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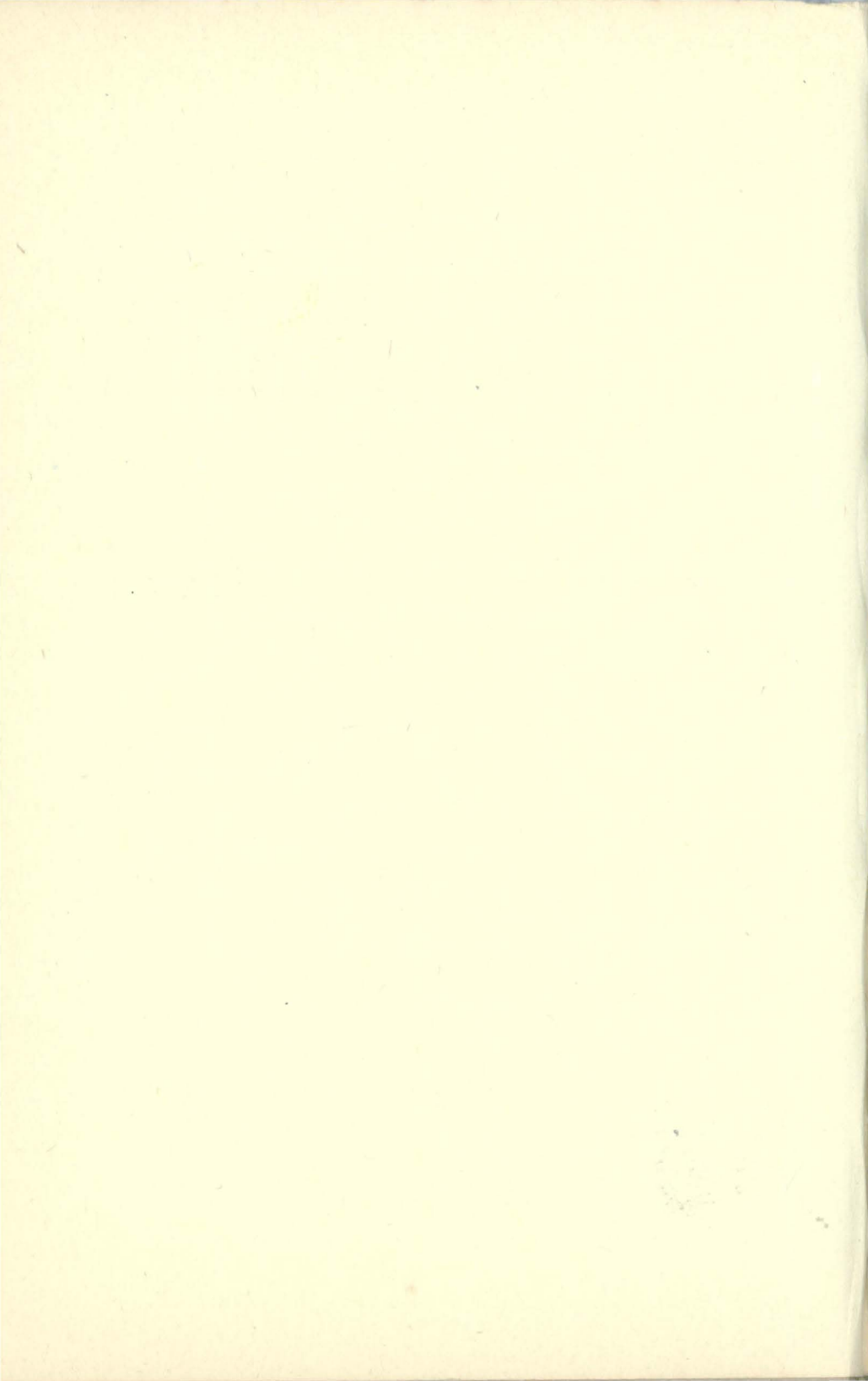
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

First Day

10 o'clock A. M., Devotions.
Organize.
Read Minutes of Executive Committee.
Introductory sermon.
Dinner.
Devotions.
Enrollment of visitors.
Call list of ministers.
Call list of churches.
Miscellaneous business.
Adjournment.

Second Day

Devotions.
Reading and approval of minutes of first day.
Enrollment of visitors.
Finish calling list of churches.
Committee reports.
Sermon.
Dinner.
Devotions.
Finish committee reports.
Petitions.
Miscellaneous business.
Treasurer's report.
Election of officers (every two years).
Vote of thanks.
Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS

The Forty-Ninth Annual Session of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with the church at Warden's Grove, Pamlico county, N. C., on October 18th, 1944, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The session was called to order by Rev. J. R. Bennett in the absence of the Moderator.

The opening devotions were conducted by Rev. J. R. Bennett. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. E. Anderson.

The following committees were appointed:

Devotions: Bros. Coley Watson, Cecil Howard, W. F. Hill.

Finance: Noah Rice, J. C. Griffin, Mrs. Leone Mercer.

Temperance: Harry Mallard, Mrs. Caddie Willis, Mrs. Ludie Barbour.

Sabbath Schools: Revs. R. C. Kennedy, W. E. Anderson, Bro. Calvin Sawyer.

Ministerial Character: Revs. Duffy Toler, Lloyd Vernon, C. L. Bennett, Bros. W. F. Hill, R. R. Jones.

To Apportion the Funds: J. W. Alford, J. C. Griffin, J. R. Bennett, G. W. Gaskill, Vause Gaskins.

Visiting ministers were enrolled as follows:

Western Association: Rev. W. E. Anderson.

The list of ministers was called and absentees noted.

Rev. D. W. Hansley was appointed to write a sketch of the life of Rev. Solomon Duff, the same to appear in these minutes.

A welcome address was made by Bro. W. H. Lupton.

The response was made by Rev. D. W. Hansley.

The minutes of the Executive Committee were read as follows:

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met at Kinston, N. C., on November 24th, 1943 at 11 o'clock A. M. Present: Rev. Lloyd Vernon, Chairman, J. W. Alford, Secretary, Rev. Duffy Toler and Bro. H. M. Mallard.

