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ORDAINED MINISTERS DULY DISMISSED BY LETTER

Wade Jernigan, Route 2, Bladenboro, N. C.

G. C. Jones, Route 1, Loris, S. C.

MINISTERS PRESENT IN THIS SESSION

H. C. Adcox, T. C. Cribb, Edgar Fowler, A. L. Duncan, Noah Duncan, R. C. Rhodes, W. L. Jernigan, Allen B. Bryan, G. C. Jones, Reubin Hilburn, Z. D. Cains, L. M. Ward, Coy Housand, S. M. Parks, David White, J. C. Rogers, I. J. Greene.

MINISTERS NOT PRESENT

Reported Sick—Luther Inman.

LIST OF CUSTODIANS

J. C. Ward, W. L. McPherson, V. C. Pait, D. J. Hester, Nelson Pait

ORDAINING COUNCILERS

Revs. L. L. Moore, Luther Inman, H. C. Adcox, C. B. Hansley, A. L. Duncan

OFFICERS

Moderator—Rev. Noah Duncan, Tabor City, N. C.

Vice-Moderator—Rev. A. L. Duncan, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C.

Treasurer—W. L. McPherson, Route 1, Chadbourn, N. C.

Secretary—Rev. R. C. Rhodes, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C.

Proceedings

The Seventy-Eighth Annual Session of the Pee Dee Association of the Original Free Will Baptist met in Session with the Church at Pine Level in Columbus County, N. C., on Thursday night before the Third Sunday in October, 1947.

THURSDAY NIGHT

The services were opened by singing Hymn No. 148 "Glory to His Name." Prayer was offered by Rev. S. M. Parks. Rev. Reubin Hilburn, being present, opened the Service.

Rev. G. C. Jones preached the Introductory Sermon as previously appointed, reading for a lesson Galatians 1:1-9, using for a text the 4th verse of same lesson. Text: "Who Gave Himself for Our Sins."

After preaching, a benediction was then declared until Friday morning, 9:30, as there was no other business to come before the body for the night.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The congregation sang for a opening Song No. 67, "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone." Prayer was offered by Bro. P. M. McPherson. Since our regular moderator, Rev. W. L. Jernigan, was absent, in the commencement of the service our Vice-Moderator acted and conducted the devotional service.

At this time our Moderator had arrived and resumed his duties and declared the house was open for the transaction of business.

The ministers were enrolled.

At this time an invitation was extended to visiting brethren and they were made welcome to seats with us. Those enrolled were:

Rev. Henry Melvin, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn., Western Conference.

Bro. M. E. Godwin, Route 5, Dunn, N. C., Cape Fear Conference.

Bro. J. G. Teasley, 309 N-Hi. P. K., Durham, N. C., Western Conference, Business Manager of the Cragmont Assembly.

The Ministerial Committee appointed a year ago was called to report. They presented their report that they found that Rev. L. P. Brown had lost his credentials and therefore was unable to surrender them; also, he had reconsidered and placed his membership with the church he had left and was restored back and his ministerial membership was placed with the Central Association of South Carolina. All other matter related to this committee had been arraigned; therefore, by motion of Bro. C. V. Ward, the report was received and the committee duly discharged.

At this time all petitionary letters were called for. Cedar Branch Church and Beaver Dam Church petitioned for next session of the association. Deep Branch Church of Horry County, S. C., Pleasant Meadow Church of Columbus County, N. C., New Hope Church of Richmond County, N. C.—All three presented letters for membership in the association; also, Rev. S. M. Parks and Rev. J. C. Rogers from the Southern Association for member-

ship. Rev. Wade Jernigan and Rev. G. C. Jones petitioned for a letter of dismission.

On motion of Bro. C. V. Ward we received the three named churches and the two ministers to our membership. The right hand of fellowship was given them.

At this time the various committees were selected by the moderator.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES—Brethren D. N. Long, Mayo Brown, W. L. Pait.

FINANCE—Brethren Hays Pait, Coy Ward, Willie Ward.

MINISTERIAL CHARACTER—Brethren J. W. Bowen, N. P. McPherson, Wilson Watts, O. E. Brown, P. M. Mills.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Brethren Walter Johnson, Henry Poston, Simon Ward.

OBITUARIES—Brethren C. D. Nobles, Moses Ward, George Hester.

