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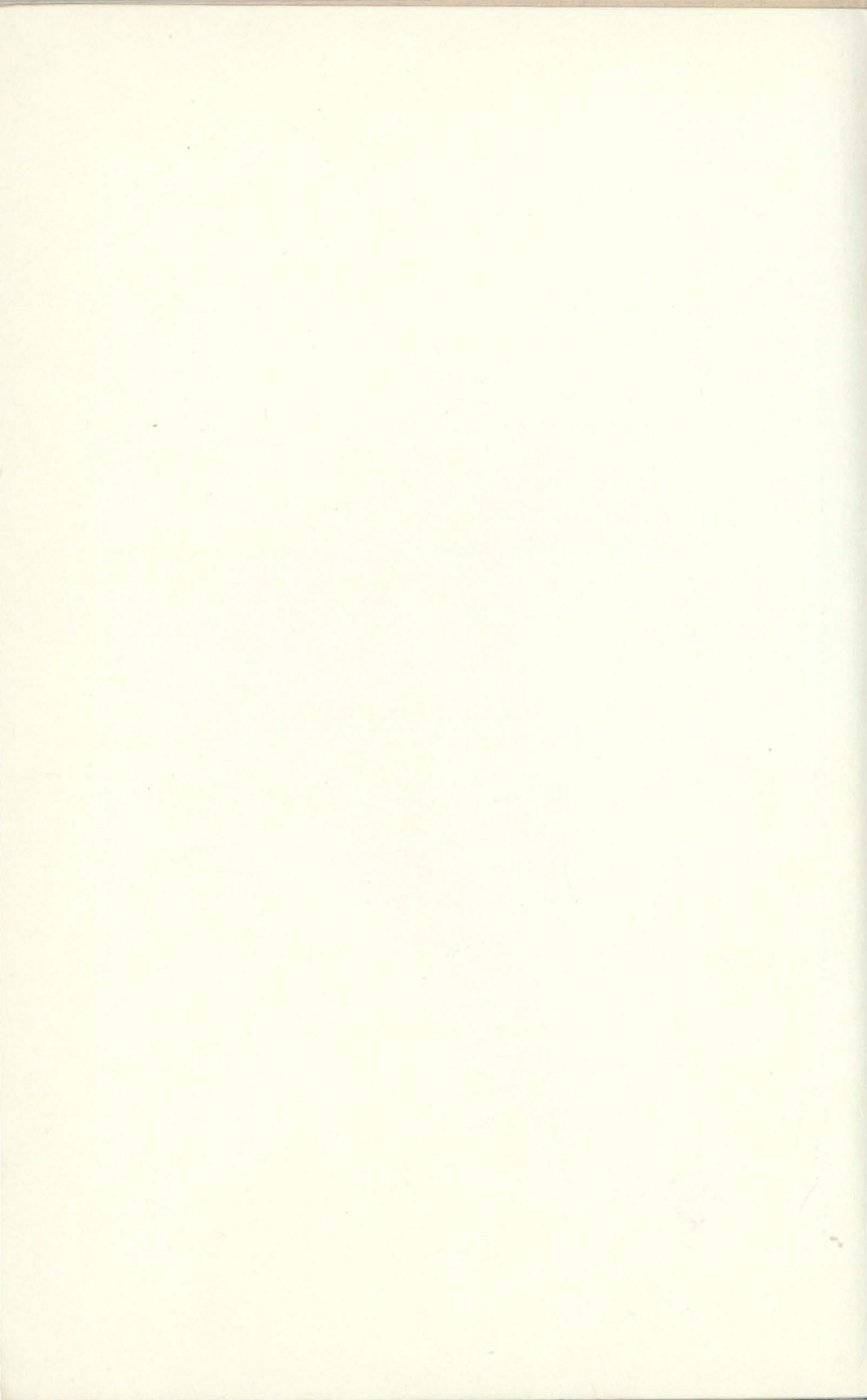
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Order of Business

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.

Officers for the Year

REV. S. A. SMITH, Moderator.....	Beulaville, N. C.
REV. CLINTON LUPTON, Asst. Moderator.....	Bayboro, N. C.
REV. J. W. ALFORD, Clerk.....	Columbia, N. C.
MANLEY MALLARD, Treasurer.....	Trenton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

REV. S. A. SMITH, Chairman.....	Beulaville, N. C.
REV. J. W. ALFORD, Clerk.....	Columbia, N. C.
REV. J. C. GRIFFIN.....	Morehead City, N. C.
H. M. MALLARD.....	Trenton, N. C.
REV. LLOYD VERNON.....	Kenansville, N. C.

EXAMINING BOARD:

REV. J. R. BENNETT, Chairman.....	Bridgeton, N. C.
REV. LLOYD VERNON, Secretary.....	Kenansville, N. C.
REV. D. W. HANSLEY.....	Jacksonville, N. C.
REV. K. W. GASKILL.....	Sea Level, N. C.
REV. J. W. ALFORD.....	Columbia, N. C.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:

K. W. GASKILL, LLOYD VERNON, CLINTON LUPTON,
W. A. GASKINS, H. M. MALLARD

TO REPRESENT THIS ASSOCIATION IN THE MEETINGS
OF THE PRINTING COMPANY:

REV. J. R. BENNETT.....	Bridgeton, N. C.
REV. J. W. ALFORD.....	Kenly, N. C.

