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OFFICERS.

MODERATOR—R. A. JOHNSON.

TREASURER—H. W. JERNIGAN.

SECRETARY—A. W. GREGORY Barclaysville, Harnett County, N. C.

COMMITTEES.

On Obituaries—W. J. Jernigan, B. A. Hodges and N. H. Lucas.

On Ministerial Character—J. P. Canaday, J. J. Roberts, M. F. Blackman, S. D. Jackson and G. W. Neighbors.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

ALLEN FOWLER.....	Averasboro, N. C.
R. A. JOHNSON.....	Ezra, N. C.
S. B. THAIN.....	Glenmore, N. C.
ROBERT STRICKLAND.....	Glenmore, N. C.
JOHN MOORE.....	Beasley Hill, N. C.
J. WILSON LUCAS.....	Tennessee.
J. F. HILL.....	Goldsboro, N. C.
LUNDEE LEE.....	Giles' Mills, N. C.
J. E. SMITH.....	Myatt's Mills, N. C.
R. C. WALLACE.....	Selma, N. C.
J. T. W. EDWARDS.....	Bentonsville, N. C.
J. P. OGBURN.....	Myatt's Mills, N. C.
J. H. GRIFFIS.....	Myatt's Mills, N. C.
W. R. GLOVER.....	Little River Academy, N. C.
KENITH REYNOR.....	Little River Academy, N. C.
J. J. ELLIS.....	Clayton, N. C.
W. R. F. EDWARDS.....	Bentonsville, N. C.
WM. HARRIS.....	Dunn, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

DANIEL FAIRCLOTH.....	Averasboro, N. C.
T. G. HAYES.....	Troyville, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL.

JOHN MOORE, R. A. JOHNSON and J. F. HILL.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

PROSPECT CHURCH, HARNETT COUNTY, N. C.,
Friday, November 8th, 1889

The congregation assembles in the church at 11 o'clock a. m., and Elder R. A. Johnson, who was elected at last Conference to preach the Introductory Sermon, being present, proceeds and preaches the Introductory from Hebrews, last chapter, 1st and a portion of the 9th verse. Prayer by Elder Lundee Lee.

After an intermission of twenty minutes for dinner, the congregation re-assemble, and the names of members present are enrolled as follows:

OFFICERS.

R. A. Johnson, Moderator; H. W. Jernigan, Treasurer;
A. W. Gregory, Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Obituaries—W. J. Jernigan and B. A. Hodges

On Mission Board—Jesse Wilson, B. A. Hodges, J. W. Jernigan and J. D. Stevens.

MINISTERS.

R. A. Johnson, Robert Strickland, Lundee Lee, J. E. Smith, J. P. Ogburn, J. S. Ellis and W. R. F. Edwards.

LICENTIATE.

Daniel Faircloth.

DELEGATES.

Prospect—L. M. Ryals, B. A. Morgan and J. W. Avery.

Hodge's Chapel—J. V. Barefoot, G. W. Neighbors and Hinton Ennis.

Pleasant Grove—J. R. Norris and R. Lucas.

Long Branch—L. H. Lee.

Colyer's Chapel—N. B. Norris, E. W. Parker and J. E. Lucas.

Shady Grove—S. D. Jackson and Jesse Wilson.

Stony Run—W. J. Jernigan, J. D. Pope and H. N. Jernigan.

New Hope—M. F. Blackman and E. B. Hayes.

Johnston Union—Not represented.

St Mary's Grove—W. C. Langdon and J. R. Benson.

Johnson's Chapel—J. H. Stephenson, R. C. Langdon and I.

A. Barber.

Union Springs—A. W. Denning, J. N. Gregory and T. G. Hayes.

Mt. Pleasant—W. H. Coats and Lynn B. Johnston.

New Prospect—By letter.

Wood's Grove—By letter.

Friendship—By letter.

New Chapel—Devereaux Crocker and J. H. Wood.

Bethel—W. R. Langley and R. D. Thomas.

Antioch—Not represented.

Anderson's Creek—Josiah Denning, Blackman Parker and Daniel Ray.