PERIODICALS—Bro. Jasper Bunnell, Sister J. R. Batten, Sister David White.

EDUCATION—Rev. Henry Melvin, Bro. M. E. Godwin, Rev. Allen B. Bryan, Rev. G. C. Jones, Mrs. Mary Pait.

On motion of Bro. C. V. Ward, Bro. D. J. Walden replaces Bro. James Mercer, deceased, on the Educational Board.

The body was recessed for thirty minutes. After recess the body was re-assembled and the business resumed.

The Devotional Committee reported; their report was received with Rev. R. C. Rhodes and Rev. Z. D. Cains to exchange appointment as Rev. R. C. Rhodes had to be away in Revival Sunday.

At this time the body adjourned for preaching and dinner. Rev. Henry Melvin preached, Text from Hebrews 1:1-5. After preaching a public offering was taken for the Orphanage and for the Cragmont Assembly and the Bible College at Nashville, Tenn. Offering was \$49.76 to be divided.

Rev. H. C. Adcox, the chairman of the Ordaining Council, presented Rev. Coy Housand, orthodox in the faith and worthy of ordination. He was duly ordained and his name and also Rev. L. M. Ward's name was ordered on the ordained list. The right hand of fellowship was given them.

Adjournment for dinner.

FRIDAY P. M. SESSION

Service opened by congregational singing. Prayer was offered by Rev. Reubin Hilburn. Rev. Noah Duncan was asked to conduct a Memorial Service in remembrance of Rev. M. C. McPherson and Bro. James Mercer, a member of our Standing Board. Reading a lesson from 1st Thess. 4, he made some very timely remarks concerning the two brethren who had gone from us, the usefulness of the life of Rev. M. C. McPherson in the ministry who had laid down the work and toil of life only to take up the crown of faithfulness that awaits those who are able to overcome, also to Bro. Mercer who had served so faithful as one of our official members from time to time.

At this time Bro. D. J. Teasley addressed the body making some very timely remarks concerning the Cragmont Assembly which seemed to be of great interest to the body at large.

Bro. C. D. Nobles was elected "protem" on the Educational Board Committee.

The church enrollment was called for; Bro. Mayo Brown was appointed reading clerk.

PINE LEVEL CHURCH—Letter and Delegates. Brethren J. C. Reaves, C. V. Ward, D. N. Long, D. B. Spivey, W. M. Harper. Minute fund \$7.00. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. A. L. Duncan for the year and have called him back for the next ensuing year, 1948. We report a good Sunday School each Sunday A. M. with average attendance of approximately 40.

MT. CALVARY CHURCH—By letter and delegates. Brethren W. D. Brown, O. E. Brown, Ed Thompson, Mayo Brown. Funds \$10.00 to be used as body sees best. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. R. C. Rhodes for the past year and have called Rev. Noah Duncan for the next ensuing year, 1948. We report a good Sunday School with reasonable good average attendance each Sunday morning.

EMERSON CHURCH—By letter and delegates. Brethren Charles Thompson, C. D. Nobles, Dillon Nealey. Annual funds \$5.00. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. Reubin Hilburn for the past year and called him back for the next ensuing year, 1948. We report a Sunday School with average attendance fair.

MT. OLIVE CHURCH—By letter and delegates. Brethren A. J. Penny, Albert Batten, Mrs. Albert Batten. Minute fund \$3.00. Extension fund \$2.50. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. R. C. Rhodes for the past year and have called him back for the next ensuing year, 1948. We report a good Sunday School.

MT. BEULAH CHURCH—By letter and delegate. Bro. Willie Ward. Minute fund \$5.35. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. Malcolm Harrelson for the past year and have called Rev. Noah Duncan for the next ensuing year, 1948. We report our Sunday School in normal condition.

BEAVER DAM CHURCH—By letter and delegates. Brethren N. P. McPherson, Coley McPherson, C. C. Simmons, Edward McPherson, P. M. McPherson. Minute fund \$20.50. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. Noah Duncan for the past year and have called him back for the next ensuing year, 1948. We also report a good Sunday School with average attendance of 325.

OAK GROVE No. 1 CHURCH—By Letter and delegates. Brethren Hays Pait, W. L. Pait, Jasper Bunnell. Regular fund \$20.00, Church Extension \$23.50, Christian Education \$9.40. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. W. L. Jernigan for the past year and have called him back for the ensuing year, 1948. We report a good Sunday School.

