O. B. Cahoon, Clerk, Route 3, Columbia, N. C.; Rev. J. W. Alford, Pastor.

Beaufort County—

Free Union—F. H. Woolard, Pinetown, N. C., Rev. Clinton Lupton, Pastor.

Trinity—Asa W. Harris, Clerk, Pike Road, N. C.; Rev. Ralph Osburn, Pastor.

Belhaven—Lewis Dillon, Clerk, Belhaven, N. C.; Rev. L. R. Ennis, Pastor.

Sidney—Magdalene Brinn, Clerk, Ransomville, N. C.; Rev. Ralph Osburn, Pastor.

Pasquotank County—

St. Paul—Miss Sudie Copeland, Clerk, Fleetwood St., Elizabeth City, N. C.

Hertford County—

Hickory Chapel—W. M. Early, Ahoskie, N. C., Clerk; Rev. J. A. Alexander, Pastor.

Virginia—

Fairmont Park—George G. Hamilton, Clerk, 8504 Delana St., Norfolk, Va.; Rev. W. A. Hales, Pastor.

Little Creek—Mrs. E. A. Richotte, Clerk, 3300 Shore Drive, Norfolk 3, Va.; Rev. W. E. Richardson, Pastor.

Portsmouth—Stanley Everett, Clerk, 424 Barclay Ave., Portsmouth, Va.; A. B. Chandler, Pastor.

Newport News—George Johnson, Clerk, 3709 Huntington Ave., Newport News, Va.; Rev. W. A. Hales, Pastor.

PROCEEDINGS

The fourth annual session of the North Carolina Albemarle Conference of the original Free Will Baptist Church convened with Free Union Church near Pinetown, N. C., October 6 and 7, 1948.

The Conference was opened with congregational singing, the reading of Scripture and the offering of prayer with Mr. Tom West of Plymouth in charge.

The welcome address was given by Oscar Webster of the local church and Mr. Wilton Dail of Norfolk, Va., gave the response.

The Modereator of the Conference, Rev. W. A. Hales, took charge of the meeting and proceeded to make some observation of the progress made during the past year with some recommendations for the future as he presented the opening message of the conference. He stated that "Every phase of our work should receive our careful attention both in the state and in the nation." Rev. Hales emphasized the fact that every Christian must feel very keenly the greatness of the work, and the fellowship of the brethren in the transacting of a Holy business.

A business session of the conference was called and the minutes of the last conference were read and approved.

On motion the chair appoint new members to all boards and committees having members absent.

On the Educational Board, Rev. A. L. Reynolds; on the Sunday School Board, A. M. Reynolds, and Mrs. W. A. Willoughby; on the Resolutions Committee, J. G. Harris.

An Obituary Committee to prepare suitable memorial service for our deceased brother preacher, Rev. D. M. Radcliff, was appointed as follows: Rev. A. L. Reynolds, Rev. R. C. Alexander, and Miss Alice Webster. The program will be given tomorrow.

The Nominating Committee was appointed as follows: W. A. Willoughby, W. F. Ange and Mrs. C. B. Cooper.

All delegates and preachers were given seats in the conference and all visiting delegates and preachers were recognized and given the privilege to speak. They were invited to remain with us during the entire session of the conference.

The following ministers were present during the conference.

Eastern Conference—S. A. Smith, J. W. Alford, D. W. Hansley, Clinton Lupton, Duffie Toler, E. E. Edwards and A. B. Chandler.

Central Conference—Ralph Osborne, D. W. Alexander, and C. D. Hamilton.

Western Conference—R. N. Hinnant, M. L. Johnson, and J. A. Evans.

Cape Fear Conference—L. R. Ennis.

Business Session

On motion the name of Rev. W. E. Richardson be retored to our list of regular ordained ministers and that he be given full fellowship of the body.

On motion the report of the Executive Committee be adopted.

On motion the action of the Executive Committee concerning Rev. O. M. Hilburn be adopted.

The Chair appointed Rev. A. L. Reynolds Reading Clerk.

The Roll Call of churches was entered into and eighteen of the nineteen churches were represented during the conference.

Business session called off.

