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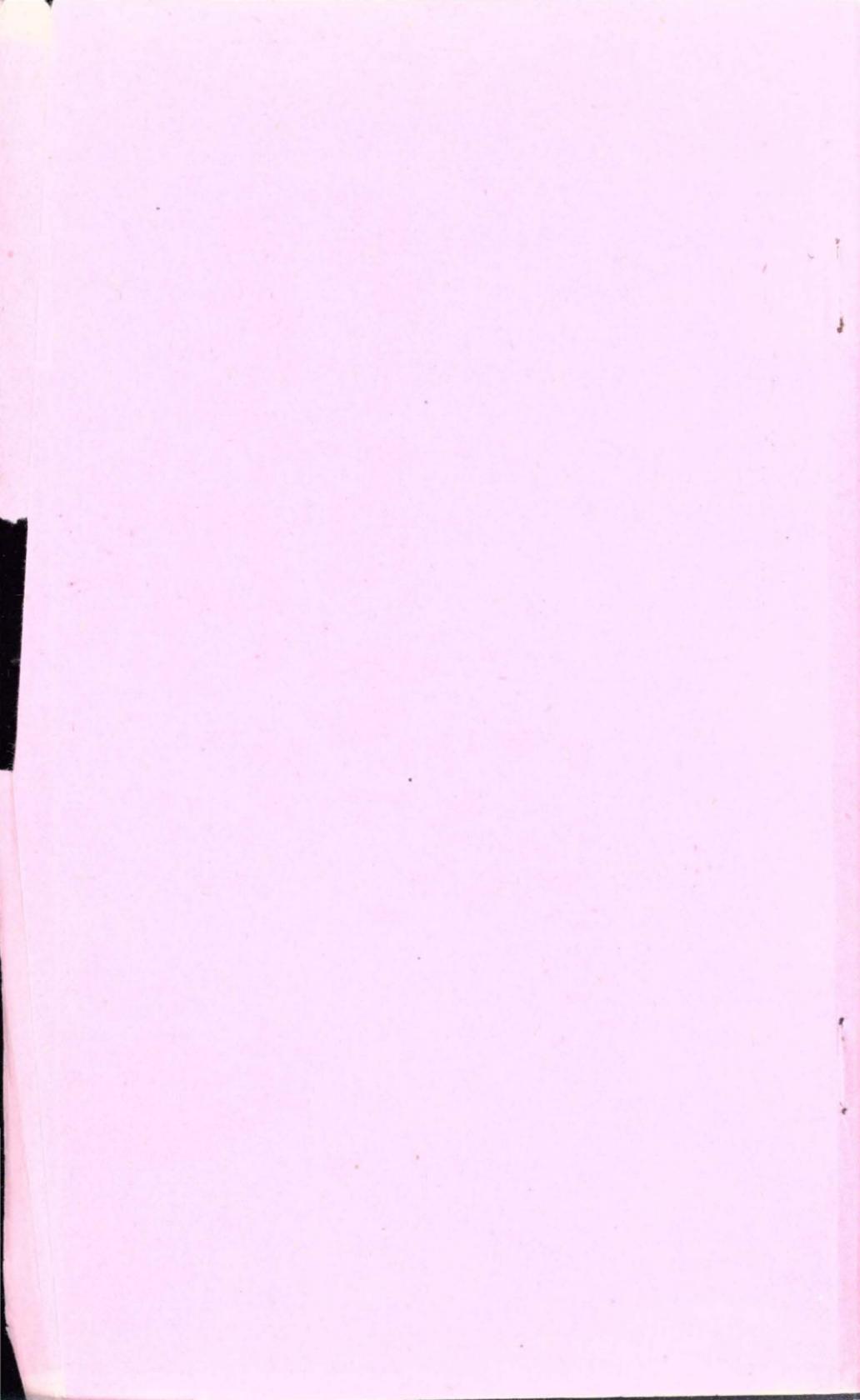
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