

Record of the Proceedings
of the
Twenty Seventh Session of the
Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Free Baptists
with the
Kenesaw Church, Kenesaw, Nebr.
(Aug. 18-21-1908.)

Ministers and Laymans Institute

Wednesday 8:00 P.M.
 First session, Wednesday evening opened with song service. In absence of speaker as announced on program, committee supplied by asking W. A. Robbins who spoke from the text, Ps. 119:11, the subject being the "vision that leads to opportunity and success".

Thursday 9:00 A.M.
 Thursday morning session opened with song and prayer followed by the Bible lesson by John H. Wolfe, after which upon the subject; "Source of Christian Power", after which the business session was called to order by Clerk and Mr. Wolfe was elected Moderator and W. A. Robbins, assistant.

Wednesday 2:00 P.M.
 The following subjects were presented and discussed: - "How to read the scriptures and harmonize their ^{difficulties} apparent", "What a Business man may do for the Church", "Duties and Privileges of Laymen", & "How secure more systematic Bible Study?".

Afternoon session opened with song and prayer followed by papers & discussions: -

"How to arouse interest in Prayer meeting,"
 "How to Hold our Pastors," & "The Help in Church Work,"

Thursday 8:00 P.M.
 Evening session opened with song & prayer; Rev. H. R. Murphy assisting. Preceding the sermon, a rising vote of welcome was extended Rev. & Mrs. H. R. Murphy, our returned missionaries from India; also to Bro. Powers of Hillsdale, Mich., after which Bro. B. Haines preached the doctrinal sermon on "The Deity of Christ." It was an excellent discourse.

Doctrinal Sermon

Friday

bringing many Bible proofs, on His title and attributes, showing He is very God, and the Christ who came into the world to save sinful men.
 Voted of thanks to Bro. Haines for sermon.
 Friday morning session opened with Praise service by Bro. F.B. Mann.

Program Com.

Business session called to order by moderator,
 Voted chair appoint Program Com. M. L. I.
 Voted Doctrinal Sermon be the "Divine Authority of the Scripture." Chair named H.R. Murphy
 Program Com. M. L. Institute.

Voted to discuss doctrinal sermon of evening before,
 Voted (Bro. Haines) to extend vote of thanks for doctrinal sermon.

Voted to adjourn Ministers & Laymens Institute.
 Closed with prayer.

Friday
9:15 a.m.

Business

Yearly Meeting Proper.

Called to order by Clerk, Voted J. H. Wolfe be moderator and W. A. Robbins assistant.

Report
Com. on Cred.

Following this was a Praise service lead by W. A. Robbins, After this the com. on Credentials was appointed as follows, Sarah Murphy, John Fink, W. D. Myers
 Com. report as follows -

H. L. M.	G. L. L. M.
S. E. Peck,	Mrs. Curtice
M. Morris,	W. R. L. M.
Blanche Ashton,	W. A. Robbins
E. Ashton,	J. W. Fink
J. E. Baldwin,	Mrs. Wm. Fuller
W. D. Myers,	Miss Nellie Vanlaningham
M. M. Myers,	Mrs. Jessie Robbins
Mr. Whitney,	" Ester Haines
" Jones,	" Sarah Murphy
E. W. Walcott,	" D. S. Wolfe
Lena Mack,	" Emma S. Murphy
L. E. Maxin,	
D. D. Norton,	
Mr. Mann,	

Clear Water L. M. no representatives -
 Other committees named as follows.

Com.

Missions - Home & Foreign -

Emma E. Murphy, Ester Haines, Nellie VanLaningham

Publications -

W. A. Robbins, M. M. Myers, Mrs. W^m Fuller

Temperance -

D. D. Norton, Bro. Jones, Jessie Robbins, John. Pink,

Necrology -

Ester Haines, L. E. Maxine, Bro. Baldwin

Ministerial Standing -

M. M. Myers, Sarah Murphy, Emma E. Murphy

Closing Resolutions -

H. R. Murphy, B. Haines, Wilmetta Marks

Turning to the program, we listened to the presentation of the following subjects: - "The value of the Annual Roll Call & Rally Day," "What does the Freedom of the Will comprehend," "What is the necessity of Church organization," "What constitutes the strength and glory of a Church?"