TRUSTEES

J. R. BENNETT	J. W. ALFORD	LLOYD VERNON
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List of Ordained Ministers

- I. W. Russell, Beaufort, N. C. (Retired).
- L. C. Garner, Newport, N. C., R. 1. (Retired).
- J. A. Ringgold, Bridgeton, N. C. (Retired).
- J. W. Alford, Columbia, N. C.
- Duffy Toler, Chocowinity, N. C.
- Lloyd Vernon, Kenansville, N. C.
- R. C. Kennedy, Beulaville, N. C.
- W. B. Everett, New Bern, N. C.
- A. C. Austin, Aurora, 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.
- D. W. Hansley, Folkstone, N. C.
- J. C. Griffin, Morehead City, N. C.
- H. Pipkin, Mt. Olive, N. C., R-2.—(Retired)
- 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.
- G. W. Gaskill, Sea Level, N. C.
- J. R. Davenport, Deep Run, N. C.
- F. R. Williams, New Bern, N. C.
- Elmo Harper, Grantsboro, N. C.
- J. R. Davidson, Davis, N. C.

Licensed Ministers

Thurman Smith, L. L. Willis, Willie E. Stilley, Alton Hill, Jr., Clifton Styron, Judy Caro, Russell Miller, W. H. Willis, A. B. Chandler, Murthur Tyndall, Elbert Edwards, Lee Whaley, Herbert Tripp, Charlie Robinson, J. T. Forest.

PROCEEDINGS

The 52nd Annual Session of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with the church at Core Creek, Craven County, N. C., on October 22, 1947.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. R. Forrest.

The following officers were present: Rev. Lloyd Vernon, Moderator; Rev. Clifton Rice, Asst. Moderator; J. W. Alford, Clerk; K. W. Gaskill, Reading Clerk; H. M. Mallard, Treasurer.

The following committees were appointed:

Devotions—S. A. Smith, Herman Quinn, Stephen Davenport.

Finance—Lemmie Taylor, L. C. Hawkins, Jasper Hill.

Temperance—F. E. Jones, Cecil Howard, Miss Daisy Wells.

Sabbath Schools—Clinton Lupton, R. C. Kennedy, J. S. Daugherty.

Ministerial Character—Duffy Toler, D. W. Hansley, W. A. Gaskins, R. R. Jones, Floyd Williams.

To Apportion Funds—J. W. Alford, K. W. Gaskill, J. R. Bennett.

Visiting Ministers were enrolled as follows:

Western Conference—M. L. Johnson, delegate; W. E. Anderson, W. K. Jordan, R. N. Hinnant, J. A. Evans.

Central Conference—L. B. Manning, L. E. Ballard.

Albemarle Conference—R. P. Harris, delegate; A. L. Reynolds.

S. C. Conference—Lowell Hyman.

N. E. Mississippi Association—L. C. Johnson.

First Oklahoma Association—Reford Wilson.

First Mission Association, Oklahoma—Everett Hellard.

The minutes of the Executive Committee were read as follows:

The Executive Committee of the Eastern conference met at Kinston, N. C., November 11th, 1946.

Present: Lloyd Vernon, Ch'm., J. W. Alford, Sec., H. M. Mallard, Treas., J. C. Griffin, J. R. Bennett, proxy for S. A. Smith.

Prayer by Bro. Bennett.

The question of the property of South River church was considered, and on motion Bro. J. R. Bennett was instructed to make an investigation of our holdings there, and make report to this committee at a later date.

The motion to adopt the Treatise of the National Association referred to us at the last session of the Conference was considered. On motion the Secretary read the Treatise to us, one paragraph at the time, and we thoroughly examined its contents before acting on its adoption.

It was suggested, after having read and discussed at least half of the Treatise, that the Secretary read the rest of the Treatise, and we listen to it without comment; that each member of this Committee procure a copy of the latest edition, and make an earnest personal study of its contents, and some

later date this Committee come back into session, and decide whether the motion to adopt shall prevail.

This suggestion was agreed to unanimously.

On motion the Secretary send membership cards to each minister of the Eastern Conference.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourn, subject to call.

Dismissed by Bro. Griffin.

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference met in Kinston, N. C., May 1, 1947.

Present: Rev. Lloyd Vernon, Charman; J. R. Bennett, proxy for J. W. Alford; H. M. Mallard, Treasurer; Clifton Rice, proxy for J. C. Griffin; S. A. Smith.

On motion the report of J. R. Bennett concerning his work at Ruth's Chapel be accepted, and the balance on hand amounting to \$20.27, be given him for his services.

On motion the Examining Board arrange the questions for examination of ministers, and give the examination at their convenience.

J. R. Bennett reported that he finds that we have no claim to any property in connection with the church at South River.

On motion all preachers of the Eastern Conference be asked to immediately sever all connection and relationship with Clare Vandenberg, and the Clerk of this Conference notify all churches and preachers not to use the service of said Clare Vandenberg.

On motion all ministers and churches of the Eastern Conference who have here-to-fore used the service of Clare Vandenberg are hereby exonerated.

On motion Bro. J. R. Bennett request the President of the North Carolina State Association to call the State Executive Committee together at once.

On motion that part of these minutes regarding Clare Vandenberg be published in the Baptist.

On motion we adjourn.

Prayer by Rev. S. A. Smith.

On motion these minutes were adopted.

On motion the name of licensed ministers be enrolled as such.

Rev. J. R. Davidson offered himself for membership, and he was referred to the Examining Board.

The list of churches was called.

On motion the name of South River be dropped from the list of churches.

