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Church Clerks and Post Offices

PLEASANT MEADOW—W. C. Edge, Rt. 1, Box 22, Nakina, N. C.
BEAVER DAM—C. M. Cartrette, Rt. 3, Whiteville, N. C.
PINE LEVEL—Delma Ray Ward, Rt. 1, Nakina, N. C.
MT. CALVARY—W. D. Brown, Bladenboro, N. C.
MT. OLIVE—Robert Benton, Rt. 2, Whiteville, N. C.
EMERSON—Robert Sellers, Rt. 1, Box 42, Tabor City, N. C.
MT. BEULAH—Rev. R. C. Rhodes, Rt. 2, Tabor City, N. C., clerk pro tem
OAK GROVE—Hayes Pait, Rt. 2, Box 77, Bladenboro, N. C.
CYPRESS CREEK—F. J. Lee, Nakina, N. C.
LITTLE BETHEL—Wade Hodges, Tabor City, N. C.
CEDAR BRANCH—Ashley Ward, Rt. 1, Nakina, N. C.
WHITE OAK—D. E. Hester, Box 233, Bladenboro, N. C.
MILL ROCK—Gaston Packer, Bladenboro, N. C.
DEEP BRANCH—C. D. Register, Rt. 2, Loris, S. C.
MISSION VALLEY—Elbert Sykes, Rt. 3, Whiteville, N. C.
SNOW HILL—L. M. Ward, Rt. 3, Box 55, Tabor City, N. C.
BETHEL—Lillie Mae Tatum, Rt. 1, Box 158, St. Pauls, N. C.

Ordained Ministers

R. C. Rhodes, Rt. 2, Tabor City, N. C.
A. L. Duncan, Rt. 2, Tabor City, N. C.
C. B. Hansley, Rt. 1, Box 197-A, New Port, N. C.
Cary Cheshire, Bladenboro, N. C.
Z. D. Cains, Rt. 3, Tabor City, N. C.
Seymour Duncan, Rt. 3, Whiteville, N. C.
L. M. Ward, Rt. 1, Tabor City, N. C.
M. L. Baxley, Red Springs, N. C.
J. H. Galloway, Rt. 1, Lumberton, N. C.
McLeod Strickland, Tabor City, N. C.
Joe Dean Harrelson, Tabor City, N. C.
Coy Housand, Rt. 1, Loris, S. C.
Reubin Hilburn, Rt. 1, Tabor City, N. C.
L. J. Ward, Rt. 3, Box 52, Tabor City, N. C.

Absentees

W. L. Jernigan, Turbeville, N. C.
Seymour Duncan, Rt. 3, Whiteville, N. C.
B. J. Ward, Wampee, S. C.
H. M. Rodgers, 311 Avon Road, Marion, S. C.

Superannuated Ministers

I. J. Green, Rt. 1, Clarendon, N. C.
T. C. Cribb, Rt. 1, Clarendon, N. C.
Edgar Fowler, Tabor City, N. C.

Licentiates

Harvey Cribb

Woodrow Byrd

Proceedings

The eighty-fifth session of the Pee Dee Association of the Original Free Will Baptists met in session with Beaver Dam Church, Columbus County, N. C., October 14, 15, and 16, 1954.

The service was opened by the congregation singing, "In The Sweet By And By." Prayer was offered by Brother A. D. Nealy.

Rev. Cary Cheshire, being present, filled vacancy of Rev. Noah Duncan which was previously appointed to preach the introductory sermon, but who God had called away from our midsts since the last association.

Rev. Cary Cheshire, in filling this appointment, brought an inspiring message taken from the thirteenth through the eighteenth verses of the sixteenth chapter of Matthew.

There being no other business to come before the body the choir sang, "Walking in the Sunlight," then the body was dismissed until Friday a. m.

Friday Morning Session

Service was opened with the congregation singing, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," prayer by Rev. I. J. Green. Rev. Lessie Ward, being present, conducted the devotional service taking a Scripture lesson from the first Psalm of David.

The moderator then announcing the house in order for transactions of business, inviting visiting brethren to sit with us.

There being no petitionary letters to come before the body, visitors were enrolled at this time. Rev. R. N. Hinnant, a representative from the State Convention, gave us a very interesting talk; he also reminded us of our failure in making the proper reports of our churches, also the much needed co-operation and support from each church.

