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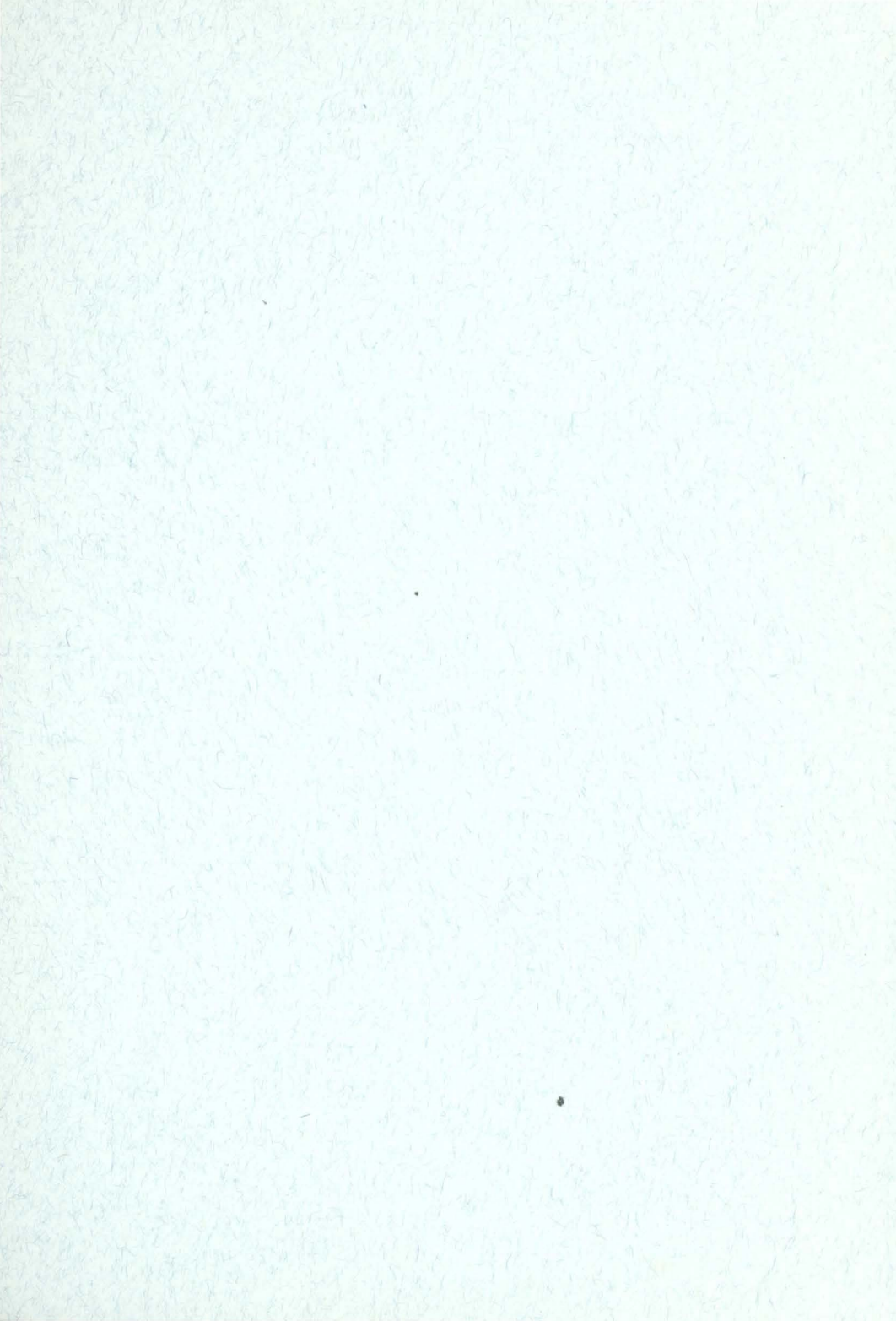


