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Proceedings

Conference met at ten o'clock. Introductory sermon preached by Elder T. A. Williams. Text 92nd Psalm, 12th verse. "The Righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon."

Committees Appointed

Devotional—J. L. Smith, T. B. Williams, J. G. Williams.

Finance—J. D. Howell, A. B. Powell, J. H. Lane.

Sunday School and Temperance—N. N. Davis, R. J. Howard, G. W. Howell.

Missions—J. L. Smith, J. G. Williams, M. F. Howell.

Investigating—T. A. Williams, N. N. Davis, L. M. Altman, A. B. Powell, J. D. Howell.

Program—N. N. Davis, James Powell, W. D. Hearl.

Conference adjourned for refreshments until 2:30 o'clock.

Thursday Afternoon

Conference convened according to adjournment.

Singing by congregation, and program was offered by Brother W. G. Howell.

Brother G. C. Vause from the South Carolina conference was given a seat and voice in this conference with the exception of voting.

Round table discussions on Missions by Rev. G. C. Vause, Rev. M. S. Todd, Rev. T. A. Williams and Brother J. G. Williams.

Devotional committee report for tonight—Elder M. S. Todd open at 7, Elder G. C. Vause preach at 7:15 o'clock.

Elder M. S. Todd to preach at 11 o'clock Friday morning.

Elder T. D. Lyerly at 7 o'clock.

Friday Morning

Conference reassembled at 9:30. Singing by congregation. Scripture lesson by moderator from 28th Psalm.

Conference declared open for business.

Letter of transfer from the South Carolina Conference requesting this body to receive Elder M. S. Todd into our conference was accepted.

Roll Call of Ministers

M. F. Howell, J. L. Smith, James Powell, N. N. Davis T. A. Williams, L. L. Moore, T. D. Lyerly, *present*. Licentiate Willard Howell.

Roll call of churches next, with seven represented by letter. (See list of churches.)

Motion we call off for devotional services until 2 o'clock this afternoon. Preaching by Elder M. S. Todd.

Brother Todd was given the right hand of fellowship into this body.

Friday Afternoon

Conference called to order. Song by congregation, prayer by Elder E. Powell.

Petitions for next conference were taken. The next conference goes Little Lamb Church, Horry County.

Introductory sermon by Brother G. W. Howell.

Motion we have three hundred (300) minutes printed and distributed toious conferences.

Motion we send Brothers J. G. Williams and M. F. Howell as delegates next South Carolina conference. Motion we send Elder T. A. Williams G. W. Howell to Pee Dee conference.

Brother G. W. Howell was received as a Licentiate. Motion we ren thanks to this church and community for their hospitality shown us during this session of conference.

Motion we adjourn to meet with Little Lamb Church Thursday before first Sunday in November at 2 o'clock.

T. A. Williams, *Moderator*,
Mrs. A. B. Powell, *Clerk*

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Finance

We, your committee on *Finance*, submit the following report:

On hand at last conference	\$ 35.29
Turned over to this conference by late Clerk	
Elder L. L. Moore	23.36
Leaving a shortage of	11.93
Received this conference	19.55
Ministers	5.00

<i>Total</i>	\$ 47.91
Paid Clerk	5.00
Balance	\$ 42.91

Committee:

J. D. Howell,
A. B. Powell,
J. H. Lane

Sunday School and Temperance

We beg to submit the following report: We ask all our churches to

endeavor to have Sunday School fifty-two Sundays each year, and that we use godly men and women as teachers, use our F. W. B. literature and try to instil in our children's hearts the spirit of giving. As to temperance we desire all our people to abstain from every practice that has any tendency to retard our Spiritual programs. And to be temperate in our talk, our walk, and every-day life.

Committee:

N. N. Davis,
G. W. Howell,
R. J. Howard

Missions

We your committee on *Missions* ask that each member of the churches composing this body pay ten cents per member each year for missions and that the pastor of each church see that his members pay this amount. This conference also shall appoint five men as a committee to use this money where it will do the greatest amount of good.

Respectfully submitted,
J. G. Williams,
M. F. Howell

Investigating Committee
(No Report)

Ordaining Council

We the *Ordaining Council* recommend that Brother G. W. Howell be placed on our list of licensed preachers.

