

*Dedicated to the memory
Wm. H. Lempriere.
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MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST OF NORTH
CAROLINA

CONVENED WITH

LITTLE CREEK CHURCH, GREEN CO.,
November 10, 11, 12, 1920.

OFFICERS:

ELDER D. W. ALEXANDER, ----- Moderator,
ELDER R. F. PITTMAN, ----- Clerk pro. tem.

AYDEN, N. C.
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PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred and Seventy-Second Annual Session of the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, met with the church at Little Creek, Greene county, November 10, 1920.

Rev. D. W. Alexander preached the introductory sermon. Text: St. John 9:4. After an intermission of one hour the Conference was organized by electing the following officers:

Moderator, Rev. D. W. Alexander; Asst. Moderator; Rev. J. T. Bundy. Clerk, R. F. Pittman; Reading Clerk; J. C. Moye.

The visiting brethren and sisters were invited to seats in this Conference enrolled as follows:

Eastern Conference.—Rev. J. E. Sawyer, Rev. M. C. Prescott, Rev. J. C. Griffin, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sawyer, C. K. Dunn, J. W. Webb, H. M. McAdams.

Western Conference.—R. F. Pittman, E. T. Phillips, N. D. Wiggs.

The following committees were appointed:

Devotional.—J. C. Moye, S. K. Jackson and Sister Mittie Hughes.

Finance.—W. L. Clark, C. J. Harris, P. L. Barrow, R. S. Wooten and W. A. Dail.

Temperance.—Sister Katie Jackson, G. W. Dixon and J. A. Hudson.

Education.—Prof. J. E. Sawyer, M. C. Prescott and J. T. Craft.

Sunday School.—W. B. Nobles, R. C. Alexander and J. C. Griffin.

Missions.—W. J. Braxton, Sister Mattie Smith and A. Tyson.

Orphanage.—J. T. Beddard, Joseph Tugwell and E. B. Hart.

Periodical.—W. H. Lathinghouse, A. T. Dawson and W. McK. Dixon.

Resolutions.—C. J. Harris, T. H. Barnhill and Abe Walston.

Text Recorder.—David McLawhorn.

Conference being organized prayer was offered by Prof. J. E. Sawyer. Devotional Committee reported that R. S. Wooten open and C. J. Harris preach tonight.

On motion of Eld. W. H. Lathinghouse that each minister, when his name is called, be recommended by his home church or by a church over which he presides as pastor. This to go in effect the next session of Conference.

On motion the examining Board be revised. The following were appointed by the moderator: C. J. Harris, J. T. Bundy, J. E. Wooten, J. C. Moye, W. B. Nobles.

On motion there be a committee of five on Ministerial Character appointed annually. The following were appointed. A. T. Dawson, W. J. Braxton, W. L. Clark, J. A. Hudson, and D. C. Davenport.

The list of ministers was called and their Christian conduct inquired into.

On motion, Rev. J. R. McCaskey be placed on the retired list. C. J. Harris was appointed to write a biographical sketch of Elder J. T. Butler;

J. T. Bundy, that of R. E. Edmundson, and Eld. W. H. Lathinghouse, that of Jesse Haddock.

On motion, Conference close until 9:00 tomorrow. Thirty minutes prayer service to precede the business, led by J. E. Wooten.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Conference met at nine o'clock. Thirty minutes prayer service conducted by Rev. J. E. Wooten. Bro. Joseph Tugwell was excused from the committee on Ministerial Character and Bro. D. C. Davenport was appointed in his place.

The song book question was presented and the following agreed to advance two hundred dollars each, so that we might have a book published in the near future: L. W. Humbles, Ayden, N. C.; Rev. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill, N. C.; Levi Hill, Snow Hill, N. C.; L. O. Whitehurst, Stokes, N. C.; D. C. Davenport, Greenville, N. C.

Bro. W. R. Sawyer ask to be excused from the committee on Resolutions and Bro. Abe Walston was appointed in his place.

On motion there be a committee appointed to offer for sale, by sealed bids, the house at Spring Branch, Pitt county. The highest bidder to receive same, and the money turned over to the Treasurer of this Conference. Rev. D. A. Windham, Rev. B. J. Cash and W. A. Dail, committee.

The list of churches was call and they made their reports. (See statistical table.)

On motion, the church at Mt. Zion, Washington county, be received into this conference and her delegates be seated. Sisters Cornelia Nobles and Mattie Smith were seated as delegates from the Convention of S. S., L. A. S., H. M., and L. W. L., of the Central Conference. At this time a public collection was taken for Rev. J. R. McCaskey, of Winterville, \$142.50 was received.

Conference adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Praise by congregation and prayer by Rev. J. E. Wooten.

Devotional Committee reported that Rev. D. A. Windham open and M. C. Prescott preach at 2:15.

The following committees made their reports, which after being discussed were adopted. (See reports of committees.)

Sunday School, Periodical, Orphanage, Temperance, Mission, Educational.

In compliance with a resolution passed by our last State Convention a committee of one was appointed to confer with a like committee from the other conferences and take necessary steps towards making our printing establishment, denomination property. Bro. A. T. Dawson was appointed.

Bro. C. K. Dunn, editor at this time gave us some timely remarks on the importance of our publishing house, followed by W. R. Sawyer and others.

On motion we endorse this work of the S. S., L. A. S., H. M. and L.

W. L. Convention and their Constitution be published in the minutes of this Conference.

The report of the Ministerial Committee was tabled until tomorrow.

We have examined Bro. H. LeRoy Harris and recommend his ordination and that his name be placed on our minutes. Also that we have found Bro. Loyd Jones orthodox, and ask that his name be placed on our minutes.

SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD.

Devotional Committee report J. E. Wooten open and Prof. J. E. Sawyer preach tonight.