Rev. A. L. Reynolds led the congregation in singing hymns and Rev. Duffie Toler led in Prayer. The hymns used were "I Love to Tell the Story" and "Blest Be the Tie."

The moderator then presented the speaker, Rev. Clinton Lupton, who brought a very fine message on the text: "Where Is the Lord God of Elijah?" found in II Kings 2:14.

An offering for the general fund of the conference was received amounting to \$44.39. Dismissed for lunch with prayer.

The good people of the community placed a delicious dinner on the table which was enjoyed by all.

Wednesday Afternoon

At 1:20 a worship service consisting of hymn-singing, Scripture reading and prayer was conducted by Rev. L. E. Ambrose. The devotional reading was from Acts 13:16-41.

At this time the moderator recognized Rev. M. L. Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer of the State Superannuation Board, and presented him for an address on this work. He indicated that the Albemarle Conference had given greater support to Superannuation during the past year than ever before. He urged us to support this great and noble work of our beloved denomination.

Rev. J. W. Alford, Secretary-Treasurer of the Mission Board of the State Convention was also recognized and given the privilege to speak. He reminded us that contributions for Miss Zalene Lloyd must continue to come in for her support while on the field. He told us that this fund had fallen almost completely off during the past few months.

BUSINESS SESSION—On motion the clerk prepare a suitable letter form for churches to use in reporting all their activities to the annual Conference.

On motion the church letter be included in the minutes of the Conference.

The moderator recognized Rev. R. N. Hinnant, a member of the National Treaty Revision Committee, and asked that he explain the work of the committee to the conference. Rev. D. W. Alexander and Rev. J. W. Alford also commented on the work.

On motion the report of the Revision Committee be received as information.

Mr. Oscar Webster, President of the State League Convention, was asked to make an address on the work of the young people and of the

League Convention. He announced that funds in the Anna Phillips' Loan Fund were available for worthy boys and girls who want to use it to better prepare them for Christian work.

The Program Committee announced that Rev. D. W. Hansley will preach in the place of Rev. Fred E. Maxey tomorrow.

Business session closed.

The closing hymn "Stepping In the Light" was led by Rev. A. L. Reynolds and Rev. E. E. Edwards led in the closing prayer.

Wednesday Evening

The evening services consisted of Congregational singing led by Oscar Webster. Prayer by Rev. M. C. Roscholer, a solo by Rev. R. P. Harris, "My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me," a discussion or review of our denominational enterprises by Rev. R. P. Harris, and a sermon on the subject of missions by Rev. W. A. Hales.

Thursday Morning

The services were opened with worshipful devotions led by Mr. Herd-fort Woolard. Rev. M. A. Woodard led in prayer and the congregation sang "We're Marching to Zion."

BUSINESS SESSION—Reports called for.

On motion we adopt the report of the Sunday School Board. See report.

The Field Representative stated that he had no report to make.

The moderator recognized Rev. J. A. Evans, Supt. of the Orphanage, and gave him the privilege to speak concerning the work of the Orphanage. Rev. Evans stated that certain obstacles barring the admission of children from the Albemarle district in Virginia had been removed. He also stated that the Albemarle Cottage is about one-fourth finished with most of the other materials needed now on the lot. \$2,500.00 is now needed to enclose the building so that the materials may not begin to deteriorate. The Albemarle district has raised about \$8,000 and \$10,000 more is needed to finish the building. It was suggested that the pastors and the churches launch a campaign to raise \$2,500 by the next Union Meeting.

On motion the report of the Board of Education be adopted. See Report.

The memorial service for Rev. D. M. Radcliff was presented by the committee as follows: Special music, a duet, "Saved by Grace," by A. J. Newberry and Rev. R. P. Harris. A memorial address presented by Rev. M. A. Woodard and prayer was offered by Rev. R. C. Alexander.

The conference sermon was delivered at the regular time by Rev. D. W. Hansley on the subject of "Building for God." He used Haggai 1:1-11 as a text for the message. The message consisted of several important suggestions for the good of the churches in general, and stiff warnings for mistakes which people are apt to make.

An offering for the general treasure of the Conference amounting to \$45.20 was received.

Congregational singing and dismissed for lunch with prayer.

