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Rev. C. L. Patrick, Grifton, N. C.

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Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Snow Hill, N. C.

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Levi Hill

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ROLL OF MINISTERS

D. A. Windham	Greenville, N. C.
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D. W. Alexander	Bethel, N. C.
W. B. Nobles	Winterville, N. C.
W. L. Hart	Clayton, N. C.
J. E. Wooten	Ayden, N. C.
J. W. Wooten	Walstonburg, N. C.
C. T. Pugh	New Bern, N. C.
F. L. Abrams	Tarboro, N. C.
M. A. Woodard—Retired	Winterville, N. C.
W. A. Dail—Retired	Route 2, Winterville, N. C.
L. B. Manning, Route 1	Fountain, N. C.
H. T. Sowers	Snow Hill, N. C.
R. H. Mason	Ayden, N. C.
W. G. Ennis	Greenville, N. C.
N. D. Beaman	Snow Hill, N. C.
Marshall Joyner	Winterville, N. C.
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P. C. Wiggs	Macclesfield, N. C.
R. B. Spencer	Ayden, N. C.
C. D. Hamilton	Fountain, N. C.
Loy E. Ballard	Ayden, N. C.
Leonard Earl Harris	Rocky Mount, N. C.
J. D. Vernelson	Rt. 3, Washington, N. C.
R. C. Proctor	Route 3, Wilson, N. C.
C. L. Patrick	Grifton, N. C.
C. J. Harris	Greenville, N. C.
Ralph Osborne	Pinetown, N. C.
R. B. Crawford	Bryan, Texas
T. P. Ellis	Route 1, Fountain, N. C.
Graham Baker	Greenville, N. C.
Clarence Little	Greenville, N. C.
Rashie Kennedy	303 Meade St., Greenville, N. C.
Roland Cherry	Williamston, N. C.
Leroy Forlines	Winterville, N. C.

LICENSED MINISTERS

M. A. Woolard	Pantego, N. C.
Heber Joyner	Greenville, N. C.
Frank Davenport	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Hubert Burress	Saratoga, N. C.

ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH CLERK AND ADDRESS

PITT COUNTY

Reedy Branch—Mrs. C. L. Davenport, Greenville, N. C., R-2.
Bethany—Mrs. G. N. Edwards, Winterville, N. C.
Piney Grove—Mrs. Bettie T. Forest, Greenville, N. C., R-2.
King's Cross Roads—Mrs. I. C. Tugwell, Farmville, N. C.
Sweet Gum Grove—Mrs. Clarence Barnhill, Greenville, N. C., R-4.
Rose Hill—F. A. Haddock, Winterville, N. C.
Hickory Grove—B. E. Dixon, Conetoe, N. C.
Greenville—Mrs. Kiney Smith, Greenville, N. C., R-2.
Arthur—Heber Strickland, Bell Arthur, N. C.
Dilda's Grove—Mrs. Archie Horton, Macclesfield, N. C.
Winterville—Clyde Hines, Winterville, N. C.
Parker's Chapel—Lloyd Johnson, Greenville, N. C., R-5.
Pleasant Hill—L. D. Stanley, Winterville, N. C., R-1.
Elm Grove—Levi G. Worthington, Ayden, N. C., R-3.
Black Jack—A. G. Gaskins, Greenville, N. C., R-3.
Ayden—Mrs. R. L. Turnage, Jr., Ayden, N. C.
Marlboro—Sam V. Tugwell, Farmville, N. C.
Gum Swamp—Floyd P. Harris, Greenville, N. C., R-4.

GREENE COUNTY

Friendship—H. Carl Tyson, Farmville, N. C., R-1.
New Sts. Delight—K. L. Wooten, Hookerton, N. C.
Old Sts. Delight—Mrs. Willie Cox, Snow Hill, N. C.
Little Creek—Edward Skinner, Hookerton, N. C.
Spring Branch—Mrs. Richard Owens, Walstonburg, N. C.
Howell Swamp—R. S. Holloman, Walstonburg, N. C.
Maury—Lynnell Spivey, Maury, N. C.
Free Union—Mrs. Frank L. Walston, Walstonburg, N. C.
Hull Road—Alford Ginn, Snow Hill, N. C.
Harrel's Chapel—R. E. Hart, Snow Hill, N. C., R-3.
Grimsley—Jimmie Lee Jones, Hookerton, N. C.

