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MINUTES

—OF THE—

Forty-Third Annual Session

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Central Illinois Yearly Meeting

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FREE BAPTIST,

—HELD WITH—

SATO CHURCH,

OCTOBER 2-4, 1903.

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Officers of the Central Illinois Y. M. of Free Baptist.

Rev. C. F. Stalker, Moderator, Percy, Ill.
Rev. T. O. McMinn, Assistant Moderator, Murphysboro, Ill.
Rev. G. A. Gordon, Clerk, Campbell Hill, Ill.
Rev. J. H. Bagwill, Assistant Clerk, East St. Louis, Ill.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Rev. H. F. Carter Term expires Sept. 1904.
Rev. J. W. McMillan Term expires Sept. 1905.
Rev. J. J. Tatum Term expires Sept. 1906.

LOCAL HOME MISSION BOARD.

Rev. G. A. Gordon Term expires Sept. 1904.
Rev. J. L. Meads Term expires Sept. 1905.
Rev. T. O. McMinn Term expires Sept. 1906.
C. R. Rice, Tamaroa, Ill., Treasurer of Board.
Rev. G. A. Gordon, Field Secretary, or State Agent, Campbell Hill, Ill.

FIXED DAYS

Children's Day Second Sunday in June.
Foreign Mission Days June and December.
Education Days Sept and April.
Home Mission Days March and October.
Each pastor should take above monthly collections.
Denominational Anniversary Day Last Sunday in January

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING OF FREE BAPTIST.

The Central Illinois Yearly Meeting of Free Baptist met with Sato church at 8 o'clock a. m. Oct. 2, 1903. Bible reading by Rev. L. B. Haines. At 8:30 the meeting was called to order by Rev. G. A. Gordon, the standing clerk, and Rev. C. F. Stalker was elected moderator and Rev. T. O. McMinn assistant moderator; also Rev. J. H. Bagwill was elected assistant clerk.

The letters were called for, and Looney Springs, Makanda, Wayne County and Lebanon quarterly meetings presented their letters, which were read and the names of delegates enrolled. Franklin County Q. M. had no letter, but she had delegates.

The chair then appointed the following committee on the arrangement of committees: J. L. Meads, C. R. Rice, J. F. Kirk, Geo. E. W. Wood and T. O. McMinn. Committee to supply the pulpit, J. L. Meads, T. Grizzell and J. B. Williamson. Committee on requests, Geo. E. W. Wood, D. Bain and L. W. Miller.

The clerk then read the minutes of last session.

The committee on committees made the following report, which, by vote, was adopted:

Local Home Missions: Rev. T. O. McMinn, M. Fox and D. Bain.

State of the Country: J. L. Meads, Rollin C. Rice and Mrs. P. X. Cheatham.

Temperance: C. F. Stalker, T. H. Evans and W. Ed Meads.

Church grouping: J. H. Bagwill, Geo. E. W. Wood and R. Bilbray.

Sunday Schools: J. W. McMillan, G. W. Elkins and J. B. Williamson.

Foreign Missions: Miss Lizzie Moody, Katherine A. Haines and Mrs. H. F. Carter.

Publications: G. A. Gordon, J. J. Tatum and P. H. Downing.

Doctrine: L. B. Haines, J. F. Kirk and T. J. Haney.

Obituaries: Geo. E. W. Wood, D. Bain and Wm. Lawhorn.

Closing resolutions: W. B. Bilbrey, John Swanwick and J. B. Bequert.

Roll of lay delegates: C. R. Rice, J. B. Williamson, Adaline Mayo, Archie Robinson, Thos. Leming, D. Bain, Sarah Bain, W. B. Bilbray, S. Bradford, J. M. Harris, Wm. Lawhorn, Hattie Gordon, James Wise, James Hudgens, Permelia McBride, John Jones, Ivy Rice, John Gower.

Rev. Elizabeth Moody, missionary of the Women's Missionary Society, was present and invited to a seat with us.

