

MINUTES

—of the—

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL SESSION

—of the—

Central Conference

—of the—

ORIGINAL

Free Will Baptist

—Convened with the Church at—

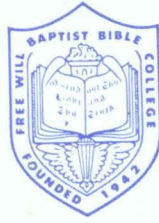
AYDEN, PITT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

November 4th, 5th, 6th, 1914.

Ayden, N. C.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

MRS. HUBERT HART

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred and Sixty-Sixth Annual Session of the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina convened with the church at Ayden, N. C., November 4th, 5th, 6th, 1914.

In the absence of the appointee and his alternate to preach the introductory, Eld. L. L. Smith preached from I. John 5:3.—"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

After the introductory sermon conference was organized as follows: L. L. Smith, Moderator; J. R. McCaskey, Assistant Moderator; G. W. Prescott, Recording Clerk; H. S. Swain, Reading Clerk.

Committees

Devotional—R. F. Pittman, G. W. Dail and G. W. Prescott.

Finance—Geo. V. Boyd, O. T. Taylor, W. L. Clark.

Education—J. P. Mewborn, J. C. Moye, J. T. Butler.

Temperance—D. W. Alexander, Eli Craft, B. F. Singleton.

Sunday School—W. F. Hart, R. R. Bailey and W. J. Braxton.

Text Recorder—Mrs. Lucy Eure.

On motion the delegates and visiting brethren from the other conferences were invited to a seat in this conference. Eastern Conference: H. Cunningham, W. R. Sawyer, J. E. Sawyer, M. C. Prescott, Luke Worthington; Western Conference: J. C. Griffin, Larry Lucas, R. F. Pittman, L. B. Grice.

After an intermission conference met at 2:15 P. M. Prayer by J. C. Griffin. The list of ministers was called.

C. J. Harris was appointed to write a biographical sketch of the life of Eld. A. A. Tyson, deceased, Geo. V. Boyd of Eld. M. W. Ange deceased; Levi Hill of Eld. W. C. Vause deceased; and T. H. Barnhill of Eld. B. H. Hearne deceased.

On motion a committee consisting of J. T. Butler,

T. H. Barnhill and J. R. McCaskey was appointed to investigate the condition of S. F. Lassiter.

On motion L. L. Smith was appointed to meet with Rose Hill church, Pitt county, to investigate the claims of R. F. Haddock as to his ministry.

On motion this conference adopt the following resolution: That we deplore the unsettled conditions in Europe and pledge our prayers and efforts to bring about peace and toward maintaining peace and harmony in America.

On motion the following resolution was adopted: That Section VI, Article 2 of our book of discipline be changed to read as follows: After which if either of those persons (that is the licentiate or exhorter) is found useful the church shall recommend him to an ordaining council consisting of five men set apart by the conference for this special work. The candidate shall appear before this council some time during the regular session of the conference and if after a careful examination as to his orthodoxy and other qualifications he is found qualified, the council shall recommend his ordination which shall be attended to by prayer and fasting and the laying on of hands by the presbytery appointed by the Moderator.

Devotional Committee's Report—Address of welcome by Daniel Lane of the M. E. Church and response by J. P. Mewborn tonight at 7:30 P. M. Sermon at 8:00 P. M. by Luther B. Grice. Thursday at 11:00 A. M. sermon by C. J. Harris.

On motion conference adjourn till Thursday 9:00 A. M.

Thursday Morning

Conference met at 9:00 A. M. A thirty minute prayer service was conducted by Eld. H. Cunningham.

On motion we allow no sitting on the conference grounds. On motion the list of churches was called. (See Statistical Table.)

On motion L. L. Smith and J. C. Move were appointed on the examining board pro tem. in the absence of J. M. Barfield and W. F. Walters.

On motion Washington church, Beaufort county, be dropped from the list of churches.

Devotional Committee reports Eld. T. H. Barnhill preach in the Seminary auditorium at 3:00 P. M.

Thursday Afternoon

On motion a committee be appointed to draft resolutions regarding annual reports by the ministers of this conference. Committee: R. F. Pittman, J. R. McCaskey, and C. D. Smith.

