

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE
NEBRASKA YEARLY MEETING OF
FREE BAPTISTS.

Cotesfield Aug. 15-19, 1906 - Loup Valley Church,

Ministers and Laymans Institute.

Wednesday 8.12.06
Institute Sermon
 Opened by song followed by reading of Isa. 53 and prayer by Rev. B. H. Hudson of Hastings, (visiting Baptist.) Brother H. E. Wolcott preached Institute sermon, text Isa. 13+12, in which he brought before us how very precious man is in the sight of God; that sins of all kinds places a price upon fellow men stealing away the affections; we are only worth to the world in proportion as the Christ love flows out to those in need; and we ought to praise and work for the one ^{Christ} who makes our lives precious.

Thursday 9.12.06
Bible Study
 Thursday morning session opened by song and prayer by a Rev. Russel (Baptist) of Ord. This was followed by the first Bible Study by Rev. J. H. Wolfe of Adams, "Our Relation to God and His Work" is from Servant to Sons of God.

Moderator
 Business session called to order by Clerk. Mr. Wolfe elected Moderator.
 Voted program Com. fill all vacancies.

Voted to adopt program as prepared by Com.

Paper
 This was followed by welcome to visiting brethren. The first paper by Sister Wilmetta Marks, "How May I Get the Richer Meaning out of God's Word", was first by faith, personal and rich in experiences; second by prayer; third by belief in God's word and that it is true. Several took part in discussion following.

Sermon
 Sermon by Rev. B. H. Hudson of Hastings from Luke 22:42, Subject - Nevertheless - Christ.

Thursday
2:00 p. m.

Address
J. J. Parker

Paper -

Address
H. E. Wolcott

Thursday even.
8: P. m.
Institute
Sister Wilmetta Marks

Friday
9:00 a. m.
Bible Study

9:30 a. m.
Program Com

Sub. Doctrinal
Sermon

Adjourn

A resignation, ^{victim} determination; transcendent authority which placed a new value upon man.

Afternoon session opened with "Bible Study" second lesson "Characteristics of Prayer," Mr. Wolfe from James 5:13-20 -

Following this an address "The Sunday School as a Moulding Power in Character," by Bro. T. J. Parker brought out the thought that although the Sunday School had but one hour out of one day in seven yet it was a great power for good.

The paper "The Minister in His Parish and Pulpit" was not present but Bro. W. A. Robbins led in discussion of the subject.

Address, "The Minister and His Message" by Bro. H. E. Wolcott - spoke of his humility; that he was in the power of God; that he must preach the Word, because there is power in that word.

The two subjects were discussed together. This was followed by a question Box conducted by Bro. W. A. Robbins.

As usual this session opened with spirited song service - Scripture Lesson John 15; Text John 15:4. Sermon by Sister Wilmetta Marks "Conditions and Means of Spiritual Growth" compared to babe; born again; advance slowly; there must be removals of obstructions and a close fellowship. As the invitation was given one responded for the New Life.

Friday Morning session opened with song followed by Bible Study by Mr. Wolfe on the subject of "Encouragements" The Three three sisters Mal. 3:16 - John 3:16 - Eph. 3:16 -

An excellent closing, ^{for Institute} and opening for Y. M. C.

Taking up business -

Voted E. S. Branch be Program com.

Voted Subject of Doctrinal Sermon be "Relation of the Will to Salvation"

Voted to adjourn the Ministers and Laymans Institute.

Yearly Meeting Proper.

Business session opened,
Voted Mr. Wolfe act as Moderator.

Committees

Committees appointed as follows:-
Credentials - L. S. Root, Mrs. L. W. Wolcott, Bessie Harnly,

Publication:-

L. E. Maxmin, W. F. Davis, Manly Porter.

Missions:-

Jessie Huetson, Sarah Murphy, A. P. Spencer.
State of Denomination:-

T. J. Parker, Wm. Fuller, H. E. Wolcott.

Temperance:-

W. A. Robbins, M. M. Grow, Dora Wolcott.

Ministerial Standing:-

Wm. Fuller, Sarah Murphy, Jessie Huetson.

Auditor:- L. S. Root.

Nomination of Board:-

A. A. Taylor, Sarah Murphy, Bessie Harnly.

Closing Resolutions:-

L. S. Root, W. A. Robbins, K. Slot.

Com. on

Credentials

Report of Committee on Credentials:-

We the undersigned have performed that duty and submit following list of names:-

Hastings L. M.:-

Mrs. L. W. Wolcott, Olive Norton, L. E. Maxmin.

Gasper Co. L. M.:-

~~H. E. Wolcott~~, Manly Porter, Mrs. Dora Wolcott.