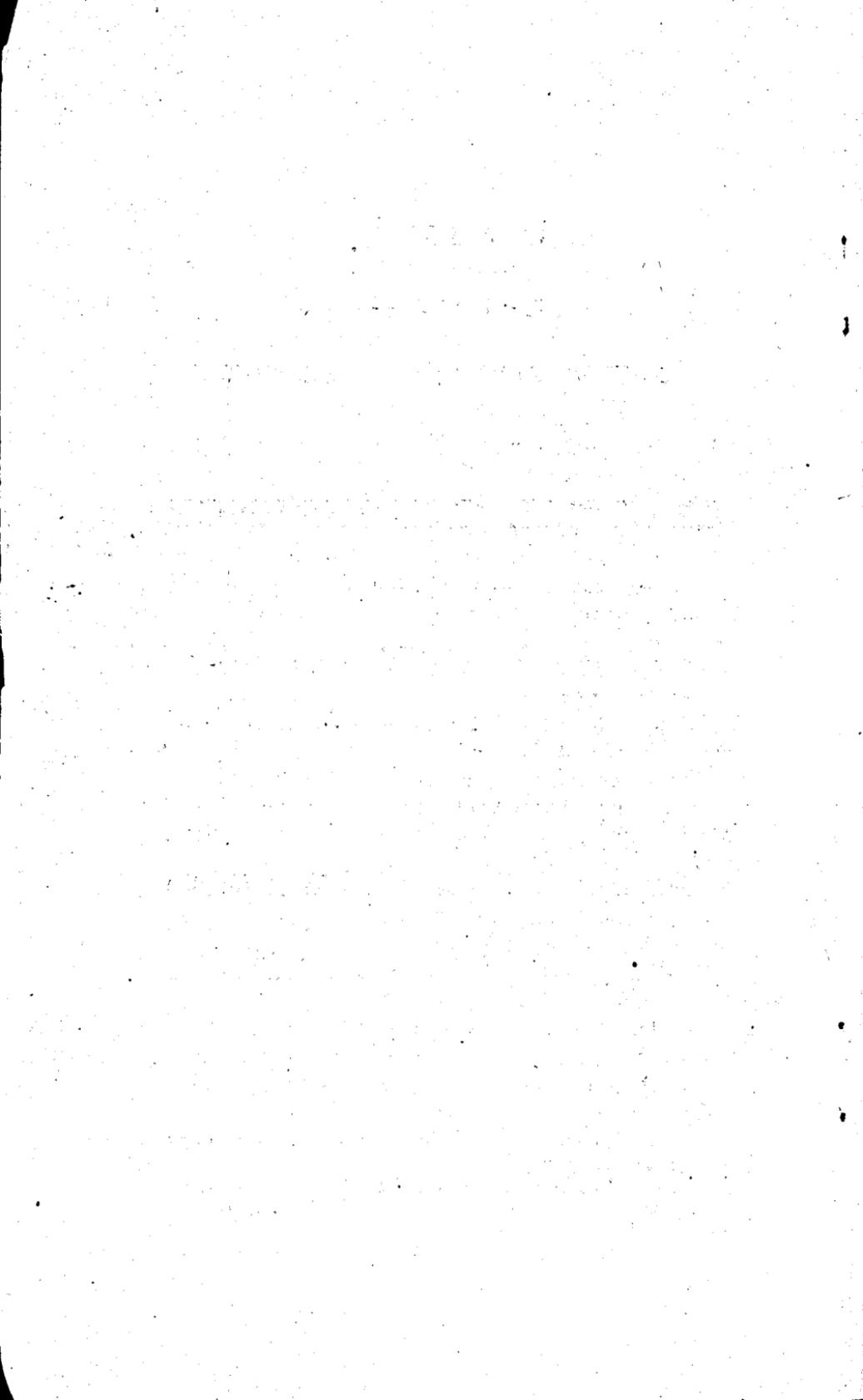
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PROCEEDINGS