Thursday Afternoon

The afternoon devotional was led by Rev. C. D. Hamilton .

On motion the report of the Credentials Committee be adopted. See Report.

On motion the report of the Mission Board be adopted. See report.

On motion the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. See Report.

An offering for the Portsmouth church was taken and \$32.84 was received.

On motion we accept the invitation to meet with Hickory Chapel church for the 1949 session.

On motion the report of the Nominating Committee be rejected.

On motion the Executive Board consist of the regular officers and one at large. On motion Rev. W. A. Hales serve on the Executive Board.

On motion the Executive Committee revise the Constitution and By-Laws so as to provide for a Field Worker and report at the next Conference.

On motion the Officers and Standing Boards and Committees of the Conference be elected. Se under OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE FOR THE 1949-50 SESSIONS.

On motion the chair appoint delegates to the various conferences.

The following delegates were appointed:

To Eastern Conference—Rev. A. L. Reynolds.

To Western Conference—Rev. R. P. Harris.

To Central Conference—Oscar Webster.

To Cape Fear Conference—Rev. L. E. Ambrose.

To State Convention—Oscar Webster.

On motion we represent in other conferences by letter.

On motion we adjourn to meet with Hickory Chapel church Wednesday and Thursday, October 5 and 6, 1949.

Rev. W. A. Hales, Moderator.

Rev. R. P. Harris, Clerk.

REPORTS

The Executive Board

The Executive Committee met in the Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church Friday, October 17, 1947, for the purpose of reviewing certain charges and complaints lodged against Rev. H. Edgar Harden involving unsound doctrine policies.

Since Rev. Harden refused to appear before the Board and stated that he would never submit to trial, we therefore recommend that he be excommunicated from the conference.

Rev. R. P. Harris, Chairman,

Rev. W. A. Hales,

Rev. A. L. Reynolds.

On Saturday before the 5th Sunday in November, 1947, the Executive Committee met in called session at Shiloh Church. Rev. O. M. Hilburn came before the committee and asked the conference to grant him a letter of dismission from the conference, which was granted, subject to approval of the conference while in session.

Rev. W. A. Hales,
A. L. Reynolds.

Educational Board

We, the Educational Committee have studied the report offered by the committee last year and see no need of arranging another since we believe this is what we need. We beg to offer the same report for your adoption.

Rev. A. L. Reynolds,
Oscar Webster,
Mrs. D. H. Furlough.

Report of Committee on Education

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

1. Realizing the need for well trained and more efficient leadership, we recommend and urge this conference to support the F. W. B. College to its utmost capacity.

2. Realizing the important place of the laity of the Church, we urge every member of the laity to take advantage of every opportunity of learning more about the operations of a Church and a Church Conference in order that they may lend more assistance to the operation thereof, to the end that they may be operated more efficiently.

3. We urge substantial support for our Orphanage at Middlesex, making it possible for the unfortunate children to have equal educational opportunities with the more fortunate children.

4. We recommend to the Ordaining Council that they make and maintain a high standard of educational requirements for prospective ministers. We make this observation: that in a day of enlightenment and cultural advantages the demand is great for Ministers who can present the Word of God in its simplicity and its power, and can present it in an intelligent manner.

5. It has been observed in this and other Conferences, Conventions and Associations that dissensions and disputes arise between individuals and groups of individuals and it is very noticeable in the Ministerial ranks. These dissensions arise because of policies that are sometimes unsound and in words and acts that are sometimes unchristian.

Inasmuch as the laymembers are the sheep of a flock and the Pastor the Shepherd of the flock, We urge every minister in our Church to use extreme caution, sound policies, good judgment, and set such examples before their flocks that the Church as a whole may be exalted to a higher level; that it may be cleansed of its impurities and selfishness and may be made fit to become the Bride of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Signed: R. P. Harris,
R. L. Spencer,
Mrs. D. H. Furlough,

Mission Board

We, your Committee on Missions, beg leave to report as follows: We recommend that each church in this Conference take at least two offerings during the coming year to be sent to the next session of the conference to be used for mission work in this conference. These offerings are to be separate and above the regular amount sent in to the conference.

