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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5.

The 30th session of the triennial Free Will Baptist General Conference convened in Ayden, N. C., Oct. 5, 1898, at 10 A. M. Eld. W. H. Frost of the Central N. C. Conference led a half hour's prayer service. Rev. D. Davis of the Western N. C. Conference was chosen temporary Moderator.

Minutes of last session read, also the Constitution of the General Conference.

Letters were read from the Ohio and Ky. Yearly and from the Ohio River Y. M. Recess until 1:30 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

Prayer service was led by Eld. D. Davis. He also preached the introductory sermon.

A quorum of delegates was ascertained to be present and their names enrolled as follows: Ohio and Kentucky Yearly Meeting, Thomas E. Peden, W. H. Frost, M. C. Holland, E. T. Phillips, C. L. Little and Charles J. Heath; Eastern N. C. Conference, A. C. Walker; Central N. C. Conference, E. E. Dail, W. H. Lathinghouse, G. W. Dail, J. W. Smith, S. J. Halstead, J. O. Johnson, W. F. Hart, M. Burtchard, W. R. W. Noble.

Meta Early, Mrs J. M. Barfield, John S. Smith and T. N. Manning; Cape Fear N. C. Conference, Emma Lee; Western N. C. Conference, P. T. Lucas and D. Davis.

Agreed to postpone the election of permanent officers.

Accepted the program presented by the Clerk and will every day during Conference at 10 A. M., 1: 30 P. M. and 7: 30 P. M.

Appointed committees on the usual subjects.

Night Session.

Conference Sermon was preached by Eld. Thos. E. Peden of Sciotoville, Ohio. Subject, "The Church."

THURSDAY, OCT. 6.

Prayer service was led by Eld. S. J. Halstead of Norfolk, Va. At his request Bro. M. Butchard offered prayer.

The election of permanent officers resulted in the choice of Eld. S. J. Halstead, Moderator; Eld. W. H. Lathinghouse of Black Jack, N. C., Assistant; Mrs. Lovie Harrison of Dunn, N. C., Assistant Clerk.

Afternoon Session.

Prayer Service conducted by Bro. M. C. Holland.

General discussion on many of the subjects re-
the Committees.

FRIDAY, OCT. 7.

The usual prayer service was conducted by Eld. W. H. Frost.

Adopted the report of the Committee on Sabbath observance, as follows:

Sabbath Observance.

We, the committee on Sabbath observance met, only four being present. Elected Bro. M. C. Holland as chairman, seeing the great necessity of Sabbath observance, be it therefore resolved.

1st. That our preachers persistently urge the people to strictly observe the Sabbath day.

2nd. That it be taught in our Sabbath Schools and that young people especially, both practice and teach Sabbath observance.

M. C. Holland,	} Com.
C. J. Heath,	
Eld. P. T. Lucas,	
" T. N. Manning,	
J. O. Johnson,	

Adopted report on Home and Foreign Missions, viz :

Committee on Home and Foreign Missions.

We resolve that our ministers and laity strongly advocate Home missions, and use every effort for the advancement of its best interests and also promote the interests of Foreign missions at our earliest convenience and rep-

E. E. Dail, }
 C. L. Little, } Com.
 Meta Early, }

Home and Foreign Mission Society.

The Home and Foreign missionary society held a joint meeting at Ayden, N. C., at 7; 30, o'clock Oct. 7th 1898.

On motion, Eld. W. H. Lathinghouse was appointed Pres.; Mrs. Lovie Harrison, Secy; and Eld. T. E. Peden, Treas. Mission Board.

On motion, the following board be empowered to act on Home and Foreign Missions.

Rev. J. F. May, Poplar Flat, Ky.

" T. E. Peden, Sciotoville Ohio.

" W. H. Frost, Plymouth N. C.

" G. W. Binkley, 1508 Florence St. Nashville Tenn.

" Wm. Dyke, Conway, Ark.

On motion, a collection for missions was taken, and equally divided, between Home and Foreign.

On motion, the Secy. be empowered to confer with the members of the other mission boards in the interest of the Anniversary.