LENOIR COUNTY

Hugo—Mrs. Wilton Faulkner, Grifton, N. C., R-2.
LaGrange—Mrs. Mary Hardy, LaGrange, N. C., R-1.

EDGECOMBE COUNTY

Rocky Mount—Mrs. O. C. Merritt, Rocky Mt., N. C., 1509 Wilson Rd.
Edgewood—R. H. Harrell, Greenville, N. C.
Otters Creek—Mrs. Johnnie Wooten, Macclesfield, N. C., R-1.

WAYNE COUNTY

Antioch—George C. Sasser, Goldsboro, N. C., R-2.
Walnut Creek—Miss Ina Ruth Langston, LaGrange, N. C., R-2.
Watery Branch—Edger Benton, Lucama, N. C.

WILSON COUNTY

Owen's Chapel—J. E. Baker, Elm City, N. C., R-1.
Saratoga—Mrs. Paul Thigpen, Stantonsburg, N. C., R-1.

Aspin Grove—Clifton Gardner, Fountain, N. C.
Daniels' Chapel—Charlie Pittman, Jr., Wilson, N. C., R-3.

MARTIN COUNTY

Cedar Grove—Mrs. Mae Jones, Williamston, N. C., R-3.
Rose of Sharon—T. L. Roberson, Williamston, N. C.

BEAUFORT COUNTY

Piney Grove—Olander Harrison, Robersonville, N. C.
Shiloh—J. E. Foreman, Washington, N. C., R-2.

HALIFAX COUNTY

Dawson's Grove—W. D. Harris, Enfield, N. C., R-1.

PASQUOTANK COUNTY

St. Paul—Mrs. Sudie Copeland, 715 Fleetw'd St., Elizabeth City, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday Morning

The North Carolina Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened it's two hundred third session with Rose Hill Church, Pitt County, November 7th. and 8th., 1951.

Devotions were led by Rev. Ralph Osborne, Prayer by Rev. W. A. Dail.

The address of welcome was delivered by the pastor of the local Church, Rev. W. B. Nobles, and the response by Mrs. Nettie Thigpen.

The Moderator's Message was delivered by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. N. Bruce Barrow.

The following Ministers were present:—Revs. C. L. Patrick, W. B. Nobles, R. H. Mason, C. J. Harris, M. A. Woodard, Ralph Osborne, W. A. Dail, J. E. Wooten, R. B. Spencer, Rashie Kennedy, T. P. Ellis, J. D. Vernelson, D. A. Windham, N. D. Beaman, Clarence Little, David Wooten, C. D. Hamilton, W. L. Hart, L. R. Ennis, D. W. Alexander, N. Bruce Barrow, E. L. Abrams, J. W. Wooten.

The visiting licensed ministers were: Frank Davenport, Hubert Burress, A. G. Baker.

Cape Fear—Rev. M. L. Johnson.

Western—Ray Allman.

Eastern—Revs. D. W. Hansley, S. A. Smith.

On motion we welcomed Rev. Roland Cherry and Rev. Leroy Forlines as members of this Conference.

The Minutes of the Executive Committee were read and adopted.

A letter of thanks was read from the family of Rev. R. B. Spencer due to the death of Mrs. Spencer.

A letter was read from Rev. J. P. Barrow expressing his regrets for not being able to be at the Conference.

The following Committees were appointed:

Resolution—Rashie Kennedy, J. H. Waters, Harvey Moore.

Temperance—N. D. Beaman, Titus Harrison, Hubert Burress.

Orphanage—Joe Walston, Mrs. H. L. Spivey, T. P. Ellis.

Obituary—D. A. Windham, D. W. Alexander, Ray Dock Gay.

Devotional—Ralph Osborne, W. B. Nobles, M. A. Woodard.

A letter was read from a colored group that wishes to buy the Arthur Church and by motion the matter was left in the hands of the Board of Trustees of the Conference.

A motion was made that all funds received from the sale of Church property be left in the treasury to lend Church groups to help build new Churches or to repair old ones.

Rev. D. A. Windham gave the report of the Educational Board and the report was adopted.

An offering was taken for Miss Elsie Dunn to help her with her education at Nashville. The offering amounted to one hundred dollars.

It was motioned that we elect a Mission Board of five members to begin work and report to unions and conference.

The Mission Board elected were: Rashie Kennedy, N. D. Beaman, C. L. Patrick, Levi Hill, Ralph Osborne.

