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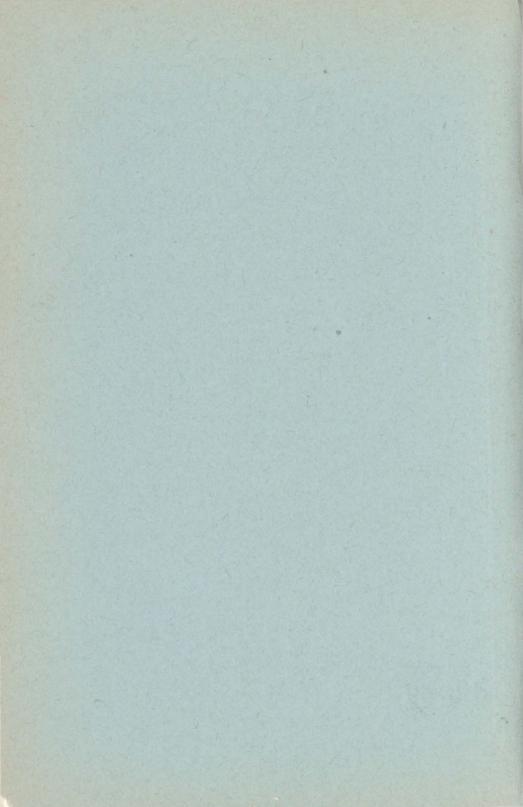
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## LIST OF MINISTERS

I. W. Russell, Beaufort, N. C. (Retired). L. C. Garner, Newport, N. C., R. 1. (Retired). J. A. Ringgold, Bridgeton, N. C. (Retired). B. W. Wells, New Bern, N. C. (Retired). J. W. Alford, Kenly, N. C. Solomon Duff, Folkstone, N. C. (Retired). Duffy Toler, Chocowinity, N. C. Lloyd Vernon, Kenansville, N. C. R. C. Kennedy, Pink Hill, N. C. Luke Wetherington, New Bern, N. C. W. B. Everett, New Bern, N. C. A. C. Austin, Aurora, N. C. John Davenport, Deep Run, N. C. Wesley Price, Seven Springs, N. C. L. J. Potter, Snead's Ferry, N. C. J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton, N. C. F. E. Jones, Kenansville, N. C. C. L. Bennett, Grantsboro, N. C. Clifton Rice, Kinston, N. C. Box 216. F. R. Williams, New Bern, N. C. D. R. Hansley, 217 S. Alston Ave., Durham, N. C. R. C. Proctor, Wilson, N. C., R. 3. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C. H. Pipkin, Mt. Olive, N. C., R. 2. B. F. Ringgold, New Bern, N. C., R. 1. S. A. Smith, Beulaville, N. C. J. R. Forest, New Bern, N. C. Roy Miller, New Bern, N. C. Kenneth Gaskill, Sea Level, N. C. Clinton Lupton, Bayboro, N. C. Sam R. Kennedy, Beulaville, N. C. Rashie Kennedy, Pink Hill, N. C.

G. W. Gaskill, Sea Level, N. C.

# **PROCEEDINGS**

The Forty-Eighth Annual Session of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with the church at Whaley's Chapel, Jones County, N. C., on October 20th, 1943.

Rev. F. E. Jones conducted the opening devotions. Prayer by Rev. L. B. Manning.

The address of welcome was made by Bro. Fountain Taylor in a few well chosen words. Response to the address was made by Rev. W. B. Everett.

The following officers were in their places:

Rev. J. C. Griffin, Moderator, Rev. Clifton Rice, Asst. Moderator, J. W. Alford, Clerk, and Rev. S. A. Smith, Reading Clerk.

The Moderator addressed the body for several minutes, urging us to live up to the possibilities and opportunities of the present day.

The following committees were enrolled:

Education-J. W. Overman, U. W. Daugherty, H. C. Mallard.

Tract Committee—Rev. Clifton Rice, Mrs. Alice Lupton, Mrs. J. H. Oglesby.

The following committees were appointed: '

Finance-R. W. Mallard, J. G. Nobles, Walter Rhodes.

Temperance—Mrs. Alice Wetherington, Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Mrs. S. C. Robbins.

Sabbath School-Rev. Clifton Rice, S. W. Jones, S. C. Robbins.

Ministerial Character—Revs. Duffy Toler, Lloyd Vernon, Bros. Fred Silverthorn, R. R. Jones, Daniel Gaskins.

'Apportionment—Revs. J. R. Bennett, J. W. Alford, Luke Wetherington, W. B. Everett, Mrs. Alice Lupton.

Resolutions-Revs. Lloyd Vernon, R. C. Kennedy, Bro. U. W. Daugherty.

On motion we elect a committee on Nominations: They were elected as follows: Rev. J. R. Bennett, Bros. U. W. Daugherty, S. W. Jones.

The visiting ministers were enrolled as follows:

Central Conference—Revs. D. W. Alexander, L. B. Manning, W. A. Dail, R. B. Spencer, J. E. Wooten, R. H. Mason, Bruce Barrow.

Western Association—Revs. W. E. Anderson, J. A. Evans, W. K. Jordan. Cape Fear Conference—Revs. M. L. Johnson, T. E. Beaman, C. H. Coats. The list of ministers was called, and absentees noted.

A letter from Rev. W. B. Everett was read concerning the condition of Rev. B. W. Wells, and the same was referred to the committee on Appropriations.

On motion B. W. Wells be placed on the list of Retired Ministers.

On motion we appoint Rev. J. R. Bennett to write a sketch of the life of Rev. M. C. Prescott, the same to appear in these minutes.

On motion if a minister fails to attend the sessions of this Conference

two years in succession, without a lawful reason, his name shall be dropped from the list of ministers, and his credentials demanded.

Rev. Clifton Rice made a verbal report on Tracts, stating that the Committee has done nothing as a committee, and promises action during the future.

