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MINUTES OF GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Thirty-Fourth Session of the Free Will Baptist General Conference met with Florence, Ala. Free Will Baptist church, October 5th, at 10 a. m., 1910. A half hour's prayer service conducted by Mrs. L. M. Peden of the North Carolina Central Conference was held. Elder Jefferson D. Stephens of the State Line Florida-Alabama Association, read the scriptures and Elder J. G. Harris of Midway Association of Georgia offered prayer.

Elder Jefferson D. Stephens was chosen Temporary Moderator and Elder Chas. Elmer Furman, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Conference Reporter.

The Moderator appointed Elder W. L. Hooper of the Ohio River yearly meeting to conduct half-hour prayer service this afternoon at 2 p. m. Adjourned until 2. p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer service conducted by Elder W. L. Hooper. Minutes of morning session read and approved. Elder G. W. Mitchell, pastor of the Free Will Baptist church delivered the welcome address. Response by Dr. T. E. Peden, of the Ohio River yearly meeting. Letters from Western North Carolina Conference, Eastern North Carolina Conference, State Line Association, Canadian Association, South Oklahoma Association, Tennessee River Association and Ohio River Yearly Meeting read to the Conference.

Elected Elder Jefferson D. Stephens Moderator and Elder W. L. Hooper and Brother W. A. Poole of Flatt Creek Association of Tennessee Assistant Moderators, and Elders J. G. Harris and W. T. Kendrick Assistant Clerks. Dr. Thos. E. Peden, David Lasley and W. A. Poole were chosen members of the Executive Committee for a period of five years. Treasurer made a partial report. Dr. Thos. E. Peden reported that he had not commenced suit for possession of Rio Grand College for lack of money to pay the attorneys a reasonable retaining fee. Moderator appointed Brother W. A. Poole to conduct services tonight and Elder W. T. Kendrick tomorrow at 9 a. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

Prayer services conducted in a very interesting manner by Brother W. A. Poole of Flatt Creek Association. The Conference sermon on "Foundation Truths" was very ably preached by Elder Chas. Elmer Furman of Brooklyn, N. Y. Adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m.

SECOND DAY SESSION, OCTOBER 6, 1910.

Prayer services conducted by Elder W. T. Kendrick. Morning

service conducted by Elder Jefferson D. Stephens, Moderator. Minutes of last session read and approved. Letters from Liberty Association No. 1 and No. 2 and West Virginia yearly meeting, South West Georgia and the delegates invited to seats with us.

The Moderator appointed the following fifteen committees:

Education—Jefferson D. Stephens, W. A. Poole, Dr. Thos. E. Peden, and R. M. Chambless.

Foreign Missions—J. G. Harris, Oscee L. Poole, and L. M. Peden.

Home Missions—W. C. Dowdy, J. L. Holt, V. B. Greene, W. T. Kendrick.

Temperance—W. L. Hooper, G. W. Mitchell, J. G. Harris.

Popery—Chas. Elmer Furman, W. T. Kendrick, W. L. Hooper, W. M. Rogers.

A. C. F. Society—Lillian Munn, L. M. Peden.

Publications—Dr. Thos. E. Peden, Jefferson D. Stephens, and W. A. Poole.

Sabbath Observance—G. W. Mitchell, W. L. Hooper, C. E. Furman, W. M. Rogers.

State of Denomination—Dr. Thos. E. Peden, J. G. Harris, W. C. Dowdy.

Doctrine—Dr. Thos. E. Peden, and Mrs. Osee L. Poole.

Supply of the Pulpit—W. C. Dowdy, V. B. Greene, Wm. T. Kendrick, G. W. Mitchell and Joseph Patrick.

Correspondence—Chas. E. Furman, Thos. E. Peden, J. G. Harris, R. M. Chambless.

Peace—Thos. E. Peden, V. B. Greene, R. M. Chambless, W. M. Rodgers.

Ministry—J. G. Harris, W. L. Hooper, W. A. Poole, W. C. Dowdy, Chas. E. Furman.

City Missions—C. E. Furman, Thos. E. Peden, J. G. Harris, G. W. Mitchell.

After appointment of the above committees the Conference selected Elder Chas. Elmer Furman to preach the Anniversary sermon of the Foreign Missionary Society tonight. Adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2 p. m. Prayer service conducted by Brother R. M. Chambless. Report from the Cumberland Association made by Elder W. M. Rodgers and he was invited to seat with us. Voted to continue the committee on Rio Grand College and added V. B. Greene and W. L. Hooper to that committee and ask the new committee to investigate the legality of the Free Will Baptist General

Conference held in Cleveland, Ohio in 1907. Adjourned until 9 a.m. October 7, 1910.

NIGHT SESSION.

Anniversary of the Foreign Mission Society. Prayer service conducted by Elder V. B. Greene of West Virginia yearly meeting. Postponed the address on Foreign Missions until next Sabbath night. The following report of the treasurer was read and approved:

Contributions deposited in Ayden Bank,	\$ 28.00
Contributions not yet deposited,	5.00
Collections by Elder J. S. Mercer,	450.00
Notes in Bank of Ayden for collection,	600.00

Total,\$ 1,083.00

Deductions.

Paid Elder J. S. Mercer Missionary to Africa,	\$ 450.00
To Free Will Baptist Pub. Co., for printing circulars,	3.00
Postage,50

Total,\$ 453.50

Leaving\$ 629.50

Choose W. A. Poole, W. L. Hooper, C. E. Furman, Thos. E. Peden and James Cheshire, Executive Committee for the coming three years. Elder James G. Harris of the Midway, Georgia, Association preached an instructive sermon. Adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THIRD DAY SESSION, OCTOBER 7, 1910.

Prayer service conducted by Elder J. G. Harris. Elder W. M. Rodgers made a verbal report of the Cumberland Association. Elected W. A. Poole Assistant Clerk. Minutes read and approved.

Called for report of Committee on Foreign Missions. The report was as follows: "Being great advocates of foreign missions will say to the General Conference that first of all to consider the call of the heathens and second the imperative command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to go.

"What shall we do to save the heathen? Use our men, do the work assigned to our hands. J. G. HARRIS, Chairman."