A motion was made that we revive the Church Report Blank and include space for a report of Sunday Schools.

After a few minutes recess and a congregational Hymn, Mr. George Harrison brought us a message in song.

Prayer by Rev. W. L. Hart.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. M. L. Johnson, using as his text Luke 24:39 "An invitation to Know Christ."

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. L. R. Ennis.

Wednesday Afternoon

Devotions and song service were conducted by Rev. Hubert Burress.

Prayer by Bro. Reddin Proctor.

Memorial Tributes was led by Rev. D. A. Windham, assisted by Misses Patsy Tyson, Claudia Pollard and Peggie Tugwell.

Rev. David Wooten asked for a letter of recommendation from this conference to the Western Conference. His request was granted.

Rev. M. L. Johnson gave a report of the Church Finance Association and the superannuation work and these reports were received as information.

Rev. David W. Hansley gave a report of the Board of Education and by a motion, the matter was tabled.

The Devotional Committee reported that Bro. Claude Sugg would open service tonight, and Rev. Frank Davenport would preach.

Dismissed by Rev. David Wooten.

Thursday Morning

The North Carolina Central Conference re-assembled at nine-thirty o'clock Thursday morning, November the eighth, nineteen-hundred-fifty-one.

Devotions and prayer were led by Rev. Frank Davenport.

The minutes of yesterdays activities were read and approved.

By a motion the woman's auxiliary convention of this conference was given space to publish their work in the Conference Minutes. The added expense is to be taken care of by the auxiliary convention.

Rev. D. A. Windham gave an obituary report and by motion the report was received. (See report.)

The Moderator invited all delegates to sit with us in this Conference.

By a motion, Rev. Hubert Burress and Rev. Frank Davenport were added to the list of licensed ministers.

A motion was made to rescind the motion passed yesterday regarding the report of Sunday Schools being added to our report envelopes.

A motion was made that we place on the back of our report envelopes a space to report the number of members of the Sunday Schools, Leagues, and woman's auxiliaries.

Rev. C. L. Patrick gave a report of the work assigned him last year in regards to a liquor referendum for this state.

Rev. S. A. Smith, the new superintendent of the Orphanage, gave a report of the activities at the Orphanage.

Mrs. H. L. Spivey gave a report of the orphanage committee and by a motion the report was adopted.

An offering was taken for the Orphanage amounting to two-hundred-seventy-five-dollars and fifty-seven-cents.

The local church gave a musical program which was enjoyed by all.

Rev. Rashie Kennedy delivered the convention sermon. His text was taken from Acts 1:8 "The Risen Christ Evangelizing the World Through His Church."

We were dismissed for lunch by Rev. J. E. Wooten.

Thursday Afternoon

Re-assembled at one-fifteen o'clock with the devotions led by Rev. J. D. Ver-nelson. Prayer by Rev. R. B. Spencer.

Miss Olema Grant brought us a special message in song.

By motion, we accepted the invitation of Elm Grove Church for the 1952 session of the Conference. Rev. Burkette Raper was asked to preach the introductory sermon and Rev. C. L. Patrick as his alternate.

Rev. N. Bruce Barrow gave a report of the Ordaining Council and by a motion the report was accepted.

On motion, Rev. C. L. Patrick was asked to represent the Conference in any public Temperance Meetings.

Mr. H. M. Mallard spoke in regards to the Orphanage being in debt.

