

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SESSION

of the

Beaver Creek Association

OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

FAIRVIEW CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 8-9-10

1928



REV. J. C. FRANKS, Moderator

REV. J. E. BAILEY, Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

The Fifth Session of the Free Will Baptist Association met with Fairview Church at Caroleen, N. C., September 8-9-10, 1928, at 10:00 A. M. Services were opened by song and prayer by Rev. J. C. Stafford.

The Association proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk. Rev. J. C. Franks was elected Moderator, and Rev. J. E. Bailey, Clerk. Moderator proceeded to give visiting brethren a seat in conference—Rev. H. C. Sisk and Leonard Jones, from Spartanburg, S. C. Churches and delegates called for and reported as follows:

Professor O. C. Knipps lead the singing through the conference. Conference adjourned until 2:00 P. M. for Introductory sermon. Rev. A. T. Coffey was called upon to preach Introductory sermon. Subject—The True Vine. Text—St. John 15:1. A great message.

The Association opened at 2:00 P. M. by song and prayer by Bro. Hill Kisser. Scripture reading by Rev. Plyler.

Committees Appointed

Arrangements—E. L. Beachboard, J. C. Laws, J. C. Ray.
Temperance—A. B. Lowery, W. D. Sawyer, A. T. Coffey.
Sunday School—G. P. Sheppard, Flossie Nethelton, George Triplet.
Pulpit Committee—Pastor and delegates.
Education—W. D. Sawyer, O. C. Knipps, Jake Owens.
Finance Committee—J. C. Stafford, Wiley Bagwell, J. W. Gentry.
Obituaries—J. E. Bailey, J. C. Franks, O. C. Knipps.
Periodicals—L. W. Plyler, E. L. Beachboard, Jack Mayfield.
Deeper Devotion—A. B. Lowery, A. T. Coffey, J. E. Bailey.
Home Missions—L. D. Cauley, W. E. Alexander, Carl Terry.
Foreign Missions—Pearl Alexander, W. R. Roland, C. L. Smith.
Evangelistic Work—J. E. Bailey, W. R. Roland, J. H. Renis.
Committee on Sessions—First delegate of each church: J. H. Gregory, Bro. Coley, W. E. Alexander, W. D. Sawyer, J. C. Laws, W. D. Davis, S. P. Jordan, J. C. Johnson, O. C. Knipps, J. G. Gregory.
Marriages and Divorces—W. D. Sawyer, A. B. Lowery, Lillie Bagwell.
Ladies' Aid Society—Appointed one for each church: Pearl Alexander, Carl Terry, Flossie Nethelton, Minnie Hensley, Lillie Bagwell, Nannie Melton, Essie Davis, Mrs. A. T. Coffey, Pearl Page, Nellie Messmer, Mattie Johnson.
Young People's Work—Jake Owens, J. P. Eubanks, Jessie Messers.
Resolutions—T. I. Benton, F. B. Burks, Grover Peace.
Ministerial Support—A. B. Lowery, J. C. Franks, J. H. Mayfield.

Conference adjourned until Friday morning.
Rev. A. B. Lowery preached Thursday night—a great, stirring message. Text—Rev. 12:14. Subject—I am a God of Peace and a God of Love. Weep Not.

Conference opened Friday morning by song and prayer by Rev. H. C. Sisk. Scripture reading by Rev. Jake Owens.

By request of W. D. Sawyer the Association passed a rule that each church pay five dollars a year for Old Ministers' Fund.

The Conference adopted a rule that each minister turn in one dollar for clerk and fifty cents for his own minutes with his report.

Conference adjourned until 2:00 P. M. Preaching at 11:00 A. M. by Rev. Noah Vance, Rev. Revis. Text—John 15:13.

The Association asked each church to pay the pastor one hundred dollars, at least, for next year.

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Bro. W. D. Sawyer remains Chairman of Old Ministers' Fund, with W. R. Roland and Wiley Bagwell to assist.

The Association elected Rev. J. E. Bailey for State Evangelist. Professor O. C. Knipps Evangelist Singer, to start April the first.

Each church is to take collection one Sunday in each month for tent. J. C. Stafford, Treasurer.

Each church and pastor was asked to attend the Sunday School Convention beginning at Whitney church the first Sunday in October, at 2:30 P. M.

The Association asked that each church organize a Young People's League.

Conference closed to be opened at 9:00 A. M. Saturday for Ministers' Conference.

Rev. J. E. Bailey preached Friday night. Text—Romans 8:1. Subject—"The Consecrated Life."