Also enrolled as a visitor was Rev. James A. Evans, director of public relations from Mt. Allen Junior College, Mt. Olive, North Carolina. Brother Evans gave us a very interesting talk on the work and progress being made at the college; he also expressed the need of our support in helping to make this institution grow for the benefit of our boys and girls. Brother Evans also brought us greetings from Brother S. A. Smith, superintendent of the Orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina.

Various committees were then appointed as follows:

INVESTIGATION—Ashley Ward, P. A. Smith, W. F. Cartrette, and Willie Jones.

DEVOTIONAL—Leo McPherson, I. G. Ward, Coy Ward, and Willie Bowen.

MINISTERIAL—L. M. Ward, W. H. Bryan, David F. Hester, N. P. McPherson, and Fussell Strickland.

OBITUARY—Coval Ward, D. B. Spivey, Martha Ward, and Simon Ward.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—C. C. Simmons, Robert Sellers, and Thomas Fowler.

PERIODICAL—C. A. Hardee, Wilbur Stephens, and Otto Stephens.

EDUCATIONAL—Hayes Pait, Willie Bowen, and Dean Harrelson.

RESOLUTION—Levie Ward, R. C. Rhodes, and Grover McPherson.

FINANCE—D. J. Walton, Reubin Hilburn, and J. W. Byrd.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Hayes Pait, Ashley Ward, and Cleveland Hughes.

With the completing of the appointment of committees the body was dismissed for a fifteen minute recess.

Reassembled with the congregation singing "The Glory Land Way," prayer by Rev. R. N. Hinnant.

The Devotional Committee presented their report, recommending Rev. J. A. Evans to preach today (Friday), Rev. Levie Ward preach tonight, and Rev. McLeod Strickland preach Sunday.

Clerks Note: About this time a severe storm called the "Hurricane Hazel" struck on the outside. From the effects of the storm there was no current for three or four days, so all night services had to be omitted.

Motion by Brother Mayo Brown that time be cut as short as possible due to the storm raging on the outside not knowing what was happening to wife and children at home.

Rev. J. A. Evans, as was appointed, brought an inspiring message using for a subject, "Enoch Pleased God," taken from the fifth verse of the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. The storm still raging on the outside, motion was made that the body be adjourned until Saturday morning.

Saturday Morning Session

Service was opened by the congregation singing "When We All Get to Heaven," prayer by Brother D. J. Walton.

Rev. Dean Harrelson conducted the devotional service taking a short lesson from Matthew 1:19-23.

The house was then called to order by the moderator. The ministers' roll was then called with 14 present and 6 absent.

The minutes of the last association were then read and approved by the body, on motion by Brother W. F. Cartrette.

Brother Reubin Hilburn and Brother L. J. Ward had been licensed since the last association and a report at this time from Rev. A. L. Duncan, secretary of the Ordaining Council, was that upon its opinion, belief, and investigation that they were proud to present before the body, Brothers Hilburn and Ward. They were then received into the association by motion of Brother D. J. Walton, and was then extended the right hand of fellowship.

At this time the moderator, Rev. C. B. Hansley, called Rev. Cary Cheshire to act in his place as moderator. Brother Hansley then brought a report that Brother Willie Bowen and himself, each being from our conference, along with other members, were appointed by the State Convention to work out some plan of agreement that will meet the approval of all conferences in our association concerning church discipline. Motion made to accept Brother Hansley's report.

Motion by Rev. A. L. Duncan to appoint a committee of three from our association to assist Rev. C. B. Hansley and Brother Willie Bowen, appointed from State Convention, in this work, and to work out a plan to examine our forth coming ministers coming up for ordination. This committee composed of Rev. R. C.

Rhodes, Brother D. J. Walton, and Brother D. F. Hester. This motion was carried by the body.

The church reports were then received as follows:

PLEASANT MEADOW—Reported by letter. Delegates: Brothers I. G. Ward, Paul Ward, C. A. Hardee, and W. C. Edge. Minute funds, \$5.00; orphanage, \$10.00. Pastor for past year, Rev. Reubin Hilburn; have called him back for the coming year.

BEAVER DAM—Reported by letter. Delegates: Brothers N. P. McPherson, Leo McPherson, W. F. Cartrette, Coy McPherson, and C. C. Simmons. Minute funds, \$23.80. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. J. A. Hucks for the past year, and have called Rev. Cary Cheshire for the coming year.

PINE LEVEL—Reported by letter and delegates. Delegates and pastors name not listed. Minute funds, \$6.00.