CHURCHES	DELEGATES	CONTRIBUTION	VAL. CHURCH PROPERTY	NO. MEMBERS	BAPTIZED	REC'D BY LETTER	DISMISSED	DIED	TOTAL MONEY RAISED	OFFERINGS	TO EVANGELIST	TOTAL PAID OUT	TO PASTOR	TO MISSIONS	TO ORPHANAGE	TO EDUCATION	TO SUPERANNUATION	TO CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION	TO UNION MEETING	FOR REPAIRS	TO MISCELLANEOUS	NO MINUTES
Pitt County--																						
Ayden	Elbert Davidson, Mr. & Mrs. L. A. Dunn	\$10.00	\$20,000	212	3	3	2	4	\$2,905.27	\$ 0	\$164.90	\$	\$1,500.00	\$ 31.00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 40.00	\$ 596.37	\$ 573.00	25
Arthur																						5
Bethany	Noble Craft, W. O. McLawhorn	20.00																				20
Black Jack	Heber Dixon, Snode Arnold	25.00	25,000	385	24	7	7	10	2,118.39	1,678.39	500.00	1,617.93	720.00	50.00	228.84	50.00	22.09	0	20.00	27.00	300.00	40
Dildy's Grove	R. L. Goff, Archie Horton	10.00		61	7	1			911.60		130.00	842.33	325.00	118.09	108.78	31.50	12.50	0	20.00		96.46	20
Elm Grove	Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Barfield	10.00		293	4	3	4	1	1,150.00		125.00		420.00	21.16	365.72	99.46	23.21		10.00		71.91	30
Greenville	Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Moore	10.00	30,000	546	56	24	5	2	9,454.19	9,060.38	885.00		2,850.00	496.00	844.17	366.80	76.77		198.40	96.10	4,073.29	40
Hickory Grove	Kenith Manning, Mavis Manning	10.00		4,000	158	10	4	9	4		182.00		300.06		108.45				30.00			15
King's X Road	Mr. and Mrs. Heber Tyson	20.00		6,000	224	5	5	3	2	1,656.06	360.00	301.50	1,600.56	600.29	143.00	53.00	128.18	8.00	12.00	210.16	93.86	25
Marlboro	Sam V. Tugwell, Claude Allen	25.00		5,000	257	7	3	1	1,175.00	625.00	400.00	1,254.00	600.00	24.00	80.00	10.00	30.00	20.00		40.00	30.00	25
Parker's Chapel	Louise House, Mrs. W. R. Harris	10.00		5,000	168	18	1	4	3	889.01	160.00		973.19	47.00	42.26	10.34			15.00	134.50	22.09	20
Piney Grove	Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Crawford	10.00	10,000	238	4	3	1	4	4,710.87	249.94	235.00	4,136.24	408.00	11.00	181.69	44.86	14.65		24.00	3,108.21	108.83	25
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. G. B. Haddock, Mrs. B. A. Mayo	5.00	8,000	100	1	2	1	0	2,674.65		225.00	2,674.65	240.00	30.00	100.00		55.00		20.00	3,000.00	89.74	10
Reedy Branch	Russell Little, Alex Brann	25.00	12,000	305	2	7	10	2	2,644.00	2,460.00	125.00	3,875.00	1,500.00	104.00	73.00	102.00			60.00		1,295.00	30
Rose Hill	Earnest Adams, J. A. Sugg	15.00	15,000	300	30	0	0	2	2,453.67	1,554.78	100.00	2,761.24	480.00		201.15		18.32	620.00	55.00	50.00		25
Sweet G. Grove	D. N. Nobles, Jr., Mrs. D. N. Nobles, Jr.	10.00	10,000	195	10	2	0	1	6,557.31	1,362.19	214.61	1,353.29	500.00	69.71	153.52	100.00	10.00	10.00	28.00	1,657.31	44.00	20
Winterville	W. L. Stocks, Mrs. Elbert Jackson	15.00	10,000	148	15	2	2	1	1,081.52		100.00	1,091.00	600.00	20.00	115.34	15.00	25.00		28.00	3,000.00	178.00	20
Gum Swamp	A. L. Morris, B. B. Harris	10.00	20,000	515	8	2	1	0	7,063.61		150.00	7,063.61	440.00	16.65	76.50	35.08	13.30	13.30	28.00	3,931.60	77.79	20
Greene County--																						
Friendship	Earl Norman, Mrs. Earl Norman	15.00	4,000	133	0	0	4	0	2,205.64	892.39	204.85	9,046.80	830.00	42.00	175.00	10.00	25.00	36.00	42.00	53.30	328.70	15
Free Union	W. M. Hardison, Mrs. Ida Jones	35.00	15,000	609	33	3	1	2	4,017.65	1,190.20	100.00	2,689.40	1,200.00	33.00	431.51	55.76	52.50		20.00	865.00		40
Grimsley	Jasper Lee Jones, Lyman Murphy	15.00	10,000	161	4	0	3	2	7,589.01	306.49	122.49	7,551.35	420.00	65.40	113.23	17.86	28.71		25.00	6,590.32	200.00	20
Harrell's Chapel	Raymond Hart, Allen Summerell	10.00	10,000	100	5	0	3	1	1,000.00	150.00	200.00	1,050.00	400.00	25.00	150.00	25.00	10.00	10.00	25.00	0	25.00	10