The hour for the introductory sermon having arrived, the congregation sang a hymn, after which Rev. Clinton Lupton came forward and preached a very inspiring sermon, using Isa. 21: 11-12 as a text. The conference then adjourned for dinner.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

A most bountiful dinner was served, and at 2 o'clock P. M., we re-assembled for business. Devotions were conducted by Rev. S. A. Smith. Prayer by Rev. K. W. Gaskill.

On motion the list of churches was called.

The committee on Sabbath Schools reported as follows:

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, believe that our primary need is to first give ourselves to God. We urge therefore that our churches endeavor to obtain consecrated officers and teachers to carry on the Sunday School work, and that all of us give ourselves to a more diligent study of God's word.

On motion the report was adopted.

Rev. Luke Wetherington, Secretary of the Church Finance Association, Inc., made a verbal report for the Association for our information, which was very gratifying.

Delegates to the various bodies made verbal reports.

Rev. J. C. Griffin spoke of the 5-Point program for the state, and gave out placards for the same.

On motion we discontinue the program committee.

On motion we adjourn until Thursday A. M.

Benediction by Rev. J. R. Bennett.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

The devotions were conducted by Mrs. J. C. Griffin. Prayer by Mrs. Alice Lupton.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion the church at White Oak Grove, Lenoir County, be enrolled on the list of churches.

A note of appreciation from Rev. L. C. Garner was read, and referred to the committee on Appropriations.

The committee on Temperance made the following report.

The committee on Temperance begs to submit for your approval the Temperance resolution approved by the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Eastern District on September 23, 1943, as follows:

#### RESOLUTION

Realizing to a great extent, the enormity of the drink evil, and of its debauching influence in the lives of our young men and women, boys and girls, and that thousands of our Nation's best manhood and womanhood are being demoralized through the use of alcoholic beverages, while we, who should be most concerned, have folded our arms in quiet content, watching the procession of drunkards, and drunkards in the making, among both men and women, pass along to their ultimate doom, with seldom an outstretched hand to rescut them from this untimely destination, we therefore submit the following resolution:

1st—That we, a Christian organization, composed largely of mothers, take a positive and decisive stand against the manufacture, sale and the use of alcoholic stimulants in any way, and that we foster and urge total abstinence from its use by our church people as a whole;

2nd—That we join hands with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and with the new Allied Church League, recently organized, and which is composed of Christian men and women of all churches, together with other religious movements, to fight this common enemy until we have driven it so far away that it will not return;

3rd—That us mothers begin at once, a training school in our homes, that our children may be taught all the evils, both to body and soul, which comes through the use of strong drink, preparing them that when they go out to face the responsibilities of life, they may be able to wield a powerful influence against it, and in behalf of soberness, sobriety and Christian living.

4th—That we request Pastors holding the care of churches in our Eastern District, to preach at least, one Temperance sermon each quarter, and that we appeal to all teachers in our Sunday Schools to be more diligent and personal in the application of the Quarterly Temperance lesson, as given in our Sunday School Quarterlies.

5th—That we request the Parent-Teachers Association to co-operate and promote in our public schools, if and when possible, the teaching of the eyils of strong drink to our youngsters, with the facts concerning the dangerous effect on their bodies and moral and spiritual life;

6th—We furthermore resolve to absolutely refuse to vote for or support any candidate for public office, who favors the manufacture, sale or use of intoxicating beverages, or any one who supplies brewers or breweries, or "boot-leggers," with commodities with which to make it;

7th—Resolved, that if this resolution is adopted by this Convention in session at Union Chapel Church, this September 23rd, 1943, we shall not compromise, or pass the responsibility on to others, but that each of us shall assume our part of putting it into effect, and that we shall do our best to teach others to "Taste not; touch not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using." Col. 2: 21, 22.

Respectfully submitte,
Alice E. Lupton.

On motion the report was adopted.

The committee on Education submitted a report, which by motion was tabled.

Mrs. Alice Lupton made a report on the Auxiliary work in this conference, which was very encouraging and enlightening.

At 11:30 o'clock we called off for preaching, and Rev. Duffy Toler delivered a very uplifting and inspiring message, using Matthew 24: 8, as a text, after which we called off for dinner.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

A very fine and bountiful dinner was served, after which we re-assembled for business. Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. R. Bennett. Prayer by Rev. K. W. Gaskill.

The committee on Ministerial Character reported nothing brought before them.

The Examining Board also reported nothing brought before them. Petitions for the next session of conference were from Bethlehem, Duplin County, Moseley's Creek, Craven County, and Warden's Grove, Pamlico County. By vote, the next session will be held at Warden's Grove, Pamlico County. J. W. Alford was selected to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. S. A. Smith, alternate.

Rev. J. A. Evans, Superintendent of the Orphanage, made a report of the work there, particularly concerning our part in the work, as follows:

Total Received from Individuals in Eastern Conferen	nce\$ 671.78
Total Received from All Churches	2,583.91
Total Received from All Sunday Schools	1,115.29
Total Received from All L. A. S.	1,092.50
Total Received from All Concerts	3,146.6
Total Received from Approp., Unions, Conf., Specials	1,406.72
Total Received from Leagues	

Grand Total Received in Eastern Conference \_\_\_\_\_\$10,068.52 A special offering was taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$110.00.

Rev. Duffy Toler spoke to us about the Chapel Fund for the Orphanage, and urged us to contribute the sum of \$1,500.00 for this purpose. He also made a motion that the Executive Committee be requested to apportion this

amount to the churches immediately.

On motion we accept report of Bros. Evans and Toler regarding the Orphanage.

The Resolutions Committee offered the following:

#### RESOLUTION

Realizing, that we should arrange for the protection and support of the retired minister who has given himself to the work of the ministry, and whereas, the National Association has outlined a program which program

has been endorsed by the State Association of North Carolina in regard to Superannuation, which resolution was read before the conference yesterday, therefore, be it Resolved:

That we as a Conference endorse the movement and urge that we rally to the support of the plan.

Second, That we urge all our churches to make an offering immediately, if such offering has not been made, in keeping with the FIVE POINT PROGRAM of the State Association.

