

# MINUTES

OF THE

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OF THE

First Triennial Session

OF THE

Co-operative General Association

OF

Freewill Baptists

HELD AT

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Both of Tecumseh, Oklahoma

## PROCEEDINGS

At seven o'clock on Wednesday, December 25, 1918, the Co-operative General Association of Freewill Baptists met at Paintsville, Kentucky in its second adjourned meeting of the first session.

As an opening lesson the Moderator, Rev. John H. Wolfe, of Tecumseh, Oklahoma read the 122 Psalm. Prayer by Rev. Ira Waterman. Praise by congregation.

Moderator called the session into conference and asked that the roll be called. Moderator declared a quorum was present, and the conference ready to transact business.

An address of welcome was delivered by Rev. H. B. Conley, pastor of the Freewill Baptist Church at Paintsville, Kentucky. Response by Rev. Samra Smith of Tecumseh, Oklahoma. Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. S. H. Styron of North Carolina, text, Romans, 12: 1, 2.

Moderator called for enrollment. All present enrolled.

As a Committee on Credentials the following were appointed: Revs. C. E. Mann of Missouri, A. A. Collins of West Virginia and G. D. Webb of Ohio.

As a committee on Pulpit the following were appointed: Revs. H. B. Conley of Kentucky, S. H. Styron of North Carolina, and Bro. John Adkins of Missouri.

As a Committee on Business the following were appointed: Revs. H. B. Conley of Kentucky, Samra Smith of Oklahoma, and J. F. Duckworth of Missouri. Motion carried to adjourn until Thursday at 8: 30 a. m.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. H. Styron.

### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Praise by congregation. For a lesson the assistant moderator, Rev. J. F. Duckworth, read the 21st chapter of Luke, followed by Sentence prayers. A call was made for all present to enroll with the committee on Credentials. All present enrolled, and the committee

reported that all who enrolled were entitled to seats. All Christians were invited to seats in council.

Called for corresponding delegates from other denominations. Rev. Joshua Damron of the United Baptists presented a letter which asked for a union with our Association in the near future.

Called for new bodies. The Dibble Association of Freewill Baptists of Oklahoma presented a letter by Rev. W. A. Hearron of Alex. Oklahoma. Canadian Association of Freewill Baptists, Illinois Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists, Michigan Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists responded by letters. Cumberland Association of Freewill Baptists of Tennessee responded by letter and delegate Rev. J. L. Welch of Tennessee. Letters read and accepted and delegates seated in council.

Called for reports of Tecumseh College and the Executive Board. Reports of both were presented by Rev. John H. Wolfe President of the College and chairman of the Executive Board. Reports read and adopted. (See reports on another page.)

The Pulpit Committee reported that Revs. A. A. Collins of West Virginia and C. Z. Cavin of Kentucky occupy the pulpit at 11 o'clock a. m. Motion carried to adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. Z. Cavin.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Praise by congregation. Prayer by Rev. S. F. Wills of West Virginia.

As a Publication Committee the following were appointed: Revs. J. F. Duckworth of Missouri, W. A. Hearron of Oklahoma, and G. H. Young of Kentucky.

As committee on Ministry the following were appointed: Revs. J. L. Welch of Tennessee, S. H. Styron of North Carolina, and C. E. Mann of Missouri.

As a committee on Schools the following were appointed: Revs. R. A. Roberts of Texas, T. E. Beaman of North Carolina, and M. T. Murphy of Kentucky.

As a committee on Closing Resolutions the following were

appointed: Revs. Samra Smith of Oklahoma, John Yeley of Ohio and G. H. Cooper of West Virginia.

As a committee on Sunday Schools the following were appointed: Revs. T. E. Beaman, of North Carolina, W. A. Hearron of Oklahoma and Bro. John Adkins of Missouri.

Called for report of the NEW MORNING STAR. Report presented by Rev. Samra Smith, one of its editors. Report read and adopted. (See report on another page.)

Called for report of THE FREEWILL BAPTIST published at Ayden North Carolina. A report was presented by Rev. T. E. Beaman, its representative. Report adopted. (See report.)

Called for report of the Treasurer. The Treasurer, Rev. C. E. Mann of Missouri presented his report. Report read and adopted. (See report.)

Called for reports of Field Superintendents. Revs. R. F. Pittman of North Carolina and Ira Waterman of Missouri presented their reports. Reports read and adopted. (See report.)