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CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

According to appointment, the ministers and delegates composing the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, convened with the church at Grimsley, Greene county, N. C., November 10th, 11th and 12th, 1909.

Eld. T. H. Barnhill, who was appointed by last Conference to preach the introductory, was present. Text: Rev. 5th chapter and 1st and 2nd verses. "And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne, a book written within and on the back side, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice: Who is worthy to open this book and loose the seals thereof."

After one hour recess the conference was called to order by Eld. T. H. Barnhill.

The conference was organized by electing Eld. T. H. Barnhill, Moderator, and Eld. J. T. Butler, Assistant Moderator, J. M. Barfield Clerk and A. E. Denton, Reading Clerk.

The moderator appointed the following committees
On devotional exercises—Eld. W. C. Vause, L. S. Hardy and R. M. Harper.

On Finance—Eld. J. T. Bundy, A. D. McKeel and J. H. Whitley.

Bro. Jno. Phillips to attend the stand and record the several texts as preached from during this session.

The delegates and ministers were called for and their names entered on the minutes.

From the Eastern Conference—Eld. H. Cunningham and E. H. Forrest.

From the Western Conference—Eld. P. T. Lucas, L. T. Phillips, E. T. Phillips and Bro. J. W. Mozingo.

Cape Fear Conference—Eld. D. R. Stafford and Eld. C. A. Jackson.

On motion, there be no committees appointed on Education, Missions, Sunday School and Temperance, but record the resolutions that are in last year's minute, and let them appear in this one, and this conference requests all the ministers, and urge that these resolutions be carried out.

On motion, the list of ministers be called and their Christian conduct be inquired into.

On motion, Eld. T. N. Manning write a biographical sketch of the life of Eld. G. S. Johnson, who has departed this life since last conference and has gone to his reward.

On motion, this conference receive Eld. G. C. Vause of the Eastern Conference, and his name be enrolled on the list of ministers, as his work is in the bounds of this conference, with his letter of high recommendation.

The devotional committee reports that Eld. C. J. Harris preach tonight, Eld. C. B. Jones open and Dr. St. Claire preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion, the reports from the several churches be called for, read and the statistics noted.

On motion, conference close until tomorrow morning 9: 30 o'clock.

Singing by the congregation.

Prayer by Eld. D. R. Stafford.

Thursday Morning, Nov. 11th, 1909.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Singing by the congregation, and prayer by Eld. J. T. Bundy.

The proceedings were read and stand approved.

On motion, the moderator appoint a committee to examine Eld. J. H. Lumba in regard to his ministerial character and work.

The following were appointed said committee: Elds.

F. McLawhon, E. D. Hathaway and W. H. Lathinghouse.

They make the following report which was adopted: That said Lumba be allowed to continue in his work and if he make reconciliation with the Western Conference, his name be entered on the list of ordained ministers at the next annual meeting of this body.

On motion, the moderator appoint a committee to visit Harrells Chapel and see if reports are true in regard to the unknown tongue and dancing movement.

The moderator appointed Eld. J. T. Bundy and Bro. A. D. McKeel a committee to investigate the report, and report to the next conference.

on motion, the new church at Washington, N. C., be received and entered on the minutes.

On motion, the new church at Evans in Pitt county be received and entered on the minutes.

On motion, the treasurer pay Eld. J. T. Butler \$4.00 to defray his expenses to Boltons Grove.

The devotional committee reports, Eld. W. H. Lathinghouse open and Eld. L. T. Phillips preach at 2:30 p. m., and Eld. C. A. Jackson preach tonight at 7 o'clock.

The moderator appointed Eld. G. C. Vause, C. J. Harris and W. H. Lathinghouse as committee to draft resolutions on missions.

We, your committee have examined Bros. W. F. Waters and R. R. Jones on their ministerial duties and find them both orthodox. They are bright, Christian young men. We recommend them to this honorable body and we believe they will do the cause great good.

Committee.

On motion, the names of W. F. Waters and R. R. Jones be enrolled on the list of ministers.

On motion, we send delegates to the sister conferences.

To the Western—Elds. E. D. Hathaway and W. T. Pollard.

To the Eastern—Elds. J. T. Butler and C. B. Jones.

To the South Carolina—Elds. G. C. Vause.

To the Cape Fear—Elds. T. H. Barnhill and C. J. Harris.

Elds. J. M. Barfield to the Ohio River Association.

On motion, we have 1500 minutes printed, the clerk prepare the manuscript, have them printed and distribute them as follows: To Western Conference 50, to the Eastern Conference 50, to the South Carolina 25, to Cape Fear 25; the remainder to be divided with the churches of this conference, and that he be allowed to draw on the treasurer to pay for the printing and postage, and that he be allowed \$12.00 for his services.

On motion, conference close until tomorrow morning 9:30.

Singing by the congregation.

Prayer by Eld. W. H. Lathinghouse.

Friday Morning Nov. 12th 1909.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Singing by the congregation, and prayer by Eld. W. T. Pollard.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and stand approved.