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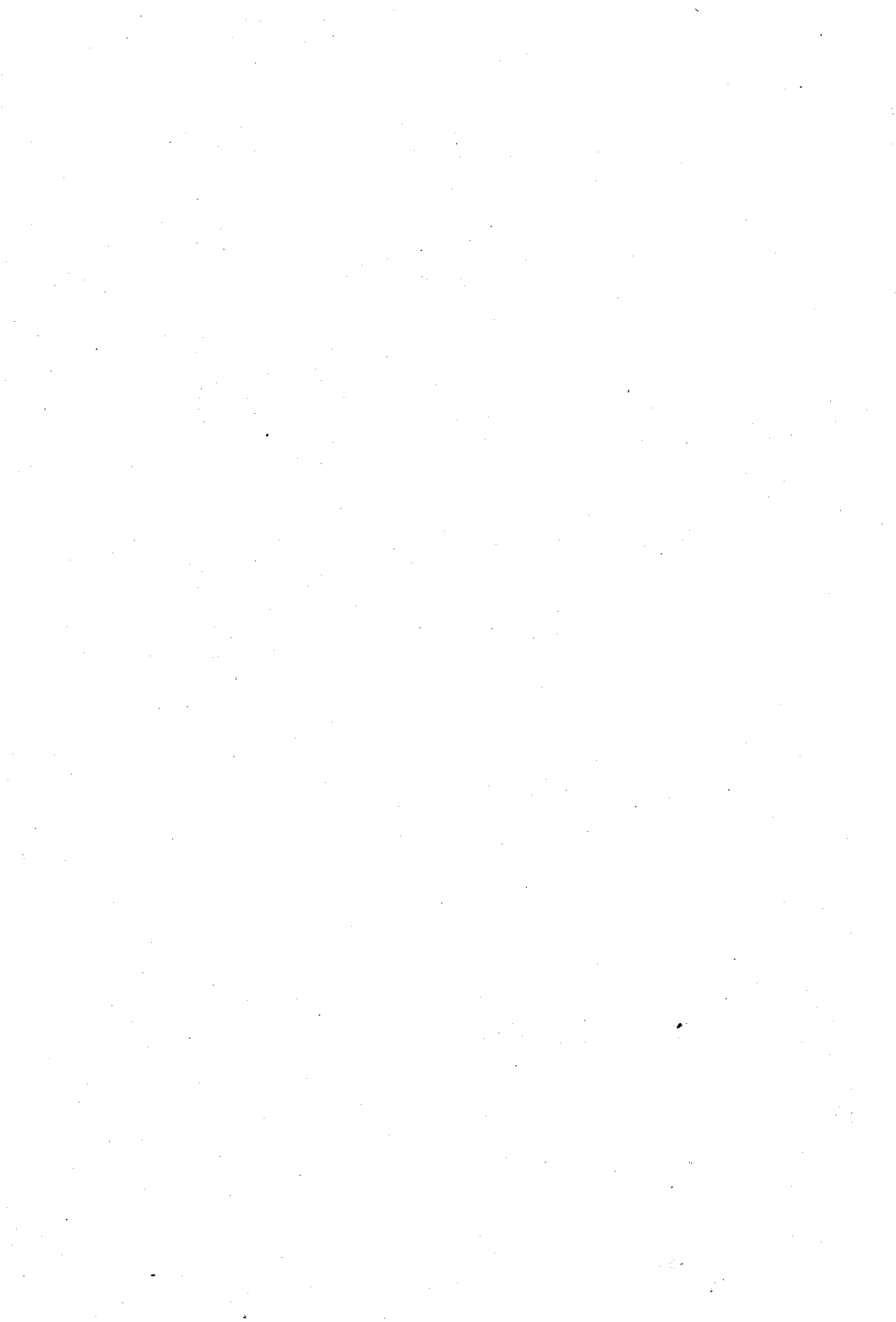
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OFFICERS FOR 1955-56 SESSION

Moderator—Rev. J. A. Alexander, 300 Hanbury, Portsmouth, Virginia

Assistant Moderator—Rev. R. C. Alexander, Box 301, Robersonville, N. C.

Secretary—Rev. Walter Reynolds, Ahoskie, North Carolina

Assistant Secretary—Mr. J. T. Keech, Pantego, North Carolina

Treasurer—Mr. Winfred Brickhouse, Columbia, North Carolina

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. J. A. Alexander, Rev. R. C. Alexander, Rev. Walter Reynolds, Mr. J. T. Keech, Mr. Winfred Brickhouse, Mr. Milton Herrin, Rev. L. E. Ambrose

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. R. C. Ambrose ('55), Mr. George Webster ('56), Mr. A. M. Reynolds ('57)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Oscar Webster ('55), Rev. C. H. Overman ('56), Rev. A. B. Chandler ('57)

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. L. E. Ambrose ('55), Rev. J. A. Alexander ('56), Rev. W. T. Reynolds ('57)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rev. Charlie Overton ('55), Rev. Willie Twiddy ('56), Rev. Walter Reynolds ('57),
Rev. L. E. Ambrose ('58), Mr. D. H. Furlough ('59)

ROLL OF MINISTERS

J. A. Alexander, 300 Hanbury, Portsmouth, Va.

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

L. E. Ambrose, Creswell, North Carolina

R. C. Ambrose, Creswell, North Carolina

A. B. Chandler, Ahoskie, North Carolina

T. F. Davenport, Creswell, North Carolina

J. Albert Harris, 234 Sycamore Avenue, Newport News, Va.

C. H. Overman, Walstonburg, N. C.

Charlie Overton, Ahoskie, North Carolina

Walter Reynolds, Ahoskie, North Carolina

W. T. Reynolds, Columbia, North Carolina

Willie Twiddy, Elizabeth City, N. C., Enfield Apt.