Afternoon session was a continuation of the program and constituted the following papers: - "Why should I be a Christian?" "Modern Hindrances to a Christian Life," "Where shall Christians draw the line on amusements?" "The benefits of a Federation and Comity Com. in the work of the church," "Our belief and Policy on Salvation by Faith and its requirements," "The Conquest of the World by Christ," Closing with address by "Is it wise to maintain Separate Missionary Societies in the F. Field."

Most of the subjects were well discussed. A part had to be limited on account of so many subjects.

Friday evening session opened with song - Prayer by Bro. F. V. Mann. Sermon by J. H. Wolfe from text - John 11 "Witnessing for Christ"

Saturday Morning opened with Sunrise prayer meeting; about 20 being present.

Business session opened with praise service by Louise Dewey.

Called to order by Moderator. Reading of minutes; read & approved.

Reading of L. M. Letters. Letter from Bro. O. S. Harty read & voted Clerk read letter of greetings, sympathy & good cheer.

Papers

Friday
2:00 P.M.

Friday
8:00 P.M.

Saturday
6:00 A.M.

9:00 A.M.

H. I. M.

No. R. I. M.

Hastings I. M. report- 44 additions during past-year. A revival at Geneva, and good interest in all departments of church work.

Memaka R. I. M. report- churches alive and at-work.

No reports from Cooper Co. I. M. or Clear Water I. M.

Voted to suspend regular order of business & take request of H. I. M. that a council be appointed to examine Bro. F. V. Mann, & if found worthy ordain.

Voted Bro. Mann be granted Junior license for one year, instead which was ^{preparation would permit} as far as his

Committee appointed to name delegate to Gen. Con.

Voted when we elect delegate we ballott.
Report of Field Superintendent, Rev. John H. Wolfe read, as follows.

After my resignation from State Ex-Board a year ago, and at the annual meeting of the members of that Board, there was a feeling that if by some way I might be retained so that the knowledge of the work, workers, and field, both locally and abroad, and the 10 years experience along this line might be utilized if possible without taking all my time or taxing the strength too much.

The Board then placed me in the office of Field Supt. for another year in conjunction with Kansas I. M., without salary except expenses. Not quite as much has been accomplished during the year as had been hoped, yet many little touches have been given to the work, that eternity alone will or can reveal their worth. Considerable correspondence has been done with local workers and churches, and have kept in touch with the denomination at large which has been of no small value to our field. A few short trips have been made and considerable "advise" given.

The unsettled condition of the Denomination at-large upon the union question has

Junior License

Gen. Con. Del.

Field Supt. report

hindered our work here in the west to no little extent. The failure or part-failures on the other hand on the part of our churches to work harmoniously with plans voted last year has crippled the work more than anything else. But notwithstanding all these hindrances, we are glad to note advancement and feel confident that out of it all must come glory to the Kingdom of God. Our churches at Genoa and Kenesaw have both secured pastors, and a strong upward tendency has been the result. An attempt at Bible Study classes has been made, and our Y. M. motto, "O, Lord, Use Me" is to be seen in a few of our churches.

The Lord is still with us, and the field with all its multitudes of unsaved is yet here to be saved, and trained; a good corps of workers are ours to be used, encouraged and prayed for, our leaders are here honestly striving to lead the army to victory; hold up their hands as Aaron & Hur did the hands of Moses. And out of the large heart of our ch'm'n, Bro. Haines, I trust may come to us words of encouragement and strong Recommendations for our guidance this coming year. From my own personal observation and experience I feel that yet in these coming years the Lord has plenty of work for us here in Nebraska and Kansas.

Essentials
Perhaps we need only to look well to a few of the essentials leading to greater success in the work of which the following are a few: - 1st A little more taking hold upon God. 2nd More thought of others and our relation to them in the work. 3rd More willingness to trust our leaders. 4th Less criticism which kills like the black plague. 5th A stronger unity of action for aggressive work. 6th More money for State work. 7th More money and prayer for our India work and workers. 8th Less of looking to self and numbers and more looking to God our Helper. 9th One day at least at our Yearly M. given over wholly to Denominational Departmental work, such as Sunday School, Young people's work, Women's Mission Society, Prayer meetings, Covenant-Meeting, and attendance at the regular services of the church on the Lord's Day. 10th Opportunities per-

our way but once like the securing of Rev. H. S. Dill and a corps of singers for evangelistic work with a tent. Grasp these God sent opportunities for the sake of those lost ones among us.