Prayer was offered by Bro. Toler.

The Chairman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to draw up an order of Business, and also to apportion the sum of \$1,500.00 to the churches to be raised as a chapel fund for the Orphanage.

On motion each church be requested to raise the sum of 25c per capita for the chapel fund, and forward same to Bro. H. M. Mallard, Treasurer, Trenton, N. C., and he hold the same in Chapel Fund account, and send the total collected to the Orphanage not later than the convening of the next session of the Conference.

On motion the secretary be instructed to mail to the Pastors and Clerks the above request at his earliest convenience, and draw on the Treasurer for his expenses.

The following Order of Business was also adopted by motion:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

First Day—

10 o'clock A. M. Devotions.
Organize.
Reading minutes of the Executive Committee.
Introductory Sermon.

Dinner—

Devotions.
Enrollment of visitors.
Calling list of ministers.
Calling list of churches.
Miscellaneous business.
Adjournment.

Second Day—

Devotions.
Reading and approval of minutes of first day's session.
Enrollment of visitors.
Finish calling list of churches.
Committee reports.
Sermon.

Dinner—

Devotions.
Finish committee reports.
Petitions.
Miscellaneous business.
Treasurer's report.
Election of officers. (Every two years.)
Vote of thanks.
Adjournment.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourned.

On motion the above minutes were adopted.

At this time we began calling the list of churches.

The introductory sermon was preached by J. W. Alford. Text, Psalm 8: 4, after which we dismissed for dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

After a bountiful dinner we re-assembled, and devotions were conducted by Rev. B. F. Ringold. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Evans.

Visiting ministers were recognized as follows:

Western Association: Rev. J. A. Evans.

Cape Fear Conference: Rev. M. L. Johnson.

Central Conference: Rev. Bruce Barrow.

We continued calling the list of churches.

Rev. M. L. Johnson was recognized, and he made an interesting report of the State Superannuation work, and solicited continued co-operation and support.

The committee on Devotions reported as follows:

Tonight: Rev. D. W. Hansley open, Rev. Lloyd Vernon preach. Tomorrow at 11:30 o'clock: Rev. W. E. Anderson open, Rev. J. A. Evans preach.

A collection was taken for Eld. Luke Wetherington amounting to \$110.00.

On motion conference close until tomorrow morning, 9:30 o'clock. Conference to be opened by Rev. F. E. Jones. Closing exercise by Rev. S. A. Smith.

THURSDAY MORNING

The session was opened at 9:30 o'clock A. M., by Rev. F. E. Jones, according to previous appointment. Prayer was offered by Rev. R. C. Kennedy.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

We finished calling the list of churches.

On motion we ask the Executive Committee to look into the condition of Ruth's Chapel, Craven county, and make such disposition of the matter as they may think best.

A check for \$15.00 from Mrs. M. C. Prescott, sent as a donation from this body to her as a widow of a deceased minister, was received, and in accordance to her wish, it was turned over to the Orphanage, and her name dropped from the list of widows.

On motion we express to Sister Prescott our sincere appreciation for her spirit in this matter.

The Sabbath School committee reported as follows:

We recommend and endorse the same resolution passed in 1943, asking and urging that it be put into effect.

On motion it was adopted.

Rev. M. L. Johnson spoke to us about the Church Finance Association, Inc., showing its aims and nature of its operation, and asking for our continued co-operation.

On motion the Finance Committee retire, settle with the Treasurer, and he make his report.

The Committee on Ministerial Character made the following report: We beg to say that no charges against any of our ministers were called to our attention.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion we appropriate the sum of \$40.00 to be added to the collection of \$110.00 taken yesterday for Rev. Luke Wetherington, making a total of \$150.00.

Rev. J. A. Evans, Superintendent of the Orphanage made report of the

donations received for the Home from this Conference during the past year, and solicited our continued support. His report follows:

Receipts from October 1, 1943, to September 30, 1944

Clothing -----	\$ 650.00
Land -----	827.74
Chapel -----	231.45
Current -----	7,035.67

Grand Total ----- \$8,744.86

Donated commodities value ----- \$ 263.56

An offering for the Orphanage was taken after the above report, amounting to \$93.04.

Rev. M. L. Johnson was again recognized, and he spoke to us about the Superannuation program, and urged each minister to supply the necessary information and data required by the Board.

On motion we allow the Treasurer \$20.00 a year for his services.

On motion we pay the Clerk \$35.00 a year for his services.

On motion we add the words "or transferred" to the word "excommunicated" in the church letter. The motion was amended by adding another column to our statistical table, with the heading "Transferred." The amended motion was passed.

At this time we called off for the sermon by Rev. J. A. Evans, after which we were served the dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

A very bountiful dinner was served, after which we re-assembled. Devotions by Rev. D. W. Hansley.

On motion we ask the Executive Committee to investigate any church that fails to represent to the Conference, and make any disposition they may see fit.

Petitions for the next session were from Core Creek, and Wintergreen, Craven County, and by vote the next Conference will be held with Wintergreen Church.

Rev. S. A. Smith was selected to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. D. W. Hansley alternate.

The committee on Temperance reported as follows:

The Temperance Committee accepts and recommends the resolutions adopted by this Conference in the 1943 session, offered by sister Alice Lupton. On motion it was adopted.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Received since last session the following donations from Churches listed below for Chapel Funds only:

South River Church -----	\$ 10.00
Lanier's Chapel Church -----	20.00

Snead's Ferry Church -----	6.75
Gray's Branch Church -----	12.25
Dailey's Chapel Church -----	13.00
Ephesus Church -----	43.50
Pearsall Chapel Church -----	15.00
Dublin Grove Church -----	21.70
Whaley's Chapel Church -----	42.00
Bethlehem Church -----	25.82
Smith's New Home Church -----	18.00
Smyrna Church -----	22.61
St. Mary's Church -----	75.00
Folkstone Church -----	30.31
Friendship Church -----	50.00