The committee submitted a report which was adopted. (See resolutions and reports.)

The ministerial examining board submitted the following report which was adopted: "We have examined Bros. J. O. Suggs and H. D. Manning and find they are not orthodox and therefore request the churches which have granted them license and credentials to recall them and only give them the privilege of exercising their gifts in prayer meetings. T. H. Barnhill, J. R. McCaskey, C. J. Harris, J. C. Moye, L. L. Smith—Ministerial Examining Board.

The committee on Sunday Schools submitted a report which was adopted. (See Committee Reports.)

The Devotional Committee reports Prof. J. E. Sawyer preach tonight at Ayden and Eld. L. B. Grice at Winterville.

On motion conference adjourn till 9:00 A. M. Friday. Benediction by Prof. Sawyer.

Friday Morning

Conference met at 9:00 A. M. A short prayer service was conducted by Bro. W. R. Sawyer.

The minutes of Wednesday and Thursday were read and approved.

On motion we endorse the movement to revise the church discipline and appoint L. L. Smith and W. J. Braxton to meet with committees of the other conferences for this purpose.

Devotional Committee reports Eld. J. T. Butler preach at 11:00 A. M., and Eld. C. J. Harris preach at 7:30 P. M.

The Educational Committee submitted a report which was adopted. (See resolutions and reports.)

On motion the Finance Committee settle with the

Treasurer and he make a report. (See treasurer's report.)

On motion we elect A. T. Dawson, W. F. Hart, Exum Dail, W. J. Braxton and G. W. Prescott trustees of the Seminary for the Central Conference.

On motion a committee be appointed to arrange a program for the next session of conference. Committee: J. R. McCaskey, D. A. Windham and G. W. Prescott.

A letter from Prof. A. R. Flowers regarding the State Sabbath School Work was read and endorsed by this conference.

The committee on temperance submitted a report which was adopted. (See committee reports.)

Petitions for the next conference were taken up and on motion the next session be held with the church at Free Union, Greene county.

On motion the clerk have as many minutes printed and distributed as funds will justify, and that he be allowed \$12.00 for his services.

On motion we pay Eld J. T. Butler, \$4.50 expenses to the Western Conference.

Delegates appointed to the conferences: Eastern—W. H. Laughinghouse; Western—L. L. Smith; Cape Fear—R. E. Edmonson.

The Treasurer of the Honorary Ministers' Fund reported. (See Treasurer's report.)

On motion the Honorary Ministers be exempt from making annual reports of their work to this conference.

On motion a vote of thanks be extended to Ayden and community for the very cordial entertainment during this conference and to the Moderator for the wisdom displayed as the Executive officer of the body.

A resolution was offered, providing for the annual meetings of the churches in the same month. On motion the resolution was referred to the revision committee.

On motion conference adjourn till next time in course.

L. L. SMITH, Moderator.
G. W. PRESCOTT, Clerk.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Educational Report

We, your committee, glory in the progress we are making as a church along the line of education, and yet, we see there is a chance to improve our present standard. Therefore, Be it Resolved,

1st. That our young men be encouraged to equip themselves for the ministry in our Seminary.

2nd. That every minister in this conference should take two collections each year for education.

3rd. That every minister should make a strong appeal to his churches in behalf of our school, urging each one to send in, at once, the remaining part of the pledge for building fund, to Exum Dail, Treasurer, Ayden, N. C., and he receipt for the same through the paper. Committee: J. T. Butler, J. C. Moye, J. P. Mewborn.

Sunday School Report

We, your committee on Sunday School work, beg to submit the following: Seeing the great need of this work in all our churches and realizing the good that has been accomplished, we most heartily urge that all our ministers see that a Sunday School is organized in each of their churches, that all the members of this conference take more interest in the work and that we use our own literature published at Ayden, N. C. Committee.

Temperance Report

We, your committee on temperance offer the following report:

1st. We insist that total abstinence from alcoholic drinks as beverage be required of all members and that all who indulge in this manner be censured by their church.

2nd. That we as a church forever stand for prohibition, that we help to enforce the law by aiding in the arrest and conviction of those who are guilty of violating prohibitory laws when milder means cease to avail.

