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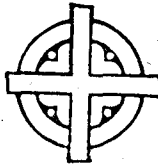
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The 16th annual session of the North Carolina State Auxiliary convention met with Pleasant Grove Church, near Pikeville, N. C., Wednesday, May 20th, 1942.

The devotionals were conducted by Mrs. Deanie Morris. The Theme for the day was "OVERCOMING WITH CHRIST." The meeting opened with the Auxiliary Song, "Jesus calls us," after which prayer was offered by Mrs. M. A. Woodard.

Mrs. Morris, in a very able and impressive manner, spoke on "Overcoming the Handicaps and Hindrances of a full-rounded growth in the Spiritual Life, as it pertains to 'Overcoming with Christ.'" In her remarks, she compared the hindrances in both physical and spiritual growth, and especially emphasized the fact that "sin" was the direct cause of spiritual handicaps, and that the requisites to growth are: Light, warmth, soil and nurture, quoting that Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." She asked the question, "How big a Christian would you like to be"?, and continued by saying that "Christ is the Supreme Pattern, by which the highest and most satisfying purpose of any life should be that of growing into the likeness of the Man of Galilee."

The foundation of her remarks were taken from St. John 16: 23-33.

BUSINESS SESSION

The business session opened with the President, Mrs. C. B. Thompson, presiding, who made a few timely remarks regarding the purpose and the work before us, urging that each delegate take careful note of the transactions of the day, in order that the local Societies may be informed relative to their part in the on-going of the Kingdom work of the Master.

Greetings were extended by the local Church, with response by Mrs. C. F. Bagley.

The President's message to the Convention was heard at this time, which was largely directed to the Officers, giving stress to her desire for strict support and co-operation during the day, and also in greeting and welcoming Ministers, delegates and visitors.

Officers of the National Auxiliary Convention were recognized and an invitation extended to the President, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, to address the Convention. Mrs. Griffin graciously acknowledged the greeting from the State President, and made a short talk on the work of the National Auxiliary.

Rev. L. R. Ennis, Field Secretary to the National Association was called upon for remarks, which he gave, explaining a few outstanding goals of the Association and commending this body for its co-operation in past years.

The following Ministers were registered:

Revs. J. C. Griffin, Jas. A. Evans, J. W. Alford, W. K. Jordan, C. B. Thompson, M. E. Tyson, R. C. Wiggs, R. P. Harris, W. E. Anderson, J. H. Worley, L. R. Ennis, E. C. Morris, M. L. Godwin.

Miss Laura Bell Barnard, our Missionary to India, was recognized at

this time by the President, who assured her of our pleasure in having her with us to-day.

The following Committees were appointed:

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Minett Godwin, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. Chester Pelt, Mrs. Paul Thigpen, Mrs. E. C. Morris.

Finance Committee: Mrs. Herman Nobles, Treasurer and Chairman; Mrs. Luther Kirby, Mrs. H. R. Harrison,, Mrs. O. C. Merritt .

Petitions Committee: Mrs. S. H. Styron, Chairman; Mrs. Jim Edmondson, Mrs. A. F. Rowe.

Resolutions Committee: Mrs. C. W. Burrus, Mrs. Oliver Smith, Mrs. R. B. Malpass.

Rev. J. C. Griffin was requested to lead the congregation in singing at this time, after which the report of the 1st Vice-President was heard. (See Reports.)

At 11:30 o'clock, business was suspended for a devotional period. Congregational singing, "Higher Ground." Prayer was offered by Rev. W. E. Anderson.

A special selection in song, "Take up Thy Cross," by Mrs. Chester Pelt, after which, Mrs. J. H. Oglesby presented the speaker, Miss Laura Belle Barnard, who spoke very feelingly of her pleasure and appreciation for the opportunity of addressing us on this occasion. In her remarks, she dealt largely with India, its customs, habits, its beautiful buildings, its different stages of idol worship and its needs. She pictured very vividly the great need of religious training, saying that there were twenty-seven million children and young people who were not under Christian influence, and that many of them were hungering for spiritual leaders. Miss Barnard emphasized the fact that we need to look beyond the marble walls of splendor, and try to visualize the vast number, estimated to be about seven hundred billion, in India without Christ, and that no church could be an overcoming Church, without vision and sacrifice. We cannot indulge in luxuries and be an overcoming people or church, but with the spirit of God leading, we would surrender our lives and all we possess to the spread of the Gospel of Christ, regardless of whether at home or abroad."