Called for report of the Ayden Freewill Baptist Seminary at Ayden, North Carolina, and the Freewill Orphanage at Middlesex North Carolina. Verbal reports of both were made by Rev. S. H. Styron of North Carolina. Reports were adopted.

Pulpit committee reported that Revs. Ira Waterman of Missouri and A. J. Jenkins of West Virginia occupy the pulpit at 7 o'clock p. m. Motion carried to adjourn until Friday morning at 8:30.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. F. Duckworth of Missouri.

#### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Praise by congregation. For a lesson the 15th chapter of Romans was read by Rev. A. J. Jenkins. Prayer was offered by many of the brethren.

Call for the reading of the minutes. Minutes of the previous day read and adopted.

Call for the report of the committee on Schools. Report presented read and adopted. (See reports.)

Motion carried that this Association present a Bible to the inmates of the Johnson County Jail.

Called for a report of the committee on Sunday Schools. Report presented, read and adopted. (See report.)

Motion carried that the Assistant Moderator appoint a committee of three to draft a form of will suitable for our denomination. The following were appointed: Revs. J. H. Wolfe of Oklahoma, Ira Waterman of Missouri and H. B. Conley of Kentucky.

Committee on Pulpit reported that Rev. J. F. Duckworth of Missouri and W. A. Hearron of Oklahoma occupy the pulpit at eleven o'clock a. m. Motion carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. E. Dearmore of Oklahoma.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Praise by congregation. For a lesson the 14th chapter of John was read by Bro. John Adkins of Missouri. Prayer by Rev. John H. Wolfe of Oklahoma.

Called for report of committee on The Ministry. Report presented, read and adopted. (See report.)

Called for report of the committee on Form of a Will. A report was presented, a form of Will was read and adopted.

Called for report of committee on Publications. Report presented, read and adopted. (See report.)

Called for the report of our Foreign Missionaries. They being absent their written report was read and adopted. Motion carried that as our Foreign Missionaries, Revs. H. M. and Lizzie McAdams are at this time on the ocean, going to Foreign Fields, that we bow and offer to God a united prayer for their safe journey. Every knee bowed, and Rev. S. H. Styron of North Carolina led the prayer.

Motion carried that all ministers belonging to this Association are requested to secure a short biography of all our ministers who have died within the past two years and send these biographies to the clerk of our Association, Rev. Ira Waterman of Eldridge, Missouri.

Called for the report of the General Secretary. Report presented and adopted. (See report.)

Motion carried that we adopt and order reprinted the book entitled "Christian Baptism," by Rev. George H. Ball, D. D.

As a committee on Outline for College Endowment the following were appointed: Revs. H. B. Conley of Kentucky, S. H. Styron of North Carolina, Samra Smith of Oklahoma, J. L. Welch of Tennessee, W. A. Hearron of Oklahoma and R. A. Roberts of Texas.

The Pulpit Committee reported that Revs. J. L. Welch of Tennessee and C. E. Mann of Missouri occupy the pulpit at 7 o'clock p. m. Motion carried to adjourn until Saturday at 8:30 a. m.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Samra Smith of Oklahoma.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Praise by congregation. For a lesson Rev. Jeff Thomas of West Virginia read the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians. Prayer by Rev. T. Murphy of West Virginia.

Called for the reading of the minutes of the previous day. Minutes read and approved.

Motion carried that we print 4000 minutes and give the editors authority to condense any of the reports if they desire to do so.

Called for money for printing minutes. \$150.00 was subscribed and \$40.00 of that sum was collected and turned over to the Treasurer.

Committee on Pulpit reported that Rev. C. E. Mann of Missouri and T. Murphy of West Virginia occupy the pulpit at 11 o'clock.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. E. Mann of Missouri.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Praise by congregation. Prayer by Rev. John Vanhose of Kentucky.

As a committee on New Machinery the following were appointed: Revs. S. H. Styron of North Carolina, G. D. Webb of Ohio and J. L. Welch of Tennessee.

Called for the report of the Business Committee. Report presented read and adopted. (See report.)

Called for the report of the Finance Committee. Report presented, read and adopted. (See report.)