MT. CALVARY—Reported by letter. Delegates: Brothers Mayo Brown, Vance Pait, and Shafter Brown. Minute funds, \$10.00.

MT. OLIVE—Reported by letter. Delegates: Brothers Otto Stephens, Johnnie Price, and Bish Watts. Minute funds, \$6.00. Pastor, Rev. R. C. Rhodes.

EMERSON—Reported by letter. Delegates: Brothers Hoyt Shelly and Robert Sellers. Minute funds, \$2.86. Pastor, Rev. McLeod Strickland.

MT. BEULAH—Reported by letter. Delegates: Brother E. D. Fowler, and Sisters Emeline Rhodes and Cora Fowler. Minute funds, \$5.05. Pastor for part of past year, Rev. Dean Harrelson, have called Rev. Reubin Hilburn for the coming year.

OAK GROVE—Reported by letter. Delegates: Brothers Hayes Pait, Willie Bryan, W. L. Pait, F. M. Hester, Chadd Russ, and Sisters Hayes Pait and Hattie Bryan. Minute funds, \$10.00. Pastor, Rev. L. L. Parker.

CYPRESS CREEK—Reported by letter. Delegates: Brothers Willie Jones, Sam Ward, Coy Ward, Levie Ward, and Sister Mary Ward. Minute funds, \$10.00. Pastor for past year, Rev. Cary Cheshire, have called Rev. Levie Ward for the coming year.

LITTLE BETHEL—Reported by letter. Delegates: Brothers Walter Johnson, Fussell Strickland, and Harley Watts. Minute funds, \$5.00. Pastor for past year, Rev. Lonnie Brown, have called him back for the coming year.

CEDAR BRANCH—Reported by letter. Delegates: Brothers C. V. Ward, Simon Ward, Ashley Ward, and Emory Ward. Minute funds, \$5.00. Extension funds, \$5.00. Pastor for past year, Rev. Reubin Hilburn, have called him back for the coming year.

MILL ROCK—No report.

WHITE OAK—Reported by letter. Delegates: Brothers D. F. Hester, R. H. Pait, Kelly Pait, J. W. Bowen, Nelson Pait, and Sisters Hattie Adcox and Teachey Cheshire.

DEEP BRANCH—Reported by letter. Minute funds \$3.00. Rev. Z. D. Cains, pastor for the coming year.

MISSION VALLEY—Reported by letter. Delegates: Brothers Tom Fowler,

Wilbur Stephens, Malcolm Fowler, P. A. Smith, and Sister Sarah Ann Ward. Minute funds, \$5.00. Pastor for past year, Rev. Seymour Duncan, have called Rev. McLeod Strickland for the coming year.

SNOW HILL—Reported by letter. Delegates: Brothers McKinley Richardson, Harvie Cribb, Jesse Cribb, Latton Gore, and Sister Mae Gore. Minute funds, \$5.00. Pastor, Rev. L. M. Ward. We licensed Brother Harvie Cribb to preach October 2.

BETHEL—Reported by letter. Delegates: Brothers Richard Caulder, Johnnie Jackson, and Sisters Bertha Britt, Mildred Galloway, and Sadie Jackson. Pastor, Rev. J. H. Galloway.

With the finishing of the church reports, the body was adjourned for fifteen minute recess.

The body reassembled with the congregation singing "Living in the Promised Land," prayer by Rev. Z. D. Caines. Rev. McLeod Strickland, as was appointed, brought an inspiring message taken from the fifteenth chapter of St. Luke. Afterward the body was dismissed until 1:30 p. m.

Saturday Evening Session

Service was opened by choir singing "If Jesus Is There," prayer by Rev. Z. D. Cains.

The house was then announced in order by the moderator. The reports of the various committees were then called for which reads as follows:

MINISTERIAL—We, your Ministerial Committee, report as follows: We find all our ministers in good standing as far as we know. We recommend that our ministers refrain from the use and practice of the three definite works of grace or the unknown tongue, and that they will not encourage such in our churches seeing that they bring confusion.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. WARD
W. H. BRYAN
DAVID F. HESTER
N. P. McPHERSON
FUSSELL STRICKLAND

Received by motion of Rev. J. H. Galloway.

OBITUARY—We, your Obituary Committee, report as follows: We find that twelve of our beloved brethren have gone on to their final reward since our last association. We recommend that Rev. R. C. Rhodes conduct a Memorial Service for our beloved brethren.

