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CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES

Pleasant Meadow—W. C. Edge, Nakina, N. C.
Beaver Dam—C. M. Cartrette, Route 3, Whiteville, N. C.
Pine Level—D. N. Long, Nakina, N. C.
Mt. Calvary—W. D. Brown, Route 1, Bladenboro, N. C.
Mt. Olive—Robert Benton, Route 2, Whiteville, N. C.
Emerson—Robert Sellers, Route 1, Box 42, Tabor City, N. C.
Mt. Beulah—Eva Fowler, Tabor City, N. C.
Oak Grove—E. Hayes Pait, Route 2, Box 77, Bladenboro, N. C.
Cypress Creek—Marvin Ward, Route 1, Nakina, N. C.
Little Bethel—Wade Hodges, 119 Floyd Street, Tabor City, N. C.
Cedar Branch—Bob Faircloth, Route 1, Clarendon, N. C.
White Oak—D. E. Hester, Box 233, Bladenboro, N. C.
Deep Branch—Mrs. Monnie Register, Loris, S. C.
Mission Valley—Elbert Sykes, Route 3, Whiteville, N. C.
Snow Hill—Jill Soles, Route 2, Box 91, Loris, S. C.
Bethel—Mrs. Lillie Mae Tatum, Route 1, St. Pauls, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

C. B. Hansley, Route 1, Box 197, Newport, N. C.
A. L. Duncan, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C.
R. C. Rhodes, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C.
Cary Cheshire, Route 3, Whiteville, N. C.
Z. D. Caines, Route 3, Tabor City, N. C.
Seymour Duncan, Belmont, N. C.
L. M. Ward, Route 1, Tabor City, N. C.
M. L. Baxley, Red Springs, N. C.
J. H. Galloway, Route 1, Lumberton, N. C.
McLeod Strickland, Tabor City, N. C.
Joe Dean Harrelson, Tabor City, N. C.
Coy Housand, Route 1, Loris, S. C.
Reubin Hilburn, Route 1, Tabor City, N. C.
L. J. Ward, Route 3, Box 52, Tabor City, N. C.
B. J. Ward, Wampee, S. C.
H. M. Rodgers, 311 Avon Road, Marion, S. C.
J. W. Byrd, Hallsboro, N. C.
J. B. Hardie, Whiteville, N. C.

ABSENTEES

Seymour Duncan, Joe Dean Harrelson, Coy Housand, B. J. Ward, H. M. Rodgers

SICK EXCUSES

R. C. Rhodes

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS

I. J. Green, T. C. Cribb, Edgar Fowler

LICENTIATES

Harvey Cribb, Dan Ward

Proceedings

The eighty-sixth session of the Pee Dee Association of the Original Free Will Baptists met in session with Oak Grove Church, Bladen County, N. C., October 13, 14 and 15, 1955.

The Thursday night service opened with the congregation singing, "I Am Thine, O Lord." Prayer was offered by Brother Willie Brown.

Rev. A. L. Duncan, as was previously appointed, brought an inspiring message taken from 1 John 3:1-3. The congregation then sang "Amazing Grace," followed with the benediction by the Rev. C. B. Hansley.

The Thursday night service adjourned to meet again Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Service opened with the congregation singing "I Am Resolved," followed with prayer by Rev. D. W. Hansley. Brother Hayes Pait extended a cordial welcome from the church to the officers, delegates, preachers, visitors and all present. Brother Willie Bowen gave a few words of response to Brother Pait's welcome address.

The moderator then announced the house in order for the transaction of business, inviting visiting brethren to sit with them.

The minister's roll was called at this time with eleven ministers present.

The following visitors were enrolled: Rev. L. E. Ballard, Bladenboro, N. C., from the Central Conference; Rev. R. H. Jackson, superintendent of the orphanage, Middlesex, N. C.; Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Micro, N. C., a representative from the North Carolina State Convention; Rev. D. W. Hansley, Pine Level, N. C., from the Eastern Conference and a delegate and representative from the mission board; Brother Allen Bryan, Route 1, Benson, N. C., from the Western Conference; Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Bladenboro, N. C., representing the woman's auxiliaries.