SATURDAY MORNING

Ministers' Conference opened by song and prayer by E. L. Beachboard. Scripture reading by Rev. J. W. Gentry.

The Association gave the Moderator full charge over our ministers. J. C. Franks, Moderator.

Rev. A. B. Lowery was elected on Ordaining Council. Conference asked that all ministers report at Ministers' Conference, either in person or by letter. Conference begins at Whitney church on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 before first Sunday.

Introductory sermon, E. L. Beachboard. Conference closed Saturday evening until Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1929, at Cedar Hill Church, Lockhart, S. C., beginning at 10:00 A. M. Rev. J. E. Bailey is to preach introductory sermon.

Report on Ministers

Rev. E. L. Bennett was dismissed by order of Conference.

Report on Committees

Temperance—We, your Committee, affirm that it is our conviction that Christian principles can solve the problems of Temperance. We pledge our support and co-operation to both State and Federal officials in every effort for strict carrying out and enforcement of proper laws. Our Church stands firmly against the liquor business in every form and we promise to support any movement by the Anti-Saloon League or any organization working to put down liquor.—Committee: A. B. Lowery, W. D. Sawyer, A. T. Coffey.

Sunday School—Realizing that youth is the time when the most lasting impressions are made on the mind, we would suggest that our ministers and Sabbath School workers urge parents not to send their children to Sunday School, but to bring them. We urge our superintendents and teachers to be prompt.—Committee: H. P. Shepard, G. E. Triplet, Flossie Nethelton.

Education—We, your Committee on Education, after earnestly considering the deficiencies of some of our ministers, report the following: Seeing the need of better education in our ministry, we recommend that our Association put forth every effort to encourage our young ministers to go to go to Ayden, N. C. or T. I. I. school at Saxon.—Committee: Jake Owens, W. D. Sawyer, O. C. Knipps.

Obituaries—We, the Association, as a body mourn the loss of our beloved sister, Mattie Messer, a devoted Christian worker of

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Whitney church, who was loved by all who knew her.

Her toils and troubles are over,
And in the arms of Jesus we feel assured
We hope to meet her some glad day
In Heaven, where all is pure.

Heaven now retains our treasure,
Earth the lonely casket keeps,
And the sunbeams love to linger
Where our sainted Mother sleeps.

—Rev. J. E. Bailey.

Whitney Church—God saw fit to call our sister Ilberta Laws,
to her final rest, and we bow our heads in humble submission to
the will of God.

Through all pain at times she would smile
A smile of heavenly birth;
And when the angels called her home,
She smiled farewell to earth.

—J. E. Bailey.

Whitney Church—We, the members of Whitney Church, do
mourn the loss of our dear brother and deacon, James Massey.

Heaven now retains our treasure;
Earth the lonely casket keeps.
And the sunbeams love to linger
Where our sainted brother sleeps.

—J. E. Bailey.

Whitney Church—We, the members of Whitney Church, do
mourn the loss of our sister, Lena Johnson.

Happy days were spent together,
How sweet their memory still;
But she has left some aching hearts
This world can never fill.

—J. E. Bailey.

Gastonia Church—We, the members of Gastonia Church, do
mourn the loss of our dear beloved sister, Minnie Newsom. She
was a devoted Christian worker and mother.

—Rev. W. D. Davis.

Saxon Ave. Church mourns the loss of our dear beloved sister
Dovie Pruitt, but we bow our heads in humble submission to the
will of God.

Committee on Young People's Work—We, your committee, af-
firm that each church should give their young people more work
to do, and that we make record of work done so as to be entered
on next year's minutes.—Committee: Jake Owens, Jessie Messer,
J. P. Eubanks.

Periodicals—We recommend first of all the Bible, and urge
our people to read and not only read it but to live by it. Also we
recommend all first class literature.—Committee: I. W. Plyler,
E. L. Beachboard.

Deeper Devotion—Spirituality is the life and power of the re-
ligion of Jesus Christ. The vocation of religion is devotion to

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God. Devotion means to love and adore and obey, yielding in humble submission to God. It is explained as entire consecration to God's service. Laying all on the altar of God.

Deeper Devotion, No. 2—We, your committee, urge our people to be more loyal to the Church, and pledge himself to support the Gospel. Paul said to lay by in store as God had prospered you so there be no gathering together when I come.—Committee: J. E. Bailey, A. T. Coffey, A. B. Lowery.

Home Mission—We ask our members to pray in each home they go in, and to visit the sick and make report of same to Church. Christ said I was sick and ye visited me not.—Committee: I. D. Cauley, Carl Terry, W. E. Alexander.