Motion carried that we appoint eighteen agents whose duty shall be to collect funds for the reprinting of our denominational books. All funds collected shall be turned over to Rev. C. E. Mann, Santa Rosa, Missouri, treasurer of the Executive Board of the Co-operative General Association to be used only for reprinting our denominational books. The following were appointed agents: Revs. S. H. Styron of North Carolina, J. L. Welch of Cumberland Association of Tennessee, Jeff Thomas of West Virginia, H. B. Conley of Kentucky, G. D. Webb of Ohio, J. N. Allen of Illinois, P. C. Older of Michigan, William Fuller of Nebraska, G. S. Lattimer of Kansas, J. F. Duckworth of Missouri, R. H. Emerson of Dibble Association of Oklahoma, W. E. Dearmore of First Oklahoma Association, K. D. Kamplain of Canadian Association of Oklahoma, R. A. Roberts of Central Brazos Association of Texas, E. A. Russell of Hope-well Association of Oklahoma, A. D. Skelton of Washita Association of Oklahoma, W. G. Fields of Center Association of Oklahoma and M. Walker of West Fork Association of Texas.

Motion carried that Rev. H. B. Conley of Kentucky preach the introductory sermon at our next session, Rev. T. E. Beaman alternate.

As a committee on Sunday School Plans the following were appointed: Revs. T. E. Beaman of North Carolina, Samra Smith of Oklahoma, and J. F. Duckworth of Missouri.

Pulpit Committee reported that Revs. R. A. Roberts of Texas and T. E. Beaman of North Carolina occupy the pulpit at 7 o'clock p. m., Rev. Samra Smith on Sunday at 10:30, Revs. W. A. Hearron and W. E. Dearmore at 2:30 p. m. on Sunday and Revs. Ira Waterman and H. B. Conley at 7:00 p. m. on Sunday. Motion carried to adjourn subject to call of the chair.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Jeff Thomas of West Virginia.

Sunday evening at 7 o'clock the Association was called into conference by the chair. Praise by congregation. Prayer by Rev. H. B. Conley of Kentucky.

Called for report of the committee on Closing Resolutions. Report presented, read and adopted. (See report.)

Motion carried that all outstanding committees be discharged except those whose work was not completed at this meeting.

Called for the reading of the minutes. Minutes of the entire meeting read and approved.

Adjourned sine die. Benediction by Rev. S. E. Wills of West Virginia.

Next session will be held at Nashville, Tennessee at 7 o'clock on Wednesday evening, December 24th, 1919.

## CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the members of the  
Executive Board and  
the Co operative  
General Asso-  
ciation.

### GREETINGS—

Your Chairman of the Board and President of Tecumseh College would respectfully submit his report of the combined efforts covering the time from the adjourned meeting at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, December 25th to the 20th, 1917 to December 1st, 1918.

This has been a very busy year and we are grateful to the Heavenly Father for His leadership and for the means He has put at our disposal, for the grand and noble body of students he has sent to Tecumseh College, for the goodly degree of health so that we have been able to have a continuous school notwithstanding the epidemic which has so seriously hampered school work elsewhere.

On the account of the war, we were unable to see our way clear to open the Business Department as planned last year, but the way looks hopeful for the opening of the same by next Fall Term with Bro. Mann at its head and other teachers to assist.

Fortunately we were able to open the SCHOOL OF MUSIC during the Fall Term with Mrs. E. E. Trice of Tecumseh as its head. So far this department has 22 students. This department has been added without any financial responsibility to the Denomination at the present time but adds much to the efficiency and standing of the College.

The STAR will be reported by its efficient Editors, but suffice it to be said that from all quarters the STAR office has been growing so that we felt it necessary to add a Linotype, Larger Cylinder Press, Large Job Press, Mailer, 25inch Advance Paper Cutter, with two Motors for running same. This puts the office in an up-to-date shape ready to take care of any and all kinds of work, making the office valued \$9,000. We are glad to record the steady advance made in the number of subscriptions and friends added.

The outlook throughout the Denomination is exceedingly encouraging as we get word from all quarters. Surely the Lord led in the great work that is in our hands and before us, and with confidence we are moving along the right road.

We are leaving the report from the eastern part of the work to our good brethren who are next to the work there, knowing they will give like encouraging report for we have reason to believe that the Lord is blessing the work from the east to the west and from the north to the south for we are all one.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

As in my last year's report, I yet feel that we must be very careful how we take hold of the ARK to steady it fearing that like results might ensue. God has so wonderfully led that we feel less and less like making recommendations, yet we are told that we are "workers together with him" so that we want to be sure that we are familiar with all that he wants us to do in this great work of unifying, building and training.