The Rev. J. A. Evans, Wilson, N. C., from the Western Conference, gave us a brief talk on the work and progress being made at the Cragmont Assembly. He also invited ministers or anyone to visit the assembly for inspection of their work, and pointed out the need of our support in helping build these young folks into manhood and womanhood so we would be proud of their presence in our midst.

Rev. D. W. Hansley gave us a talk on the work of the foreign and home mission boards. Rev. Hansley gave thanks to the various conferences for their support in carrying on this much needed work. He also pointed out the need of boundaries being set up for each conference and urged that committees be appointed in order to accomplish a much better job for our mission work. Brother Hansley had a display of Sunday school literature set up in age groups that is now being printed at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, N. C., and will be available for the coming year of 1956.

Brother R. H. Jackson brought us greetings from the 74 children that are now living at the orphanage in Middlesex, N. C. He reminded us that the children

get only a part of their support from the farm they now own and urged us not to forget them with our offerings for the rest of their support.

At this time the devotional committee was appointed. Those appointed were as follows: Brother Willie Bowen, Brother W. L. Pait and Brother Willie Jones. The body then adjourned for a ten minute recess.

The body reassembled by singing "Standing on the Promises," followed with prayer by the Rev. J. A. Evans.

The report of the devotional committee was read as follows: We, your committee on devotions, recommend that the Rev. David Hansley preach today, the Rev. C. B. Hansley preach tonight, the Rev. Hilburn preach Saturday, the Rev. L. E. Ballard preach Saturday night and the Rev. A. L. Duncan preach Sunday.

Willie Bowen

W. L. Pait

Willie Jones

At this time a special committee composed of Brother Grover McPherson, Rev. Cary Cheshire and Rev. A. L. Duncan was appointed to confer with Rev. R. N. Hinnant on questions concerning ministers coming up for ordination.

Rev. David Hansley, as appointed by the committee to bring the message, brought an inspiring message, using for his text, "Go and Do Thou Likewise," taken from Luke 10:37.

An offering was taken at this time for the orphanage, amounting to \$19.13. The Rev. L. E. Ballard expressed thanks to the congregation for the offering. He spoke a few words of benediction and the body was dismissed until 1:30 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The service opened with the congregation singing "Lead On O King Eternal," followed with prayer by the Rev. J. A. Evans. The house was then announced in order for business.

The following committees were appointed:

Obituary—Mrs. George Suggs, Mrs. Mary Gore and Mrs. Lillie Mae Tatum.

Sunday School—Brother Frazier Cartrette, Brother W. D. Brown and Brother C. D. Register.

Periodical—Brother Roy McPherson, Brother J. C. Martin and Brother Bob Faircloth.

Educational—Brother Mayo Brown, Mrs. Mary Bell Pait and Brother Vester Cartrette.

Resolution—Brother Elbert Sasser, Brother Charlie Ward and Brother Oscar Sarvis.

Finance—Brother C. A. Hardie, Brother Willie Bowen and Brother L. M. Ward.

Church Extension—Brother Hayes Pait, Brother Cleveland Hughes and Brother Ashley Ward.

After the completion of the committee appointments, Rev. R. N. Hinnant gave us an explanation on the questions concerning applicants coming up for

ordination as ministers. He also gave an explanation of the revised church discipline and pointed out the fact that if it was adopted it would give us a more unified program.

Motion was made by Rev. C. B. Hansley that we adopt the list of questions that was prepared by the special committee appointed by this association, along with the list by the committee appointed by the North Carolina State Convention, to be used by the ordaining council when examining candidates for ordination. This motion was carried by a vote of the body.

Motion was then made by Rev. C. B. Hansley that we adopt the revised church discipline that was approved by the North Carolina State Convention while in session in Kenly, N. C., September, 1955. This motion was carried by a vote of the body.