D. R. Harris,
Oscar Webster.

Sunday School Board

We, the Committee on Sunday Schools, wish to make the following recommendations: that all Sunday School Superintendents and officers be Christians and active in Sunday School work as well as all phases of the church work.

We recommend that all teachers and officers take the "Teacher Evangelical Training Course."

We recommend that all Sunday Schools adopt the six-point record system.

We recommend that all Sunday Schools use Free Will Baptist Literature.

D. H. Furlough,
Mrs. A. M. Reynolds
Mrs. W. A. Willoughby.

Credentials Committee

We, your Credentials Committee, have been informed by Rev. C. H. Denton that the First Free Will Baptist Church of Newport News, Va., is of the original Free Will Baptist Faith and is properly organized according to our Discipline. We recommend that this church be received into this conference.

Rev. R. C. Alexander,
Rev. T. F. Davenport,
Mr. Wilton H. Dail.

Finance Committee

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to make the following report and recommendations: We have received a total of \$249.09 of which \$24.00 was earmarked Foreign Missions and \$37.00 Home Missions, leaving a balance of \$188.09. We recommend that the entire amount earmarked for Foreign Missions be sent to the State Treasurer earmarked for the Zalene Lloyd fund. We recommend that we send out of the general fund to the Orphanage \$50.00, to Superannuation \$15.00, to Bible College \$10.00, to Cragmont \$10.00, and \$15.00 more to be added to the Zalene Lloyd fund.

We recommend that the \$37.00 Home Mission fund be sent to the church in Portsmouth, Va., and that a public offering be taken for them here today to go into the building fund.

D. R. Harris, Chairman,
Rev. L. E. Ambrose,
H. P. Swain.

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| Receipts from all churches for general fund | \$ 98.50 |
| Two offerings for general fund (\$44.39 and \$45.20) | 89.50 |
| Special offering for Portsmouth Church | 32.84 |
| Home Missions | 37.00 |
| Foreign Missions | 24.00 |

Total\$281.93

Disbursements

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| The Zalene Lloyd Fund by State Treasurer | \$ 39.00 |
| For Orphanage | 50.00 |
| Home Missions for Portsmouth Church | 69.84 |
| Superannuation | 20.00 |
| To Bible College | 10.00 |
| To Cragmont Assembly, Inc. | 10.00 |
| For Clerk's Salary and expense (\$6.80) | 41.80 |

Total\$240.64

Constitution of Albemarle Conference

Article 1. This shall be the Constitution of the Albemarle Conference of the original Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina.

Article 2. The object of the annual Conference shall be to promote Christ's Kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

Article 3. This conference shall be composed of the ministers and delegates belonging to the body and from churches within the bounds of this conference district. The number of delegates being decided upon by the conference, shall represent their churches and other organizations within the bounds of this conference.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear to the conference a letter certifying their appointment, showing the condition and statistics of the church and giving a statement of all funds raised during the year for denominational or other benevolent purposes.

Article 5. The officers of this body shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a treasurer, corresponding and recording secretary, who shall be elected for a term of two years, and said election to take place one year prior to their entering upon the duties of said office.

Article 6. This conference may at each regular meeting, elect as many boards or standing committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each regular meeting of the conference.

Article 7. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at a regular session of the conference, through delegates appointed for that purpose. If she be received, the moderator shall extend to her delegates the hand of fellowship.

Article 8. The conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

Article 9. This constitution may be amended at any regular session by vote of four-fifths of the members present of the conference in session.

By-Laws of the Conference

Article 1. A general conference shall be annually held.

Article 2. Every minister and delegate shall duly attend.

Article 3. If any member in the judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that conference.

Article 4. No member of the general conference shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the moderator .

Article 5. The conference shall always adjourn by vote.

Article 6. There shall annually be a committee of finance chosen to settle with the treasurer and report to conference.

Article 7. The officers and standing committees shall be entitled to vote in the annual conference.

Article 8. No minister or delegate shall, during the sitting of the general conference, be at liberty to fill any place, as to preaching or hearing at the stage, only as liberty shall be granted by the conference.

Article 9. Conference shall always open and adjourn by prayer and praise of God.