Foreign Mission—We recommend a board to have charge of this work; selecting one member from each church, to make up the board. This board is to devise means of educating our people to see the importance of this work.—Committee: Pearl Alexander, W. R. Roland, C. L. Smith.

Ladies' Aid—We recommend that every Church organize a Ladies' Aid Society and our pastors give a lending hand in doing so.

Rev. J. C. Franks organized a Ladies' Aid at Lockhart church,

Ladies' Aid at Whitney church, received	\$153.76
Paid out for Church expenses	97.90
Paid out for sickness, etc.	11.00
Other expenses	24.00
Balance	20.00
Total	\$133.10

President, Mrs. Laura Lewis; Secretary, Annie Sawyer; Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Franks.
Ladies Aid, Kannapolis—Received in treasurer, \$215.66; paid out for sickness, \$210.00; balance, \$5.00. Mrs. Messmer, president, Mrs. Todd, treasurer.

Sunday School reports were good for all Churches this year. Total collection on all Sunday schools was over five hundred dollars. Whitney leading. W. D. Sawyer, superintendent.

Marriages and Divorces—First we protest against parents giving permission for marriage licenses being issued to children under lawful ages.

Second—We protest against marriage of persons who are mentally and physically unfit to care for a family.

Third—As there is no Biblical cause for divorce we must guard against our ministers officiating at any marriage where either person has living companion.—Committee: W. D. Sawyer, A. B. Lowery, Mrs. Lillie Bagwell.

Ministerial Support—We recommend that our preachers pay the tenth of each dollar to God, and teach the Church the same and each Church pay their pastor not less than one hundred dollars this year.—Committee: A. B. Lowery, J. C. Franks, J. H. Mayfield.

Finance Committee—We, your committee, recommend that we have five hundred minutes. Pay clerk Rest. Minute fund, \$51.80.—Committee: J. C. Stafford, Wiley Bagwell, J. W. Gentry.

Resolutions—Be it resolved, that our pastors prohibit any and all preachers and teachers from occupying our pulpits if said preacher can not show proper credentials from some Church organization which must be satisfactory to the pastor, and said preach-

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ers must be in harmony with our Church Doctrines.

Second—Seeing the need of a consecrated ministry, which means a separation from the world, we ask our preachers not to affiliate themselves with any organization that operates under disguise. Jesus said men love darkness rather than light.

Third—Jesus said you may know my disciples because they have love one for another and one and all preach one faith, one Lord, and one baptism. Bringing all to a oneness.—Committee: T. I. Benton, F. B. Burks, J. E. Bailey.

Ministers Passed On—J. C. Franks, J. E. Bailey, J. C. Stafford, W. R. Roland, W. J. Plemons, E. L. Beachboard, J. W. Gentry, I. W. Plyler, E. W. Bridges, Paul Jordan, A. T. Coffey, A. B. Lowery.

Churches	Pastors	Clerks
Saxon Avenue	J. E. Bailey	Flossie Nethelton
Clifton No. 2	J. E. Bailey	Lola Ingram
Whitney	J. C. Franks	J. H. Reel
Cedar Hill	A. B. Lowery	V. S. Cousins
Beaver Dam	J. C. Stafford	Lillie Clayton
Landrum	W. R. Roland	Pearl Page
Fair View	E. L. Beachboard	J. A. Dobbins
Kannapolis	J. C. Franks	M. A. Todd
Mt. Zion	J. W. Gentry	J. C. Johnson
Mt. Holly	Paul Jordan	J. H. Porter
Gastonia	J. C. Franks	W. D. Davis
Coles Chapel	J. E. Bailey	Pearl Alexander
Spindale	E. L. Beachboard	J. A. Dobbins

Ministers on Roll

J. E. Bailey	E. W. Bridges
J. C. Franks	J. C. Stafford
I. W. Plyler	E. L. Beachboard
W. R. Roland	J. W. Gentry
W. J. Plemons	A. T. Coffey
A. B. Lowery	

Ordained This Conference

Jake Owens	J. M. Reddin
Noah Vance	G. C. Morrow
L. J. Davis	J. H. Revis

Licentiatees

John Dixon	S. P. Norton
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CHURCH LETTERS

Saxon Avenue—Members, 79; pastor, J. E. Bailey; minute fund \$6.50; pastors salary, unknown; value of Church, \$2,500; renewal work, \$51.29.

Cedar Hill—Members, 84; pastor, A. B. Lowery; minute fund, \$5.00; paid pastor \$500.19; value Church, \$4,000, renewal work, \$149.00.