At 11:30 o'clock we called off for the introductory sermon by Rev. Clinton Lupton, who brought a very interesting sermon. Text: Gen. 8:11. "And

the dove came in to him in the evening." After which we adjourned for dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

A very delightful lunch was served, and at 1:15 P. M., we re-assembled for business. Devotions were conducted by Rev. Sam Kennedy.

The Examining Board reported as follows:

MINUTES OF THE EXAMINING BOARD

The Examining Board of the Eastern F. W. B. Conference of North Carolina, met in Kinston, August 28, 1947, for the purpose of getting a list of questions to use in the coming examination.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Eld. J. R. Bennett, who stated the purpose of the meeting. All members were present.

Prayer by Lloyd Vernon.

Agreed that Lloyd Vernon give the examination.

The questions being completed, the meeting adjourned with prayer by Eld. K. W. Gaskill.

J. R. Bennett, Chairman,
Lloyd Vernon, Secretary.

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met at Core Creek Church October 22, 1947. The Chairman being absent, J. W. Alford was requested to act in his place.

We examined the credentials of Rev. J. R. Davidson, and recommend that his name be placed on the list of ordained ministers.

J. W. Alford,
Lloyd Vernon,
K. W. Gaskill,
D. W. Hansley.

The committee on devotions reported that tonight, Rev. L. C. Johnson will preach; Tomorrow, 11:30 A. M., Rev. M. L. Johnson will preach.

On motion the report of the Examining Board was adopted.

Rev. L. C. Johnson, President of the Bible College, was given time, and he presented matters of interest concerning the College, which all seemed to enjoy.

Bro. J. G. Teasley was recognized, and he presented matters concerning Cragmont, and encouraged us in the support of the same.

Rev. M. L. Johnson gave a report of the Church Finance Association as below:

A STATEMENT OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Inc.

To The Eastern Conference of Free Will Baptist of North Carolina:

This Statement as of September 15, 1947

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| 1—Number Members of the Association | 224 |
| Number of \$25.00 Certificates now held by members | 239 |
| Membership Dues collected this year | \$1,376.86 |
| Total Membership Dues collected to date | \$7,223.38 |
| Number of Loans made to date | 18 |
| Total amount these 18 loans | \$51,697.45 |
| Number Loans Now on our books | 11 |
| Total Loans Now on our books | \$35,703.94 |
- 2—The Eastern Conference owns 15 \$25.00 Certificates.
- 3—Those desiring it, may obtain a complete statement of the condition of the Church Finance Association, Inc., as of the annual audit of January 1, 1948, by writing the Secretary-Treasurer, after that date.
- 4—We continue to have inquiries as to the possibility of borrowing money by our Churches. There are several that would be glad to use the services of this Association, if we had the money to lend them. We urge you to assist in providing this money.

M. L. Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer.

Bro. Johnson also gave a report of the work of the Board of Superannuation as below.

REPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

To The Eastern Conference of Free Will Baptist;

For the Year 1946-47

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| 1—Total Receipts from this District | \$1,100.22 |
| This is an increase over last year of \$98.13. | |
| 2—This Amount was given by the following groups: | |
| Churches | \$ 684.37 |
| Auxiliaries | 88.00 |
| Sunday Schools | 105.85 |
| Conference | 100.00 |
| Union Meetings | 112.00 |
| Individuals | 10.00 |
| Total | \$1,100.22 |

- 3—Two of your Ministers now have Retirement Insurance through the State and National Boards of Superannuation. Others under 51 years of age may apply for this Insurance at any time. The amount of this Insurance available has just been increased from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00. Those now holding the Policies for \$1,000.00 may apply for an additional \$1,000.00.
- 4—Four Eastern Conference Ministers are now on the Superannuated List.

5.—The Goal for next year is \$8,500.00 for Superannuation. The Churches are asked to raise \$5,300.00 of this amount. The Conference and Union Meetings are also asked to raise \$1,200.00. We ask you to help us reach this Goal by responding with liberal offerings.

M. L. Johnson, Chairman-Treasurer.

On motion these reports were received as information.

RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was offered and adopted.

Whereas, about thirty-six years ago, there swept over North Carolina the Holiness movement, which crept into many of our churches, deluding and carrying away many of our people with its teachings and ideals, and

Whereas, a division was caused in the Cape Fear Conference in this state, many of the Churches going away and into this said Holiness movement, and

Whereas, those who went away persist in calling themselves "Free Will Baptist," and even call their conference by the name of "Cape Fear Conference" to the confusion of our loyal people and the general public as well, and

Whereas, these so-called "Free Will Baptist" are not a part of the original Free Will Baptists, nor can they even become members of the State Convention of original Free Will Baptists, therefore be it;

RESOLVED:

1st. That we declare to the world at large our adherence to the doctrines, practices and ideals of the original Free Will Baptist Church.

2nd. That the Eastern Conference of original Free Will Baptists this day place itself on record as condemning the attitude of those who went away for persisting in calling themselves by the name "Free Will Baptist" which is misleading and confusing to the world at large.

3rd. That we pledge our whole-hearted support to the original Cape Fear Conference, and the North Carolina State Convention of the Original Free Will Baptists, in any reasonable efforts they may make to have some legal distinction made in the name of these two different bodies, so as to save us and the public at large from the confusion we have experienced in the past.

J. W. Alford.

October 22, 1947.

On motion we adjourn until tomorrow morning, 9:30 o'clock.