On motion we call off until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow. Dismissed by M. C. Prescott.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Conference met at nine o'clock and Rev. J. T. Bundy conducted thirty minutes prayer service.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Rev. H. ReRoy Harris, of Greenville, N. C., was appointed to assist the financial agent in the Central Conference in the campaign for \$500,000 for our institutions.

Bro. Levi Hill was appointed in A. T. Dawson's place to represent the Printing Co.

The following were appointed delegates to the various conferences and associations:

Eastern.—B. J. Cash.

Western.—R. S. Wooten.

S. C. Conference.—D. W. Alexander.

Cape Fear.—J. T. Bundy.

Rock Fish.—W. B. Nobles.

French Broad.—J. C. Moye.

On motion we send two delegates to represent this conference, in the organization of a national association at Nashville, Tenn., beginning on Thursday night before the second fifth Sunday in 1921.

Revs. J. C. Moye and D. W. Alexander, delegates.

The following were appointed delegates to the State Convention, to meet next September: G. A. Meeks, W. L. Clark, Benj. Dildy, Levi Hill and A. T. Dawson.

The treasurer of the Mission Board made his report as follows:

Money on hand December 14, 1920	\$29.86
Money received October 1, 1920	7.43
Total on hand to date	37.29
Received since report made out	25.00
Total	\$62.29

G. L. ROUSE, Treas.

The committee on Ministerial Character made their report as follows:

We, the Committee on Ministerial Character make report in regards to Elder T. H. Barnhill. Not being satisfied with the evidence in hand we

continue the case until next conference. We do this to see if he and the church can become reconciled.

We also continue the case of Elder L. W. Wetherington for further consideration. We have not found S. F. Lassiter, J. H. Lumby and J. S. Henderson and will look after them and make final report at the next Conference.

A. T. DAWSON, Ch'm.

Report was adopted.

On motion we have two thousand minutes printed and distributed as before.

On motion the clerk be paid \$25.00 for his services.

Petitions for next conference were considered and voted to hold the next session at Elm Grove, Pitt county.

Rev. D. A. Windham is to preach the introductory and Rev. W. B. Nobles is to be his alternate.

The treasurer made his report as follows:

Amount received at last conference	\$1220.98
Amount paid out as per account on ledger	;; 1228.63
Overdrawn	7.65

W. J. BRAXTON, Treas.

The finance committee made the following report:

Received at this Conference	\$1,122.23
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Apportioned as follows:

Minute Funds	\$150.00
Retired Ministers Fund	100.00
Mission Funds	100.00
Printing Company	250.00
Seminary	261.11
Orphanage	261.12

Total	\$1,122.23
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Received by clerk since Conference	15.00
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Grand total	\$1137.23
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H. Leroy Harris was ordained to preach the gospel by C. J. Harris and others.

Devotional committee reported that W. H. Lathinghouse open and J. T. Bundy preach at eleven o'clock.

The following resolution was adopted:

Seeing the need of a standing moderator for this Conference,

Be it Resolved, That we elect a moderator for a period of two years.

R. S. WOOTEN.

Rev. J. C. Moye was elected and Rev. C. J. Harris, Assistant.

The following were elected trustees of the Free Will Baptist Seminary of Ayden, N. C.: E. D. Little, G. W. Prescott, R. L. Worthington, J. F. Hart and A. T. Dawson.

A collection was taken for Mt. Zion church, Washington county and \$51.88 was raised.

Rev. M. C. Prescott, Financial Agent then addressed the Conference in the interest of our institutions, the Conference pledging to him its support.

The report of the Treasurer for Retired Minister's Fund was made and accepted as follows:

Received at this Conference	\$100.00
Paid J. D. Boyd	50.00
Paid J. R. McCaskey	50.00

JOSEPH TUGWELL, Treas.

On motion the name of Walston's Chapel be changed to Owen Chapel.

On motion we extend our thanks to Little Creek church and the good people of the community for their hospitality in caring for the Conference.

On motion this Conference continue the same financial system and insist that the churches send the fifty cents per member to the Conference.

On motion we adopt the plan of the Eastern Conference, viz. If a minister is not present in person or by letter, the clerk is to turn his name over to the committee on Ministerial Character.

On motion Conference close. Closed by J. E. Sawyer.

D. W. ALEXANDER, Mod.

J. T. BUNDY, Asst. Mod.

R. F. PITTMAN, Clerk.

J. C. MOYE, Reading Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Committee on Sunday Schools.

How shall we as a denomination best fit and prepare our Sunday Schools for their best service?

W. B. NOBLES, Chairman.

Periodical Committee's Report.

We, your committee, recommend that this Conference appoint a committee to co-operate with the committees that have been appointed by other Conferences and that any agreement they make will be satisfactory with us, the committee for the Central Conference.

Temperance.

We, the committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following:

1st. That this Conference request of its preachers to preach temperance and LIVE it.

2nd. That the laity of this Conference use every possible means, to teach temperance and to remove all such things that Aid intemperate living.

3rd. That our churches allow no member full fellowship in their church, who by drinking, or any other way support the intemperance element.

BY THE COMMITTEE.

Report of Orphanage Committee.

We, your committee on Orphanage submit the following report:

1st. We heartily endorse the resolution already accepted by this body as to the general financing.

2nd. We especially ask each delegate and preacher to see that their church respond liberally to the Thanksgiving offering for the Orphanage.

BY THE COMMITTEE.

Missions.

1st. That we have examined the report of the Treasurer and find same to be correct.

2. That because of the inability of the Mission Board to secure enough funds, it can't accomplish very much.

3rd. That we find that there is much work that is needed to be done in the mission field.

4th. That the Conference is called upon to assist in the work of financing the Board, that they may accomplish much good in the work.

5th. That we find that the pastors have not put the matter before the people as they should.

Therefore we ask each church in this Conference to make a special effort to raise money for missions one Sunday during the month of October, and the money be sent to the Treasurer.