Beaver Dam—Members, 41; pastor, J. C. Stafford; minute fund, \$6.00; paid pastor, \$90.00; renewal work, \$35.00; value of Church \$700.00.

Mt. olly—Members, 37; pastor, Paul Jordan; minute fund, \$1.00; paid pastor, unknown; renewal work, \$25.00.

Mt. Zion—Members, 30; pastor, J. W. Gentry; minute fund,

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\$2.00; paid pastor, \$12.50; renewal work, \$10.00; value of Church \$500.00.

Landrum—Members, 32; pastor, W. R. Roland; minute fund, \$2.50; paid pastor, \$122.31; renewal work, \$41.23; value of Church, \$500.00.

Clifton No. 2—Members, 31; pastor, J. E. Bailey; minute fund, \$1.50; Church property, \$20.00; pastor's work, \$5.00; renewal work, \$10.00.

Spindale—Members, 50; pastor, E. L. Beachboard; minute fund, \$1.00; paid pastor, \$35.00; renewal work, \$50.00.

Coles Chapel—Members, 37; pastor J. E. Bailey; minute fund, \$7.00; pastor's work, \$297.14; renewal work, \$63.00; value of Church, \$2,000.00.

Whitney—Members, 109; pastor, J. C. Franks; minute fund, \$5.00; paid pastor, \$249.50; Church value, \$3,000.00.

Fair View—Members, 130; pastor, E. L. Beachboard; minute fund, \$3.00; paid pastor, \$87.00; renewal work, \$50.00; value of Church, \$2,000.00; concessions, \$1.66; baptised, 19; received, \$185; Churches, 2.

Kannapolis—Members, 80; pastor, J. C. Franks; minute fund, \$5.00; paid pastor, \$204.96; renewal work, \$10.00; value of Church \$1,000.00.

Gastonia—Members, 29; pastor, J. C. Franks; minute fund, \$5.00; paid pastor, unknown; Church value, \$600.00.

MINISTERS REPORTS

Rev. J. C. Stafford—Sermons preached 100; members taken in 7; married, none; baptised, 5; revivals, 3; conversions, 20; paid out, \$50.00.

Rev. J. M. Reddin—Sermons preached, 20; conversions, not known.

Rev. Noal Vance—Sermons, 20; conversions, 25; expenses, \$10.00; traveled, 500 miles.

Rev. Jake Owens—Sermons, 25; revivals, 2; conversions, 30; homes visited, not known.

Rev. J. H. Revis—Sermons, 35; conversions, 35; traveled, 1,500 miles; received \$33.80; paid out \$29.10.

Rev. J. E. Bailey—Sermons, 265; pastored 3 churches; members taken in, 67; conversions, 1200; built one church; assisted 2 more; 10 revivals; money received, \$487.00; funerals, 5; married, 25 couples; baptised, 45.

Rev. W. R. Roland—Sermons, 150; pastored 1 church; members taken in, 30; conversions, 1,000; revivals, 8; marriages, 1; funerals, 1; baptised, 38.

Rev. I. W. Plyler—Sermons, 43; conversions, 30; baptised, 2; revivals 1.

Rev. A. B. Lowery—Sermons, 150; revivals, 3; conversions, 170; married 1 couple; funerals, 4; baptised, 20; organized 1 church; members received, 61; money received, \$700.00.

J. C. Fran's—Sermons, 268; pastored 3 churches; revivals, 5; professions, 219; baptised, 50; funerals, 12; traveled, 4,525 miles; received, \$814.00; paid out, \$300.00.

J. P. Jordan—Sermons, 37; baptised, 5; funerals, 3; pastored 1 church; paid pastor, \$22.00.

J. W. Gentry—Sermons, 85; funerals, 3; baptised, 9; members taken in, 19; received, \$30.00; paid out, \$89.15.

Rev. J. T. Bennett—Sermons, 65; assisted 1 revival.

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Rev. W. J. Plemons—Sermons, 65; conversions, 75; paid out, \$22.50.
Rev. E. W. Bridges—Sermons, 50; conversions, 30; baptised, 2; funerals, 2.
Rev. J. C. Morrow—Sermons, 16; conversions, 20; paid out, \$11.50.

