

Record of the Proceedings
 of the
 Twenty-ninth Session
 of the
 Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Free Baptists
 held with the
 Long Branch Free Baptist Church
 near Elk Creek Nebr
 Aug. 16-20 - 1911 -

Ministers and Laymans Institute

Was called to order Wednesday evening Aug 16th 1911 - opened with singing followed by reading of II Cor 8:1-9 and prayer by Rev. E. H. Turner of the Long Branch Church, The opening sermon was preached by Rev. John H. Wolfe of Tecumseh from the text - II Cor 8:9 The giving of mind and heart to service of Christ, as Christ rich in faith and love all given in service.

Thursday morning opened with praise service lead by Mrs. Delia S. Wolfe, followed by business session when Rev. John H. Wolfe was elected moderator for Institute,

The paper ^{was read} by Mrs. M. M. Myers "What Constitutes the happiness of a genuine Christian" a most excellent production which was endorsed and discussed.

The paper "the Triumphant cross" ^{in the} ~~was~~ absence of writer was discussed in a helpful way.

Thursday after-noon the social service was conducted by Sister ^{Mrs. M. M. Myers} ~~for~~ Auction in a responsive reading of 145 ps with prayers and songs. The address "The vital force in Social Service" by Prof. W. A. Robbins was interesting and helpful - He said social service was work for others and that the

Vital force was heart-power. Several took part in a helpful discussion of subject.

The paper "The Call to Service" was read by Mrs. Delia S. Wolfe. In the absence of the paper "Sunday Amusements", the subject was presented and discussed with considerable interest.

The Address "The Past, Present & Future of our Western Field" was presented by Rev. John H. Wolfe -

In part - he said for the part we have consecrated lives and doctrines worthy of our emulation. The Present is so small we can scarcely take account of it - only a moment at a time, but fraught with great possibilities. But the Great Future lies before us without end - ever broadening.

"If faithful over a few things we shall be made ruler of many things" "Enter thou in to the joy of thy Lord."

The Doctrinal sermon of the evening by Rev. E. H. Turner, pastor of the Long Branch Church upon the subject "The Divine Authority of the Scripture" was Doctrinal, Scriptural, and evangelistic. Many infallable proofs from the Word itself, That the Bible is different from other books, "old but ever new" Other books pass out of existence; not so the Bible, and the Bible is a finished book.

Scripture lesson II Peter 1 - read by Rev. A. S. Reever of Haddam Kansas and text - for Doctrinal Sermon John 10:35 -

Friday morning session opened with song followed by closing business of Institute.

Voted Common Program be Rev. E. S. Branch,

Voted Subject of Doctrinal Sermon be conditions of Salvation.

Voted to adjourn Institute

Yearly Meeting Proper

Voted Rev. John H. Wolfe be moderator. Chairman extended words of welcome to visiting brethren, Rev. A. S. Reever and Son Paul of Haddam Kansas, Bro. R. Denton of Denton Kansas ^{of N. K. Y. M.} and Rev. S. Ladimer of Oklahoma City, ^{N. W. Mo. Y. M.} Oklahoma, and Rev. S. H. Turner and family who had returned to the Nebraska Y. M. of Free Baptists from the Ill. F. B. Y. M. Then followed a talk on Sunday School work by Rev. John H. Wolfe "How to hold and increase the Sunday School" may be done by preparation; by drawing out; not pouring out; don't talk all the time; be specific; call scholars by names, by prayer - by teachers & officers.

At 10 o'clock we listened to a sermon by Rev. Paul Reever Isa. 44:1-22 - on an effective ministry - The exposition of Hebrews 12 - well received -

In absence of paper the subject "The Need of C. S. Societies" was presented by Mrs. Clara Harper followed by discussion.

The session Friday afternoon opened with song "Showers of Blessings" and Prayer by Rev. A. S. Reever.

"Lay Preaching: Its Place & Value" was given as a talk by Mr. D. D. Norton, of Kenesaw,

The paper "How a Church may help its Pastor" by Miss Myrtle Hutton of Grandview, was voted to be printed and to be distributed among the church as containing helpful information & instruction.

We now listened to a sermon by Rev. S. Ladimer of the N. W. Mo. Y. M. of Free Baptists a very good discourse, followed by paper "Church Entertainments; used & abused" by Sister Alta Sue, Very good.