Rev. J. A. Evans pointed out on a map the boundary lines of the Pee Dee Association. By motion of Brother Mayo Brown this was adopted and carried by a vote of the body.

Rev. A. L. Duncan made a motion that we adjourn until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Service opened with the congregation singing "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," followed with prayer by Rev. M. L. Baxley. Rev. Cary Cheshire read Luke 13:1-3 for the devotional.

The moderator then declared the house in order for the transacting of business.

Petitionary letters were called for. Brother Dan Ward presented a letter of recommendation and was received as a licentiate by the motion of Rev. A. L. Duncan.

Brother J. W. Byrd and Brother Billie Hardie each having been licentiates for the past year, presented before the body letters of recommendation from their unions to become members of this association. They were accepted by the motion of Brother D. J. Walton and were then given the right hand of fellowship.

Brother Grover McPherson was appointed by the moderator to serve as treasurer in the absence of Brother W. L. McPherson who was unable to be with us on account of illness.

Church reports were received as follows:

Pleasant Meadow—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers B. H. Reaves, C. A. Hardee, John D. Connor, Elbert Sasser and Paul Ward. Funds, \$5.00. Pastor for year, Rev. Z. D. Cains; have called him back for the coming year.

Beaver Dam—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Grover McPherson, Vester Cartrette, Roy McPherson, Jacob McPherson and Frazier Cartrette. Funds, \$25.00. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. Cary Cheshire for the past year, and have called him for the coming year.

Pine Level—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers F. M. Ward, E. B. Reaves and D. N. Long. Funds, \$6.00. Rev. Reubin Hilburn, pastor.

Mt. Calvary—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Mayo Brown, W. D. Brown, Vance Pait and O. E. Brown. Funds, \$10.00. Pastor, Brother Billie Hardie, subject to ordination.

Mt. Olive—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Oscar Sarvis, Floyd Batten and Ralph Jernigan. Funds, \$5.00. Pastor, Rev. R. C. Rhodes.

Emerson—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Hoyt Shelly and Robert Sellars. Funds, \$3.51. Rev. R. C. Rhodes, pastor.

Mt. Beulah—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brother E. D. Fowler and Sister Eva Fowler. Funds, \$3.00. Pastor for past year, Rev. Reubin Hilburn; have called Rev. Bill Guiton for coming year.

Oak Grove—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Hayes Pait, W. L. Pait, F. M. Hester and Chadd Russ. Funds, \$10.00. Pastor, Rev. A. L. Duncan.

Cypress Creek—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Willie Jones, Dan Ward, Pink Jacobs, Lawson Ward and Sister Gola Ward. Funds, \$10.00. Pastor for the past year, Rev. L. J. Ward, have called him back for coming year.

Little Bethel—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers A. M. C. Fowler, Fussell Strickland and Walter Johnson. Funds, \$5.00. Pastor, Rev. Lonnie Brown.

Cedar Branch—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Bob Faircloth, Albert Callihan, Stacey Leonard, Charlie Ward and J. C. Martin. Funds, \$10.00. Pastor, Rev. Reubin Hilburn.

Mill Rock—No report.

White Oak—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Mrs. D. J. Pait, Mrs. Kelly Pait, Mrs. George Suggs and Brothers David Hester and Willie Bowen. Pastor, Rev. L. E. Ballard.

Deep Branch—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Gore Watts and Danford Register. Fund \$3.00. Pastor, Rev. Reubin Hilburn.

Mission Valley—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Wilbur Stephens, Malcolm Fowler and George Hines. Funds, \$5.00. Pastor for past year, Rev. Dean Harrelson; we have called Rev. L. J. Ward for coming year.

Snow Hill—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Ephern Reynolds, Jesse Cribb, Layton Gore and Sisters Connie Reynolds and Mae Gore. Funds, \$10.00; orphanage fund, \$3.00. Pastor, Rev. Lessie Ward.