CYPRESS CREEK CHURCH—By letter and delegates. Brethren J. R. Batten, Luther Jones, J. M. C. Ward, Mrs. J. R. Batten, Mrs. Ida Ward. Association fund \$5.00. Extension fund \$15.00. We have been under the pas-

toral care of Rev. W. L. Jernigan for the past year and have called him back for the ensuing year, 1948. We report a good Sunday School.

LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH—By letter and delegates. Brethren Walter Johnson, P. M. Mills, Fussle Strickland. Minute funds \$5.00. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. Noah Duncan for the past year and have called him back for the ensuing year, 1948. We report a good Sunday School.

CEADER BRANCH CHURCH—By letter and delegates. Brother Otto Stephens, Sister Tressie Stephens, Sister Amanda Ward, Sister Earline Ward. Bro. Moses Ward. Funds \$3.05. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. G. C. Jones for the past year and have called him back for the ensuing year, 1948. We report a Sunday School in progress.

WHITE OAK CHURCH—By letter and delegates. Brethren D. F. Hester, Archie Pait, G. L. Hester, J. W. Bowen, Mrs. Archie Pait. Funds \$20.00. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. Hermon Wooten for the past year and have called him back for the next ensuing year, 1948. Our Sunday School is progressing nicely, average attendance 104.

HI LAND PINES CHURCH—By letter and delegates. Bro. and Sister J. L. Carpenter, Mrs. Laretta Stacey. Minute funds \$5.00. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. A. L. Duncan for the past year serving us three Sundays to the month, also Rev. R. C. Rhodes as assistant pastor, serving us one Sunday to the month. We have called Rev. L. M. Ward as Pastor for the ensuing year, 1948, who is to serve us two Sundays to the month, also we have called Rev. R. C. Rhodes for assistant Pastor. We report a good Sunday School with average attendance of 50.

MILL ROCK CHURCH—Not represented by letter or delegate. \$1.00 sent in as funds.

NEW HOPE CHURCH—By letter and delegates. Bro. H. J. Poston, Sister Mae White, Sister Vina Butler. Funds \$2.00. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. S. M. Parks for the past year and have called him back for the ensuing year, 1948. We also report a good Sunday School.

DEEP BRANCH CHURCH—By letter and delegates. Brethren C. D. Register, Wilson Watts, Vester Duncan, Jimmie Register. Funds \$3.00. We have been under the pastor care of Rev. T. C. Cribb for the past year and have called Rev. Reubin Hilburn for the ensuing year, 1948. We report a good Sunday School.

PLEASANT MEADOW CHURCH—By letter and delegates. Bros. Simon Ward, Cutler Ward, I. G. Ward, Sisters Mamie Ward, Maryliza Ward, Lillie Ward. Funds \$5.00. We have just recently organized our church and have called Rev. L. M. Ward for our Pastor. We are trying to build a church building. We are having Sunday School in community.

At this time after enrolling the churches a motion was made by Rev. R. C. Rhodes to supplement Rev. Reubin Hilburn's credentials as his were burned when his house was burned.

The body was adjourned for the day until Saturday morning, 9:30 o'clock.

Rev. Noah Duncan preached Friday night from the 10th Chapter of St. John.

SATURDAY A. M. SESSION

The service was opened by the audience singing Hymn No. 81, "Where Could I Go But to the Lord." Prayer was offered by Rev. I. J. Greene. The moderator read from the 4th Chapter of II Timothy, verses 1 to 5. The moderator made an earnest appeal concerning the duties of ministers.

Afterwards the house was declared in order for business and visiting brethren were invited to seats with us. Rev. W. E. Anderson, 1400 Shepherd St., Morehead City, N. C., of the Western Conference, Rev. W. K. Jordan, 206 East Washington St., Kinston, N. C., Western Conference, Rev. James A. Evans, Orphanage Superintendent, Middlesex, N. C., Western Conference were all recognized visitors. Saturday, also Rev. L. P. Brown, Route 1. Conway, S. C., Central Conference of S. C.

At this time there was a public offering taken for Superannuation to the amount of \$37.29 to be sent to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Lucama, N. C.