At the close of Miss Barnard's address, Mrs. Oglesby asked for an offering for the Mission Cause. The offering amounted to \$32.68. Mrs. J. C. Moye led in the singing of "Rescue the Perishing, Care for the Dying."

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

We re-assembled at 1:15 o'clock and the devotional service was led by Mrs. Katie Sawyer Jackson. Prayer was offered by Rev. Jas. A. Evans.

The business session opened with the report of the 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. L. H. Wetherington. (See Reports.)

Mrs. Wetherington made a stirring appeal in behalf of Christian Education, followed by Mrs. Katie Jackson, who spoke very impressively in behalf of the support of Christian training for our youth.

The report of the Third Vice-President, Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, was made

and an urgent appeal for a more united effort in the Department of Missions was stressed by Mrs. Oglesby. (See Reports.)

At this time, Mrs. L. E. Ballard presented Miss Reece, an Indian girl, who spoke very feelingly of the needs of her people, how anxious they are to learn more of the Free Will Baptists and the various auxiliaries, and she also gave information concerning their activities and closed her remarks with a plea that we send some one to them who could instruct them and help them to understand our methods and plans of Church government and to lead them into greater fields of service. There was a motion that some one be named to visit the Indian Reservation, Western North Carolina, and other places in the interest of Home Missions, or Promotional work. Motion carried.

At this time the Nominating Committee made report, as follows:

Mrs. Deanie Morris, *President*.

Mrs. Clarence Bowen, *First Vice-President*.

Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, *Second Vice-President*.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, *Third Vice-President*.

Mrs. Maude Harrison, *Fourth Vice-President*.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, *Fifth Vice-President*.

Mrs. T. E. Beaman, *Sixth Vice-President*.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, *Recording Secretary*.

Mrs. Herman Nobles, *Treasurer*.

Mrs. Morris expressed her regrets at not being able to serve in the capacity of President, so Mrs. C. B. Thompson, present incumbent, kindly consented to accept re-election. It was moved and carried that the report be received, with this change, and the above named officers were elected for the ensuing year.

The Fifth Vice-President made her report on the Orphanage work, which was very interesting. Mrs. Moye is planning greater things for the Orphanage and urged the support and co-operation of each auxiliary in behalf of this great cause. (See Reports.)

Mrs. T. E. Beaman made the report for the Sixth Vice-President, who could not be present. (See Reports.)

At this time Mrs. L. E. Ballard resigned from her newly elected office of Third Vice-President, and a motion was made that Mrs. J. H. Oglesby be elected in her place. Motion carried.

It was moved and carried that Mrs. L. E. Ballard be elected as Field or Promotional Worker, that she be instructed to visit the Indian Reservation, and other points where she is needed, that she work in co-operation with Mrs. Oglesby in the interest of Home Missions, and that \$10.00 per week be paid her when she is at work.

It was moved and carried that this salary be taken from the Home Mission funds.

The Secretary read a letter of appreciation from Mrs. J. E. Frazier, First Vice-President of the National Auxiliary Convention, in reply to a telegram sent by the Executive Committee of this Convention some time ago, while she was critically ill.

At this time business was suspended for a Program by the Orphanage

class. After some remarks and information relative to the progress and plans of the Orphanage by the Superintendent, Rev. J. A. Evans, a splendid program was rendered by a class of boys and girls from the Orphanage, which was thoroughly appreciated and much enjoyed by all. An offering was taken, amounting to \$16.94.

A discussion on the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, its purpose, the nature of the loans and to whom made and the need of a better understanding of the uses made of the fund, was engaged in, during which time the question arose as to why more of our young graduates from the Orphanage were not taking advantage of this opportunity to help them enter a larger field of educational advantages. The Superintendent, Mr. Evans, explained this, by saying that many of the boys and girls graduating from the Orphanage, hesitated to try to secure the necessary indorsers for a loan from this fund, as some have been told, when they had applied for such security, that "they would rather advance the money themselves, than to have to go through so much red tape in order for them to get the loan," so with this information, and with able talks made by Mrs. Katie Jackson and others, a motion was made that any worthy boy or girl, graduating from the Orphanage and desiring to continue their education in some College, with a recommendation from the Superintendent, or Orphanage Board, be allowed to borrow from the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, on their Personal note, with no co-signers. Motion carried. It was also moved and carried that should any boy or girl fail to replace the funds borrowed, that the State Auxiliary Convention, through its various branches shall reimburse the Anna Phillips Loan Fund Treasury.

The Field Secretary made a splendid report of her work during the year, and the President expressed to Mrs. Ballard, her personal appreciation for her good work, saying she felt that all of us felt justly proud of her efforts.