Committee on Finance were ordered to retire and settle with the treasurer and he make his report.

On motion, the moderator appoint a committee to investigate the charges against Eld. Sugg, concerning the unknown tongue movement.

The moderator appointed Eld. T. N. Manning, J. T. Butler and E. D. Hathaway.

Committee reports as follows:

This Conference give Eld. J. A. Sugg a letter to the Cape Fear Conference.

On motion, the treasurer make his report which was as follows.

Received at this conference, Minute fund,	\$44.10
Educational fund,	85.87
Mission fund,	8.50

Incidental fund, 8.75

Total, 147.22

W. F. HART, Treas.

Report of the honorary ministers fund:

Received at this conference, \$54.14
Paid out same, 54.14

ELD. FRED McLAWHON, Treas.

Resolution on Missions was called for, read, received and adopted.

On motion, there be three ministers and two laymen on the Mission Board.

The following were appointed: Eld. T. H. Barnhill, Eld. G. C. Vause, Eld. J. T. Bundy, J. T. Bundy Jr., and G. W. Prescott. G. W. Prescott, Treas.

On motion, the petitions for the next conference be taken up and voted on, which resulted in the next conference to convene with the church at Reedy Branch, Pitt county, N. C., commencing on Wednesday before the 2nd Sunday in Nov. 1910

On motion, Eld. R. I. Corbett preach the introductory, and Eld. C. J. Harris be his alternate.

On motion, this conference return thanks to this vicinity for the kindness shown us while here in their midst.

On motion, we extend our thanks to the officers of this body for their kind deliberations and wise rulings during the setting of this conference.

On motion, conference close to meet with Reedy Branch church, Wednesday before the 2nd Sunday in Nov. 1910.

Eld. G. C. Vause closed conference.

ELD. T. H. BARNHILL, Moderator,

ELD. J. T. BUTLER, Ass't Mod.

J. M. BARFIELD, Clerk,

A. E. DENTON, Reading Clerk.

LETTER FROM OHIO RIVER YEARLY MEETING.

Sciotoville, Ohio, August 15, 1909.

The Ohio River Yearly Meeting sends Christian salutation to the Central N. C. Conference, praying the Great Head of the Church to preside over all your deliberations and enable you to transact all your business, to his declarative glory and for the rapid advancement of his cause, throughout the world. We have been greatly blessed within the past year, most of our churches have enjoyed revivals, resulting in several hundred additions to the churches, one new meeting house, the Prattsville, has been completed and dedicated, one new church, the Minerton, organized and another new meeting house, the King's Valley, nearly ready for dedication. We are glad to correspond with you, because many of our ancestors came from North Carolina, six of our young ministers were educated by correspondence, in the Free Will Baptist Theological Seminary and made much more efficient than they otherwise would have been, and because we have the same common faith. We have appointed our clerk, corresponding messenger to your conference of whom further information may be obtained. Please appoint one in return, to meet with us at Zaleski, Ohio, the Friday before the 2nd Saturday in August, 1910, at 2 p. m., and continue over the Sabbath.

THOS. E. PEDEN, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

We, your committee, recommend that this conference,

1. Appoint a Home Mission Board consisting of three preachers and two laymen.

2. This Board shall have control of the home mission work and funds.

3. This Board shall have the right to expend said funds within the bounds of Central Conference only.

4. This Board shall have the right to employ any competent minister of our faith and order, and send him to those places only where there is probability of establishing F. W. B. churches, or assisting destitute churches

5. It shall be the duty of every pastor to preach on missions as often as he may deem it necessary.

6. It shall be the duty of each pastor to take quarterly collections for home missions and send the same to home mission treasurer; and we also urge our sisters to assist in supplying means by organizing mission societies.

7. Any pastor failing to comply with said resolutions without just cause, shall lay himself liable to the censure of the conference.

8. Any church having a pastor out of this conference district shall see to it, that these collections are duly taken.

G. C. VAUSE,	} Com.
C. J. HARRIS,	
W. H. LAUGHINGHOUSE.	

TEMPERANCE—Seeing the marvelous victory already won on the temperance question in North Carolina, and realizing that there is yet much to be done:

Resolved 1. That we put forth a united effort to drive the conquered foe from the field by electing men to office who are thorough temperance men, and who we believe will see the law enforced.