6. We urge that the Board take immediate steps to put a man in the field to work exclusively for this work.

BY THE COMMITTEE.

Report on Education.

The report of the State Educational Board as recommended by the financial agent was adopted as follows:

The following resolutions were submitted through the Financial Agent:

As Financial Agent of the Free Will Baptist Seminary (or proposed college), I beg to submit the following outline in waging a campaign for the raising of funds to erect a college at Ayden, N. C.:

1. That we put on a campaign as early as possible for Five Hundred Thousand Dollars for the erection of an Administration Building and two dormitories.

2. That the campaign be opened up in Pitt county first with a view to raise one-third of the amount to be raised for the college.

3. That the remainder be divided between the Conferences and Associations according to their financial ability to be worked out by counties and individual churches, and that a general campaign be made as early as possible.

4. As Financial Agent, I pledge myself to devote my entire time to the duties of a Financial Agent in attending Conventions, Conferences, Associations and Unions, preaching every Sunday to one or more churches as far as it is possible to do so, and to work during the week in planning and doing local canvassing for raising funds.

5. That I'll appreciate any recommendation or suggestion from any

one, and I earnestly ask the co-operation of all the ministers that we may succeed, the same to be expressed by standing at this session of the Convention, and it is to be expressed by standing.

M. C. PRESCOTT, Financial Agent.

The above report was adopted, modified by the two following amendments; which changes the First and Third Resolution offered above.

Amended by R. F. Pittman.—That we put on a campaign for Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) and that 75 per cent go for the college, 20 per cent for the Orphanage, and 5 per cent for the Printing Company. (This changes the 1st resolution above.)

Amended by J. E. Sawyer.—That we do not apportion the amounts to the different Conferences, Associations, etc., but collect as much as possible from each one. (This effects the three resolutions above.)

The above resolutions as amended by the Pittman and Sawyer amendments were adopted.

On motion the apportionment clause be stricken out of the report on education.

OBITUARIES.

Elder R. E. Edmundson was born December 21, 1866. I do not know the name of his parents. His grandfather on his mother's side was the late Joseph Sauls. He joined the church early in life at Watery Branch and feeling that he was called to preach he applied for license in 1899, was ordained October 12, 1900. He went far and near to preach the gospel. He pastored several churches in Wayne, Wilson and Greene counties.

He was faithful to the Union Meetings of the Fourth District of the Central Conference. He was a good farmer and provided for his family well. He was on the Examining Board of the Central Conference for several years. He died September 25, 1920, making his stay on earth 53 years, eight months, and 25 days. He leaves a wife and children to mourn his death.

May the God of all mercy, comfort his wife and children and help them to meet in heaven.

REV. J. T. BUNDY.

ELDER J. T. BUTLER.

The subject of this sketch was born in the State of Va., August 10, 1850. I do not know at what time he came to live in North Carolina, suffice it to say, he preached for the Free Will Baptist of our State for nearly twenty-five years.

At the time of his death, April 28, 1920, he held membership with Sweet Gum Grove church, Pitt county, N. C. Since the writer has known Elder Butler his home has been in Bertie county, N. C., where he died. He was confined to his bed and room for over two years. I do not know the disease of which he died, but surely his suffering was intense. He leaves to mourn their loss a kind, loving wife, four children, three step children, and a host of loving friends, in and out of the church.

His funeral was conducted by the Rev. T. L. Brown, after which he was buried in the home grave yard to await the final call.

It was my pleasure on several occasions to be present with Bro. Butler while on some of his preaching tours. Preaching the gospel seemed to be the pride of his life. His watch word was, "Be instant in season, and out of season." His educational opportunities were limited; yet he was ever a student of the Divine Book. He had free access to the university of Jehovah.

He had courage to live and faith to die. Farewell to a life of struggle, with faith and obedience, ever bringing progress, power, victory, rejoicing. After up-hill work, but every hardship overcome brings him up to the full and abundant entrance. The reward of faithful service and true love to God—the crown of life and glory—will be full and complete, for it shall be Christ himself.

Then shall he see and feel and know,
All he desired or wished below;
And every power find sweet employ,
In that eternal world of joy.

Bro. Butler's ministerial work among us was of wide range. Therefore, his kindly advice, his earnest admonition, and marked love for the cause of Christ will live on in the hearts of all those with whom he came in contact.

While his voice will no longer be heard in prayer and preaching; yet the language of St. Paul to the Corinthians would fittingly express his message to the church and his loved ones: "Finally, brethren, farewell, Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Blessed is the man whose life is ordered by the Book of Life, that he may be found to agree in the Great Day. He shall walk the streets of glory.

C. J. HARRIS

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

1. W. H. Laughinghouse, Chicod, N. C.
2. T. H. Barnhill, Parmele, N. C.
3. J. R. McCaskey, Winterville, N. C.
4. C. L. Little, Winterville, N. C.
5. A. Tyson, Farmville, N. C.
6. W. T. Pollard, Stokes, N. C.
7. D. M. Ratcliff, Pinetown, N. C.
8. C. B. Jones, Greenville, N. C.
9. J. T. Bundy, Walstonburg, N. C.
10. D. A. Windham, Chicod, N. C.
11. S. F. Lassiter, Newsome, Va.
12. C. J. Harris, Greenville, N. C.