Dr. Thos. E. Peden made a talk upon the report, giving in detail the work of our Foreign Missionaries. After which the report was adopted.

The Committee on Temperance announced that they were ready to report and it was read to the General Conference:

Resolved, That we as Free Will Baptists do not tolerate whiskey

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or strong drink in any form as a beverage and that we, with all other Christian workers apprised of the baleful effects of the liquor traffic to the citizens of our country, morally and intellectually oppose the traffic in all of its numerous forms and recommend total abstinence for the individual and the entire suppression of the traffic for the good of our country and humanity.

W. L. HOOPER, Chairman.

After some strong speeches condemning the curse by Dr. Thos. E. Peden, Elder Jefferson D. Stephens, Elder Chas. Elmer Furman and others, the report was adopted. Prayer by Elder W. L. Hooper. Adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment, at 2 p. m. Prayer service conducted by Elder W. M. Rodgers. Minutes of forenoon session read and approved.

Home Mission Committee made the following report: We your Committee on Home Missions realizing the great need of more mission work throughout the United States recommend that each preacher take up as much as one collection a year, at each church he serves as pastor and turn the money over to the various Home Mission boards for the purpose of advancing the cause of the Free Will Baptist denomination in new fields and as soon as any, or all of these boards accumulate enough money to do so it will disburse the same by employing ministers who feel called to the said work.

W. C. DOWDY, Chairman.

The report was adopted and we proceeded to elect Elder J. M. Emanuel for another period of three years and agree upon the same terms under which he has been laboring as a National Evangelist.

Committee on Sabbath Observance made the following report: Brethren of the Conference the tendency of our day and generation is to monopolize for selfish and secular purposes and uses the one day in seven, set for rest and worship of God and that worldly pleasure are making many encroachments upon this divine and American institution, we as a committee duly appointed, enter our protest against this modern tendency and urge upon the members of our denomination a strict observance of the day, that by example and precept we may rebuke this evil and seek by legislation and other means the protection of the Sabbath that we may place proper guardianship about the youth and endeavor by proper interest and effort to make the day as enjoyable in spiritual things as sinners do in their way, and to make the Bible, prayer, and praise pre-eminent. That we regard the rights of those in our employ and in the employ of others, respecting

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the Sabbath by indulging in no traffic that requires the desecration of the day.

GEORGE W. MITCHELL, Chairman.

Adjourned until 9 a. m. tomorrow, October 8, 1910.

NIGHT SESSION.

Prayer service conducted by Elder W. L. Hooper, preaching by Elder W. M. Rodgers after which Home Missionary Society was called together by the Moderator and Dr. Thos. E. Peden, treasurer, made the following report:

Cash received from all sources,	\$ 6,091.00
Cash paid out for all purposes,	\$ 6,800.00
Balance in treasury,	\$ 1.00
Public donation,	\$ 3.45
G. W. Mitchell, yearly member,	\$ 1.00
W. A. Poole yearly member,	\$ 1.00
Jefferson D. Stephens, yearly member,	\$ 1.00

Grand total in hands of treasurer,

Report adopted. Dr. Thos. E. Peden re-elected treasurer and Elder Jefferson D. Stephens, Marianna, Fla., E. T. Phillips, Ayden, N. C., Elder W. M. Rodgers, Nashville, Tenn., Elder V. B. Greene, Greenview, W. Va., and Elder Chas. E. Furman, Brooklyn, N. Y., were elected members of the Executive Committee of the Home Mission Board. The society then adjourned.

OCTOBER 8, 1910, 9 A. M.

Prayer service conducted by Elder W. C. Dowdy. Minutes of yesterday afternoon and evening read and approved. Discussion of the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance led by Elders Jefferson D. Stephens, W. C. Dowdy, Dr. Thos. E. Peden, Chas. Elmer Furman, and others. The report was adopted.

Committee on the Cleveland Pseudo General Conference: Whereas, the meeting at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1907, claiming to be a General Conference was composed mainly of delegates from yearly meetings that belong to this General Conference, had not asked for dismission and were in no way authorized to hold such meeting, therefore Resolved, That it was an illegal body and all its acts null and void and have no binding force upon any of our people.

DR. THOS. E. PEDEN, Chairman.

ELDER V. B. GREENE

ELDER W. L. HOOPER.

After adopting the report of the above committee. The Moderator appointed Brother R. M. Chambless to conduct prayer services this afternoon. Adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment, at 2 p. m. Prayer service conducted by Brother R. M. Chambless. Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Publications made the following report. We, your Committee on Publications beg leave to submit the following report. Every Free Will Baptist Sabbath school should use our denominational literature and the Free Will Baptist should be taken, promptly paid for, and read by every family connected with our churches and each pastor should make it his duty to see that it reaches each family in his congregation.

JEFFERSON D. STEPHENS, Chairman.
THOS. E. PEDEN
W. A. POOLE.

Report adopted.

Committee on Education. First, We rejoice in the advancement of our ministry and laity in moral and intellectual education and urge them to make continual and increasing efforts for greater advancement. Second, We are much gratified at the success of Free Will Baptist Theological Seminary, at Ayden, N. C., in training young men, called of God to the ministry, for usefulness in the church and the world and earnestly pray that their numbers may be greatly increased. Third, We urge the trustees to secure and keep a well qualified consecrated man for president and professor of Theology that the high standard set by the Institute may be maintained. Fourth, We advise the trustees and friends of the Free Will Baptist University at Nashville, Tenn., to retain the charter and have the school commenced at the earliest possible time.

JEFFERSON D. STEPHENS, Chairman.
DR. THOS. E. PEDEN
R. M. CHAMBLESS,
W. A. POOLE.

After some discussion the report was adopted. Conference adjourned to meet Monday, October 10, 1910, 9 a. m.

NIGHT SESSION

Half-hour prayer service. Sermon by Elder W. M. Rodgers, National Evangelist of Nashville, Tenn. After which the Educational Society was called to order by the Moderator and the Treasurer, Dr. Thos. E. Peden, made the following report:

Cash received from all sources,	\$ 400.00
Cash paid out for all purposes,	\$ 400.00
On hand,	\$ 000.00

Jefferson D. Stephens, W. L. Hooper, W. A. Poole, V. B. Greene, R. M. Chambless, were elected Executive Committee. The society adjourned.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 9, 1910.