2. That we as citizens rally to the aid of the executive officers of our State, and give them all possible aid and encouragement in enforcing all temperance laws.

3. That we ask the Congress of the United States to prohibit the shipment of intoxicating liquors from wet territory into dry territory, and we do all in our power every way to prohibit such importations.

4. That we as a Christian denomination render all possible aid to North Carolina Anti-Saloon League in its great work for the relief of our people from the mountains to the seashore, and that we forever favor total abstinence at the one paramount idea.

By the Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We your committee on S. S., beg to submit the following:

1. That we as an organized body urge the Sunday School work.

2. That we use our means to support and cultivate our S. S. chairs.

3. That we use our own literature printed at Ayden, N. C.

By the Committee.

MISSION—We your committee on missions beg leave to make the following report: Seeing the great need of missions we recommend that each church take up a collection at each quarterly meeting for that purpose.

By the Committee.

EDUCATION—We the committee on education beg leave to submit the following report:

1. That each preacher put these resolutions before his church.

2. That every member belonging to this conference be requested to pay ten cents per year for this purpose.

3. That every preacher should pay fifty cents per year for the like purpose.

4. That these resolutions shall go into effect immediately, and that every pastor shall appoint a collector in each church and said collectors shall pay into next conference the amounts so collected. All of which we respectfully submit to your honorable body.

J. T. BUTLER,	} Com.
W. J. BRAXTON,	
J. R. McCASKEY,	

Services at the Stage.

Thursday morning at 11 o'clock a. m. Dr. StClaire preached. Text—Acts 2nd chapter. 42nd verse: "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers."

Thursday evening, 2:30 p. m., Eld. L. T. Phillips preached. Text—2nd Tim., 4th chapter and 6th and 7th verses: "For I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand; I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Friday morning, 11 o'clock a. m., Eld. J. T. Butler preached. Text—2nd Tim. 4th chapter and 18th verse. "And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom to whom be glory forever and ever." Amen.

JOHNNIE W. PHILLIPS.

BIOGRAPHY OF ELD. GODFREY S. JOHNSON.

He was born May the 1st, 1840, died Dec. 2nd, 1908; making his stay on earth 68 years, 7 months and 2 days. He united with the church at Gum Swamp when he was but 18 years old. He was ordained as a minister of the Gospel, in the year 1882. Being a cripple he did not apply himself to the ministry to any great extent but what preaching he did was orthodox in keeping with the doctrine of his church. The most admiring thing about his preaching was when he preached a sermon he lived it. He did not tell others how to live and not live it himself, but lived an exemplifying life, strictly pious and Christ like.

He loved the church where his membership was, ever ready to do what he could to promote the cause of Christ.

In the year of 1866, Feb. the 7th, he was married to Elizabeth House. To this union there were given 11 children. The surviving part of them are imitating the life of their godly father, who was a loving husband, a good provider and a fervent laborer in the vineyard of the Lord; but his labors are ended, and he has been called up higher to mingle with the Saints of light who lived consecrated lives, to spend eternity with Christ and the redeemed who will chant the praise of him who gives life and immortality through the regeneration of the soul; having been killed to the love of sin and made alive to the love of Christ and holiness. Bro. G. S. Johnson's mortal body has been laid in the dust to await the resurrection morn, when saints will come forth and say, O death, where is thy sting, O grave, where is thy victory; the sting of death is sin, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ our Lord.

