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The fifteenth annual session of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist of South Carolina convened with the Poplar Hill Church, Williamsburg County, S. C., on October 30, 31 and November 1, 1930.

Introductory Sermon by Elder R. C. Williams. Text: St. John 14:2. "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." After which Elder J. W. Moore, the assistant moderator, proceeds to organize by electing the following committees:

On Devotional—Bros. E. O. Parsons, L. E. McCants and D. C. Marsh.

On Finance—Bros. B. G. Miller, L. L. Moore and R. C. Williams.

On Sunday School and Temperance—Bros. W. C. Williams, W. L. Parsons and J. W. Moore.

On Investigation—Bros. W. L. Parsons, S. W. Cooper, W. V. Cooper, A. J. Keefe and N. N. Davis.

On Missions and Education—Bros. S. J. Player, R. C. Williams and L. L. Moore.

Executive Board—Bros. M. C. Powell, S. W. Cooper, J. D. Caselman, J. W. Moore and W. A. Kennedy.

Board of Presbytery—Elders J. L. Smith, M. C. Powell, J. W. Moore, James Powell and N. N. Davis.

By motion of Bro. W. C. Williams, we invite all visiting Brethren to a seat and voice with us during this session.

Conference called off until Friday morning, 9 o'clock.

Friday Morning Session

List of Churches called. For reports see table.

List of Ordained Ministers called, who responded as follows: Elders. M. C. Powell (present), A. E. Perrott (present), W. N. Williams (deceased), J. L. Gaskins (absent and excused), G. W. Aard (absent), W. C. Williams (present), James Powell (present), J. W. Moore (present), N. N. Davis (present), F. S. Ard (absent), J. R. Bodiford (absent), R. C. Williams (present), S. J. Player (present), L. L. Moore (present), H. A. Hinds (absent and excused).

Body adjourned for public services until 2 o'clock P. M.

Friday Evening Session

Body reassembled with devotional services by the Moderator.

By motion of Bro. J. W. Moore, Greelyville Church was received into this body, from the S. C. Conference.

Elder M. S. Todd from the S. C. Conference being present gave us an interesting and encouraging talk.

On motion of Bro. W. V. Cooper, Bro. N. N. Davis and delegates from Little Lamb Church was excused from these sessions as other matters claimed their attention.

By motion of Bro. B. G. Miller, Elder R. C. Williams was chosen as delegate to represent this body in the S. C. Conference.

By motion of Bro. J. W. Moore, Bro. A. E. Perrott was excused.

By motion of Bro. B. G. Miller, the delegates from Greelyville Church were excused.

Adjourned until Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

Saturday Morning Session

Conference reassembled with devotional services by Elder R. C. Williams.

By motion of Bro. J. W. Moore, M. C. Powell, J. L. Smith and J. S. Player were chosen as a committee to write a biographical sketch of the life of Elder W. N. Williams (deceased), and that it be placed on our minutes.

Reports of the various committees were called for, which responded as follows:

Finance—We, your committee on finance, beg to submit the following report:

We find in hand from last conference.....	\$.44
Received at this conference.....	25.65
Total in hand.....	\$26.09
Paid Clerk for his services.....	5.00
Balance for all purposes.....	\$21.09

Respectfully submitted,

B. G. Miller, L. L. Moore and R. C. Williams, Com.

By motion of Bro. W. L. Parsons, above report was read and committee released.

Sunday School and Temperance—We your committee beg to report as follows: First, we urge our churches as

a whole to do all in their power to promote Sunday School work. Second, because we believe that the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ depends on the influence of the Bible. Third, we further recommend that we use our own literature that is published at Ayden, N. C. We further recommend that our preachers keep the true idea of Temperance before our people at all times, by practice and precept.

Respectfully,

J. W. Moore, Chm., Com.

By motion of Bro. L. L. Moore, above report was read and committee released.

Mission and Education—We, your committee submit the following report: Seeing the great need of a greater mission spirit among our people, we ask that this conference pass a resolution, viz., that each church set up a mission standard of not less than 10 cents per capita of each member, and that each preacher take a special mission offering at least once each month. Aside from this, that, our conference try to raise not less than fifty dollars for mission in the coming conference year and that each preacher pay at least one dollar per year for mission.

As to education, we ask that our preachers and churches advocate more earnestly the cause of Christian Education among our children, and more especially, our ministry, that we may have still a greater oneness in doctrine and discipline with preachers and churches.

Respectfully,

L. L. Moore, Chm., Com.

By motion of Bro. W. C. Williams, above was read and committee continued.