The Recording Secretary made report of the number of letters, cards and report blanks sent out, together with expense of same. Moved and carried that report be received.

The Treasurer made her report at this time and motion was made that it be adopted. Motion carried. (See Reports.)

The Petition Committee reported that no invitation had been extended for the 1943 Session of the State Auxiliary Convention. Mrs. M. E. Godwin invited us to meet with Shady Grove Church in our next session. It was moved and carried that we accept the invitation with thanks. The Resolution Committee made report, and the Resolutions were adopted one by one, by motion and unanimous vote.

The Registration Committee reported that 17 Ministers, 102 delegates and visitors were enrolled during the day.

Nine officers of the State Auxiliary Convention were present.

REPORTS

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

With only two Districts reporting, I have been unable to make complete

report, however in these two there are 947 members enrolled. There has been 38 Temperance Programs given, Number of pieces of religious Literature distributed, 9,340; Number of subscribers to the Free Will Baptist Paper, 737, to the Free Will Baptist Gem, 17. Twenty-three Gospel's of St. John have been sent to boys in the service.

Respectfully,

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, *1st Vice-President.*

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Amount of funds raised and reported to me for the National Education Program, \$108.46. Amount of loans from the Anna Phillips Loan Fund for students, \$16.00. Donations to Pastor's for expense at Pastor's Institute, \$38.00. Total amount sent to the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, \$144.60. Number of Vacation Bible Schools conducted, 3. Number of Young People's organizations and activities directed, 11. Number of daily Bible readers reporting, 207. Number of special studies of Manual conducted, 36.

Respectfully,

Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, *2nd Vice-President.*

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

Only one full report was received from the various Auxiliary District, namely, the Western, which I submit herewith;

Number of Auxiliaries reporting to Mrs. Deanie Morris, Third Vice-President for the Western District, 13. Mission programs conducted, 35. Number of Mission services conducted, 18. Number of Auxiliaries observing the Week of Prayer, 13. Number Auxiliaries observing the 9:00 o'clock Prayer Hour, as sponsored by our National Auxiliary Convention, 1. Total amount reported from these 13 Auxiliaries for Home Missions, \$277.22. Amount for Foreign Missions, \$107.85. Total amount for Missions reported \$385.07. Eight of the thirteen societies reported having Study Courses in Missions.

Mrs. Deanie Morris, *3rd Vice-President
of the Western Auxiliary.*

My general report of cash received from various Auxiliary Districts: Amount received and reported for Home Missions, \$360.21. Amount received and reported for Foreign Missions, \$183.48. Amount received and reported for Jehoida Chests, \$15.00. Amount received and reported for Missionary to Cuba, Rev. Thos. Willey, \$55.76. Amount received and reported for Missionary to India, Miss Laura Belle Barnard, \$103.79.

Total cash received and (or) reported for Missions, \$718.224. Special Projects sponsored: Horse, Radio, Bicycle and Wardrobe for the Missionaries.

Respectfully,

Mrs. J. H. Oglesby,

3rd Vice-President for State.

FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT

Number of District reporting in full, 1. Number of Stewardship talks

made, 23. Stewardship Programs given, 11. Stewardship class taught, 25. Number of titheers reporting, 40; Average attendance at classes, 148. Names of Books reported as having been studied, "Stewardship in the Life of Women," "Parables of Jesus," and "He that Giveth."

Mrs. Henry Melvin, *4th Vice-President.*

REPORT OF FIFTH VICE-PRESIDENT

From reports received, we have 52 children at the Orphanage being clothed by Ladies Aid Societies and District Conventions. The Superintendent, Rev. Jas. A. Evans, reports however, that all of the children are being clothed by various Auxiliaries, and inquiries are coming in for others to be adopted. (This was good news.)

From September 1st, 1941, to April 1st, 1942, there was \$1,157.17 sent in from these Auxiliaries for clothing for these adopted children. We received \$33.50 on the mattress fund. (Baggette)? We have received from April 1st, 1941, to April 1st, 1942, from Coupons, \$208.28.

I have received letters from three Auxiliaries, asking for information regarding the needs of a room, each, that they wish to refurnish. I have received responses from four or five Auxiliaries regarding doing some canning for the Orphanage the coming season.