Bethel—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Woodford Lee Casque, Rudy Jackson, Sisters Elizabeth Smith and Lillie Mae Tatum. Funds, \$5.00. Pastor, Rev. J. H. Galloway.

After finishing church reports, the body adjourned for a ten minute recess.

The congregation reassembled singing "The Old Rugged Cross," followed with prayer by Brother D. J. Walton. Rev. Reubin Hilburn, as was appointed by the committee, brought the message taken from 1 John 5:5-8.

The body was dismissed by Brother Grover McPherson until 1 o'clock p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Service opened with singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes," followed with prayer by the Rev. L. M. Ward. The house was then declared open for business by the moderator.

Sister Adcock brought greetings from the woman's auxiliaries, and pointed out the need of the men helping the women get a strong woman's auxiliary established in each church.

The committees' reports were then called for and reads as follows:

Ministerial—We, your ministerial committee, beg leave to report that we find all our ministers in good standing as far as we know, except the one who has been reported preaching out of harmony with the Original Free Will Baptist doctrine, and casting his influence against our preachers and deacons. We recommend that the ordaining council investigate and take such steps as might be necessary. We also recommend that ministers refrain from preaching any doctrine other than the Original Free Will Baptist and that they refrain from causing confusion in our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Chadd Russ

A. M. C. Fowler

Jake McPherson

Received by motion of Brother C. V. Ward and committee dismissed.

Obituary—We, your obituary committee, beg leave to report that we find that 19 of our beloved members have gone on to their final reward since our last association. We ask that the congregation pause for a moment of silent prayer in memory of our deceased loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. George Suggs

Mary Gore

Lillie Mae Tatum

Received by motion of Rev. J. H. Galloway and committee dismissed.

At this time the congregation stood for a moment of silent prayer, followed with an open prayer by Rev. J. H. Galloway in memory of our loved ones who had passed away.

Sunday School—We, your Sunday school committee, recommend that each church, having Sunday school each Sunday, use Christian teachers and that we continue to use the literature being printed at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

Frazier Cartrette

W. D. Brown

Received by motion of Grover McPherson and committee dismissed.

Periodical—We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows: that all our churches use our Free Will Baptist literature printed at Ayden, North Carolina,

and that we use and read our Free Will Baptist paper so that we may be better acquainted with our denominational work. Also that our churches adopt weekly prayer services, and we use Christian teachers that our church might grow stronger.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy McPherson

J. C. Martin

Bob Faircloth

Received by motion of Brother D. J. Walton and committee dismissed.

Educational—We, your educational committee, beg leave to report that the Pee Dee Association support the Bible College at Nashville, Tenn., in order that we may have better prepared ministers. Also that we support Mt. Olive Junior College at Mt. Olive, N. C., so that the young people of our denomination may qualify themselves better for the different places to be filled in our churches. We wish to encourage the pastors of different churches to try to organize a young people's league. Please don't forget the vacation Bible school for the young boys and girls of our communities. Also remember Cragmont Assembly for inspiration, information and restoration.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayo Brown

Mrs. Mary Bell Pait

Vester Cartrette

Received by motion of Brother Hayes Pait and committee dismissed.

Resolution—We, your resolution committee, beg leave to report that we recommend the ordaining council be given the right to check any minister on our roll that is not in order and preaching out of harmony with our Free Will Baptist doctrine, and if he fails to give satisfaction silence him until our next association.

Respectfully submitted,

Elbert Sasser

Charlie Ward

Oscar Sarvis

Received by motion of Rev. Reubin Hilburn and committee dismissed.

Finance—We, your committee on finance, beg leave to report as follows: We find in the hands of the treasurer: old funds, \$31.50; new funds, \$176.06.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Hardie

Willie Bowen

L. M. Ward

Received by motion of Brother C. V. Ward and committee dismissed.

Church Extension—We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows: Old funds, \$5.00; new funds, \$5.00; we, your committee, give to Cedar Branch Church the entire amount of \$10.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Hayes Pait

Cleveland Hughes

Ashley Ward

Received by motion of Rev. Cary Cheshire and committee dismissed.