13. A. Tyndall, Snow Hill, N. C.
14. E. B. Hart, Snow Hill, N. C.
15. W. F. Walters, Columbia, N. C.
16. J. P. Woodard, Stonewall, N. C.
17. J. H. Lumba, Farmville, N. C.
18. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill, N. C.
19. D. W. Alexander, Bethel, N. C.
20. M. R. Allen, Smithville, Miss.
21. L. W. Wetherington, Chicod, N. C.
22. J. A. Sugg, Snow Hill, N. C.
23. W. B. Nobles, Winterville, N. C.
24. Willie Hart, Snow Hill, N. C.
25. R. C. Alexander, Jerry, N. C.
26. Thos. E. Beaman, Ayden, N. C.
27. J. E. Wooten, Blounts Creek, N. C.
28. E. B. Joyner, Dukes, Fla.
29. J. W. Wooten, Walstonburg, N. C.
30. J. S. Henderson, Pantego, N. C.
31. B. J. Cash, Ayden, N. C.
32. R. S. Wooten, Bridgeton, N. C.
33. C. T. Pew, New Bern, N. C.
34. Wm. K. Dixon, Washington, N. C.
35. E. L. Abrams, Fountain, N. C.
36. Loyd Jones, Gum Neck, N. C.
37. H. Leroy Harris, Greenville, N. C.

Licensed Preachers.

1. J. J. Dail, Snow Hill, N. C.
2. E. O. Arnold, Plymouth, N. C.
3. J. M. Sauls, Snow Hill, N. C.
4. Macon A. Woolard, Pantego, N. C.

CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS, P. O. AND NO. OF MINUTES.

- Little Creek.—W. M. Nichols, Grifton, N. C., Minutes 60.
 Grimsley.—B. T. Dail, Snow Hill, N. C., Minutes 60.
 Free Union.—W. G. Walston, Snow Hill, N. C., Minutes 50.
 Saints Delight.—K. L. Wooten, Snow Hill, N. C., Minutes 70.
 Friendship.—John H. Brown, Farmville, N. C., Minutes 60.
 Hull Road.—Levi Hill, Snow Hill, N. C., Minutes 120.
 Howell's Swamp.—M. L. Walston, Walstonburg, N. C., Minutes 60.
 Harrell's Chapel.—G. T. Tyndall, Snow Hill, N. C., 20.
 Spring Branch.—R. R. Bailey, Walstonburg, N. C., Minutes 60.
 Gum Swamp.—W. W. Bullock, Greenville, N. C., Minutes 60.
 Parker's Chapel.—J. O. Johnson, Parmele, N. C., Minutes 20.
 Hickory Grove.—J. K. Barnhill, Stokes, N. C., Minutes 60.
 Reedy Branch.—E. W. Smith, Greenville No. 2, Minutes 160.
 Elm Grove.—W. L. McLawhorn, Hanrahan, N. C., Minutes 60.

Piney Grove.—Minutes 20.
 Cross Roads.—Joseph Tugwell, Farmville, N. C., Minutes 20.
 Arthur.—C. D. Smith, Bell Arthur, N. C., Minutes 20.
 Marlsboro.—J. T. Bundy, Farmville, N. C., Minutes 60.
 Black Jack.—W. L. Clark, Grimesland, N. C., Minutes 120.
 Rose Hill.—F. A. Haddock, Winterville, N. C., Minutes 30.
 Bethany.—J. F. J. McLawhon, Winterville, N. C., Minutes 80.
 Ayden.—J. F. Peed, Ayden, N. C., Minutes 30.
 Greenville.—Henry Nelson, Greenville, N. C., Minutes 30.
 Winterville.—E. C. Hines, Winterville, N. C., Minutes 60.
 Sweet Gum Grove.—D. N. Noles, Bethel, N. C., Minutes 50.
 Watery Branch.—L. E. Coley, Stantonsburg, N. C., Minutes 30.
 Walnut Creek.—C. R. Garris, LaGrange, N. C., Minutes 50.
 Antiech.—Barney Kirby, Pikeville, N. C., Minutes 30.
 Saratoga.—J. B. Eason, Stantonsburg, N. C., Minutes 30.
 Aspin Grove.—O. N. Gardner, Farmville, N. C., Minutes 30.
 Hugo.—Mrs. Ada Phillips, Grifton, N. C., Minutes 30.
 Shiloh.—Geo. V. Boyd, Pinetown, N. C., Minutes 50.
 Bear Creek.—L. H. Morning, Grimesland, N. C., Minutes 20.
 Free Union.—James Webster, Pinetown, N. C., Minutes 50.
 Savannah.—Jno. Wilkerson, Pantego, N. C., Minutes 20.
 Piney Grove.—J. E. Ingalls, Pactolus, N. C., Minutes 20.
 Corinth.—C. G. Gurkin, Jamesville, R. 2, Minutes 20.
 Roanoke Grove.—M. S. Fagan, Darden, N. C., Minutes 20.
 Rose of Sharon.—D. B. Whichard, Williamston, N. C., Minutes 30.
 Cedar Grove.—Y. S. Moore, Williamston, N. C., Minutes 20.
 Gum Neck.—A. E. Jones, Gum Neck, N. C., Minutes 20.
 Malachi's Chapel.—C. A. Voliva, Jerry, N. C., Minutes 60.
 Free Union.—J. B. Simmons, Columbia, N. C., Minutes 20.
 Sound Side.—J. S. Brickhouse, Columbia, N. C., Minutes 20.
 Hickory Chapel.—C. M. Early, Ahoskie, N. C., Minutes 30.
 Union Chapel.—Jesse Bowen, Plymouth, N. C., Minutes 20.
 Piney Grove.—Minutes 20.
 Mt. Olive.—L. D. Ange, Jamesville, N. C., Minutes 20.
 Mt. Tabor.—T. F. Davenport, Creswell, N. C., Minutes 40.
 Otter's Creek.—G. P. Owens, Fountain, N. C., Minutes 40.
 Johnson's Grove.—A. L. Cook, Branchville, Va., Minutes 20.
 Mt. Zion.—Miss Edna Spruill, Roper, N. C., Minutes 20.

TIME OF HOLDING ANNUAL MEETINGS.