We further recommend that Brother Elbert Moore's license be continued and his case held over until the next Union Meeting. Also that he get his pastor's signature to his letter.

Respectfully submitted,
L. L. Moore,
T. A. Williams,
N. N. Davis

Program

We your *Program* committee submit the following:

Conference to convene Thursday before First Sunday in November 1939, at 2 o'clock.

Introductory Sermon, G. W. Howell. 3:00 o'clock—Organization.
3:30 o'clock—Reception of members.

4:00 o'clock—Round-table talk.

5:00 o'clock—Call off until 9:00 o'clock Friday Morning.

Friday Morning

9:00 o'clock—Conference convenes.

9:30 o'clock—Roll call of ministers.

10:00 o'clock—Roll call of churches.

10:30 o'clock—Petitions for next conference.

11:00 o'clock—Preaching.

12:00 o'clock—Dismissed until 2:00 o'clock.

Friday Afternoon

Reassemble at 2:00 o'clock.

2:30 o'clock—Reports of Committees.

3:00 o'clock—New Business.

4:00 o'clock—adjournment.

Submitted by,

N. N. Davis, *Chairman*

S T A T I S T I C A L T A B L E

Williams Hill—Delegates, T. B. Williams, J. G. Williams. Received 7. Baptized 7. Dismissed 2. Total membership 100. Budget fund \$4.55. Elder M. F. Howell, pastor. Z. G. Tanner, clerk.

Quarterly meetings Saturday before Fourth Sunday in each quarter.

New Hope—Delegates J. L. Hughes, O. W. Altman. Died 1. Dismissed 2. Total membership 75. Funds \$2.00. Quarterly meetings Saturday before Second Sunday in each quarter. Elder N. N. Davis is pastor. M. L. Joy clerk.

Little Bethel—Delegates M. S. Todd, Gady Jones. Died 1. Received 16. Baptized 13. Dismissed 1. Total membership 94. Funds \$5.00. Quarterly meetings Saturday before First Sunday in each quarter. Elder J. L. Smith, pastor, M. C. Todd, clerk.

Black River—Delegates M. F. Casselman, R. J. Howard. Died 1. Received 5. Baptized 3. Total membership 97. Funds \$1.30. Quarterly meetings Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in each quarter. J. F. Powell, clerk.

New Zion—Delegates, George Douglas, Jimmie Lane. Received 4. Dismissed 1. Total membership 16. Funds \$1.00. Quarterly meeting Saturday before Fourth Sundays in each quarter. T. C. Port, pastor. T. E. Douglas, clerk.

Little Lamb—Delegates, W. D. Hearl, Henry Martin, G. W. Howell. Died 1. Baptized 14. Total membership 54. Funds \$3.70. Quarterly meetings Saturday before the Third Sunday in each quarter. N. N. Davis, pastor. Henry Martin, clerk.

Greelyville—(Report Missing). Funds \$2.00. T. D. Lyerly, pastor.

List of Ordained Ministers and Their Addresses

J. L. Smith	Andrews, S. C.
G. W. Ard	Johnsonville, S. C.
N. N. Davis	Conway, S. C.
F. S. Ard	Johnsonville, S. C.
S. J. Player	Andrews, S. C.
L. L. Moore	Hyman, S. C.
T. A. Williams	Hemingway, S. C.
L. L. Powell	Johnsonville, S. C.
M. F. Howell	Conway, S. C.
T. D. Lyerly	Leo, S. C.
R. G. Gaskins	Johnsonville, S. C.
James Powell	Johnsonville, S. C.
J. D. Branton	Conway, S. C.

Licentiates

E. J. Moore	Florence, S. C.
T. C. Port	Hemingway, S. C.
G. W. Howell	Conway, S. C.

List of Churches and Clerks and Their Addresses

Williams Hill, Z. G. Tanner	Hemingway, S. C.
New Hope, M. L. Joy	Johnsonville, S. C.
Little Bethel, M. C. Todd	Leo, S. C.
Black River, J. F. Powell	Andrews, S. C.
New Zion, T. E. Douglas	Hemingway, S. C.
Little Lamb, Henry Martin	Conway, S. C.
Greelyville	(See Report)
Springdale	(not represented)
Springpond	(not represented)
Antioch	(not represented)
Georgetown	(not represented)
New Prospect	(not represented)