Rev. J. J. Tatum was elected member of the Examining Board.

Rev. T. O. McMinn was elected to succeed himself as a member of the Home Mission Board.

C. R. Rice was elected as treasurer of the Home Mission Board to succeed himself.

Rev. G. A. Gordon was re-elected State Agent for Illinois.

Voted that Revs. J. L. Meads, W. Ed Meads, L. B. Haines and Katherine A. Haines be made general evangelists.

Rev. C. F. Stalker was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next Y. M.

The Home Mission Board made their report, showing that they had expended \$420.30 for the year's work, and that including the General Conference 1 cent tax the board is now in debt \$192.

By vote each church was requested to send up their 1 cent tax, for the General Conference, to their quarterly meeting, to be sent in to the Y. M. annually.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.

At 11 o'clock Rev. T. O. McMinn preached the annual sermon.

Ministers present: T. O. McMinn, G. A. Gordon, C. F. Stalker, J. J. Tatum, J. L. Tatum, L. W. Miller, J. F. Kirk, T. J. Haney, T. H. Evans, Katherine A. Haines, L. B. Haines, M. Fox, J. W. McMillan, P. H. Downing, J. L. Meads, Geo. E. W. Wood, J. H. Bagwill, W. Ed Meads, Wm. Pitman, Lizzie Moody, A. J. Rendleman, C. S. Carroll, L. Easterly, J. W. Townsend, C. Ryan, H. F. Carter, Jno. Swanwick, G. W. Elkins, J. B. Bequert.

A collection was taken for Miss Moody's women's work of \$9.50.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2 p. m. Opened by singing, and prayer by Bro. J. F. Kirk. Roll was called and the minutes of morning session read.

Prof. H. S. Meyers, our Y. P. General Secretary, was present and introduced, and invited to a seat with us.

G. A. Gordon, Treasurer, made his report as follows:

Nov. 20, 1903,	Money paid for printing minutes	-	\$12.00
"	" Postage	-	2.55
Feb. 1,	" Incorporation fee	-	1.00
June 25,	" Clerk's salary	-	10.00
	Balance	-	1.85
	Money collected from churches	-	\$31.25
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The authority of Wm. Pitman to preach was called up, his ordination papers having been lost, and he was asked to go before the examining board.

State Agent G. A. Gordon made his report, as follows: Our most anxious concern for the year has been the effort to supply the churches with pastors, unsuccessfully. Wayne County Q. M. has been short on pastors, but most of the churches have pastors. I assisted in the organization of three churches—Bartlett, 12 members; East Carondelet, 35 members; Fordyce, 41 members. Dedicated 2 churches, Little Flock, Kans., and Uniontown, Ill. Attended General Conference Board meeting at Hillsdale, Mich., visited our Bro. C. T. Rogers. Seven funerals, attended Cairo Institute and Manning Bible School, several trips to East St. Louis and helped to buy the East St. Louis property at \$3,500, visited a number of the churches, traveled 5,885 miles, in the work alone, at a cost of \$93.50, received from all sources \$71.40; preached 61 times, married two couples, edited the I. F. B. and, like Paul, had the care of all the churches. Recommend that all pastors keep careful account of all money raised for denominational purposes. (Adopted).

G. A. GORDON,
State Agent.

"Our Country."

We have assumed to ourselves the language spoken of Israel: "This people have I formed for myself, that they should show forth my praise." But that glory is greatly dimmed by a continental Sabbath, the prolonged rule of the rum Robespierre, municipal and national corruption, and the reign of mob violence. We commend such public servants as Joseph Folk, the sheriff of Danville, Ill., Governor Yates, and the increasing number of others, who labor for municipal and civic righteousness. We recommend that our ministers heed the advice of President Roosevelt, and preach often on law and our plain duty as citizens. We recommend that all Chautauquas and other religious and

semi-religious organizations cease to furnish platforms and hearers for apologists and advocates of lynch law as a remedy for any crime, no matter how atrocious. (Adopted). J. L. MEADS, Chairman.