J. D. Woodruff, Portsmouth, Va.

LICENSED MINISTERS

W. A. Wollard, Pantego, North Carolina

ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND PASTORS

Martin County—

Corinth—R. L. Waters, clerk, Jamesville, N. C.; D. A. Windham, pastor.

Washington County—

Mt. Tabor—Fentress Simmons, clerk, Creswell, N. C.; Marshall Joyner, pastor.

Mt. Olive—M. E. Ange, clerk, Jamesville, N. C.; A. B. Chandler, pastor.

Mt. Zion—Mrs. Earnest Whitson, clerk, Plymouth, N. C.; L. E. Ambrose, pastor.

Union Chapel—J. H. Allen, clerk, RFD, Plymouth, N. C.; L. E. Ambrose, pastor.

Piney Grove—Mrs. Neva Spruill, clerk, Roper, N. C.; Willie Twiddy, pastor.

Plymouth—Mrs. Sally Woolard, clerk, Plymouth, N. C.; Herman Wooten, pastor.

Tyrrell County—

Free Union—Mrs. Viva Spencer, clerk, Rt. 3, Columbia, N. C.; L. E. Ambrose, pastor.

Sound Side—J. D. Sawyer, clerk, Columbia, N. C.

Malachi's Chapel—C. A. Voliva, clerk, Columbia, N. C.

Gum Neck—Otis B. Cahoon, clerk, Columbia, N. C.

Beaufort County—

Free Union—J. T. Keech, clerk, Pantego, N. C.; A. B. Bryan, pastor.

Trinity—Linwood A. Harrell, clerk, Pike Road, N. C.; A. B. Chandler, pastor.

Belhaven—Lewis Dillon, clerk, Belhaven, N. C.; P. C. Wiggs, pastor.

Sidney—Magdalene Brinn, clerk, Ransomville, N. C.; Ralph Osborne, pastor.

Washington—George Webster, clerk, Washington, N. C.; Charles Keith, pastor.

Hertford County—

Hickory Chapel—W. O. Dilday, clerk, Ahoskie, N. C.; Walter Reynolds, pastor.

Pasquotank County—

Sawyer's Chapel—Mrs. John Tarkington, clerk, Elizabeth City, N. C.; R. C. Ambrose, pastor.

Virginia—

First Free Will Baptist, Portsmouth, Va.—Elmer E. Pitman, clerk, Churchland, Va., Box 48; J. A. Alexander, pastor.

Proceedings

The tenth annual session of the Albemarle Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with the Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia, North Carolina, on October 6 and 7, 1954.

WEDNESDAY MORNING 10:00 A. M.

The devotions were conducted by Brother Winfred Brickhouse, a member of the local church.

The welcome address was given by Rev. C. H. Overman, pastor of the local church; the response was given by Rev. A. B. Chandler.

The moderator, Rev. J. A. Alexander, made his address urging the cooperation of all for a good Conference to God's glory.

The list of Conference officers was called with the following present: Moderator, J. A. Alexander; and Treasurer, Mr. D. H. Furlough.

The list of members of the various boards and committees was called and the following members were present:

Executive Board—J. A. Alexander and Mr. D. H. Furlough

Ordaining Board—J. A. Alexander and W. T. Reynolds

Education Board—A. B. Chandler

Mission Board—Mrs. W. A. Willoughby, Mrs. D. H. Furlough, C. H. Overman, and Walter Reynolds

Sunday School Board—Mr. Winfred Brickhouse and Mrs. A. M. Reynolds

Resolutions Committee—R. C. Ambrose and W. T. Reynolds

Credentials Committee—J. A. Alexander and T. F. Davenport

The Roll of Ministers was called with the following present: T. F. Davenport, R. C. Ambrose, J. A. Alexander, Walter Reynolds, W. T. Reynolds, A. B. Chandler, and C. H. Overman.

A finance committee was appointed by the moderator: Mr. D. H. Furlough, Mr. Winfred Brickhouse, and Mr. H. C. Ainsley.

The roll of churches was called with the following representing: Mt. Tabor, Mt. Olive, Mt. Zion, Plymouth, Free Union of Tyrrell County; Sound Side, Malachi's Chapel, Gum Neck, Free Union of Beaufort County; Trinity, Hickory Chapel, Sawyer's Chapel, and Portsmouth.

By motion the names of Reverend Joseph Ange and Charles Craddock, be removed from the roll of ministers due to the fact that they have taken membership with other conferences. Motion carried.

