

Record of the Proceedings
of the
Thirty-second Session
* of the
Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Free-will Baptists
held with the
Geneva Free-will Baptist Church
Geneva Nebraska

August 18-22-1915-

Motto "--- Others"

Yearly Meeting Text -- Phil. 3:13-14

Thursday - p.m. 8 o'clock

The Thirty-second session of the Nebraska Yearly Meeting was opened by the sermon by Rev. E. S. Latimer,

Friday a.m. 9 o'clock.

Friday morning session opened by prayer service followed by a bible reading by Rev. Miss Leona Mack, Rom. 14.

Yearly Meeting was temporarily organized, by electing Rev. E. S. Latimer as Moderator and Mrs. E. S. Latimer as Secretary ^{pro. tem.}

Appointment of credential Committee -

Wm Fuller, M. L. Morse, Mrs. M. M. Myers,

"Sunday School work" was the subject for the hour - "The Teacher" Alva Hall, ^{The Scholar} "The Office's" Rev. T. L. York, "Equipment" Mrs. E. S. Latimer,

Paper "Free-will Baptist Pioneers in Nebraska," written by Mrs. D. S. Wolfe, read by Mrs. Latimer,

Report of Committee on Credentials - as follows

We your committee on credentials beg leave to report as following delegates entitled to seats -

Nemaha River d. M. -

Rev. E. S. Latimer

Rev. John H. Wolfe, Rev. Thomas York, Rev. W. H. York, ex-officio members, O. T. Confer, Wm Fuller, Sarah Murphy, Mrs. Latimer, Alva Hall, J. F. Harper, Ida Woakes, Alta Sue, Ruby Woakes, Mabel Kretzer, Clara Harper, Alice Skennin, Mary Fuller, and Al Hardin

Substitutes,

over

Hastings L. M., Mrs. M. M. Myers, John Archer, John Smith, M. L. Morse, Mrs. H. Mohnike, Ivan Hemmstrand, W. C. Pickett, H. H. Henline, C. F. Range, & Rev. J. T. Jackson. Rev. H. M. McAdams & Rev. Lizzie McAdams ex-officio, Also Rev. Leona Mack, Ex-Off-

Mrs. Wolcott, Mrs. Shick, Miss Harnes, J. A. Gardner, substitute, & Rev. F. W. Davis ex-officio -

We the committee on credentials on investigation of evidence in hand find that the members of the Kenesaw ^{Freewill Baptist} Church have requested to be united into the South Central Association of Baptists, and said named association have taken action on same and accepted the members of the Kenesaw Freewill Baptist church into the South Central Association of Baptists, and by said request and acceptance into said Association have severed their connection with the Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists of Nebraska -

Marcus L. Morse,

Wm Fuller

Mrs. M. M. Myers

} Com. Referred back to Com. & Kenesaw delegates

Com-
Named-
Y. M.
Organized

Report of Committee received and part referring to

Yearly permanently organized -

Voted Rev. E. S. Latimer Moderator -

Voted Mrs. Latimer Clerk Pro Tem -

Voted Mrs. D. S. Wolfe Yearly Meeting Clerk,

Moderator appointed Committees -

Credentials - M. L. Morse, Wm Fuller, M. M. Myers,

Report received & Com discharged

Ministerial Standing - M. M. Myers, Alta Eue, Mary Fuller

Nomination to Fill Board - M. L. Morse, Lizzie McAdams and M. M. Myers,

Necrology - J. H. Wolfe, Mabel Kreizer, Wm Fuller

Resolutions - M. L. Morse, W. H. York, Alta Eue

Temperance - J. T. Jackson, T. L. York, Alva Hall

Messengers to other bodies - { John H. Wolfe
Alva Hall
Al Gardner

Friday P. M. Lesson Du Builer
Theology - Sabbath, Baptism & Lord's Supper
Friday evening Doctrinal Sermon
8:00 Clock - preached by Rev. John H. Wolfe -
Subject - "The God Man" - Text -

Saturday a.m. 9 o'clock - Service opened
with song & prayer followed by Bible
Reading by Rev. J. T. Jackson -

Final Report on Committee on Credentials (organization)

