

MINUTES

of the

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION

of

Free Will Baptist
Church of God

held with

Hickory Ridge Church, located about half way between Weleetka and Wetumka on old gravel road south of river, Beginning on Wednesday before the second Sunday in August of 1939.

OFFICERS

Moderator Elder J. T. Champion
Ass't. Moderator . . . Elder Arthur Reid
Clerk Elder D. C. Sharp
Ass't. Clerk . . . Elder Thomas J. Bradley

The next Annual Session of this Association will meet with Jackson Church, located three miles west and 1-2 mile south of Holdenville. Beginning on Wednesday before the second Sunday in August of 1940.

PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday Evening Session

Moderator Elder Arthur Reid called house to order. Services opened by song (Standing on the Promises.) Prayer by Elder W. H. Carter. Moderator introduced Elder O. P. Westbrook who preached the introductory sermon. Subject, (Introduction). Closed by song and prayer.

Thursday Morning Session

Opened by singing, (How Firm A Foundation). Prayer by Elder Cecil McKenzie. Moderator read Psalms 100.

Letters called for and the following churches responded: Paden, East Liberty, Reddick Chapel, Allen, Vanzant, White Rose, Oak Hill, Cross Roads, Hickory Ridge, Spring Creek, and West Liberty.

Motion carried that we hold Allen Church Letter till Church Question is settled. All the rest of the letters approved of and delegates seated. Motion to suspend rules and call for Petitionary Letters. The following Church responded; Jackson church. Motion carried to accept letter and seat Delegates. All Delegates were given the right hand of Christian fellowship.

Election of Officers

Moderator ----- Elder J. T. Champion
Assistant Moderator ----- Elder Arthur Reid
Clerk ----- Elder D. C. Sharp
Assistant Clerk ----- Elder Thomas J. Bradley
Moderator Elder J. T. Champion invited visiting brethren to seat in council. Rules of order were read by Elder Arthur Reid.

Appointment of Committees

Devotional Committee; Brother B. M. Mayfield, Brother Joe Westbrook, Brother Jim Billings.

Resolution Committee; Elder Cecil McKenzie, Elder W. P. Scott, Elder Thomas J. Bradley.

Financial Committee; Sister Carrie E. May, Sister Ema Vansant, Sister S. D. Billings.

Obituary Committee; Brother John Lewis, Brother Erby Burden, Brother S. J. Laymon.

Temperance Committee; Brother Edd Phillips, Brother Jim Bentley, Sister Helen Vansant.

Sunday School Committee; Brother Will Doevert, Elder Arvis DeArmond, Brother Jim Radford.

Arrangement Committee; Brother Renfro, Brother Bert Hall, Sister Henderson.

Grievance Committee; Elder Will Bean, Elder O. P. Westbrook, Elder W. D. McCready.

Standing Committees

Ministerial Standing and Character Committee; Brother Jim Bentley, Brother C. R. Green, Brother B. M. Mayfield, Brother Sam Milum, Brother Richard Dooley.

Executive Board; Chairman, Elder W. D. McCready, Elder J. T. Champion, Elder Arthur Reid, Elder Dewey C. Sharp, Elder Will Bean.

Devotional Committee reported, Elder Arvis DeArmond followed by Elder Thomas J. Bradley to preach at the 11 o'clock hour.

Motion carried that we adjourn business until 2 p. m.

Dismissed by song and prayer by Elder W. P. Scott.

11 o'clock services Thursday morning

Opened by singing, (Amazing Grace). Prayer by Brother George Thompson. Devotional Committee Reported Elder Cecil McKenzie to lead and Elder Will Bean to follow at the 8 p. m. service. Moderator introduced Elder Arvis DeArmond and Elder Thomas J. Bradley who brought the message. Text, Nehemiah 13-11, (Why is the House of God Forsaken?). Dismissed by song and prayer, by Brother Joe Westbrook.

Thursday Afternoon Session

Opened by song and prayer. Moderator read Psalms 1. Conference declared ready for business. All Quarterly Meeting Minutes read and approved. Recess 30 minutes to let Committees work. Called to order by Moderator. Unfinished business called for. Election of a Grievance Committee to meet with the State Association on question of boundary lines and to represent the Canadian Association. The following were annominated and elected by acclamation: Elder W. D. McCready, Elder J. T. Champion, Brother J. B. Westbrook and for alternate Elder W. L. Bean. Moderator empowered Clerk with authority to write out Ministers Credentials for Elder George Davidson. Report of Grievance Committee received for discussion. Reads as follows; We your Committee on Grievance beg leave to surrender the following report. We find by partial investigation that the Allen Church is in such condition that they cannot transact their business biblically. And we your committee recommend that under such conditions we cannot receive their letter at this time. We also recommend that the Association sends some preacher as pastor to try and bring about a reconciliation. Motion carried to table report for 9 o'clock Friday morning and to adjourn business until that hour. Dismissed by song and prayer.