On motion the Secy. prepare the minutes for the press.

Lovie Harrison, Clerk.

Adopted the report of Committee on Temperance, as follows:

Committee on Temperance.

We the committee on Temperance, beg leave to report the following:

Believing as we do that intemperance is at this time the most gigantic evil in the United States, that it is bankrupting more characters, sowing more poisons, blasting with mildew more families, wasting more money, filling more prisons occupying the time of more courts, entailing more insanity, suicides and murders, and drawing more souls into perdition than any other sin. It curses all it touches, and is always the prolific source of crime and sorrow.

Knowing that all this is true, we consider this work of temperance a momentous work, a work of infinite importance, and every christian should put himself on the side of prohibition and be a bold soldier in this battle between drunkenness and sobriety, between heaven and hell, between the church and the devil. He should plead with his voice, his pen, with his prayer and with his vote, for the downfall of the old dragon, and for the enthronement of universal prohibition. We therefore make the following recommendation:

1. That every pastor and minister of our denomination, be earnestly requested to

keep before their churches and people the awful evil of this great sin of intemperance.

2. That we exhort our churches to exercise New Testament discipline against drunkenness and moderate drinking among their members, cutting off such as will not heed the church and reform their lives.

3. That it is unbecoming in any of our members to make, guage, keep store or sell, buy or drink spirits as a beverage, and for any and all these things they should be disciplined.

Asa Garris }
Emma Lee } Com.
Mollie Dail }

Adopted the report of the Committee of State of the Denomination, viz.:

State of the Denomination.

1st. We are thankful for the progress of the denomination for the last three years. The revivals having occurred in nearly all the states, especially Ohio, Ky., W. Va., Tenn., Ga., Ala., S. C. and N. C. We regret that some of our Conferences, Associations and Yearly Meetings are not connected in our grand Union of work. But we rejoice in the progress made and believe complete Union draws near.

And Our Evangelistic Work is rapidly growing and remains continue to widen.

better sustained by our laity, which gives us greater encouragement for the future.

E'd. Thos. E. Peden, Chairman.

Afternoon Session.

The usual prayer service was followed by the adoption of the report of the Committee on Education, as follows:

Committee on Education.

1. Whereas the brethren of North Carolina have almost completed a building for a Theological School at Ayden, N. C. and expect soon to have it in active operation. Therefore, resolved that we heartily commend it to our people as worthy of their most generous support in money and students.

2. We urge young men called of God to the ministry to obtain the most thorough possible education.

3. We advise those whose circumstances are such that they cannot well attend some one of our institutions of learning, to avail themselves of the Correspondence School of Theology conducted by Eld'. T. E. Peden.

E. E. Dail, }
E. T. Phillips, } Com.
T. E. Peden. }

Adopted the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, viz.:

Sabbath Schools.

1st. We request the Free Will Baptist to publish our own Sabbath School supplies and urge our schools to the patronage of our literature so that no financial loss will be sustained.

2nd. We recommend the establishment of our Home Department in connection with all our Sabbath Schools.

3rd. We urge our Sabbath School teachers as far as practicable to take the normal course of Bible instruction recommended by the Sabbath School associations of many of our states.

J. S. McLawhou,
J. A. Hudson, }
J. W. Smith, } Com.
H. R. Wooten, }

Adopted the report on The A. C. F. Society, as follows:

Advocates of Christian Fidelity.

We rejoice in a glorious success of the young peoples' movement in the different denominations, and believe under God that it has been a means of great good. For the sake of uniformity, we advise our young people to form themselves into A. C. F. Societies (Advocate of Christian Fidelity.) and make them as interesting and use-

C. J. Heath,
W. H. Frost,
Meta Early, }
Lovie Harrison, } Com.
Mollie Dail, }
W. W. Bullock, }

Adopted the report of the Committee on Publications, as follows:

Committee, on Publication.

1. Whereas, we need publications of our own, we request, if possible, that our publishing house in Ayden, N. C. publish a full supply of Sabbath school literature.