3rd. That we approve the measure to stop the importation of liquor into dry territory and that we use our influence upon the United States Congress to bring about national prohibition.

4th. That we look upon people who claim that prohibition is a failure as enemies to the righteous cause of temperance either through ignorance or for an evil purpose.

5th. That we ask Christian people everywhere to organize a "Law and Order League" for the suppression of evil in every form.

6th. That we ask our preachers to use their influence against everything that is not wholesome and clean and that they preach at least one temperance sermon to each of their churches each year. Committee.

Treasurer's Report

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| Received for minute funds at this conference | \$54.46 |
| Minute fund over drawn last year | 21 |

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| On hand | \$54.25 |
| Incidental expenses from last conference | \$ 4.00 |
| Received at this conference | 16.00 |

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| On hand | \$20.00 |
| Received at this conference for education | \$ 83.55 |
| Received at this conference for building fund | 675.28 |

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| Total | \$758.83 |
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W. J. BRAXTON, Treasurer.

Honorary Treasurer's Report

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| On hand | \$ 1.06 |
| Received at this conference | 84.35 |

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| Total | \$85.41 |
| Paid J. M. Barfield | \$28.47 |
| Paid E. D. Hathaway | 28.47 |
| Paid J. Rollins | 28.47 |
| Total paid out | \$85.41 |

JOSEPH TUGWELL, Treasurer.

Annual Report of Ministers

Be it Resolved, First, That this conference require each of its ministers to submit to each annual session a written report of all his work during the year. Second, That this conference supply each minister with blank re-

ports. Third, That any preacher failing to make said report shall be required to give a reasonable excuse for his neglect to do so. Fourth, That said report shall consist of the following form:

ANNUAL REPORT

From.....191.....to.....191.....

Churches preached for and Where Located

Name.....County.....State.....

Name.....County.....State.....

Name.....County.....State.....

Name.....County.....State.....

Name.....County.....State.....

No. Sermons Preached.....No. Revivals Held.....

No. Received into Church.....No. Baptized.....

Communion Services conducted.....Funerals Conducted.....

No. S. S. Classes Taught.....No. Visits to the Sick.....

Amount raised for Education.....Amount raised for Missions.....

Amount raised for other purposes.....

Amount received for services.....

Amount given to the work.....

Remarks:—

Signed

Post Office

Text Recorder's Report

Wednesday at 7:30 P. M., L. B. Grice, text: Mark 4: 37. Thursday 11:00 A. M., C. J. Harris, text: I. Kings 2:2; 3:00 P. M., T. H. Barnhill, text: Acts 26:16; 7:30 P. M., Prof. J. E. Sawyer, text: Romans 8:2. Friday 11:00 A. M., J. T. Butler, text: Eph. 5:14; 3:00 P. M., D. A. Windham, text: Col. 3:3; 7:30 P. M., C. J. Harris, text: Matt. 26:28. Committee.

Ordained Ministers and Their Addresses

1. J. M. Barfield Ayden, N. C.
2. J. Rollins LaGrange, N. C.
3. W. H. Laughinghouse R2, Grimesland, N. C.
4. T. H. Barnhill Bethel, N. C.
5. J. R. McCaskey Ayden, N. C.

6. C. L. Little Winterville, N. C.
7. A. Tyson Farmville, N. C.
8. E. D. Hathaway Conetoe, N. C.
- 9. W. T. Pollard Stokes, N. C.
10. J. T. Butler Aulander, N. C.
11. D. M. Ratcliff R2, Pinetown, N. C.
12. C. B. Jones Greenville, N. C.
13. J. D. Boyd Pinetown, N. C.
14. J. T. Bundy Walstonburg, N. C.
15. D. A. Windham Greenville, N. C.
16. R. E. Edmondson Snow Hill, N. C.
17. S. F. Lassiter Newsons, Va.
18. C. J. Harris R4, Greenville, N. C.
19. C. O. Armstrong Ayden, N. C.
20. A. Tyndall Snow Hill, N. C.
21. E. R. Ricks Branchville, Va.
22. E. B. Hart Snow Hill, N. C.
23. Jesse Haddock R3, Grimesland, N. C.
24. G. C. Vause Kenly, N. C.
25. W. F. Walters Ayden, N. C.
26. J. P. Woodard Jerry, N. C.
27. L. L. Smith Ayden, N. C.
28. J. H. Lumby Farmville, N. C.
29. J. C. Moyer Ayden, N. C.
30. D. W. Alexander Ayden, N. C.
31. M. R. Allen Ayden, N. C.
32. L. W. Worthington Tuscarora, N. C.