#### WE WANT.

1st. A deepening of faith in God and each other and a broadening of our prayer life and vision.

2nd. To pray earnestly that the Lord may take out of our lives individually and collectively every vestige of Jealousy in order that we may work together as one for SOULS.

3rd. More funds placed in the hands of the Managements of various interests, like our Denominational papers, Orphanage, and Institutions of Learning.

4th. A Committee of three be provided at this meeting providing an outline of work for the speedy completing of the FULLER PROFESSORSHIP to the \$20,000 limit as voted in the adjourned meeting at Tecumseh, and the LAWRENCE PROFESSORSHIP to an increased proficiency, and the TALBERT BENEFICIARY FUND to a position for immediate aid to the Biblical Students, and that such report of plan or plans be submitted at this meeting.

5th. That we have a "CLEARANCE HOUR" at this meeting to clear all obligations resting on the STAR office caused by the installing of an up-to date plant.

6th. I feel that I should be neglectful to my duties if I failed to speak of my faithful corp of Teachers who almost from the first have stood by the work seven days in the week with their self-sacrificing lives and consecrated abilities, all of which have been laid at the Altar of Duty with only the sum of \$70 each for the whole year and

where will you find a better equipped faculty than Bro. and Sister Morris, Bro. and Sister Smith, Bro. and Sister Lawrence, Mrs. Wolfe, Sister Wrenza Smith, and Sister E. E. Trice? They have gladly given their time and talents not only to the College but also to the NEW MORNING STAR.

7th. And for a self-sacrificing and home giving up enjoyments, I want to commend to our people Sister Pearl K. Smith, Dean of Women, who without a dollar remuneration along with Bro. Smith have turned their home into a Girls' Dormitory where our girls have had not only a place to live but a HOME and the like unto a father and mother's care. We cannot estimate the value of this sacrifice so willingly given. Shall we not humbly thank these faithful workers and the Father above for giving us such tireless workers?

8th. As we look at the now grand coming together for united work and more efficient work with these 300,000 banded together in this Co-operative General Association of Freewill Baptists, shall we not with gratitude to Him who has so graciously led us redouble our efforts in the willingness to 'give and take' in order that the Lord may further advance us and make us a power for soulsaving, the object of all this work? Behold what God hath wrought; We now have our two Schools, Tecumseh and Ayden, our papers, THE NEW MORNING STAR, The MESSENGER and the FREEWILL BAPTIST with our own Sunday School Literature, Our Young People's Society with prospects of its own literature, and a second edition of a thousand of THE FREEWILL BAPTIST FAITH AND USAGE Bro. Smith's pamphlet on DOCTRINES, a fine set of Calendars, Marriage Certificate, Blanks for reporting of all meetings from the church to the National body.

9th. We believe that it is God's leading that Bro. and Sister Mc-Adams are now in Barbados, to relieve Sister Esterbrook who for 30 years have toiled almost alone. May every minister feel it his joy to present the Foreign Mission work to his church and thoroughly instruct himself and people as to our privileges in this matter.

10th. That we begin now to gather all needed statistics as to number of churches, value, pastor, amount given for the various benevolent objects, etc for a Year Book with all historical dates and events.





So far we have on our roll 22 students, some are taking the three courses while others are persuing only one of the three. Some are doing extra good work while others are doing but little. We trust that those who have enlisted in this department may not cause them who so generously give their time to add expenses asking for the doing of the work as required in the questions sent. And further, we trust no one may write, saying, "Enroll me in the School" and fail to remit at the same time for the necessary books for we have no means to keep on hand the books and to carry a credit system.

We still have the full three courses with books covering all the studies including now the Pastoral and Practical Theology which hitherto was taught by out-line.

Rev. G. S. Latimer of Haddam, Kansas is still the Head of the Church History and Evidence of Christianity Department.

Rev. Ira Waterman of Eldridge, Missouri is the Head of the Pastoral and Practical Theology Department, while the Dean looks after the Systematic Theology and History of the Bible Department. Apply for application blanks and any information to the Dean, and return all answers to Head of Department from which received. Praying the Lord's richest blessing upon this work, I remain

John H. Wolfe, Dean.