At this time the various committees made their final reports and were duly dismissed.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee on Devotional Exercises, beg leave to present the following report. We recommend that Rev. Henry Melvin preach Friday noon, Rev. Noah Duncan to preach Friday night, Rev. Reubin Hilburn to preach Saturday noon, Rev. Z. D. Cains to preach Saturday night and Rev. R. C. Rhodes to preach Sunday. It was agreed on by the body that Rev. Cains and Rev. Rhodes would exchange appointment as Rev. Rhodes was supposed to begin a Revival Sunday A. M. in Rockingham, N. C.

Respectfully submitted by your committee,

Bros. Mayo Brown,

W. L. Pait,

D. N. Long, Chr.

This report received and committee discharged by a motion made by Bro. F. M. Ward.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report. After examining the treasury we find in the hands of the Treasurer:

New funds	\$120.90
Old funds	32.86
Total	\$153.76
Ordered paid Clerk	15.00
Balance on Hand	\$138.76

Respectfully submitted by your committee,

Bros. Coy Ward,

Willie Ward,

Hays Pait, Chr.

This report was received and committee discharged by a motion made by Bro. D. J. Walden.

MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

We, your Committee on Ministerial Character, beg leave to present the following report. We find all of our ministers in good standing so far as we know.

Respectfully submitted by your committee,

Bros. J. W. Bowen, Chr.

O. E. Brown

P. M. Mills

N. P. McPherson

Wilson Watts

This report received and the committee discharged by a motion made by Bro. W. H. Ward.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee on Sunday School, beg leave to present the following report. We recommend that we re-adopt the same report of last year and preceding years, since 1943, reading as follows:

(1) We give the Sunday School Superintendents the privilege of appointing teachers for the various classes in case the teacher is absent. (2) We recommend that all of our Sunday Schools use our own Free Will Baptist literature that is printed in our Press at Ayden, N. C. (3) That we be careful as to how our children are taught. (4) We recommend that the teachers in our Sunday Schools be Christians and members of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted by your committee,

Bros. Henry Poston

Simon Ward

Walter Johnson, Chr.

This report was received and the committee discharged by a motion made by Bro. P. M. McPherson.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report as follows: We find that God has seen fit in his divine providence to call from this life 18 of our number to their final reward. We trust that our loss is their eternal gain. May we humbly bow in true submission to his great will, knowing as we do that he doeth all things well.

Respectfully submitted by your committee,

Bros. C. D. Nobles

Moses Ward

G. L. Hester, Chr.

PERIODICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee on Periodicals, beg leave to present the following report. We recommend that all our Free Will Baptist people use our Free Will Baptist literature that is printed at Ayden, N. C., in our Sunday Schools and in our homes; also, that our people take and read the Free Will Baptist that we might better acquaint ourselves with our church work.

Respectfully submitted by your committee,

Bro. Jasper Bunnell,
Mrs. J. R. Batten, Chr.,
Mr. David White.

This report was received and the committee discharged by a motion made by Bro. R. I. Batten.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to present the following report. Statement concerning the Bible College:

The Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tenn., is owned and operated by the National Association of Free Will Baptists. It is now in its sixth year of operation and has furnished training for Christian service to 117 young men and women. We have 57 enrolled this year from 14 States, 19 of this 57 are from North Carolina.

Recommendation:

In view of these benefits we would recommend (1) that each pastor and church send regular offerings to the College, (2) that we pray for the Student body and faculty, (3) that as our association we cooperate with the State Association in raising the remainder of the North Carolina \$20,000 quota in the \$100,000 campaign.

Respectfully submitted by your committee,

Rev. Henry Melvin
Rev. Allen B. Bryan, Chr.
Mrs. Archie Pait
Rev. M. E. Godwin
Rev. G. C. Jones

On motion of Bro. Hays Pait the report was received and the committee discharged. Votes taken to adopt this report, in favor of report 19, objection 48.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD REPORT

We, your Church Extension Board, beg leave to present the following report.

Old funds	\$128.40
New Funds	42.50
Total	\$170.90

Ordered paid out in this session:

Cypress Creek	\$100.00
White Oak	25.00
Pleasant Meadow	25.00
Deep Branch	20.90

Total	\$170.90
Leaves a balance	None

Respectfully submitted by your Board,

Bros. J. R. Batten, Chr.

W. H. Ward, Treasurer

Chad Russ, Secretary

This report was received by motion of Bro. C. V. Ward.

EDUCATIONAL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Educational Committee, beg leave to present the following report.