Hull Road	Titus Harrison, Kindrick Harrison	40.00	20,000	468	11	13	7	2	2,914.00	2,694.00	415.00	2,775.00	1,000.00	245.00	625.00	270.00	120.00		40.00	30.00		40
Little Creek	Mrs. E. L. Dail	10.00	5,000	150	0	1	2	1	1,500.00		100.00	1,500.00	600.00									15
Maury	A. L. Moore, Lee Grizzard	10.00	2,000	15	0	1	0	1	608.33		199.41		193.92		5.00				9.00	50.00		5
Saints Delight	G. E. Mooring, wife, T. E. Skinner, Ed. Bowen	10.00	10,000	340	5	4	2	1	2,100.00	472.17	200.00	1,934.81	600.00	23.44	200.00	5.00	7.00	5.00	40.00	800.00	54.37	30
Old St. Delight	Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moore	10.00	4,000																			10
Howell Swamp	Carl Cobb	10.00	10,000	136	6	0	2	2	1,175.33		100.00	1,181.90	480.00	33.24	137.85	162.27	34.51	19.83	25.00	17.10	162.10	15
Spring Branch	Ray Doc Gay, Charlie Walston	25.00		229	6	1	2	1			225.00	2,948.56	520.00	45.00	156.95	25.00		15.00	60.00	930.84		25
Edgecombe County																						
Edgewood	C. F. Abrams, R. H. Harrell	36.50	14,000	105	3	0	0	6			70.00	1,700.00	360.00	0	25.00	0	10.00	0	20.00	0		15
Otter Creek	W. E. Gardner	10.00		78	11	6	4	0	1,590.40	465.52	260.00	1,129.97	310.00	0	60.00	20.00	0	0	20.00	259.97	200.00	10
Rocky Mount	Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Robins	5.00	2,500	130	14	14	6	0	4,093.86		201.08	0	2,654.62		56.00				20.00			10
Lenoir County--																						
Hugo	Mrs. Wilton Faulkner, Mrs. Howard Holt	10.00	15,000	185	10	2	2	1	1,802.18	150.22	104.32	1,735.04	713.93	10.00	97.00	15.00	12.00	0	30.00	650.00	22.40	20
LaGrange	Mrs. Walter Wilson, Mrs. Alton Aldredge	10.00	8,000	114	11	0	2	2				420.00							20.00			10
Martin County--																						
Cedar Grove	Mrs. Russell Edmondson, Mrs. Sudie Revels	7.20																				15
Rose of Sharon	M. S. Cowan, Opleus Bailey	10.00	4,500	129					2,263.50	956.28	125.00	2,263.50	835.00	31.00	43.00	20.00	20.00	0	28.50	1,000.00	161.00	15
Wilson County--																						
Aspin Grove	Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Killebrew	10.00	1,100	225	9	13	0	6	3,000.00				410.00						30.00			20
Daniel's Chapel	Jasper Pittman, C. I. Pittman	10.00	5,000	136	19	0	0	3	1,001.18	386.48	210.00	884.19	360.00	25.00	75.00	50.00	0	0	40.00	0	106.00	15
Owen's Chapel	Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Walston	8.00	6,000	88	5				630.00		113.00	743.00										12
Saratoga	Mrs. Edna Ellis, Mrs. George Welton	10.00	6,000	222	9	3	1	4	3,784.19	296.45	150.00	3,784.19	1,005.00	155.10	162.91	29.30	0	0	58.30	1,691.79	178.34	25
Wayne County--																						
Antioch	Barney Kirby, J. F. Lancaster	12.00	25,000	144	5	3	2	1	5,794.00	284.00	310.00	1,038.40	600.00						85.00	290.00	650.00	15
Walnut Creek	Ina Ruth Langston	5.00	2,600	67	0	1	6	1	1,317.12	610.02	120.00	1,281.12	337.76	16.52	80.74	0	6.00	0	13.00	671.10	36.00	10
Watery Branch	Mrs. J. S. Jones, Miss Nannie Jones	10.00	4,000	105	38	11	0	0	1,756.98	125.36			780.00	0	35.00	0	12.00	0	20.00	357.25	100.00	10
Beaufort County--																						
Piney Grove	J. E. Ingels	5.00	20,000	114	1				824.27		280.95	673.72	300.00	10.00	10.00	0	0	0	15.00		49.02	20
Shiloh	Dallis Foreman, Jarvis Waters	20.00	2,000	328	0	2	6	2	1,235.08	805.00	283.00	957.08	840.00	25.00	100.00	10.00	0	0	65.00	0	114.75	30
Halifax County--																						
Dawson's Grove	Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harris	10.00	4,000	75	3	2	4	1	1,445.29	578.39	125.00	1,394.36	910.00	65.05	90.00	5.00	12.00	0	26.00	58.88	46.00	15
Pasquotank County																						
St. Paul	Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Meekins	5.00	22,000	54	9	7	6	0	3,590.73		409.84		2,091.47	71.10	150.99				20.00		988.61	10