Respectfully submitted,

COVAL WARD
D. B. SPIVEY
MARTHA WARD
SIMON WARD

Received by motion of Brother D. J. Walton.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We, your Sunday School Committee, recommend that we have Sunday schools in all our churches; and that we use Christian teachers and also use our literature that is printed at Ayden, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. SIMMONS
ROBERT SELLERS
THOMAS FOWLER

Received by motion.

PERIODICAL—We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows: All of our churches use our Free Will Baptists literature printed at Ayden, N. C.; that we use and read our Free Will Baptist paper so that we may better acquaint ourselves with our denominational work, that our churches adopt weekly prayer services, and we use Christian teachers that our churches might grow stronger.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. HARDIE
WILBUR STEPHENS
OTTO STEPHENS

Received by motion of Brother Cary Cheshire.

EDUCATIONAL—We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to report: That the Pee Dee Association support the Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee, in order that we may have better prepared ministers and full time Christian workers. Also that we support Mt. Allen Junior College at Mt. Olive, N. C., so that we will have a place for the young people of our denomination to prepare themselves to be teachers or other professional workers under the environment of the original Free Will Baptist church.

Respectfully submitted,

HAYES PAIT
WILLIE BOWEN

Received by motion of Rev. M. L. Baxley.

RESOLUTION—We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to present to you the following report: That we recommend that the Ordaining Council be given the right to check any ministers on our roll that are in disorder and preaching out of harmony with our Free Will Baptist doctrine, and if they fail to give satisfaction, silence them until our next association.

Respectfully submitted,

LEVIE WARD
R. C. RHODES
GROVER McPHERSON

Received by motion of Rev. Cary Cheshire.

FINANCE—We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report that we find

in the hands of the treasurer: old funds, \$24.65; new funds, \$127.71; making a total on hand, \$152.36.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. WALTON
REUBIN HILBURN
J. W. BYRD

Received by motion of Brother Fussell Strickland.

CHURCH EXTENSION—We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows: old funds, none; new funds, \$5.00. As no church has ask for help it will remain in the treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

HAYES PAIT
ASHLEY WARD
CLEVELAND HUGHES

Received by motion of Brother Simon Ward.

With this bringing to a close the reports of committees, old business was then called for. At this time the committee that was appointed at the last association to obtain, if necessary, a court order to get the credentials in possession of Brother Norman Hilburn. Brother Hayes Pait who was on this committee reported at this time that through a conversation between him and Brother Hilburn on November 5, 1953, Brother Hilburn gave his credentials to him and he presented them to the clerk of the association in person.

New business was then called for. At this time Rev. W. L. Jernigan sent a personal message before the body rendering his excuse of absence along with a request of dismissal from our association. He also asked for a letter of recommendation to the South Carolina Conference.

By motion of Rev. A. L. Duncan, Brother Jernigans request was granted and a letter of recommendation was sent representing him to the South Carolina Conference by the clerk.

Motion was made by Brother Hayes Pait to appoint Brother D. E. Hester and Brother D. J. Walton to serve on the Ordaining Council to fill the vacancy created by Rev. C. B. Hansley who was transferred to moderator, and Rev. W. L. Jernigan who is moving to South Carolina Conference.

Brother Hayes Pait reported on the Church Extension work. On motion of Rev. Cary Cheshire, the Church Extension Board is to make out its report and turn its funds and report over to the regular treasurer.

On motion of Brother I. G. Ward a committee was appointed to investigate the deliquent churches. This committee was composed of Brothers D. J. Walton, Hayes Pait, and Reubin Hilburn.

On motion of Brother Z. D. Cains, Brother D. J. Walton is to keep a record of the expenses of the committee so as to make a report at next association.

On motion of Brother Hayes Pait, Rev. Cary Cheshire was appointed assistant moderator.

On motion of Brother D. J. Walton a trustee was appointed to replace Brother

J. C. Ward. Brother Leo McPherson was appointed to serve on this board.

Motion was made requiring the Board of Trustees to investigate the deeds to property of Mission Valley Church.

On motion of Brother I. G. Ward our body received Brother Woodrow Byrd from the Mt. Olive Church as a license minister, also Brother Harvie Cribb from the Snow Hill Church as a licentiate.