Tecumseh College, Oklahoma.

#### FIELD SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS.

Sermons preached 464. Conversions witnessed 585. Baptized 107. Received in the church 340. Subscribers secured for the New Morning Star 110. Money raised for the Freewill Baptist Seminary at Vyden, N. C. \$55000. Miles traveled, 5840.

Ira Waterman, Field Supt.

To the Co-operative General Association: I regret very much not being able to be with you in this meeting, but send you an estimated report of my work as accuratt figures are not available just at this time.

Besides my church work I have taken about 100 subscriptions to the FREEWILL BAPTIST; and in connection with Bro. S. H. Styron and others who have assisted us, we are making progress in selling Bonds for our school here at Ayden. We have at present sold perhaps 10 or 11 thousand and we are sure it will be a success. Be-

sides this, with very little effort, something like \$300.00 has been donated to the school. May I ask that you have a special prayer, sometime during the Association, for the success of our work here?

Remember I am with you in prayer if not in person.

Yours for Service,

R. F. Pittman, Field Supt.

To the Co-operative General Association:

It is with glad hearts that we write our brethren and sisters in Christ. We regret very much that we cannot be with you this year, in what we believe will be one of the best meetings we have had. We feel that this has been one of the best years we have ever had in the ministry. We have had more conversions other years but we have spent more time this year in the school work or have worked more than last year, and then we have worked in interest of missions with different churches. We have had over 450 conversions, organized 7 Missionary Societies, raised \$254.90 for the College at Tecumseh, Oklahama, raised some on Foreign Missions but as we have our book packed, can't give the figures on that.

The fields we have held revivals with have paid us \$923.45. The mission funds paid us, by Rev. C. E. Mann, \$438.25. Mission funds received while in N. C. \$219.25. Total received \$1580.95. Over expenses \$983.45. We feel very thankful to our Heavenly Father for his goodness to us. We pray that your prayers will be with us as we leave you. We also thank our dear brothers and sisters in Christ for sending us out as their Missionaries, and by God's help we will do our best to win many souls. We are now on our way to our new field of labor, and are at this time in New York City and will leave tomorrow if it is God's will. We hope to return sometime and bring a good report of our work in foreign fields.

May God bless the Co-operative meeting through every service.

Yours for Jesus,

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams, Field Supt.

#### NEXT SESSION.

The next session of the Co-operative General Association of Free-will Baptists will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, Dec. 24-28th, 1919.

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

To the Cooperative General Association of Freewill Baptists,  
while in session at Paintsville, Ky., Dec. 25th-29th, 1918.

### Greetings in the Name of Jesus:—

My work as General Secretary, until the close of the College Session last Spring, was principally by correspondence. The session having ended I was engaged in two revival meetings, and also in the organization of a Church, which was organized at Lexington, Oklahoma. The meetings were two of the best of my ministry, and many precious souls were saved.

I had the pleasure of visiting our brethren in Kansas and Missouri, in the early part of the summer. I visited Rose, Kan., being there the day of their fiftieth anniversary. We had a splendid time. There we preached the Anniversary Sermon, and occupied the pulpit again on Sunday night. From Rose we went to our church near Purdy, Mo. Here we had splendid services, and received several subscribers to the **Star**, and went the next night to Granby, Mo., where we had a nice service, and met some of our people. From here we went to Jones' Chapel, where we had another good service and met many more loyal Freewill Baptists, and received funds for Foreign Mission, Publishing House, College, etc. Our churches in both these states are progressing nicely with splendid leaders. My expenses on this trip were more than paid by the churches visited. Rev. Ferguson was with me on part of the above trip and Rev. Hendrickson on part. Both these worthy men were a great help and a source of inspiration to a so-journer.

After spending a few days in the **Star** office, and with my dear wife and little boy, I left for the Nebraska Yearly Meeting, which convened with our church at Blackwood. The entire meeting was grand. The Lord is wonderfully leading the faithful few in Nebraska. While in Nebraska I visited our church at Long Branch, finding a strong band there under the excellent leadership of Rev. Chas. Lewis. From this point we went to St. Joseph, Mo., where we found a few of our faith.

I then visited the dear old Philadelphia Church at Pattonsburg, Mo., where our General Association was organized in the name of Israel's God, two years ago. Bro. Mann, our efficient Treasurer, is doing a good work there as pastor, and the good people there don't like to think of giving him up, for even the much larger denominational work.