A report from the Examining Board, recommending the ordaining of L. B. Haines, was read and adopted. Moved that he be ordained to-night after sermon. Carried.

Adjourned to meet Saturday morning.

MORING SESSION.

Met at 8 o'clock. Singing, and prayer by Bro. J. H. Bagwill.

Minutes of yesterday's session was read.

Sunday Schools.

It is a lamentable fact that in many places only a small per cent of our church members belong to the Sunday school; therefore, we would recommend that the pulpit urge that our members take hold of this work, and insist that Christian teachers and officers be employed in our Sunday schools as far as possible. (Adopted)

J. W. McMILLAN, Chairman.

Temperance.

The saloon is the greatest crime breeding institution of our age. It fires the baser passions of man until they break out in flames of violence, robbery, prostitution and murder. It fills the jails, penitentiaries, asylums, county farms and potter's fields, thus causing a needless burden of taxation. It destroys homes, blights lives, damns souls, and is the avowed, open enemy of Jesus Christ and his church.

Therefore, as a Y. M., we stand opposed to the manufacture, sale, importation or exportation of alcoholic liquors as a beverage, and we will use our franchise as electors in harmony with the spirit of the Gospel and the prayer, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." (Adopted).

W. ED MEADS, Chairman.

Church Grouping.

We recommend that the Home Mission Board be a committee to group the churches for better pastorates, and submit their report at next Y. M. (Adopted). W. B. BILBREY, Chairman.

Voted that Jos. Moore's name be dropped from the roll of licensed ministers he having joined the Volunteer Army.

Voted that H. M. Turney be dropped from the roll.

Doctrine.

We recommend that each pastor be requested to preach at least one sermon during the year on each of the cardinal doctrines of our church, such as Regeneration, Baptism, Communion, and such other subjects as will tend to increase loyalty to the church among the members; also at least one sermon on Home and Foreign Missions.

(Adopted).

L. B. HAINES, Chairman.

Voted that the next Y. M. be given to Makanda Q. M.

Voted that the next Y. M. be held on the last Sunday in August, 1894, changed for this session only.

Adjourned till 2 p. m.

Prof. H. S. Meyers occupied a half hour on the Y. P. work, and Geo. E. W. Wood preached at 11.

Last night after sermon by Sister Lizzie Moody, Rev. T. O. McMinn leading, Rev. L. B. Haines of East St. Louis church was ordained to the gospel ministry, presented by J. J. Tatum, prayer by J. L. Meads, charge by G. A. Gordon, hand of fellowship by the brethren.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P. M.

Met and opened by singing and prayer. Roll called and 32 present.

Home Missions.

We rejoice in the fact that the work at Marion and East St. Louis has been successful during the past year, and would urge our people to pay their pledges, and also ask that we press the pledges for this next year, that every one be urged, who have not already, to subscribe something on the five year pledge.

(Adopted).

T. O. McMINN, Chairman.

Rev. W. Ed Meads of the Iowa Y. M. was introduced and invited to a seat.

Publications.

Recognizing the great need, we would recommend and urge that our people patronize our own publications, such as the Morning Star, Free Baptist, Illinois Free Baptist, Sunday School and Young People's supplies, and all other F. B. literature.

(Adopted).

G. A. GORDON, Chairman.

Report of Home Mission Board.

The Home Mission Board made the following recommendations: \$170 to East St. Louis church, provided the church raise \$110 to apply on the church debt, \$60 of the amount to apply on salary at \$5 per month; \$100 to Marion at \$8.33 per month, and recommend the payment of the 1 cent tax to the General Conference, of \$107. (Adopted).

T. O. McMINN }
G. A. GORDON } Committee.
J. L. MEADS }

Treasurer Rice's Report.

