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The third session of the Georgia State Convention of United Freewill Baptists convened with New Prospect church, Turner county, Ga., on Thursday night before the second Sunday in November, 1919.

Thursday night an interesting sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. Taylor, of the South Georgia Association.

The delegates were assigned to homes. Dismissed until Friday morning.

Friday Morning.

The body was called together by singing. Rev. J. A. Blanton not being present, Bro. H. L. Lumpkin preached the Introductory Sermon from Exodus, 14th chapter, latter clause of the 15th verse. Text, "Go forward."

The body was dismissed until 2 o'clock for dinner.

Friday Afternoon Session.

The body was called together by former Moderator, Rev. Neel H. Parish, by reading a lesson, then called on M. A. Woodard for prayer. Moderator then called the convention to order.

The former Clerk was present, though being unable to write, and was moved and carried that Jas. Cheshire act as Clerk pro tem.

The Moderator then called for the ministers and delegates composing each Association and churches, calling in alphabetical order:

Chattahoochee Association: Ministers—Revs. J. J. Jones, S. N. Nittle, D. E. Green, W. D. Gill, W. H. Emerson, H. L. Lumpkin, R. L. Burnett, Bros. T. V. Simmons, G. C. King, J. F. Kelley, Sisters G. A. Fuller and Sarah Formsby.

Georgia Union Association: Revs. J. R. Smith, W. H. Holmes, B. W. Peacock, Neel H. Parish, Bros. J. R. Lacey, G. W. Rhodes, Robert Davidson, A. G. Cook.

Little River Association—Rev. J. B. Harris, Bros. George Coon, T. B. Perry and J. L. McColy.

Midway Association—Revs. S. Eley, W. T. Wiley, M. A. Woodard, Bros. T. G. Harvey, T. J. Fort, R. A. Hudson, James Cheshire.

Ogeechee Association—Bros. L. Alford, H. A. Drake.

South Georgia Association—Rev. W. J. Taylor.

Martin Association—Rev. L. S. Yates.

Next called for new churches. Bro. J. A. Fowler, from New Bethel, was received.

A verbal report was made from each Association, and the reports were received.

The Moderator announced the Convention was ready to elect officers for the ensuing year. Moved and carried that they be elected by acclamation. Elected Elder H. L. Lumpkin Moderator, James Cheshire Clerk, T. G. Harvey, Treasurer, R. A. Hudson Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. H. L. Lumpkin was called to the chair by former Moderator Neel H. Parish.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Appointed following committees:

Devotional—G. C. King, J. R. Lacey, J. L. McCarter, W. H. Holmes.

Suggestions—D. E. Green, M. A. Woodard, L. Alford, Neel H. Parish, R. A. Hudson.

Missions—W. H. Emerson, Robert Davidson, H. A. Drake, George Coon, L. S. Yates.

Sunday Schools—T. G. Harvey, Sister G. A. Fuller, J. R. Smith, W. T. Wiley, B. W. Peacock.

Motion adopted to adjourn until Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. Sang song. Prayer by Moderator. Dismissed by M. A. Woodard. Homes were assigned to those who had none.

Friday Night.

The stand was filled at 8 o'clock by Rev. J. B. Harris, who preached a very interesting sermon. Strong appeals were made for the growth of the State Convention and the Freewill Baptists in Georgia followed by J. R. Smith.

Saturday Morning Session.

Met as per adjournment. Convention called to order by the Moderator. Sang No. 162 in Vanno Revival. Read for morning lesson 33rd Psalm. Prayer by Moderator.

Invitation was given to visiting brethren to seats in the body.

Moderator called for reports from committees.

Committee on Preaching made their report: We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report. Rev. M. A. Woodard to preach at 11 o'clock today and W. H. Emerson to close; L. S. Yates at 7:30 o'clock tonight and J. J. Jones to close; W. T. Wiley Sunday at 11 a. m., D. E. Green to close; Sister G. A. Fuller at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon and at 7:30 p. m. G. C. KING, Chairman.

Motion to receive report and relieve committee.

Report of Committee on Suggestions.

We, your committee, make the following report: We are aware that our people throughout the State are desirous to know what is hoped to be accomplished through the Convention.

First Section. Be it resolved by this body, that the purpose of the Convention shall be to more closely unite our various Associations and ministers with the hope of eventually creating an Orphan's Home and fund for superannuation of our aged and indigent ministers and widows, also the procuring of funds with which to carry on general State Mission work.

Second Section. We recommend that this body appoint a committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws for this Convention to be governed by, and said Constitution to be ratified at the next Convention.

Section Three. We also recommend that this body elect a State Mission Board.

Section Four. We recommend that we adopt the Freewill Baptist paper as our official State organ.

Section Five. We further recommend that this body elect a state agent or editor and each pastor assist agent in putting a paper in every Freewill Baptist home.

Section Six. We also recommend that this body appoint a State Editor from each Association to edit the news of our denomination in Georgia.

Submitted by committee.

D. E. GREEN, Chairman,
N. H. PARISH,
R. A. HUDSON,
M. A. WOODARD,
L. ALFORD.

Motion to receive report and relieve committee.

Motion that report be read by sections for discussion carried. Read and thoroughly explained and then adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on State Missions.

We recommend that we put an evangelist out for the interest of new work in the State of Georgia, because we see the great need for the extension of our doctrine in the State and we recommend that said evangelist receive support from this Convention. We insist that each church of the different Associations rally to the support of this evangelist at once. Prayerfully submitted,

W. H. EMERSON, Chairman,
ROBERT DAVIDSON,
H. A. DRAKE,
GEORGE COON,
L. S. YATES, Committee.

Motion to receive report and relieve committee. After report was discussed, moved and carried for adoption.

Report on Sunday Schools.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to make the following report: We believe that the Sunday School is the greatest auxiliary of the church, greater than any other agency, and we recommend that our people be

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zealous in the Sunday school work, and also urge use of our literature published at Aydon, N. C.

T. G. HARVEY, Chairman,
SISTER G. A. FULLER,
J. R. SMITH,
W. T. WILEY,
B. W. PEACOCK.

Motion that the pastors of the various churches take up collections for missions quarterly and send to Treasurer.

Motion to adjourn for preaching.

The body was dismissed for ten minutes, after which the body was called together by singing and prayer by Rev. D. E. Green. Rev. M. A. Woodard preached at this hour from Judges, 5th chapter and 32nd verse. He preached an instructive sermon. Bro. W. H. Emerson closed by giving a short talk. Dismissed for dinner by Bro. W. H. Holmes.

Saturday Afternoon Session.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. After prayer he proceeded to appoint committee on drafting Constitution and By-Laws, as follows—A. J. Parker, D. W. Zorn, J. D. Little, L. Alford, O. L. McLendon, J. E. Drake, J. Houston.

State Mission Board—R. A. Hudson, D. E. Green, T. McGlamory, L. S. Yates, H. A. Drake, W. M. Wilson.

Motion that Rev. Neel H. Parish be elected evangelist for the State.

Motion that the State Board have jurisdiction over State Evangelist.

Motion that the chairman and other members of the Board sign all drafts.

Motion to excuse Bro. R. L. Burnett.

Motion to hear from Sister G. A. Fuller in regard to church at LaGrange.

Motion that the next Convention convene with Deep Creek church. Delegates will be met on Thursday before

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