Third, That we urge individuals who are financially able to make bequests and gifts to the Superannuation fund, thus making their gifts for the glory of God.

Respectfully,

J. C. Griffin.

The Resolutions Committee reported: Favorable provided we ear mark all funds for state only, until such time as North Carolina is represented on National Board of Superannuation.

> Lloyd Vernon, U. W. Daugherty, R. C. Kennedy.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

On motion the Executive Committee be instructed to prepare and set up an Order of Business for our procedure in our future sessions.

Delegates to the various bodies were appointed as follows:

Central Conference—Rev. Duffy Toler.

Western Association-Rev. D. W. Hansley.

Cape Fear Conference—Rev. L. H. Wetherington.

Pee Dee Conference-Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

Rock Fish Conference—Rev. R. C. Kennedy.

National Association-Mrs. Alice Lupton.

State Association—H. M. Mallard, Joel Kennedy, Roy C. Hill, J. W. Overman, J. J. Blizzard, Jerry Williams, David Jones, Mrs. Alice Wetherington.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

#### Disbursements

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State Association		5.00	
Treasurer Fee		5.00	
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Total paid out			753.30
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Balance on hand in bank			_\$1,044.62
Orphanage Collection			110.00
Received today			1,241.44
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Grand Total			_\$2,396.06

H. M. Mallard, Treasurer.

On motion the report was adopted.

Rev. R. B. Spencer spoke to us about the work of the Press.

Rev. J. C. Griffin spoke of the Bible School, also presented Endowment checks, which were accepted by several.

The Committee on Appropriation made the following report:

#### BOARD OF FINANCE REPORT

			Annual Control
For Minutes\$	75.00	4 Widows, \$15.00 Each	60.00
Clerk Fee	20.00	Orphanage	365.00
Orphanage standing			5.00
Educational Fund—		Expense for delegate	25.00
Foundation Check	100.00	Foreign Missions	75.00
Treasurer's Fee	5.00	Church Finance Ass'n	100.00
Solomon Duff	25.00	Anna Phillips Loan Fund	25.00
J. A. Ringgold	20.00	Vacation Bible School	75.00
B. W. Wells	50.00	Superannuation, N. C.	100.00
L. C. Garner	60.00	and the second	<del></del> .
H. Pipkin	25.00	Total\$1	1,235.00

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion we appoint Mrs. J. C. Griffin and Mrs. J. R. Bennett to work with Mrs. Alice Wetherington, Second Vice-President of the District Auxiliary, in planning and operating Vacation Bible Schools.

The committee on Nominations reported as follows:

For Moderator-Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

Assistant Moderator-Rev. Clifton Rice.

Clerk-J. W. Alford.

Treasurer-H. M. Mallard.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion we give this church and community a rising vote of thank's for their wonderful hospitality while in session.

On motion Rev. J. C. Griffin be elected a member of the Executive committee.

On motion we give to the retiring Moderator a rising vote of thanks for his good work as Moderator.

On motion the delegate to the National Association with the Moderator, be empowered to appoint a proxy for the delegate, in case she cannot attend.

On motion J. R. Bennett and J. W. Alford were elected to represent this Conference in the meetings of the Printing company.

On motion we have the usual number of minutes printed, and distributed as usual.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion conference closed.

Benediction by Rev. C. H. Coats.

J. C. Griffin, Moderator,
J. W. Alford, Clerk,
Clifton Rice, Assistant Moderator,
S. A. Smith, Reading Clerk.

#### MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

As your Moderator of the Eastern Conference of Free Will Baptist of the State of North Carolina, I wish to assure you that I highly appreciate the honor conferred upon me by this body in placing upon me the responsibility of being the Moderator of one of the best organizations in the United States among Free Will Baptist.

We have been making progress equally with the most progressive organizations in our denomination for the past several years. However, there are new heights for us to reach and we are reaching forth toward these great benefits, as we make history.

Our people as a whole, we might say, have rallied to the building and the support of the Orphanage at Middlesex. A large number of our ministers and churches have caught the spirit of missions and have given whole-hearted support to both foreign and home missions. This is commendable in any religious body. A large number have set a new pace in the support of Christian Education. Now we find that Superannuation and the Church Finance Association, Inc., are both being well planned and much is being said about these two great objects.

We find that a great number of our people are falling in with the National Program—which program sponsors Christian Education, Foreign and Home Missions and Superannuation. Along with the special objects the "Unified Program" of the National Association is getting much publicity and support by many of our leading congregations. All this speaks out in bold terms that the Free Will Baptist is becoming more and more cemented in the promotion of the denominational program.

I believe that I speak the truth when I say, that the Denomination as a whole is in the best fellowship that I have known it ever to be. Sometimes after the wind whips across the lake and blows off the floating particles and the calm comes there is great quietness and beauty. This is true in organizations by way of comparison. A few years ago we had some wind blowing in adverse directions but I can say that all the blowing finally turned in one direction and all the floating, useless, dangerous particles and about all the muddy streaks have vanished and unity and peace is abounding in all departments of the denominational workings.

I do not claim the honor, but I am happy to tell to you who have stood true in the "ups and downs" of the past, that I thank God for the confidence that you my brethren have placed in me in negotiating to form the solid condition that does exist with Free Will Baptist throughout the nation.

I am praying that we may be able to go on in the name of the Lord Jesus to the filling of the place that I feel that we as a denomination can fill in these last days, just before the return of our Lord Jesus, to catch up the church to the marriage feast in the air. May God bless all His children, is our prayer.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF ELDER W. J. MOORE

Elder W. J. Moore was born September the 8th, 1851, about six miles from Rocky Mount, N. C. He died February 17th, 1942, in Craven county, at the home of C. C. and Dorcas E. Barrow, making his stay on earth, 90 years, 5 months and 9 days.