Rev. R. C. Kennedy was appointed to conduct the opening devotions to begin at 9 o'clock.

Closing by Rev. W. E. Anderson.

THURSDAY MORNING

Conference met at the appointed time, and was opened according to the appointment.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Petitions for the next conference were presented from Macedonia and Sarecta churches. By vote the next session is to be held at Macedonia.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant of the Western Conference was invited to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. R. C. Kennedy alternate.

Revs. G. C. Joyner and W. H. Ivey from the Western conference were welcomed. Also Rev. L. R. Ennis of the Central conference, and Revs. Rashie Kennedy and S. C. Davis of the Cape Fear conference were welcomed.

Rev. J. C. Griffin made a statement concerning the balance due by N. C. for the Bible College, showing that for this year the state is still due \$1,579.00.

The committee on Sabbath Schools made the following report: Realizing that the church is facing one of the greatest crises, and is being given the most vital challenge in its history because of the great evils which threatens it. Jesus said "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Certainly this is true of this day in which we live, and whereas, we owe to all men the best that is ours to give through our Lord Jesus Christ, in presenting to them through our Sunday Schools and other organizations of our church the fundamental principles of the christian religion.

Therefore Be it Resolved:

1st. That we give more earnest and prayerful consideration to their spiritual needs in the selection of the officers and teachers of our Sunday Schools; that they be men and women of deep consecration, with an appreciation of their responsibility in the teaching and training of the youth of the church.

2nd. That we study more diligently to "show ourselves approved workmen," in order that we may be able to lead others, and to be an inspiration to the youth to promote the cause of Christ and His righteousness.

3rd. That the officers and teachers of our Sunday Schools make an honest effort to instill in our youth the value of time, punctuality, prepared lessons, tithing, Bible study, co-operation, and that the Sunday School is an organization to teach and to train them in christian living and service.

4th. Above all else, may we live lives before our youth in the home, in the school and church, that will inspire them to have confidence in us and the church, and enable them to be obedient to the Christ who redeemed us.

On motion it was adopted.

The Committee on Temperance made report as follows:

Realizing the heart-aches and destruction that has been wrought by strong drink and intemperate habits, Be it Resolved:

1st. That we as a church body, the Eastern Conference, abstain from the use of intoxicants, and unite as a Christian body to eradicate this common enemy.

2nd. That the officers and church members of the various churches practice more temperate ways of living.

3rd. Realizing the important part that our Sunday Schools play in the behalf of our youth, we recommend that our Sunday School teachers teach with more force to our youth, the importance of abstaining from strong drink and other intemperate habits.

Fairmount Church, Norfolk, Va.	25.00
Expenses of Executive Committee	10.00
Free Will Baptist Press	15.75
Total paid out	<u>\$1,842.45</u>
Grand Total on hand last session	\$1,856.32
Received since last session	64.00
Total	<u>\$1,920.32</u>
Total paid out	<u>1,842.45</u>
Balance in Bank	77.87
Orphanage Collection	182.82
Received today	<u>1,745.62</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$2,006.31</u>

H. M. Mallard, Treasurer.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Committee to Apportion the Funds reported as follows:

We have on hand to apportion	\$2,006.31
For minutes	\$ 75.00
Clerk's fee	35.00
Treasurer's fee	20.00
Expense	54.73
Orphanage	807.82
Educational fund	150.00
Superannuation	100.00
Foreign Missions	100.00
Home Missions	100.00
Cragmont Assembly	75.00
Church Finance Association, Inc.	50.00
L. C. Garner	60.00
J. A. Ringgold	20.00
H. Pipkin	30.00
7 Widows—\$20.00 each	140.00
National Association fee	5.00
State Field Secretary	100.00
Ruth's Chapel	25.00
Miss Zalene Lloyd, Mission fund	25.00
	<u>\$1,972.55</u>

Balance \$ 33.76

On motion the report was adopted.

Delegates to the various bodies were appointed as follows:

State Convention—S. W. Jones, Cecil Howard, W. A. Gaskins, H. M.

Mallard, Mrs. Ella Barnes, Mrs. S. A. Smith, Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Clyde Styron.

Western Conference—D. W. Hansley.

Central Conference—S. A. Smith.

Cape Fear Conference—J. C. Griffin.

Albemarle Conference—J. W. Alford.

Pee Dee Association—Clinton Lupton.

Rev. J. R. Davidson expressed appreciation on behalf of Free Union Church at Sea Level for contributions received to rebuild the church.

Officers were elected for the next two years as follows: Rev. S. A. Smith, Moderator; Rev. Clinton Lupton, Asst. Moderator; J. W. Alford, Clerk; H. M. Mallard, Treasurer.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon was elected to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee.

J. R. Bennett and J. W. Alford were elected to represent this body in the meeting of the Stockholders of the Press.

On motion we extend a rising vote of thanks to the church and community for the hospitality shown us during this session.

On motion we give a rising vote of thanks to our retiring Moderator for his faithfulness and kindness in presiding over us.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourn.

In the closing a duet was sung by Revs. G. C. Joyner and W. K. Jordan, the title of which was "One of God's days."

Closing exercise by Rev. S. A. Smith.

Lloyd Vernon, Moderator,
Clifton Rice, Assistant Moderator,
J. W. Alford, Clerk,
K. W. Gaskill, Reading Clerk.