In as much as there has been no further
evidence produced in the case of Kansas church
your committee submit former report -

signed - Com. M. L. Moore, Wm. Fuller
Mrs. M. M. Myers,

Report accepted & adopted - Com. discharged -

Rev. W. F. Davis asks to withdraw from the
Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists -

Not accepting the reasons stated for
withdrawing, a motion was made to accept
the request - which was carried,

Rev. Leiji McAdams makes report of their
Evangelistic work -

Letter from Rev. E. S. Branch read -

" " Delia S. Wolfe (Clerk), read,

Letters from Quarterly Meetings read -

Showing nearly all the churches have pastors
and are in fair working condition, Some of
the churches have had special meetings during
the year with additions to the church, and
the Harting's I. M. had received one church
into membership during the year, The
N. R. I. M. sent some Missions offering to the
Barbados and the Harting's I. M. to Japan,

Letter of Chairman read as follows -

To the members of the Nebraska Yearly
Meeting as chairman of Board I would submit
the following - Since last report Yearly Meeting
have attended all the sessions of N. R. I. Meeting -
one session of the Harting's I. M. Meeting -
went as corresponding messenger to the
Missouri State Conference and urged
closer affiliation between Missouri, Kansas,
and Nebraska Free Will Baptists -

Thursday the
Doctrinal
Sermon

Saturday

Credentials
Comm.

Withdrawal
W. F. Davis

I. M. Letters

Chairman's
Report

Have an outline of the Constitution of the Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists, also warned the Brethren against wolves in sheeps clothing. At the Hastings Quarterly Meeting, assisted the brethren to lay plans for funds to cover the church building at Geneva, by urging them to raise twenty (\$20.00) dollars, for State Work and the Y. M. Board to furnish \$20.00 for material. Brother Jackson promising with the help of one man to put on the shingles, all of which they did.

Have traveled 2352 miles, mostly in buggy, preached 86 times, made 671 pastoral and sick visits, attended 4 funerals, and 2 weddings.

Met with the Yearly Meeting Board, taught class in Sunday School and written 123 letters to further the cause of the work.

Recommendations -

In view of the fact that General Conference has taken itself out of the denomination against the wish and vote of the Nebraska Yearly Meeting and have endeavored by all the means within their power to force the Nebraska Yearly Meeting to accept their action and leave the old land marks established by our fathers in the year 1880, and believe that we are no longer morally bound to what remains of General Conference,

Therefore I recommend that we, the Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists, take the legal steps necessary to dissolve any relations that may exist between the Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists and General Conference of Freewill Baptists.

2 - That this be done through a special committee or through the Yearly Meeting Board, said Board or Committee to report at our next session of the Nebraska Yearly Meeting.

Recommendations
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- 3 - That we raise one dollar (\$1.00) per resident-member to carry on State Work,
- 4 - That the Yearly Meeting Board purchase at least twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars worth of Theologies, Sermons, Centennials, commentaries, etc.
- 5 - That there be a corresponding messengers elected to Missouri and Northern Kansas Yearly Meetings to plan and consummate any system of closer affiliation and larger work,
- 6 - That we support the Barbados, West-India, Mission, under Miss Esterbrook, next-year,

L. S. Latimer -

Voted to receive the report of chairman and to consider the ~~recommendations~~ ^{items} by item, which was done -
 Voted to adopt report as whole -

Treasurer's Report

* Treasurer's report read as follows -
 From August-23rd 1814 to August-22nd 1815,
 August-23, 1814 - Collection Y.M. at Long Branch \$3.66
 October 17 1814 - From John Fink balance in hand \$124.44
 Int. rec'd on monies 277.82
 N. R. L. M. Collection 2.00
 Elm Island church for S. Work 3.00
 Long Branch " " " 43.80
 Blackwood " " " " H.M. 51.20
 Total Receipts \$459.92

Paid Out -
 For printing \$2.50
 To help pay pastor's salary \$68.00
 To Rev. H. M. & Lezzie M. Adams 45.00
 to come from Texas to do Evangelistic work in State
 To Geneva Church for repairs 20.00
 To Messenger to Missouri Conference 12.55
 To Taxes 235
 To Interest 101.12
 Total Paid Out 248.55

Leaving a balance of - - - - - 211.33
 Permanent fund \$3430.00 less \$7.50 borrowal -
 M. L. Morse, Treasurer