Nemaha River L. M.:-

Wm. Fuller, W. A. Robbins, A. A. Taylor,

L. S. Root, Bessie Harnly, K. Slot, Jessie Huetson,
Sarah Murphy, M. M. Grow.

Clear Water L. M.:-

A. P. Spencer, Mrs. A. P. Spencer, S. Dowers,

Com. { Rev. L. S. Root;
Mrs. L. W. Wolcott
Bessie Harnly

Ministers
ex officio
delegates.

Other Ministers present, Mr. J. H. Wolfe, Mrs.
Delia S. Wolfe, Miss Wilmetta Marks, T. J. Parker
and John Morrow.

John Morrow, T. J. Parker, W. F. Davis, as ^{H. E. Wolcott} ex officio delegates,
 Voted G. M. Program be adopted,
 Voted vacancies on program be supplied by original committee.

Paper -
 D. S. Wolfe.
 Sermon
 W. F. Davis

Paper: - Need of Free Baptists as a Factor in the Evangelization of the World, Delia S. Wolfe
 Sermon: - W. F. Davis, Subj. "Consider the Lilly How it grows"

2.00 P.M.
 Bible Study
 J. H. Wolfe

Afternoon session opened with song followed by "Bible Study" by Mr. Wolfe, "Our Needs are Relieved" - Eph. 1: 17-23 - In the knowledge and Wisdom of God.

W. F. Davis

Address - "What is involved in Keeping the Sabbath Day Holy?" W. F. Davis. Followed by discussion.

Question -
 S. S. Root -

Question - "Are Our Means at Hand Adequate?"
 S. S. Root lead in discussion showing we had 700 Free Baptists and 35 churches were enough to evangelize all the West; but we needed money but most of all we needed Christ.
 Several took part in an interesting discussion.

8.00 P.M.
 Platform Meeting

Friday evening was a "Platform Meeting"
 1 - "The Sinner" Mr. Wolfe, The sinners awful condition; - only two ways - up, down - ^{hell} heavenly.
 2 - "The Gospel" - Wilmetta Marks; - Good News, To save; invitation given & one came forward.
 This was followed by a season of prayer.

3 - "The Worker" - H. E. Wolcott, - He is to work for Christ and the time is now.

4 - "The Church," K. S. Lot - The place of preparation

Saturday
 9:00 A.M.

Bible Study
 J. H. Wolfe

Saturday Morning -
 Opened with a song service followed by last "Bible Study" by J. H. Wolfe on "Liberty Acts 12: 1-17 - "Awake! Obey! Move."

Business

D. M. Reports

Business session called to order by Moderator.
 Reading of letters called - only two report by letters.
 Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
 On the whole very encouraging reports.

N. R. I. M.
Letter

The great need in all the churches of all the I. M. is pastors who can or will stay.

N. R. I. M. have added during year 9 by baptism, 2 by letter & 11 reclaimed, 22 in all. Have raised at I. M. \$16.13 for F. M. & \$16.48 for State Work. A new 36 in bell placed in Copp Memorial church. Grand view church added one half acre to church lot and built 144 feet of horse sheds.

Hastings

Hastings added 21 to churches by baptism & dismissed 7, & paid for S. Work \$11.00

Others

Verbal reports from S. County & Clear Water I. M.

Chairman's
Report

No word from Custer County, No minister there. Chairman's report read and adopted; as per meeting.

Another year has rolled into eternity with its precious load of immortal souls, some to joy unspeakable, others to endless suffering.

With the change of work for your Chairman and Field Supt., in which he has to do the work through correspondence, has brought many perplexing problems, making the year's work one of the most trying of the ^{eight} years he has held the office. And yet out of them all we cannot but hope that God will bring good, perhaps not as much as if things had been more favorable.

Synopsis to
Recommendations

Here come a note of pastors churches; a welcome to Bro. H. E. Wolcott on his return to this field; Our new Treasurer Prof. W. A. Robbins; questions printed by Board and sent to Ministers to better aid in ascertaining standing for Certificates; revision and printing of Constitution, also "Facts for State Day"; the writing of History of Free Baptists in Nebraska for Nebraska Historical Society, and a few trips made in absence of pastors in evangelistic work. Completing eight years as Chairman and three as Field Supt. In this time traveled by rail 58,000 mi, on foot & buggy 10,000 mi, letters written 6,500. Receiving salary but 2 yrs, out of the eight. Organized & built one church, assisting on parsonages, baptistries, and raised several thousand dollars for various purposes.

Baptizing and receiving into memberships 117,
 assisting in a goodly number of revivals;

To assist in doing work more easily the two
 yearly Meetings secured typewriter for \$97.50

Expenses - for year - 525 letters \$10.50

railroad fare & printing \$15.00

Total \$25.50

Not charged to Y. Meeting, Chairman agreeing
 to pay all expenses for typewriter, & extra money
 into State Work, for evangelistic work.