Services were held at the following churches by arrangement of the committee:

Free Will Baptist Church.

- 9:30 a. m.—Sunday School.
- 11:00 a. m.—Sermon by Dr. Thos. E. Peden.
- 2:00 p. m. Sermon by Elder W. L. Hooper, followed by the Lords Supper and washing the saints' feet.
- 7:30 p. m.—Foreign Missionary sermon by Elder Chas. E. Furman.

First Missionary Baptist Church.

- 11:00 a. m.—Sermon by Elder W. L. Hooper, of Zaleski, Ohio.
- 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Dr. Thos. E. Peden, of Ayden, N. C.

Missionary Baptist Church of East Florence.

- 11:00 a. m.—Sermon by Elder Chas. Elmer Furman, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Elder J. G. Harris, of Dothan, Ala.

Methodist Church.

- 11:00 a. m.—Sermon by Elder V. B. Greene, of Greenview, W. Va.
- 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by National Evangelist W. M. Rodgers, of Nashville, Tenn.

Church of God.

- 11:00 a. m.—Sermon by Elder W. M. Rodgers, of Nashville, Tenn.

First Presbyterian Church.

- 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Elder V. B. Greene, of Greenview, W. Va.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 10, 1910, 9 A. M.

Half-hour prayer service conducted by W. M. Rodgers. Minutes of Saturday afternoon and evening read and approved. A letter from Salem Association read by Dr. Thos. E. Peden and by unanimous vote it was received into the General Conference. The report of the secretary of the A. C. F. Society made the following: Whereas, this is a young peoples age and they will soon take the place of those who are passing from this time into eternity, it is of the highest importance that they be fully trained and educated for all departments of Christian work.

1. Therefore, Resolved, That as a means to this end we advise the organization of a society of the advocates of Christian fidelity in each church and that it be sustained with the greatest possible interest.

2. We kindly ask the editor and publisher of the Free Will

Baptist to give one column to reports and articles in advocacy of this organization.

3. We suggest that the society in each state form a convention to meet annually and plan for the extension of Christ's Kingdom within its jurisdiction and throughout the world.

LILLIAN MUNN, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Committee on Peace made the following report:

1. Whereas, war is contrary to the spirit of Christianity, it is our duty to do all we can for the promotion of peace and good will among men.

2. We believe all nations ought to submit their differences to the Hague Tribunal and abide by its decision.

3. Lynching and all forms of mob law should be prevented by the strong power of public opinion and the certain infliction of legal punishment upon those who engage in or promote them.

4. Our ministers ought to preach frequently upon this subject, interesting our people in the golden rule and warn them against all manifestations of strife and bitterness in the family, the church, the neighborhood, and the nation.

DR. THOS. E. PEDEN, Chairman

ELDER W. M. RODGERS

ELDER V. B. GREENE

R. M. CHAMBLESS.

After discussing the report it was adopted.

Committee on Necrology made their report as follows:

Resolved, That in the death of Brother T. J. Sawyer of Trent, N. C., a life member of the Education society, and Elder Jacob Webb of West Virginia yearly meeting, a loyal Free Will Baptist minister, we have been greatly bereaved as a denomination, but we commend their piety, consecration, benevolence and fidelity in Christian efforts to our people as an example worthy of our study and imitation.

2. We extend to their widows, children and other relations and friends our sincere sympathy and condolence and prayer that this great affliction may be made, by the hand of our Heavenly Father, a means of their and our growth in grace and knowledge of the truth.

3. We commend the families and friends of our deceased ministers to Him who said "I am the resurrection and the life," in this their hour of grief and seeming irreparable loss.

DR. THOS. E. PEDEN, Chairman.

Read and adopted.

The election of National Evangelist was the next order of business and Elders J. M. Emanuel, Tallahassee, Fla., W. M. Rodgers, Nashville, Tenn., S. H. Norman, Charleston, W. Va., H. L. Lawson, Homestead, Pa., and Chas. Elmer Furman, Brooklyn, N. Y. were elected as our National Evangelist for the period of three years with a yearly salary of \$1,000.00 each to be collected by the Evangelist and after receiving his salary, all other money collected, must be turned over to the Executive Committee to be used by them.

Expenses.

Dear brethren, be it known that the General Conference earnestly request that the association yearly meetings, or conferences, raise enough money to defray the expenses of their delegates to this and all future conferences.

Place of Meeting.

Three places were put in nomination for the next General Conference, Ohio River yearly meeting, of Ohio, Midway association, of Georgia, and Tyronza Association, of Ark. After much discussion and several ballots the Midway Association was selected as the next place of meeting. Adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer services conducted by Dr. Thos. E. Peden. Minutes read and approved. The Committee on state of Denomination made the following report: Reports from all parts and departments of the denomination, indicates prosperity, harmony and progress. Increased interest in missions, education, temperance, purity, family religion, and individual responsibility. Therefore we thank God and will strive still more earnestly to build up our beloved connections in the glorious principles taught in the Holy Bible.

DR. THOS. E. PEDEN, Chairman.

Committee on Doctrine made the following report:

1. So far as we are informed, there is no departure from our doctrine or opposition in any part of our denomination, hence we conclude that it is upon a firm foundation, a Bible basis, and we urge our ministers and churches to adhere firmly to the Bible.

2. The trend of religious thought is toward our position, especially on Free Will, Free Grace, and Free Salvation, for this we thank God and take fresh courage.

DR. THOS. E. PEDEN, Chairman.

The Committees on Correspondence respectfully recommend that the deliberations of this Triennial Conference, with greetings be submitted to the Southern Baptist Association, Ohio Baptist Convention, Baptist Congress, M.E. Gen. Conference north and

south, Church of God (Winebrenarians), Presbyterian General Assembly north and south, and the General Baptist General Association, and that the clerk of this conference be authorized to communicate by letter these greetings requesting the prayers of the above assemblies that a spirit of union and fellowship may obtain among us all.

