

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
South Carolina State Association
OF
Original Free Will Baptist Churches
1948

HELD WITH

Oak Grove Church Number One near Conway, S. C.
November 18-19, 1948

The next Session will be held with Horse Branch Church
near Turbeville, S. C., November 17-18, 1949. Rev.
Seldon Bullard to preach the Introductory Sermon.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

President	Rev. L. A. Holliday
Vice President	Rev. P. J. Shean
Secretary	Rev. H. J. Sawyer
Reading Clerk	Rev. Seldon Bullard
Treasurer	Rev. Seldon Bullard

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Rev. T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Hemingway, S. C.	1953
Rev. M. H. Mellette, Rt. 1, Tuberville, S. C.	1952
Rev. M. S. Todd, Rt. 3, Lake City, S. C.	1951
Rev. J. A. Hucks, Rt. 3, Conway, S. C.	1950
Mr. F. A. Sawyer, Box 144, Arcadia, S. C.	1949

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Mr. G. W. Shelby	1953
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Mr. J. G. Williams	1949

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Orphanage Work	Rev. J. A. Hucks
Christian Education	Rev. M. H. Mellette
Missions	Rev. H. J. Sawyer
Mission Treasurer	Rev. H. J. Sawyer

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY AND EVANGELIST

Rev. L. A. Holliday	Manning S. C.
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THE SOUND IN THE MULBERRY TREES

"And let it be when thou heareth a going in the tops of the Mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thy self." 2 Samuel 5:24.

At the time that these words were spoken to David he had been King over all Israel. Scarcely had he occupied the throne before his old enemies, the Philistines, occupied the valley of Rephaim and were threatening the city of Jerusalem. It was upon this momentous occasion that this warrior King David "Inquired of the Lord."

The motives on which David acted were laudible. The Lord had directed some changes and new methods of warfare. David had been very successful in former conflicts with this enemy because of the leadership of God and any failures could be blamed upon his failures to follow the leadership of God. Saul had made the mistake of depending upon human council and when these failed he sank so low as to resort to soecry and divination. David's experience and his knowledge of God's dealings with Saul led him to seek definite guidance from God.

I would have this body recognize these three important lessons to be learned from this text. I.—We want to recognize the gravity of situation as The Original Free Will Baptist Church Of South Carolina. It has been said that possibly God has kept us for this time. We do know that we have been guilty of lethargy and inactivity to a great degree. There is no doubt but that there is "the sound of going" among us at this time and we're being called upon to bestir our selves". God help us to meet this challenge with courage and fortitude.

II—The important of making decisions cannot be stressed too much. In meetings of this kind we make decisions that will effect our work throught out the state and in many

instances our National Program comes in for consideration. We need to make these plans. God expects us to "bestir ourselves." The decisions we make here are to be pleasing to Him if we expect to succeed.

"To every soul that seeks to win
The victory over self and sin,
To walk the path ordained of God,
The path by Saints and Sages trod,
There comes a time by Heavens decree
To pass through dark Gethsemane."

III—The last of these three points which I offer for our consideration is the importance of God's leadership. We're to be careful to mistake nothing for the voice of God.

It may not be a loud sound; therefore we must be careful to eliminate the clatter and chatter of our selfish ambitions and let the voice of God be heard. "We are not heard by our much speaking."

Small circumstances may furnish the clue to glorious results. "It is God that girdeth me with strength" Psa. 18:32. We should employ vigilance and strive to always keep a submissive spirit. Opportunities and responsibilities are inseparable. God's leadership is often unnoticed and unheard except by he who is listening. His voice is gentle and without force and heard and obeyed by those who patiently and persistently wait upon the Lord.

"O, human soul, with longing fraught for something higher than thou hast, watch, pray and wait, despair thou not!" The blessing's Sure to come at last."

L. A. Holliday

Pres. S. C. State Association of
The Original F. W. B. Church

The sixth annual Session of the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptist convened with Oak Grove Church number one near Conway, S. C. Nov. 18-19, 1948 beginning at 10 A. M.

The Session was opened with devotion conducted by Oak Grove Church, Prayer by Rev. W. L. Jernigan of Bladenboro, N. C.

The Rev. J. A. Hucks host pastor, gave a fine welcome address, which was responded to in an able manner by Brother Walker Miles of Coward, S. C.