The visiting ministers were recognized and the following were present:

Wayne Smith—Blue Ridge Association

T. O. Terry—Eastern Conference

James A. Evans—Western Conference

D. W. Alexander—Central Conference

H. W. Armstrong, Jr.—Eastern Conference

E. E. Edwards—Eastern Conference

Ronald Creech—Tide Water Union Meeting

The president of the State Convention, Rev. D. W. Alexander, brought greetings from the Convention. He also presented two resolutions and a compiled report for the decision of the conference.

On motion that we receive this report as information and act upon these resolutions from the State Convention. Motion carried.

THE REPORT

A compiled report from the State Convention to the Albemarle Conference of the eleven (11) churches reporting at the 1954 annual session of the State Convention.

For the year ending August, 1954: Number of churches representing, 11; Male Members, 736; Female Members, 877; Total, 1767.

Number Members: Sunday School, 1267; League, 265; Auxiliaries, 152.

Number of Sunday School rooms, 48; Number of parsonages, 4.

Value of Parsonages, \$12,000.00; Value of all church property, \$197,000.00.

Number members received this year: Baptism, 85; Letter, 11; Restoration, 1; Total, 96.

Number members lost this year: Death, 18; Letter, 15; Expulsion, 12; Total, 45.

Amount of money paid by the churches and all the auxiliaries of the churches:

Amount Used Locally: Pastor's salaries, \$24,224.36; Evangelistic services, \$1,923.71; repairs and improvement, \$15,150.92; fuel, lights, janitor, etc., \$448.00; local charity, etc., \$175.00; other miscellaneous items, \$1,828.06; Total used locally, \$41,212.47.

Amount for United Program Funds: Cragmont, \$77.00; Missions, \$1,081.63; Orphanage, \$1,985.30; Christian Education, \$508.25; N. C. Promotional work, \$58.00; Church Finance Association, \$11.00; Superannuation, \$174.00; Total sent United Program Funds, \$4,013.88.

The amount given by the church and that given by the different auxiliaries: The church, \$22,041.07; the Sunday school, \$170.00; the auxiliary, \$150.17; the league, \$198.65.

First resolution: Be it resolved that each conference belonging to the State Convention select one representative and these representatives meet jointly to draw up a uniform examination for prospective candidates for license or ordination and each conference be asked to adopt and execute same. Expenses to be paid by each conference or association.

Motion to adopt this resolution and elect, today, a man to fill this place. Motion carried.

By motion the chairman of the board of ordination will act in this capacity.

Second resolution: Members appointed to assist in revising the North Carolina Treatise from the Albemarle Conference; C. H. Overman and A. B. Chandler. This committee will meet after all conferences have met.

On motion the conference approve the men selected by the State Convention for revising the North Carolina Treatise. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that the chair make decision on the matter of church letters to the conferences. Motion carried. The men that were appointed to help revise the North Carolina Treatise were asked to act in this capacity also.

We were then led in congregational singing by the pastor of the local church.

The opening message of the conference was brought by the Rev. Willie Twiddy.

We were dismissed with prayer for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 1:00 P. M.

After a very delicious lunch, which was served by the ladies of the local church, we reassembled for the afternoon session.

The afternoon devotions were given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds.

The Rev. James A. Evans gave a report on Mount Allen Junior College.

By motion this report be received as information and that a free will offering be taken for this cause. Motion carried. The offering amounted to \$18.44.

The Rev. E. E. Edwards gave a report of the Ministerial Conference.

On motion that this report be received as information. Motion carried.

On motion that the Constitution and By-Laws as prepared by the committee be adopted in its entirety. Motion carried. (See Constitution and By-Laws.)

A nominating committee was appointed as follows: Rev. C. H. Overman, Mr. D. H. Furlough, and Rev. T. F. Davenport.

A motion made and seconded that the Rev. Willie Twiddy be accepted as a member of this conference. Motion carried.

On motion that the request from Rev. James A. Evans in behalf of the State Mission Board concerning boundary lines be referred to the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

The report of the Ordaining Council was given. (See reports.)

The Rev. C. H. Overman offered his resignation as a member of the Conference Mission Board. On motion that we accept his resignation. Motion carried.

By motion we adjourned.

ORDINATION SERVICE

Rev. J. D. Woodruff was ordained to the Gospel Ministry. The Rev. Walter Reynolds presented the Bible, the Rev. W. T. Reynolds gave the charge, and the Rev. Ronald Creech prayed the ordination prayer while all the ordained ministers laid hands on Brother Woodruff.

Rev. Willie Twiddy and Rev. J. D. Woodruff were given the right hand of fellowship into the Albemarle Conference by the moderator, Rev. J. A. Alexander.

THURSDAY MORNING 9:30 A. M.

In the absence of the Rev. A. B. Chandler, the Rev. T. F. Davenport brought the opening devotions.