Auditor

Publication
Comm-

Treasurers report accepted and adopted -
Voted Res. John H. Wolfe be auditor ensuing year,
Committee on Publication report -

Your committee on Publication beg to submit
the following report, - After investigating we
regret to note that very few of our people
subscribe for a church paper,

therefore we recommend that a vigorous
campaign be started at once to induce
our people to subscribe for a church paper,

We also regret to note that our Sunday School
do not use Freewill Baptist literature,

We recommend that our Sunday Schools
use Freewill Baptist literature -

Signed { H. M. May Adams
J. T. Jackson
M. L. Morse

Report accept & adopted -

Committee on Missions -

Dear Brethren of the Nebraska Yearly
Meeting, after deliberation, we the committee on
Home & Foreign Missions, believing that the Gospel of our Master
Jesus is to be sent unto all and that it is
our duty and privilege to help this great
work, we find we have in the foreign (world)
missions, Miss Esterbrook, at Barbados, West
India's who stands in great need of our
support, we urge a greater effort on the part
of both our ministries and churches, in
that direction, and also we should con-
tribute liberally to our Home (State) Work, that
our State Board may be able to help in our
Home (State) work,

Therefore we the committee commend this
great work to the prayerful consideration
of you all, and ask your financial help,
and that each church make some
special effort in this work for Jesus Christ
our Lord,

Signed Com- { Thomas L. York
Leona Mack
Clara Harper

Committee
Missions

Necrology

Mission report accepted & adopted -
 Committee on Necrology report -

The Messenger of Death has visited our field and has taken one of the members of our Executive Board, Brother W. D. Myers, of Geneva, and one of our neighbor Yearly Meetings, (Northern Kansas Y. M.) removing Brother John S. Abbey, Chairman of their Executive Board,

Therefore resolved that in the passing away of Brethren Myers and Abbey, that we feel the loss of these noble, sacrificing members, and that this Yearly Meeting express their sympathy to Sisters Myers and Abbey, praying God's richest blessing upon them in their loss and these lonely days,

Report accepted - {

 Signed, John H. Wolfe
 Wm. Fuller
 Mabel Kretzer

Voted - Rev. G. S. Latimer be committee on Yearly Meeting Program for next Year,

Voted - Rev. Miss Leora Mack be program Committee for Y. P. Work next year.

Voted - Mrs. Clara Harper be ^{Program} Committee for Womens Mission Society & Temperance for next year.

Voted committee on program got out program at least 2 months before Yearly Meeting -

Temperance Com-

Report of Committee on Temperance -

We your committee on Temperance offer the following report - Whereas we find in the bounds of the Nebraska Yearly Meeting a great deal of intemperance, be resolved we urge war against all intemperance, especially the liquor traffic which is robbing our homes of their fathers and our rising generation of its morals and poisoning the minds of our law makers, Further be it resolved that we recommend that our people take a decided stand against all intemperance such as the tobacco habit especially the Cigarettes,

Signed - Thomas L. York
 { Alva Hall
 J. T. Jackson

Further he it resolved that this body send delegates to the State Convention which convenes on the 28 & 30 of September at Lincoln -

Report accepted - and adopted -
 Committee on Nomination of Board report -

We your committee on nomination of Board beg leave to report the following named persons who are now members of the Executive Board to retain their office, Bro. John H. Wolfe for 3 years and Bro. Wm. Fuller for 1 year to fill vacancy.

Signed - M. L. Morse
 { Lizzie Mc Adams
 M. M. Myers

Voted to accept report -
 Voted that the ~~10th~~ Doctrinal Sermon be the "Holy Spirit and His Office Work,"
 Voted the Clerk be instructed to write a letter to Bro. E. S. Branch in behalf of J. M.

Committee on Ministerial Standing report -

Your Committee on Ministerial Standing after having examined the letters of the ministerial brethren beg leave to report the following ministers in good standing (and therefore entitled to Certificates),

Rev. E. S. Latimer, Rev. Miss Leona Mack,
 " John H. Wolfe, Rev. H. M. Mc Adams
 Rev. Mrs. Lizzie Mc Adams, Rev. J. T. Jackson,
 " L. C. Chare, Rev. Thos. L. York,
 " E. S. Branch, Rev. Mrs. Delia S. Wolfe
 " F. P. Striker, Rev. W. H. York or any other Minister found worthy,

Signed M. M. Myers
 { Ota Eue
 Mary Fuller

Voted to accept report,

Nomination
Board
com-

Doctrinal
Sermon

Ministerial
Standing

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock -

Sat. P.M.