He was married to Miss Annie Elizabeth Andrews who departed this life in September, 1915. He leaves behind three children, several grand-children and great-grandchildren and a host of friends. He was ordained in the year of 1887 by Elders Henry Cunningham, and Bill Frost and he did a great work in the Lord. He built or caused to be built 8 churches and filled many places of honor in the body, the last Church he built was the Church at Oak Grove in Craven county in the year 1925, and served same for 5 years. He then made his home in the Oak Grove section with a people whom he loved and served and who loved him and shared their hospitality until death called him to His reward.

His funeral was conducted at Oak Grove Church by Rev. J. C. Griffin, Rev. R. C. Kennedy, assisted by Rev. Duffy Toler and Rev. W. A. Dail and his body was laid to rest in the Kinston Cemetery by the side of his wife, under a mound of beautiful flowers to await the resurrection.

Duffy Toler, Committee.

#### CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

#### Craven County

Core Creek, S. W. McCoy, Jr., Cove City, N. C. Gethsemane, C. J. Hines, New Bern, N. C., R. 2. Antioch, Johnny Tyndal, New Bern, N. C., R. 1. Brices Creek, Mrs. Nellie Potter, New Bern, N. C., R. 4. Juniper Chapel, Ruth Wilson, Vanceboro, N. C. Spring Hope, W. R. Purifoy, New Bern, N. C., R. 1. Macedonia, Miss Anna B. Franks, Vanceboro, N. C. Wintergreen, A. B. Tillman, Cove City, N. C. St. Mary, U. W. Daughterty, Box 984, New Bern, N.C. Sts. Delight, Mrs. Earl Hanson, Bridgeton, N. C. Moseleys Creek, Mrs. I. A., Norris, Dover, N. C. Reunion Chapel, E. C. Laughinghouse, Vanceboro, N. C. Palmetto Chapel, George Buck, Vanceboro, N. C. Bridgeton, Grover C. Pate, Bridgeton, N. C. Lane's Chapel, F. H. Gaskins, Vanceboro, N. C. Oak Grove, Mrs. Dudley Clark, Vanceboro, N. C. New Haven, C. H. Toler, 141 Broad St., New Bern, N. C. Ruth's Chapel, Katie Bell Morris, New Bern, N. C., R. 2.

## Wayne County

Northeast, Mark Mozingo, Dudley, N. C. Indian Springs, Mrs. B. E. Dickinson, Seven Springs, N. C. Grant's Chapel, Miss Revalene Smith, Seven Springs, N. C. May's Chapel, Mrs. A. E. Rouse, Dudley, N. C.

# **Duplin County**

Sarecta, Wilbert A. Jones, Kenansville, N. C.
Piney Grove, Paul Lee, Seven Springs, N. C.
Sandy Plain, Joel Kennedy, Pink Hill, N. C.
Rooty Branch, Mrs. Arthur Outlaw, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Beulaville, Eugene L. Exum, Beulaville, N. C.
Pearsalls Chapel, Daisy J. Wells, Kenansville, N. C.
Snow Hill, Miss Rotha Reardon, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Bethlehem, L. E. Jones, Chinquapin, N. C.
Lanier's Chapel, J. H. Dail, Chinquapin, N. C.
Long Ridge, John Kornegay, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Cabin, Tobie Mercer, Beulaville, N. C.

# Lenoir County

Christian Chapel, J. B. Hill, Deep Run, N. C.
British Chapel, Mrs. Willie D. Bogey, Kinston, N. C., R. 3, Box 126.
Woodington, Mrs. Elbert Potter, Kinston, N. C.
Daileys Chapel, C. A. Herring, Seven Springs, N. C.
Kinston, W. S. Oliver, Kinston, N. C.
White Oak Grove, Ben D. Herring, LaGrange, N. C., R. 3.

Smith's New Home, Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Deep Run, N. C. Deep Run, Mrs. John Harper, Deep Run, N. C. Gray Branch, John Duff. Seven Springs, N. C.

#### Carteret County

Holly Springs, Jessie W. Fulcher, Newport, N. C.
Sound View, Elmer Garner, Newport, N. C.
South River, Willie Pittman, Lukens, N. C.
Beaufort, Mrs. W. H. Kirk, Beaufort, N. C.
Free Union, Norman Gaskill, Sea Level, N. C.
Welcome Home, Mary A. Gillikin, Beaufort, N. C.
Morehead City, Mrs. Caddie Willis, Morehead City, N. C.
Pilgrims Rest, Mrs. Gladys Lupton, Lola, N. C.
Russell's Creek, L. L. Springle, Beaufort, N. C.
Davis Shore, Leslie Styron, Davis, N. C.
St. John's Chapel, Mrs. Weldon Fulcher, Stacy, N. C.
Mt. Pleasant, J. F. Small, Newport, N. C.
Edwards Chapel, Mrs. B. G. Hardy, Merrimon, N. C.

#### Pamlico County

Arapahoe, Mrs. Fanny Taylor, Arapahoe, N. C. Bethel, Fred Silverthorn, Whortonsville, N. C. Trent, Mrs. W. H. Harris, Merritt, N. C. Mt. Zion, R. B. Newton, Cash Corner, N. C. Oriental, Mrs. Minnie Goodwin, Oriental, N. C. Warden's Grove, W. T. Campen, Lowland, N. C. Rock of Zion, Ralph Keel, Alliance, N. C. New Bethlehem, H. S. Price, Grantsboro, N. C.

# **Beaufort County**

Union Chapel, J. R. Downs, Chocowinity, N. C. Dublin Grove, David Mayo, Royal, N. C. White Hill, Jesse E. Cayton, Aurora, N. C. Sidney, J. T. Linton, Ransomville, N. C. Core Point Chapel, W. J. Smithwick, Blounts Creek, N. C. Smyrna, H. L. Edwards, Blounts Creek, N. C. Ephesus, Nathaniel Cox, Blounts Creek, N. C. Pamlico Chapel, W. W. Potter, Ransomville, N. C. Mt. Olive, Mrs. B. H. West, Aurora, N. C.