Hopewell—D. C. Johnson, G. W. Alford and Jerry Pope.

A quorum being present, Conference is duly opened for the transaction of business.

The Moderator calls as his assistant, Elder J. E. Smith.

Bro. T. G. Hayes is called as assistant Secretary.

On motion, the Moderator appoints W. H. Coats, D. C. Johnson and E. B. Hayes a Committee on Religious Exercises, who retired to get up a report.

Report is called for from the Committee on Obituaries. No report—the committee continued.

A minority report is received from J. P. Canaday and J. J. Roberts, Committee on Ministerial Character, and, on motion, this committee are continued, and M. F. Blackman is appointed in place of N. H. Lucas, S. D. Jackson in place of Ransom West and G. W. Neighbors in place of J. B. Jernigan. (See Reports).

On motion, the name of Bro. Ray Phillips, a delegated minister from the Western Free-Will Baptist Conference, is enrolled, the right hand of fellowship extended and he welcomed to all the privileges of the body, save that of voting. Bro. Phillips briefly states his mission to the body, which is very harmoniously received, as terms of peace.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: To preach to-morrow at the stand at 11 o'clock, Elder Robert Strickland, followed by Elder J. S. Ellis.

On motion, Conference adjourns to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30. Religious exercises conducted by Elder Lundee Lee.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, November 9th, 1889.

The Conference is duly opened at 9:30. Religious exercise is conducted by Bro. Ray Phillips, who reads the 13th chapter of Romans and leads in prayer.

Roll is called, and fifty-three members present answer to their names; only one absent.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

On motion, the name of Elder John Moore is enrolled. His excuse being good, he is released from paying a fine.

The church letter from Hopewell is read.

On motion, the order of business is suspended and work under the head of resolutions taken up.

The Mission Board retired to get up a report.

On motion, resolution offered by Elder Johnson, requesting ministers to report the work done outside the bounds of the Conference, is received and adopted. (See Resolutions).

On motion, the name of Rev. Wm. Byrd, of the M. E. Church, is enrolled as a visiting minister; he welcomed to all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

A fine of ten cents is collected from Elder Edwards as absentee.

On motion, the Moderator appoints Bros. J. D. Avery, J. W. Alford and W. J. Jernigan a Finance Committee.

Report of the Mission Board is received and adopted. (See Reports).

On motion, the money is applied as the Mission Board recommends, and the board discontinued.

Petitions for the next Conference are received from Shady Grove and Hopewell churches, a vote taken, and it is decided that the next annual Conference be held with the church at Hopewell, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in November, 1890.

Elder Lundee Lee is elected to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Conference, and Elder J. E. Smith elected his alternate. As the rain ceased, the congregation and those assigned to the stand retire for preaching.

On motion by Elder J. E. Smith, the Secretary is to have 500 copies of the proceedings of this Conference printed and distributed, and be allowed ten dollars for his services.

The letter from Long Branch church is received and read.

The Finance Committee retire to get up a report.

On motion, it is decided that we elect a committee to attend the Western Free-Will Baptist Conference, to ascertain upon what terms this and that Conference can be united.

On motion, Bro. H. W. Jernigan and Elder R. A. Johnson are elected a committee to that Conference, and Bro. I. W. Taylor and Elder Lundee Lee are elected alternates.

Bro. Jesse Wilson is excused for the remainder of the session, also Elder Lundee Lee is excused.

After an intermission of thirty minutes for dinner, the members re-assemble, and the Finance Committee report.

There being a deficiency in the Minute funds, a collection is taken up from the different churches amounting to \$5.20, and is paid into the hands of the Treasurer, and, on motion, the report of the Finance Committee is recommitted for correction, and is then received, adopted, and committee discharged. (See Reports).

On motion, the name of Wm. Harris is received and enrolled as a minister of this Conference.

Committee on Religious Exercise retire to get up a report. One of the members of the committee being absent, Bro. J. D. Stone is appointed to fill the vacancy.

Committee on Religious Exercise report: To preach tomorrow at the stand, Bro. Phillips, at 11 o'clock, followed by Elder R. A. Johnson.