Time of Holding Annual Meetings

| Churches | Counties | Annual Meeting |
|------------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| Grimsley—Greene county | | 2nd Sunday in October |
| Free Union | | 1st Sunday in October |
| Little Creek | | 1st Sunday in October |
| Saint's Delight | | 4th Sunday in September |
| Friendship | | 3rd Sunday in October |
| Hull Road | | 3rd Sunday in October |
| Howell's Swamp | | 2nd Sunday in October |
| Harrell's Chapel | | 4th Sunday in October |
| Spring Branch | | 1st Sunday in October |
| Gum Swamp—Pitt county | | 4th Sunday in September |

Bolton's Grove, Northampton . 4th Sunday in September
 Piney Grove 4th Sunday in October
 Union Chapel, Washington county .2nd Sunday in October
 Piney Grove 4th Sunday in September
 Mount Olive 3rd Sunday in September
 Mount Tabor 2nd Sunday in September
 Otter's Creek, Edgecombe county . 4th Sunday in October
 Johnson's Grove, Southampton. .3rd Sunday in September

Churches With Their Clerks and Postoffice Addresses

| Churches | Clerks | Postoffices |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Grimsley—Teresa Barrett | | Snow Hill, N. C. |
| Free Union—W. G. Walston | | Snow Hill, N. C. |
| Little Creek—Wm. Nichols | | Grifton, N. C. |
| Saint's Delight—L. G. Jones | | Ayden, N. C. |
| Friendship—Ivy Tyson | | Farmville, N. C. |
| Hull Road—Levi Hill | | Snow Hill, N. C. |
| Howell's Swamp—M. L. Walston | .. | Walstonburg,, N. C. |
| Harrell's Chapel—G. T. Tyndall | | Snow Hill, N. C. |
| Spring Branch—R. R. Bailey | | Walstonburg, N. C. |
| Gum Swamp—W. W. Bullock | | Greenville, N. C. |
| Parker's Chapel—J. F. Harris | | Greenville, N. C. |
| Hickory Grove—J. W. Martin | | Bethel, N. C. |
| Reedy Branch—Clarence Vincent | | Winterville, N. C. |
| Elm Grove—W. L. McLawhon | | Hanrahan, N. C. |
| Piney Grove—W. A. Nobles | | Dover, N. C. |
| Cross Roads—J. Tugwell | | Farmville, N. C. |
| Arthur—C. D. Smith | | Greenville, N. C. |
| Marlboro—J. T. Bundy | | Farmville, N. C. |
| Pleasant Hill—R. A. Gaskins | | Grimesland, N. C. |
| Black Jack—W. L. Clark | | Grimesland, N. C. |
| Rose Hill—F. A. Haddock | | Winterville, N. C. |
| Bethany—H. B. Smith | | Greenville, N. C. |
| Spring Branch—Geo. Harris | | Ayden, N. C. |
| Ayden—Larry W. Smith | | Ayden, N. C. |
| Greenville—Mrs. M. B. Barber | | Greenville, N. C. |
| Winterville—J. W. Harper | | Winterville, N. C. |
| Sweet Gum Grove—D. N. Nobles | | Bethel, N. C. |
| Watery Branch—L. E. Coley | | Stantonsburg, N. C. |
| Walnut Creek—C. R. Garriss | | h LaGrange, N. C. |