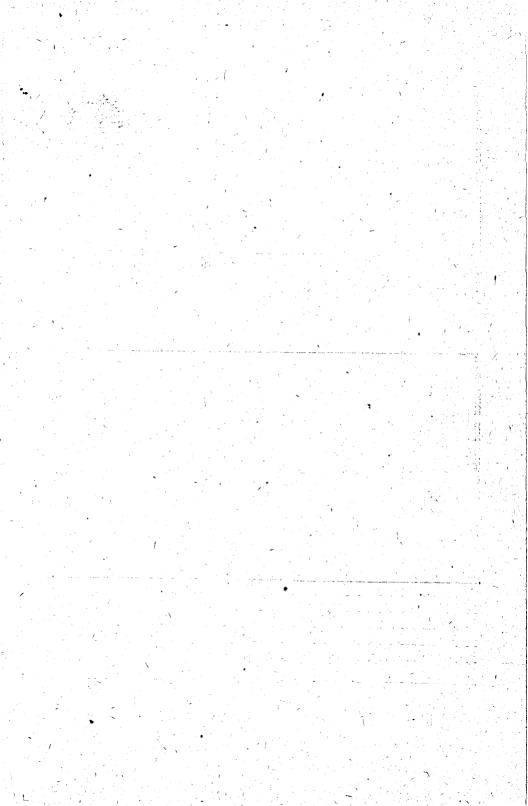
# Jones County

Friendship, H. M. Mallard, Trenton, N. C. Whaley's Chapel, J. I. Sanderson, Richlands, N. C. Pilgrim Home, W. G. Ipock, Dover, N. C.

# Onslow County

Folkstone, Mrs. Nora Everett, Folkstone, N. C. Mt. Zion, George Mercer, Beulaville, N. C. Snead's Ferry, Mrs. Susie Rhodes, Snead's Ferry, N. C.

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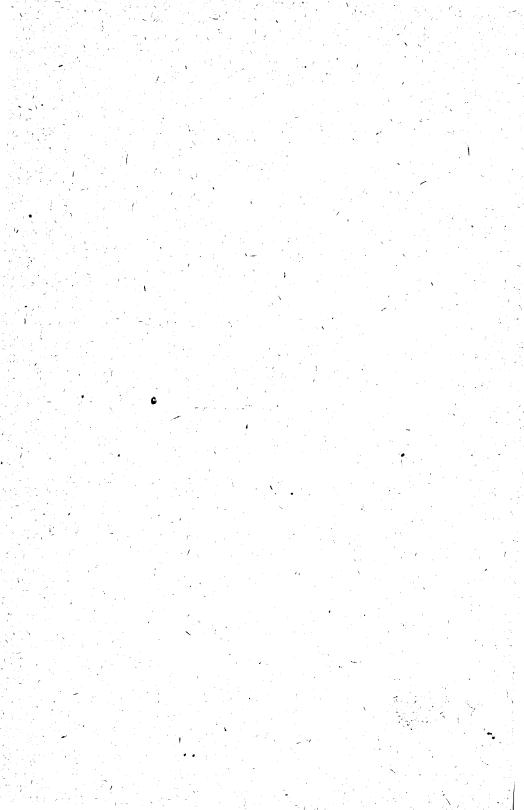
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# Eastern Conference

For the Year 1943

First Session held with Kinston Church, Kinston, N. C., on March 25, 1943.

Second Session held with Union Chapel, Beaufort County, September 23, 1943.



# **PROCEEDINGS**

# MINUTES OF THE EASTERN AUXILIARY CONVENTION, MEETING WITH THE KINSTON CHURCH, MARCH 25, 1943

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention met in its annual session, with the Kinston Free Will Baptist Church, Thursday, March 25, 1943.

The Theme for the day was "Victory for Christ in the home-land, assures Victory abroad."

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Walter Rhodes. Her Scripture was taken from the 25th Chapter of Isaiah, and her remarks, relative to the great need of our glorifying God in our every day life, were very inspiring, and the fact that we could not hope for victories in Christ's name on foreign soil, until we were fully dedicated to the spiritual uplifting of our own lives and in those about us here at home.

"Faith is the Victory" was sung, after which the business session was opened, with Mrs. J. C. Griffin, the President, presiding.

Mrs. Mabel Oliver, of the local church, very graciously extended greetings and a hearty welcome to Ministers, Officers, delegates and visitors, to which Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, of Deep Run, responded, with words of appreciation. The President's message consisted chiefly in urging the delegates to take notes of the proceedings of the day, that they might be able to correctly inform their organization at home.

The registration of Ministers were as follows: Revs. J. C. Griffin, W. E. Anderson, R. C. Kennedy, L. R. Ennis, Thos. E. Beaman, Bruce Barrow, Clifton Rice and Mrs. Lizzie McAdams.

The Minutes of the Executive session, held in January, 1943, were read and on motion, were adopted.

The First and Third Vice Presidents reported their work for the past six months. (See Reports.)

The following Committees were appointed:

Finance: Mrs. Maggie Overman, Mrs. H. D. Potter, Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Mrs. Cal Sawyer, Treasurer and Chairman.

Resolution: Mrs. Luther Powell, Mrs. C. M. Harrison, Mrs. Bruce Howard.

Obituary: Mrs. Cedric Boyd, Mrs. Lena Gaskins, Mrs. Alton Smith.

The Nominating Committee was elected by the delegates, instead of the usual procedure of being named by the President, and the following were elected; Mrs. W. F. Thigpen, Mrs. W. O. Caroon, and Mrs. E. W. Turnage, the latter being named Chairman.

At this time remarks and suggestions were made by the various Vice-Presidents, which were timely and very interesting, as they pertained to the work they were directly responsible for. The Third Vice-President, Mrs. H. C. Barnes, asked that we sponsor one Mission Sunday in each month for the purpose of keeping our people reminded of our obligations of this worthy cause. It was moved and carried that we do our best to put this into effect as nearly as possible.

The Second Vice-President, Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, in making her report on the work of Christian Education, stated that all of the \$165.00 pledged earlier for the piano at the Bible School at Nashville, Tenn., had not yet been received. Free will offerings were taken to make up the deficit, completing the pledge of raising said amount. She also gave an encouraging report of the Anna Phillips Loan Fund.