ELDER CHAS. E. FURMAN, Chairman.

The Conference selected the following committee to select messengers to bear these letters to the different meetings. Jefferson D. Stephens, W. L. Hooper, J. G. Harris, and V. B. Greene were selected.

A verbal statement of the conditions of the Piedmont Association of North Carolina was made and it was voted to admit it in to the General Conference. Conference adjourned in the usual form.

NIGHT SESSION.

Prayer service conducted by Elder Chas. E. Furman, after which Miss Lillian Munn of Ayden, N. C. conducted the meeting of the Ladies Home Missionary Society, carrying out the following well arranged program: Bible reading by Miss Lillian Munn; Prayer by Elder Jefferson D. Stephens; Address by Elder J. G. Harris; an excellent essay by Miss Lillian M. Munn; Able addresses by Elder Jefferson D. Stephens and Elder W. M. Rodgers; after which the people contributed to the society the sum of five dollars and one cent.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. L. M. Peden, Ayden, N. C.

Vice President—Mrs. Laura Hobstetter, Ayden, N. C.

Secretary—Mrs. Osee L. Poole, Jackson, Tenn.

Treasurer—Miss Lillian M. Munn, Ayden, N. C.

Executive Committee—Mrs. W. L. Hooper, Zaleski, Ohio; Mrs. S. H. Norman, Clarksburg, W. Va.; Miss Lucy Layne, Hilton, Ga.; Mrs. Belle Lindsay, Waterloo, Ala., and Mrs. Parker, Nashville, Tenn. Adjourned.

OCTOBER 11, 1910, 9 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment at 9 a. m. Prayer service conducted by Elder J. G. Harris. Minutes of Monday afternoon and evening session read and approved. Letters from Scioto, Ohio yearly meeting and Flatt Creek Association read to the conference. A committee on closing Resolutions was appointed by the Moderator as follows: Dr. Thos. E. Peden, Elder Chas. E. Furman and W. A. Poole.

Dr. Thos. E. Peden offered the following resolutions: We urge

our churches to respond at once to the request of the Foreign Mission Society for twenty-five cents per resident member to carry on its work. Adopted.

Committee on Corresponding Messengers to other Denominations. We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the selection of the following delegates as Messengers to the respective Denominations:

Southern Baptist Association—Dr. Thos. E. Peden.

Ohio Baptist Convention—Elder W. L. Hooper.

Baptist Congress—Elder V. B. Greene.

Methodist General Conference, South—R. M. Chambless.

Methodist General Conference, North—Elder Chas. E. Furman.

Church of God (Winebrenarians)—Elder H. L. Lawson.

Presbyterian General Assembly, North—Elder S. H. Norman.

Presbyterian General Assembly, South—Elder W. M. Rodgers.

General Baptist General Association—Elder W. M. Rodgers.

ELDER JEFFERSON D. STEPHENS, Chairman.

ELDER J. G. HARRIS

ELDER W. L. HOOPER

ELDER CHAS. E. FURMAN

ELDER V. B. GREENE.

Report read and adopted. Adjourned until 9 a. m. tomorrow.

OCTOBER 12, 1910, 9 A. M.

The usual half-hour prayer services after which we heard the following reports:

Committee on Ministry—Dear Brethren: It is the desire of this committee that the honor, loyalty and dignity of the sacred work of the minister be at all times and in all places rigidly considered, that those who have entered this divine work shall be wholly consecrated and devoted to its interests, that they shall be of pure life and clean hands, shunning the very appearance of evil, that while they should be maintained in the work they should not be greedy of filthy lucre but live a holy and self sacrificing life, emulating our divine Master, that we should confine ourselves to the work to which we are called and not defile and desecrate the sacred desk by discussing issues that can have no bearing on the work of God, that we will endeavor to preach as in the sight and pleasure of our Master and of His glory.

J. G. HARRIS, Chairman.

W. L. HOOPER

W. C. DOWDY

C. E. FURMAN

W. A. POOLE.

After discussing the report it was adopted.

City Missions—Members of the General Conference: Ours is a pleasure loving age. This fact is clearly demonstrated in our larger cities where sin runs riot and where gluttony and sensuality is made the chief business of life. It is here that moral wreckage abounds and spiritual declension follow as a natural sequence.

As men grow more hardened in sin they become less susceptible to religious influence and great pressure must be brought to bear if they are to be won at all.

Our pastors are awakening to a sense of duty and responsibility and by spiritual sermons, social gatherings, men's Bible classes, etc., are doing much in reaching the unchurched.

But the largest fields in this line are occupied by the missions and visitation work conducted by the churches with their missionaries and teachers, their dispensary work among the sick and poor, their breakfast and free lodging during the sharp winter nights. These all constitute avenues to the human heart made susceptible and accessible by the very despair and bitterness of their experiences. The city mission is in reality the arm of the church extended into the very depths for gems in the rough, which when reached, should be turned over to the church for pastoral care and ministrations. Every member of our church and denomination should have some part in this work by prayer, contributions and by service rendered.

CHAS. E. FURMAN, Chairman.
THOS. E. PEDEN
J. G. HARRIS
G. W. MITCHELL.

Adopted.

Popery—Whereas, that system of religion known as Roman Catholicism has long since departed from the simplicity of the faith and has become a system of empty forms and observances, devoid of spiritual life and power, and whereas, said system for the advancement of its own interest and the promotion of its own glory has sought state and national recognition and seeks to banish the Bible from our public schools and monopolize national affairs, leading to a union of church and state and constituting a most pernicious evil in that such monopoly would deprive us of our liberties and overthrow our institutions. It has for its spirit the subjugation of all other denominations and people to its belief or, as our ultimatum, return to the dark days of the inquisition. We therefore resolve that we will firmly stand for the use of the Bible in our public schools, the religion that grants liberty of conscience and the due rendering unto God the things

that are His and unto Caesar the things that are his own.

CHAS. E. FURMAN, Chairman.
W. T. KENDRICK
W. L. HOOPER
W. M. RODGERS.