I then had the privilege of visiting some of our brethren in North-east Missouri. I preached one night at the grand old New Harmony Church, where Rev. Duckworth is the leader

of the flock, and a splendid pastor. He has an excellent band of noble workers. I found good friends in Bro. Jas. Hardin's people, and was privileged being in the revival conductor by Revs. McAdams' while at Kirksville. We also got to visit Sister Linnie Rogers on her field of labor.

From North-east Missouri I went to Third Union Fork, another of Bro. Mann's churches. We had some number one services here. Bro. Mann was with me on this trip.

From here I went to South-west Missouri, where I attended the South-west Missouri Yearly Meeting, held at Hartville, and one of the best meetings of its kind I was ever in. The Spirit of God was felt in mighty power, and many souls were saved during the session of the Yearly Meeting. From this good meeting I went with Bro. Ferguson to Niangua, where we had a rich service at night and talked to the High School of the city in the afternoon. Spent the night in the home of Bro. and Sister Ferguson. I went from here the next day to Madrid, Mo., where we had another good service.

Next I was in attendance at the Twenty-fifth Annual Session of the South East Missouri Yearly Meeting, which convened at Flat River, Missouri. These brethren sent petitionary letter to the Missouri State Association, and was admitted into that body in the recent session, making our General Body stronger by several thousand. I then went to Bonnie, Illinois, where I found that in Illinois we have many churches which are anxious to be affiliated with the General Association, which I hope will be received at this sitting of the Association.

My next jump was to the Old North State, which is my native State, where I attended the North Carolina State Convention, which was a great meeting from start to finish. I find that one of the strongest bodies belonging to the General Body is the North Carolina State Convention. After the Convention I visited one of Bro. Pittman's churches, Lucama, where we preached from Friday till Sunday, and had some additions to the church.

During the year I have tried to keep in touch with the work in general, and find the grand old Freewill Baptists are moving forward as never before. The prospects are brighter than ever for an onward march of the church. There have been many good revivals held during the year, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed in His own way.

We have succeeded in finding some of our true type of Freewill Baptists in the state of Michigan, and have a letter

from their Yearly Meeting, asking admission into this body.

I have been in correspondence with our brethren in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee, and we hope to have some of these states represented this year, and had it not been for the conditions of influenza, others would have been here. All these states will come into the General Association soon.

We feel proud to report the great leadership of the Lord during the past year, and pray that He may still continue to lead in the same old way.

May next year be the greatest year of our history.

My expenses were paid by the churches and Associations and Yearly Meetings visited.

I appreciate the goodness of the brethren throughout the different states for their co-operation and support in this great Co-operative and General move, and may the kingdom of God really come in our hearts and lives, and may the dear old Freewill Baptists yet take the world for Christ.

*Samra Smith*  
General Secretary

#### REPORT OF NEW MORNING STAR.

To the Co-operative General Association of Freewill Baptists when in session at Paintsville, Kentucky, Dec. 25-29, 1918:

**Greeting:** We are pleased to report for the New Morning Star office that we have, during the year, been wonderfully blessed by the Lord. Our subscription list has nearly doubled since our last adjourned meeting of the Association, and the people generally are becoming more and more interested in the paper, and by its influence in the work in general. During the year, besides the regular paper work, we have published minutes and other work for our brethren in many states, and also 1000 copies of the Treaties. We can feel the great hand of the Head of the Church as He has so wondrously led us so far, and feel that the time is ripe for our Church organ to be published weekly, instead of semi-monthly, as here-to-fore, so beginning with the first of the year 1919 we will publish the Star weekly. We have recently added the necessary machinery and presses to handle any and all work that may come our way, and hope to before this session of the General Association come to a close have the funds to pay off all indebtedness. The Star office is the only thing of our general work that carries a debt at present, and shall we not clear

it off right away. We hope to give our dear people a better paper in the future, and to this end shall labor faithfully, as the Master shall direct.