Respectfully,

Mrs. J. C. Moye, *5th Vice-President.*

REPORT OF SIXTH VICE-PRESIDENT

I am submitting an incomplete report, as all of the Districts have failed to report to me their activities for the aged Ministers. Amount on hand for Ministerial Relief at the last Convention, \$142.66. Received during the year 1941-1942, \$49.50. Total \$192.16. Paid out to retired Ministers, \$114.00. Balance on hand, \$78.16.

Mrs. M. L. Johnson, *6th Vice-President.*

REPORT OF FIELD SECRETARY

I have visited 17 churches and Six District Conventions, have delivered 25 messages, taught the Manual of Method twice, traveled 6,300 miles and received \$66.22. There has been five new Auxiliaries organized within the districts of North Carolina. Expense account, \$25.00.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, *Field Secretary.*

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

After due deliberation, and prayer, we herewith submit the following to serve as officers of our State Auxiliary Convention for the ensuing year.

For President—Mrs. Deanye Morris.

1st Vice-President—Mrs. Rose Bowen.

2nd Vice-President—Mrs. L. H. Wetherington.

3rd Vice-President—Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

4th Vice-President—Mrs. W. H. Harrison.

5th Vice-President—Mrs. J. C. Moye.

6th Vice-President—Mrs. Thomas E. Beaman.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Alice E. Lupton.

Treasurer—Mrs. Herman Nobles.

Committee,

Mrs. M. E. Godwin,

Mrs. Chester Pelt,

Mrs. Paul Thigpen.

Note—Some changes were made in these recommendations, as will be seen in the Minutes.—Sec.

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 22nd, 1941, Balance in General Treasury, \$270.50.

Total receipts for the year, \$258.70.

In treasury May 22, 1941, for Superannuation, \$142.66, C. Education, \$25.55, Missions, \$60.92; Total, \$499.63.

Orphanage, \$52.20; Superannuation, \$49.50; C. Education, \$327.38; Missions, \$146.54. Total, \$1,104.32.

May 20th, 1942, Total in General funds, \$529.20.

Orphanage fund, \$52.20. Superannuation, \$192.16. C. Education, \$352.93. Missions, \$477.46. Total, \$1,603.95.

DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR

From General funds, \$242.07. Orphanage, \$52.20. Superannuation, \$114.00. C. Education, \$307.98. Missions, \$411.80. Total disbursed, \$1,128.05. Balance in Treasury May 20th, 1942—General, \$287.13. Orphanage, none. Stewardship, none. Literature, none. Superannuation, \$78.16. C. Education, \$44.95. Missions, \$65.66. Total, \$475.90.

ANNA PHILLIPS LOAN FUND

May 22, 1941—Balance in Treasury -----\$290.74

Receipts for year -----258.60

Total -----\$549.34

Disbursements -----77.50

Balance in this Fund May 20th, 1942 -----\$471.84

JEHOIDA CHESTS AND PENNY JARS

Receipts June 8th, 1941, to May 20, 1942, Jehoida Chests ----\$84.38

Penny Jars -----\$172.55

Total received -----\$256.93

Disbursements

From Jehoida Chests, \$84.38. From Penny Jars, \$172.55. Balance on hand—NONE.

Mrs. Herman Nobles, *Treasurer,*
State Auxiliary Convention.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Realizing the need of conservation in the prosecution of the war which is now upon us, Therefore be it resolved:

That the North Carolina State Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary of Free Will Baptists, in session to-day, May 20th, 1942, accept gladly the call of the Food Administrator, Mr. Leon Henderson, of the U. S. A., in the use of sugar conservatively for household necessities only, and that we petition our Government to ration sugar to the "distillers, brewers and manufacturers of all intoxicating beverages, that the allowance thereof shall be limited to medical purposes only for the duration of the war.

2nd. We ask that all members of our Church and its various auxiliaries and societies to utter a word of prayer at 9:00 o'clock each day in behalf of our Auxiliary work, our National interests, our denomination and for victory over our enemies in this great world conflict.

3rd. That this body give a rising vote of thanks and appreciation to Pleasant Grove Church, its Pastor and to the community, for the hospitality shown to us during this session and for the splendid spirit of co-operation throughout the day.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Oliver Smith,
Mrs. R. B. Malpass,
Mrs. C. W. Burrus,
Committee.

At this time a rising vote of thanks and appreciation was tendered Pleasant Grove Church, its Pastor and to the community, for their co-operative spirit throughout this session of the State Auxiliary convention, and for their splendid entertainment and hospitality.

It was moved and carried that these minutes stand approved as read. A motion was made that we adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with praise and prayer.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson, *President.*
Alice E. Lupton, *Recording Secretary.*

May 20th, 1942. 2 2