Adopted. Conference adjourned until 7 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment and after a very able sermon by National Evangelist, Elder W. M. Rodgers, of Nashville, Tenn. The A. C. F. Society was called to order by Dr. Thos. E. Peden. Address by Elder Chas. Elmer Furman. Elected the following officers:

President—Murray B. Hutchison, Zaleski, Ohio.
Vice President—Katie Sawyer, Merritt, N. C.
Secretary—M. A. Woodward, Aiken, Ga.
Treasurer—Dr. Thos. E. Peden, Ayden, N. C.
Executive Committee—George W. Moore, Goldendale, Wash., Ocie Shackleford, Grafton, W. Va.; Lillian M. Munn, Ayden, N. C.; Osee L. Poole, Jackson, Tenn.; Teney Bentoa, Florence, Ala. Adjourned to meet tomorrow, at 7 p. m.

OCTOBER 13, 1910.

After a day of sight seeing to the different places of interest in the city the Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Minutes read and approved. Report of Elder J. M. Emanuel received, read and adopted. A letter from the North Florida Association, received and the association admitted to the General Conference. After which the Historical Society was called to order by the Moderator and the following officers were elected:

President—Prof. J. E. Sawyer, Ayden, N. C.
Vice President—Chas. Moore, Glenroy, Ohio.
Secretary—W. A. Poole, Jackson, Tenn.
Treasurer—Dr. Thos. E. Peden, Ayden, N. C.
Executive Committee—Jefferson D. Stephens, Marianna, Fla., W. L. Hooper, Zaleski, Ohio; V. E. Greené, Greenview, W. Va.; Chas. E. Furman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. Thos. E. Peden, Ayden, N. C.

The Conference then adjourned to meet at 7 p. m., October 14, 1910, that the ministers and delegates might make a visit to the famous Mussel Shoal Canal, tomorrow.

OCTOBER 14, 1910.

Met pursuant to adjournment, W. A. Poole, Assistant Moderator in the chair. The following closing resolutions were read by Dr. Thos. E. Peden and adopted by the Conference.

Closing Resolutions.

1. We tender our most sincere thanks to our beloved Moderator, Elder Jefferson D. Stephens, for the kind, impartial and able manner in which he presided over the Conference and pray God to bless and give him success in all the walks of life, especially as a minister of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2. We tender equal gratitude to Elder W. L. Hooper and Brother W. A. Poole, Assistant Moderators and Elder J. G. Harris and Elder W. T. Kendrick for their faithful and valuable services rendered to the Conference in their several positions.

3. With much more than ordinary feeling of gratitude we extend our thanks to the church and good people of Florence, Ala., for the exceedingly kind reception and bountiful entertainments of the delegates and visitors to this, our thirty-fourth session of the General Conference.

Home Missions—We are greatly encouraged by the establishing of a Home Mission in the State of Washington and instruct our Home Mission Board to establish one in each state, territory, or province of our nation, in which we have no churches as soon as possible.

Grief—We deeply sympathize with Elder Chas. Elmer Furman in the affliction of his daughter which called him home from the General Conference and we earnestly pray God to speedily restore her to health and strength.

Sermon by Elder W. M. Rodgers and closing address by Brother W. A. Poole. Adjourned in due and regular form.

- Thos. E. Peden, Clerk, Ayden, N. C.
- Jefferson D. Stephens, Moderator, Marianna, Fla.
- J. G. Harris, First Assistant, W. L. Hooper, First Assistant, Zaleski, Ohio.
- Dothan, Ala.
- W. T. Kendrick, Second Assistant, W. A. Poole, Second Assistant, Jackson, Tenn.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Salem Association.

T. E. Peden, D. D., Florence, Ala.
 Bascom, Fla., October 4, 1910

Dear Sir and Brother: As the Salem Association of West Fla. is not financially able to send a delegate to the General Conference, we send a letter. Brethren, we are in full fellowship one with another. All of the churches were represented in our last session, which was held with Pleasant Home church, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 1910. We are 14 years old and have 19 churches

church and other property worth \$3,100.00, a membership of 1314, 14 ordained ministers and 5 licentiates. The Salem Association covers an area of 3 counties—Jackson, Washington, and Calhoun—bounded on the north by Ala., on the south, by the Gulf of Mexico. We are in a frontier country and we need all the help we can get, and ask that the General Conference visit Fla. if possible. We want 6 or a dozen minutes. Rev. J. M. Emanuel was with us in our last session. The association paid him \$13.00. Brethren, pray for us and visit us, we send \$1.50 to be spent as you think best, for printing minutes or incidental expenses. May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

REV. W. W. PARRISH, Moderator, Blountstown, Fla.
 REV. W. W. KNOWLES, Sec. and Treas., Bascom, Fla.

Canadian Association.

To the General Conference of Free Will Baptists:
 From the Canadian Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists, having learned of the session of General Conference and desiring to correspond with you when assembled with Florence, Ala., church Oct. 5, 1910, we send greeting from our association to inform you of our fellowship and zeal for Christ and His precious cause.

Statistics—No. of churches,	10
No. of ordained ministers,	10
No. of ordained deacons,	18

Total membership, 291
 Done by the order of the association at its fifth annual session, August 11, 12, 13, 1910.

O. P. WESTBROOK
 Committee: T. J. TOWNSEND
 G. A. EASON
 of Wetuneka, Okla.
 J. T. CHAMPION, Moderator

J. B. WILSON, Clerk.

Western Conference of North Carolina.

Greetings to the General Conference:
 The Western Conference is on the upward trend. We have held our own, and made some advances along all lines during the past three years. We number near 4,000 communicants, have 50 ministers in the field. There has been a growing interest in the cause of education, and many of our people who have been dormant are awakening to see the imperative need of an educated ministry.

The mission work is getting into the minds and hearts of many as never before. Pastors salaries are increasing, and some churches have made considerable advances in this important matter for the welfare of our cause. Elegant churches have been built in many places, to succeed the inferior ones of the past. Our buildings and grounds are worth at least \$40,000. While we rejoice at our growth our unity and general interest, we feel that we are doing but little, and pray the blessings of the conference upon our body, both for spiritual and material development.