Investigating Committee—We, your committee submit the following: We find all of our churches and preachers in good standing, except Bro. G. W. Ard, against whom charges have been preferred, and we recommend that he cease preaching until the matter can be straightened out.

Respectfully,

S. W. Cooper, Chm., Com.

By motion of Bro. J. W. Moore, above report was read and committee continued.

Report of Presbytery—We, your board beg to make the following report: The church at Springdale, at Lancaster, S. C., asked us to license Bro. H. B. Davis to preach the Gospel for twelve months. We, therefore, ask that he be licensed for twelve months.

Respectfully,

J. L. Smith, Chm., M. C. Powell, Clerk.

By motion of Bro. L. L. Moore, above report was received.

Devotional Committee—We, your committee report as follows: Thursday night, Elder L. L. Moore preached; Friday morning, Elder N. N. Davis preached; Friday night, Elder J. C. Smith preached; Saturday morning, no preaching; Saturday night, Elder J. W. Moore preached; Sunday morning, Elder M. C. Powell preached and Sunday night, Elder J. W. Moore preached.

By motion of Bro. L. L. Moore, we get 300 minutes and distribute as heretofore, 25 each to the S. C. Conference, Pee Dee Conference and Rock Fish Conference.

Petitions for next conference taken and by vote Black River gets the next conference. Elder M. C. Powell was chosen to preach the introductory sermon and Elder W. C. Williams as his alternate.

By motion of Bro. M. C. Powell, we return thanks to the people of this vicinity for their kindness during this session.

By motion of Elder M. C. Powell, we adjourn to meet with Black River Church in Williamsburg County on Wednesday evening before the first Sunday in November, 1931, at 4 o'clock.

Song by congregation—"Take the Name of Jesus With You". Benediction by Elder M. C. Powell.

ELDER J. L. SMITH, Moderator
ELDER J. W. MOORE, Assistant
W. A. KENNEDY, Sec'y & Treas.

Public collection for Sister W. N. Williams amounting to \$3.50.

List of Church Clerks with their Post Office Addresses:

Bethel—W. A. Kennedy, Hyman, S. C.
New Prospect—C. C. Cooper, Kingstree, S. C., R. F. D.
Spring Pond—A. C. Player, Trio, S. C., R. F. D.
Poplar Hill—J. B. Parsons, Hemingway, S. C.
Antioch—L. E. McCants, Andrews, S. C.
Williams Hill—T. A. Williams, Hemingway, S. C.
New Hope—D. W. Stone, Johnsonville, S. C.
Black River—P. J. McGee, Andrews, S. C.
Little Lamb—W. D. Hearl, Toddsville, S. C.
Little Bethel—A. J. Keefe, Hemingway, S. C., R. 4.
St. Mark—J. H. Lambert, Andrews, S. C.
New Zion—

Springdale—

Greelyville—Ralph Browder, Greelyville, S. C.

List of Ministers with their Post Office Addresses:

Elder M. C. Powell, Andrews, S. C., R. 1.

Elder A. E. Perrott, Scranton, S. C.

Elder J. L. Smith, Andrews, S. C., R. 2.

Elder W. W. Gaskins, Hyman, S. C., R. 2.

Elder G. W. Ard, Kingsburg, S. C., R. 1.

Elder W. C. Williams, Andrews, S. C.

Elder James Powell, Johnsonville, S. C.

Elder J. W. Moore, Hemingway, S. C.

Elder N. N. Davis, Conway, S. C.

Elder F. S. Ard, Kingsburg, S. C., R. 1.

Elder J. R. Bodiford, Kingstree, S. C.

Elder R. C. Williams, Hemingway, S. C.

Elder S. J. Player, Andrews, S. C.

Elder L. L. Moore, Hyman, S. C., R. 2.

Elder H. A. Hines, Darlington, S. C.

Texts preached from during the Conference:

Thursday night—Elder L. L. Moore, Text, Matthew 16:18—"I will build my Church".

Friday morning—Elder N. N. Davis, Text, Exodus 12:13—"And when I see the blood, I will pass over you".

Friday night—Elder J. L. Smith, Text, Acts 4:13—"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus".

Saturday night—Elder J. W. Moore, Text, S. Luke 16:24—"And he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame'."

Saturday night—Elder J. W. Moore, Text, St. Luke 24:29—"But they constrained him, saying, 'Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is spent.' And he went in to stay with them".

Sunday night—J. W. Moore, Text, Exodus 19:8—"And all the people answered together, and said, all that the Lord hath spoken we will do".

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