Recommendations

Three recommendations:-

- 1- Field Superintendent, - A clean cut policy
 with each church standing with him for success
 and with his Field work let him, as far as
 possible, do Evangelistic work.
- 2- Pastoral Co-operation, - A united effort - in
 each church for its rebuilding at some date
 during the next year (12 mo). Made by the Lord
 plus all the Nebr. ministers leaving their own
 charges during the special effort and rallying
 at one point till victory crowns the effort;
 then be sure a pastor is left on the field. The
 expense of rail-road fare to be borne by the Y. M.
 the services of the pastors to be free to the churches,
 assisted.
- 3- That we employ an Evangelist (salary to be
 settled by the Board) who shall hold revival
 meetings in every church in the State as
 scheduled by the Board - one month in each
 church, Dates to be strictly adhered to with
 out change, July and August - to be va-
 cation months.

John H. Wolfe

Chairman & Field Supt.

3rd Recom -
 \$5000 S. W.

Voted to adopt third recommendation.

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for
 State Work on the apportionment plan &

Sept: S. Day

that it be raised within the first month.
 Voted to observe State Day in September
 and Education Day in June, transposing

the two General Conference days,
Voted to endorse printed list of questions to be
sent to ministers for ministerial standing in G. M.
Report of Treasurer -

Treas. report -

	H. M. -	F. M. -	Ed. -	S. W. -	Total
L. B.	---	\$32.31	---	\$51.96	\$84.27
G. V.	\$2.00	32.28	\$8.55	53.23	96.06
Lincoln	11.84	21.39	3.25	5.14	41.62
Copp M.	---	7.05	---	4.95	12.00
Kennas.	---	3.30	---	---	3.30
L. Dally	---	---	---	2.75	2.75
Geneva	---	---	---	10.00	10.00
Rec'd on pledges					\$86.00
" from Gen. Conference S. Work					125.00
" " print Rs.					1.00
Rec'd from all sources					576.60
Paid for all purposes					318.11
Balance on hand					258.49
Rec'd for S. Work					340.03
Paid " S. Work					196.37
On hand					114.60
Balance on hand for S. Work					258.26
Rec'd for F. M. \$21.89			Rec'd for Ed. \$15.80		
Paid " " " 21.94			Paid " " 15.80		
Over paid .05			On hand for S. W. 258.26		
Rec'd for Home M. \$14.28			" " " H. M. .28		
Paid " " " 14.00			Total 258.54		

Overpaid F. M. .05
Balance in Treas. \$258.49

Audited & found correct by
L. J. Root,
W. A. Robbins Treas.

Auditor

Voted to adopt Treas. report -

Report of Auditor -

Examining
Ordaining
Council

Voted to receive and discharge auditor,

Voted to grant request of W. R. L. M. to
appoint ^{Council} committee to examine and if found
worthy to ordain Bro K. Slot, of Grandviers Church

Com. on
Council

Voted J. H. Wolfe, John Morrow, H. E. Wolcott,
W. F. Davis and Wilmetta Marks be such
committee; also added L. S. Root.

Nom. Com.

Report of committee on nomination of members
of board: - submit the following -

Bro. Wm Fuller to succeed himself for three
years. Bro. W. A. Robbins to fill vacancy for
~~two~~ ^{two} years. A. A. Taylor, Bessie Harnly, Sarah Murphy.

Voted to
Ministerial
Standing
Report.

Report of Com. on Ministerial Standing -

After having examined reports of mini-
sters in Y. M. submit the following -

Resolved that the N. Y. M. grant certificates
to the following - H. E. Wolcott, J. H. Wolfe,
Wilmetta Marks, Delia S. Wolfe, John Morrow,
T. J. Parker, O. S. Harty, E. S. Branch, J. Stone,
E. Hays, L. C. Chase, Rufus Hayden,
T. P. Taylor, L. W. Sisson, W. F. Davis.

Com. Wm Fuller, Sarah Murphy, Jessie Huelson,
Voted to adopt same -

Com. on Miss.

Com. on Mission report -

Whereas in former years we have apparently
done all in our power for our Missions both home
and abroad (foreign) be it resolved: -

That we continue to give our missionaries in
foreign fields our sympathy, our earnest prayers,
and as far as possible our financial aid, -

Resolved, that we still continue our
partial support of Brother H. R. Murphy in
his work in India as heretofore, and

Resolved that we put forth an effort
to raise a larger amount for H. Missions,
and be it further

Resolved that we urge the churches to
keep accounts and report the exact
amounts given to missions during the year.

Com. Jessie Huelson, A. P. Spencer, Sarah Murphy,
Voted to adopt mission com. report.

State of Den.

Report of Com. on State of Denomination.
Submit following -

Condition of work at home & abroad no reason for discouragement - Many associations great revivals - Mich., N. Y. Maine, also India, churches strengthened and encouraged.