Total -----	\$405.94
Antioch -----	25.25

\$431.19

Disbursements

J. W. Alford -----	\$ 20.00
J. A. Evans, Orphanage -----	500.00
Solomon Duff -----	25.00
J. A. Ringgold -----	20.00
B. W. Wells -----	50.00
Mrs. G. W. Kennedy -----	15.00
Mrs. D. B. Garner -----	15.00
Mrs. Lucy Daughy -----	15.00
Mrs. M. C. Prescott -----	15.00
Mrs. L. C. Garner -----	60.00
Mrs. Alice Lupton, fee and expense for 1943	
National Association -----	25.00
H. Pipkin -----	25.00
J. R. Davidson, Foundation Check -----	100.00
Anna Phillips Loan Fund -----	25.00
Church Finance Association -----	100.00
Superannuation -----	100.00
Free Will Baptist Press -----	75.00
J. C. Griffin fee and expense for	
National Association, 1944 -----	30.00
Treasurer Fee -----	5.00

Total paid out ----- **\$1,220.00**

Grand Total on hand last session ----- **\$2,396.06**

Total paid out ----- **1,220.00**

Balance in Bank ----- **1,176.06**

Orphanage Collection for Chapel Fund -----	431.19
Grand Total in Bank -----	\$1,607.25
Orphanage Collection -----	93.04
Received today -----	1,323.43
Collection for Rev. L. H. Wetherington -----	110.00
Grand Total -----	\$3,133.72

H. M. Mallard, Treasurer.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion we pay the Tract bill presented by the Treasurer from the Free Will Baptist Press.

Delegates to the various bodies were appointed:

Central Conference: S. A. Smith.

Western Association: D. W. Hansley.

Cape Fear Conference: J. W. Alford.

Pee Dee Conference: J. C. Griffin.

Rock Fish Conference: R. C. Kennedy.

National Association: Fountain Taylor.

State Association: Cecil Howard, J. J. Benson, Fred Silverthorn, Abner Deavers, Fred Lewis, Mrs. Fred Lewis, Mrs. S. A. Smith, Mrs. J. C. Griffin.

Rev. Clifton Rice resigned as Chairman of the Tract Committee. On motion his resignation was accepted.

On motion the Tract Committee was discontinued until a more suitable time, and better arrangements made.

On motion this body elect a representative to meet with the Orphanage Board on Thanksgiving Day, and he urge them to raise the salary of the Superintendent to at least \$150.00 a month. Rev. S. A. Smith was elected as the representative.

On motion we extend a vote of thanks to this church and community for their great kindness and hospitality during this session.

The Apportioning Committee submitted the following report:

We have on hand to apportion -----	\$2,702.41
For Minutes -----	\$ 75.00
Clerk fee -----	35.00
Orphanage standing -----	25.00
Educational fund -----	200.00
Treasurer's fee -----	20.00
L. C. Garner -----	60.00
J. A. Ringgold -----	20.00
B. W. Wells -----	50.00
H. Pipkin -----	25.00
4 Widows, \$20.00 each -----	80.00
Foreign Missions -----	100.00

Young People's Assembly Ground -----	100.00
Orphanage -----	475.00
National Association fee -----	5.00
Expense for delegates -----	
Home Missions -----	50.00
Expense Executive Committee -----	22.45
Luke Wetherington -----	150.00
Superannuation -----	100.00
Church Finance Association -----	100.00

Total Apportioned ----- \$1,692.45

Balance on hand ----- \$1,009.96

On motion the report was adopted.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion conference closed.

Closing exercise by Rev. J. R. Bennett.

Lloyd Vernon, Moderator,
Clifton Rice, Assistant Moderator,
J. W. Alford, Clerk,
S. A. Smith, Reading Clerk.

CHURCH LETTER

To the Eastern Original Free Will Baptist Conference to be held with the church at Wintergreen, Craven County, N. C., commencing on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1945.

We, the church at _____
County, N. C., send our beloved brethren _____
_____ as delegates to your honorable body.

The condition of our church is as follows: Died_____, Received by letter_____, Baptized_____, Dismissed_____, Transferred_____, Excommunicated_____, Whole number of members_____, Contribution \$_____.

Elder _____ was our pastor from 19____ to _____ 19____ and filled _____ of his appointments. Eld. _____ is our present pastor.

_____Clerk.

Post office _____, N. C.

WRITE PETITION BELOW IF CONFERENCE IS WANTED

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, Mildred Patterson, 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.
Sts. Delight, Mrs. Ethel Hansen, Bridgeton, 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.
Palmetta Chapel, Snodie Lewis, 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 Mazingo, 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, Deep Run, 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, Mrs. 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, Jessie B. Taylor, Snow Hill, N. C.
White Oak Grove, Ben D. Herring, LaGrange, N. C., R. 3.

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

Carteret County

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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, Wilbert Lewis, Stacy, N. C.
Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. 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, E. M. Prescott, New Bern, N. C., R-1.
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, Mrs. Frank Edwards, 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. C. B. Hansley, 1206 Castle St., Wilmington, N. C.
Mt. Zion, George Mercer, Beulaville, N. C.
Snead's Ferry, Mrs. Susie Rhodes, Snead's Ferry, N. C.