Thursday Night Service

Opened by song and prayer. Special request was made for prayer for Dr. I. W. Yandell's sick daughter. Elder W. D. McCready led the prayer. Elder J. T. Champion led Devotional Services. Then introduced Elder Cecil McKenzie and Elder Will Bean who brought the message. Reading St. Luke the fifth chapter. Subject, (The Net). Closed by song and prayer, by Elder Arthur Reid.

Friday Morning Session

Opened by sang and prayer. Scripture reading by Moderator, Isaiah 53. Motion carried to invite Elder J. W. Denison to seat in council. Given the right hand of Christian Fellowship by Moderator and Clerk. Motion carried to take up business tabled Thursday evening. Motion carried to adopt the report of Grievance Committee. The vote was 30 for and 17 against. Resolution No. 1 and 2 read and adopted. Motion carried to cancel Brother Horace Roberts Ministerial Credentials by request of Brother Horace Roberts. Devotional Committee reported the examination of two Deacons, (Brother Henry Cummings and Brother Harvie Scroggins) from Jackson Church O. K. and ready to be ordained at the Friday night service. Motion carried to adjourn business until two p. m. Dismissed by song and prayer, by Elder Thomas Bradley.

11 O'Clock Services Friday Morning

Opened by song and prayer. Moderator Elder J. T. Champion introduced Elder O. P. Westbrook who brought the message. Subject, (Submission). Closed by song and prayer, by Elder W. P. Scott.

Friday Afternoon Session

Opened by song and prayer. Bible reading 1 Cor. 9; 1-12.

The association voted that the next annual Session be held with Jackson Church, 3 miles west and 1-2 mile south of Holdenville.

The quarterly meetings were placed as follows: First Quarterly meeting at Vansant, about 7 1-2 miles south west of Paden. Beginning November 9, 1939. Second quarterly meeting at East Liberty, 5 miles east, 1 mile north of Hanna, beginning February 8, 1940. Third quarterly meeting at Paden, beginning on Thursday evening before the second Sunday in May.

Motion carried that the Pastors where the Associations are to be held are to preach the introductory sermon.

Motion carried to receive final reports of the following Committees and discharge the same. Financial Committee, Resolution Committee, Obituary Committee, Sunday School Committee and Grievance Committee.

Devotional Committee reported Elder W. D. McCready to lead and Elder J. T. Champion to follow in the Friday night Memorial Service.

Motion carried to adjourn untill the next annual session to be held with the Jackson Church on Wednesday night before the second Sunday in August, 1940. Dismissed by song and prayer. Prayer by Elder Will Bean.

Friday Night Service

Opened by song and prayer. Moderator turned the Services to the ordaining Council. Who proceeded to ordain Harvie Scroggins and W. H. Cummings, of the Jackson Church for Deacons. Services turned back to Moderator, who introduced Brother Elder W. D. McCready to lead and Elder J. T. Champion who preached the Memorial Sermon. Text; Job 14-14. (If a Man Die Shall He Live Again). Closed by song and prayer.

CHURCH LETTERS

PADEN CHURCH, PADEN, OKLAHOMA

Meeting days, 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. We have received by confession none. By letter, none. Dismissed by letter, 2. Excluded, 20. Withdrawn, none. Died, 2. Resident members 27. Non-resident members 13. Total in full fellowship, 40; value of church property, \$2,000. Contribution for minutes \$5.00. State minute money. We have chosen Sister Jagges and Sister Billings as our delegates to represent us in the annual session when convened with the Hickory Ridge Church. We have chosen Elder D. C. Sharp for our pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder W. D. McCready—Moderator

Sister Dena Billings—Clerk

VANSANT CHURCH, PADEN, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day is the third Sunday of each month. We have received by confession, none. By letter, none. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded, none. Withdrawn, none. Died, none. Resident members, 38. Non-resident members 13. Total in full fellowship 51. Contribution for minutes \$3.05. We have chosen Sister Helen and Sister Emma Vansant as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Hickory Ridge Church. We have chosen Elder Arthur Reid as our pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder Arthur Reid, Moderator

Sister Dena Vansant, Clerk

OAK HILL CHURCH, HANNA, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day not set. We have received by confession, 5. By letter, none. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded, 9. Withdrawn, none. Died, none. Resident members 22. Non-resident members, 10. Total in full fellowship, 32. Value of church property \$0 00. Contribution for minutes \$2.00. We have chosen Brother Lizzie Tabor and Brother Minton Bradford as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Hickory

Ridge Church. We have chosen Elder W. D. McCready for our pastor for the ensuing year.