Work in Nebr. not so encouraging; lack of pastors; apparent lack of support & cooperation. This need felt & must be remedied. Financial interest good - gifts & bequests in in all lines equal to former years.

Some unsettled condition on account of discussions of union; Not always a Christian spirit shown in belittling us as a denomination. In favor of union when can be done with honor, as a body, with preservation and integrity of usefulness of our institutions.

Schools prospering, but lamentable fact that higher criticism is lowering spiritual life of student bodies, consequent lack of consecration and Church loyalty.

There needs to be enlargement; more cooperation; better moral support; more notice taken of our young people's Societies & Sunday School work. We must not forget the Great Captain of our Salvation & his work, salvation of souls.

Com. L. J. Parker, Wm. Fuller, H. E. Wolcott,
Voted to adopt report -
Publication Com. -

That our denominational liturgies be the best; because we can get ^(in Morning Star) in 20 min. reading all important news, (Condensed). That the Star Quarterly be best & cheapest S. School helps.

Resolved that next year we may get the Star in every home, and use the Star Quarterly in every S. School.

Com. - L. E. Maxon, M. B. Porter, W. F. Davis
Voted to adopt same.

Temperance Committee on Temperance - report -

Whereas the liquor traffic is one of the great evils in our land and that

*Voted that "the Will and its relation to Salvation" be the doctrinal sermon for next year.

Auditor
elect -
Program Com.

Financial
Aid

the brethren at Cotesfield are at the present time engaged in a fight to keep saloon out of their midst; resolved that this Y. M. extend prayers and sympathy and that we will not support the evil in any form: which was adopted.

Voted to elect standing Auditor for coming year.

Voted L. S. Root be the Auditor for coming year.

Voted Wilmetta Marks be Y. M. program com.

Voted that all requests for help financial or otherwise go directly to the board with power to act.

The following resolution was presented and Voted: - Resolved: that we the representatives of the Free Baptists in Nebr, in Y. M. now assembled, would favor the consideration of a plan for union with the Baptists when they have made a public and definite statement regarding their present attitude toward the principles and doctrines for which the F. Baptists have always stood.

(Signed) W. A. Robbins.

Voted to send visiting delegate to Baptist Convention at Friend.

*Voted W. A. Robbins same.

Saturday afternoon session was the Y. M. Covenant meeting lead by Bro. John Morrow - Scripture Lesson from John 14 chapter, Covenant read by Mr. Wolfe. A very precious season of personal experience, love and care, 25 taking part.

Saturday evening Session - Mission Service -

As arranged by program committee, Listened to by a well filled house. At opening of service

Voted that Delia S. Wolfe be program com.

Voted offering to foreign work daily \$1.00

Sunday Morning -

Following Sunday School at the ordination service of Bro. K. Slot took place in the following order.

Reading of II. Tim. 2 - Sister Wilmetta Marks -

Prayer, Brother H. E. Wolcott.

Cov. Meeting
2, 00/2. M.

Mission - Eve
Sat. 8, 00/10. M.

10.00 a.m.
S. School

Sermon J. H. Wolfe Sermon Text - II. Tim. 2:15 - Mr. J. H. Wolfe,
 "A skilled Workman"

The value of being skilled the workman could go any where and find work.

Now to become skilled - possessed of the truth, filled with the message, Led of the Holy Spirit, Overmastered by the Love of God, unswerving faith in a higher Christian standard.

Consecration prayer - Brother John Morrow

Charge to Candidate - Sister Wilmetta Marks,

Hand of Fellowship - Brother H. E. Wolcott,

Communion Service followed conducted by Brothers Morrow and Wolcott,

The offering preceded communion - # 14:15

2:00 P. M.
 2 P. Meeting

Sunday afternoon -

Young Peoples meeting as prepared, so far

Business

as parties were present; State
 Voted W. A. Robbins be continued as Pres.

Voted Miss Jessie Nielson be Secretary, Treas.

Sunday eve
 8:00 P. M.

Voted Bessie Harnly be Program Committee,

Sermon

Sunday evening, closing sermon by Sister Marks on the "Funeral of the Soul"

A note of warning to the unsaved -

The death of the human soul, an awful thing, eternally lost, in darkness forever.

God loves the sinner & has shown that love in the gift of His own Dear Son.

Closing

As the invitation was given five came forward.

Closing resolutions were which our

Church, its Pastor, the United Brethren Church,

who so kindly loaned us the use of their house

of worship, the people of the community,

as a whole, and our Free Baptist Brethren

and sisters in particular were gratefully

remembered for their kindness, courtesy,

sociability, and open hospitality. Voted,

Voted to adjourn sine die, Delia S. Wolfe (Clerk)

No Ministers present - 8
 " Other delegates - 15
 " Visitors - 2

Total 25
 Total offering - 24.90

Adjourn