Church Clerk 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, J. M. Tyndal, New Bern, N. C., R. 1.
Brices Creek, Mrs. Nellie Potter, New Bern, N. C., R. 4.
Juniper Chapel, Wm. C. Morris, Vanceboro, N. C.
Spring Hope, Mrs. C. W. Gaskins, 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. Earl Hanson, Bridgeton, N. C.
Moseley's Creek, Mrs. Carrie 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. M. W. Barrow, Vanceboro, N. C.
New Haven, Dicie Ipock, Ernul, N. C.
Ruth's Chapel, Mrs. Ruth Caraway, New Bern, N. C., R. 2.
St. Mary's, U. W. Daugherty, New Bern, N. C., Box 984.

Wayne County

Northeast, Mark Mozingo, Dudley, N. C.
Indian Springs, Mrs. F. C. Kilpatrick, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Grant's Chapel, Mrs. S. M. Davenport, 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, Calvin R. 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, Willie T. Shiyer, Seven Springs, N. C.
Kinston, Jessie B. Taylor, Kinston, N. C., Box 521.
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, Elwood Harper, Deep Run, 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, Mrs. Miriam Taylor, Sea Level, N. C.
Welcome Home, Mary A. Gillikin, Beaufort, N. C.
Morehead City, Mrs. J. G. Kirkman, 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. Theodore Jones, Newport, N. C.
Edwards Chapel, Mrs. B. G. Hardy, Merrimon, N. C.

Pamlico County

Arapahoe, Mrs. Fanny Tyndall, Arapahoe, N. C.
Bethel, Fred Silverthorn, Whortonsville, N. C.
Trent, Mrs. W. H. Harris, Merriitt, N. C.
Mt. Zion, R. B. Newton, Cash Corner, N. C.
Oriental, Mrs. W. G. Kemp, 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. G. Warren, Chocowinity, N. C.
Dublin Grove, David Mayo, Royal, N. C.
White Hill, Jesse E. Cayton, Aurora, N. C.
Core Point Chapel, W. J. Smithwick, Blounts Creek, N. C.
Smyrna, Malachi Jones, Blounts Creek, N. C.
Ephesus, Nathaniel Cox, Blounts Creek, N. C.
Pamlico Chapel, W. W. Potter, Ransomville, N. C.
Mt. Olive, James L. Jarvis, South Creek, 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, Mrs. J. C. Andrews, Beulaville, N. C.
Snead's Ferry, Sudie Mae Brown, Snead's Ferry, N. C.
Jacksonville, J. K. Rhodes, Jacksonville, N. C.
Verona Mission, Bryant Pittman, Verona, N. C.