The Treasurer, C. R. Rice, made his report, as follows:

To amount on hand Oct. 4, 1902	-	\$ 77.16
Moneys received from all sources	- -	344.57
By cash paid J. J. Tatum	-	\$235.00
“ “ East St. Louis	-	100.00
“ “ J. H. Bagwill	-	60.00
“ “ For Stationery	-	9.84
“ “ T. O. McMinn	-	3.30
“ “ J. L. Meads	-	2.00
To cash on hand		11.61
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The letters from the Q. M.'s showed a good gain for the year, and four new churches added—Bartlett, East Carondelet, 2nd church of Marion and Fordyce, with Kinkaid and Bethlehem restored to the roll.

Foreign Missions.

Because of the joy in our lives which has come to us through the preaching of the Gospel, we would tell the same story to those who have it not; therefore ask that each pastor give special prayer and study to this department of the work, and each church do all in its power to meet the needs of our foreign field. (Adopted)

LIZZIE MOODY.

One thousand copies of the minutes to be printed as early as possible, by the clerk, and each church to pay one dollar.

Voted that candidates for examination for license or ordination shall appear before the Board of Examiners on Monday before the Y.

M. meets on Tuesday, for examination, at the place of meeting.

Prof. Meyers held a workers' conference 30 minutes.

Adjourned to after services to-night.

At 7:30 Prof. H. S. Meyers preached to a very large audience, after which the Board of Examiners made report as follows:

We would recommend for ordination to the Gospel ministry T. J. Haney, C. S. Carroll, T. H. Evans and J. W. Townsend; for senior license, L. P. Easterly and A. W. Downes; for junior license, C. Ryan, John Swanwick and Wm. Pitman; for primary license, G. W. Elkins and J. B. Bequert.

J. J. TATUM	} Board of Examiners.
H. F. CARTER	
J. W. McMILLAN	

Adopted, and Sunday at 3 p. m. was set for the ordination.

Sermon by H. S. Meyers, and sacrament, Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Sunday at 3 p. m. Revs. C. S. Carroll, T. J. Haney, J. W. Townsend and T. H. Evans were ordained to the Gospel ministry, T. O. McMinn leading, H. F. Carter presented the candidates, G. A. Gordon ordaining prayer, J. L. Meads, charge, and J. J. Tatum the hand of fellowship.

Sunday night McMinn preached, and the following resolutions were adopted:

At the close of this profitable session of the Y. M. we find ourselves under obligations to the following named persons for their efficient services: The moderator, clerk, committees, and the people of Sato and vicinity for the royal and hospitable way in which they have entertained this Y. M.; to J. B. Williamson, T. N. Stout, Thos. Grizzell and others, who met the trains, and counted no service too arduous in their efforts to please; to Prof. H. S. Meyers, Rev. Lizzie Moody, Revs. L. B. and K. A. Haines, Rev. and Mrs. W. Ed Meads in their assistance and helpful messages, Bible study, song and sermon.

(Adopted).

W. B. BILBREY	} Com.
JNO. SWANWICK	
DANIEL BAIN	

The Home Mission collection was \$126.50 in cash and pledges.

The preaching was by McMinn, Geo. E. W. Wood and H. S. Myers.

G. A. GORDON, Clerk.

C. F. STALKER, Moderator.

J. H. BAGWILL, Ass't Cl'k.

T. O. McMINN, Ass't Mod.

STATISTICS.

Names of Quarterly Meetings.	Added by Baptism	Added Otherwise	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Resident Members	Non-resident Members	Whole num- ber members	No. S. S. Scholars	No. ministers	No. churches	State work	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education Society	Value of Church Property	
Franklin County.....	(No statistics)																
Makanda.....	(No statistics)															\$ 5 850.00	
Looney Springs	171	102	54	19	18	1329	496	1896	1284	19	25	\$143.97	6.25	40	62	4 31	23,250 00
Lebanon	137							522		10	9						5,700 00
Wayne County.....	13	1				126	31	157	120	1	8						1,500 00
	321	103	54	19	18	1455	527	2575	1404	30	42	\$143 97	6.05	40	62	4 31	\$36,300 00

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERS' INSTITUTE.