May the God of Peace sanctify us and present us blameless before His Throne is my prayer at the close of this another years work.

Tecumseh, Mich.
Aug 14th, 1909 }

John H. Wolfe.

Chairman
Report

Reading of Chairmans report and recommendations Voted to accept; & adopt recommendations one by one.

In viewing the field from our present stand-point we have no reason for discouragement but much reason for encouragement. Though we regret that some of our churches are still without pastors, some of these could have been supplied with good men but for unfortunate railroad connections. But we are in hopes of seeing some of these pastored again in the near future. Longbranch has united with the Baptist Church at Johnston employing one of their pastors, Rev. M. R. Holt. The Coff Memorial Church has preaching every two weeks by the pastor of the Baptist Church of Sterling.

Kenesaw after varied experiences has settled down to good work having sold their former parsonage and erected a new one on the church lot.

This was accomplished under the leadership of Rev. H. M. Burns who shortly afterward resigned and was soon followed by Miss Louise Dewey. Grandview is trying to worry along with the pastor they had a year ago, and is probably crying with the martyred hosts of Revelation "How long O. Lord, how long!" The policy of concentration was carried out by the board and a vote was taken to concentrate on Geneva, with the result that the Lord sent them Rev. Wilmetta Marks, who was wonderfully blessed of God, and she was enabled to raise the church from a mere nucleus to a flourishing church of fifty or more members. Truly we have

abundantly reason to praise God for his wonderful visitation of this field.

The recommendations of your former Chairman, Rev. John H. Wolfe have been but partially carried out, but so far as they were have shown the wisdom of adopting them, and manifest to us our great loss in not having conscientiously carried them out to the fullest detail. The Bible Study Class would have been of lasting benefit if it had been organized in all our churches.

If the one dollar a member had been raised by all our churches for State Work our prospects for the coming year would be far greater, but we are glad that at least one church did even better than that.

The printing of the business has been very helpful to me and no doubt to all who are interested in the work of the Yearly Meeting.

The committee elected to confer to confer with a committee from the N. Kansas J. M. met with the same and devised a plan which was adopted by the joint Boards, whereby Rev. John H. Wolfe was secured as Field Superintendent for both J. meetings.

Some offers were made to the Board on the Lincoln property, but it was decided to repair the roof so as to stop the leaks and list it at the former price as the property is not likely to depreciate in value.

Recommendations:-

- 1- That we solemnly consecrate ourselves to God for one more year's service.
- 2- That at the close of the Covenant meeting Sat. afternoon a few minutes be devoted to that service.
- 3- That our warcry be: "The Sword of the Lord of Gideon"
- 4- That we renew our pledge of one year ago to endeavor to organize a Bible Study Class in each church and that the work be studied in the book of Acts.
- 5- That we also renew our pledge of at least one dollar a year resident members for State Work.
- 6- That each church be urged to secure as many "Cent-a-day" pledges for Foreign missions as possible.
- 7- That the office of Field Supt. be continued.

Recommendations

as during the past year.

8- That the policy of concentration be continued and where possible extended to other churches, and to new points where openings may occur.

9- That our Bible Study work be placed under the supervision of the Field Supt. and that he be directed to supply, at expense of State Board, test books wherever a clan may be organized.

B. Hamies - Chairman

Treas.
Report

Voted to adopt report as a whole.

Report of Treasurer read -

Church-	H. M.	S. W.	Ed.	F. M.	Total
Grandview	\$7:06	\$67:46		\$18:05	\$92:57
Long Branch	2:20	8:50		17:19	27:89
Copp Memorial		4:93		1:55	6:48
Kenesaw		2:00		5:00	7:00
Geneva		10:00		2:00	12:00
Long Valley		2:00			2:00
Other Sources		47:00	\$7:15	15:00	69:15
					\$217:09
					On hand Aug. 17 - 1908
					138:15
					Total \$355:24

Paid out -

Foreign	\$8:06	\$69:48	\$7:15	\$65:94	\$150:55
					On hand Aug 18 - 1909
					204:69

Aug-20-1909 -

Auditor's
Report

Auditor reports books of Treas. of Free Baptist Yearly Meeting examined and found correct.
D. D. Norton, Aud -

Voted to adopt Auditor's report -

Voted to adopt Treasurer's report -

Balloted for Delegate to Gen. Con.