By motion the minutes of Wednesday's session were approved with the information of the ordination of Rev. J. D. Woodruff.

The Credentials Committee gave its report. (See reports.)
The Resolutions Committee gave its report. (See reports.)
The report of the Sunday School Board was given. (See reports.)
By motion we will meet with the Portsmouth Church in our 1955 annual session.

Rev. James A. Evans gave a report of the State Home Mission Board and a report on Cragmont.

On motion that these reports be received as information. Motion carried.

Mrs. S. A. Smith gave a report on the Orphanage.

By motion this report be received as information.

Mrs. M. L. Johnson gave a report on Superannuation.

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The convention message was brought by Rev. Wayne Smith of the Blue Ridge Association.

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The report of the Mission Board was given. (See reports.)

The Nominating Committee gave its report. (See reports.)

By motion we gave a rising vote of thanks to the Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church for the hospitality shown this sitting of the Albemarle Conference.

By motion, the moderator appointed delegates to the State Convention: C. H. Overman, Walter Reynolds, D. H. Furlough.

A motion was made that the moderator appoint those attending the various conferences or associations to represent this conference.

Rev. T. F. Davenport was appointed to attend the Central Conference.

The treasurer gave his report. (See reports.)

Motion made and seconded that the preceding motion be expunged from the records. Motion carried.

On motion that the bill of \$4.00 presented by Rev. Harris be paid by the treasurer. Motion carried.

On motion that the mailing of the minutes to the various churches be left in the hands of the press. Motion carried.

By motion we adjourned.

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Reports of Boards and Committees

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

The council met at Mt. Tabor Church on May 31, 1954, and examined Bro. Randy Cox of Washington Church, for license.

On August 16, 1954, the council met at Free Union Church, Beaufort County, and examined Bro. Leroy Cutler for license. Also, on the same date, the council met at Mt. Tabor Church, and examined Bro. Luther R. Burns, Jr., for license.

Finding the three eligible, the council recommended to their churches that they be licensed if the church so desired.

On September 11, 1954, the council met at Malachi's Chapel Church, and examined Bro. J. D. Woodruff for ordination. After satisfying the council by answering the various questions, the council set the date of his ordination October 7, 1954, at the Sound Side Church at the close of the business session of the conference.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Alexander
L. E. Ambrose
W. T. Reynolds

By motion this report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the credentials committee, have nothing to report at this session of the Albemarle Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Alexander
T. F. Davenport

By motion this report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

First Resolution: Realizing the need for a better co-ordinated program of work between our Conference, Union Meetings and Conventions; and knowing that the Executive Committee of the Conference constitute the program committee officers of the Conference and the moderator of the Union Meeting and the president of the League and Sunday School Conventions; and that they are responsible for the Conference program: Be it therefore resolved that the Conference request that th Executive Committee of the Conference constitute the program committee for the Union Meeting, League Convention and Sunday School Convention. This resolution to be presented to the Union Meeting, League Convention and Sunday School Convention at their next regular session for adoption.

My motion this resolution was adopted.

Second Resolution: Realizing the need for better co-operation between the ministers, churches and conference; be it therefore resolved that this conference request and urge, all churches and ministers with full time work within the bounds

of the conference, to become members of this Conference. This resolution is in keeping with the Free Will Baptist Treatise.

By motion this resolution was adopted.

Third Resolution: Be it resolved that the ministers and pastors of the Albemarle Conference meet together once each year preceding the annual session of the conference.

By motion this resolution was adopted.

Fourth Resolution: Be it resolved that this conference pay from the administrative funds, if such funds are available, one-half of the expense at Cragmont (a total of \$7.50) for the ministers from this conference attending the minister's conference at Cragmont in June of each year.

By motion this resolution was adopted as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. Ambrose

W. T. Reynolds

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

We, the Sunday School Board, wish to submit the following report. That the Sunday schools select the most qualified and consecrated teachers; that we urge all Sunday Schools to be represented in the State Sunday School Convention which is to meet with Mt. Allen Junior College in the Spring, the date which has not been set.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Winfred Brickhouse

Mrs. A. M. Reynolds

By motion this report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD

Since the last session of the Albemarle Conference, the Mission Board has begun a work in Edenton, North Carolina. Rev. R. C. Ambrose was chosen to work for the board there.

Since the State Mission Board has chosen Edenton as one of four projects, we, the Mission Board are asking for the assistance of that board.

We request the prayers of all people in this conference.

Received from Treasurer of Conference last year	\$156.85
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Received from Union and S. S. Convention	109.94
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Total	\$266.79
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Paid out for Edenton	50.00
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Balance	\$216.79
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Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. A. Willoughby

Mrs. D. H. Furlough

Rev. L. E. Ambrose

Rev. C. H. Overman

Rev. Walter Reynolds

By motion this report was accepted.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We recommend the following:

Moderator—J. A. Alexander

Assistant Moderator—R. C. Alexander

Secretary—Walter Reynolds

Assistant Secretary—Mr. J. T. Keech

Treasurer—Winfred Brickhouse

Board of Trustees—R. C. Ambrose ('55), George Webster ('56), A. M. Reynolds ('57).