Voted to adjourn for committee work,
Committees having been named as follows,

Mission - Mrs. Delia S. Wolfe Mrs. John Fink
Miss Myrtle Huelsh

Ministerial - Standing - W. A. Robbins
John W. Fink, D. W. Myers,

Nomination of Board - Mrs. Clara Harper,
Mrs. M. M. Myers, Ota Lane

Auditor - Wm Fuller

Publication - Rev. E. H. Turner, Mrs. Wm Fuller
Mrs. W. A. Robbins

Friday evening we were privileged
to listen to the ^{Friday Meeting} ~~Quarterly~~ Sermon by Rev.
A. S. Reeves of the Hickory Grove Church
of near Haddam, Kansas, his subject
being the "Golden Rule."

Saturday morning opened with
song and prayers by several members.

The reading of Quarterly Meeting
letters were called and substitutions
made where possible, that all
present - as far as possible be delegates.

Reading of minutes of last meeting
called ^{ready} and approved.

Reading of Chairman's report -
as follows -

To the members of the Executive Board
and the Nebraska Yearly Meeting -

The twelfth annual report - as Chairman
of the Executive Board is hereby submitted
with a retrospective view of the field.
The past has been registered in the Great Book
above, the future belongs to God, but the
present belongs us to use for His glory.

Never in the history of our Denomin-
ation have we faced conditions as at the present-
time, and never have we needed the guidance
of the Supreme hand as now. So with
gratitude in our hearts for His leading

in the past, and thankful for the opportunities at the present, we face the future with trust and faith that all may result in glory to His Kingdom.

Your Chairman has not been able as in years past to visit the churches and thus to a certain extent the work has suffered. The Clerk of the Yearly Meeting has printed Authorized notes of the last Yearly Meeting with three issues of the little folder, "News Quarterly" all of which have been sent to the various churches and members.

As far as known by your chairman, no work has been done at the Smithfield church during the last year, while Elm Island has been supplied by the Baptists. Bro. M. C. Powers, a member of the Board, has gone to Loup City to become pastor of a Baptist church and Kenesaw has settled Rev. F. M. Sturdevant, a former Baptist brother, as pastor. Thompson has been supplied by Bro. Reever from the Haddam, Kansas church and will continue till fall. The church was desirous of a meeting with the Chairman for consultation but owing to sickness was unable to meet with them. Our Geneva church suffered in the inability of Bro. Benjamin leaving so soon after locating as pastor. The church remained without a pastor but a short time securing Rev. H. E. Croff who is giving good satisfaction. The outlook is good.

The Lincoln lots are still held by the Board, The streets adjoining are to be paved soon which will bring considerable expense to the lots.

Bro. Haines closed his work with the Grandview church this summer and Bro. Murphy has since supplied them.

Our Long Branch church welcomed Bro. Turner back as their pastor during this year, and he has held one revival meeting with success, and we trust may remain for some time to come.

Your chairman has been unable to learn but little of the work being done by our brethren in the Clearwater Quarterly Meeting, but knowing them as he does, he feels sure that they have done all they could.

The Chairman feels that few Recommendations are needed or would be heeded. He knows the need of more real hard work on the part of the chairman in visiting our churches, as in the past, encouraging them, planning with them, and helping to carry their burdens, and thus advance the Kingdom of God. We need to look well to the future Chairman, the spiritual needs of the churches, the raising of more money for State work and then we may pray for God's richest blessings to rest upon us as a people -

Voted to accept & adopt } John H. Wolfe
Chairman
Committee reported as follows -

On publications -

Whereas we believe the literature of the Free Baptist Church are accord to none and should be read and used by our people & churches,

Be it resolved that as far as it is deemed necessary that as ministers we read the course of study as prescribed by Gen. Conference, that the laity support the denominational publications Morning Star etc, & and that our Sunday

Schools use our supplies, Signed
 L. H. Turner, Mrs. Carry Sue & Mrs. John ^{Baird}
 Voted to accept - and adopt;
 Committee on Missions

Whereas in as much we as Free Baptists
 believe the Gospel is for the whole world and
 that we as a people have heard the call &
 have not slow to heed same and have
 been doing a great and good work in
 both home and Foreign work be it
 therefore -

Resolved we assembled in this
 session of the Nebr. Y. M. Aug. 1811, Continue
 efforts to spread the Gospel message
 Message to needy fields both home &
 Foreign, not forgetting to pray and
 pay for same as the Lord may prosper -
 Signed -
 Voted to accept and adopt,

Ministerial Standing present - following
 named ministers worthy of Certificate
 Rev. John H. Wolfe - Tecumseh, Nebr.
 Rev. ~~Mrs.~~ Delia S. Wolfe - " "
 Rev. L. H. Turner - Elk Creek "
 Rev. E. Hayes - Erickson "
 Rev. E. S. Branch - Lincoln "
 Rev. F. M. Sturdevant - Kenesaw "
 Rev. F. P. Striker - Brayton "
 Rev. Wilmetta Marks - Shelton "
 Rev. W. F. Davis - Kenesaw "
 Rev. John Morrow - Caterfield "
 Rev. T. J. Parker - Caterfield "
 Rev. H. B. Murphy - Bethany "
 Voted to accept and adopt,

Committee on Nomination of Board -
 W. D. Myers and John W. Fink for
 term of 3 years each and
 Russell Flemming to fill vacancy
 of 2 years.