Saturday 2 p.m. Session opened with song and prayer - Bible Reading by Rev. W.H. York, the following resolution was presented and adopted -

Desiring to see justice done to our people within the bounds of this Yearly Meeting, also knowing that we cannot deal with individuals or individual church, yet we want to lend the helping hand and also to show that we appreciate our old faithful members who may be passing through trouble, -

Therefore - we desire to exonerate Brother L.E. Maxie from charges made by the Keresaw church and recommend that he place his membership in one of the nearest churches (Freewill Baptist church) until such time as matters may clear up, voted to adopt same -

Voted that we have a "Freewill Baptist *Biblical Correspondence School" jointly with other Freewill Baptist Yearly Meetings consisting of at least three departments, i.e. 1st "Systematic Theology" 2nd "Christian Evidences and Church History" 3rd "Pastoral and practical Theology"

Motion to suspend business to the call of the chair prevailed,

↑ Covenant meeting by Rev. Lezzie Mc Adams, An excellent season -

Met at 8 o'clock, opened with song and praise service, Sermon by Rev. Frank Mann of Kansas,

A vote of welcome was extended to the visiting delegates, and very heartily and appropriately responded to by Rev. C. B. Mann of Missouri and Rev. Frank Mann of Kansas.

Sunday morning - Sunday School at 10 o'clock followed by sermon - Scripture lesson Isaiah 55 - Text Luke 5:4, Sermon preached by

Also voted to have a Freewill Baptist College, Voted also to have a Freewill Baptist Correspondence School, Voted also to have a Freewill Baptist paper jointly with other Freewill Baptist churches

Sat. eve

Sunday a.m.

Rev. C. E. Mann, Offering for State Work \$7.57
 Yearly Meeting Communion Service con-
 ducted by Rev. John H. Wolfe & Rev. J. T. Jackson,
 assisted by deacons Archer & Ashton,

Young People's Christian Endeavor service led
 by Alva Hall, Sunday evening at 7:20 o'clock -
 Meeting called to order -

Committee on Corresponding delegates to other bodies'
 report, We your committee on corresponding
 delegates to other bodies would respectfully
 recommend that Rev. E. S. Lathier be such
 delegate to the Northern Kansas Yearly Meeting
 and the Missouri State Conference,

Signed: { John H. Wolfe

Com - { Alva Hall

Voted to adopt -

In as much as Rev. H. M. ^{W. Adams} & Rev. Mrs. Lizzie McGAdams
 have come back again within the bounds of this
 Yearly Meeting by our earnest solicitation and
 will labor in our churches and in new fields,

Therefore we the delegates of this Yearly Meeting
 desire to place our approval upon them and their
 work, believing that God has called them into
 this special work and particularly fitted them
 to be used by Him.

We therefore freely commend them to our
 churches and feel confident that rich results
 will come through their efforts,

Voted to adopt same.

Committee on resolutions report,

We your committee on Resolutions beg
 to submit the following -

Resolved that we render a vote of thanks
 to the Geneva Church and its members for
 its great hospitality,

Resolved that we also render a vote of
 thanks to the Chairman (Moderator) for his
 great efforts to the further advancement
 of our denomination and for his excellent
 service.

Resolved that we render a vote of thanks

to the delegates from all our borders which their presence has been greatly accepted,

Resolved that we render a vote of thanks to our Missouri, Kansas, and Texas brethren, and ever ready information from those spiritual quarters,

Signed { W. H. York
Com { M. L. Morse
Ota Lee

Closing sermon
Vote to adjourn

Voted to adopt same,

Closing Sermon by Rev. Mrs. Lizzie M. Adams,
Subject, "Need of Evangelistic Work,"

Motion carried to adjourn Sine die,

Notes -

Long Branch Church - Pastor -	Rev. G. S. Latimer
Grandview " "	" J. L. York
Copp Memorial " "	" W. H. York
Geneva " "	" J. T. Jackson
Riversaw " "	" W. F. Davis

Blackwood " " ^{organist} Rev. Miss Leona Mack

The last named having been received into the Hastings I. M. the past year, under the labors of the pastor Rev. Leona Mack, Other churches are

Fairview,

Elm Island

Thompson

Smithfield

} All having church buildings,
but no pastors

Fine weather for I. M. services well attended, harmony, and good spiritual interest all through making the session helpful and uplifting.