E. T. PHILLIPS, Clerk.

Morehead City, N. C., October 29, 1910

Rev. T. E. Peden, D. D.

Ayden, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Below you will find report from our conference, which of course is very imperfect, as I have been clerk only a short time, and consequently am not sufficiently informed about every thing pertaining to the life, growth and condition of our body to make a full report. This report should rather be considered as a conservative estimate, for I have not the matter by me to aid me in making a proper report. We have on our list 80 churches, which reported last year 5675 members; but several churches were not represented, which had they reported, would doubtless have shown a membership of 6500 as a grand total. I have no way of determining the value of church property in this conference; but making an estimate upon an average, that each church represents a value of \$800.00, the total would be \$64,000.00. Many of the congregations are improving the property, some are erecting new buildings, and the value of church property is increasing. As a whole, the spiritual condition of our conference, is good. Many of our churches have enjoyed very gracious revivals within the last three years. We have lost by death four ministers within the past three years, viz: Elders D. P. Miller, J. E. Lupton, C. J. Veliva and G. W. Dunn. Each did good work in the conference, and was a valiant defender of our cause.

Yours in hope,

J. W. ALFORD, Clerk.

Flat Creek Association.

Jackson, Tenn., October 1, 1910.

To the Free Will Baptist Conference when in session at Florence, Ala., we send this our friendly letter to let you know of love

and zeal for the kingdom of our blessed Master: Our condition is as follows: We now have 16 ministers, not all of these are active but those whose health will permit are doing some good work. We have 16 churches scattered over 7 counties, some of these churches are very active, others are not doing much. We have now over 400 members of these churches and need more.

Since the last General Conference we have added about 100 members and only three or four have died.

We are praying for a successful meeting and are sending this by the hands of our beloved Brethren L. E. Burkhead, W. A. Poole, and wife, who will represent us. Brethren, pray that the enthusiasm which was generated this last year may continue to grow until every member of our little band may feel deeply his responsibility to God in the salvation of poor lost men.

This done by order of the Flat Creek Association when in session at New Prospect church, Chester county, Tenn.

E. A. VANDIVER, Moderator, Enville, Tenn.

W. A. POOLE, Sec. and Treas., Jackson, Tenn.

J. P. GRAY, Assistant Moderator, Adamsville, Tenn.

State Line Association.

To the Triennial Conference of the United Free Will Baptist, at Florence, Ala., greeting:

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association is at peace and in Christian fellowship, one with another, and desire membership with you in the Triennial Conference and send you Christian greeting by our beloved Moderator, Rev. Jefferson D. Stephens, and pray you to receive him as our delegate and representative. Rev. R. L. Hunter, alternate. Number of members in our association, 1315.

- We have the following ordained ministers in our association:
- Jefferson D. Stephens, Marianna, Fla.
 - C. G. Ray, Cottonwood, Ala.
 - J. M. Leger, Graceville, Fla.
 - J. I. Hatcher, Bascom, Fla.
 - W. F. Haskins, Woodville, Fla.
 - D. L. Chandler, Ashford, Ala.
 - G. W. Cherry, Dothran, Ala.
 - W. S. Cook, Pansey, Ala.
 - J. A. Givins, Webb, Ala.
 - A. L. Granger, Crosby, Ala.
 - R. L. Hunter, Columbia, Ala.
 - J. C. Ingram, Ashford, Ala.

W. J. Mims,	Ashford, Ala.
J. M. Murdock,	Ashford, Ala.
J. D. Pearce,	Cottonwood, Ala.
J. D. Sawell,	Black, Ala.
F. M. Swails,	Hartford, Ala.
C. M. Whittle,	Ozark, Ala.

We pray the blessings of God upon you and the cause you represent. Done by the State Line Free Will Baptist Association, while in session at Free Will Rest church in Jackson county, Florida. This October 8, A. D. 1909.

ELDER JEFFERSON D. STEPHENS, Moderator.

BRO. J. W. D. STEPHENS, Clerk.

Liberty Association No. 1.

To the Ministers and Delegates, composing the Thirty-fourth Triennial Session of the Free Will Baptist General Conference greeting:

Dear Brethren in Christ: We are glad to meet with you in the providence of God and we send to bear this message to you our beloved brother and clerk, R. M. Chambless, whom we deem worthy of a seat in your honorable body to assist you in your deliberations. Our association has recently been divided by mutual consent, leaving us a membership of 9 churches with a total of 496 members, according to last statistical report, with 2 or 3 new churches added this year and our churches are all in a prosperous condition, growing in members. No of ministers 8.

J. J. THOMLEY, Assistant Moderator.

R. M. CHAMBLESS, Clerk.

Liberty Association, No. 2.

The United Free Will Baptist church of Christ:

We send as delegate to represent us in the General Conference of the United Free Will Baptists to be held at Florence, Ala., our beloved Brother R. M. Chambless, and ask you to seat him as such. Your brother in Christ.

G. E. PETERS, Moderator.

R. T. SHIPP, Clerk.

1. Good Hope membership,	25
2. Macedonia membership,	31
3. Shady Grove membership,	51
4. Pleasant Hill membership,	19
5. Union Grove membership,	39

6. Midway membership,	45
7. Range membership,	37
8. Mt. Willing membership,	44
9. Pilgrims Rest membership,	52
10. Friendship membership,	77
11. Good Way membership,	13
12. Cold Water membership,	27

460

Number of ministers, 14.

Georgia Union Association.

September 22, 1910.

From Georgia Union Association to the members of General Conference, to convene in Florence, Ala., October 5, 1910, greeting:

Dear Brethren in Christ: We are few in number, having only 10 churches with a total membership of about 500, but we feel strong in spirit. We are at peace one with another. The Lord has blessed us this year wonderfully. We have only 12 ordained ministers but they are in good spirit and doing good work.

We ask an interest in the prayers of all the brethren that we may continue in the spirit and grow in grace. Done by order of the Union meeting, July 30, 1910.

B. F. HORNE, Moderator, Plainfield, Ga.

W. T. RUSTIN, Clerk, Vienna, Ga., Rt. 4.

We send \$2.50 for expenses and minutes.

Tennessee River Association.