2. We request the whole ministry of the Free Will Baptists to place our paper before their congregation, and urge them for their hearty support of the same.

Asa Garris,
J. A. Hudson, }
W. H. Frost, } Com.
E. T. Phillips, }
R. Hudson, }

Stirring addresses were delivered by several members of Conference on these reports showing commendable interest and zeal.

Elected Eld. Thomas E. Peden of Scotoville, Ohio, Eld. V. G. Brittain, Pollocksville, N. C., Eld. W. H. Dyke, Conway, Arkansas, Eld. G. W. Britkley, Nashville, Tenn., and Eld. W. W. Plymouth, N. C., Executive

until next General Conference or until their successors are elected.

SATURDAY, OCT. 8.

Prayer Service led by Bro. M. C. Holland.

Eld. Thos. E. Peden requested that the next session be held in Ohio. After some discussion the location of the next session was referred to the Executive Committee. All were urged to work for it earnestly through the next three years and call the attention of Conferences, Yearly Meetings and Associations that meet later than the first of October a year beforehand so they can arrange to have their delegates in attendance.

Adopted the report of the Committee on Free Will Baptist Union, viz.:

Free Will Baptist Union.

1. We desire a Union of all Free Will Baptists.
2. We wish the co-operation for the betterment of the cause of Christ.
3. This means that all shall be mutual.
4. All shall hold their original faith and practice, and the co-operation shall in no wise interfere or conflict with church government, usage, or practice.

W. H. Frost, P. T. Lucas, }
 W. H. Lathinghouse, } Com.
 D. Hathaway, Emma Lee, }

thusiasm than this. All seemed to be of one hearts and one mind.

Resolution of thanks to the M. E. Church, South.

We, the committee, in behalf of the General conference, tender our thanks to the Methodist brethren for the use of their church building during this session of conference. Reason—Our church is inconveniently located outside the town limits.

Sister L. M. Peden, }
 " Lovie Harrison, } Com.
 " Meta Early, }

Resolution of thanks to the people of Ayden.

We, the committee on the resolution of thanks tender our most heart-felt gratitude to the people of Ayden for their cordial reception and generous hospitality during this session of Conference. Never before have we met people filled with more kindness, love and Christian Union.

Sister L. M. Peden, }
 " Lovie Harrison, } Com.
 " Meta Early, }

On motion, Eld. W. L. Bilbro of the Baptist Church and Eld. N. L. Seaboalt of the M. E. Church were received as advisory members of Conference.

On motion, Conference adjourned.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

YEARLY MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES.	Q. M's. or Unions.	Ministers.	Members.	Sabbath School Scholars	Clerks,
Eastern Conference.....	3	46	4848		Geo. Dees, Grantsboro, N. C.
Central Conference.....	2	37	3180		Eld. J. M. Barfield, Ayden, N. C.
Cape Fear Conference.....		12	2109	579	J. F. Jackson, Timothy, N. C.
Western Conference.....	2	43	2259		E. T. Phillips, Ayden, N. C.
O. and Ky. Y. M.....	4	22	1321	1093	Geo. W. Sheppard, Lyra, O.
Ohio River Y. M.....	8	56	4320	2677	T. E. Peden, Sciotoville, O.
New Hampshire.....	8	101	8395	7082	Fred S. Heath, Concord, N. H.
Maine.....	17	184	14277	12777	Dora Jordan, Alfred, Me.
Vermont.....	4	38	1839	2669	J. W. Burgin Sutton, Vt.
51 Massachusetts.....	1	28	2822	3179	W. I Twort, Lynn, Mass.
Rhode Island.....	1	33	3613	3922	E. T. Metcalf, Providence, R. I.
Conn. and W. R. I.....	1	6	564	395	G. O. Hopkins, Chepachet, R. I.
Holland Purchase.....	5	40	2254	2131	F. S. Bernauer, Buffalo, N. Y.
Genesee.....	3	22	2001	1461	B. U. Tanner, Clarkson, N. Y.
Susquehanna.....	3	18	699	675	L. D. Hall, Lakeview, Pa.
N. Y. and Pa.....	5	33	1699	1677	G. H. Freeman, Freeman, N. Y.
St. Lawrence.....	2	11	716	473	J. J. Allen, Depauville, N. Y.
Union Y. M.....	2	8	703	550	H. Y. Schoonover, Sherburne, N. Y.
Central N. Y.....	5	25	2266	1535	L. H. Sprague, Ames, N. Y.
Eastern Pa.....	1	4	151	120	W. F. Cranston, Harrisburg, Pa.
Ohio and Pa.....	5	25	2020	2081	T V Lawrence, Cleveland, O
Central Ohio.....	5	17	1938	1711	J A Sutton, Larve, O
Ohio.....	2	7	528	590	L F Sherrett, Maineville, O
W. Va.....	4	39	129	441	E M McVey, East Bank, W Va
Indiana.....	5	16	1589	1438	J W Rendel, Wolf Lake, Ind
Michigan.....	16	104	6176	6888	Alice L Hulse, Hillsdale, Mich
Ill.....	4	15	554	476	E J Rees, Kingston, Ill
Southern Ill.....	3	47	1155	871	S P Gardner, Ullin, Ill
J. S. Manning.....	3	66	1805	1111	
Central Ill.....	5	64	4024	1950	G A Gordan, Campbell Hill, Ill