The Ministers' Institute of the Central Illinois Yearly Meeting of Free Baptist was called to order by the standing clerk, J. L. Meads, at Sato, Ill., Sept. 29, 1903. Rev. G. A. Gordon was chosen moderator, Rev. J. F. Kirk assistant moderator, and Rev. J. H. Bagwill was elected assistant clerk.

Committee on Program made report, which was accepted. Rev. G. A. Gordon, T. O. McMinn and J. W. McMillan were selected to prepare program for the next annual session.

Roll call and character of ministers passed upon. G. A. Gordon, T. O. McMinn, J. F. Kirk, J. H. Bagwill, Kate Haines, J. W. McMillan, J. L. Meads and Geo. E. W. Wood reported at opening session.

Reports were read from Wm Richardson and W. B. Moore.

Moved and sustained that Bro. Moore be granted a letter of dismission to Quitman, Ark.

Constitution and by-laws were then read.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Moved that each morning we hold a Pentecostal service. Bro. Haines was appointed leader of first meeting.

Rev. J. L. Meads, Thos. Grizzell and J. B. Williamson were appointed as a committee on the supply of the pulpit.

Report of ministers was called for, and Rev. J. H. Bagwill, J. W. McMillan and Kate Haines made report.

Adjourned until 8:30 to-morrow.

Wednesday morning session opened with Pentecostal service, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Haines.

Roll call, 13 members reported. Ministers' reports continued.

Platform service, on "Pastors' Salary." J. J. Tatum spoke on "Amount of Pastor's Salary;" H. F. Carter, "Who Shall Determine?" and J. F. Kirk, "How and When Paid." Discussion opened by L. W. Miller, followed by J. H. Bagwill, J. L. Meads, Kate Haines, J. L. Tatum, L. Haines, T. O. McMinn, J. J. Tatum, W. Ed Meads, H. F. Carter, L. W. Miller, G. Elkins and G. A. Gordon.

Afternoon session opened with prayer and Scripture comments by Bro. M. Fox. Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Rev. J. W. McMillan read an excellent paper on "The Pastor (an Ideal)," criticised by Revs. Kirk, Miller, Bagwill, W. Ed Meads, J. L. Meads and G. A. Gordon.

"The Present Day Sermon, its Weakness and Strength," by J. H. Bagwill. Remarks by Miller, McMinn, C. F. Stalker and J. F. Kirk.

"Sociological Preaching," by Rev. G. A. Goreon, was presented. Revs. J. H. Bagwill, K. A. Haines, L. W. Miller.

H. F. Carter was requested to take the subject on program, "Our Greatest Weakness."

Adjourned until 8 o'clock Thursday morning.

Thursday morning session prefaced by Pentecostal service, conducted by Bro. Chas. Stalker. Business session opened by Rev. J. F. Kirk, Ass't Mod.

The clerk was instructed to prepare a letter of sympathy to Bro. J. C. Gilliland, our oldest minister, also to Bro. Chas. Taylor.

Two papers were next presented: "Our Stronger Denomination Plea," by Rev. J. L. Tatum, and "Our Greatest Weakness," by Rev. H. F. Carter. Discussed by Meads, McMinn and others. J. L. Meads read essay on Baptism, which was also profitably discussed. Adjourned until 2 p. m.

Sermon at 11 a. m. from Bro. Miller.

Institute opened at 2 p. m. with Bro. J. L. Tatum in charge of social service, Ministers' reports read.

Moved that the action of the morning in the case of Bro. Copher be reconsidered and that he be granted a renewal of license. Carried.

Essay by Bro. McMinn on Communion.

J. L. Meads tendered resignation and failed to get it through.

J. J. Tatum was appointed to assist in examination of candidates for the ministry.

Chas. Stalker presented paper on Sanctification, which was able and endorsed heartily.

Bible reading by Rev. L. B. Haines, of St. Louis, on Prayer.

Bro. Haines was requested to present a Bible reading Friday morning at 8 o'clock.