W. O. Mangham, Modreator

Clovis Bradford, Clerk

REDDICK CHAPEL, WELEETKA, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day is on the 4th Sunday of each month. We have received by confession, none. By letter, none. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded, none. Withdrawn, none. Died, none. Resident members, 27. Non-resident members, 6. Total in full fellowship 33. Contribution for minutes \$2.50. We have chosen Brother Lloyd Reddick and Brother Percy Dohrer as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Hickory Ridge Church.

Elder Arvis DeArmon, Mdoderator

Brother Percy Dohrer, Clerk

EAST LIBERTY CHURCH, HANNA, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day is on the 4th Sunday of each month. We have received by confession, none. By letter, none. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded, none. Withdrawn, none. Died, none. Resident members, 25. Non-resident members, 18. Total in full fellowship, 43. Minute money \$2.00. We have chosen Brother Melvin Mouser and Sister Sally Spillers for our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Hickory Ridge Church. We have chosen Elder Henry Pendly for our pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder Henry Pendly, Moderator

Sister Iva England, Clerk

WHITE ROSE CHURCH, OKEMAH, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day is on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We have received by confession, none. By letter, 3. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded, none. Withdrawn, none. Died, 1. Resident members, 30. Non-resident members, 44. Total in full fellowship, 74. Contribution for minutes \$3.00. State minute money 50c. We have chosen Sister Myrtie Geller and Sister Lillian Pre-witt to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Hickory Ridge Church. We have chosen Elder Carrie May for our pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder Carrie May, Moderator

Thomas J. Bradley, Clerk

SPRING CREEK CHURCH, CALVIN, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day is on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We have received by confession, 11. By letter, none. Dismissed by letter, 8. Excluded, none. Withdrawn, none. Died, 1. Resident members, 46. Non-resident members, 3. Total in full fellowship, 49. Contribution for minutes \$2.00. We have chosen Sister Louis Phillips and Sister Dorothy McEwin for our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Hickory Ridge Church. We have chosen Elder W. P. Scott for our pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder W. P. Scott, Moderator

Sister Beulah Phillips, Clerk

CROSSROAD CHURCH, CALVIN, OKLAHOMA

Meeting days, 1st Sunday of each month. We have received by confession, 15. By letter, 4. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded, none. Withdrawn, 5. Died, none. Resident members 40. Non-resident members, 2. Total in full fellowship 42. Contribution for minutes \$3.00. State minute money \$1.00. We have chosen Sister Lillian Blaylock and Sister Lulu Dooley as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Hickory Ridge Church. We have chosen for our pastor for the ensuing year Elder Dewey C. Sharp.

Elder Dewey C. Sharp, Moderator

Sister Josie Blaylock, Clerk

HICKORY RIDGE CHURCH, WETUMKA, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day is on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We have received by confession, none. By letter, none. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded, none. Withdrawn, none. Died, none. Resident members, 19. Non-resident members, none. Total in full fellowship 19. Contribution for minutes \$1.50. We have chosen Sister M. E. Renfro and Sister Henderson as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Hickory Ridge Church.

Elder O. P. Westbrook, Moderator

Sister Effie Fisher, Clerk

WEST LIBERTY CHURCH, HANNA, OKLAHOMA

Meeting day is on the 4th Sunday of each month. We have received by confession, none. By letter, none. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded, none. Withdrawn, none. Died, none. Resident members, 8. Non-resident members, none. Represented by Pastor and Deacon. We have chosen Elder George Davidson as our pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder George Davidson, Moderator

Brother Bland Davidson, Clerk

PETITIONARY LETTERS

JACKSON CHURCH, HOLDENVILLE, OKLAHOMA

Meeting days, straight time. We have received by confession 76. By letter, 5. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded none. Withdrawn, none. Died, none. Resident members 79. Non-resident members, 2. Total in full fellowship 81. Contribution for minutes \$4.00. State minutes \$1.00. We have chosen Brother Hairy Martin and Sister Morgan Latimer to represent us in the Annual Session when convened with the Hickory Ridge Church. We have chosen for our pastor for the ensuing year Elder Cecil McKenzie.

