

Record of the Proceedings
of the
Thirty-first Session
of the
Nebraska Yearly Meeting
of Free ^{W.F.}Baptists
held with the
Long Branch Free ^{W.F.}Baptist Church
near Elk Creek Nebraska
Aug. 20-23-1914-

motto - " Saved to Serve, "

Opening
The thirty-first session of the Nebr. Y. M. opened with a song followed by prayer by Rev. A. W. Anthony, after which the Institute was organized by electing Rev. John H. Wolfe Moderator,

Pulpit Com.
Voted to adopt program as printed.

Voted committee on pulpit and filling or supplying vacancies in program be

Fr. morning
Rev. G. S. Latimer, L. E. Maxin, & Mrs. M. M. Myers, after which Rev. John H. Wolfe preached opening sermon from

Friday morning opened with praise service led by Rev. W. F. Davis spiritual and helpful, The topic of the morning, "Saved to Serve in Sunday School work - How, When & Where?"

Opened with an excellent paper by Dick Myers; brought out the thought of being prepared; intellectually & spiritually; prompt, on time, always there etc, ready & willing, When and where; in the lanes, as officers, in singing etc - School rallies, district and State Conventions, being represented & gaining information & inspiration.

Sermons
Pulpit Com, report- Rev. W. F. Davis, preach at 11:00 o'clock, Conference adjourned for sermon - "Sub, Be ye Steadfast" with examples in social, business & church life, Closing with Song. —

Friday P.M.

Friday afternoon session opened with Praise Service led by Bro. M. L. Morse.

C. E.

Taking up the theme - "Saved to Serve" "How promote Christian Endeavor Work in our Churches" Discussion opened by Mrs. Ida Woakes, In the discussion the Churches need of the C. E. was presented, and that the C. E. would supply the church with well trained new talent; urging our churches to organize C. E. societies; and for the C. E. Societies to keep up with the spirit of the times by being represented in District and State Conventions.

The lesson in "Theology or Salvation" was now given conducted by Rev. John H. Wilks. Most all present taking some part real interesting.

D. P. M.
Doc. /

Session adjourned for the evening service - the Doctrinal sermon by Rev. G. S. Latimer "Regeneration or the New Birth."

Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. A. E. Goodman.

2 P. M.

Saturday Morning opened with a praise service led by Sister Myers.

Business session called to order by Clerk.

Voted Rev. G. S. Latimer be Moderator of early Meeting Proper -

Voted all present members of Free Will Baptist Churches be delegates -

Reading of minutes of last session
Reading of L. Meeting letters - One from Hastings - Geneva, Keresaw and Elm Island Church each have S. School, Keresaw, Rev W. F. Davis speaks every Sunday morning.

Resolved we have Rev. G. S. Latimer Pastor of Long Branch, Rev. A. E. Goodman at Adams Copy Memorial, S. School in each C. E. Society in two.

Reading of report of Chairman of board
and recommendations -

To the Ex. Board and members of the
Nebr. S. M. of Free Will Baptists -

Dear Brethren: -

In making this my 15th annual report
as chairman of the Ex. Board, I want to thank you
all for your forbearance and also for your hearty
co-operation during all of these 15 years.

We feel confident that the work done by our
faithful toilers, both laymen and ministry, shall
bear fruit for Eternity in the Kingdom. Our
forces may not have been as large as some others,
but numbers do not always count, but loyalty,
sacrifice, and a willingness to work.

Death has claimed during these 15 years, a
large number of our faithful and true workers;
others have moved away out of the bounds of the
S. M. Meeting, while a few have sought membership
in other bodies. Several of our churches have been
decreased in membership by death and removals
until they ceased existence, while others have
on even though pastorless for years, hoping and praying
for the Lord to raise up loyal and true men to go
before them in loyal service. Others have done a
good and lasting work, seeing a goodly number brought
into the Kingdom and others strengthened in their
faith and doctrine, thus building far better than
they knew. Out of the membership of the Board
during these 15 years, death has claimed three,
viz, : Bros. Dimmone, Draman, and Taylor,
all good loyal Free Will Baptists with whom
to work was a delight.

The outlook at present may not be as bright
as we could wish. In fact this is the trying
time as we contend for the faith delivered to
us as a people. The Lideon 300 under God's
guidance may be able to win many for our
Master, Jesus Christ.

Very little in the way of visiting churches
and the work has been done during the past year.

for your consideration and if thought best your approval.
 Tammah Wm,
 Aug 14 1874

John H. Waff, Chairman

by your Chairman, yet by letter and otherwise we have tried to do something, Since Grandview has had no pastor, I have supplied every two weeks and by so doing may have encouraged our church if no more.

We edited the "Free Baptist" Department in the Messenger by the kindness of its editor, This work was carried on for nearly a year, thus giving our people a medium of communication. Our General Baptist brethren should have our heartiest thanks for so liberally opening of their denominational paper while we were without our beloved "Morning Star".

The Lincoln lots have been sold and the money placed on a first mortgage loan farm near Crab Orchard. The interest from this mortgage can be used for general work of which the principal cannot.