With the finishing of the committee reports, old business was called for.

At this time the investigation committee presented its report that reads as follows: We, your investigation committee, beg leave to report that on the delinquent churches, we contacted the brother deacon of the Mill Rock Church and we found the church in a poor and weak condition as to membership. The brother that we talked to said the reason why they had not been sending delegates to the association was pure neglectfulness and that they had not had anyone to send until their revival, a few days prior, when they added a few more male members to their church. He also said they would try to be represented at this association.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. Walton
Reubin Hilburn
Hayes Pait

On motion of Brother Roy McPherson, we received the report and the committee was discharged.

The members of the board of trustees were all absent except Brother Leo McPherson. He asked permission of the body that Brother D. J. Walton be permitted to assist him, and their report was as follows: They found the deed to the Mission Valley Church properly signed to the Pee Dee Association, but thought it might need a little further investigation, and in so doing, if anything was found not right they would let it be known to the next session of the association.

Signed,
Leo McPherson
D. J. Walton

Motion to receive report by Brother Jake McPherson.

Motion by Brother D. J. Walton that we receive deed to Emerson Church property and turn same over to the trustees.

The committee appointed at the last association for the gathering up of old resolutions was discharged by a motion of Rev. J. H. Galloway.

In the case of Brother Norman Hilburn, \$15.05 was left from expenses which was turned over to the treasurer by Brother Chadd Russ.

New business was then called for.

Motion by Brother Mayo Brown that the present investigation committee be appointed for another year and that their expenses to be paid by the association. The motion was carried by the body.

Motion by Brother Mayo Brown that a committee be appointed to gather up the bylaws and constitution of our association, and if approved by our next session, they be printed in our minutes continually in the future.

Motion was made by Brother Hayes Pait that the chairman appoint this committee. The committee was then appointed by the chairman as follows: Brother Mayo Brown, Brother Grover McPherson and Brother E. D. McPherson.

Motion was made by Brother C. V. Ward that although a licensed minister has had his license for one year, he is still not eligible for ordination until he is called to the pastoral care of a church.

At this time Rev. J. B. Hardie and Rev. J. W. Byrd were received and went through the service of ordination. Rev. A. L. Duncan, acting as master of ceremonies, presented to each of them the Holy Bible as their future guide, praying with them that their call to duty might be a most successful one for the heavenly Kingdom. They were then enrolled as ordained ministers.

Motion was made by Brother Mayo Brown that we take up the business of electing our association officers for the next two years. They were elected as follows: Rev. Cary Cheshire, moderator; Rev. A. L. Duncan, vice-moderator; E. D. McPherson, clerk; Brother Hayes Pait, treasurer. A motion was made and carried that the present board of trustees remain in service for the next two years.

Motion was made by Brother Hayes Pait that we have 500 minutes printed.

Motion was made by Rev. C. B. Hansley that a copy of the minutes be mailed to each minister in our association.

Motion was made to pay the clerk \$15.00 and the treasurer \$10.00 for their services rendered through this association.

Motion was made by Brother Mayo Brown that we extend our heartfelt thanks to the very nice brethren and sisters of Oak Grove Church for their kindness and hospitality that they have so wonderfully shown to us while being in their midst.

By petition of Brother C. V. Ward, the next session of the association is to be held with the Cedar Branch Church with the Rev. L. M. Ward to preach the introductory sermon.

Rev. L. E. Ballard at this time gave us a few brief remarks on the work being done at Cragmont Assembly, and gave all that would go, a cordial invitation to visit them on their day of reunion being held at New Bern, N. C., December 31, 1955.

Motion was made by Brother Hayes Pait that we give \$25.00 to Mt. Olive Junior College.

Motion was made by Brother Willie Jones that we give \$25.00 to the orphanage.

Motion was made and carried that we approve the Code of Ethics for the ministers.