September 17, 1910

The Tennessee River Association sends greeting to the General Conference when assembled at Florence, Ala., October 5, 1910:

We send as delegate, Elder G. W. Mitchell, alternate, Elder S. M. Perry. Our statistics are as follows: Total membership in 1907 was 490 and in 1910 650. Minute funds \$6.50. Ordained ministers, in good standing 23. Valuation of church property not reported. This done by order of the association.

REV. M. A. SMITH, Moderator.

REV. G. W. MITCHELL, Ass't.

W. L. SMITH, Clerk.

Southern Oklahoma Association.

Rufe, Okla., October 20, 1910.

The Southern Oklahoma Association (Denominated Free Will

Baptist) to the General Conference, when assembled at Florence, Ala

Brethren: We send a letter greeting and ask to be admitted as a member of your body. We are a small association, only 9 churches, 9 ministers and 166 members. We send \$1.66 for minute funds. Our association meets on Friday night before the third Sunday in September of each year. We are in good working order and ask an interest in your prayers and pray God's blessings on all of you when you meet and that God may be your great moderator and His love in your hearts and all that you do be for His glory. Done by order of the association, on the 19th day of September, 1910.

ELDER T. D. LAWLESS, Moderator.

J. W. WALL, Clerk.

Scioto, Ohio, Yearly Meeting.

August 15, 1910.

The Scioto Yearly Meeting sends Christian salutation to the General Conference, when assembled at Florence, Ala., Oct., 5, 1910: A majority of our churches have been blessed with revivals, mainly under the labor of Elder Alva Cush. The Portsmouth Quarterly Meeting suggested the writer as delegate to sit with you in conference.

LILLIAN M. MUNN, Clerk, pro tem.

North Florida Association.

Wilmarth, Fla., October 1, 1910.

To the General Conference at Florence, Ala:

Dear Brethren: We send greeting by our beloved Brother, L. M. Skelton. Our statistics are as follows: Mount Willing 63, Cypress Lake 83, Hites Chapel 10, Pine Level 6, Bethel 18, Alapaha, Ga. 25 Ministers, Elder S. M. Skelton, Willworth; Elder L. L. Harden, Register; Elder M. H. Touchton, Willworth, Elder A. C. Nelson, Willworth; Elder G. J. Lawrence, Willworth.

L. M. SKELTON, Clerk.

West Virginia Yearly Meeting.

To the General Conference at Florence, Ala., October 5-10, 1910:

The West Virginia Yearly Meeting in session at St. Albans, W. Va., August 4, Sunday, Friday and Saturday before, appointed Elder V. B. Greene, delegate to said Conference. We trust you will receive him as such and give him a seat in your business councils. May God bless his effort and that of the conference in general.

S. N. CARRIER, Clerk.

Midway Georgia Association.

Report of the Midway Association:

Churches 18, ordained ministers 8, licentiates 3, Sabbath schools state missions, \$180.00 cmfwyp shdrj uetaoi nshrdl uMnagany 12, A. C. F. Societies 2. Money paid for education \$228.01, for state missions \$180.00, home mission societies 6, value of church property \$8,500.00. Sent to General Conference for incidental expenses \$10.00.

JAMES G. HARRIS, Delegate.

Ohio River Yearly Meeting.

Zaleski, Ohio, August 20, 1910.

The Ohio River Yearly Meeting sends Christian salutation to the Free Will Baptist General Conference, when assembled at Florence, Ala., October 5-15, 1910:

Praying the Great Head of the church to preside over all your deliberation and enable you to transact all your business to His honor and glory. Two ministers have been ordained, one received from the Methodist, one from the Free Methodist and three licensed within the past three years. One new meeting house has been dedicated, another about complete and one purchased from the Disciples. Most of the churches have been blessed with revivals, but we have not the data to give the number of conversions. One of our ministers, Elder George W. Moore, was appointed by the National Home Mission Board to labor in the State of Washington and is now at work in that distant region. We appointed, with power of substitution, Elders, W. L. Hooper, Silas Moore, T. E. Peden and E. L. Hutchinson, delegates to represent us in the General Conference.

THOMAS E. PEDEN, Clerk.

REMARKS BY THE CLERK.

Florence is a beautiful and thriving city on the Tennessee River, twelve miles below the famous Mussel Shoals and is next to the oldest town in Alabama. It was the scene of many stirring events in the Civil War and many of the delegates had seen active service there and in the vicinity, some on the Union and others on the Confederate side in that great controversy. Their joyous testimonies, fervent prayers and unanimity in the transaction of business proved that the time of strife was really over and they were now one in Christ Jesus, in loyalty to the Union, to the old flag and the Free Will Baptist denomination. It was further remarkable, as the first session of our General Conference in the