Elder Cecil McKenzie, Moderator

Brother Percy Ralinson, Clerk

MINISTER ROLL

Elder W. D. McCready	Boley, Okla., R. R. 1
Elder J. T. Champion	Okemah, Okla., R. R. 2
Elder Arthur Reid	Paden, Okla., R. R. 1
Elder W. L. Bean	Wetumka, Okla., Box 472
Elder O. P. Westbrook	Okemah, Okla.
Elder D. C. Sharp	Wavoka, Okla., R. R. 1 Box 294
Elder Cecil McKenzie	Holdenville, Okla., R. R. 4
Elder Arvis DeArmond	Pharrah, Okla.
Elder Thomas Bradley	Okemah, Okla., R. R. 4
Elder W. P. Scott	Calvin, Okla., Star Rt.
Elder Henry Pendly	Hanna, Okla.
Elder George Davidson	Hanna, Okla. R. R. 1
Elder Carrie May	Weleetka, Okla., R. R. 1

Not present at Association

Elder W. M. Stevenson Henryetta, Okla., Box 452
 Elder Charley Jones—Elder Arthur Rice—Elder S. D. Pendergraph—Elder W. K. Smith—Elder Lenord Bean—Elder Robert Hanes—Elder N. H. McGinnis—Elder W. T. Walden—Elder E. M. Gray

Licensed Preachers

Brother Burcky Story, Brother Melvin Mousier, Brother S. E. Garret, Brother Odis Ballard, Brother Luther Vail.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Paden \$5.00; White Rose \$3.00; Vansandt \$3.05; Jackson \$4.00; Oak Hill \$2.00; Cross Roads \$3.00; Hickory Ridge \$1.50; East Liberty \$2.00; Redick Chapel \$2.00; Spring Creek \$2.00; Total \$27.55. For Minute money.

For state minute money; Paden 75c; White Rose 50c; Jackson \$1.00; Cross Roads \$1.00; Redick Chapel 50c; Public Col. 25c; Total \$4.00

Collection \$3.61; Total in all \$34.91.

RESOLUTION NO. 1—Resolved that this Association so order that all the Churches in this Association abstain from the use of tobacco in any form inside of the Church building and that the pastor and deacons see that this ruling be enforced.

NO. 2—Resolved, that this Association demand that all ministers, pastoring in the Canadian Association and belonging to some other Association, abide by the Canadian Association laws during their pastoral care in it, and that they be forbidden to organize a church in the boundry lines of the Canadian Association, then take it to some other Association.

NO. 3—Resolved that we extend our thanks and appreciation to this church and community for their love and hospitality shown us duriig our stay in this community.

Resolution carried forward from 1925 to now.

(1925) **NO. 1**—That each Pastor preach as many as two doctrinal sermons during the year to his church.

NO. 2—That the churches of this Association, that do not pay the amount promised the pastor, if he fills his part of the agreement, shall not have another pastor until they pay for the deficit.

(1926) The same as 1925.

(1936) **NO. 2**—Be it resolved that each minister make a written report to the Annual Session of his years work.

NO. 3—Be it resolved that only ordained ministers and deacons administer the ordinances of the church.

(1937) **NO. 2**—Be it resolved that God's plan be carried out concerning Tything, Matt. 23-23.

NO. 3—Be it resolved that all deacons and ministers go before the examining board on qualifications before Ordination.

(1938) **NO. 2**—Be it resolved that this Association meet Wednesday night before the second Sunday in August.

NO. 2—Resolve that no church sell or dispose of church property without first bringing it before the Association.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Whereas God in His supreme ruling has called loved ones from our midst the past year as follows:

Brother C. W. Philips of Spring Creek Church; age 88 years and 8 months.

Brother Hutcheson of Yeager, Okla., A Free Will Baptist Minister for over 50 years; age over 80 years.

Sister Ethel Newton. Member of Allen church. Age 67 years.

Brother Luther Mitchell. Member of Allen Church.

Sister Hattie Letha New. Member of Allen church. Age 67.

Sister Elva Coe, member of White Rose church. Age 35.

Sister Harriet Dilly Carson. A christian member at Paden church for 64 years. Age 78.