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Names of Churches	County	Delegates	Died	Received	Baptized	Dismissed	Excom.	No. Members	Contributed
Core Creek	Craven	Owen Hawkins and wife	0	2	4	0	0	284	\$110.00
Gethsemane	Craven								
Antioch	Craven	Vause Gaskins, John Tyndal	4	0	1	0	0	83	25.00
Brice's Creek	Craven	By Letter	0	0	0	8	0	73	5.00
Juniper Chapel	Craven	Mrs. Albert Jones, Mrs. S. Wetherington	1	1	1	0	0	120	5.00
Spring Hope	Craven	W. T. Cuthrell, Mrs. Alice Ipock	0	1	10	1	0	54	10.00
Macedonia	Craven	Clyde Spruill, Obed Simpkins	2	0	36	3	0	267	50.00
Wintergreen	Craven	W. J. and A. B. Tilghman	3	0	6	0	0	128	40.00
St. Mary's	Craven	Mrs. Leon Mercer, Chas H. Toler	2	3	15	4	6	329	100.00
Sts. Delight	Craven	By Letter	2	0	1	0	0	88	22.80
Moseley's Creek	Craven	Carrie Norris	0	0	4	0	0	140	50.00
Reunion Chapel	Craven	E. C. Laughinghouse, Sybil Dunn	1	0	0	0	0	60	7.70
Palmetta Chapel	Craven	Blanche Forest	0	0	0	0	0	97	14.00
Bridgeton	Craven	Mrs. Ludie Barbour, Mrs. J. C. Griffin	0	4	7	0	0	132	25.00
Lane's Chapel	Craven								
Oak Grove	Craven	By Letter	0	0	1	4	0	86	18.10
New Haven	Craven								
Ruth's Chapel	Craven								
Northeast	Wayne	By Letter	1	0	2	0	1	85	15.00
Indian Springs	Wayne								
Grant's Chapel	Wayne								
May's Chapel	Wayne	W. B. Grady	0	3	0	0	0	20	5.00
Sarecta	Duplin	J. J. Benson, Simon W. Jones	2	0	22	0	0	149	15.00
Piney Grove	Duplin	By Letter	1	1	0	1	0	167	6.00
Sandy Plain	Duplin	Mrs. R. C. Kennedy, Miss Marg. Barrow	1	1	8	0	0	133	25.00
Rooty Branch	Duplin	By Letter	2	0	17	0	0	60	10.00
Beulaville	Duplin	J. D. Horn, B. S. Jones	0	0	10	0	0	140	45.00
Pearsall's Chapel	Duplin	By Letter	0	0	8	0	0	88	13.00
Snow Hill	Duplin	By Letter	0	1	4	0	2	150	15.00
Bethlehem	Duplin	R. N. Basden, Roe Jones	1	0	2	3	0	101	20.00
Lanier's Chapel	Duplin								
Long Ridge	Duplin	Jonas Dail	1	0	0	0	0	78	8.50
Cabin	Duplin	By Letter	0	0	7	0	0	97	15.00
Christian Chapel	Lenoir	Jas. L. Tyndall and wife	6	2	1	1	0	159	38.00
British Chapel	Lenoir	By Letter	0	0	9	0	0	73	10.00
Woodington	Lenoir	By Letter	2	0	0	1	0	208	13.00
Dalley's Chapel	Lenoir	W. F. Hill, Wm. Carter	1	1	2	0	0	87	25.00
Kinston	Lenoir	J. E. Harris, J. B. Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	74	35.00
Smith's New Home	Lenoir	By Letter	2	0	14	1	0	239	33.00
Deep Run	Lenoir	By Letter	1	1	14	1	0	101	15.00
Gray Branch	Lenoir	A. C. Deaver and wife	1	0	6	2	0	107	16.00
White Oak Grove	Lenoir	By Letter	2	0	1	0	0	137	25.00
Holly Springs	Carteret	Roy Garner and wife							
Sound View	Carteret								
South River	Carteret	By Letter	1	0	0	0	0	95	4.50
Beaufort	Carteret	Chas. Robinson, W. W. Scott	0	0	1	0	0	88	10.00
Free Union	Carteret	By Letter	1	0	3	0	0	52	4.00
Welcome Home	Carteret	By Letter	0	0	2	1	0	58	5.00
Morehead City	Carteret	Mrs. Caddie Willis, Mrs. W. I. Salter	0	1	5	0	0	90	17.00
Pilgrim's Rest	Carteret	By Letter						45	5.00
Russell's Creek	Carteret								
Davis Shore	Carteret	By Letter	2	0	21	2	0	171	25.00
St. John's Chapel	Carteret	By Letter						150	10.00
Mt. Pleasant	Carteret	By Letter	0	0	2	0	0	30	4.00
Edward's Chapel	Carteret	By Letter	0	0	0	0	0	64	6.00
Arapahoe	Pamlico	Noah Rice and wife	3	0	2	0	0	238	40.00
Bethel	Pamlico	S. L. and H. K. Silverthorn	0	0	0	6	0	117	20.50
Trent	Pamlico	I. W. Swindell	3	0	10	2	0		10.00
Mt. Zion	Pamlico	Calvin Sawyer, S. C. Robbins	2	0	3	1	0	184	21.00
Rock of Zion	Pamlico	Mrs. E. M. Prescott, D. K. Purifoy	4	4	2	1	0	203	40.00
Oriental	Pamlico								
Warden's Grove	Pamlico	C. T. Watson and wife	1	0	1	0	0	48	20.50
New Bethlehem	Pamlico	Chas. Price, Lois Pipkin	1	0	5	0	0	111	5.00
Union Chapel	Beaufort	Hyman Dixon, Jas. Edwards	5	1	26	0	0	522	112.05
Dublin Grove	Beaufort	W. B. Willis, E. R. Swain	3	1	1	0	0	177	34.75
White Hill	Beaufort								
Sidney	Beaufort	By Letter							10.00
Core Point Chapel	Beaufort								
Smyrna	Beaufort	T. J. Lewis and wife	6	3	11	0	2	131	10.00
Bethlehem	Beaufort								
Ephesus	Beaufort	H. K. and Ernest Cutler	0	0	2	4	0	92	14.83
Mt. Olive	Beaufort								
Friendship	Jones	A. C. Mallard, Harry Mallard	1	1	8	1	0	201	50.00
Whaley's Chapel	Jones	Fountain Taylor, C. A. Howard	2	0	0	0	0	212	20.00
Pilgrim's Home	Jones	E. G. Andrews, L. L. Ipock	0	0	0	0	0	108	10.00
Folkstone	Onslow	Mrs. D. W. Hansley, Mrs. C. B. Hansley	3	0	0	3	0	100	15.00
Mt. Zion	Onslow								
Snead's Ferry	Onslow								