Black Jack 3rd Sunday in September
 Parker's Chapel 2nd Sunday in September
 Reedy Branch 1st Sunday in November
 Elm Grove 2nd Sunday in November
 Piney Grove 2nd Sunday in September
 Cross Roads 4th Sunday in August
 Hickory Grove 3rd Sunday in September
 Arthur 1st Sunday in October
 Marlboro 4th Sunday in October
 Pleasant Hill 1st Sunday in October
 Rose Hill 4th Sunday in October
 Bethany 3rd Sunday in September
 Spring Branch 4th Sunday in August
 Ayden 4th Sunday in October
 Greenville 3rd Sunday in August
 Winterville 2nd Sunday in October
 Sweet Gum Grove 1st Sunday in September
 Oak Ridge 2nd Sunday in October
 Watery Branch, Wayne county .. 2nd Sunday in October
 Walnut Creek 4th Sunday in September
 Antioch 1st Sunday in September
 Saratoga, Wilson county 3rd Sunday in September
 Aspin Grove 2nd Sunday in September
 White Oak Grove, Lenior county .. 1st Sunday in October
 Hugo 1st Sunday in October
 Shiloh, Beaufort county 3rd Sunday in October
 Bear Creek 1st Sunday in September
 Free Union 2nd Sunday in September
 Piney Grove 4th Sunday in September
 Washington 3rd Sunday in September
 Corinth, Martin county 4th Sunday in October
 Roanoke Grove 1st Sunday in October
 Christian Hope 1st Sunday in November
 Rose of Sharon 2nd Sunday in October
 Cedar Grove 1st Sunday in October
 Gum Neck, Tyrrell county 3rd Sunday in October
 Malachi's Chapel 4th Sunday in August
 Sound Side 1st Sunday in October
 Free Union 2nd Sunday in October
 Hickory Chapel, Hertford county .. 1st Sunday in August

Antioch—J. S. Sasser Goldsboro, N. C.
 Saratoga—J. M. Stricklin Stantonsburg, N. C.
 Aspin Grove—O. N. Gardner Fountain, N. C.
 Hugo—T. R. Jones Kinston, N. C.
 Ground Nut—I. W. Braxton Institute, N. C.
 White Oak Grove—Not represented
 Shiloh—George V. Boyd Pinetown, N. C.
 Bear Creek—L. H. Manning Grimesland, N. C.
 Free Union—James Webster Pinetown, N. C.
 Piney Grove—T. A. Jolly Pactolus, N. C.
 Corinth—W. W. Walters R2, Jamesville, N. C.
 Roanoke Grove—M. S. Fagan Darden, N. C.
 Rose of Sharon—W. L. Bailey Williamston, N. C.
 Cedar Grove—G. S. Moore Williamston, N. C.
 Gum Neck—A. E. Jones Gum Neck, N. C.
 Malachi's Chapel—J. D. Spencer Jerry, N. C.
 Free Union—James Webster Pinetown, N. C.
 Sound Side—J. S. Brickhouse Columbia, N. C.
 Hickory Chapel—J. H. Hughson Ahoskie, N. C.
 Piney Grove—J. L. Britt Murfreesboro, N. C.
 Union Chapel—E. L. Davenport Plymouth, N. C.
 Piney Grove—J. H. Jolly Washington, N. C.
 Mt. Olive—S. J. D. Ange Jamesville, N. C.
 Mount Tabor—T. F. Davenport R2, Creswell, N. C.
 Otter's Creek—B. Dildy Fountain, N. C.
 Johnson's Grove—A. L. Cook Branchville, N. C.
 Oak Ridge—Lee Baldree Macclesfield, N. C.

BIOGRAPHY OF ELDER Mc. W. ANGE

(By George V. Boyd.)

It is with a sad heart and a sigh of much sorrow that I chronicle the last sad visit of the death angel as he descended and passed over the happy home and bore away in his flight the life and spirit of our beloved Brother and Minister of the Gospel of the Free Will Baptist Church. Elder Mc. W. Ange, the son of Malachi Ange, was born December 22, 1847. He was converted and joined the church while very young at Corinth, Martin county, N. C. On May 1st, 1867, he was happily married to Julia A. Osborn, daughter of Levin Osborne. He

began preaching in 1886 and he improved so well that the church ordained him and gave him license in July, 1888. The ordination was performed by Elders B. B. Albritton, F. McGlohon and T. N. Manning. Brother Ange was a good Christian soldier for many years. He seemed to be one of the chosen children of God for the spreading of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ throughout our land and country, and accomplished much good during his ministerial life.