GREEN COUNTY.—Grimsley, second Sunday in October. Free Union, first Sunday in October. Little Creek, first Sunday in October. Sts. Delight, fourth Sunday in September. Friendship, third Sunday in October. Hull Road, third Sunday in October. Howell Swamp, second Sunday in October. Harrell's Chapel, fourth Sunday in October. Spring Branch, first Sunday in October.

PITT COUNTY.—Gum Swamp, fourth Sunday in September. Black

Jack, third Sunday in September. Parker's Chapel, second Sunday in September. Reedy Branch, first Sunday in November. Elm Grove, second Sunday in November. Piney Grove, second Sunday in September. Cross Roads, third Sunday in August. Hickory Grove, third Sunday in September. Pleasant Hill, first Sunday in October. Rose Hill, fourth Sunday in October. Bethany, third Sunday in October. Ayden, fourth Sunday in October. Greenville, third Sunday in August. Winterville, second Sunday in October. Sweet Gum Grove, first Sunday in September.

WAYNE COUNTY.—Watery Branch, second Sunday in October. Walnut Creek, fourth Sunday in September. Antioch, first Sunday in September.

LENOIR COUNTY.—Hugo, second Sunday in October. White Oak Grove, first Sunday in October.

BEAUFORT COUNTY.—Shiloh, third Sunday in October, Bear Creek, first Sunday in September. Free Union, second Sunday in September. Piney Grove, fourth Sunday in September. Savannah—

MARTIN COUNTY.—Corinth, fourth Sunday in October. Roanoke Grove, first Sunday in October. Rose of Sharon, second Sunday in October. Cedar Grove, first Sunday in October.

TYRRELL COUNTY.—Gum Neck, third Sunday in October. Malachi's Chapel, fourth Sunday in August. Sound Side, first Sunday in October. Free Union, second Sunday in October.

HERFORD COUNTY.—Hickory Chapel, first Sunday in August.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.—Union Chapel, second Sunday in October. Piney Grove, fourth Sunday in October. Mt. Olive, third Sunday in September. Mt. Tabor, second Sunday in September. Mt. Zion, first Sunday in October.

EDGECOMBE COUNTY.—Otter's Creek, fourth Sunday in September.

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, VA.—Johnson's Grove, third Sunday in September.

CONSTITUTION OF S. S., L. A. S., W. H. M. S. AND LITTLE WORKER'S LEAGUE.

Article 1. This organization shall be known as the Sunday School, Ladies' Aid Society, Woman's Home Mission and Little Worker's League Convention, of the Central Conference of North Carolina.

Article 2. The officers of this Convention shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer and executive committee. These officers, except the executive committee, who shall be appointed by the President at each regular session of the Convention and shall consist of three members beside herself and the Secretary, shall be elected by acclamation every year.

Art. 3. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all Conventions; to state and put all questions properly enough before the Convention to preserve decorum, to fill all vacancies in office; to appoint all committees and to perform all duties usually pertaining to such an office.

Art. 4. The Vice-President shall occupy the chair in the absence of the President or at the option of that office and in this capacity shall perform all duties pertaining to that office.

Art. 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a full and true record of all the proceedings of the convention in a book provided by the Convention for that purpose.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Secretary to aid the Secretary in her duties and act as Secretary in the absence of that office.

Art. 7. The treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to this Convention and shall use the same according to the conditions of the said Convention and shall produce a written report at each meeting of the Convention of all received and paid out. All orders for money during the year must be signed by the chairman of the Executive Committee.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Executive committee to look after the local welfare in this district in organizing all Sunday Schools, Ladies Aid Societies, Woman's Home Mission Societies and Little Worker's League, and arranging a program for each Convention, with the President as chairman of this committee.

Art. 9. The members of the Convention shall consist of delegates appointed by various local societies of this Convention, Superintendents of Sunday Schools and presidents of the local societies; visitors also may become members at the direction of the Convention, said members shall not have the right to vote. All ministers shall have the same privilege as officers and delegates.

Art. 10. Any church having and maintaining a Ladies' Aid Society, and who do not feel able to have a regular organized Woman's Home Mission Society, are requested to lay aside five cents each month per member for the purpose of missions.

Art. 11. The time of meeting of this Convention shall be on Thursday before each fifth Sunday at 11 o'clock A. M., and shall be opened by an introductory sermon, by some minister selected by the executive committee.

Art. 12. The motto of this Convention shall be, "WE CAN DO THINGS IF WE WILL,"—Philippians 4:13.

Art. 13. Any amendment to this Convention shall be on the table one and one-half hours before being voted on of the day of the Convention, said amendment shall not be voted on before 2:30 p. m., of the same day, and shall be adopted only by three-fourths majority vote of members present.

Art. 14. This Convention shall be conducted by regular parliamentary rules. (See Roberts Rules of Order.)

LOCAL SOCIETIES OF THE LADIES AID SOCIETY OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Article 1. Name of Society. This society shall be known as the Ladies Aid Society of the Free Will Baptist church at_____

Art. 2. Officers. This society shall have a regular set of officers to

wit: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, a program committee and a select committee.

Art. 3. Election of officers.—The officers of the society shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the members of said society to serve for a term of one year.

Art. 4. The select committee shall be appointed by the president before the time of electing new officers.

Art. 5. Duty of officers.—The President shall preside over all meetings and have the power to call a meeting when she deems it necessary.

Sec. 1. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President.

Sec. 2. The Secretary shall make a proper record of the proceedings of all meetings and conduct the correspondence of the society.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall collect all dues belonging to the Society and keep a complete record of same and pay the bills when ordered by the society.

Art. 6. Form of Society. Devotional services shall be held at the beginning of each meeting as ordered by the program committee.

Art. 7. Privilege of Society. The society may resort to any honest means of raising funds for the support and maintenance of any benevolent work.

Art. 8. Place and time of meeting. The society shall meet once per month or as many times as shall be suitable. The society shall meet in the church or in the homes of some of the members which shall be decided in the regular session of each meeting for the next time in course.