We are yours most brotherly and in the name of the great Master, who doeth all things well,

S. L. Morris and Samra Smith, Editors and Publishers.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION

We, your Committee on Publications, beg to submit the following report:

Knowing the need among our people of keeping in closer touch with each other, and realizing that the Denominational paper is the medium through which correspondence is maintained, and further realizing that our publishing houses are being put to a vast expense to publish and maintain our papers, we therefore recommend 1st. That all the ministers in the several states and Associations embracing our connection make of themselves solicitors for our papers. It must be borne in mind that our papers exist and live almost solely by subscription, and not by advertizing. Therefore we should be the more careful to support them. 2nd. That the ministers take subscriptions and appoint special agents in each church who will keep this matter before the churches continually. 3rd. That the preachers expend their efforts for our papers, not only among our members, but that we make an effort to get them before the public as a means of evangelizing the country, and for the good of our denomination, and advancement of God's kingdom, and finally, that the Moderator of this Association appoint an agent in each Association to raise funds for the publishing of different books needed in our Correspondence School, and in College work.

J. F. Duckworth, W. A. Hearn, G. H. Young, Committee.

#### REPORT OF MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE

Seeing the great need of higher ministerial standards, both mentally and spiritually, and in order to set forth plans by which this may be brought about, We, your Ministerial Committee submit the following report: 1st. That we hold constantly before our prospective ministers, and also those who are acting in response to the divine call, our College at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, and our Seminary at Ayden, North Carolina as places of instruction where God's people may qualify themselves for the preaching of the gospel. 2nd: We further recommend that each Freewill Baptist minister in the nation avail himself of the opportunity afforded by the

Biblical Correspondence School, and that each minister consider it his duty to take up, and finish the Biblical Correspondence Course. 3rd. We also recommend that we discourage the use of tobacco by our ministry in any form, and that each minister use his influence against its use by the laity. 4th. That we ask our ministers to refrain from the pursuit of any vocation that has a tendency to betray the dignity which accompanies the Christian ministry.

J. L. Welch, S. H. Styron, C. E. Mann, Committee.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Schools, submit the following:

Realizing that since our last Association we have seen quite an increase in the educational spirit of our people, and a growing interest in our Schools; we respectfully recommend our College at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, and our Seminary at Ayden, North Carolina, and that they, as heretofore, be in the hands of Christian men and women.

We recommend that our people become more thoroughly aroused along such lines as will better support our educational institutions. We recommend that our people have their boys and girls educated in our own schools instead of state schools and schools of other denominations.

### REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Realizing as never before the important part our beloved sisters have in our work, and the interest they have in the work, we, your Business Committee of the Co-operative General Association of Freewill Baptists recommend that we have a Mission Society, and that a committee for the drafting of Constitution and By-laws be appointed. We further recommend the following named sisters as officers in this Society: Pres., Mrs. Delia S. Wolfe, Tecumseh, Okla.; Vice Pres., Mrs. Alice Lupton, New Bern, N. C.; Sec., Mrs. Pearl Smith, Tecumseh, Okla.; Treas., Mrs. Cora Mann, Santa Rosa, Mo.

We recommend to this honorable body that a committee of three be appointed to present plans at the second tri-ennial session of this body for the perfecting of a National Sunday School Board, that we may raise the standard and increase the efficiency of our Schools.

H. B. Conley, J. F. Duckwoth, Samra Smith, Committee.

### REPORT OF AYDEN PRINTING COMPANY

To the Co-operative General Association, Greetings:—

The Ayden Freewill Baptist Printing Co., of Ayden, North Carolina, is a printing establishment of the Freewill Baptist

denomination in general. We have the following machinery: one linotype, one cylinder press, one job press, one folding machine, three motors and other machinery necessary to do efficient and up-to-date printing of all descriptions. We print the Freewill Baptist paper weekly, in the interest of our people at large—a neat and clean paper, sound and wholesome. The subscription price is one dollar and a half per year. We also print our Sunday School literature. Our prices are reasonable; samples and prices will be furnished upon request. We also print and sell Freewill Baptist disciplines and other religious tracts, books, minutes, pamphlets, and all kinds of job printing executed on short notice.

T. E. Beaman, Representative.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLOSING RESOLUTIONS

This has been a most wonderful meeting, and the hand of God has been seen writing as our brethren have been together in the Spirit transacting business for the King above. Many things have played well their part in making this sitting of our Co-operative General Association a grand success.

1. We want to thank the kind, big-hearted people of Paintsville, who have so royally entertained this body, and most gratefully extend to them our sincere prayers that God may bountifully reward them for their real home-making for this great body. There could not be a more hearty welcome given our people than has been extended us during our pleasant stay in their midst. God bless the people of Paintsville. Again, we say, God bless them!