Bro. Ange was the instigator and helper in building Mt. Olive church, Washington county, N. C., of which he was a member at the time of his death on July 11, 191p.

To say that Eld. Ange was a man of ability and power is not too much. He knew that the crown is to them that believe the power of Jesus Christ and the wisdom of God the Father.

He was in feeble health for quite a while, but not confined to his room only 14 weeks. He bore his sickness with great patience until the end came. May God keep and direct his dear wife and six children with the many friends, until we meet on the happy Golden Shore to part no more.

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF ELD.

A. A. TYSON

There seems to have been no accurate record kept of the important events of Eld. A. A. Tyson's ministerial life. We cannot secure the dates as to when he was set forward, and ordained to the eldership. Neither are we able to give our reader the particulars of his useful life of about thirty years spent in the ministry of the Word.

However, Bro. Tyson was a member of long standing of Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist church. It was, (I presume) from this church he received license and ordination. He did a good deal of preaching at his home church during the early part of his ministry, but never served the church as pastor.

However, he did serve the following churches as pastor: Roanoke Grove, Hickory Grove, May's Chapel,

Marlboro and Little Creek. The good he accomplished eternity alone will tell.

Elder Tyson, like other men of like nature, had his failures, but his mind seemed to be centered upon that city whose builder and maker is God.

He was born the year of our Lord Now. 23, 1838 and died April 27, 1914, suffering for ten years from paralytic attacks.

He leaves a dear companion, seven children, twenty grand-children, nine great-grand-children; one brother, two sisters and other relatives to mourn their loss. But they weep not as those who have no hope.

The cares and toils and afflictions and bereavements of life causes us to sigh in mournful memory:

What peaceful hours we once enjoyed;

Let the heart-sobs sadly echo:

"But they have left an aching void

The world can never fill."

"Is all to mouldering darkness gone;

Is all of conscious life bereft?"

Turn to earth and from her lips the ear of reason catches deep-toned words of assurance that death is not the end of life. The hue of the butterfly's wing, "the flower of the grass," the beauty of the vernal year, these all, all teach sublime truth that "all great endings are but great beginnings." The voice of God from the unrolled page of plainer if not diviner truth, says, "He is not dead, but sleepeth, he shall wake again." The righteous shall see the King in his beauty." Therefore are they continually before the throne, and praise Him day and night in his temple." We saw Eld. Tyson, not as Elisha saw Elijah in sight, ascend to heaven; but with the eye of faith we see the righteous clothed in a celestial body, and with the ear of faith we hear the welcome to the final faithful: "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

If we are prepared by a holy life, devoted in obedience to God, death has no sting and the grave no terrors. Jesus our Saviour, took upon himself our nature, that through death he "might destroy him who had the power of death." Having gone down through the dark re-

gions of death he lit up the gloom of the valley with effulgence like that of heaven, thus making the dying couch of his people radiant with the light of his presence, and dignifying it into the gateway from the tribulations of earth to the glories of heaven. The grave is the couch upon which the care-worn and weary believer sweetly reposes till the morning bells of eternity call him forth.

The storms that wreck the wintry sky,

No more disturb his sweet repose,

Than summer evening's latest—

That shuts the rose.

How peaceful the grave! its quiet how deep!

Its zephyrs breathe calmly and soft is the sleep,

And flowerets perfume it with ether,

How lovely, how sweet the repose of the tomb!

No tempest is there, "and death is only a dream."

His work is over, his destiny sealed;

How much of the Christ life did his life reveal?

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea,

saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and

their works do follow them."

Fraternally,

C. J. HARRIS.

OBITUARY OF ELDER W. C. VAUSE,

Eld. W. C. Vause was born in Lenoir county, May 21, 1852. He joined the Union Baptist church at the age of 18 and began preaching when he was about 20 years old. He joined the Free Will Baptist church at Hull Road about 25 years ago, and was one of her most respected and faithful members, serving the church as pastor for several years. He was a good man and made a good pastor. He was often called on to marry people and to conduct funeral services. When called on he never refused to go unless providentially prevented.