Bro. C. K. Dunn spoke in behalf of the Press.

Rev. Rashie Kennedy gave a report of the Resolution Committee and by a motion, we voted on one resolution at the time.

The first resolution pertaining to the Catholics was adopted.

The second resolution on temperance was received.

The third resolution on finances was adopted.

The fourth resolution of appreciation was adopted.

By a motion the moderator and clerk were asked to perform the work asked for in the first resolution relative to sending telegrams to the President of the United States, the Congressman and Senator.

On motion, we extended a rising vote of thanks to the official staff of the Conference and all others who have helped to make this Conference a success.

The following delegates were appointed to the various Church bodies:

State Convention—Bro. Will Hardison, Levi Hill, Mrs. Nettie Thigpen, Bro. Harvey Moore, Mrs. Joseph Walston, Bro. Noah Hemby and Bro. J. E. Foreman.

French Broad—Rev. C. D. Hamilton.

Rock Fish—Rev. T. P. Ellis.

Pee Dee—By Letter.

Piedmont—Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

Western—Rev. R. B. Spencer.

Eastern—Rev. W. L. Hart.

Albermarle—Rev. Ralph Osborne.

Cape Fear—Rev. L. E. Ballard.

Toe River—By Letter.

Jack Creek—By Letter.

After singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" we were dismissed by Rev. W. A. Dail.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, moderator

Leo Tripp, clerk

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met in Ayden on April the Third with three members being present. At this meeting Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Pastor of the Greenville Church, presented himself for membership in this conference with a letter of recommendation from the Cape Fear Conference.

By a motion, Bro. Kennedy was received in full fellowship in this Conference and was given the right hand of welcome by the committee.

On September the sixth, the Executive Committee met at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden at which time Rev. C. L. Patrick, C. J. Harris, J. D. Vernelson and Leo Tripp were present.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. J. Harris. The following business was transacted.

The program of the 1951 session was arranged.

Delegates to the various Church bodies were appointed as follows:

State Convention—Rev. C. L. Patrick.

Eastern Conference—Rev. C. J. Harris.

Cape Fear—Rev. Rashie Kennedy.

Albemarle—Rev. D. W. Alexander.

Western—Rev. J. D. Vernelson.

As there was no other business we were dismissed by Rev. J. D. Vernelson.

Respectfully Submitted

C. L. Patrick

C. J. Harris

J. D. Vernelson

Leo Tripp

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Today we stand at the time-beaten portals of another conference year that will soon fade away into the dateless past. Before us and all about us are seats forever vacated; voices we heard are hushed and we listen, in vain, for footsteps; we will never hear again. While they were with us they acted well their part; and though it may have been a small one, even the giving of a cup of cold water, He whose eye is on the sparrow, acknowledged it as well done. But one day they came to the end of life's journey; to the river where the last wind of sorrow had blown, they closed their eyes for a peaceful slumber and the Great King commanded the spirit to be free and like a fleeting sunbeam they passed out yonder into God's eternal somewhere, where the wicked cease to trouble and where the weary is forever at rest. Human ties would have turned aside the grave reaper, but our doom is written "dust thou art and shall to dust return."

There's a little grave on the green hill-side

That lies toward the setting sun

Weary ones have wandered there

When the toil of day was done

That little grave is a way-side mark

That points to a far off land

It speaks to the soul of a better day

Of a day that is near at hand

One sad day when the evening sun hung low in the dreary west, we came to the valley with a dear, precious burden and amid the lillies and flowers we tenderly laid it to rest. And, when the farewell hymn was chanted, we wept by the side of the tomb. We were prone to wonder if Jesus cares—Oh, yes He cares, I know He cares and His heart is touched with our grief. Some of the most precious blessings come to us completely disguised. If it were not for the shower we could never look with rapture at the beauty of the rainbow; and the violet drenched with the rain smiles more beautifully when kissed with heavenly sunshine.