On motion, the delegates to the Western Conference are empowered to unite with that Conference should they find them in the same faith and practice as our Conference; otherwise, no union.

Resolution by Elder Johnson, concerning Southern unity, is received and adopted. (See Resolutions).

On the 5th day of December, the Southern Convention meets in Nashville, Tennessee, and, on motion, the Secretary of this Conference is to represent this body in that by letter.

On motion, a vote of thanks is tendered the people of the vicinity of Prospect for their kind hospitality during this session.

On motion, we pay each delegate, as traveling expenses to the Western Conference, the sum of ten dollars.

The Treasurer pays to the Secretary of the money in hand \$27.00, for his services in printing and distributing the Minutes.

On motion, the Secretary is requested to furnish the *Harnett Courier* with a copy of these proceedings for publication, and that the *Smithfield Herald* be requested to copy.

On motion, the Secretary is to send twenty-five copies of these proceedings to the Western Conference.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the day is dispensed with, and the Secretary left to make any correction that he may discover.

On motion, we adjourn to meet at Hopewell Church, on Friday before the second Sunday in November, A. D. 1890.

Closing remarks and prayer by Elder Johnson.

ELDER R. A. JOHNSON,

Moderator.

A. W. GREGORY,

Secretary.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER.

I, J. P. Canaday, a member of the Committee on Ministerial Character, report the following:

Elder J. E. Smith, pastor of Johnson's Chapel Church for the year 1889, has missed two appointments; one time lame mule, the other time not known. I have been informed that Elder Griffis, pastor of St. Mary's Grove Church for 1889, has missed several appointments, though the cause is not known to me. I have not learned of any misconduct of any of the ministers.

J. P. CANADAY,
J. J. ROBERTS,
Committee.

RESOLUTION BY ELDER R. A. JOHNSON.

Resolved, That each minister of the Cape Fear Conference be requested to report to each annual Conference all the work done outside the organized churches of said Conference, and each minister failing to have two or more monthly appointments shall render an excuse for negligence.

REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD.

We, the undersigned Mission Board, submit the following:

We find in the hands of our Treasurer, B. A. Hodges, \$37.31 of last year's funds after returning to Shady Grove Church \$27.40; funds raised this year 85 cents, total \$38.16. We haven't had any work done this year for want of funds. We offer our resignation, and ask that the Board be discontinued. We recommend that the money on hand be expended on the building of the church at Dunn.

H. W. JERNIGAN,
JESSE WILSON,
J. D. STEVENS,
B. A. HODGES,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We find in the hands of the Treasurer—

Minute funds of this year-----	\$ 22 95
Surplus Minute funds paid back by the Secretary-----	75
Funds of last year in hand-----	12 25
Fines of this year-----	10
Collection of this year-----	5 20
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Total-----	\$ 41 25

W. J. JERNIGAN,
J. W. AVERY,
J. W. ALFORD,
Committee.

RESOLUTION BY ELDER JOHNSON.

Resolved, That the Cape Fear (white) Free-Will Baptist Conference adopts Southern Unity, and represent her interest in the Convention that will meet in the Free-Will Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee, either by letter or by delegation.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—1889.

- 1st. Introductory Sermon.
 - 2d. Enrollment of those entitled to membership.
 - 3d. Organization.
 - 4th. Appointment of Committees.
 - 5th. Reports from Committees.
 - 6th. Enrollment of newly ordained Ministers.
 - 7th. Enrollment of Licentiates.
 - 8th. Call for Petitionary Letters.
 - 9th. Hand of Fellowship to visiting brethren.
 - 10th. Report from Churches.
 - 11th. Resolutions.
 - 12th. Miscellaneous business.
 - 13th. Adjournment.
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known as the Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference.

ART. 2. The object of this Conference shall be to promote Christ's kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

ART. 3. This Conference shall be composed of its own officers, of the ministers who are members of the churches belonging to the body, of delegates from the churches, each church being entitled to three delegates, and one representative from each Board and Standing Committee.

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

ART. 5. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, who shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

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

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

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

ART. 9. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session by a vote of four-fifths of the members present.