Art. 9. The dues. The dues of this society shall be _____ per month and shall be paid monthly or semi-monthly as per choice of members.

Art. 10. Obligation. As we believe an obligation helps us to remember our duty, therefore we ask all persons wishing to become a member of this society to repeat the following obligation:

I therefore promise to be governed by the rules and regulations of this society and use my means and influence for the support and advancement of the cause, to pay my dues and attend all meetings where I can conveniently do so. Furthermore I promise to vindicate the principles of peace and justice among all members so far as it becometh my bounden duty.

Art. 11. Explanation.—Any member who violates the Constitution and By-Laws or refuses to perform according to the obligations, or neglects or refuses to pay her dues may be expelled by a two-thirds votes of all the members present, but a motion to expell shall always lay over to the next meeting following that at which time it is offered.

Art. 12. Order of Business.

1. Devotional services.
2. Calling of roll and payment of dues.
3. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
4. Correction of minutes.
5. Unfinished business.

6. New business.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Report of program committee.
9. Report of select committee.
10. Reception of new members.
12. Adjournment.

LOCAL SOCIETIES OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE DISTRICT.

Article 1. This shall be the Woman's Home Mission Society of the
-----Free Will Baptist church of the Central Conference.

Art. 2. The object of the Society is to raise funds for use in the Central Conference District for missions, education and church extension in general, and to awaken interest in a broader mission work and to cultivate a love for progress in the beloved cause.

Art. 3. Each member shall pay into the Society 10c each month.

Art. 4. The officers of this Society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and various committees as needed. These officers shall be elected by the society and serve six months.

Art. 5. Each local Society shall delegate to our annual Convention and each Society shall meet once a month.

Section 1. The president shall arrange the program for each meeting, appoint leaders, report quarterly to the general president, if necessary, and recommend any work that will aid the society. She shall use every effort to get each member to attend regularly, and she shall appoint any committee needed.

Sec. 2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to share the responsibilities of the president and in the absence of the latter, she shall assume the duties of the president's office.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep the minutes and call the roll at each meeting, keep on file all receipts from the general secretary and treasurer and conduct all correspondence for the society.

Sec. 4. The treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the society. She shall, with the aid of a committee, collect all dues and keep an account of receipts and report same to the society.

CONSTITUTION OF THE LITTLE WORKER'S LEAGUE OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Article 1. The name of this League shall be The Little Worker's League of -----Free Will Baptist church of the Central Conference.

Art. 2. The object of the league is to raise funds for use in the Central Conference District for missions, education and extension work, and in general.

Art. 3. Each member shall pay 5c monthly and any child may become a member by paying the monthly dues and taking part in the work.

Art. 4. Each league shall have the following officers, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and various committees as needed. The officers shall be elected by the league and serve a term of six months.

Art. 5. This league shall be under the directions and control of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Central Conference, and shall be a part of the same.

Section 1. The duties of president shall be to preside at meetings, appoint various committees, appoint a leader for each meeting, try to get each member to attend regularly and do special work for the league whenever she has opportunity.

Sec. 2. The duties of Vice-President shall be to share the responsibilities of the president, and in the absence of the latter, she shall assume the duties of the president's office.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep the minutes of previous meetings and call the roll at each meeting, keep on file all receipts from general treasurer and other reports, and conduct all correspondence for the league.

Sec. 4. The treasurer shall have charge of all the funds of the league, she shall return such funds as raised during the year to the Annual Convention, and shall, with the aid of committees, collect all dues and keep an account of same and report to the league at each meeting.

Sec. 5. Each league shall meet once a month, and shall delegate through the Woman's Mission Society, or by delegate appointed by the league to the Annual Convention of the S. S., W. H. M., L. A. S. and L. W. L. Convention.

The Superintendents of the various Sunday Schools throughout the Central Conference District are earnestly requested to co-operate with us in this work, and are asked to have the secretaries of each school make an itemized report of their work for the year, and submit same at each Convention, together with as large a donation as possible, said donation to be used for same purpose as that of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and Little Worker's League.