He was married to Miss Nannie Susan Taylor Oct. 2, 1873 and to this union was born seven children, four boys and three girls. Two of his sons preceded him to the spirit-land. He was a kind husband and an effective

tionate father, providing well for his family. He will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him, but we believe our loss is his gain. He was a great sufferer for several months from Bright's disease, but he bore his afflictions without complaining. He died April 18, 1914 at his home in Hookerton.

Funeral services were conducted by Eld. L. L. Smith at his home, after which his body was carried to the family burial ground at Rainbow church, where the last sad rites were performed in the presence of a concourse of people. To the bereaved family we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

LEVI HILL.



STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF 1914.

| CHURCHES AND COUNTIES | DELEGATES | Died | Rec'd by Letter | Baptized | Dismissed | Excommunicated | No. Members | Building Fund | Minute Fund | Incidental Fund | Dis. Min. Fund | Educational Fund |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------|-----------------|----------|-----------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Grimsley, Greene county | L. S. Hardy, J. E. Wooten | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 134 | \$ | \$1.00 | \$ | \$2.30 | \$ 6.00 |
| Saints Delight | J. I. Mooring, J. M. Barfield | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 238 | | 1.00 | | 5.00 | |
| Little Creek | R. B. Sumrell, S. A. Humbles | 1 | 4 | 3 | | | 129 | 20.00 | 1.00 | | 3.00 | |
| Free Union | L. H. Heath, Jesse Heath | 4 | 0 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 175 | | 1.50 | .25 | 2.00 | .25 |
| Friendship | H. C. Tyson, Walter Worthington | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 176 | | 1.50 | | 10.00 | |
| Hull Road | J. P. Mewborn, O. Taylor | 3 | 5 | 33 | 2 | 0 | 288 | 200.00 | 2.50 | 1.00 | 8.00 | 10.00 |
| Howell Swamp | J. H. Whitley, A. D. McKeel | 1 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 189 | 20.00 | 1.50 | .50 | 4.00 | |
| Harrell's Chapel | J. A. Sugg, Raymond Hart | 0 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 94 | 2.00 | 1.00 | | 2.00 | |
| Spring Branch | J. E. Craft, J. E. Bailey | 2 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 5 | 105 | | 1.00 | | 2.00 | |
| Gum Swamp, Pitt county | J. C. Tyson, Wiley Parker | 9 | 4 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 277 | 21.50 | 2.00 | | 3.00 | |
| Parker's Chapel | L. L. Little, G. H. Harris | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 101 | | 1.00 | .25 | .75 | |
| Hickory Grove | J. H. Whitehurst, B. F. Sessom | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101 | 7.50 | 1.00 | .50 | 1.50 | |
| Reedy Branch | R. L. Worthington, J. Braxton | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 450 | 40.00 | 2.00 | 3.00 | 6.50 | 10.00 |
| Elm Grove | Johnnie-Beddard, W. H. Harris | 1 | | | | | 102 | 20.00 | 1.36 | 1.00 | 1.00 | |
| Piney Grove | Zeno Allen, J. Nobles | | | | | | | | 2.00 | | | .80 |
| Cross Roads | Clayton Boyce, W. C. Moore | 0 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 71 | 46.86 | 1.00 | | 2.00 | 10.00 |
| Marlboro | J. H. Byrum, J. K. Oakley | 1 | 1 | | | 4 | 129 | | 1.50 | 1.00 | 3.00 | |
| Pleasant Hill | J. E. Hardy | | | 1 | 15 | 1 | 107 | 10.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Arthur | C. D. Smith, O. Turner | 2 | 1 | 9 | 2 | | 67 | 20.00 | .50 | .50 | 1.00 | 3.00 |