Motion was made by Rev. A. L. Duncan that a committee be appointed to help the clerk in gathering all resolutions from 1932 up to present time, and in looking over these resolutions, if this committee thinks one should be discontinued, they are to make a report of same at the next annual conference. Committee members appointed on this subject were: Rev. A. L. Duncan, Rev. R. C. Rhodes, and Bro. Grover McPherson.

Motion was made by Bro. D. J. Walton that this motion go into effect after this conference, and that we accept licentiate ministers into the association only after they have become members of the Union and have been recommended by the Unions of which they are members.

At this time Rev. R. C. Rhodes conducted a Memorial Service in honor of our deceased brethren, taking a subject from Job 1:1.

On motion of Brother W. L. McPherson a free will offering was taken for the Superannuation Board for the benefit of our old age ministers. A part to be sent to Brother M. L. Johnson, Sims, N. C. This offering was \$32.65.

Motion was made by Brother D. J. Walton that we pay our clerk \$15.00, and the treasurer \$10.00 for their services.

A motion was made by Brother Hayes Pait that we give a standing vote of thanks to Beaver Dam Church for the kindness and hospitality shown us while in their midst.

Motion was made by Brother Hayes Pait that we have 400 minutes printed.

At this time an offering of \$18.10 was taken for the Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C.

Rev. A. L. Duncan was appointed to introduce the next session of the association to be held with Oak Grove Church.

Motion was made by Brother W. F. Cartrette that we be adjourned until the time to meet with Oak Grove Church in Bladen County, N. C., beginning on Thursday night before the third Sunday in October, 1955.

REV. C. B. HANSLEY, *Moderator*

E. D. MCPHERSON, *Clerk*

Report of Special Committee

After the adjournment of our just past association, and in regards to a motion passed by the association, the committee appointed to the following subject responded immediately to their task of duty and in a short time had the following ready to be put on record:

We, your committee that was appointed by the association to check through the past sessions and look up the resolutions that had been accepted, we beg leave to present the following resolutions to-wit:

In the year of 1922, at Oak Grove Church No. 2, Horry County, S. C., on motion of Brother R. I. Batten, each church organized with a membership of 100 or less shall be entitled to 2 votes in unions and conferences, and for each 25 or more over 100 shall count another vote, also all officers shall be entitled to vote.

In October, 1938, at Pine Level Church, this resolution was made: Be it resolved that we, as ministers, members or messengers, use our influence against worthless criticism and gossip, and that ministers or member found guilty of such, they will answer for same to their church or association. This being adopted by motion of Brother David F. Hester.

A protest resolution: Be it resolved that we do protest the two and three works of Grace being preached in our churches. This protest was adopted by motion of Brother C. V. Ward.

At Oak Grove Church in October, 1939, by motion of Rev. A. L. Duncan, these resolutions were to be enforced.

At Mt. Beulah Church in October, 1940, on motion of Brother C. V. Ward, hereafter we are to give no brother license to preach until he has been a member of one of our churches for a period of 12 months.

At Beaver Dam Church in October, 1942, new business was called for, and on motion of Brother R. L. Batten, that we pay twenty-five cents per capita for Church Extension work. Motion carried.

At Mt. Beulah Church in October, 1943, clerk's notes recorded that a resolution was passed last year requesting twenty-five cents per capita for Church Extension work.

At Mt. Calvary Church in October, 1946, be it resolved: (1) That we as Free Will Baptist churches, call or secure Free Will Baptists members to conduct revivals, preach, lecture, or hold special services of any kind at all times. (2) If at any time a minister of some other faith and practice who is not of the original Free Will Baptists should be desired and considered worthy to conduct such services and meets the approval of both pastor and the church, that such invitation shall be extended and delivered only by the pastor of such church.

Submitted by your Committee,

MRS. J. R. BATTEN

REV. C. B. HANSLEY

BROTHER W. J. SWINK

This resolution was adopted by motion of Rev. H. C. Adcox.

A resolution: Be it resolved that this body pass a resolution to take a free will offering for the purpose of creating a budget for all retired ministers in the Pee Dee Association.

In Oak Grove Church in October, 1951, the committee made the following resolutions: We, your Resolution Committee, recommend that we still use our resolutions that we are using at present time.

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. HUGHES

F. M. WARD

FUSSELL STRICKLAND

At Mission Valley Church in October, 1952, motion made by Rev. A. L. Duncan that: May it be resolved from this, the 18th day of October, 1952, that if any preacher walked disorderly or goes contrary to the Free Will Baptists discipline, to call in his credentials, and that his credentials be turned over to the clerk to be recorded in the Association Book, and then to burn his credentials.