Jimmie McGinnis, son of Brother and Sister McGinnis of Paden church. Age 4 years and 6 months.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the committee on Sunday school submit the following. Where as the Sunday school is the greatest means of reaching the youth of our land we beg to recommend that we use christian teachers and officers that will encourage our faith and doctrine. The future of our churches and government depends upon the loyalty of it's subjects and we recommd that loyalty to God our Lord be taught and encouraged in our Sunday schools and if possible use Free Will Baptist literature.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance submit the following. We believe that a majority of the crimes are caused by the sale and use of intoxicating drinks, whether lawful or unlawfully sold. We believe it is detrimental to the cause of christianity, morality, and decency. It clouds the mind and corrupts the morals of both young and old, and

Whereas, the officials of our government are encouraging the sale and use.

Be It Resolved that we, the Free Will Baptist, go on record as opposing the sale and use of same, and that we do all in our power to prevent spread of this curse over the nation (Heb. 2:15) and .

Whereas, the people of our nation are becoming careless and indecent in dress, we urge our women to dress as becometh godliness and urge the younger women to be sober, grave and temperate, and to discourage the wearing of scanty clothing and we urge our people to stay away from public swimming pools and nudist parties (1st Timothy 2:8-10) and that our ministers preach one or more subjects they pastor during the year on temperance.

Be It Resolved, that we place ourselves on record as a denomination that cposes anything that is detrimental to a growth in grace, and that we discourage the sale and use of cigarettes to our boys and girls.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice.—2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:20-21.

2. That there is but one true and living God, and in the God Head or Divine Essence, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.—Gen. 17:1; 1st John 5:7.

3. That we are fallen and depraved creatures, and cannot extricate ourselves from our fallen situation by any ability we possess by nature.—Eph. 5:1, 19.

4. That Salvation, Regeneration, Sanctification, Justification and Redemption are by the Life, Death, Resurrection, Assension and Intercession of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.—Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5.

5. That he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.—Matt. 24:13.

6. That the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.—Matt. 25:46.

7. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are the ordinance of Jesus Christ appointed in the church, and none but true believers are proper subjects, and the only proper mode of Baptism is immersion.—Mark 1:4, 9, 10; Luke 23:30; John 13:14.

8. We believe in the Sanctity of the first of the week, or the Lord's day, and that it ought to be observed and spent in the public or private worship of God, and that on it we should abstain from our worldly con-

cern, except in case of necessity or mercy.—Ex. 31:15; Deut. 5:12; Matthew 12:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both of the just and the unjust, but every one in his own order; those who have done evil to the resurrection of damnation, and that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ.—1 Cor. 15:34; John 5:28, 29; Thes. 4:16.

10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general, and to be singly engaged to promote the honor of God. John 13:35; Gal. 6:10.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ by the grace of God tasted death for every man; yet none can partake of His divine benefit only by his repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, infants and idiots excepted.—Acts 20:21; 1 Tim. 2:5, 6; John 3:14-16; 1 Cor. 15:20, 22; Romans 5:15.

12. We believe that Jesus Christ is the door into the church, that baptism is a duty in answer to a good conscience.—John 10:7-11; Peter 3:21.

13. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, and therefore should be one at his table.—1 Cor. 1:1, 11, 28; John 17:11.

A PRESBYTERIAN FOR ORDAINING MINISTERS AND DEACONS

1. The Presbyterian for ordaining an Elder shall consist of two ordained ministers and one ordained Deacon.

2. A Presbyterian for ordaining a Deacon must be composed of two ordained Deacons and one ordained minister.

RULES FOR ORDAINING

1. To present the candidate.
2. To examine the candidate on doctrine and qualifications.
3. Praying and laying on of hands by Presbytery.
4. Presentation of Bible.
5. To deliver him the charge.
6. To extend him the right hand of fellowship.

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist,) being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better associational government.

Art. 1. MEMBERSHIP. This association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches or Q. M. of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and upon producing letters, they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained ministers and deacons of said unions shall be regular members, when present, by virtue of their office.

Art. 2. NAME. The members thus chosen and assembled with the ministers and deacons, to be denominated the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptist, being composed of the several churches of our union, the Association having no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor having any ecclesiastical power over the churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

Art.3. LETTERS. Letters from the different churches representing are to express their number in fellowship, including the names and addresses of ordained and licensed ministers, the number of members received upon profession of faith, by letter or recommendation, be restoration or denominational choice; the number dismissed by letter, excluded, and those having died since last Association. The churches in sending their letters, may send obituaries of any who have died during the year, that we may keep up the memorial of our dead.