T. N. MANNING.

TIMES OF HOLDING ANNUAL MEETINGS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	TIME.
Grimsley,	Greene,	2nd Sunday in Oct
Free Union,	"	1st " " Oct
Little Creek,	"	1st " " Oct
Saints' Delight'	"	2nd " " Sept
Friendship,	"	3rd " " Oct
Hull Road,	"	3rd " " Oct
Howell Swamp,	"	2nd " " Oct
Harrell's Chapel,	"	4th " " Oct
Spring Branch,	"	1st " " Oct
Gum Swamp,	Pitt,	4th " " Sept
Black Jack,	"	3rd " " Sept
Parker's Chapel,	"	2nd " " Sept
Reedy Branch,	"	1st " " Nov
Elm Grove,	"	2nd " " Nov
Piney Grove,	"	2nd " " Sept
Cross Roads,	"	3rd " " Aug
Hickory Grove,	"	3rd " " Sept
May's Chapel,	"	1st " " Oct
Marlboro,	"	4th " " Oct
Pleasant Hill,	"	4th " " Sept
Rose Hill,	"	4th " " Oct
Bethany,	"	3rd " " Oct
Spring Branch,	"	2nd " " Aug
Ayden,	"	4th " " Oct
Greenville,	"	3rd " " Aug
Winterville,	"	2nd " " Oct
Sweet Gum Grove,	"	1st " " Sept
Evans Chapel,	"	" " " "
Watery Branch,	Wayne,	2nd " " Oct
Walnut Creek,	"	2nd " " Sept
Antioch,	"	1st " " Sept
Saratoga,	Wilson,	3rd " " Sept
Aspin Grove,	"	2nd " " Sept
White Oak Grove,	Lenoir,	1st " " Oct
Hugo,	"	1st " " Oct
Shiloh,	Beaufort,	3rd " " Oct
Bear Creek,	"	1st " " Sept
Free Union,	"	2nd " " Sept
Piney Grove,	"	4th " " Sept

Times of Holding Annual Meetings—Continued.

Washington,	Washin'tn,				
Mount Olive,	Beaufort,	3rd	"	"	Sept
Corinth,	Martin,	4th	"	"	Sept
Roanoke Grove,	"	1st	"	"	Oct
Christian Hope,	"	1st	"	"	Nov
Iron Spring,	"	1st	"	"	Oct
Rose of Sharon,	"	2nd	"	"	Oct
Cedar Grove,	"	1st	"	"	Oct
Gum Neck,	Tyrrell,	3rd	"	"	Oct
Malachi's Chapel,	"	4th	"	"	Aug
Sound Side,	"	1st	"	"	Oct
Free Union,	"	2nd	"	"	Oct
Hickory Chapel,	Hertford,	2nd	"	"	Aug
Bolton's Grove,	N. Hamp'n,	4th	"	"	Sept
Piney Grove,	"	4th	"	"	Oct
Union Chapel,	Washin'tn,	2nd	"	"	Oct
Piney Grove,	"	4th	"	"	Sept
Mount Olive,	"	3rd	"	"	Sept
Mount Tabor,	"	2nd	"	"	Sept
East Lake,	Dare,				
Rice's Mill,	Bertie,				
Otter's Creek,	Edgecombe	4th	"	"	Oct
Johnson's Grove,	S. Hampt'n	1st	"	"	Sept

Churches With Their Clerks and P. O. Address.

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POST OFFICES.
Grimsley.....	Johnnie W. Phillips....	Farmville.....N. C.
Free Union.....	A. G. Walston.....	Snow Hill..... "
Little Creek.....	Blaney Sumrell.....	Ayden..... "
Sts. Delight....	Wm. Wells.....	Snow Hill, 2. "
Friendship.....	Ivy Tyson.....	Farmville..... "
Hull Road.....	B. T. Mooring.....	Arba..... "
HowelSwamp.....	M. L. Walston.....	Saratoga..... "
Harrells Chp'l.....	G. T. Tyndall.....	Snow Hill..... "
Spring Branch.....	S. H. Craft.....	Fountain..... "
Gum Swamp.....	W. W. Bullock.....	Greenville..... "
Parker's Ch'pl.....	J. F. Harris.....	Greenville..... "
Hickory Grove.....	J. W. Martin.....	Bethel..... "
Reedy Branch.....	R. L. Little.....	Winterville.... "
Elm Grove.....	W. L. McLawhon.....	Hanrahan..... "