The President welcomed delegates and visitors from other districts, also expressed her pleasure at the presence of the ministers in attendance.

Mrs. McAdams, National Promotional Worker for the National Auxiliary Convention, made a short talk on her work in North Carolina and presented two objects of importance to be used in the Auxiliaries toward raising funds, these were the Jehoiada chests and the Penny Jars. She said a goodly number of these were in use already and the results were wonderful, but that each local society should adopt this plan.

The State Auxiliary President, Mrs. C. B. Thompson, was recognized at this time and called on for remarks. She responded with complimentary remarks about the Convention and her delight in the opportunity to be present. Greetings were brought from the Central district by Mrs. J. C. Moye.

The report of the Sixth Vice-President was rendered by the Secretary, by request.

The business session suspended for Praise and Prayer service, led by Rev. L. R. Ennis, after which Mrs. McAdams brought the Convention message, in the absence of Mrs. L. E. Ballard, who was scheduled for the occasion. The message was based on the "Woman of Samaria," and the speaker urged that we pray, "Oh, Lord, open thou mine eyes, that I may look on the field already ripe unto harvest." It was a strong appeal to the women of the Convention to accept our mission in the world with thanksgiving, and to depend on God for leadership.

Hymn, "Throw out the Life Line," was sung after which recess was taken and refreshments served.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:15 o'clock, the afternoon session opened with Praise and Prayer, led by Mrs. J. R. Bennett, after which reports were heard from delegates attending other Conventions. Delegates appointed to various Conventions, were Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Central; Mrs. Gladys Moore, Albemarle; Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Cape Fear; Mrs. E. W. Turnage, Pee Dee. Instructions were given that Greetings be sent, if delegates cannot attend these Conventions. The President, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, was elected to represent us in the Western Auxiliary.

The report from the Fifth Vice-President was heard, after which Rev.

L. R. Ennis and Mrs. Louise Bedsworth sang "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

The report from the Orphanage by Rev. J. A. Evans, was made at this time, and was very gratifying throughout. He gave a wonderful report of the progress being made, and the plans for repairs, painting and refurnishings. An impressive little program was rendered by a class from the Orphanage, after which an offering of \$32.65 was received for the Home.

Rev. L. R. Ennis gave a fine report of the Bible School at Nashville, Tenn., also of the work being done by our Missionaries in Cuba, together with some plans for the progress of each.

Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Field Worker, reported one new auxiliary organized, and two lost during past six months. The Secretary's report was read and adopted by motion. The Nominating Committee reported, recommending that the same Officers serve for another year, except that the Field Work be turned over to the Secretary. There was a motion that the report be received and the same officers serve for another term, with the change, as recommended, motion carried. The report of the Resolution Committee was given, and on motion was received.

Reports from Obituary, Finance and other Committees, were adopted, as read. (See reports.)

Rev. E. T. Phillips, who is an invalid and who is celebrating his birthday tomorrow, March 26th, was remembered with a little gift and a card.

The Secretary was instructed to send a card of sympathy from this Convention to Mrs. W. C. Sutton, of Cove City, in the passing of her brother.

A petition was presented from Union Chapel Church for the September Convention. It was moved and carried that we accept the invitation, and that we hold our Fall session with them. Mrs. Cedric Boyd was appointed delegate to the State Auxiliary Convention, which meets with Shady Grove Church, on May 20th, and that we contribute \$5.00 to said Convention, the latter being ordered by motion.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the Kinston Church and others, as per Resolution. The Minutes were read and approved.

It was moved and carried that we adjourn. Closing hymn, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." Benediction by Rev. W. E. Anderson.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President. Alice E. Lupton, Secretary.

#### REPORTS

Finance: Report of Finance and Apportionment Committee was read and on motion, was adopted. Total amount received \$178.66. Paid out \$108.75. Balance in Treasury \$69.91.

Mrs. Cal Sawyer, Treasurer.

First Vice-President: Only twelve churches made report; taken together, is as follows: Number of members, 400, Pieces of religious literature distributed, 16,650, 171 subscribers to the Baptist and 20 to the Gem.

Viola Blizzard, First Vice-President.

Second Vice-President: Total amount raised for Christian Education, aside from the Anna Phillips Posters, \$149.75, which amount came from four churches: Davis Church, \$85.00; Core Creek Church, \$13.00; Cabin Church, \$26.00; Grey Branch Church, \$5.75; Kinston Church, \$20.00. To students at Bible School for books.

Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, Second Vice-President.

Third Vice-President: Reports from 16 auxiliaries. Amount received for Home Missions, \$205.79; for Foreign Missions, \$119.94. Total amount received, \$335.73.

Mrs. H. C. Barnes, Third Vice-President.

Fourth Vice-President: Stewardship talks made, 20; Stewardship programs given, 12; Stewardship classes conducted, 11. Average attendance at classes, 130; Number tithers reporting, 88.

\*Louise Bedsworth, Fourth Vice-President.

Fifth Vice-President: 15 societies reporting; Number raising Bonds for Orphanage, 10; Amount of cash received, \$393.92; Cash value in provisions and other commodities, \$248.92. Total receipts, \$642.84. Total receipts at last Convention, \$238.20. Coupons collected and sent in, 958.

Ruby Stilley, Fifth Vice-President.

Sixth Vice-President: Amount raised and reported for Ministerial Relief, \$83.54. Baskets to sick, 177; Cards to sick, 33; Quarts of milk donated, 372

Mrs. Ed Smith, Sixth Vice-President.

Secretary's Report: Number members reporting from district, 643; New Auxiliaries, (6 months) in district, 2; Auxiliaries died, 2; Subscriptions to Baptist, 171; Subscriptions to Gem, 20; Number Report Blanks and letters sent, 70; Number cards sent, 18. Expense account for Stationery, cards and postage, \$2.98.

Alice E. Lupton, Secretary.