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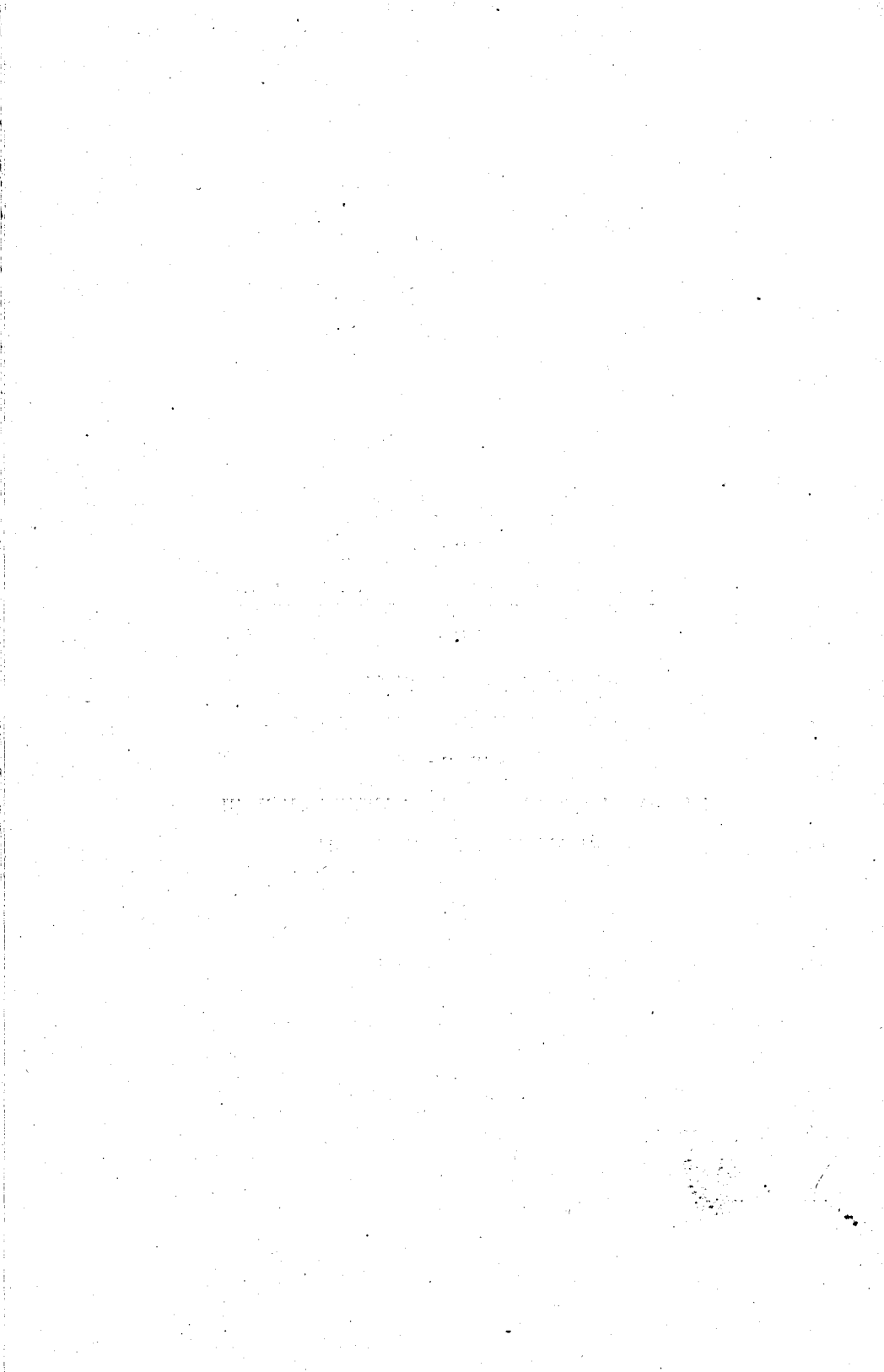
Eastern Conference

IN ITS ANNUAL SESSION MEETING

with the

SANDY PLAIN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1944.



PROCEEDINGS

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention met in its annual session with Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church, on Thursday, March 25, 1944. The Theme for the day was: "Prayer, the Key to Steadfastness."

The devotions were conducted by Mrs. W. O. Caroon, Kinston, N. C., who read several Scriptural texts, bearing on the Theme, after which she made an impressive talk on Prayer. Mrs. J. C. Griffin, the President, made a few inspiring remarks in connection with the devotionals.

The Convention received a very hearty welcome by Mrs. Thigpen, of the local church, followed with the response, rendered by Mrs. Louise Bedsworth, of Davis, N. C.

The President's message was to the point, and consisted largely in instructions to the delegates, welcome to Ministers present, and a plea for the full co-operation of all present.

The business session opened with the enrollment of delegates and Ministers. Reports from some of the Vice-Presidents followed. (See Reports.)

Ministers in attendance were: L. J. Potter, J. C. Griffin, R. C. Kennedy, S. A. Smith, J. R. Bennett, L. R. Ennis, W. E. Anderson, Jas. A. Evans, and Bruce Barrow. The following Committees were appointed:

Nominating: Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, Chairman, Mrs. S. A. Smith, Alice E. Lupton. Finance: Mrs. Walter Rhodes, Chairman, Mrs. Maggie Overman, Mrs. Ruby Stilley. Petition: Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Chairman, Mrs. Luther Smith, Mrs. Simon W. Jones. Resolutions: Mrs. Earl Harrison, Mrs. R. C. Kennedy, Mrs. Amos Howard.

The Minutes of the Executive session, held in February, at the home of Mrs. Barnes, at Cash Corner, were read, and on motion, they were received, except for the recommendation relative to the nomination of officers at the annual meetings. The report of the Field Secretary was heard at this time. (See Reports.)

Mrs. J. H. Oglesby made a talk on the Mission work, both Home and Foreign, giving some statistics, and calling attention to the lack of churches in our cities and towns, closing with an earnest plea for more activities in the promotion of the Mission cause.