Motion was made by Rev. M. L. Baxley that we extend our thanks wholeheartedly to Rev. C. B. Hansley for his presence and the excellent way he has performed his duty as our moderator in the past.

Motion was made by Brother D. J. Walton that we adjourn until our next meeting time with Cedar Branch Church, Columbus County, North Carolina, beginning on Thursday night before the third Sunday in October, 1956.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The special committee appointed a year ago by the association on gathering

old resolutions that had been accepted, recommended the following resolutions be put in the minutes as rules and bylaws of our Pee Dee Association that read as follows:

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 members 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, 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 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. Adcock.

At Oak Grove Church in October, 1951, a resolution committee recommended that we use our resolutions that we are now using. There was a resolution passed to take a freewill offering for the purpose of creating a budget for all retired ministers in the Pee Dee Association.

At Mission Valley Church in October, 1952, a motion was made by Rev. A.

L. Duncan: Be it resolved from this, the 18th day of October, 1952, that if any preacher walks 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 bylaws of our Pee Dee Association.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. Duncan

R. C. Rhodes

Grover McPherson

C. B. Hansley, Moderator

E. D. McPherson, Clerk

OFFICERS

Rev. Cary Cheshire, Moderator, Route 3, Whiteville, N. C.

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

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

Brother Hayes Pait, Treasurer, Bladenboro, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Cary Cheshire, Moderator

Rev. A. L. Duncan, Secretary

Rev. R. C. Rhodes

Brother D. J. Walton

Brother D. F. Hester

LIST OF CUSTODIANS

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

MINISTERS PRESENT

Revs. C. B. Hansley, A. L. Duncan, Cary Cheshire, Z. D. Cains, L. M. Ward, M. L. Baxley, J. H. Galloway, McLeod Strickland, Reubin Hilburn, L. J. Ward and I. J. Green.

Statistical Tables

Pleasant Meadow—Male members, 14; female members, 28; received on confession, 1; baptized, 2; dropped, 7; total members, 42; paid pastor, \$64.00; visiting preachers, \$70.00; orphanage, \$10.00; unions, \$11.50; association, \$5.00; Sunday school offering, \$71.04; miscellaneous, \$204.50.

Beaver Dam—Male members, 121; female members, 240; dismissed by letter, 3; received by letter, 1; baptized, 9; dropped, 6; died, 6; total members, 361; paid pastor, \$1,489.28; visiting preachers, \$224.29; charity donations, \$635.40; orphanage, \$116.75; foreign missions, \$42.25; Christian education, \$11.00; superannuation, \$8.00; unions, \$35.25; association, \$50.00; Sunday school offerings, \$870.05; building repairs and upkeep, \$316.60; miscellaneous, \$440.17; total, \$3,368.99.

Pine Level—Male members, 8; female members, 26; received on confession, 3; dropped, 2; died, 1; total members, 34; paid pastor, \$103.55; visiting preachers, \$59.00; charity donations, \$31.08; orphanage, \$21.00; superannuation, \$4.50; unions, \$20.50; association, \$6.00; Sunday school offerings, \$437.48; building repairs and upkeep, \$412.45; total, \$658.08.

Mt. Calvary—Male members, 15; female members, 20; received by letter, 1; died, 3; total members, 35; paid pastor, \$600.00; visiting preachers, \$65.00; charity donations, \$175.50; orphanage, \$185.90; unions, \$15.00; association, \$10.00; Sunday school offering, \$243.50; church offerings, \$727.42; building repairs and upkeep, \$235.40; paid out, \$1,186.80; in treasury, \$423.40.

Mt. Olive—Male members, 21; female members, 31; received by letter, 1; baptized, 1; dropped, 3; died, 3; total members, 60; paid pastor, \$231.39; visiting preachers, \$119.24; charity donations, \$42.89; unions, \$21.00; association, \$5.00; Sunday school offerings, \$557.24; miscellaneous, \$102.71; total, \$1,079.47.