Promptly at 10:30 a. m. our beloved moderator, Rev. L.A. Holliday of Manning, S. C. brought his annual message, which was indeed an inspiration to all, (note) This message appears elsewhere in the Minutes and let me urge you to read it Prayerfully.

At this time it was made known that we have a number of visitors from other states, and all were granted all the privileges of the association except that of voting.

Listing below are the names of visitors.

Rev. Henry Meluin, Business manger of the F. W. B. Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. Bro. I. L. Stanly, Supt. of the Orphanage at Greenville, Tenn

From N. C.

Rev. J. A. Evans, Supt. of the Middlesex Orphanage Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Secretary of N. C. State Convention. Rev. and Mrs. Maurice W. Roach, Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Rev. M. L. Baxley, and Rev. O. M. Hilburn.

From Va., Bro E. J. Kilgo, and from Alabama, Rev. H. E. Rogers, who is now pastoring Mt. Elam Church in our state.

We were fortunate too in having Rev. Thomas Willey, Who, is director of the Free Will Baptist Mission Work in Cuba.

Committees oppointed were as follows:

Finance, Bro Walker Miles, Rev. J. A Hicks and Bro. J. G. Williams.

Obituary, Rev. E. P. Kirby, Rev. A. F. Lamter, Rev. M. S. Todd, and Rev. Y. A. Williams

Resolutions, Rev. M. H. Mellette, Bro. M. C. Todd, and Rev. Carl F. Shook.

Reading Clerk, Rev. Seldon Bullard.

At this time the moderator called for a moment of silent Prayer, in respect for our departed Bro. in Christ and fellow minister, Rev. J. T. Sinclair, who departed this life Jan. 4, 1948.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. M. S. Todd, Who read the second chapter of Acts, and used for his Text, Luke 22:32 When Thou Art Converted, strengthen thy brethern, a very strong doctrinal sermon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—

1:30—The afternoon devotions were conducted by Rev. R. N. Hinnent, of Micro, N. C. a wonderful talk by Bro. Hinnent followed by a duet by Bro. Hinnent and Bro. I. L. Stanly of Tenn.

Ministers in attendance were enrolled as follows:

From Beaver Creek Association.

Rev. P. J. Shehan, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. Carl F. Shook, Rev. H. J. Sawyer.

From Central Association.

Rev. J. A. Hicks, Rev. E. B. Hyman, Rev. L. P. Brown, Rev. Malcomb Harrelson, Rev. H. E. Powell; Rev. Dewey Powell.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Rev T. A. Williams

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Rev. J. B. Olliver, Rev. G. C. Vause, Rev. L. L. Powell,

Rev. E. P. Kirby, Rev. F. G. Ard, Rev. M. H. Mellette, Rev. H. E. Rogers, Rev. J. B. Cook, Rev. H. H. Hicks, Rev. John Frier Rev. Seldon Bullard, Rev. L. A. Holliday, Rev. H. W. Richburg.

REPORTS—BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION.

We the Beaver Creek Association sends greeting to the S. C. State Association which convenes with Oak Grove church Nov. 18-19, 1948.

We have 10 churches located in Spartanburg, Union, York and Lancaster counties with a total membership of 484.

Total Paid Pastors -----	\$7,894.24
Foreign Missions -----	228.35
Orphanage -----	128.54
For Revivals -----	1,721.62
For Improvements -----	2,163.37
Total Paid Out -----	12,141.12

We have one parsonage and two more being built, in addition to church property valued at \$41,000.00.

Delegates, Rev. J. M. White, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. Paul Shehan, Bro. W. D. Sawyer.

Moderator Rev. J. C. Franks, Clerk Rev. A. F. Lawter.

Association expense fund \$25.00.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

To the South Carolina State Association which convenes Nov. 18-19 with Oak Grove Church, we the Central Association send the following delegates to sit with in council. Bro. M. C. Todd and Thurmond Baker.

We send \$50.00 for Christian Education and \$80.68 for Home Missions.

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES.

Oak Grove 1—Ruby E. Jonhnston, Conway, S. C.

Little Bethel—L.L. Cole, Johnsonville, S. C.