At this time, business was suspended for the Convention message by Mrs. Bruce Barrow. Congregational singing was led by Rev. L. R. Ennis, followed with prayer by Rev. W. E. Anderson. Mrs. Barrow spoke very inspiringly on the Theme of "Prayer, the Key to Steadfastness," basing her remarks from II Timothy, 2nd chapter, and from a part of the 2nd chapter of James. She brought out the thoughts, "To whom to pray; For whom to pray; When are we to pray?" She stressed the great need of praying for ourselves, for each other, for our Pastors, for the newly converted, our aged Ministers, our Orphanage and all Departments of Christian effort, including our Bible School, Missionaries, our country and our boys and girls in service." She said that God made provision for every man, when He gave to

the world His only begotten Son—His call is to "Whosoever will." The entire message was inspiring and impressive throughout.

Adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with devotional services conducted by Mrs. Erma Godley, of New Bern, with prayer by Rev. L. R. Ennis.

Rev. James A. Evans, Superintendent of the Orphanage, was heard at this time, relative to the work at the Orphanage, and their plans for further progress and development. An offering was taken, amounting to \$50.00, for the Orphanage. Bethel Free Will Baptist Church at Kinston, by its instructed delegates, requested a letter of dismissal from the Convention, to take membership with the Cape Fear Auxiliary Convention. There was a motion that the request be granted; Motion carried. At this time reports were heard from other District Vice-Presidents. (See table of reports.) Delegates were appointed to the various Auxiliary Conventions, as follows: Mrs. Powell, Central; Mrs. Bruce Barrow, Western; Mrs. Marie Gaskins, Cape Fear; Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Albemarle; Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, Rock Fish, and Mrs. Louise Bedsworth, to the Pee Dee; Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, delegate to the State Auxiliary Convention. Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Field Secretary for the State Auxiliary, made a splendid talk on the great need of more strenuous efforts in behalf of enlistment among our women, and the promotion of Vacation Bible Schools. She said there were a vast number of Churches in North Carolina that had no auxiliary organizations, and the field was ripe for harvest. She also stressed the need of greater co-operation in behalf of the Assembly Grounds, we are hoping to obtain.

The Resolution Committee reported that "no Resolutions had been submitted to them during the day. The other committees made their reports, and were received by motions. The Nominating Committee presented recommendations for the officers for the ensuing year, and on motion, were received. (See Reports.)

Invitations for the next Convention were submitted, two churches, Mosley's Creek and Whaley's Chapel, both asking for it. It was moved and carried that the September session of the convention be held with Mosley's Creek Church. Expressions of appreciation were made to Whaley's Chapel. Mrs. Ballard made a short talk on "Superannuation," which was very enlightening and impressive.

A short, miscellaneous program was rendered at this time, led by Mrs. Ballard. A duet, "The Touch of His Hand on Mine," by Mrs. Ballard and Mrs. Bedsworth, was rendered, a recitation and other interesting items composed the program, after which a rising vote of thanks was tendered the local church, for its gracious manner in entertaining the Convention, and for its co-operation in helping to make the day one of success for the Master.

The Convention adjourned with prayer.

REPORTS

First Vice-President. Thirteen Auxiliaries reported during the last six months, a total of 345 members, with an average attendance of 193. 177 subscriptions to the Baptist; 19 to F. W. B. Gem. Number of Temperance programs, 4; pieces of religious literature distributed, 1,857.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard.

Second Vice-President: Amount of funds received past six months for Christian Education, \$78.00, from 17 auxiliaries; Amount raised and reported, but not received by me, \$93.20, Total amount raised \$161.20. This was for the Bible School at Nashville, Tennessee. Total amount received on the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, \$140.00, donated by the following: 5th Eastern Union Meeting, \$10.00; Smithfield Woman's Auxiliary, \$20.00; Beulaville, \$10.00; Eastern Conference, \$25.00; Fifth Eastern Union Meeting, \$15.00; Winter Green, \$20.00; Core Creek, \$20.00; St. Mary's, New Bern, \$20.00.

Mrs. L. H. Wetherington.

Third Vice-President: Nine Auxiliaries reported as follows: Number observing Week of Prayer, 8; Mission Programs given, 27; Mission services sponsored, 3; Study classes held, 2.

Amount raised for Home Missions, \$121.49; Foreign, \$94.62; Total for Missions, \$216.11.

Mrs. H. C. Barnes.

Fourth Vice-President: Stewardship talks made, 31; Programs given, 23; Classes in Stewardship, 11; average attendance, 97; Number of Tithers, 84.

Books studied: "Money Grows on Trees," "Christian Stewardship," "Stewardship in the Life of Women," and "He that Giveth."

Louise Bedsworth.

Fifth Vice-President: Number of Auxiliaries reporting, 19; Number of orphan children being clothed, 12; Auxiliaries donating monthly, 5; Total number of coupons donated, 11,054; Cash donated, \$704.50. Cash value of provisions, \$100.27. Total, \$804.77. I am asking that each member in the Eastern District give \$1.00 during April for the Orphanage farm.

Ruby Stilley.

Sixth Vice-President: Amount raised for retired Ministers during the past six months, \$191.81. Number of members distributing trays and baskets to the sick, 686. Visiting and supplying the sick and needy and destitute, has been satisfactorily reported.

Mrs. Ed Smith.

Report of Field Worker: Seventeen churches contacted through letters and cards. One Auxiliary organized, and one disbanded. Number Auxiliaries in the district, 48.

Alice E. Lupton.

Report of Recording Secretary: Number of Report Blanks mailed, 58; Letters written, 16; Information given through correspondence, 12; Postal cards sent, 27. Membership reported, 654; Total number of Tithers, 100; New members received, 73; Number members suspended, 59; Number of Jehoiada Chests in use, 11; Amount of funds raised in the District for all purposes (6 months period), \$2,551.48.

Alice E. Lupton, Secretary.