Piney Grove...	W. A. Nobles	Greenville	N. C.
Cross Roads...	J. Tugwell	Fountain	"
May's Chapel	J. L. Smith	Greenville	"
Marlboro	R. L. Joyner	Farmville	"
Pleasant Hill	R. A. Gaskins	Shelmerdine	"
Black Jack	J. A. Clark	Black Jack	"
Rose Hill	F. A. Haddock	Winterville	"
Bethany	H. B. Smith	Greenville	"
Spring Branch	George Harris	Ayden	"
Ayden	G. W. Prescott	Ayden	"
Greenville	B. E. Moye	Greenville	"
Winterville	Heber McLawhon	Winterville	"
Sweet Gum Gr	D. N. Nobles	Bethel	"
Watery Branch	J. E. Bailey	Eureka	"
Walnut Creek	J. Rollins	LaGrange	"
Antioch	J. S. Sasser	Goldsboro	"
Saratoga	J. M. Stricklin	Saratoga	"
Aspin Grove	L. D. Eason	Saratoga	"
Hugo	M. D. Harris	Hugo	"
Ground Nut	I. W. Braxton	Institute	"
White Oak G've	Seth Dawson	LaGrange	"
Shiloh	George V. Boyd	Hunters Bridge	"
Bear Creek	O. J. Dixon	Shelmerdine	"
Free Union	James Webster	Beckwith	"
Piney Grove	T. A. Jolly	Pactolus	"
Corinth	W. W. Waters	Jamesville, 2	"
Roanoke Gr've	M. S. Fagan	Darden	"
Rose of Sharon	D. B. Whichard	Robersonville	"
Cedar Grove	G. S. Moore	Williamston	"
Gum Neck	A. E. Jones	Gum Neck	"
Malachi's Ch'l	H. S. Swain	Jerry	"
Free Union	James Webster	Pinetown	"
Sound Side	J. S. Brickhouse	Newberry	"
Hickory Chp'l	W. J. Summer	Ahoskie	"
Piney Grove	J. L. Britt	Murfreesboro	"
Union Chapel	L. T. Weed	Plymouth	"
Piney Grove	J. H. Jolly	Washington	"
Mt. Olive	S. J. D. Ange	Jamesville	"
Mount Tabor	Alex Davenport	Creswell, 2	"
Otter's Creek	J. Eason	Saratoga	"
Johnson's G've	J. R. Cook	Branchville	Va.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

1.	T. N. Manning.....	Winterville.....	N. C.
2.	J. M. Barfield.....	Ayden.....	"
3.	F. McLawhon.....	Greenville 2.....	"
4.	J. Rollins.....	LaGrange.....	"
5.	A. A. Tyson.....	Rocky Mount.....	"
6.	W. H. Lathinghouse.....	Grimesland No. 2.....	"
7.	M. W. Ange.....	Jamesville.....	"
8.	T. H. Barnhill.....	Grindool.....	"
9.	W. C. Vause.....	Hookerton.....	"
10.	J. R. McCaskey.....	Ayden.....	"
11.	C. L. Little.....	Winterville.....	"
12.	A. Tyson.....	Farmville.....	"
13.	E. D. Hathaway.....	Conetoe.....	"
14.	W. T. Pollard.....	Stokes.....	"
15.	B. H. Hearne.....	Greenville.....	"
16.	J. T. Butler.....	Aulander.....	"
17.	D. M. Ratcliff.....	Yeatesville.....	"
18.	E. L. Sowers.....	Columbia.....	"
19.	R. I. Corbett.....	Timmons ville.....	S. C.
20.	C. B. Jones.....	Pactolus.....	N. C.
21.	J. D. Boyd.....	Pinetown.....	"
22.	J. T. Bundy.....	Fountain.....	"
23.	M. A. Woodard.....	Ayden.....	"
24.	D. A. Windham.....	Saratoga.....	"
25.	R. E. Edmunson.....	Snow Hill.....	"
26.	S. F. Lassiter.....	Butler.....	Va.
27.	C. J. Harris.....	Greenville No. 4.....	N. C.
28.	C. O. Armstrong.....	Ayden.....	"
29.	A. Tyndall.....	Snow Hill.....	"
30.	E. R. Ricks.....	Butler.....	"
31.	E. B. Hart.....	Snow Hill.....	"
32.	Jesse Haddock.....	Shelmerdine.....	"
33.	G. C. Vause.....	Ayden.....	"
34.	W. F. Waters.....	Ayden.....	"
35.	R. R. Jones.....	Ayden.....	"

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Enrollment of those entitled to membership.
3. Organization.
4. Appointment of committees.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Hand of fellowship to visiting brethren.
7. Reports from the several churches.
8. Reports from committees.
9. Resolutions.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Vote of thanks.
12. Adjournment.

