

Record of the Proceedings
of the
Twenty-eighth Session
of the
Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Free Baptists
held with the
General Free Baptist Church, Geneva, Nebr.
Aug. 31st to Oct. 4th 1910

Ministers and Laymans Institute

Opening
 Opened Wednesday evening By Rev B. Haines
 of Grandview church preaching opening sermon
 his subject being the "Open Door through which
 we reach the higher ground or higher standard."

Thursday
 Thursday morning praise service lead by
 Bro. Myers of Geneva which was followed by
 a Bible lesson by Rev. E. S. Branch who gave
 the time to a visiting brother from the Baptists.

The Address "The country church as a factor
 of our Government" was called for and discussed
 in the absence of the speaker.

Afternoon
 This was followed by a sermon by Rev. F.
 P. Striker of Clear Water L. M.

Afternoon session opened by Bible lesson
 by Miss Lura Mack of Kearsaw, after which
 Rev. E. S. Branch conducted study in
 "Dunn, Butler" Theology, the subject of
 "The Conditions of Salvation" in which nearly
 every one present took an interested part.
 This was followed by a talk, instead of the
 paper, on "Ministerial Success" by Rev. M. C.
 Powers, of Kearsaw.

Evening
Friday
 Bro. Powers assisted in opening
 service in evening session, followed
 by sermon by Bro. Branch of Lincoln,
 instead of doctrinal sermon.
 Friday morning session opened with
 praise service conducted by Bro. J. E. Baldwin
 of Geneva followed by business session
 of Ministers & Laymans Institute.

Chairman
Doc. Sermon

Program Com

Voted Rev. B. Haines, Chrm'n of Board be moderator, and Voted in as much as we did not have doctrinal sermon as assigned on program, that we have same subject next year, "The Divine Authority of the Scriptures."

Voted E. S. Branch be program com- for M. & L. & J.

Institute adjourned -

Yearly Meeting Proper

Moderator
Credential Com

Opened by a song after which Rev. B. Haines was elected moderator for Y. M.

Credential Committee named as follows:-
Rev. Wilmetta Marks, Mrs. D. D. Norton,
Mr. Haper Mrs. Mohrnick

A short discussion followed upon the subject "The Adult Bible Class as an Aid to the Church" in absence of paper.

The committee on credentials report as follows

N. R. L. M. - Mr. & Mrs. A. Vandannigkan
Mrs. Sarah Murphy, Rev. H. R. Murphy,
Rev. E. S. Branch, Mrs. D. S. Wolfe,
Clear Water L. M. -

Rev. F. P. Striker & Miss Lizzie Parker
Hartung's L. M. - Mrs. & Mrs. Mohrnick,
Mrs. Heller Grace Mohrnick

Ralph Timmons

Chas. Ashton

Bessie Curick

Mr. Talkington

Mr. Frank Jones

Mr. D. D. Myers

Mr. Curick

Mr. D. D. Norton

Mr. Bobbitt

Mr. F. E. Maxim

Leona Magle

Mrs. D. D. Norton

Mr. M. C. Powers

Mr. M. Londerback

and the ministers having charges -

B. Haines, M. C. Powers & Wilmetta Marks

This was followed by an address on missions by Rev. H. R. Murphy

Afternoon session opened by praise service led by Sister Parker, followed by an excellent paper "The Systematic Study of the Bible" by Anton Anderson; after which we listened to a talk, instead of a paper, on the "Financial Methods for the Modern Church" by Mr. D. D. Norton.

This was followed by ^{written} report of Gen. Con. delegate Rev. John H. Wolfe, read by Mrs. Wolfe. The same was voted to be adopted and placed on file. Also verbal reports by H. R. Murphy, Alternate delegate & L. E. Maxim visiting delegate.

Conference voted to adjourn for committee work after naming the following committees.

Missions Foreign - Rev. H. R. Murphy

Lizzie Parker, Mr. Bobbitt, Mr. Cusick

Publications - Mr. L. E. Maxim, Mr. Bobbitt

Mrs. M. C. Powers, & Sadie Cusick

Temperance - Mr. D. D. Norton, Mr. J. Baldwin

Mr. Ralph Timmons, Rev. F. P. Straker

Necrology - Rev. E. S. Branch, Mr. Cusick

Mr. Chas. Ashton, Mr. W. Lunderback

Ministerial Standing - Mr. A. Vanlaningham

Mr. F. Jones

Mr. Mohrke

Closing Resolutions -

Rev. E. S. Branch Mrs. A. Vanlaningham

Mr. Talkington

Nomination of Board - Mrs. Sarah Murphy

Mrs. M. M. Myers, Mr. A. Anderson

Missions - Home - Rev. M. C. Powers,

Mrs. Heller, Leona Mack, Grace Mohrke

Evening Session opened with Bible Reading by Bro. Branch followed by sermon by Rev. M. C. Powers on "Our environment." We are not to conform to earthly things but to help to transform the things about into ^{the} heavenly.