Emerson—Male members, 17; female members, 53; received on confession, 1; baptized, 1; dropped, 3; total members, 70; paid pastor, \$48.09; visiting preachers, \$10.91; charity donations, \$41.70; unions, \$12.11; association, \$3.51; church offerings, \$5.00; building repairs and upkeep, \$30.42; total, \$143.03.

Mt. Beulah—Male members, 8; female members, 16; dropped, 2; total members, 24; paid pastor, \$38.85; visiting preachers, \$25.65; unions, \$12.00; association, \$3.00; miscellaneous, \$18.00; total, \$86.50.

Oak Grove—Male members, 28; female members, 40; dropped, 2; total members, 68; paid pastor, \$640.00; visiting preachers, \$129.00; charity donations, \$70.60; orphanage, \$121.16; Christian education, \$83.00; superannuation, \$15.75; unions, \$24.00; association, \$10.00; Sunday school offerings, \$1,322.68; church offerings, \$826.96; building repairs and upkeep, \$686.00; miscellaneous, \$183.00; State Sunday School Convention, \$5.00; State Convention, \$10.00; total, \$2,168.39.

Cypress Creek—Male members, 35; female members, 32; received on confession, 10; baptized, 4; dropped, 8; died, 2; total members, 67; paid pastor, \$259.07; visiting preachers, \$28.86; charity donations, \$84.51; orphanage, \$42.50; unions, \$15.00; association, \$10.00; Sunday school offerings, \$204.04; building repairs and upkeep, \$300.00; miscellaneous, \$50.00; total, \$994.28.

Little Bethel—Male members, 13; female members, 30; received on confession, 3; baptized, 2; died, 2; total membership, 43; paid pastor, \$205.63; visiting preachers, \$32.31; charity donations, \$8.35; orphanage, \$11.00; unions, \$20.00; association, \$5.00; lights, \$18.00; flowers, \$10.00; paid out, \$310.28.

Cedar Branch—Male members, 14; female members, 24; received on confession, 3; received by letter, 2; baptized, 2; dropped, 2; total members, 36; paid pastor, \$64.41; visiting preachers, \$68.71; charity donations, \$22.50; unions, \$22.00; association, \$10.00; Sunday school offerings, \$86.00; building repairs and upkeep, \$35.00; light bill, \$5.00.

White Oak—Male members, 57; female members, 81; received on confession, 8; received by letter, 2; baptized, 8; dropped, 2; died, 1; total members, 138; paid pastor, \$1,699.65; visiting preachers, \$130.00; orphanage, \$82.67; foreign missions, \$45.08; Christian education, \$24.80; unions and association, \$86.80; Sunday school offerings, \$1,726.99; church offerings, \$1,402.69; repairs and upkeep, \$357.95; miscellaneous, \$578.33; total, \$3,266.13.

Deep Branch—Male members, 9; female members, 16; received by letter, 2; total members, 25; paid pastor, \$49.16; visiting preachers, \$22.00; unions, \$8.00; association, \$3.00; Sunday school offerings, \$3.00; church offerings, \$22.00; building repairs and upkeep, \$69.89; total, \$155.05.

Mission Valley—Male members, 10; female members, 22; received on confession, 1; dropped, 2; died, 1; total members, 32; paid pastor, \$76.09; visiting preachers, \$25.88; charity donations, \$6.77; orphanage, \$12.00; unions, \$15.00; association, \$5.00; Sunday school offerings, \$53.78; building repairs and upkeep, \$40.00.

Snow Hill—Male members, 10; female members, 14; total members, 24; orphanage, \$3.00; unions, \$15.00; association, \$10.00; Sunday school offerings, \$35.00; building repairs and upkeep, \$150.00; total, \$175.00.

Bethel—Male members, 9; female members, 9; baptized, 6; dropped, 9; total members, 18; orphanage, \$21.00; unions, \$20.00; association, \$5.00; building repairs and upkeep, \$100.00; total, \$151.00.

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.