Board of Education—Oscar Webster ('55), C. H. Overman ('56), A. B. Chandler ('57).

Board of Ordination—L. E. Ambrose ('55), J. A. Alexander ('56), W. T. Reynolds ('57).

Board of Missions—Charlie Overton ('55), Willie Twiddy ('56), Walter Reynolds ('57), L. E. Ambrose ('58), D. H. Furlough ('59).

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. C. H. Overman

Mr. D. H. Furlough

Rev. T. F. Davenport

By motion this report was accepted as amended.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Balance in Treasury from last Conference\$273.16

Paid out since last Conference:

Mt. Allen College\$ 50.00

Clerk 35.00

Board Expense 14.75

Minutes (1953-54) 122.50

Total Paid Out 222.25

Balance\$ 50.91

Received from churches at this session 120.00

Total\$170.91

Offering for Mt. Allen College 18.44

Total in Treasury\$189.35

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. D. H. Furlough

By motion this report was accepted.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	County	Delegates	Died	Received by Letter	Baptized	Dismissed	Excommunicated	No. Members	Contribution	Minutes	Value Church Property
Corinth	Martin		0	1	9	1	0	218	\$ 10.00	10	\$
Mount Tabor	Washington	Mr. C. E. Barnes, Mrs. D. H. Furlough	1	0	0	1	0	112	10.00	10	7,000.00
Mount Olive	Washington	Mr. Wheelen Ange, Mr. Shelton Ange	0	0	3	0	2	61	8.00	10	10,000.00
Mount Zion	Washington	Mrs. Delma Peele, Mrs. Julia Singleton	0	0	3	0	2	61	8.00	10	4,000.00
Union Chapel	Washington		0	0	3	0	2	61	8.00	10	4,000.00
Piney Grove	Washington		0	0	3	0	2	61	8.00	10	4,000.00
Plymouth	Washington	Mr. Tom West, Mrs. Claudia Oliver	1	5	3	1	0	---	10.00	10	20,000.00
Free Union	Tyrrell	Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Ainsley	0	0	0	3	0	39	5.00	10	4,000.00
Sound Side	Tyrrell	Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Etheridge	0	0	9	2	0	114	10.00	15	7,500.00
Malachi's Chapel	Tyrrell	Mr. & Mrs. A. M. Reynolds	4	0	0	2	3	340	10.00	15	16,000.00
Gum Neck	Tyrrell	Mr. C. E. Godwin	0	0	1	0	0	202	5.00	10	10,000.00
Free Union	Beaufort	Mr. J. T. Keech, Mr. M. L. Radcliff	5	2	3	6	0	392	20.00	20	25,000.00
Trinity	Beaufort	Mrs. Perry Turner, Mrs. C. B. Cooper	3	0	5	1	0	92	10.00	10	12,000.00
Belhaven	Beaufort		0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	10	0.00
Washington	Beaufort		0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	10	0.00
Sidney	Beaufort		0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	10	0.00
Hickory Chapel	Hertford	Mrs. W. A. Willoughby	1	6	2	9	0	193	10.00	15	32,000.00
Sawyer's Chapel	Pasquotank		0	0	0	0	0	0	2.00	5	0.00
Portsmouth	Virginia	Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Hurley	0	2	45	5	0	215	10.00	20	50,000.00

Constitution of Albemarle Conference

ARTICLE I

Section 1—Name

This organization shall be known as the Albemarle Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

Section 2—Purpose

The general purpose of this Conference shall be to promote the Great Cause of Christ among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

ARTICLE II

Section 1—Composition

This Conference shall be composed of the Ordained and Licensed Ministers who are members of churches that belong to the Conference, all general officers of the Conference, the members of standing boards, or committees, the president or moderator of each subordinate general organization and the churches that hold their membership with the conference, together with those that may subsequently be admitted.

Section 2—Representation

Every church affiliated with the Albemarle Conference shall represent in its annual session with two delegates, and each subordinate general organization shall represent with one delegate. A report from each church and subordinate organization shall be rendered at the annual session of the conference.

ARTICLE III

Officers

The officers of this conference shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a secretary, an assistant secretary, and a treasurer, each of whom shall be elected for a term of two years. The term of office for all officers shall begin at the close of the annual session at which they are elected.

Temporary officers, representatives, or messengers may be elected at the option of the conference for whatever purpose deemed essential.

ARTICLE IV

Standing Boards and Committees

It shall be the method of this conference to simplify its work by the assignment of specific work to representative units of authority which shall hereafter be known as standing boards and committees.