Saturday morning business opened with song service by Moderator -

Paper

Paper
Report of
Gen. Con. Del.

Committees

Sermon
Saturday

Reading of letters

N. R. L. M.

H. L. M.

Clear Water

Bill allowed for printing

Chrim's Report

Temperance

Reading of minutes called, read and voted to accept -

Reading of letters from Rev. L. C. Chase of Tamarua, ^{Mem. of S. M. Church} and from Rev. J. A. Esterbrook of Barbados West Indies.

Reading of L. M. letters -

~~Mem. of S. M. Church~~ - 3 churches - 106 R. Mem 228 total Membership 75 in S. S. Added by bap. 2 - otherwise 2, died 2, dismissed 2, excluded 1 - One pastor - 3 S. Schools, two C. E. Societies -

Hastings - 142 R. M. - total 181 - S. S. 251
Added by baptism 36 otherwise 37 - ^{Faerview Ch. build} Smithfield S. C. E. S. M.

Kenesaw & Genesee churches each have a Junior & Senior C. E. Society -

Kenesaw church, F. M. \$26.55

Verbal report - from Clear Water L. M. Churches still alive, in need of pastors, Voted Branch, Powers, Norton & Murphy

be visiting delegates to Baptist Association, Voted Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Myers be visiting delegates to South Western Convention of Free Baptists to meet near Tecumseh, Okla., in Nov.

Voted Mrs. Delia S. Wolpe be visiting delegate to Northern Kansas Y. M.

Voted bill be allowed for the printing of Y. M. programs, postage, and to print such items of information needed by pastors & clerks of Y. M. to be sent them by Y. M. Clerk.

Voted Clerk be instructed to write letter of sympathy to Mrs. Harriett Cooley, old member of Kenesaw church.

Reading of Chrim's report - when Bro. Murphy was called to chair while Chrim revised his recommendations -

Committee reports called & read -
Temperance Com report -

"That as Free Baptists in Nebr. we support-
temperance laws, and urge our ministers
and S. S. Supt. to faithfully observe
temperance days & secure pledge signs; to
urge anti-tobacco; and encourage the W. C. T. U."

Voted to ~~accept~~ accept-

Ministerial
Standing

Com-on Ministerial Standing-report and
present following names as worthy of
Certificates =

Rev. E. S. Branch	Rev. L. C. Chase
" T. J. Parker	" John H. Wolfe
" W. C. Powers	" Delia S. Wolfe
" Wilmetta Marks	" W. F. Davis
" E. Hays	" F. P. Striker
" John Morrow	" H. R. Murphy
" B. Davies	

Voted to accept &

Necrology

Com-on Necrology report, in part-say
in the death of Rev. O. S. Harty of Arapahoe
Nebr. & a member of Smithfield church, &
Rev. Rufus Hayden of Sac. City-Iowa, a
member of Grandview church, we have
lost two loyal, faithful ministers."

Voted to accept-

H. Mission

Com-on Home-Mission's report-in part-
say - Along with helping other "home
mission interest" we especially assist our
Mission Church in Chicago, under care of
Rev. John E. Billhorne; to this end by
a ~~deep~~ denial to the amount of 10¢ a month

Voted to accept-

Publications

Com-on Publications - suggest we
patronize our Morning Star & Star
Quarterlies, and patronize our
denominational schools-

Voted to accept

F. Mission

Com-on Foreign Mission's-report-

"That we adopt the 1¢ a day plan
and urge special efforts for raising
mission funds."

Voted to accept

Ministerial
Board

Com-on Nomination of Board reported

Voted to refer report back to Com. for further consideration -

Resignation

Resignation of Wm. Fuller member of State Board read -
Voted resignation of Wm. Fuller now member of State Board be placed in hands of Nominating Com.

Chimie Report

Voted to receive report of Chimie of State Board as read and adopt recommendations one by one -

Report follows -

Report of Chimie of N. Y. M. Board of F. B. held with Geneva church Sept. 30 to Oct. 4, 1910 -

Another year has rolled around and we are able to look over the year's work and while we see much we would have different we are glad some progress has been made.