Names of Churches	County	Delegates	Died	Received	Baptized	Dismissed	Transferred	Excom.	No. Members	Contribution
Core Creek	Craven	L. C. Hawkins, Chas. Letchworth	0	1	5	1	0	0	286	\$178.00
Gethsemane	Craven	H. E. Stewart	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	10.00
Antioch	Craven	W. A. and Vause Gaskins	1	1	0	0	0	0	94	27.50
Brice's Creek	Craven	Mrs. Lula Herring, Mrs. Bettie Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	7.50
Juniper Chapel	Craven	H. T. Tripp and Albert Jones	0	2	6	0	0	0	87	10.00
Spring Hope	Craven	W. R. Purifoy, C. M. Sawyer	0	0	0	1	1	0	53	5.00
Macedonia	Craven	Hardy Willis, Woodrow Gaskins	2	2	13	3	0	0	246	50.00
Wintergreen	Craven	Raymond Wood, Paul Atkinson	0	0	10	0	2	0	153	25.00
St. Mary's	Craven	J. F. Daugherty, Mrs. Gertrude Ballard	2	14	11	11	0	0	384	100.00
Sts. Delight	Craven	C. E. Ipock, Earl Hansen	0	2	21	0	0	0	126	30.00
Moseley's Creek	Craven	H. A. and Hubert Richardson	1	2	1	3	0	0	149	50.00
Reunion Chapel	Craven	W. L. Dunn	0	0	2	0	4	0	40	20.00
Palmetta Chapel	Craven	Winford Gaskins	1	0	2	0	0	0	80	16.25
Bridgeton	Craven	Miss Grace and Mrs. Raymond Pugh	0	0	9	5	0	0	143	16.50
Lane's Chapel	Craven	H. L. Cox	1	0	6	0	2	0	150	40.00
Oak Grove	Craven	J. R. Taylor, L. J. Lane	0	0	4	0	0	0	50	10.00
New Haven	Craven	Wm. and Mollie Glover	0	12	2	0	0	0	26	5.00
Ruth's Chapel	Craven	D. H. Whitman, Henry Cook	0	0	4	0	2	0	101	25.00
Northeast	Wayne	Henry Price, Albert Letchworth	1	1	7	0	2	0	87	15.00
Indian Springs	Wayne	Floyd Williams, S. N. Davenport	0	0	0	0	2	0	96	10.52
Grant's Chapel	Wayne	Mrs. W. H. Brogden	0	0	3	0	0	0	38	7.00
May's Chapel	Wayne	S. W. Jones, H. A. Jones	1	0	18	0	1	0	165	25.00
Sarecta	Duplin	Melvin Stroud, Walter Hill	1	0	10	0	2	0	2179	15.00
Piney Grove	Duplin	Ralph and John Sumner	0	0	1	1	0	0	138	30.00
Sandy Plain	Duplin	Herman Quinn and Wife	2	0	21	1	0	0	86	20.00
Rooty Branch	Duplin	Warren Thomas, Ab Pickett	0	1	5	0	0	0	159	48.00
Beulaville	Duplin	Misses Daisy and Annie Wells	0	0	2	0	0	0	110	16.00
Pearsall's Chapel	Duplin	W. C. and Estelle Hill	1	0	7	0	2	0	110	30.00
Snow Hill	Duplin	Stacy Fountain, Jerry Williams	0	0	4	0	1	0	93	25.00
Bethlehem	Duplin	Wilbert Lanier and Wife	1	0	7	0	0	0	64	10.00
Lanier's Chapel	Duplin	E. L. Kennedy	0	1	2	0	0	0	112	12.25
Long Ridge	Duplin	By Letter	1	8	15	0	0	0	160	50.00
Dailey's Chapel	Lenoir	Mrs. Gladys Wiggins, Mrs. Della Buck	2	1	12	2	0	0	139	75.00
Kinston	Lenoir	Herman Hill and Wife	2	1	0	4	0	0	241	35.00
Smith's New Home	Lenoir	Lloyd Heath and Wife	1	1	20	1	0	0	130	15.00
Deep Run	Lenoir	By Letter	1	0	0	2	0	0	120	20.00
Gray Branch	Lenoir	C. W. Brittin, Jr., Wayne Dawson	2	0	0	0	0	0	139	36.25
White Oak Grove	Lenoir	Roy Garner and Wife	0	0	1	0	0	0	27	12.75
Holly Springs	Carteret	J. H. Lewis, Mrs. E. I. Garner	2	3	10	0	0	0	117	10.00
Sound View	Carteret	Mrs. W. H. Kirk	2	0	0	0	1	0	49	5.00
South River	Carteret	By Letter	0	0	2	0	0	0	67	10.00
Beaufort	Carteret	By Letter	0	9	9	3	0	0	123	20.50
Free Union	Carteret	Mrs. Caddie Willis, Mrs. W. I. Salter	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	5.00
Welcome Home	Carteret	By Letter	0	0	0	0	0	0	173	20.00
Morehead City	Carteret	By Letter	0	6	2	3	0	0	31	5.00
Pilgrim's Rest	Carteret	Clyde Styron, Mrs. Fred Willis	0	11	1	0	1	0	82	10.00
Russell's Creek	Carteret	By Letter	2	0	3	4	1	0	257	50.00
Davis Shore	Carteret	Arthur Phipps	0	2	0	1	0	0	114	41.00
St. John's Chapel	Carteret	Mrs. Grace Whorton, Mrs. Rosa D. Mayo	0	0	14	0	3	0	42	15.00
Mt. Pleasant	Carteret	I. W. Swindell	1	3	8	0	0	0	122	25.00
Edward's Chapel	Carteret	H. C. Barnes and Wife	5	1	18	1	3	0	198	20.00
Arapahoe	Pamlico	Mrs. Mattie Lane, Mrs. E. M. Prescott	0	2	11	0	0	0	68	10.00
Bethel	Pamlico	Mrs. W. H. Parker, Mrs. S. V. Whitehurst	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	25.00
Trent	Pamlico	F. A. Lewis, J. R. Hopkins	3	0	30	0	11	0	553	81.25
Mt. Zion	Pamlico	A. M. Edwards and Wife	1	3	4	0	3	0	184	28.00
Rock of Zion	Pamlico	O. J. Peede, David Mayo	2	0	0	0	1	0	151	15.00
Oriental	Pamlico	Claudie Lamm, Estelle Purser	3	0	0	2	0	0	135	12.50
Warden's Grove	Pamlico	R. R. Jones, A. Rowe	2	0	2	0	0	0	100	25.00
New Bethlehem	Pamlico	Nathaniel Cox	3	1	18	6	7	0	216	50.00
Union Chapel	Beaufort	C. J. Banks, E. L. Mallard	0	1	6	0	5	0	221	25.00
Dublin Grove	Beaufort	C. A. Howard, R. N. Jarman	0	2	0	0	1	0	118	5.00
White Hill	Beaufort	Mrs. F. C. Ipock	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	5.00
Core Point Chapel	Beaufort	By Letter	0	1	5	2	1	0	44	12.25
Smyrna	Beaufort	Clifton Parker, L. B. Batchelor	0	1	6	0	0	0	26	10.00
Bethlehem	Beaufort	By Letter	0	0	0	1	0	0	18	5.00
Ephesus	Beaufort	Bryant Pittman								
Mt. Olive	Beaufort									
Friendship	Jones									
Whaley's Chapel	Jones									
Pilgrim's Home	Jones									
Folkstone	Onslow									
Mt. Zion	Onslow									
Snead's Ferry	Onslow									
Jacksonville	Onslow									
Verona Mission	Onslow									

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Church Letter

To the Eastern Original Free Will Baptist Conference to be held with the church at Macedonia, Craven County, N. C., commencing on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1948.

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

MINUTES

of the

Women's Auxiliary Convention

of the

Eastern Conference

IN ITS ANNUAL SESSION MEETING

with the

SARECTA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 25, 1947

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been working on the project since the beginning of the year.

PROCEEDINGS

The Theme for the day was, "The Gospel of the GO YE."

The devotions were led by Mrs. Walter Rhodes, a former President.

The registration consisted of Ministers, delegates and officers.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. W. E. Lewis, the response by Mrs. J. C. Griffin. Committees appointed as follows:

Resolution—Mrs. Leslie Kennedy, Mrs. Whitford Hill, Mrs. Dewey Jenkins.