| Black Jack | W. L. Clark, J. W. Dixon | 3 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 9 | 344 | | 3.00 | 1.00 | 4.00 | 10.00 |
| Rose Hill | J. W. Garriss | | | 3 | | 2 | 173 | 17.00 | 1.25 | 1.00 | 1.05 | |
| Bethany | Lewis Brown, H. B. Smith | | | 9 | 3 | | 193 | 12.76 | 1.50 | | | 2.00 |
| Spring Branch | Lonnie Griffin | | | 1 | 3 | | 52 | | .50 | | 3.00 | 1.00 |
| Ayden | W. F. Hart, G. W. Prescott | 1 | 4 | 3 | | 1 | 136 | 100.00 | 1.50 | .50 | 1.00 | |
| Greenville | D. R. Hollowell, C. M. Harrison | | | | | | 16 | | .50 | | | |
| Winterville | David McLawhon, B. Tripp | 1 | | 3 | 1 | | 68 | 25.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 5.00 |
| Sweet Gum Grove | Mrs. C. G. Little | | 1 | 4 | 3 | | 106 | | 1.00 | | 1.00 | 3.00 |
| Oak Ridge | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Watery Branch, Wayne county | H. M. Owens, J. W. Colley | 5 | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 142 | 2.50 | 1.00 | .50 | .50 | .50 |
| Walnut Creek | C. R. Garriss | 1 | | 9 | | 1 | 63 | | .50 | | 1.00 | |
| Antioch | By Letter | | | 8 | 3 | | 50 | | .75 | | .75 | |
| Saratoga, Wilson county | C. M. Lemons, Tom Howard | 3 | 1 | 7 | 3 | * | 186 | | 1.50 | | 1.50 | |
| Aspin Grove | Robt. Owens, W. R. Langley | 4 | 2 | 9 | 1 | † | 89 | 10.00 | 1.50 | | 1.00 | |
| Hugo, Lenoir county | B. F. Singleton, J. F. Turnage | | | 3 | | | 102 | 25.00 | 1.00 | | | |
| White Oak Grove | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shiloh, Beaufort county | J. R. Boyd, Geo. V. Boyd | | 3 | 13 | 1 | | 114 | 10.00 | 1.00 | | 1.00 | |
| Bear Creek | C. T. Godley | | 23 | 11 | | | 34 | | .50 | | | |
| Free Union | By Letter | 3 | 1 | 10 | | | 140 | 10.00 | 1.50 | | 2.00 | |
| Piney Grove | H. D. Woolard, T. F. Jolly | | 2 | 2 | | | 31 | | .50 | .50 | 1.00 | 1.50 |
| Corinth, Martin | A. B. Walters | | | | | | 68 | | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 7.00 |
| Roanoke Grove | By Letter | | | | | | 88 | | 1.00 | .50 | .50 | 1.00 |
| Rose of Shraon | W. L. Bailey, G. R. Terry | | 7 | | | | 76 | 16.75 | | | | |
| Cedar Grove | | 1 | 1 | 13 | | | | | .50 | | | |
| Gum Neck, Tyrrell county | By Letter | | | | | | 141 | 13.35 | 1.00 | | 2.00 | |
| Malachi Chapel | H. S. Swain, J. S. Weatherly | 2 | 3 | | 1 | | 164 | 25.00 | | | | |
| Free Union | | 1 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 2 | | | .60 | | | 5.00 |
| Sound Side | By Letter | | | 18 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 101 | .50 | | 1.50 | 1.00 |
| Hickory Chapel, Hertford county | By Letter | | | 6 | 7 | | 109 | | 1.00 | 1.00 | | |
| Union Chapel, Washington county | By Letter | | | 1 | | | 42 | | .50 | | | 2.50 |
| Piney Grove | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Tabor | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Olive | C. H. Ange, L. B. Ange | 1 | 2 | 4 | | | 144 | | 1.00 | | 1.00 | 3.00 |
| Otter Creek, Edgecombe county | C. W. Owens | | 3 | 2 | 7 | | 46 | | 1.00 | | 1.00 | |
| Johnson's Grove, Southampton, (Va.) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Piney Grove, Northampton, (N. C.) | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Totals as shown by table a follows: Died 55, Received 99, Baptized 325, Dismissed 42, Excommunicated 75, Members 5951, Building Fund \$675.28, Minute Fund \$54.46, Incidental Expenses \$16.00, Honorary Ministers' Fund \$84.35, Educational Fund \$83.55. *14 +10.