Resolution Committee: Whereas, the Kinston Free Will Baptist Church, has, in a very gracious manner, entertained our Convention during the day, and with a wonderful spirit of co-operation and fellowship, as well as with a delicious and bountiful dinner, therefore be it resolved: That we extend to the Church, its Pastor and to other churches that participated in the hospitality furnished us, our sincere appreciation and gratitude, by a rising vote of thanks for their splendid and inexpressible kindnesses throughout the entire session, with a prayer that the Master will shower blessings upon them in all their labors for and with him, whom we all love and serve.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Luther Powell, Mrs. Clem Harrison, Mrs. Bruce Howard,

Committee.

(It was moved and carried that this Resolution be put into effect at once.)

Close.

# MINUTES OF THE EASTERN AUXILIARY CONVENTION IN SESSION THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1943, AT UNION CHAPEL CHURCH, CHOCOWINITY, N. C.

The Convention opened with a devotional service conducted by Mrs. J. H. Oglesby. Congregational singing, "Jesus Calls Us," followed with prayer by Rev. J. R. Bennett. The 12th chapter of Romans was read in concert, after which "Amazing Grace" was sung.

Greetings were given in a very gracious manner by Mrs. Mary Dixon, of the local church, with response by Mrs. H. D. Potter, speaking for the Convention. The President's message was short, but she stressed the point that delegates should feel their responsibility to the locals that had sent them, and apply themselves as diligently as possible to the business in hand and to take it back to the home Auxiliaries to be put into practice. After the registration of Ministers and delegates, the minutes of the previous Convention were read.

The following made reports of work done during the past six months: The Field Worker, the First and Sixth Vice-Presidents. (See reports.)

Mrs. M. A. Woodard, of the Central Auxiliary, made a few remarks and brought greetings from her district. She stressed the great need of giving more attention to our retired ministers and urged that we plan to do more for Superannuation this year than ever before.

Rev. R. B. Crawford, National Executive Secretary of the National Association, who was a welcome visitor, made a talk on the Unified Program, basing his remarks on Matt. 28: 19, 20. He said in part that this Program was an answer to the Great Commission, and that we were carrying out this Commission through the work of the Unified Program. He said that "Jesus grew in wisdom, therefore our need of a great educational program." He also grew in stature, hence our need of Home Missions, He grew in favor with God, therefore our need of Foreign Missions, and He grew in favor with man, representing the Ministers of the Gospel of Christ, who are giving their very lives for this gospel." He continued by saying that "The Fatherhood of God, the Saviour-hood of Christ and the Holy Spirit, formed a Trinity, and that the Unified Program also was a Trinity, comprising Christian Education, Missions and Superannuation." His message was very enlightening and inspiring.

At this time a Temperance Program was rendered, led by Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, of Bridgeton. After a few verses of Scripture from Luke 15, and a few remarks by Mrs. Oglesby on the "Prodigal Son," followed by prayer, recitations, songs and readings were given by Mrs. Marie Gaskins and others, on the results of intemperance and the evils of strong drink, which was very impressive throughout.

The following Committees were appointed:

Finance, to serve with Mrs. Cal Sawyer, Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Scott, Mrs. Ruby Hancock, Mrs. Marie Gaskins.

Resolution: Mrs. Rhoda Prescott, Mrs. H. D. Potter, Mrs. Jasper Warren.

Temperance: Miss Lonie McLawhon, Miss Myrtle Taylor, Mrs. J. R. Daugherty.

Petition: Mrs. W. S. Oliver, Mrs. William Newton, Mrs. G. C. Pate.

The Convention adjourned for the noon recess.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Convention convened for the resumption of business at 1:30 P. M. The devotions were conducted by Mrs. Ruby Hancock, who read four verses of II Peter, and 1st chapter, after which prayer was offered by Rev. L. H. Wetherington. Mrs. Hancock gave a very impressive reading, "Alone," as the closing item in the Praise and Prayer service.

Reports from the Fifth Vice-President, also from delegates attending other Conventions. Mrs. M. A. Woodard represented the State Auxiliary, giving a very gratifying report of the last annual meeting. Mrs. H. C. Barnes, the Third Vice-President, made her report on Mission work.

At this time we were favored with a duet, "Saviour Lead Me All the Way," by Rev. R. B. Crawford and Mrs. Louise Bedsworth.

Mrs. J. H. Oglesby made a short talk on Missions and the vital need of giving our best efforts in behalf of the work ahead of us.

Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, Second Vice-President, gave her report, and with it her plans for our part in raising funds with which to equip and furnish the Library at the Bible School at Nashville, Tenn. She also urged the advantages of the various churches sponsoring Vacation Bible Schools among the young people, and urged that we do our utmost to maintain and co-operate in every possible way in their promotion.

Delegates were appointed to the several Conventions.

Rev. Jas. A. Evans, Superintendent of the Orphanage, reported that 95 children had been cared for during the year, that only 67 were in the home at present. He also said that all three Buildings, inside and out, had been painted and papered, and that the new plans for Coupons from soaps and was higher and would mean so much to the Orphanage. He also gave other very gratifying facts concerning future plans, one of which was that the Board of Trustees had voted to have a Thanksgiving service again this year, after a recess of one year. He said there were 31 former Orphanage boys fighting in this war and all were making good records. A free will offering was taken, amounting to \$38.52.

The Secretary made her report, and on motion it was adopted. She also gave news from the National Auxiliary Convention.

Rev. Crawford gave a short talk on the Endowment Check plan for the

Bible School. Rev. M. L. Hollis, who was also a visitor was called on to speak. He expressed his delight at having the opportunity of being present and congratulated the Convention on its activities.

Reports from the Finance, Resolution and Treasurer, were given, and on motion, were received. (See reports.)

A motion was made and carried that we give this church and Community, a rising vote of appreciation for the fine spirit of co-operation, the bountiful dinner and for their hospitality throughout the day. It was moved and carried that we adjourn. Closing hymn, "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again."

Benediction, Rev. Felix Jones.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President, Alice E. Lupton, Secretary.