Old Funds on hand	\$ 5.80
New funds	10.40

Total	\$16.20
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Respectfully submitted by your committee,

Bros. D. F. Hester,

D. J. Walden,

C. D. Nobles.

This report received by motion of Bro. Mayo Brown.

The session was called off at this time for preaching and dinner. Rev. Reubin Hilburn preached Saturday noon from St. Matt. 23:37.

SATURDAY P. M. SESSION

The session was opened by Rev. L. B. Brown offering prayer. There was an offering taken for the Orphanage to the amount of \$20.00. The moderator declared the house open for business.

At this time Rev. W. E. Anderson addressed the body and entertained with some special singing which was enjoyed by the body. Afterwards the Brown Quartett rendered some special music which was highly appreciated also. Bro. W. K. Jordan addressed the body with some very timely remarks and rendered a very beautiful solo accompanied by the piano.

At this time Rev. James A. Evans gave us a brief but very interesting statement of the Orphanage work at Middlesex, N. C., of which he is Superintendent. Everyone seemed overjoyed to have Bro. Evans visit with us again and bring us greetings from our Orphanage Institution.

On motion of Bro. Mayo Brown, Bro. D. J. Walden will be the treasurer of the discontinued Educational Fund. He is to care for this session's new

funds and old fund. It is to be understood that said funds are to be placed in the bank all together at the disposal of the Association in session. Funds as they stand on October 18, 1947, at closing of session \$16.20. It is further understood that Bro. D. J. Walden is to supplement the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. James Mercer.

On motion of Rev. Allen B. Bryan we appointed our Association Officers for the next two years. It was moved that Rev. Noah Duncan be elected Moderator for the next two years. Motion carried. It was motioned by Bro. R. I. Batten that all other officers be re-elected for the next two years.

Beaver Dam Church in Columbus County, N. C., was selected as place for our next session. Rev. L. M. Ward was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. Reubin Hilburn his alternate.

On motion of Bro. P. M. McPherson we returned our vote of thanks to Pine Level Church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown us while in their midst, also to the pastor of Pine Level Church for his kindness as host to the session.

On motion of Rev. Noah Duncan, Rev. G. C. Jones was given a letter of dismissal to the Central Conference as per his request, also on motion of Bro. C. V. Ward, Rev. Wade Jernigan was given a letter of dismission since his work has taken him in the State of Oklahoma and his ministerial membership is required there.

It was motioned by Bro. C. V. Ward that we pay our Clerk \$15.00 for his service in this session. It was motioned by Rev. Noah Duncan that Rev. Wade Jernigan's letter will be forwarded to his father, Rev. Walter L. Jernigan, Bladenboro, N. C.

It was moved that we have 500 Minutes printed and the Clerk distribute them in the usual manner. It was motioned that the Clerk supply Bro. D. J. Walden with a certificate showing that he is appointed treasurer of the discontinued Educational Board.

It was motioned by Bro. W. H. Ward that we adjourn by benediction until our time to meet with the session at Beaver Dam Church in Columbus County, N. C., on Thursday night before the third Sunday in October, 1948.

Rev. Noah Duncan, Moderator,
Tabor City, N. C.

Rev. A. L. Duncan, Vice-Moderator,
Route 2, Tabor City, N. C.

W. L. McPherson, Treasurer,
Route 1, Chadbourn, N. C.

Rev. R. C. Rhodes, Secretary,
Route 2, Tabor City, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE

PINE LEVEL CHURCH—Male members 15, Female members 26, total 41. Received 1. Dismissed 3. Died None. Paid Pastor \$173.78. Paid Orphanage \$40.00. Paid for lights \$7.95. Total \$221.73. Sunday School report: Average attendance 40. Sunday school collection \$107.23, paid out \$86.29, now on hand \$20.94.

MT. CALVERY CHURCH—Loyal male members 9, loyal female members 17, total 26. Members received 1. Died 0. Paid Pastor \$185.00. Paid visiting ministers \$48.00. Church expense \$126.50. Charity \$30.00. Total paid out \$289.50.

MT. OLIVE CHURCH—Total membership 55. Died 1. Received 4. Baptized 4. Excluded 0. Paid for preaching \$177.58. Church wiring \$100.00. Inspection \$4.00. Paid for insurance \$28.20. Paid in for Union \$13.50. Total paid out \$323.28. Sunday School report: enrollment 59. Money collected \$36.23. Spent on pump \$2.66. Sent to Unions \$2.00. Sent to Association \$1.00. Spent for literature \$21.60. Now on hand \$7.97.