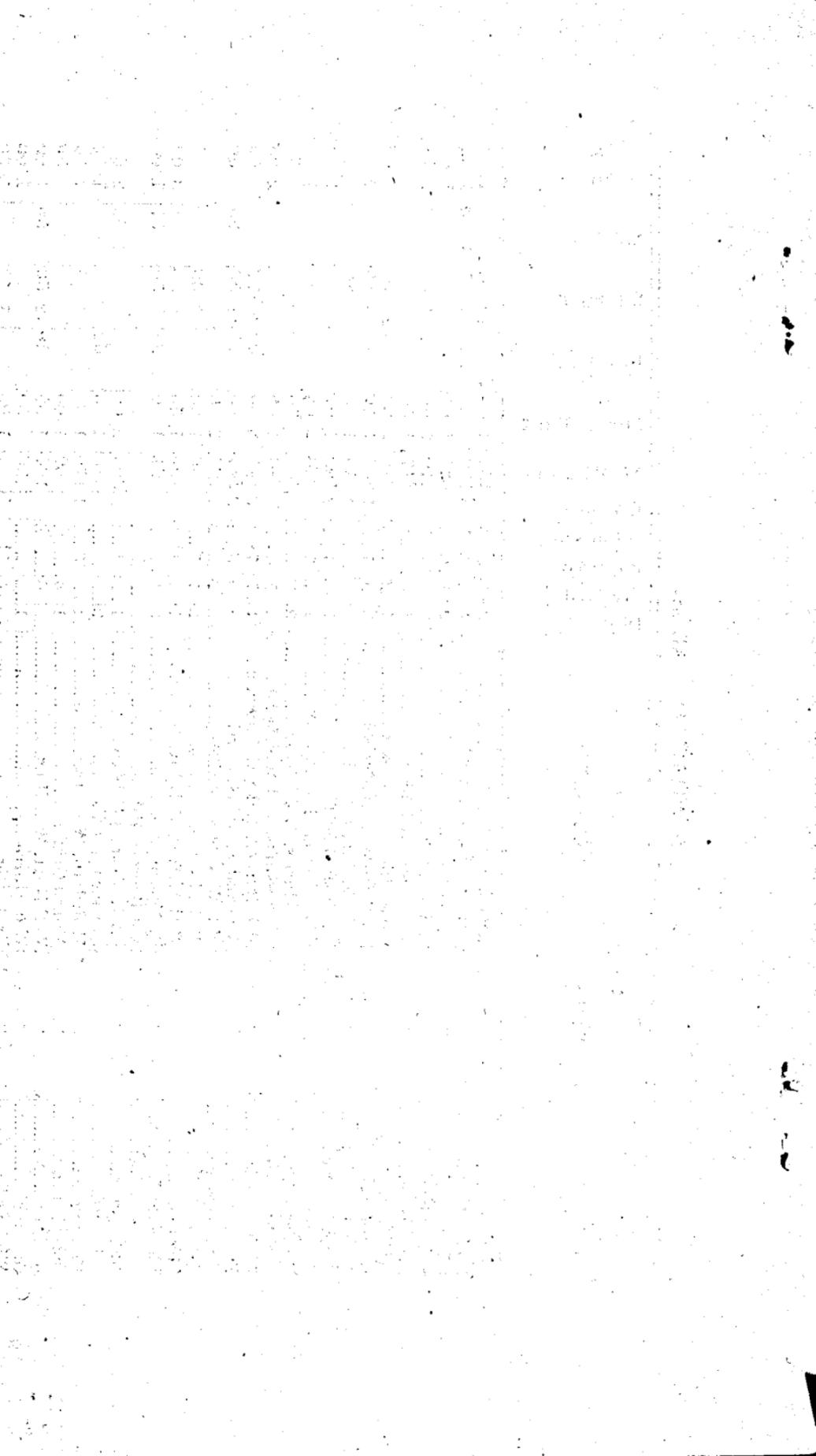
CLERK'S REMARKS.

Another conference has come and gone. While we are not making the strides we would wish to, we have much to thank God for. A spirit of union and love has been manifest to a great degree. A spirit of progress is taking hold upon our people more than ever before. Our people are awaking to the cause of education and the great mission work, the life of the church and its only hope of advancement.

Education and the mission work are twin sisters and our ministers and laymen as well, should cry aloud for these two principles and spare not. Let it be fixed in the minds and hearts of our people that our Seminary at Ayden shall be sustained.

It is ours and we must nourish it. We implore our people to send up a good sum for education from every church. We can not afford to send men into the field unprepared. God bless our conference.

J. M. BARFIELD, Clerk.



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