A board of trustees, a board of education, and a board of ordination consisting of three (3) members each shall be elected. The term of office for members of these boards shall be three years but shall be so adjusted as to terminate the office of one member annually.

A board of missions consisting of five members shall be elected. The term of office for members of this board shall be five years but shall be so adjusted as to terminate the office of one member annually.

Section 1

Standing boards shall have authority to write their own by-laws and administer their respective programs of work, but each shall remain subject to the authority and approval of the conference.

Section 2

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the general officers of the conference and the Moderator or President of each subordinate general organization.

Section 3

Temporary committees shall be appointed at the option of the Conference for whatever purpose deemed necessary.

ARTICLE V

Finance

Each church shall contribute to the conference program according to its membership. All funds from the churches shall be allocated as follows: 60% Administrative Funds and 40% Mission Funds.

Administrative Funds shall be used to take care of the general expenses of the conference.

Mission Funds shall be used for the work of missions as directed by the Mission Board of the Conference.

The use of all funds to be approved by the conference.

ARTICLE VI

Admission of Churches

Any properly organized church that gives evidence of adherence to the doctrines of Christianity as taught by the Free Will Baptists and desires to help promote the program and work of the Albemarle Conference may submit its petition for membership through an official delegation at any annual session of the Conference. If the petition for membership be approved, the Moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship to the delegates and declare them duly seated.

ARTICLE VII

Fraternal Delegations and Visitors

Fraternal delegations and visitors shall be extended all the privileges of the conference except that of voting, serving on committees, or holding elective offices.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings

The Albemarle Conference shall meet in annual session on Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in October of each year. The host church shall be selected by vote of the conference in annual session, or by the Executive Committee. The place of a future meeting thus selected may be changed by an act of the Executive Committee should such a change become necessary.

BY-LAWS

Section 1

The duties of the Moderator shall be to preside, according to accepted parliamentary procedure, over the sessions of the Albemarle Conference; to appoint temporary committees, delegates and representatives; to serve as exofficio member of all standing boards and subordinate general organizations; to sign official documents that require the signature of the Moderator.

Section 2

The duties of the Assistant Moderator shall be the duties of the Moderator when that officer is not present and to assist the Moderator when called upon.

Section 3

The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all sessions of the Albemarle Conference and preserve an accurate record of said proceedings in a book provided for this purpose. He shall prepare and cause to be published the minutes of the annual sessions of the Conference; hold in trust all documents, not otherwise preserved, and surrender same at the direction of the Conference. Conduct the official correspondence and sign such documents and instruments as require his signature.

Section 4

The duties of the Assistant Secretary shall be the duties of the Recording Secretary when that officer is not present and to assist the Secretary when called upon.

Section 5

The Treasurer shall hold in trust all money that belongs to the Conference and pay out same by order of the Conference, the Executive Committee, or any standing board invested with the authority to authorize the disbursement of funds. He shall keep an accurate account of all funds received and paid out and make an annual report accordingly to the Conference.

Section 6

The Executive Committee shall have power to act in the behalf of and for the Albemarle Conference from one regular session to another. It shall organize at will and discharge the administrative duties assigned to it. It shall plan the programs of the Conference. The Executive Committee shall meet not less than two times between the annual sessions of the Conference.

Section 7

The Board of Trustees shall hold title to all property belonging to this Conference. It shall have power to convey such property when authorized by the Conference.

Section 8

The following temporary committees shall be appointed annually by the Moderator and shall render reports during the sitting of the Conference: Obituary, Temperance, Resolutions, Nominations and Finance.

Section 9

All reports, resolutions, and recommendations shall be considered properly presented to the Conference in written form only.

Section 10

No minister, officer, or delegate shall be at liberty to retire from the building during a session of the Conference without the consent of the Moderator.

Section 11

If any member, in the judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his rights during the remaining part of that session of the Conference.

Section 12

This Constitution and By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds favorable vote of the members present in a regular session. All amendments shall be on the table not less than three hours prior to adoption and shall, during that time, be read a least one time.

MINUTES

of the

Albemarle Auxiliary Convention 1954

The Albemarle Auxiliary Convention met with the Shiloh Church, Thursday, October 14, 1954.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Edward Woolard of Plymouth. The congregation sang two hymns entitled, "I Am Thine O Lord," and "More Like The Master." The Scripture was taken from Psalm 81:8-16. Mrs. Woolard brought out the importance of reconsecration of one's self during these perilous times. We are either for Christ or against him. Christ blesses when we dedicate our lives to him. She ended her talk with a prayer for lost souls.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Delsie Waters with the response being given by Mrs. Marvin Barnette.

The president being absent, Mrs. Alton Furlough acted in her place.