SUNDAY, OCT. 9.

Prayer and testimony meeting at 9:30, A. M.
 Eld. T. E. Peden preached at 11 on "True Manhood," and at 3, P. M. on "The Death of Christ," followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saints' feet.

S. J. Halstead, Moderator,
 W. H. Lathinghouse, Asst. Mod.
 Thomas E. Peden, Clerk,
 Lovie Harrison, Asst. Clerk.

Wisconsin.....	4	32	1535	1594	M C Buswell, Burnett, Wis
Minn.....	5	40	2050	2154	J D Batson, Crystal, Minn
Iowa.....	6	24	1780	1875	H T Clark, Hillsboro, Ia
Nebraska.....	4	15	652	575	H E Wolcott, Kearsaw, Neb
Central Neb.....	2	4	116	66	
Northern Neb.....	3	12	241	254	A W DeWitt, Butte, Neb
Northern Kan.....	4	11	425	469	Mrs N S Abbey, Halfway, Kan
Southern Kan.....	2	5	328	425	
Golden Gate.....	1	4	182	227	S P Meades, Oakland, Cal
Ky.....	3	36	1793	1351	
Louisiana.....	4	62	1221	832	
Ontario.....	1	2	194	100	
Bengal and Orissa.....	2	31	782	3186	
S W Mo.....	1	1	462	73	Florence Carlock, Greenfield, Mo
S E Mo.....	2	18	765	352	
Western Mo.....	2	30	661	445	
Northern Mo.....	3	12	712	255	
Pleasant Hill.....	1	3	138	65	Wm C Walker, Usbana, Mo
Prosperity.....	2	16	358	144	
Miss.....	5	83	1934	933	J W Robinson, Omega, La
West Mount Zion.....	2	16	358	358	
John Wheeler.....	1	8	358	497	J E Flick, King's Mills, Va
Eastern Ark. and Tenn....	2	14	447	447	
Western Texas.....	2	27	506	207	
South Carolina.....		19	1374		
Pedee.....		14	544		D E Green, Chadburn, N. C
Ga Assoc ations Est.....		100	6000		
Ark Association Est.....		30	3000		
Alabama Est.....		40	2000		
Cumberland Asso. Est....		20	2000		
Union Association Est....		10	1000		
N C not rep at G C Est...		80	4000		
Texas not rep at G C Est		60	3000		
Tenn not rep at G C Est..	2	10	500		
Florida Est.....	1	6	300		
Virginia Est.....		8	400		
Oklahoma Est.....		2	100		
Mo not rep at G C Est..		20	1000		
North Dakota.....		1	100	25	
Ch not rep at G C Est..		1	100	491	

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