#### REPORTS

First Vice-President: Reports from 14 Auxiliaries give the following items: 365 members, average attendance; 183, Subscriptions to Baptist paper, 122, the Gem, 5. Number of Temperance Programs, 3; Pieces of religious literature distributed, 3,596.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard.

Second Vice-President: Total amount of funds received for Christian Education, including funds for the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, \$221.25.

Mrs. L. H. Wetherington.

Third Vice-President: Twenty Auxiliaries reported as follows: 15 observed the week of Prayer; Mission Programs given, 18; Study Classes held, 8; Mission services sponsored, 10; Bible classes reporting; The Julia Matthews, St. Mary's Church, New Bern, for Home Missions, \$26.25; Foreign Missions, \$37.75; Total, \$64.00. Received for Silverware for the Cuba Bible School, \$16 00. Received for Foreign Missions, \$230.09; Received for Home Missions, \$277.37; Total received for Missions, \$507.46. Only two societies reported using Jehoiada chests.

#### Mrs. H. C. Barnes.

Fourth Vice-President: Number of Stewardship talks made, 17; Number of Stewardship Programs given, 11; Number Classes conducted, 3; Number Tithers, 82; Average attendance at classes, 45; Number of Books studied, 5. Names of books: "In His Steps," "Money Grows on Trees," "Stewardship in the Life of Women," "Stewardship and Missions," and "Missions in the Bible." Number of Auxiliaries reporting, 14.

Mrs. Louise Bedsworth.

Fifth Vice-President: Number of active Auxiliaries, 40; Number reporting to me, 14. Number Orphan children clothed, 8. Number Auxiliaries

donating monthly, 4; One War Bond reported; 200 Octagon Coupons reported; Total receipts of cash, and cash values, \$475.85.

Mrs. Ruby Stilley.

Sixth Vice-President: Amount sent in for Ministerial Relief, \$15.00; Trays and baskets to sick. 163.

I visit and supply needs, and solicit the same for the Sixth Vice-Presidents of local Auxiliaries, and urge that this work be reported to me prior to each Convention.

Mrs. Ed Smith.

#### Treasurer's Report:

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Mrs. Cal Sawyer.

Secretary's Report: Report blanks mailed out, 61; Letters written, 18; Cards, 26; Expense, \$2.98.

Alice E. Lupton.

Report of Field Worker: Number of members in district, 736; New members, 65; Deaths reported, 1; Total amount of dues collected, \$715.80; Extra funds raised, \$1,785.41.

Subscriptions to the Baptist, 316; Cards and letters to sick and bereaved, 508. Number of Tithers, 118.

Ten Jehoiada chests reported in use. Orphan children adopted, 11; Amount in cash sent to Orphanage, \$536.25. Spent for Christian Education, \$338.00. Spent for Ministerial Relief, \$49.50. Home Missions, \$267.60; for Foreign Missions, \$128.79. Total amount disbursed, \$1,581.31.

One new Auxiliary has been organized, with 14 members. I have written 14 letters and 11 cards in behalf of the work, with expense of 69 cents.

Alice E. Lupton, Field Worker.

Report of the Resolutions Committee: We have had only one Resolution submitted to us, which was duly considered and passed on favorably. This was the Resolution submitted by Sister Alice E. Lupton on Temperance. We hereby, urge its adoption by this Convention, recommending that if passed, we will do our best to live up to it.

We recommend also that a rising vote of thanks be given to Union Grove Church and the community at large for their hospitality and co-operation during this session of our Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Rhoda Prescott,
Mrs. H. D. Potter,
Mrs. Jasper Warren,
Committee.

The following Ministers were registered during the session, Rev. L. H. Wetherington, Rev. J. C. Griffin, J. R. Bennett, M. A. Woodard, W. B. Everett, N. B. Barrow, Robert B. Crawford, of Tennessee, M. L. Hollis of Alabama, F. E. Jones, R. C. Kennedy.

#### RESOLUTION

Realizing to a great extent, the enormity of the drink evil, and of its debauching influence in the lives of our young men and women, boys and girls, and that thousands of our Nation's best manhood and womanhood is being demoralized through the use of alcoholic beverages, while we, who should be most concerned, have folded our arms in quiet content, watching the procession of drunkards, and drunkards in the making, among both men and women, pass along to their ultimate doom, with seldom an outstretched hand to rescue them from this untimely destination, we therefore submit the following resolution:

1st—That we, a Christian organization, composed largely of mothers, take a positive and decisive stand against the manufacture, the sale and the use of alcoholic stimulants in any way, and that we foster and urge total abstinence from its use by our church people as a whole;

2nd—That we join hands with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and with the new Allied Church League, recently organized, and which is composed of Christian men and women of all churches, together with other religious movements, to fight this common enemy until we have driven it so far away that it will not return;

3rd—That us mothers begin at once, a training school in our homes, that our children may be taught all the evils, both to body and soul, which comes through the use of strong drink, preparing them that when they go out to face the responsibilities of life, they may be able to wield a powerful influence against it, and in behalf of soberness, sobriety and Christian living.

4th—That we request Pastors holding the care of churches in our Eastern District, to preach at least, one Temperance sermon each quarter, and that we appeal to all teachers in our Sunday Schools to be more diligent and

personal in the application of the Quarterly Temperance lesson, as given in our Sunday School quarterlies.

5th—That we request the Parent-Teachers Association to cooperate and promote in our public schools, if and when possible, the teaching of the evils of strong drink to our youngsters, with the facts concerning the dangerous effect on their bodies, morals and spiritual life;

6th—We furthermore resolve to absolutely refuse to vote or support any candidate for public office, who favors the manufacture, sale or use of intoxicating beverages, or of any one who supplies brewers or breweries, or "boot-leggers," with commodities with which to make it;

7th—Resolved, that if this resolution is adopted by this Convention in session at Union Chapel Church, this September 23rd, 1943, shall not compromise, or pass the responsibility on to others, but that each of us shall assume whatever part of putting it into effect, and that we shall do our best to teach others to "Taste not; touch not; handle not; which all are to perish with the using." Col. 2: 21,22.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice E. Lupton.

September 23rd, 1943.

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