Our Recommendations are few and yet we feel they are of vital interest to us as a denomination here in Nebraska - They are as follows: -

- 1 - We recommend that we pledge our undivided fidelity to each other in the work.
- 2 - That more of our people subscribe for the Messenger as a means of communication for our people.
- 3 - That so far as possible at least \$1 per resident member be collected ^{by our churches} for State Work.
- 4 - That we center our efforts for Home Mission work on our Illinois, Tenn. field.
- 5 - That we use our own Free Baptist Sunday School Supplies as published by our Southern brethren at Cyden, N. C.
- 6 - That our pastorless churches be willing to accept an itineracy with each other until such time that permanent pastors may be secured.
- 7 - That Evangelism be our motto for the coming year. All of which I humbly submit

Voted to receive report and recommendations item by item.

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

Various discussions occupied morning session adjourned till 2:30 p.m.

Saturday afternoon spent with song and followed by prayer by Rev. E. S. Lotini.

Reading of letter by Rev. E. S. Branch.

Voted thanks of appreciation of Bro. Branches services.

Report of Treasurer received subject to auditor's report.

Report of Auditor accepted

Report of Treas. adopted - as follows -

Nov. 6-1913 -

Cash on hand	\$15.88	\$15.88
Recd from I.M.L. Branch church		2.72
" " " G.V. Church		7.00
" Int. on Mortgage		75.00
" " " Deps.		33.70
" I.M. Grandview		3.22
" Int. on Mortgage		35.00
		<u>\$161.52</u>

Paid Tax on Mort. \$148.08

" Printing 2.50

Loand per. Fund 37.50

Long Branch church 00.00

\$138.08

138.08

24.44

From Per. Fund for Loan

100.00

Treas. Report - - - - Cash in Treas. 124.00

Auditor's report -

Fund from Mort. -

\$3430.00

Mortg on Lincoln property -

500.00

393.00

Note in Bank 5.00

Gen. Fund 37.50

537.50

537.50

Auditor's report - Cash in Treas. 3392.50

Chairman named Committee on Nominations -
 Wm Fuller, Mrs. M. M. Myers ^{My Sarah Murphy}
 On Ministers Credentials -
 W. D. Myers, O. J. Confer, M. L. Morre,
 On Resolutions -
 Mrs. M. M. Myers, Mrs. D. S. Wolfe & John Funk -

Report of Com on Nom. of Members of Board -
 E. S. Latimer 3 years,
 O. J. Confer 3 years,
 M. L. Morre 2 years
 W. D. Myers 2 years

Voted to suspend rulings and Sec.
 be instructed to cast a unanimous
 ballot in favor of members as
 named,

Voted Wm Fuller be auditor for
 coming year -

Voted Delia S. Wolfe, E. S. Latimer
 and Ota Ene be program Committee
 coming year,

Voted to adjourn to call of chair -

Program was now taken up -

Paper - "Our Free Will Baptist Pioneer
 Minister" read by Mrs. Delia S. Wolfe,
 presented in panoramic view the love,
 devotion and heroic sacrifice of our
 Free Will Baptist pioneers in the effort
 to carry the Gospel banner in its
 purity and simplicity and establish
 church homes,

"How Saved to Serve in State Work" by
 Mrs. Ida Noaker "Through the Local Church"
 "Through I. M." L. S. Maxim, "Through Yearly
 Meetings", Wm Fuller and Through
 Denominational Literature Rev. E. S. Latimer,

That there is a place for each individual
 member "To Serve" Christ and the Church,

The Committee report on Ministerial
 standing, that the following have amended
 the stated questions, and are entitled to

Notice was given that an amendment
 to the Cons. will
 be proposed at next session of I. M.

Certificates: —

G. S. Latimer, E. S. Branch, John H. Wolfe,
Delia S. Wolfe, & W. F. Davis.

M. L. Morse } Com.
O. T. Confer }
W. F. Myers }

The Hobson Resolution
was adopted by Standing
Vote, endorsing Nat. Prohibition

Sat. Eve

Covenant meeting postponed till Sunday a.m.,
"Saved to Serve" in Gospel Temperance
by the children of Long Branch was interesting
and instructive, especially to those taking part,
and inspiring to those witnessing, that with
such Scientific Temperance instruction, the
"Boys and girls" of today, will be the
"Temperance" Men and Women of tomorrow,
and the foe to all good, King Alcohol,
will be put out of business.

Sunday
a.m.

The Gathering for Sunday School Sunday
morning, in spite of the threatening rain showed
a good interest in the study of the Blessed Word,
after which Brother O. T. Confer led the Yearly
Covenant-Meeting, a real feast to the soul,
in which a large number took part; This was
followed by G. Meeting Communion service, a
very tender service. The G. Meeting offering
for State Work was \$3.66

Sun-
P.m.

Sunday evening. Platform Meeting "Saved
to Serve in Witnessing for Christ" in (Business Life)
in Professional Life by Rev. W. F. Davis, in Political
Life. Rev. John H. Wolfe, and in Social Life by
Rev. E. S. Latimer; Presented the Christian in
his every walk of life, setting forth the
Christ Life every day, examples of righteousness
before the world.

Closing resolutions were presented expressing
of privilege of meeting brethren & sisters in Y.M.,
for large hearted hospitality of ^{Long Branch} Church and parish
and for willingness of each to help make meeting
a success.

No of ^{visitors} Delegates present - 12 - visitors

No. ministers present - 6 -

Offering

\$3.66

D. S. Wolfe Secy.