Art. 4. OFFICERS. The Association shall have a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual meeting by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 5. NEW CHURCHES. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the Association, which are to petition by letter and delegates, and if upon examination, they are found to be orthodox and orderly they may be received into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 6. QUESTIONS. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first discussed in its own church.

Art. 7. MOTIONS. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art.8. MINUTES. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the number of members in each church, the distribution to be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 9. CLERK. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for that purpose.

Art. 10. SIGNATURES. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the close of the Association.

Art. 11. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to this Constitution may be made when necessary by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Art. 12. ORDINANCES. The pastor of the church shall preach on the ordinances of the church once a year, and one discourse on the support of the ministry.

Art. 13. CHURCH FINANCES. Every church shall call their pastor, state what amount they can raise, and it shall be the duty of the deacons to solicit the amount of funds necessary for all expenses of the church; act as treasurer, keeping account of all business and report all transactions to the church conference and, in case of more than one deacon in the church, the deacons shall select one of their number to act as treasurer, provided the church has no treasurer.

Art. 14. FIFTH-SUNDAY MEETINGS. This Association shall hold three Fifth-Sunday Meetings each year, and the ministers and deacons shall make a written report of their work, and it shall be the duty of each quarterly conference to look after the necessities of the widows and orphans, and the order of the ministry, and the quarterly conference shall make a written report to the Association annually.

Art. 15. TREASURY. Resolved, That each church have a treasurer, and come together and subscribe the amount they are willing to pay into the treasury during the year for the support of the ministry, widows, orphans, and incidental expenses, and that said amount be paid quarterly, and that said funds shall not be paid out except by order of the church.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of delegates.
5. Election of officers.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. Reading Rules of Order (By-Laws.)
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. New Business.
12. Reports of Committees.
13. Miscellaneous Business.

LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at _____
county of _____ this (date) _____

P. O. address _____ Sends greetings to the _____
Annual Session of the brethren and sisters composing the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptists, to let you know of our love and fellowship and our zeal for the cause of Christ.

Pastors salary for the comming year \$ _____ Meeting day is on
the _____ Sundays of each month. We have received by confession _____
By letter _____ Excluded _____ Died _____ Resident members
_____ Non-resident members _____ Total in full fellowship _____

We have in our membership _____ Ministers, names _____
Ordained deacons _____ names _____ We have paid
out for evangelistic work \$ _____ For mission \$ _____ For the support
of the Association \$ _____ Total amount paid out by the church \$ _____

We (have or have not) a F. W. B. Sunday School. We (have or have not)
a F. W. B. League. Value of church property \$ _____ Contribution for minutes \$ _____
For state minutes \$ _____ We have chosen (brothers or sisters _____
as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session, when convened with _____
church. We have chosen Elder _____ for

our pastor for the ensuing year. (Here ask for the next Association or quarterly if wanted). Pray for us. Done in conference this ----- day of ----- 19-----.

----- Moderator
----- Address
----- Clerk
----- Address

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God, in this solemn covenant. We promise by His Grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ", We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship, and the observance of the ordinance of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring and as far as we are able to promote the success of the church and the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sabbath schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world.

LETTER OF DISMISSION

This is to certify that ----- is a member in good standing of the Free Will Baptist Church at ----- and as such we recommend him (or her) to the fellowship of God's people, and is dismissed from us when united with another church.

Done in Church Conference this ----- day of ----- 19-----.

----- Pastor
----- Clerk

RULES FOR HOLDING CHURCH CONFERENCES

1. Call Church into Conference.
2. Invite visiting Brethren to seats in Council.
3. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
4. Report of Treasurer or Finance Committee.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Any sick or in need.

RULES OF ORDER

1. The Association when met shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

3. Any person shall not be interrupted by anyone except the Moderator, until he is through speaking; nor shall the Moderator unless he breaks order.

4. Any person speaking shall adhere to the subject in question and shall not cast any reflections on him who may have spoken before him.

5. No person shall speak more than three times on any one subject without leave of the Association.

6. No person shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.

7. The members shall be addressed by the appellation of brothers or sisters.

8. No members shall absent himself from the Association while in session without leave.

9. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled and called over as the Association deems it necessary.

10. No member shall speak more than fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the Association.

11. Any person who knowingly breaks any of these rules shall be re-proved by the Moderator according to direction of the Association.

