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The Introductory was preached by Rev. J. R. Blanton at 11 A. M., text, Matthew 5th chapter, 14th, "ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."

Adjourned for dinner until 1:15 o'clock p.m.

### FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

Met per adjournment. The Moderator being absent, the convention was called to order by the Clerk.

Motion carried that J. A. Blanton be elected Moderator pro tem. The Moderator resumed his seat. Sang hymn. Prayer for Rev. A. R. Flowers.

First. Moderator called for correspondence from Associations and Churches:

Midway Association: Rev. M. A. Woodward, R. A. Hudson, and Rev. S. Ely.

South Georgia Association: Rev. J. A. Blanton.

Georgia Union Association: Rev. Neel H. Parish.

Ogeechee Association: L. Alford, H. A. Drake, M. L. Towell, W. H. Turner.

Martin Association: R. A. Hudson.

Pleasant Hill Church: A. L. Daverson.

Double Branch: Proxy, Neel H. Parish.

The Moderator called on A. R. Flowers, from North Carolina, to tell us how the State Convention in his State was progressing.

The foregoing being all the ministers and delegates present, we proceeded to organize by electing the following officers:

Rev. J. A. Blanton was elected Moderator; Jas. Cheshire Clerk; T. G. Harvey Treasurer; R. A. Hudson Corresponding Secretary.

The Moderator declared the body regularly organized and ready for business. Moderator invited visiting brethren to seats in the body. Rev. A. R. Flowers was seated.

Motion to have committees on Devotion, Finance, Suggestion, Nominations:

Committee on Devotion: H. A. Drake, L. Alford, R. A. Hudson.

Finance Committee: Neel H. Parish, S. Ely, A. L. Daverson.

Committee on Suggestions: M. A. Woodward, M. L. Towell, S. Ely, L. Alford, A. R. Flowers.

Committee on Nominations: Neel H. Parish, M. A. Woodward, R. A. Hudson, M. L. Towell, S. Ely.

Motion that Moderator preserve perfect order during this session.

Motion that Bro. R. A. Hudson be elected to represent this body in the General Convention, which will meet in Nashville, Tenn., in May, 1921, and Neel H. Parish alternate, and this convention pay expenses.

Motion to adjourn until Saturday A. M., 9 o'clock.

Committee on Devotional makes this report, as follows:

S. Ely preach tonight, N. H. Parish Saturday A. M., A. L. Daverson Saturday P. M., A. R. Flowers Sunday A. M.

H. A. DRAKE  
L. ALFORD  
R. A. HUDSON  
Committee.

Motion to receive report.

Prayer by M. L. Towell; dismissed by A. R. Flowers.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Met per adjournment. Moderator called convention to order; read lesson. Prayer by R. A. Hudson.

First. Called to roll of delegates. Next called for reports of committees.

Committee on Suggestions made report as follows:

We, your Committee on Suggestions, beg to make the following report:

1st. That we continue the ensuing year an Evangelist in the field, the purpose to visit as many churches as practical in each Association; to preach and explain the intention of our Associations being thoroughly organized in a State convention.

2nd. That we, at the present, continue to subscribe to the Free-Will Baptists at Ayden, N. C.

M. A. WOODARD, Chairman.

Motion to receive report and release committee.

Motion made and carried to adopt report.

Motion that Rev. S. Ely be elected as the Evangelist, and his expenses be paid by convention.

Next heard report of Committee on Nominations; that the next convention meet with Ebenezer Church, in the South Georgia Association, Tatnall County, Ga., on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock before the second Sunday in November, 1921. Rev. S. Ely to preach the Introductory.

N. H. PARISH, Chairman

Motion to receive report and adopt same.

Delegates will meet at Collins on Wednesday morning.

Rev. Neel H. Parish made his report for evangelistic work the past year as follows:

Two weeks at \$35.00.....	\$70.00
Expenses, \$9.00 and \$7.00.....	16.00
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	\$86.00
Collections, \$7.00 and \$41.80.....	48.80
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	\$37.20

As per draft sent to Bro. H. A. Drake, for his signature, with instructions to forward direct to Rev. Neel H. Parish, Ochlocknee, Ga.

Motion to receive report.

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#### Finance Committee's Report.

Georgia Union sent to this session.....	\$25.00
Midway sent to this session.....	50.00
Ogeechee sent to this session.....	9.00
South Georgia, by J. A. Blanton.....	6.00
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Total received at this session.....	\$90.00

NEEL H. PARISH, Chairman.

Motion to receive report.



## Treasurer's Report.

Amount on hand at last convention.....	\$196.70	
Received from L. S. Yeates, Martin Assn.	20.00	
Paid clerk for work and printing minutes		36.50
Paid N. H. Parish.....		37.26
Received at this session.....	90.00	
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Total .....	\$306.70	\$ 73.76
Balance .....		\$232.94
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T. G. HARVEY, Treasurer.

Per R. A. HUDSON, November, 1920.

Motion to receive report.

Motion to elect present Mission Board, which is: R. A. Hudson, D. E. Green, T. McGlamory, L. S. Yeates, H. A. Drake, W. M. Wilson.

Motion to pay clerk \$15.00.

Motion to call off preaching at this hour, as the weather was so unfavorable, and adjourned the conference.

At this time the Moderator made an earnest appeal to the convention for co-operation throughout the State.

Motion to extend our thanks to Deep Creek Church and community for their kindness. Sang hymn; took parting hand. Prayer by Rev. A. R. Flowers.

Dismissed by Rev. S. Ely, to meet with Ebenezer Church, Tatnall County, Ga., on Wednesday A. M., before the second Sunday in November, 1921.

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## Code of Rules for Organizing Each Regular Session of Georgia State Convention of Free-Will Baptists.

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Each session of this Convention shall hereafter convene on Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in November of each year.

We shall organize by first receiving reports from the Ministers and Delegates representing the various churches and Associations of Free-Will Baptists in the State of Georgia. After hearing reports and letters from said churches and Associations, we shall elect the following officers:

A Moderator, a Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer.

The Moderator shall be elected from the list of ministers of the Association in which the body is in convention.

Any church of an orderly Association shall be allowed one delegate.

Each Association shall have the right to inaugurate any system of Missions which may seem to them most proper, for the extension of church work in the bounds of the Associations.

All churches and Associations shall be expected to assist in the cause of State Missions, by sending up to the Treasurer of this Convention, at each regular session such funds as may be collected by them in following the recommendations of the Convention.

The Convention shall enjoy the right to make such disposition of any and all funds sent up to the Treasurer, as they may deem to be of greatest good in the advancement of the Cause of the Free-Will Baptist Denomination in the State of Georgia.

This Convention shall have the right to appoint Evangelists for the State at large. However, each Association shall enjoy the right to appoint such Evangelists when they desire.

## COVENANT

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Convention Covenant of the Georgia State Convention of Free-Will Baptists.

Be it resolved by all Ministers and their representatives composing the Annual Convention of Free-Will Baptists of the State of Georgia, That we Covenant and agree together, and solemnly pledge that we shall each of us, hereafter strive, individually and together, while in session and between sessions to promote a real spirit of progress in our Denomination. That we will encourage, admonish and in every Christian way awake and promote an interest in the cause of Missions in our churches and Associations. We Covenant to give liberally of our own means and to encourage others to follow our example.

We will encourage Ministerial and all other church support as will tend to advance our Denomination more progressively.