A year ago Sister Maier was elected State Supt. and has done good work and, undoubtedly, have done much more, only being tied down by her pastorates. The Fairview Church was organized and a building erected also the Geneva church was remodeled and a wonderful change made in its appearance, (with the gift of seats from the Grandview church and the eight beautiful colored windows from the wrecked Lincoln church, both of N. R. I. M.) and a new addition making it more convenient and desirable.

Sister Leona Mack has taken up the work at Thompson and has held the fort nobly. The Field Supt. also held a few meetings there and some souls were saved, for which we thank God.

We appropriated during the year ~~(50.00)~~ fifty dollars to the Geneva church, ~~(87.160)~~ seventy dollars & sixty cents for Field Supt. expenses in connection with the Thompson work and ~~(10.00)~~ ten dollars to Sister Mack to help her on the field.

The Lincoln church building, including bell, was sold for ~~(250.00)~~ two hundred and twenty five dollars which seems a great sacrifice, but we were informed by experienced men that lot would sell for more or as much with the building removed as with it in its dilapidated condition. We sold the building for the highest bid we could get.

The seats were removed and were exchanged for the Grandview church seats which were donated to Geneva. We have had several offers for the lot none of which have been accepted. The last has not been acted on by the Board, which was for \$3700.00. I have no doubt that we will receive the amount for which it is listed, \$4000.00. Would prayerfully submit a few recommendations which I hope may be adopted and as many of them as seem wise put into effect.

1- That we feel grateful that Almighty God has permitted so many of us to see the close of another year.

2- That we continue the office of Supt. another year.

3- That we renew our pledge of one dollar ^{per resident} a member for State work and urge our churches to do their best to raise it.

4- That in case the Lincoln property be sold, the necessary steps be taken to secure the use of the funds for the purpose of building up churches, instead of church buildings as it now stands, said funds to be used under the direction and discretion of State Board.

Recommendations

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Not
adopted

- 5- That the Pastors be encouraged to assist one another in evangelistic work where an evangelist cannot be secured.
- 6- That we encourage our churches to adopt some system of Bible study the coming year.
- 7- That we do our level best to make this the very best in our Christian service -

13. Haines, ^{Chairman} ~~Chairman~~

Voted to adopt the above ^{recommendations} ~~resolutions~~ except the 4th which was not accepted -

Voted to adopt the recommendations as a whole except the 4th.

Voted to adjourn till afternoon -

After a song the afternoon session was taken up by listening to report of Com-in Home, & State Board -

"that we elect John H. Wolfe & M. C. Powers, to take place of retiring members, B. Haines and D. D. Norton, and that we do not accept resignation of Wm. Fuller."

Voted to accept and adopt.

Report of Field Supt, Rev. Wilmeta Marks read -

Aug 1908 - Aug 1910

Nebraska has at this date 12 churches, of F. W. Baptist. Out of the 12 six are without pastors, namely Smithfield, Elm Island, two in Clear Water L. M., Long Branch & Adams. Smithfield had about 6 months under the leadership of Rev. H. E. Linsinger, Elm Island had about 6 months under Rev. Flowers, & Kearney, Nebr. Long Branch was supplied part of the year by Rev. H. R. Murphy, while Adams is being supplied by a Baptist minister -

A brave effort has been ~~made~~ forth to get the Thompson church on

afternoon

its feet-by Sister Leona Mack during the past 4 months. Satan has there one perpetual opposer to every shade of our work which makes what is a bright-outlook seem too strenuous. Whether to continue the struggle should be decided at this G. Meeting.

Have made three trips to Thompson. One to look over the field, once to especially aid Miss Mack, and once to organize the work and receive in members. During the efforts four souls have been converted, and three candidates baptized, one of the conversions being under the preaching of Miss Mack.

Have preached at Thompson, all told, seven sermons and made 15 calls in behalf of the work, besides, raised close to \$30.00 for the salary which was added to by the G. Meeting by the aid of a \$10 gift. Have received for traveling expenses including from the G. Meeting Treas. \$7. and \$3.38 yet to be.

Visited our Smithfield church holding a called service one night. The crowded house spoke the interest of our people at Smithfield. The village is growing fast, why should our church be closed?

Have not visited other churches on account of my own two requiring all my time. By way of improvements, Thompson has shingled, painted, and carpeted the church besides putting in new seats.

Our Kenesaw church has made many improvements, by way of new finishing's carpet etc-

The Fairview church has built a new house of worship, which will be dedicated in the near future, while the unfinished corners near you speak of God's blessing to us in way of more room, which we greatly needed in Geneva.

At Smithfield a new lightning

system is the main improvement.

Others of our church may be worthy of reports of like improvement, but I am not in possession of them.