CHURCH COVENANT

1. Having given ourselves to the Lord through Jesus Christ, we agree to adopt the Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith. We give ourselves to each other by the help of God.
2. We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe, rebuke, and admonish those who have gone astray, and watch over each other's reputation, and use our influence to the upbuilding of the church commands implied in a profession of faith, and in the spirit of kindness and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, and to confess our faults one to another, and to strengthen those who are weak.
3. We promise by the help of God that we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer, and strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed word in the minds of those under our care, and to contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also, we agree to be liberal with those that are afflicted and needy, and especially those that are of "The Household of Faith."
4. We also agree to use our influence for the support of the Gospel.
5. We also agree to attend the monthly meetings regularly, if not providentially hindered, and to submit to all ordinances implied in a profession of faith.
6. We also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements:
7. We also agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors, not to use it as a beverage, nor to aid or assist in the manufacture of such, nor to furnish it to others.
8. We also agree to encourage home and foreign missions, education, Sabbath Schools, good morals, and everything that is for the glory of God and to the welfare of men, and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ that we may be happily admitted into the Kingdom of God, where we can ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each individual church.
2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended by letter from the church to which they belong and shall include the minister and some of the most able members belonging to the church.
3. The Association, when met and formed, shall elect a Chairman and Secretary.
4. The rules of decorum shall be read immediately after the Association is formed.
5. This Association will encourage a sound ministry, such as

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present Christ as an all-sufficient Saviour, having salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel, which is freely offered to all.

6. Any minister in good standing, whether a delegate or not, may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberations, and his name enrolled in our minutes.

7. The Association may appoint such committees as may be necessary for the expediting of business, and every committee appointed to attend to any particular business shall report their proceedings in writing to the Association while in session, and all reports made by the committee may be adopted by the body.

8. All queries regularly presented to the Association by any church shall be attended to.

9. Any church may become a member of the Association by making application by letter or by delegates and adopting our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.

10. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegate.

11. The Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. There shall be no conversation by the members one with another so as to interrupt business while in session.

3. Every member wishing to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator.

4. No member shall interrupt a member while speaking.

5. We shall admit no other title while in session but that of brother.

6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

7. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the Moderator.

10. On all motions made, where the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.

11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

12. Any members transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.

13. Not less than nine members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. God.—We believe that there is only one true and living God, who is personally the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.—I Tim. 2:5.

2. The Holy Scripture.—We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, instruction in righteousness.

3. Original Apostacy.—We believe that Adam was created holy but, by voluntary transgression, fell into depravity and conse-

quently involved his posterity in sin. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave unto her husband with her, and he did eat.—Gen. 3:6.

4. **Free Grace.**—We believe the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings, that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks, for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.—Rom. 10:12.

5. **Christian Faith.**—We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world, and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.—John 3:36.

6. **Repentance.**—We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin. Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death.—II Cor. 7:9-10.

7. **Free Agency.**—We believe that the human will is free, and that men have the ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scripture. He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.—Mich. 6:8.

8. **Perseverance.**—We do not believe under Gospel dispensation any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere unto the end shall be saved; that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith, turn again to sin and be finally lost. And Jesus said unto him, "No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God."—Luke 9:62.

9. **Good Works.**—We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness, while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable unto God. Every tree that bringeth not forth fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them!—Matt. 7:19-20.

10. **Christian Baptism.**—We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk in newness of life.—Rom. 6:4.

11. **The Lord's Supper.**—We believe the Supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance; that it was instituted for Christians, and that all Christians should unite in sacred services regardless of name or denomination. But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and

drinketh damnation unto himself, not discerning the Lord's body."
—I Cor. 11:28-29.

12. Feet Washing.—We believe that washing the saints' feet was a command of our Saviour, and that His followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all our churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among the members of their churches. "If I then your Lord and Master have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet."—St. John 13:14.

13. The Gospel.—We believe it to be the duty of all churches to support the Gospel. Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.—I Cor. 9:14.

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CHRISTIAN GREETINGS IN CHRIST:

We, the Free Will Baptist Church at.....send the following
Delegates to represent us in your Council.....
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STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS FOR THE FULL YEAR

Baptised.....; Admitted Otherwise.....; Excluded.....; Died.....
Total Membership.....; Value of Church Property, \$.....; Paid Pastor, \$.....
Paid for Missions, \$.....; for Orphange, \$.....; for Poor and Sick, \$.....
For Minute Fund, \$.....; for Revival Work, \$.....; Pastor's Work, \$.....
State of Religion.....Sunday School Report.....

Rev.....; Pastor

Address.....

.....; Church Clerk

Address.....

DON'T KICK ME; DON'T TEAR ME; BUT
READ ME AND I WILL DO YOU GOOD

—Rev. J. E. Bailey