At White Oak Church in October, 1953, new business was called for. There was a motion by Brother W. F. Cartrette that each church enrolled in our Pee Dee Association be required to be present at the forthcoming associations either by letter, delegates, or both. Any church failing to report in some way in the future to our association may be subject to committee investigation.

We, your committee, recommend that the above resolutions go down in the minutes continually throughout the years as rules and by-laws of our Pee Dee Association.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. DUNCAN

R. C. RHODES

GROVER MCPHERSON

Officers

Rev. C. B. Hansley, Moderator, Rt. 1, Box 197-A, New Port, N. C.

Rev. Cary Cheshire, Vice-Moderator, Bladenboro, N. C.

Brother E. D. McPherson, Clerk, Rt. 1, Clarendon, N. C.

Brother W. L. McPherson, Treasurer, Rt. 1, Chadbourn, N. C.

Ordaining Council

Rev. Cary Cheshire, Moderator

Rev. A. L. Duncan, Secretary

Rev. R. C. Rhodes

Brother D. F. Hester

Brother D. J. Walton

List of Custodians

Brothers W. L. McPherson, V. C. Pait, D. E. Hester, Nelson Pait, and Leo McPherson.

Ministers Present

Revs. R. C. Rhodes, A. L. Duncan, C. B. Hansley, Cary Cheshire, Z. D. Cains, L. M. Ward, M. L. Baxley, J. H. Galloway, McLeod Strickland, Joe Dean Harrelson, Coy Housand, Reubin Hilburn, L. J. Ward, and I. J. Green.

CLERK'S NOTE: As this brings to a close the work of the eighty-fifth annual session of the Pee Dee Association and God has blessed us to enter into the beginning of a new physical church year, could we think of a more wonderful word than *Peace*? We have had peace throughout our association that has just passed and gone, so let's think of what peace means to us in our homes, community, and churches.

The angels announcement to the shepherds concerning the birth of our Saviour was, "Peace on earth good will to men." One of the greatest achievements in the life of our Saviour while here on earth was to bring peace to the souls of living humanity. Think of what a friend to mortal beings to shed His sinless life's blood

on Calvary's Cross for the sins of so weak and unworthy a people as we. Even after such a death of horror and He had risen from the grave, His mind was on peace for human being. In His first appearance before His disciples, He addressed them with the words, "Peace be unto you." Yes, Jesus is ready to speak peace to any burdened heart today who will seek Him.

The war system of peace today relies on armies, guns, planes, and bombs to conquer the enemy, and considers nothing but our own national interest and welfare. While the truly Christian system of peace wants to protect not only our welfare but the welfare of other nations, including our enemy. I believe if the leaders of our nation would come before Christ, our Redeemer from whom our everyday blessings are contributed, with humble hearts and ask Him for His guidance daily through their state and national affairs, that they would not only preserve world peace, but health, happiness, and peace with all the people and we would have no enemies.

May we all endeavor to serve and do more for our Saviour in the future than we have done in the past; a Saviour whose love and help is available to us daily as our greatest help to happiness and peace.

E. D. McPHERSON

Statistical Tables

PLEASANT MEADOW—Male members, 16; female members, 27; received by baptism, 3; received on confession, 3; received by letter, 1; dropped, 8; total members, 43; paid pastor, \$125.00; visiting preachers, \$60.00; charity, \$27.00; unions, \$17.30; building and repairs, \$150.00; paid on piano, \$200.00; orphanage, \$10.00.

BEAVER DAM—Male members, 121; female members, 245; received by baptism, 7; received on confession, 2; received by letter, 1; died, 2; total members on roll, 366; paid pastor, \$951.85; visiting preachers, \$454.14; charity, \$542.47; orphanage, \$163.50; Red Cross, \$50.00; polio funds, \$23.50; Christian education, \$30.55; unions, \$54.35; association, \$23.80; building, \$1,474.49; miscellaneous, \$395.60; Sunday school offerings, \$735.40; total paid out, \$4,086.10; total money on hand, \$682.01.

PINE LEVEL—Male members, 9; female members, 25; received on confession, 1; received by baptism, 12; dropped, 3; died, 1; total members, 34; paid pastor, \$103.23; visiting preachers, \$129.93; charity, \$38.00; unions, \$21.00; association, \$6.00; building and repairs, \$12.00; miscellaneous, \$10.00; total, \$320.16.