May God give to all a faith that will not waver or complain when on the brink of an earthly woe and in the deepest darkness will feel no doubt—faith that will lead you to the summit of life's purple hill-top where light lingers long when the day is done. In the stillness of this moment may we submit to His will whose wisdom makes no errors and whose goodness never lays on us one trial too many, and say in the words of the Master "Thy Will Be Done." While the loving hand of an infinite God keeps their last resting place green, we will keep their memories, like these evergreens, forever fresh in our hearts.

We shall sleep, but not forever
From the dust we shall arise
Clad in robes of fadeless beauty
We will meet beyond the skies

We shall sleep, but not forever
In the lone and silent grave
Blessed be the Lord that taketh
Blessed be the Lord that gave

Let us speak gently and tread softly that their tranquil and peaceful slumber be not disturbed until that glorious day when the eastern sky shall be silvered with the dawn of eternity when He will call them from the grave to "Home, Sweet Home."

"We will sing of the home over there, by the side of the river of life,
Where the saints are immortal and fair and robed in their garments
of white.

In the beautiful home over there our kindred and friends are at rest,
Away from our sorrow and care we will fly to the home of the blest."

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

I—Protest to President Truman's effort in sending a representative to the Vatican in Rome.

Since history bears testimony to the fact that the policies and practices of the Roman Catholic Church have furnished threats in the past to the political, economic, and religious safety and security of the nations, and is in nowise more amiable today, and since it is apparent that any move or gesture toward recognition of the authority of the Vatican on the part of our government encourages and aids the menacing position of that power against the liberties of our people, and the people of the nations of the world;

Therefore, be it resolved:

1—That the Central Conference of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, now in session at Rose Hill Church, Pitt County, go on record as registering its protest against the appointment of General Mark Clark, or any other person, by the President of the United States as Ambassador to the Vatican, or in anywise as representative of this nation to the Roman Pope.

2—That a clear and fitting message of protest on behalf of this body be wired to Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, and one each to

Congressman Bonner of this congressional district and Senator Smith of this senatorial district..

II—Temperance:

In as much as drunkenness is in a large degree responsible for immoral practices, and in as much as intemperance is not Christian practices, but against the teachings of the Bible when it says to be temperate in all things;

Therefore, be it resolved by this Conference now in session at Rose Hill, Pitt County, 1951:

1—That this Conference urge its members not to have any part in or be in any way aiding or abetting in the use or sale of alcoholic beverages, but rather use our support against such traffic.

2—That we urge said people to be temperate in all things both Spiritual and moral.

3—That this Conference request its ministers to deliver, occasionally, messages urging the people to live Godly in Christ Jesus and abstain from all conformity to said practices.

4—That this Conference urge all of its members to observe the Lord's day. That all members who open their places of business on the Lord's day be urged to keep it closed that day.

III—Resolution on Finance:

Whereas the former practices of the Free Will Baptists in regards to raising funds has been in conflict with the Bible plan of tithes and offerings,

Whereas these practices have in many cases been in conflict with the right policy that should be used in the local church as regards Bible Stewardship,

Whereas these practices have involved the local, state and national enterprises and in many cases has made it embarrassing to the committees and boards who have charge of those enterprises:

For example the orphanage has to send out little children.

The college has to send a quartet.

The Mission Board has to send out Itinerate workers.

Be it resolved that this Conference, in this session decide by the passing of this resolution to begin teaching and practicing the Bible plan of Stewardship.

Stewardship as it relates to time, talent, and possessions.

IV—Resolution of appreciation:

Resolve that this Conference give this church and community a rising vote of thanks for the generous and friendly way in which they have entertained this Conference.

Rashie Kennedy, chairman
Jarvius H. Waters
H. A. Moore

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL BOARD

We, your Educational Board, beg to report as follows:

During the year we have endeavored as much as circumstances would permit to keep before the people of the conference the cause of Christian Education, and encourage the churches to respond liberally to the appeals made from our College and other educational agencies of the denomination. The records at the College show that Central Conference churches have raised a reasonable amount for this worthy cause during the year, not as much as we would have liked to have seen raised, and not as much as we feel might have been raised, but an amount to do credit to the conference.

We are pleased to note that our pastors over the conference and other church leaders are awakening to the opportunity offered through conducting Bible institutes and Worker's Training Schools in the church to better educate the rank and file of our membership. A number of such institutes and schools have been conducted during this year, all, so far as we are able to learn, with success.