Report of Treasurer:

Balance in Treasury, this March 23rd, 1944 -----	\$ 12.21
Received at this Convention, in dues and contributions -----	108.55
Offering for the Orphanage -----	50.00

Total -----	\$170.76
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Amount received at the September, 1943, Convention -----	\$77.55
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Amount on hand at September, 1943, Convention -----	14.38
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Orphanage collection September, 1943, Convention -----	52.87
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Total -----	\$144.80
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Disbursements:

Clothing for Orphan -----	\$20.00
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Secretary's expense -----	3.69
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Missions (Mrs. Oglesby for silver) -----	14.55
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Orphanage -----	54.35
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Superannuation -----	5.00
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Christian Education -----	5.00
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Free Will Baptist Press, for Minutes -----	20.00
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Secretary, for subscribing Minutes -----	5.00
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Secretary, for Service -----	5.00
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Total paid out -----	\$132.59
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Balance in treasury -----	\$ 12.21
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Mrs. Cal Sawyer.

Report of Finance Committee

We, the Finance Committee, at the March, 1944 session of the Eastern Auxiliary, recommend that all expenses of the Convention be paid, and the following donations made:

Clothing for Orphan, \$25.00; Contribution to Orphanage, \$50.00; Missions, \$10.00; Superannuation, \$10.00; Christian Education, \$5.00; Assembly Grounds, \$5.00; Birthday gift to Elder Phillips, \$5.00; Refund to Snead's Ferry Church, \$2.00.

Short talks were made during the day by Rev. L. R. Ennis, J. Randall Bennett and others, which were very encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Walter Rhodes,
Mrs. Maggie Overman,
Alice E. Lupton.

Report of Nominating Committee

After prayer and due consideration, we recommend that the following officers be elected for the ensuing year:

Mrs. Walter Rhodes, of Beulaville, N. C., President.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, 78½ New St., New Bern, N. C., Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Cal Sawyer, Cash Corner, N. C., Treasurer.

First Vice-President, Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Deep Run, N. C.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, Clark, N. C.

Third Vice-President, Mrs. H. C. Barnes, Cash Corner, N. C.

Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Louise Bedsworth, Davis, N. C.

Fifth Vice-President, Mrs. Ruby Stilley, New Bern, Route 1.

Sixth Vice-President, Mrs. Ed Smith, 140 Pollock St., New Bern, N. C.

Field Worker, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton.

It was moved and carried that these be elected for ensuing year. One new Auxiliary from the Cape Fear District was received by motion, namely, White Oak Grove, near LaGrange, N. C.

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

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PROCEEDINGS

The Eastern Auxiliary convention met with the Mosley's Creek Church, in its semi-annual session on Thursday, September 21st, 1944. Mrs. J. C. Griffin led the devotional service, using the 58th verse of I Cor., 15th chapter, in keeping with the Theme, "Steadfast in Stewardship."

BUSINESS SESSION

Mrs. Walter Rhodes, the new President, made some very timely remarks, asking for prayer for herself, and urged that we not be "slothful" in the business of the Lord, but that we put forth every possible effort to the promotion of the cause of righteousness. She especially stressed the need of more prayer in our homes and urged that we hold cottage prayer meetings often, and in as many homes as we could.

Greetings were given by Mrs. Hubert White, of the local church, with response by Mrs. H. C. Barnes, of Cash Corner.

Registrations of Ministers and delegates, after which the Minutes of the Spring Convention were read. The following Committees were appointed. Finance: Mrs. E. W. Turnage, Mrs. Ruby Stilley, Mrs. Mary Boyd; Resolutions: Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. Christian Taylor, Mrs. Earl Hansen; Petitions: Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Mrs. J. R. Forrest, Mrs. S. C. Rollins. Visiting ministers were welcomed by the President. Out of State visitors registering, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, President of the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Rev. Robert Crawford, National Secretary of the Association. These were presented to the congregation, and given a warm welcome by the President.

Reports from the First and Fifth Vice-Presidents were heard at this time, after which Rev. Jas. A. Evans, gave a very encouraging report from the Orphanage. Mrs. Griffin gave an outline of plans concerning the Orphanage work, as given by the Fifth State Auxiliary Vice-President, Mrs. J. C. Moye, at the State meeting in May, and urged that our Convention, through their local Vice-Presidents, co-operate to the fullest extent. The Third and Fourth Vice-Presidents made good reports, showing that the Mission and Stewardship work was growing. The Secretary made report of her work during the past six months. At this time, Rev. Crawford was invited to speak, which he did, giving a vivid and inspirational report of his revival work in our State, stressing the need of united co-operation in the \$50,000 campaign as launched by the National Auxiliary Convention at its July session, explaining the plan in detail, and urging that we keep correct records for the Lord, and be diligent in all of our work for Him.

Rev. "Bob" Wiggs, of Ayden, Treasurer of the State Mission Board, spoke in behalf of Missions, and gave some statistics relative to the expansion of the work. Mrs. Griffin asked that we begin planning for a Chapel for our Cuban Missionaries, as one was badly needed there. Rev. Griffin made a few timely remarks in behalf of Superannuation, giving some definite information and urging that we do our best for this cause.

In the absence of Mrs. L. E. Ballard, who was to bring the Convention message, the National Auxiliary President, Mrs. Edwards, was asked to fill her place. She selected the Scripture, "I am crucified with Christ," Gal. 2: 20, for the basis of her message, which was inspirational and encouraging throughout. She stressed the great need of "a baptism of Stewardship in all of our churches."

Adjournment for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened for resumption of business at 1:00 o'clock. The Praise and Prayer service was conducted by Mrs. J. R. Bennett. Revs. Robert Crawford, Bob Wiggs, and Mrs. Louise Bedsworth sang, "Somebody did a Golden deed," after which a report was given by the Sixth Vice-President, with a recommendation for a more united effort in behalf of our retired ministers. In the absence of Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, the Second Vice-President, her report was read by the Secretary. Mrs. Wetherington, to the regret of the Convention, tendered her resignation at this time. It was moved and carried that we accept her resignation, with a prayer that she may soon be able to resume active service in our Convention. On motion, Mrs. J. R. Bennett be elected to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Wetherington. Motion carried. It was moved and carried that we send a Convalescent card, with a love gift of \$10.00 to Rev. L. H. Wetherington. Delegates were appointed to the various Conventions, with instructions that if they could not attend, that they send greetings. The report of the Resolution Committee was given as follows:

1st. That this Convention express its appreciation to the local Church, for its fine spirit of co-operation during the session, and also for the bountiful spread of good things to eat at the noon hour, by a rising vote of thanks. 2nd, That the revised Report blank and Registration card, as presented by Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Secretary, be accepted. It was moved and carried that the report be received as read. A rising vote of thanks to the local Church and community was tendered at this time.