Petition—Mrs. Buren Davis, Mrs. Henry Sutton, Mrs. Ernest Taylor.

Finance—Mrs. Rom Mallard, Treas.; Mrs. Julia Woods, Mrs. D. F. Chambers, Mrs. Arthur Kennedy.

Nominating—Mrs. Walter Rhodes, Chairman; Mrs. Lena Gaskins, Mrs. Irene Wetherington, Mrs. Pearl Taylor, Mrs. Elton Harper.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, 1st Vice-President, presided over the meeting, in the absence of the President, Mrs. D. W. Hancock.

At this time Mrs. Blizzard made a few remarks on the importance of the "Go Ye," and that the delegates could begin at once to carry out the "Go Ye," by taking notes during the session, of reports and other items of the Convention, to take back to their local societies.

The report of the 2nd Vice-President was given, and a very interesting talk on the "Go Ye" among the Youth of our Church, was stressed by Rev. J. C. Griffin. News of the National Auxiliary Convention was given by Mrs. L. E. Ballard. Greetings from the Central and Western Auxiliary Conventions were presented by Mrs. J. C. Moye and Mrs. Jas. A. Evans, respectively.

At 11:30 o'clock, business was suspended for the Convention message, which was delivered by the State Field Worker, Mrs. Maurice Roach. She spoke very fluently and impressively on the "Gospel of the Go Ye," in Organization and Enlistment, using for her foundation, the story of the Samaritan woman, in John, 4th chapter.

She named four characters that Jesus enlisted, that of the woman of Samaria, the man in the tombs, Zacchaeus and Saul of Tarsus. She said that "Jesus started organized groups when He fed the Five thousand," and called attention to his "care in having everything put into effect as He planned."

At the close of her message, an offering was taken for the Orphanage, amounting to \$36.06.

Mrs. Marie Gaskins, 3rd Vice-President, gave her report and made an inspirational talk on the "GO YE" in the field of Missions.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, the Secretary, made a short talk on Missions and other topics pertaining to Auxiliary work.

The Convention recessed at 12:30 for lunch.

The afternoon session opened with Praise and Prayer, led by Mrs. J. C. Griffin, who spoke on the "Go Ye" in our Prayer Life. The song service was led by Mrs. J. C. Moye. A duet was rendered by Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, "I Know its Real."

The business session opened with the report of the 4th Vice-President, given by Mrs. Ballard, who also made an inspiring talk on the "Go Ye" in Christian Stewardship.

At this time, Mrs. S. A. Smith gave a wonderful report of the Woman's Conference at Cragmont Assembly in August, and urged that our women embrace every opportunity possible to attend these Conferences and to support it whole-heartedly.

The Orphanage report was given by Mrs. Smith, which showed that interest and co-operation had been given her in this work.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, the 5th Vice-President of the State Auxiliary, made an interesting talk on the plans for the Orphanage during the coming year, also stressed and urged that we secure all the subscribers we can to the Young People's Friend, the Orphanage paper.

Rev. James A. Evans, Superintendent of the Orphanage, and Miss Louise Edgerton, who is connected with the Institution, gave some vital facts concerning the work being accomplished as well as some very gratifying reports on the progress of the Church and other interests. Mr. Evans stated that the windows, pews and furniture for the new church were to be Memorials and honor gifts.

The 6th Vice-President, Mrs. W. F. Thigpen, made a very earnest plea in behalf of our aged and retired ministers, together with her report of the work that had been accomplished. She gave the list of Retired Ministers, with their addresses, and she urged that each auxiliary send them cards or special gifts on their birthdays and at Christmas.

Mrs. Jas. A. Evans, 6th Vice-President of the State Auxiliary Convention, informed us that this district was asked to raise \$250.00 of an allotment of \$1,100 for the State, and urged that we give toward this goal as liberally as possible.

During the "Open Forum," Mrs. Ballard, 3rd Vice-President of the National Auxiliary, made a plea in behalf of Miss Zalene Lloyd, who is scheduled to go as a missionary to India about May 1st, 1948. Mrs. Ballard asked that North Carolina women raise the necessary amount to prepare Miss Lloyd and to pay her fare, and also that she had received a letter from Miss Barnard, stressing the great need of sending Miss Lloyd as soon as possible.

At this time special music was rendered by Mrs. Moye and Miss Edgerton, with Mrs. Marie Gaskins at the piano.

Reports from Committees—Resolution, Petition, Finance and Nominating. (See reports.) On motion reports received.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following officers for the ensuing year:

Mrs. Marie Gaskins, President (new).

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, 1st Vice-President (re-elected).

Mrs. J. R. Bennett, 2nd Vice-President (re-elected).

Mrs. Flave Mercer, 3rd Vice-President (new).

Mrs. Louise Bedsworth, 4th Vice-President (re-elected).

Mrs. S. A. Smith, 5th Vice-President (re-elected).

Mrs. W. F. Thigpen, 6th Vice-President (re-elected).

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Secretary and Field Worker (re-elected).

Two petitions were presented for the next Convention, Cabin Church and Pilgrim's Rest, in Carteret County. It was moved and carried that the next Convention, which will be held in March, 1948, be at Cabin Church.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the local church for its hospitality and its splendid spirit of co-operation through the sitting of this Convention.

The installation service was conducted by Mrs. J. C. Griffin and Mrs. J. C. Moye. The Scripture was read by Mrs. Griffin, the Hymn of consecration was rendered by Mrs. Moye, while Mrs. L. E. Ballard prayed the dedication prayer. "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," was sung, after which the benediction was given by Rev. Sam Jones.

