

NEUSE FREEWILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE

Held at New Prospect Church, Near Goldsboro.

Reported for the Messenger.

The members comprising the first session of the Neuse Freewill Baptist Annual Conference, convened at New Prospect church, Thursday, the 13th inst., according to appointment. The minister appointed to deliver the introductory address being absent, Elder B. B. Holder, by request of the body delivered the address from Psalm 133, after which the conference was called to order, and Jas. H. Grant requested to act as Secretary.

The following members were enrolled, viz: Elders J. F. Hill, B. C. Field, B. B. Holder and J. J. Butler. Licentiate—E. J. Harrell. Delegates as follows: Hood Swamp church—J. J. Roberts and Seth Dixon. Bethesda—P. H. Sasser and D. O. Smith. New Prospect—Nathan Boyett and J. R. Burnum. Union Grove—Bryant Williams. Friendship—Jas. H. Grant and J. H. Elmore.

Corresponding delegates from Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Conference—N. L. Barnes.

The election resulted as follows: Moderator—B. B. Holder; Assistant Moderator—J. F. Hill; Secretary—Jas. H. Grant. Treasurer—B. C. Field.

J. F. Hill, J. J. Butler and P. H. Sasser were appointed a committee on order of business, and B. C. Field, N. Boyett and J. R. Burnum on religious exercises and arrangements.

On motion Conference adjourned till Friday morning 10 o'clock. Prayer by P. H. Sasser.

Elder J. F. Hill preached at night from 11 Chor. 8 Chap. 9 verse.

Conference met Friday morning at appointed hour. Devotional exercises by Elder J. J. Butler.

Allen Smith of Hood Swamp church appeared as delegate and was received.

Letters from the churches were then called for, and encouraging reports received.

Nearly all of them have enjoyed precious revivals and accessions to their membership.

Elder B. B. Holder was elected to write a code of Discipline, and N. Boyett, J. F. Hill and J. J. Butler, were appointed a committee to examine the work and report at next Conference.

Elders Hill, Holder and Butler, were appointed a committee on mission work, and the several churches are requested to solicit contributions for mission work.

P. H. Sasser, E. J. Harrell and J. H. Grant were appointed a committee on Sabbath School interests, and are urged to visit all the Sunday Schools and encourage them.

N. Boyett, J. H. Grant, Allen Smith, J. F. Hill and B. B. Holder, were designated a committee on education.

Elders B. B. Holder, J. F. Hill and J. J. Butler, were elected ordinary council.

S. Dixon, N. Boyett, P. H. Sasser, Allen Smith and J. R. Burnum, were constituted a committee on temperance.

Nathan Boyett was elected delegate to the State Conference, and J. H. Grant, alternate.

On motion the Conference agreed to correspond with the Cape Fear Conference, and E. J. Harrell and Bryant Williams were elected delegates.

Conference adjourned until 10 o'clock Saturday morning, Prayer by N. Boyett.

At night Elder Harrell opened services, and Elder B. B. Holder preached from 11 Timothy 4 Chap. 12 verse.

Conference met Saturday at appointed hour. Devotional services by J. F. Hill.

Elder J. Wilson Lucas of the Cape Fear Conference was invited to a seat in the Conference.

The committee on finance reported \$17.14 in the hands of the treasurer.

Elder B. C. Fields was granted credentials.

Five hundred copies of proceedings were ordered to be printed.

Union Grove church, was selected for the next place of meeting, and on Thursday before the third Sunday in November, 1880, as the time. The introductory sermon to be preached by Elder J. F. Hill, with Elder B. B. Holder as alternate.

After a vote of thanks to the people of the vicinity for their hospitality, the Conference adjourned, with prayer by Elder B. B. Holder.

Elder J. Wilson Lucas preached Saturday from 11 Chor. and on Sunday from Rev. 20 Chap. 12 verse. The congregation was good and attentive.