Article 10. The minutes of the conference shall be signed by the moderator and the clerk.

STATISTICAL RECORD

| Church | County | Delegates | Died | Rec'd by Letter | Baptized | Dismissed | Excommunicated | No. Members | Contribution | No. Minutes |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---|------|-----------------|----------|-----------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Corinth----- | Martin----- | Not Represented----- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 50 | \$----- | 10 |
| Mt. Tabor----- | Washington----- | Sisters Mary and Florence Furlough----- | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 221 | 10.00 | 15 |
| Mt. Zion----- | Washington----- | Tom West----- | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 2.50 | 10 |
| Piney Grove----- | Washington----- | By Letter----- | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 2.00 | 10 |
| Union Chapel----- | Washington----- | Sisters Maxine Bowen, Audrey Turner----- | 1 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 5.00 | 10 |
| Mt. Olive----- | Washington----- | L. D. Ange----- | 1 | 0 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 112 | 10.00 | 10 |
| Free Union----- | Tyrrell----- | By Letter----- | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 5.00 | 10 |
| Soundside----- | Tyrrell----- | By Letter----- | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 140 | 10.00 | 15 |
| Malachi's Chapel----- | Tyrrell----- | Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swain----- | 2 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 364 | 10.00 | 15 |
| Gum Neck----- | Tyrrell----- | By Letter----- | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 203 | 10.00 | 10 |
| Free Union----- | Beaufort----- | L. B. Keith and E. H. Keith----- | 5 | 8 | 16 | 4 | 0 | 351 | 20.00 | 20 |
| Trinity----- | Beaufort----- | Bro. and Sister C. B. Cooper----- | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 76 | 10.00 | 10 |
| Belhaven----- | Beaufort----- | W. C. Brinson, Sis. Geo. S. Marriner----- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 10.00 | 10 |
| Sidney----- | Beaufort----- | Sisters Nelma Linton, Rosa Burbage----- | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 128 | 6.00 | 10 |
| Elizabeth City----- | Pasquotank----- | J. W. Copeland----- | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 5.00 | 10 |
| Hickory Chapel----- | Hertford----- | W. A. Willoughby----- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 163 | 10.00 | 20 |
| Fairmount Park----- | State of Virginia----- | J. W. Harrell and Wilton H. Dail----- | 2 | 37 | 55 | 8 | 0 | 338 | 25.00 | 30 |
| Little Creek----- | State of Virginia----- | P. H. Kennedy----- | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 50 | 6.00 | 10 |
| Portsmouth----- | State of Virginia----- | L. F. Strickland, R. L. Williams----- | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 3.00 | 10 |
| Newport News----- | State of Virginia----- | By Letter (New Church)----- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 25 | ----- | 10 |
| | | Minutes to Clerk----- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | | | 45 |
| | | TOTALS----- | 21 | 57 | 137 | 32 | 0 | 2,655 | \$159.50 | 300 |

CHURCH LETTER

To the Albemarle Conference of the original Free Will Baptist Church to be held with the church at _____ County, N. C., commencing on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 19____.

We, the church at _____ County, N. C., (or Virginia), send our beloved brethren _____ as delegates to your honorable body.

The condition of our church is as follows:

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Died | d. State League Conv. \$_____ |
| Received by letter | e. State S. S. Conv. \$_____ |
| Baptized | f. State Aux. Conv. \$_____ |
| Dismissed | g. Paid Pastor \$_____ |
| Excommunicated | h. Given benevolences _____ |
| Total Membership | i. Raised for Missions: |
| | Home \$_____ |
| | Foreign \$_____ |
| 2. Contributions to Conference: | j. Orphanage \$_____ |
| a. General Treasure \$_____ | k. Superannuation \$_____ |
| b. Missions: | l. Church Fin. Asso. \$_____ |
| 1. Home \$_____ | m. Christian Edu. \$_____ |
| 2. Foreign \$_____ | n. Paid for janitor \$_____ |
| c. Bible College \$_____ | o. Church Insurance \$_____ |
| d. Orphanage \$_____ | p. Water, lights, etc. \$_____ |
| e. Superannuation \$_____ | q. National Ass'n. \$_____ |
| f. Church Finance Ass'n. \$_____ | r. Cragmont Assembly \$_____ |
| g. Cragmont Assembly \$_____ | s. Miscellaneous \$_____ |
| h. Church buildings \$_____ | |
| 3. Contributions during the year: | |
| a. State Convention \$_____ | Total . . . \$_____ |
| b. Union Meetings \$_____ | 4. Valuation church property: |
| c. League Unions \$_____ | \$_____ |

Elder _____ was our pastor from 19_____ to _____ 19_____, and filled _____ of his appointments. Elder _____ is our present pastor.