Voted to accept - after voting following -
 Voted to accept resignation of
 Rev. M. C. Power from member of
 Board.

Voted to instruct Secretary to cast
 unanimous ballot in favor of
 W. D. Myers, & John Fink as new
 members of board for a term of three
 years and Russell Flemming to
 fill vacancy of two years.

Secretary cast ballot, —
 Voted Delia S. Wolfe be Yearly
 Meeting Program Committee, ^{Myrtle}
 Voted paper read by Sister ~~Forre~~
 Huston be published and distributed
 among churches,

Voted Clerk draw on Treasurer
 for funds necessary for printing
 notes of Y. Meeting, "News Quarterly", paper
 etc, and other matters of business,

Voted Rev. John H. Wolf, Rev. E. H.
 Turner, and Prof. W. A. Robbins be
 visiting delegates to Baptist Association,

Voted Bro. W. D. & Sister M. M. Myers
 be visiting delegates to the North Eastern
 Missouri Free Baptist Yearly Meeting
 and the South Western Convention of
 Free Baptists,

The treasurer reported —			
In building fund			\$217.50
State work			<u>58.16</u>
Total on hand			275.66
Recd for State Work	\$280.7		
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Total	46.73	46.73	
Paid out - S. Work	\$168.82		
" " Minis	<u>17.66</u>		
Total	86.48	86.48	\$58.16
Paid out - more than recd -	\$33.75		<u>33.75</u>
Balance on hand for State work.			\$18.41

Auditor's Report - Aug. 18-1911

After examining the Treasures Books covering the period of the past-two yrs., I find the following balances -

Permanent-fund from the sale of the Lincoln Church building	\$ 217.50
Balance in general fund	\$ 8.41
Grand total	\$ 235.91

Signed - Wm Fuller, Auditor

Voted to accept report -

Voted to accept report of Treasurer -

Saturday afternoon opened with a prayer service ^{conducted} by Moderator - followed by reading of paper "Hymns as a Means of Grace and What to Sing" by Mrs. Jennie Robbins - an excellent paper and worthy of careful study.

A short discussion followed by Covenant meeting led by Bro. Robbins, taking for the lesson John 11th Chapter - a soul refreshing season in which nearly every one present took part - (25 or 30)

The service in the evening was a very interesting discourse on the mission work of the Free Baptists in India by returned Missionary Rev. H. R. Murphy.

As the Ministers delegated for Sunday services failed to put in appearance a substitute Committee appointed Rev. John H. Wolfe to preach Sunday morning and Rev. E. H. Turner to speak Sunday evening.

Following the excellent Sunday school superintended by Mrs. E. H. Turner Rev. John H. Wolfe spoke John 1-1-18 -

Communion Services conducted by Rev. Turner and Wolfe assisted by Deacons Myers, and Fink, a real heart-searching time.

Sunday evening Young Peoples meeting lead by Prof. W. A. Robbins

A most excellent subject "Mountain Peaks" Heights of spiritual life, light, and strength.

The sermon following by Bro. Turner was from the words "Christ in you the hope of glory" a very helpful discourse which had to be cut short on account of the threatening storm.

The following notice was read by Prof. W. A. Robbins

I hereby give notice that at the next session of this yearly Meeting a motion will be presented to change the last clause of the sub-division of Art. 3 of the System of co-operation of the Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists (last) so that it shall read "dispose of the property or any part thereof and hold or devote the proceeds, or any part thereof needed, to any work within the bounds of the said Nebraska Yearly Meeting,"

Pledges were taken for State Work Sunday morning amounting to fifty dollars and an offering of seven dollars and 27 c - total \$57.27

The letters from the Quarterly Meeting shows an earnest desire on the part of the churches for larger and better things for their own local work & for the master's kingdom; a great need of Free Baptist ministers, for the pastorless churches; revivals in two churches with several additions,

Excellent meeting, open hospitality, -
No delegates present 13 - Visitors 3
Ministers 7 -

Delia S. Wolfe Y. M. Clerk

*Dispose of the property, or any part thereof, and devote the proceeds to a similar purpose in some other locality