State. The accession of 6 new associations was very encouraging, showing the rapid advancement of our denomination, in every direction. Receiving the Salem, Florida, Association, extended our borders to the Gulf of Mexico, so we are bounded north by the Arctic Ocean, east by the Atlantic, south by Mexico, Country and Gult, and west by the Pacific Ocean. There are extensive regions in our vast territory, in which we have no churches and we are under obligation to God and man to plant them in these vacant territories, so that all the people will have the opportunity of hearing and embracing the Gospel as we understand it. Another source of great satisfaction was the report of the National Evangelist and other Home Missionaries. The report of the Foreign Missionary gave great satisfaction and hope of speedy occupation of an extensive region, rich in agricultural and mineral resources and inhabited by millions of idolaters for us to bring by persuasion to Christ.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Yearly Meetings, Conferences, or Associations.	Clerks and Their Addresses.	Q. Ms. or Union	Ministers	Members	Sabbath School Scholars
Alabama			30	3000	2000
Arkansas			200	10000	3000
Bengal and Orissa	Eld. G. H. Hanlon, Balasoie, India	2	40	1478	4367
Central N. C. Conference	Eld. J. M. Barfield, Ayden, N. C.	2	30	5500	2000
Canadian					
Cape Fear	Eld. J. F. Jackson, Timothy, N. C.	4	33	3500	1500
Central Ohio	J. W. Wynne, Green Camp, Ohio	5	14	1884	2000
Central New York	Eld. L. H. Sprague, South Edminston, N.Y.	6	25	2443	2000
Central Illinois	Eld. G. A. Gordon, Campbell Hill, Ill.	5	88	4944	2500
Cumberland Association	Eld. W. M. Brunmitt, Nashville, Tenn.		29	850	1000
Central Nebraska	May E. Colkins, Greenly Centre, Nebraska	3	15	155	600
Eastern Conference	Eld. J. W. Afford, Morehead City, N. C.				
Florida			20	1000	500
Chattahoochee	Eld. J. M. Posey, Butler, Ga.		50	2500	2000
Golden Gate	S. P. Meads, Oakland, Cal.	1	4	87	250
Indiana	C. D. Eddy, Brookston,	5	18	1834	1900
Iowa	C. H. True, Edgewood	5	20	1065	1000
Oklahoma			10	400	350
Louisiana		2	49	947	1300
Massachusetts	W. W. Harris, Chelsea	1	21	2585	3000
Maine	F. S. Hartly, Waterville	17	132	11541	12000
Michigan	W. P. VanWormer, Hillsdale	15	207	5828	7000
Ohio	Carrie Kreckler	2	8	600	600
Ohio River	Eld. T. E. Peden, Ayden, N. C.	8	70	4700	4000
Ohio and Kentucky	Eliza Chabot, Portsmouth	2	8	600	500
Ohio and Pennsylvania	W. S. Smith, Pierpont	5	16	2167	2200
South Georgia	Nash Blanton, Glenville		29	1200	600
Mt. Moriah	S. B. Norton, Dunbar, S. C.		9	316	200
Big Sandy	Naaman Borders	3	20	650	400
Texas			60	3000	2000
Scioto	Eld. A. Cush, Cove, Ohio	3	20	600	675
Wisconsin	G. C. Alborn, Oakfield	3	43	1009	1000
J. S. Manning	L. C. Williams, Cairo, Ill.	4	50	3697	2000
West Virginia		4	40	3600	600
Minnesota	I. D. Baston, Farmington	4	36	1525	2100
Northern Kansas	N. S. Abbey, Jamestown	3	21	1314	600
Southern Kansas	Emie Lorraine, Howard	2	13	528	500
Nebraska	Delia Wolfe, Tecumseh	4	18	500	700
Northern Nebraska	A. Bruce, Naper	2	5	117	300
Kentucky			49	1206	1400
Baltimore	H. H. Winters, Bolivia, W. Va.	1	9	384	300
Piedmont, W. Va.		2	16	733	600
Piedmont, N. and S. Carolina		1	4	100	75
Georgia			30	2000	1500
Missouri			25	1400	700
Ontario		1	2	194	100
Vermont	B. P. Parker, No. Danville	3	18	1079	4000
Rhode Island	H. J. Piper, Edep Park	1	22	3826	4000
New Hampshire	F. S. Heath, Concord	8	76	6125	7500
Western Conference	Eld. E. T. Phillips, Ayden, N. C.	2	51	3600	1500
Midway	Eld. W. T. Wiley Hilton, Station, Ga.	2	8	800	500
Georgia Union	Eld. W. C. Jones, Cordele, Ga.		8	300	200
State Line	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.		25	990	300
Cahaba River	W. T. Kendrick, McColla, Fla.		9	326	200
Liberty					
Liberty No. 2					
French Broad			20	1000	300
Pee Dee	I. J. Greene, Bug Hill, N. C.		9	600	200
Pleasant Hill	W. C. Walker, Urbana, Mo.	1	3	138	100
Prosperity	I. M. Matthews, Tribune, Mo.		8	306	200
North Dakota	Addie Wogan, Bismark		1	30	30
John Wheeler	J. E. Flick, Kink's Mill, Va.	2	15	700	400
South West Missouri	Florence Carlock, Greenfield, Mo.	2	12	389	300
South East Missouri	J. D. Flaney, Delassus, Mo.	2	8	681	350
West Missouri		2	6	576	300
North West Missouri	E. R. Lake, Bayfield	3	13	707	350
North East Missouri	G. S. Lathier, Mapleton	3	10	419	250
Western Mt. Zion		2	15	358	200
Mississippi	J. W. Robison, Omega, La.	5	28	1821	900
Union Association	T. H. Woolsey, Greenville, Tenn.	3	9	586	500
Flat Creek	W. A. Poole, Jackson, Tenn.		11	315	200
Western Texas	J. M. Easley, Comanche, Texas	1	11	313	156
Holland Purchase	G. B. Southwick, Dale, N. Y.	5	22	3826	2325
Genessee	F. P. Osborne	3	21	1336	1500
Susquehanna	Bertha Stillwell	4	22	1356	500
Pennsylvania	L. B. Lent, Mills	1	13	300	200
Western Pa.					
N. Y. and Pennsylvania	A. Harry Addison, N. Y.	2	16	2585	2000
St. Lawrence	D. S. Smith, Dickenson, Center, N. Y.	4	24	1305	1500
Stone	James Swift	2	9	607	675
South Carolina	R. M. Mellet		37	1893	1800
Horry		1	26	1489	800
Hamburg	Elder J. H. Baker	1	7	144	150
Toe River	W. D. Carter		4	285	200
Denton Creek			10	500	200
Tennessee River			7	289	
Mt. Moriah, Ala.	H. B. Bennett, Coppell, Texas		29	514	
Bear Creek	W. G. Watkins, Florence, Ala.				
Jasper	Woods Springfield		33	680	
Georgia Union			10	500	
West Florida	J. M. Emmanuel, Tallahassee, Fla.		9	400	
East Florida			12	600	
Salem, Florida			10	500	
North Florida			12	1200	
Orange Spring			3	300	
Martin			20	1600	
Liberty, Ga.			7	800	
Little River			5	450	
North Georgia			6	500	
Oconee			4	200	
Middle, Georgia			5	300	
Culman			4	200	
South East Alabama			5	300	
Central Alabama			6	350	
Jack's Creek	J. T. Ballard, Buckner, N. C.		6	1058	500
Q. Ms. and Churches unconnected			33	1509	1291