During the year have preached 270 sermons, conducted 3 funerals, and performed two marriage ceremonies.

Saw as the result of labor the conversion of 110 souls during the year in our own work and 60 for the Congregationalists.

Rev. ^{Dr. J. H.} Waterman of Mo. Conducted a 3 weeks meeting for the Geneva church resulting in 15 conversions.

Have traveled as near as I can estimate by team 200 mi, by Auto 300, by rail 1305, total 2505 miles besides the distance traveled on foot in making 533 calls.

Five of the new workers have realized God's call to preach his unsearchable truths.

Nebraska churches have closed doors yet refuse these God calls to enter. One has thus had to turn to Mo. & is doing a good work. One more will be there in sight of two weeks unless this Y. Meeting Service has power to open doors for him. Others are at our mercy. We cry for laborers and yet when God raises them up for us, we say no, "Give us the experienced, God help us to realize the tremendous responsibility resting upon us just now in this line. Our motto is "Nebraska for the Lord" must we add to it but our preachers for Missouri. Wilmetta Marks.

Voted to accept report. ^{two}
Voted that recommendation of Chrim
of Board, that office of Field Supt. be
continued another year, the person to

Voted

Continued
S. Supt. Office

held office be named by Board.

Adjourned for Covenant meeting which was a very refreshing spiritual season in which nearly every one present took part. Cov. meeting lead by Aguba Paulaningham. Voted Mrs. M. M. Mierbe S. M. Prog. Com. Voted Mrs. M. C. Powers be W. M. S. Prog. Com. Voted to adjourn to call of chair.

Bro. Murphy gave us an excellent Missionary address in place of the Stereopticon lecture as advertised, ^{Sat. eve.} as some of the local church were averse to moving pictures.

Sunday morning had interesting S. School followed by sermon by Bro. Branch preceded by statements of names on memorial windows which Geneva Church had in place in new house. Rev. E. S. Branch is now the oldest minister in our Y. M. and is loved and respected by all who know him. Communion followed conducted by Revs. H. R. Murphy & M. C. Powers, a quiet heartsearching, uplifting season, assisted by deacons L. E. Maxins & Chas. Ashton.

In the young peoples meeting Sunday afternoon

Anton Anderson was elected president
Ralph Timmons " " Secretary
Lena Mack " " Program Com.

Miss Mohrke & Miss Waters sang a duet, Miss Sadie Corrick gave a recitation, after which Miss Lena Mack preached a sermon upon the subject the "Wheat & the Tares" doing very creditably.

Mrs. M. C. Powers lead the Y. Peoples meeting in the evening following which Bro. Murphy gave us another excellent Mission address on the "Great Revival in India" this taking the place of the sermon by Bro. Haines who was unable to speak on account of a severe cold & was hardly able to speak ^{aloud}.

Y. M. &
W. M. S.
Program Com.

Officers
Y. M. Society

At the close of the Sunday evening session the reading of closing resolutions was called and

Voted to accept - when the vote to adjourn sine die was taken.

The following report of the Treas. was sent and read, but as his books were not sent they could not be Audited -

Report of Treas for 1909-10
Rec'd for State work

Grandview	15.00	
Long Branch	10.30	
Rent of Lincoln Prop.	5.00	
Sale of Carpet	2.80	
" " Building	200.00	
" " Bell	25.00	
	<u>258.10</u>	258.10

Rec'd Foreign Missions

Kenesaw	12.07	
Grandview	24.25	
Mr. Jenkins of Holbrook	25.00	
	<u>61.32</u>	61.32

Total - 319.42

On hand Aug. 17 - 1909 - 204.68
524 11

Paid out for State Work 100

M. R. Holt on East side 100

Ex. of St. Chimin 4.45

General Church 50.72

Insurance on Adams 30.00

Storage & dray of Bell 4.50

Del. to Gen. Con. 70.00

Field Supt. 7.60

Thompson 10.00

Postage & exchange 1.20
181.75 181.75

Rec'd for F. Miss - Sept 15-09

Sent to Ar. E. Miss 18.72

" " Nov. 24 16.60

" " Apr. 20-10 25.00
61.32

61.32

Total paid out -

243.07

Rec'd & on hand 524.11

Paid out 243.07

On hand Aug 30-10 281.04

(Signed) W. A. Robbins

Considering the weather and all conditions the attendance was very good and fair interest.

Whole number of delegates present - 26

Six being ministers,

Mission offering

Delia S. Wolfe
Clerk

Later \$10.00 { Mrs. J. H. Wolfe } sent
{ Mrs. A. A. Taylor }
to Miss Esterbrook of Barbados.