We commend this and urge that more of it be done. We also endorse the splendid work being done by our Sunday Schools and Woman's Auxiliaries through Daily Vacation Bible Schools to forward the Christian education of the children of the churches.

We desire to make the following recommendation to the conference, after careful consideration and prayer. We have in our Bible School at Nashville, Tennessee, at the present from this conference a fine young person who is preparing for foreign mission work with our denomination. This person is Miss Elsie Dunn. This fine girl has entered school by faith, believing that God has called her to be a missionary. We understand that she has no funds with which to pursue her education, and will be forced to leave school unless funds are provided. Her own church, believing firmly in her call, is contributing liberally to her support. We recommend that we do all that we can during the coming year to help this girl through school, by taking an offering during this sitting of the conference to apply on her school expenses, and by urging the churches to take offerings for her during the year, as they find it possible. In this way we will be "practicing what we preach" in missionary endeavor.

During the year we arranged a radio program presenting our College Male Quartet, which was such a success that the announcer in charge at the time said that it was as good a male quartet as he had ever put on the air: As a result of this program, the cause of our Bible College and Christian Education was given some most favorable publicity. We further recommend that our ministers throughout the conference use the radio as often as possible to further the education of our people, and to present to the public our denominational work. If you cannot get a thirty minute program, as we were able to do, use such time as you may secure to the best possible advantage.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. Windham, chairman

C. J. Harris

L. E. Ballard

Educational Board

REPORT OF ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE

We, your Orphanage Committee, submit the following report.

1--The needs of our Orphanage are many. We need ten thousand dollars to complete the chapel.

2--We need to put on special drives during the next year to raise funds to reduce the indebtedness which is eighteen thousand dollars.

3--The girls' building is in need of repairs which will cost at least ten thousand dollars.

4--The board has been compelled to raise the salaries of the employees in order to get those who are qualified to help train our children.

5--With the high cost of living expense, we, your committee, recommend that each minister and Free Will Baptist rally to the orphanage, and send liberal donations to help promote our orphanage work. Our New Superintendent needs each and everyone to cooperate in this great work.

6--We are asking the Conference to receive an offering for the Orphanage. This offering to be used in the General Fund.

Submitted by the Committee

Joseph Walston

T. P. Ellis

Mrs. H. L. Spivey

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

The board called on Bro. C. T. Pugh November 18, 1950. Bro. Pugh reported his interest in the Conference and stated that he would be present at the Conference or write a letter. We recommend that his name remain on the list of ministers.

The board met on March 23, 1951, and questioned Bro. Roland Cherry and Bro. Tom Wells. Bro. Cherry was ordained with Recommendation that he further his education in some fundamental institution. Bro. Wells was rejected because he had not cleared with the Salvation Army.

The board met June 21, 1951, and questioned Bro. LeRoy Forlines, he was ordained with recommendation that he further his education.

We, your board, wish to advise that we are to be governed by the Treatise, and Conference Standards for Ordination.

Two members of the board met at Aspin Grove Church with Bro. Hubert Burress and his pastor on Saturday before second Sunday in October 1950, and questioned Bro. Burress and recommended to his Pastor that his Church license him.

One member of the board, with the approval of the other Board members, met at Aspin Grove Saturday before second Sunday in October, 1951, and

questioned Bro. Frank Davenport and recommended to his Pastor that the church license him as of that date.

Respectfully Submitted

N. D. Beaman

Ralph Osborne

D. W. Alexander

L. B. Manning

N. B. Barrow

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received at this Conference.....	\$618.70
Paid out as follows:	
Treasurer	\$ 45.53
D. W. Alexander.....	22.90
Ralph Osborne.....	20.80
C. L. Patrick.....	10.00
N. D. Beaman.....	6.00
L. B. Manning.....	6.00
F. W. B. Press.....	8.00
Clerk (Office Supplies).....	7.75
Clerk (Salary).....	35.00
Minutes	90.00
Orphanage	124.43
Missions	125.00
Cragmont	10.00
F. W. B. College.....	100.00
Superannuation	40.00
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	\$610.41
Amount left in Treasury.....	\$ 8.29

Respectfully Submitted

J. D. Vernelson

Kirby Wooten

I. C. Tugwell

C. D. Hamilton

Leon Barnhill