We were happy to have the following ministers present: Revs. A. B. Chandler, James A. Evans, and Rashie Kennedy.

We were happy to have Mrs. S. A. Smith and Mrs. M. L. Johnson as visitors.

The following committees were then appointed:

Resolutions: Mrs. Rudolph Keech and Mrs. J. T. Keech.

Hospitality: Mrs. Ruth Ambrose and Mrs. Hilda Allen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The roll was called with twelve auxiliaries present. There were two other auxiliaries represented by letter.

News of the Children's Home at Middlesex was given by Mrs. S. A. Smith. She brought greetings from the boys and girls. She told of the need for remodeling the girls' dormitory. The Orphanage is in need of storage space, laundry room, and for more room to accept more unfortunate children into the home.

Mrs. Smith covets our prayers for the home, so don't forget to pray for them.

The hymn, "Help Somebody Today," was sung while an offering was taken amounting to \$40.70 for the home.

Motion duly sustained that we accept the Plymouth Auxiliary into the Albemarle District Convention this fourteenth day of October, 1954.

We would make special mention of the heart-stirring, challenging message brought us by Mrs. J. A. Alexander. Her topic centered on "A Compassion for the Unsaved," taking her Scripture from Isaiah 6th chapter and John 21:15.

We were favored with special music by little Miss Faye Forman, "Tell Me The Story of Jesus."

The convention sermon was brought by Brother A. B. Chandler. The topic was "Proclaiming His Name to All Nations, and Our Attitude Toward the Gospel."

We were dismissed for lunch by Brother James A. Evans.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with Rev. Rashie Kennedy conducting the devotional, using as his topic, "Turn Over What You Have to the Lord and He Will Surprise You."

Brother Evans spoke to us concerning Mt. Allen College, stressing the need of Christian Education, urging the parents to start in their homes. His challenge to us was: if every Free Will Baptist member were to give \$1.00, then we would have the college we need.

The nominating committee recommended the following officers for 1955-56: **President**, Mrs. Lonnie Davenport, Creswell, N. C.; **Vice-President**, Mrs. Edwin Roper, Ransomville, N. C.; **Secretary**, Mrs. Cecil J. Waters, Route 1, Box 227, Pinetown, N. C.; **Corresponding Secretary**, Mrs. A. B. Chandler, Ahoskie, N. C.; **Treasurer**, Mrs. Viva Spencer, Route 1, Box 38, Columbia, N. C.; **Enlistment-Promotional Chairman**, Mrs. Alton Furlough, Route 2, Box 287, Creswell, N. C.; **Youth Chairman**, Miss Leona Wallace, 602 N. Bonner St., Washington, N. C.; **Study Course Chairman**, Mrs. Walter Reynolds, Route 1, Ahoskie, N. C.; **Program Chairman**, Mrs. Delsie Waters, Route 1, Box 19, Pinetown, N. C.; **Orphanage Chairman**, Mrs. Gleen Ferbee, Wenona, N. C.; **Benevolence**, Mrs. Edward Woolard, Plymouth, N. C.; **Field-Worker**, Mrs. J. A. Alexander, 300 Hanbury St., Portsmouth, Va.

With prayerful consideration,

Mrs. Archie Willoughby
Mrs. William Webster
Mrs. Alton Furlough

Motion made that we accept the report. It passed.

Motion that we elect these women as recommended by the nominating committee. Motion duly sustained.

The report of the Hospitality Committee was as follows: We, the Hospitality Committee, wish to express our appreciation for the inspiration from the messages and songs. We will take these thoughts home with us and put them to use; and to the Hostess Church, thanks for the pretty flowers, fine dinner, and the hospitality shown. A rising vote of thanks was given.

The report of the Resolution Committee was as follows: We, the Resolution Committee, wish to submit the following report:

1. That each member go back to their churches and stress that each member pay the \$1.50 mentioned by Mrs. S. A. Smith for remodeling the girls' dormitory.
2. To urge each and everyone to help support mission work more in the future, and to stress individual personal soul winning to the Lord.
3. To be more in earnest in keeping with resolutions we already have.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. T. Keech
Mrs. Rudolph Keech

The Treasurer gave her report which showed an offering of \$40.70, had been taken.

Motion made that we send donations to both spring and fall meetings large enough to take care of Convention expenses, Gene Page's clothing, and his spending money.

Recommendation that each auxiliary send their list of officers to the Secretary in order that she might have someone to mail the blanks to.

We had another special song rendered by Mrs. Delsie Waters and Mrs. Margarette Woolard, "I Would Follow On."

We then had a talk on the return to the family altar, followed with the installation of officers.

The Convention will meet with Sidney Church next.

Benediction by Kallie Roper.

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, President

Mrs. C. J. Waters, Secretary