Special music was heard—a duet, "Whispering Hope," by Mrs. Evelyn Whitehurst and Mrs. Mark Daugherty, was very inspiring. Mrs. J. C. Griffin reported the success of the Vacation Bible School during the summer, and asked that we give our best effort in promoting these Schools. Speaking as the Second Vice-President of the State Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. Griffin stated that, of the entire amount of funds to be raised by the State Auxiliary during the year, for Christian Education, this Convention is asked to raise \$150.00. This, she said, was apart from the Anna Phillips Loan Fund.

The Finance Committee reported the amount of \$221.50 received at the Convention. On motion report received.

The Treasurer's report was read, and on motion was received as read. The Petitions Committee reported that two Auxiliaries had asked for the next Convention, Winter Green Church, Craven County, and Snow Hill.

Church, in Duplin County. It was moved and carried that the March session, which is the annual meeting, be held with the Winter Green Church.

Mrs. Lucy Daugherty, one of the pioneers in the work of organizing Mission Societies and Little Worker's League, was called on for a talk. She briefly gave some facts and figures relative to the foundation of the work, and expressed her joy at the progress and interest manifested in the things pertaining to these organizations, which have long since merged into bigger and better things. A letter from our Missionaries in Cuba was read by Mrs. Edwards, which proved very interesting and encouraging. Mrs. Lupton spoke in behalf of the new Church in South Norfolk, and urged that we make a special effort to help them in every possible way. She also called attention to the 9:00 o'clock Prayer hour, asking that we strive to keep this in mind, and at this hour each A. M. we breathe a silent prayer for our Auxiliary work, and its leaders, and that our boys and girls in the Service of our country be remembered daily.

Rev. J. H. Worley, probably the oldest Minister in our denomination was an honored guest throughout the day, and at this time made a very impressive talk about his work in the ministry, the many years of service he had given and the blessings that had come to him through the years.

His presence with us was a real inspiration and a benediction, and his remarks doubtless, gave new courage to each one who is in any way, eager to become more active in the service of the Master. The closing hymn, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," was sung. Benediction by Rev. Worley.

Mrs. Walter Rhodes, President,
Alice E. Lupton, Secretary.

R E P O R T S

Reports from fourteen Auxiliaries, gives a total membership of 416. Number taking Free Will Baptist paper, 220, the Gem, 21. Temperance talks and programs given, 14. Number of pieces of religious literature distributed, 8,737.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, First Vice-President.

Received on the Anna Phillips Loan Fund:

Fifth Eastern Union	\$ 20.00
Kinston F. W. B. Church	20.00
Mosley's Creek	6.30
Bridgeton	20.00
St. Mary's, New Bern	60.00
Fifth Eastern Union meeting	10.00
Total	\$136.30

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

Thirty Mission Programs given, Missionary services sponsored, 15, Auxiliaries observing week of Prayer, 13, Study classes held, 10.

Funds reported for Foreign Missions -----	\$242.85
Funds reported for Home Missions -----	236.60
Total amount for Missions -----	<u>\$479.45</u>

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

Reports from 16 Auxiliaries on Stewardship. Talks made on Stewardship, 15. Number of programs given, 13. Number classes conducted, 10; Average attendance at classes, 87. Number of Tithers reporting, 83. Books studied, "Money Grows on Trees," "Stewardship in the Life of Youth," "He that Giveth," "This World's Goods," and "Stewardship and Missions."

Louise W. Bedsworth, Fourth Vice-President.

Reports on Orphanage work, 11 Auxiliaries heard from.	
Total amount of funds raised in cash and reported -----	\$287.00
Commodities reported -----	73.50
Total -----	<u>\$360.50</u>

Ruby Stilley, Fifth Vice-President.

The Sixth Vice-President, Mrs. Ed Smith, reported that interest was growing in the promotion of our Retired Ministers, that good work was being done, and that she hoped to see the day when our old Ministers would be honored for their splendid work, by unselfish devotion on the part of the people they have served.

Treasurer's Report:

Amount in treasury at last Convention, March, 1944 -----	\$ 12.21
Amount received last Convention, general -----	\$111.25
Amount received for Orphanage -----	50.00
Total received -----	<u>\$161.25</u>
Total in full -----	\$173.46
Balance in treasury at this Convention -----	\$ 33.66
Amount received at this Convention:	
General funds -----	\$197.10
Orphanage collection -----	24.40
Total on hand -----	<u>\$255.16</u>
Paid out at this convention:	
Secretary, for service and expense -----	\$14.37
Orphan-child, for clothes -----	25.00
Minutes -----	25.00

Orphanage -----	25.60
Mrs. Edwards, donation on expense -----	25.00
Rev. L. H. Wetherington, love gift -----	25.00
Superannuation -----	10.00
To Miss Etheridge for work in Vacation Bible Schools -----	25.00
Missions -----	10.00
Christian Education -----	10.00
Assembly grounds -----	10.00
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Total paid out -----	\$204.97
Balance on hand -----	\$ 50.19

Mrs. Cal Sawyer, Treasurer.

(Omitted by mistake). Mrs. Wetherington, the Second Vice-President, in concluding her report, give the following: The two Bridgeton Auxiliaries plan their programs in advance, as also does Davis and Winter Green. Bridgeton held a Vacation Bible School, and donated \$20.00 toward the expense of same. St. Mary's, at New Bern, held a Vacation Bible School, and the Auxiliary donated \$25.00 on expense. Special amounts raised and reported on National Education, \$63.20. A gift from Pilgrim's Home for Bible School at Nashville, Tennessee, \$6.00. Cove City sent \$20.00 on the Anna Phillips Loan Fund.

Mrs. Wetherington.

The Field Worker reported that St. Mary's Auxiliary at New Bern, had added another Circle, with 17 members, and that inquiries were coming to her regularly regarding the women's work.