EMERSON CHURCH—Male members 9, female members 39, total 48. Paid Pastor \$75.00. Paid visiting preachers \$40.00. Members received 4. Died 1. Paid to Charity \$16.15. Church expense \$284.97. Total in treasury \$4.00.

MT. BEULAH CHURCH—No report as the book of records was burned.

BEAVER DAM CHURCH—Male members 99, female members 199, total 298. Baptized 60. Received on confession 8. Excluded 3. Died 4. Lost by letter 5. Lost to other churches 2. Paid Pastor \$843.01. Visiting preachers \$173.40. Paid to Charity \$247.27. Help to other church \$66.06. Repairs on Church \$1,454.23. Total paid out \$2,183.97. Sunday School report: Average attendance 325. Bought literature \$90.29. Paid Middlesex Orphanage \$94.29.

OAK GROVE No. 1 CHURCH—Male members 39, female members 55, total 94. Dismissed by letter 1. Died 1. Received 9. Paid Pastor \$398.15. Paid Missions \$155.64. Orphanage \$104.88. Insurance \$25.80. Evangelist \$312.20. Education \$95.83. Repairs \$609.70. Miscellaneous \$127.00. Total paid out \$1,829.10.

CYPRESS CREEK CHURCH—Male members 23, female members 35, total 58. Dismissed 3. Died 1. Paid Pastor \$230.00. Visiting preachers \$35.10. Paid to Unions \$8.00. Paid for piano \$150.00. Paid on new church \$385.66. Total paid out \$848.66. In treasury \$102.25.

LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH—Members on roll 51. Paid Pastor \$104.02. Visiting preachers \$64.93. Spent on Church \$126.75. Members baptized 2. Died 1.

CEADER BRANCH CHURCH—No statistical report.

WHITE OAK CHURCH—Male members 54, Female members 91, total 145. Members under 13 years 10. Received 6. Died 2. Dismissed 3. Net gain 1. Value of property \$20,000.00. Paid Pastor \$420.00. Home Missions \$72.00. Orphanage \$120.00. Church expense \$262.00. Foreign Missions

\$42.00. Church Finance \$3.00. Cragmont Assembly \$3.00. Superannuation \$2.00. Christian Education, \$41.00. New Church \$6,200.00:

HI LAND PINES CHURCH—State of religion—Free Will Baptist. Total membership 19. Dismissed 2. Died 1. Baptized 4. Received by confession 2. Prayer Meeting good. Sunday School good. Average attendance 50. Paid Pastor \$290.02. Assistant Pastor \$194.45. Evangelist \$36.46. Special Singing \$110.81. Total paid out \$1,023.17. Took in \$547.93.

DEEP BRANCH CHURCH—Male members 16, female members 14, total 30. Money received \$430.87. Money spent \$430.87. Indebtedness on Church \$302.50. Total value of property \$1,500.00.

PLEASANT MEADOW CHURCH—Organized August 22, 1947. Male members 5, females 17, total 22. Money received on church \$110.03.

MILL ROCK CHURCH—No report.

NEW HOPE CHURCH—Total membership 32. Paid Pastor \$75.00. Evangelist \$40.00. Church work \$550.00. Insurance \$16.50. Total paid out \$681.50.

CLERK'S NOTE

I desire just here to thank Pine Level Church and their good pastor for their fine hospitality as host to this Seventy-Eighth session of the Association. As Clerk of the association, I have tried to prepare this Minute in as correct a form as possible. I hope it will be received by all of you Brethren and Sisters without criticism. My prayer is "Oh Lord, help us to prepare for the great future of our Association." I feel like our people as a whole are behind every move for the good of our denomination and would like to see it go forward. Let us again say here as Jesus did to his disciples in St. John 14:31 "Let us go hence, yours to win lost souls to God."

Your humble servant,

Rev. R. C. Rhodes, Clerk,
Route 2, Tabor City, N. C.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we believe by Divine Grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Preserver, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree by God's help to walk together, in brotherly love.

We, therefore enter into covenant as members of this church, and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing each other's joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by Divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our agreements, and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine of this church; that we will contribute cheerfully according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.