Convention adjourned at 3 o'clock P. M.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY—SEPTEMBER 25, 1947

Number of Auxiliaries reporting at this session of the Eastern

Auxiliary Convention - - - - - 30

Number of members reported - - - - - 714

New members received - - - - - 52—Suspended 55

Number of subscriptions to the Baptist paper - - - - - 345

Number of subscriptions to Young People's Friend - - - - - 30

Amount to Anna Phillips Loan Fund - - - - - \$ 40.00

Twenty of this amount came from Core Creek Church, the other twenty from St. Mary's, at New Bern.

Amount raised for the Bible College - - - - - 394.81

Amount raised for Students at College - - - - - 137.52

Amount raised for Vacation Bible Schools - - - - - 39.87

Amount raised for Cragmont Assembly - - - - - 121.49

Amount raised for Foreign Missions - - - - - 468.88

Amount raised for Home Missions - - - - - 233.88

Amount raised for Co-Labourer's Fund - - - - - 166.68

Clothing sent overseas to the needy, valued at - - - - - 400.00

Amount raised to promote Stewardship - - - - - 96.68

Amount raised for the Orphanage:

Clothing - - - - - 319.80

Cash - - - - -	273.19
Other benevolences - - - - -	234.71
Amount raised for Superannuation - - - - -	79.54
Amount used locally for relief, etc. - - - - -	101.49
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Total amount raised - - - - -	\$2,667.54

Alice E. Lupton, Secretary.

This report dates from March 20, 1947.

Core Creek Auxiliary reported 100% on membership and subscriptions to the Free Will Baptist paper, reporting 16 members, and the same number of subscriptions.

Only one church reported a church library.

Bridgeton, Davis and Core Creek reported Young Women's Missionary Societies.

Twenty Mission classes were conducted, and nine auxiliaries reported the observance of the National Week of Prayer.

There were fifty Stewardship classes conducted, with 202 tithers reported. Two petitions were made for the next Convention, Cabin Church and Pilgrim's Rest, in Carteret County.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice E. Lupton, Secretary.

REPORT OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Number of members in 30 Auxiliaries reporting, 714. Number of new members, 52; Number suspended 55.

Subscriptions to the Baptist paper, 345; Young People's Friend, 30. One library reported. Core Creek Auxiliary reported 100% in membership and subscriptions—16 members and 16 subscriptions.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, 1st Vice-President.

REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Amount raised and reported for Bible School at Nashville - - -	\$404.81
Amount raised and sent students - - - - -	137.52
Amount raised for Anna Phillips Loan Fund - - - - -	40.00
Amount raised for Vacation Bible Schools - - - - -	39.87
Amount raised for Cragmont Assembly - - - - -	134.49

Total amount raised - - - - - \$756.69

Two Young Women's Societies reported.

Mrs. J. R. Bennett, 2nd Vice-President.

REPORT OF THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

Amount raised and reported for Foreign missions	\$472.88
Amount raised and reported for Home missions	233.88
Amount raised and reported for Co-Labourer's Fund	166.68

Total amount reported	\$873.44
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Mission classes conducted 20. Observed week of Prayer, 9. Clothing sent overseas, valued at \$400.00.

Mrs. Marie Gaskins, 3rd Vice-President.

REPORT OF FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT

Number of tithers reporting	202
Number of Stewardship classes conducted	51
Amount raised to promote Stewardship	\$96.68

Mrs. Louise Bedsworth, 4th Vice-President.

REPORT OF FIFTH VICE-PRESIDENT

Amount of funds sent to Orphanage for clothing	\$409.50
Amount of cash donated	273.19
Amount spent for benevolences	239.71

Total amount reported	\$922.40
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Number of Coupons sent 550.

Mrs. S. A. Smith, 5th Vice-President.

REPORT OF SIXTH VICE-PRESIDENT

Amount raised and reported for Superannuation for six months, ending September 25, 1947	\$ 78.54
Amount used locally for relief, special gifts, etc.	101.49
Total	\$181.03

Nine auxiliaries reported sending birthday cards and special gifts to our retired ministers—gifts to the amount of \$42.00.

Mrs. W. F. Thigpen, 6th Vice-President.

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward from the March Conventions	\$ 16.54
Received today in general fund	111.15
Free will offering for Orphanage	36.06
Special offering for Minutes	19.40
Total amount received	\$183.15

Disbursements

Clothing for Orphan child - - - - -	\$ 30.00
Superannuation - - - - -	5.00
Miss Zalene Lloyd, in preparation for India - - -	20.00
Orphanage Chapel fund - - - - -	25.00
Orphanage free-will offering - - - - -	36.06
Secretary's service - - - - -	15.00
Convention expenses - - - - -	6.75
Mrs. Maurice Roach, State Field Worker - - - - -	5.00
Cragmont Assembly - - - - -	10.00
Minute fund - - - - -	25.00

Total paid out - - - - -	\$177.81
Balance on hand - - - - -	\$ 5.34

Mrs. Rom Mallard, Treasurer.

There were no resolutions, except one to return thanks and appreciation to the church and community, by a standing vote for their fine spirit of co-operation and hospitality.

Resolution Committee.

The Petition Committee reported only two petitions for the next convention.

The March session of the Eastern District Convention will meet with Cabin Church, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in March.

Mrs. D. W. Hancock, President.

Alice E. Lupton, Secretary.