Voted to instruct Secretary to cast unanimous ballot for John H. Wolfe who received 19 votes out of 22 -

Balloted for alternate -

Voted Secretary cast unanimous ballot for H. R. Murphy who received 14 out of 22 -

Voted W. A. Robbins be S. M. Program Com.

Report of Committee on ministerial standing present following named ministers in good

Ballot for
delegate to
Gen. Con.

Program
com

The vote taken to stand by Rev. Minister
 on basis of unil. love -
 5 for 16 against.
 Saturday
 afternoon
 Sermon
 M. Powers
 Report -
 Com. on Necrology

standing, & worthy of Certificate -

Rev. L. C. Chase - Smithfield - Rev. W. F. Davis - Kenosaw
 Rev. B. Haines Firth, - Rev. M. R. Holt - Elk Creek
 Rev. H. R. Murphy - Firth, - Rev. E. Hays - Clear Water
 Rev. Thos. Parker - Cotesfield, Rev. K. Slot - Firth
 Rev. E. S. Branch - Lincoln, Rev. W. Marks - Geneva
 Rev. John H. Wolfe, - Tecumseh, Rev. D. S. Wolfe - Tecumseh
 Rev. R. Hayden, - Sac. City, Iowa, Rev. A. S. Hasty - Arapahoe -
 F. V. Mann - Geneva -

Voted to adjourn to call of chair -

Saturday afternoon -

Sermon by Rev. M. Powers - Lesson Number 11 -

Covenant meeting led by Bro. Haines - a real spiritual feast.

Saturday W. M. S. Evening over

Business called to order to hear report of
 Committee on Necrology: -

Since meeting with the Grandview church
 one year ago death has visited our ranks,
 two of our members have passed into their ^{above} missions.
 Deacon Carmine of the Long Branch church and
 Deacon J. J. Murphy of the Grandview church,
 father of our beloved missionary, Rev. H. R. Murphy;
 and husband of our faithful Free Baptist, Mrs.
 Sarah Murphy. While we shall ever regret and
 mourn their loss and shall miss their faces in
 our assemblies, and are deprived of our ^{their} wise
 counsel, we rejoice that they have triumphed over
 the last enemy and wait the last roll-call,
 when they shall receive their great reward.

*all of which is respectfully submitted - Com -

Sunday morning sunrise prayer-meeting -

Sunday School at 10 o'clock -

Scripture read and prayer offered by Rev. M. R. Holt,

Sermon by Rev. H. R. Murphy upon theme -

"Preparation of Christian necessary to meet God."

Communion service followed conducted by
 Sister Marks & Bro. Haines - assisted by Deacons
 Myers & Norton -

Sunday afternoon Young peoples meeting
 well attended - Elected Bro. J. E. Baldwin Pres.
 Berrie Harnley Sec, Treas - Alice Haines Organ
 Com. - E. H. Murphy Supt. Juniors.

Sunday
 Morning
 Sermon
 H. R. Murphy

Sunday
 afternoon

Saturday
Mission
W. M. Society
elect officers

Saturday evening Session address by Rev. H. R. Murphy (Stereopticon failed)

Program
Comm.

W. M. Society met at 4:00 clock and heard reports and elected following officers.
Pres. D. S. Wolfe - Sec. Treas - Mrs. B. Hamis -
Agent for Missionary Helper, E. L. Murphy,
Supt. Cradle Roll

Sunday
Closing
Sermon

* Program Com - D. S. Wolfe -
Sunday evening session opened with the young peoples meeting lead by Bro. Powers - followed by closing sermon - Scripture reading K. Slat, Prayer, J. H. Wolfe. Sermon by Wilmetta Marks upon the subject "Preparation for Judgement."

Closing
Resolutions

One person desired the prayers of Christians.

Closing resolutions:-

Resolved - that we delegates & visitors of Nebraska Yearly Meeting, by standing, vote to express to Kensaw church and friends our most hearty thanks for their kind and thoughtful care for all our temporal needs during our stay among them, and we hereby assure them that we will during the coming year remember them as friends and dear brethren, and will not cease to pray that God make the year one of richest blessing to each individually and the church as a whole. Com -

Weather fine - good attendance - and excellent interest.

No of ministers present 12,
four being ladies.

No. of delegates present - besides ministers 20.

No. of visiting members 3

Whole no. 33,

Mission offering

\$ 11.69

Junior "

\$ 1.25 -
\$ 12.84

D. S. Wolfe

Clerk.