Clerk.
Post Office _____ N. C. (Va.)

If your church petitions for the Conference next year check here [---]

NOTE TO CLERK—Under item 2 above, "Contribution to Conference," if you desire the Conference to appropriate the money, just insert the amount you are sending by a. General Treasure \$_____.

MINUTES

of the
Woman's Auxiliary Convention
 convening with
Trinity Church
BEAUFORT COUNTY
October 14, 1948

The devotions were conducted by the president, Mrs. L. E. Ballard. The Scripture was read by Mrs. D. H. Furlough. The welcome address was given by Mrs. C. B. Cooper and the response was given by Mrs. Della Swain. Theme: "Living for Jesus."

The president gave her message which was centered around this thought: "For me to live is Christ." She reminded us that we should unite our hearts in prayer at 9:00 o'clock each morning remembering the condition of the world and at 1:30 o'clock also pray for our home and foreign missionary activities as offered by our Bible School in Nashville, Tenn.

We were happy to welcome the following ministers to our meeting: Revs. W. A. Hales, L. E. Ambrose, Ralph Osborne and L. E. Ballard.

Mrs. Ballard brought greetings from the Central and Eastern districts. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The list of churches were called and the following auxiliaries responded:

| | To Conv. | Per Capita Dues |
|--|----------------|--------------------|
| Trinity—Mrs. Lenwood Harris, Mrs. Glenn Furbee | \$ 5.00 | \$ 3.00 |
| Malachi's Chapel—Mrs. Alton Reynolds | 5.00 | |
| Portsmouth, Va.—Mrs. A. B. Chandler and Mrs. A. G. Grimes | 3.00 | |
| Belhaven—Mrs. Emma Meeriner | 5.00 | |
| Mt. Tabor—Mrs. Alton Furlough | 10.00 | |
| Shiloh—Mrs. Omadella Osborne, Mrs. Annie Boyd | 5.00 | |
| Free Union—Mrs. Ruth Sutton, Mrs. Lynda Keeck | 6.00 | |
| Union Chapel—Mrs. Joseph Newberry | 1.50 | 3.00 |
| Sidney—Mrs. Katie Roper | 5.50 | 4.50 |
| Fairmount Park—Mrs. J. A. Alexander, Mrs. W. H. Dail | 10.00 | |
| Elizabeth City—By Letter | 3.00 | |
| Sound Side—Mrs. Callie Swain | 3.00 | |
| Malachi's Chapel—Welcome Bible Class—Mrs. S. A. Reynolds | 5.00 | |
| Totals | \$67.00 | \$10.50 |

The following Committees were appointed: Petitions, Mrs. L. E. Ambrose, Mrs. W. H. Dail, and Mrs. Joseph Newberry; Entertainment Committee for the State Auxiliary Convention: Mrs. Jones, Mrs. W. A. Willoughby, and Mrs. C. E. Heynen; Resolutions: Mrs. Emma Merriner, Mrs. Edwin Roper, and Mrs. Lenwood Harris; Apportionment: Mrs. Alton Rey-

nolds, Mrs. Lydia Keech, Mrs. Amadella Osborne, and Mrs. J. A. Alexander; Courtesy: Mrs. Furlough, Mrs. Ruth Sutton, and Mrs. Billy Sykes.

On motion Portsmouth be enrolled on our list of Auxiliaries.

Mrs. Jones brought us some very interesting news concerning the Woman's Conference at Cragmont Assembly, Inc., this summer.

Miss Hazel Dawkins brought greetings from the Orphanage.