Motion to adjourn. Carried.

Sermons preached during the Institute were by Rev. Katherine Haines, L. W. Miller, J. J. Tatum, W. Ed Meads, T. J. Haney and Lizzie Moody.

Ministers' Reports For 1903.

L. W. Miller.—Preached 20 sermons, helped in one revival, teacher of Bible class in home church Sunday school.

J. H. Bagwill.—Preached 253 times, conducted 16 funerals, baptized 63, received 170 persons into the church, married 15 couples received salary \$500, opened a mission in connection with the East St. Louis church.

Geo. E. W. Wood.—Pastor 2 churches, 137 conversions, baptized 69, received into the church 95, preached 180 times, held 6 revivals, salary \$198, serve three churches next year.

T. J. Haney.—Since May 16, 1903, I have delivered 66 sermons, witnessed 84 conversions, received 11 into the church, assisted in meetings at Fordyce, will take work in Wayne county for coming year.

J. W. McMillan.—Filled every appointment except 2 in past year, held 3 revivals, preached 149 times, baptized 4, received 4 into the church, 2 funerals, married 2 couples, taken some of the collections, salary paid in full.

J. J. Tatum.—Witnessed 75 conversions, 6 revivals, 8 funerals, 6 marriages, pastor 1 church, supplied other churches some, baptized 70, sermons 247, received \$485, received for funerals and marriages \$28, Foreign Missions \$4.00, general Home Missions \$3.48, local Home Missions \$39, local church purposes \$325, received 140 into the church.

J. F. Kirk.—Three churches, spent 11 weeks in protracted meetings, 134 conversions, baptized 50, 6 marriages, several funerals.

M. Fox.—Conversions 30, revivals 5, funerals 2, marriages 4, churches 2, baptized 2, sermons 150, salary \$124, money for funerals and marriages \$12, received 10 into the church.

L. B. Haines and K. A. Haines.—Have been constantly engaged in the work during the year. Our work has consisted of city mission work, including gospel wagon and street work, city work house and prison work. Preached about 250 sermons each, assisted and held three special meetings, kept no record of converts.

J. L. Tatum.—Conversions, 100, funerals 5, marriages 4, pastor of 1 church, baptized 25, preached 250 sermons, received for marriages and funerals \$20, salary \$60.

C. F. Stalker.—Reports 3 churches, received 30 into the church, 7 funerals, 1 revival, raised money to build a new church at Percy, salary paid in full.

Claud Ryan.—Pastor 1 church, 97 sermons, witnessed 212 conversions, 64 have united with the church, conducted 1 funeral, salary \$85, will serve East Carondelet church next year.

J. W. Townsend.—One revival, 3 churches, 47 sermons, salary \$120, funerals \$5, Foreign Missions \$2.14, General Home Missions \$8 68, education \$4.00, local church purposes \$31.95, received 5 into church, served Ava, Oak Ridge and Spillertown.

J. L. Meads.—Chester church part of the year, Sato one-fourth time, special meetings in Marion, Bryan, Texas and Brookston, Ind., received 157 into church, baptized 56, raised mission money and \$200 for local church purposes, preached baccalaureate sermon, delivered lectures, married 13 couples, received \$850.

A. J. Rendleman.—Served Campbell Hill and Willisville churches, assisted in revival at Percy, visited Pierceton, Ind., church, preached 190 sermons, conducted 13 funerals, married 4 couples for which I received \$22, preached special sermons, received for same \$7, received 35 into church, baptized 5, same churches next year.

C. S. Carroll.—Conversions 13, held 2 revivals, 1 funeral, served Blue Point for 9 months, 50 sermons, money received on salary \$65, money received for funerals \$3, Foreign Missions \$2.40, received 14 into the church.

W. W. Jacobs.—Sermons 23, funerals 2, received from church \$6, had no pastoral work.

Leslie E. Easterly.—One church part of the year, preached 16 sermons, took course of study and was in school most of the year. Teaching this year.