Number of delegates present 20

Number of visitors " 2

Number of ministers " 9

Delia S. Wolfe Clerk
Mrs. G. S. Latimer
Clerk pro tem.

Nebraska Yearly Meeting

Of

Freewill Baptists

Held With the Geneva Church August 19-22, 1915

Motto---"Others"

Business Voted

- 1.—That the Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists, jointly with other bodies of like evangelical faith, establish a denominational paper.
- 2.—As recommended by the State Board, that jointly with other Freewill Baptist bodies we organize a Co-operative Association.
- 3.—As reported by Mission Committee, that we support the Barbados, West India Work, under Rev. Sarah Antoinette Esterbrook, Box 44, Bridgetown.
- 4.—That we jointly with other Freewill Baptist bodies, establish and maintain a denominational school for the west.
- 5.—As recommended by State Board, that legal steps necessary be taken to dissolve any relations that may exist between the Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists and the General Conference of Freewill Baptists.
- 6.—That the Nebraska Yearly Meeting, jointly with the Missouri State Conference and the Northern Kansas Yearly Meeting, institute a Biblical Correspondence School.
- 7.—As recommended by State Board, that Rev. G. S. Latimer be Corresponding Messenger to Missouri State Conference and Northern Kansas Yearly Meeting.
- 8.—As reported by Publication Committee, that a systematic campaign be inaugurated for subscriptions for our denominational paper.
- 9.—As recommended by State Board, that the Yearly Meeting raise one dollar (\$1.00) per resident member for state work.
- 10.—That "The Holy Spirit and His Office Work" be subject of Doctrinal Sermon for next year.
- 11.—As recommended by State Board, that the Yearly Meeting purchase and keep on hand for sale at cost at least twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) worth of "Butler-Dunn" Theologies, "Twenty-Three" Sermons, Centennials, Records, and "Butler's" Commentary.
- 12.—As presented by Committee on Nomination of State Board, that Rev. John H. Wolfe be re-elected for three years and William Fuller for one year to fill vacancy, and now stands:

Chairman, Rev. G. S. Latimer.....	Elk Creek
Clerk, William Fuller.....	Elk Creek
Treasurer, M. L. Morse.....	Denman
Auditor, Rev. John H. Wolfe.....	Pawnee City
O. T. Confer.....	Firth
- 13.—That Revs. H. M. and Lizzie McAdams be State Evangelists for coming year.
- 14.—That Rev. Dolie S. Wolfe be re-elected Yearly Meeting Clerk

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14.—That Rev. Delia S. Wolfe be re-elected Yearly Meeting Clerk.

15.—That personal request of Rev. W. F. Davis of Kenesaw to withdraw from Ministerial Association be granted.

16.—As report of Temperance Committee, that we urge war against liquor and tobacco and that we stand for "Nebraska Dry" in 1916.

17.—That the following be Program Committee: Rev. G. S. Latimer from Yearly Meeting, Rev. Leona Mack from Young People's Society, and Mrs. Clara Harper from Women's Mission Society, and that the programs be prepared at least two months before Yearly Meeting.

18.—As report of Treasurer, M. L. Morse:

Received from all sources during the year.....	\$ 459.92
Paid out for all purposes during the year.....	248.59
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	\$ 211.33
Loaned to Permanent Fund.....	37.50
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Total General Fund.....	\$ 248.83
Permanent Fund Mortgage.....	3342.50
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Total.....	\$3591.33

19.—As report of Committee on Necrology, that as the messenger of death has entered our field and taken one of the members of the State Board, Brother W. D. Myers of Geneva, and the Chairman of the Northern Kansas Yearly Meeting, Brother John S. Abbey, we feel the great loss of the passing over of these brethren, and express our sympathy to Sisters Myers and Abbey, praying God's richest blessing in this their loss in these lonely days.

G. S. LATIMER, Moderator.
DELIA S. WOLFE, Clerk.