Mrs. N. E. Harris of the Central District Auxiliary brought greetings. Mrs. J. C. Moye, President of the State Auxiliary Convention brought greetings. She suggested that we do not draw names for Christmas gifts, but instead make a White Christmas offering for Cragmont consisting of sheets and pillow slips. She informed us that Mr. Teasley had finished his work with Cragmont and that Mr. Fountain Taylor is now the Treasurer of Cragmont. She reminded us that Home Mission funds were very low in the state treasure.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Ralph Osborne.

We were favored with special music by a quartet from Shiloh, Rev. Ralph Osborne, Mrs. Margaret Woolard, Mrs. Delsie Waters, and Dennis Foreman. Mrs. J. A. Alexander suggested that we bow in silent prayer for our nation and that Rev. W. A. Hales close the prayer which we did.

Mrs. Alexander brought a very interesting message, using as a basis Acts 16:1-5, and pointed out that the following ways, when practiced in the home, will produce a Christian nation: 1. Faith, 2. The Holy Spirit indwelling the heart, 3. Studying the word of God so that it will become a part of our lives. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Alexander.

An offering was received for the Orphanage amounting to \$32.52 and Mrs. Ballard offered a prayer of thanks.

We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Mrs. Moye.

Afternoon Session

Mrs. Lenwood Harris read Matthew 5 for the devotional and Mrs. Ballard led in prayer. Mr. J. C. Moye sang a solo which we enjoyed.

Mrs. Ballard explained the new Auxiliary Manual to us. She also brought greetings from Miss Zalene Lloyd, our Missionary, and special prayer was offered for her.

The Vice-Presidents gave their reports.

Resolutions Committee

By motion the following report of the Resolutions Committee was adopted: We, the Resolutions Committee, do recommend and offer the following suggestions to the Albemarle Convention to be adopted and enforced both in the local and district association:

1. That we take more seriously the resolutions passed in our district Conventions, that we make each of them a matter of prayer, and to the very best of our ability, with God's help, carry them out as made.

2. That we do pray each morning at 9:00 o'clock as recommended by our National Auxiliary Convention, remembering the condition of our world, and offering ourselves to be used of God in services best suited to Him to win souls for Him.

3. That as many women as can give either a sheet or pillow slips to Cragmont, and have them ready to give by spring.

4. That our district Convention give more liberally to Home Missions and join each other in prayer for both Home and Foreign missions each day at 1:30 o'clock as offered by our Bible school at Nashville.

5. That each member in every local auxiliary buy an Auxiliary Manual and study each activity carefully and prayerfully, and then put into practice what they have learned.

Mrs. Emma Merriner,

Mrs. Edwin Roper,

Mrs. Lenwood Harris,

Courtesy Committee

The Courtesy Committee submitted the following report: In behalf of this session of the convention, we desire to express our heartfelt thanks for the hospitality shown us during the sitting of this convention at Trinity. We want to express our thanks to the president, the officers, and all who had a part on the program, including the visiting ministers. Again may we say, thank you!

Mrs. D. H. Furlough,

Mrs. Ruth Sutton,

Mrs. Billy Sykes.

On motion the above report was adopted.

Petitions Committee

We, the Petitions Committee, wish to make the following report: We have decided to meet the first Thursday in April, 1949, with Fairmount Park church, because they have never had a meeting and the others, who petitioned, have.

Mrs. L. E. Ambrose,

Mrs. W. H. Dail,

Mrs. Joseph Newberry.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Apportionment Committee made their report and by motion, it was adopted.

Mrs. Moye told us about the living room furniture that had been bought for the Orphanage and how proud and happy the children were with it.

The Treasurer's report was made and by motion it was adopted.

Miss Alice Webster, our delegate to the State Auxiliary Convention, gave a report of the meeting.

Mrs. J. E. Foreman suggested that we buy Miss Laura Belle Barnard an automobile for her use in her work in India, and the following committee members were appointed to launch the campaign: Mrs. J. E. Foreman, Miss Alice Webster, and Mrs. Alton Reynolds. An offering for the car amounting to \$43.66 was received.

The convention closed to meet with Fairmount Park church the first Thursday in April, 1949.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, President.

Miss Alice Webster, Secretary.