2. Resolved, That we thank Rev. H. Burns Conley, the pastor of the Freewill Baptist Church of Paintsville, Ky., and host of this great meeting, for his preparation, advertising and loyal support of the Association, and that he may be remembered by the Lord for His noble generosity in turning over his hotel to this Association.

3. Resolved, That we heartily thank the pastor of the Methodist Church, Rev. Sourage, for turning over to this body the largest Church in the city for the meeting of this body.

4. Resolved, That we extend our sincere and heart-felt thanks to our beloved Moderator, Rev. John H. Wolfe, for his wisdom in Moderating this great Association, and for the impartial way in which he handled all the work of this sitting. May God ever bless, and may he be spared for such noble service for many years yet to come.

4. Resolved, That from the very depths of our hearts we praise the Great Head of the church for adding to us the Michigan state Association, the Illinois Yearly Meeting, the Canadian Association of Oklahoma, the Dibble Association of Oklahoma and Cumberland Association of Middle Tennessee. We pray God's richest benediction upon these last added Associations whether of State or only a part of State.

5. Resolved, That we heartily thank Bro. Beiderman, of Cincinnati, Ohio, for his splendid service as organist, and Bro. Hagar for his service as usher during this meeting, and to Mr. Haney for his splendid janitor-ship.

6. Resolved, That we thank Mrs. Alka Fetters, of Ashland, for her liberal donation to the Freewill Baptist Church at this place.

7. Resolved, That we heartily thank the choir for their splendid service in song rendered during this Association.  
**Samra Smith, J. S. Yeley, G. H. Cooper, Committee.**



### LIST OF DELEGATES

John H. Wolfe, Tecumseh, Ok. W.M.Suddith, Catlettsbrg, Ky.  
 J.F.Duckworth, Greentop, Mo. C. W. Gibson, Ashland, Ky.  
 Ira Waterman, Eldridge, Mo. M.T.Murphy, Thealka, Ky.  
 Samra Smith, Tecumseh, Ok. C.Z.Cavin, Catlettsburg, Ky.  
 C.E.Mann, Santa Rosa, Mo. G.H.Cooper, Chesapeake, W.Va  
 W.E.Dearmore, Tribbey, Ok. R.L.Bradley, Stark, W. Va.  
 W.A.Hearron, Alex, Ok. T.E.Beaman, Ayden, N. C.  
 J.W.Adkins, Novinger, Mo. G.D.Webb, Ironton, Ohio.  
 Jeff Thomas, Ch'ston, W. Va. A.A.Collins, Barbersville, W.Va  
 H.B.Conley, Paintsville, Ky. R.A.Roberts, Alvarado, Texas.  
 T. Murphy, Spring Hill, W.Va. Burns Castle, Nippa, Ky.  
 G.H. Young, Ulysses, Ky. John Vanhooose, Charley, Ky.  
 H.B.Carter, Huntngtn, W.Va. J.L.Welch, Nashville, Tenn.  
 S.H.Styron, Pine Level, N. C. M.S.Diamond, Hellier, Ky.  
 A.J.Jenkins, Chaleston, W.Va. J.E.Conley, Paintsville, Ky.  
 S.F.Wills, Lewiston, W. Va. Jesse Hampton, Paintsville, Ky.  
 J.S.Yeley, Wheelersburg, Ohio.

## FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and "to provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotion, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sabbath Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### FREEWILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **The Bible.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **God.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe, and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. **Christ.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The Mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. **The Holy Spirit.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the reprover, comforter, guide and sanctifier of men.

5. **The Government of God.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **The Sinfulness of Man.** Man was created innocent but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **The Work of Christ.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of Salvation by faith.

8. **The Terms of Salvation.** The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **Election.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. **Freedom of the Will.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. **Salvation Free.** God desires the salvation of all, the God invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take the water of life freely.

12. **Perseverance.** All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. **Gospel Ordinances, Baptism,** or immersion of believers in water, and the **Lord's Supper,** are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; **Feet Washing,** an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation; and to be administered to all true believers.

14. **The Christian Sabbath.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. **Resurrection, Judgment and Final Retribution.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection life, and they that have done ill unto the resurrection of judgment; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."