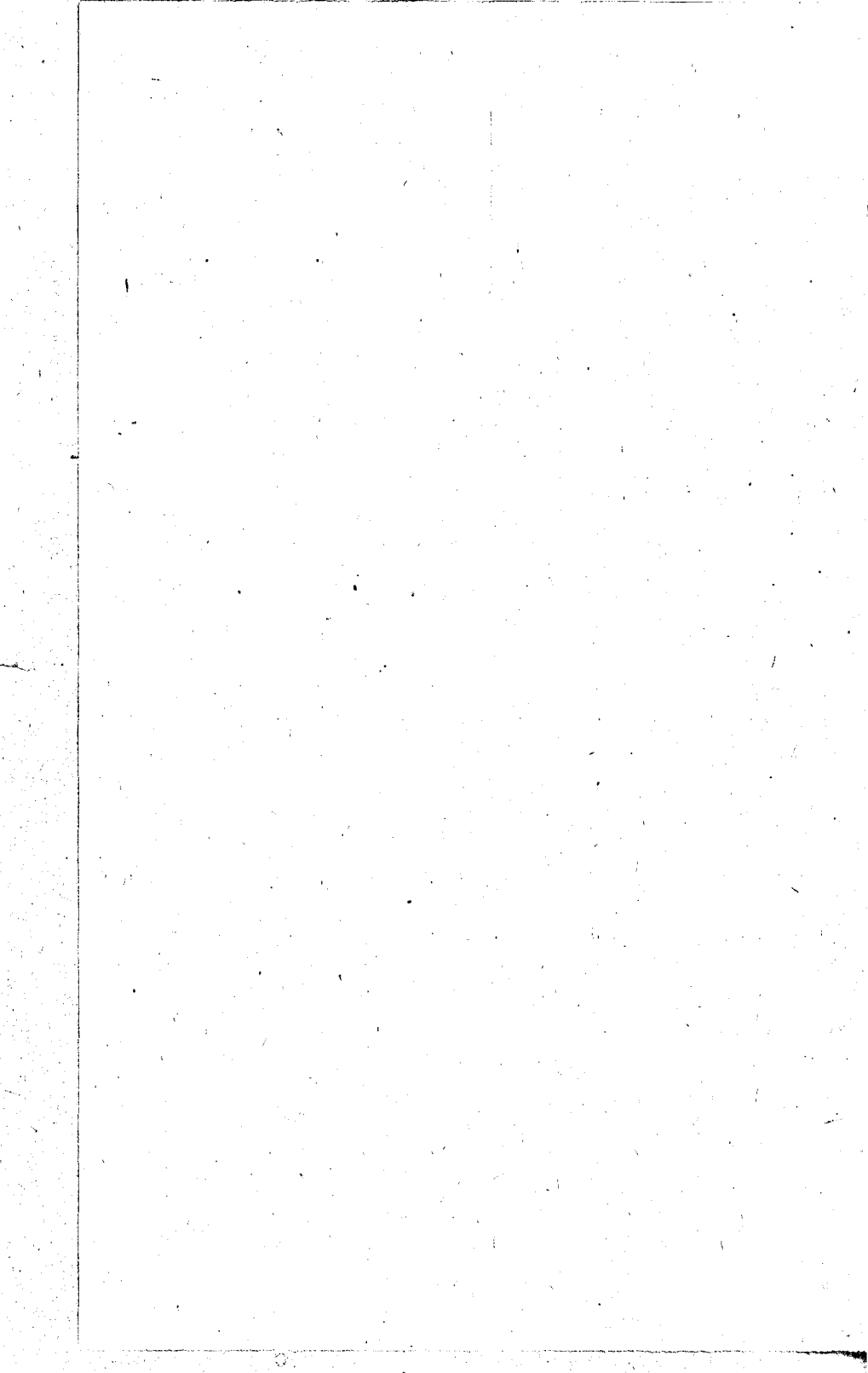
Said report from each Sunday school and Society to be as follows:

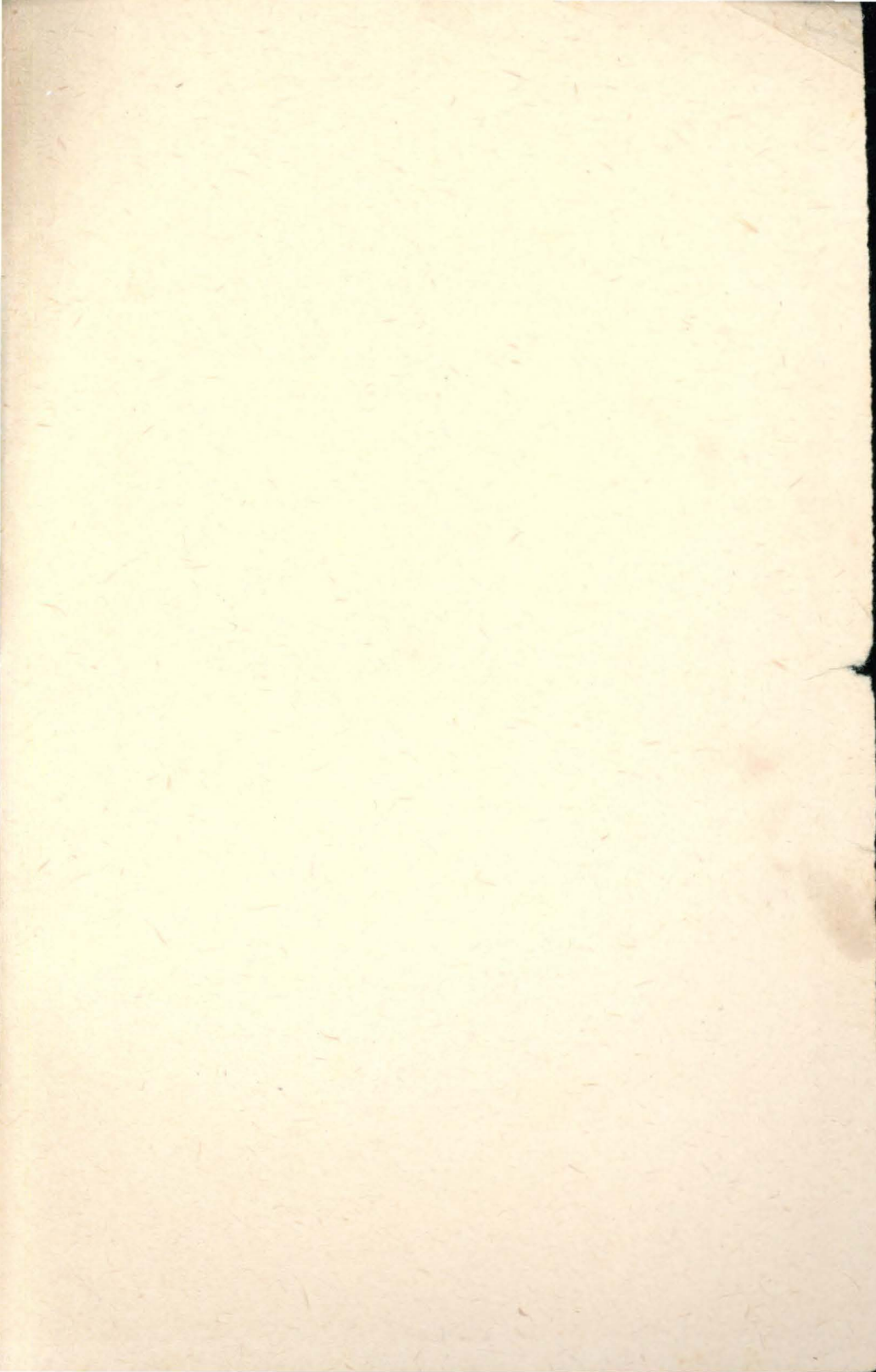
Number of members enrolled-----; Number new members during year;-----Average attendance -----; Amount of finance raised for all purposes-----; and in addition, each Sunday school will give number of officers, teachers and classes. We are especially asking the co-operation of the ministers of the Central Conference in this important work, as we realize very forcibly that unless we have their assistance, our work will be a failure, so rally to the cause and help us to live up to our motto, "WE CAN DO THINGS IF WE WILL."—Phil. 4:13.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	DELEGATES	Died	Rec'd by letter	Baptized	Dismissed	Excommunicated	No. Members	Donation
Grimsley.....	Greene	Ellie Hardy and Sister Laura Baker	4		17	4	50	83	\$25 00
Free Union.....	Greene	J. W. Heath and S. W. Murphy	3	1	20	1		252	20 00
Little Creek.....	Greene	Charlie Dail, J. L. McLawhorn	2	2	11			155	25 00
Sts. Delight.....	Greene	Kirby Wooten	3	1	23			175	25 00
Friendship.....	Greene	Ivey Tyson, Willie Brown	1		15		10	161	10 00
Hull Road.....	Greene	P. L. Barrow, Levi Hill	3	2	24	3		330	100 00
Howell Swamp.....	Greene	Philip Walston, W. M. Wheeler	4	3	21			247	25 00
Harrell's Chapel.....	Greene	G. M. Sauls, Jno. Corbett	1	3	11	1		132	6 00
Spring Branch.....	Greene	J. T. Craft, Zardock Gay	2		11			121	33 61
Gum Swamp.....	Pitt	J. E. Warren, Wiley Parker	2	1			2	208	124 42
Parker's Chapel.....	Pitt	J. S. Harris, Mack Briley	3	1				111	45 77
Hickory Grove.....	Pitt	L. O. Whitehurst, J. K. Barnhill	6		1		1	118	10 00
Reedy Branch.....	Pitt	W. A. Dail, E. W. Smith	1	2	8	7		372	100 00
Elm Grove.....	Pitt	J. T. Beddard, E. B. Garriss		18	47			172	40 00
Piney Grove.....	Pitt	Marshall Joyner						129	6 00
Cross Roads.....	Pitt	S. A. Meeks, E. J. Peaden	1	2		1		136	20 00
Arthur.....	Pitt	Roy Dickerson							10 00
Marlboro.....	Pitt	C. L. Joyner, J. K. Oakley	2		10	1		223	10 00
Pleasant Hill.....	Pitt	R. A. Gaskins	3		7			108	9 05
Black Jack.....	Pitt	J. W. Dixon, O. J. Dixon	4	15	22			411	140 00
Rose Hill.....	Pitt	Billie L. Branch, W. S. Cox	1	2	23			150	15 50
Bethany.....	Pitt	J. B. White, M. Beddard	1		3			164	20 00
Ayden.....	Pitt	W. F. and J. F. Hart	1	2		4		138	20 00
Greenville.....	Pitt	Sister Lillie Smith, and Sister Ida Vincent	1	5	3			79	10 00
Winterville.....	Pitt	E. C. Hines, Jesse Jackson	2	3				89	44 50
Sweet Gum Grove.....	Pitt	J. L. Branchill, C. G. Little	1		5		1	128	50 00
Watery Branch.....	Wayne	Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jones							16 00
Walnut Creek.....	Wayne	By letter							4 00
Antioch.....	Wayne	J. B. Edmundson, Barney Kirby	1	1	21			103	4 75

Saratoga.....	Wilson.....	J. B. Eason, Joe Craft.....			11	62		168	10 00
Aspin Grove.....	Wilson.....	R. L. Baldree, A. J. Gardner.....	1	2	11	2	3	158	8 00
Owen Chapel.....	Wilson.....	Jesse Baker, Staton Webb.....							5 00
Hugo.....	Lenoir.....	J. F. Turnage, J. M. Williams.....	1		11			85	7 00
Shiloh.....	Beaufort.....	Geo. V. Boyd.....	4	1	2	2		148	5 00
Bear Creek.....	Beaufort.....	M. V. Hodges.....							5 00
Free Union.....	Beaufort.....	M. L. and J. N. Ratcliff.....	1	2	10			159	43 35
Piney Grove.....	Beaufort.....	B. J. Ayers, J. E. Ingalls.....	3		5			42	1 00
New Savannah.....	Beaufort.....								
Corinth.....	Martin.....	By letter.....						61	15 00
Roanoke Grove.....	Martin.....								
Rose of Sharon.....	Martin.....	J. F. Ferry, Jesse Bailey.....	1		3			58	10 00
Cedar Grove.....	Martin.....	By pastor.....							1 00
Gum Neck.....	Tyrrell.....								
Malachi's Chapel.....	Tyrrell.....	Sister N. B. Alexander.....	1		3		2	225	4 28
Free Union.....	Tyrrell.....	Received by Loyd Jones.....							2 00
Sound Side.....	Tyrrell.....								
Hickory Chapel.....	Hertford.....	By letter.....							10 00
Union Chapel.....	Washington.....								
Piney Grove.....	Washington.....								
Mt. Olive.....	Washington.....	By letter.....	1		2			144	19 00
Mt. Tabor.....	Washington.....	By letter.....	2		2	1		126	5 00
Mt. Zion.....	Washington.....	Lenwood Phelps, Mrs. J. E. Singleton.....		1	3			20	8 00
Otter's Creek.....	Edgecombe.....	Benj. Dilda, G. P. Owens.....			16	12		82	15 00





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