MT. CALVARY—Male members, 17; female members, 21; dropped, 5; died, 2; total members, 38; paid pastor, \$360.00; visiting preachers, \$52.00; charity, \$73.00; orphanage, \$125.00; unions, \$20.00; association, \$10.00; Sunday school offerings, \$15.00; church offerings, \$25.00; building repairs and upkeep, \$275.42; miscellaneous, \$53.40; total, \$328.82.

MT. OLIVE—Male members, 18; female members, 24; received by baptism, 6; received by letter, 2; died, 1; dropped, 1; total members, 42; paid pastor, \$276.84; evangelistic service, \$59.11; repairs and improvement, \$959.00; fuel, lights, and

janitor, \$38.00; conferences and unions, \$24.00; charity, \$24.88; miscellaneous, \$14.00; total paid out, \$1,402.03.

EMERSON—Male members, 18; female members, 63; received by baptism, 1; died, 2; dropped, 9; total members, 70; paid pastor, \$94.40; visiting preachers, \$46.74; charity, \$21.86; orphanage, \$2.20; unions, \$28.20; association, \$2.86; church offerings, \$10.55; building and repairs, \$26.16; total, \$237.07.

MT. BEULAH—Male members, 10; female members, 16; total members, 26; paid pastor and visiting preachers approximately, \$100.00; unions, \$12.00; association, \$5.05; miscellaneous, \$18.00.

OAK GROVE—Male members, 34; female members, 47; dismissed by letter, 4; died, 1; paid pastor, \$600.00; visiting preachers, \$153.74; charity, \$38.90; orphanage, \$215.16; unions, \$28.00; association, \$10.00; Sunday school and church offerings, \$858.24; miscellaneous, \$175.42; Mt. Allen College, \$93.00; United Program, \$12.75; State Sunday School Convention, \$5.00; total, \$2,200.21.

CYPRESS CREEK—Male members, 37; female members, 32; received by letter, 3; died, 2; total members, 69; paid pastor, \$256.42; visiting preachers, \$50.80; charity, \$93.05; orphanage, \$30.00; building and repairs, \$50.00; association, \$10.00; total paid out, \$479.27; total in treasury, \$163.00.

LITTLE BETHEL—Male members, 13; female members, 30; received by baptism, 3; restored, 4; died, 1; total members, 43; paid pastor, \$177.47; visiting preachers, \$21.79; charity, \$10.25; orphanage, \$11.00; unions, \$20.00; association, \$5.00; lights, \$20.00; total paid out, \$260.51.

CEDAR BRANCH—Male members, 9; female members, 16; received on confession, 1; received by letter, 2; died, 1; dropped, 7; total members, 25; paid pastor, \$125.00; visiting preachers, \$30.00; charity, 76.50; unions, \$15.00; association, \$5.00; extension funds, \$5.00; Sunday school offerings, \$75.00; building and repairs, \$107.60.

WHITE OAK—Male members, 55; female members, 82; died, 1; total members, 137; paid pastor, \$747.32; visiting preachers, \$85.00; orphanage, \$161.76; Christian education, \$13.00; unions, \$54.00; association, \$10.00; Sunday school and church offerings, \$2,273.37; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$362.96; miscellaneous, \$737.22; total, \$2,471.26; total on hand, \$282.03.

MILL ROCK—No report.

DEEP BRANCH—Male members, 9; female members, 9; total members, 18; paid pastor, \$80.00; visiting preachers, \$49.77; charity, \$30.00; unions, \$11.50; association, \$3.00; Sunday school offerings, \$4.00; miscellaneous, \$8.00.

MISSION VALLEY—Male members, 14; female members, 21; received on confession, 1; received by baptism, 1; dropped, 3; total members, 35; paid pastor, \$89.33; visiting preachers, \$20.50; charity, \$45.77; unions, \$15.05; association, \$6.00; Sunday school offerings, \$49.58.

SNOW HILL—Male members, 15; female members, 14; received on confession, 4; by baptism, 2; total members, 29; paid visiting preachers, \$30.00; unions, \$15.00;

association, \$5.00; Sunday school offering, \$60.00; church offerings, \$13.00; building and repairs, \$50.00.

BETHEL—Male members, 13; female members, 11; total members, 24.

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 others 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 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.