Mt. Trolley—C. A. Williamson, Calivants Ferry

Black River — R. D. Smith, Andrews, S. C.
 Mt. Ariel — Jessie Norris, Conway S. C.
 Oak Grove NO. 2 Mrs. Elmer Driden, Eastover, S. C. Rt. 1
 Happy Home — H. G. Altman, Andrews, S. C.
 White Savannah — J. A. Edge, Conway, S. C.
 New Home — Mrs. Katie Mobley, Andrews, S. C.

MINSTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES:

Rev. M. S. Todd—Rt 3 Lake City, S. C.
 Rev. T. D. Lyerly, Rt. 3, Hemingway, S. C.
 Rev. J. A. Hucks Rt 3, Conway, S. C.
 Rev. Malcomb Harrelson, Rt. 3 Conway, S. C.
 Rev. L. P. Brown, Conway, S. C.
 Rev. H. W. Powell—Hyman, S. C.
 Rev. Dewey Powell—Hyman, S. C.
 Rev. G. E. Jones —Loris, S. C.
 Rev. G. E. Todd—Johnsonville, S. C.
 Rev. E. B. Hyman —Star Rt. 1, Georgetown, S. C.

Licensed Minsters:

Rev. J. E. Wilson —Eastover, S. C.
 Local churches from the Central Association representing
 Mt. Ariel—Delegate Bro. Fulton Rabon
 Sent for association expense \$11.00
 Oak Grove No 1 —Delegate Bro. I. N. Hardwick
 Sent for Association expenses \$10.00
 For Orphanage \$15.00
 Home Missions 20.00
 Foreign Missions 40.06
 Little Star—Delegates, Bro. Lewis B. Hanna
 Contributing Association expenses \$7.00
 Home Missions 8.38
 Foreign Missions 16.79
 White Savannah, Delegates Bro. Ben Jordan.
 Association Expenses 5.00

Little Bethel —Delegate

Bro. L. L. Cole,
Sent for association expenses 6.05
Happy Home, Delegates, W. F. Fulton.
Contribution for Association expenses 6.00
Rev. H. E. Powell, Clerk Bro. M. C. Todd.

Eastern Conference—

We the Eastern Conference send the following delegate to sit with you in council. Bro. J. T. Williams. We have 4 churches with about 300 members, 4 ordained ministers and 1 licensed minister, We send for Association expenses, \$10.00 for Christian Education \$50.00 for Foreign missions \$100.00 We desire your prayers that we may go forward in the work of the Lord.

Eastern Conference Churches represented Williams Hill, Delegate Bro J. T. Williams, sent for Association expenses \$5.00 for Home Missions \$3.00

New Prospects, Delegate, Bro. H. B. Stone, sent for association expenses \$5.00

St. Johns, Delegates, Bro. W. A. Powell, Bro. J. B. Wise we send for Association expenses \$5.00

Moderator, Rev. T. A . Williams, Clerks, Bro. Moody Williams

South Carolina Conference

To the South Carolina State Association Greetings. We the S. C. Conference send the following Delegates to sit with you in council, Bro. Julius Vause, Bro. Joe Richburg. We have 20 churches with a total membership of 2,696. We have had an increase of 289, of this number of churches one came by letter this year, one reinstated and one new one.

We have 18 ordained ministers, seven licensed ministers, one of whom are in school in Nashville Tenn. Total receipts

for all purposes this year \$28,000.00. We send \$10.00 for Association expenses, \$50.00 Home Missions \$50.00 Foreign Missions and \$100.00 Christian Education.

South Carolina Conference churches represented

Salem, Delegates Bro. J. S. Lynch, G. R. Coward. Sent for Christian Education \$100.00 . Sent for Association expenses \$5.00. Pastor Rev. M. H. Mellette, Clerk, C. J. Lynch, Coward S. C.

Mt Elon, Delegates. Bro. J. H. Young, Bro. G. K. Haines, Randolph Haines. Sent for Christain Education \$25.00 Pastor, Rev. H. E. Rogers. Clerk, Mrs. Alma H. Weatherford (Note) this church has a full time pastor beginning this year, and going forward in a great way.

Lebannon, Delegates Bro. P. T. Kirby, sent for Association expenses \$5.00

Mother Church, Delegates, Bro. R. E. Morris, B. G. Morris. Pastor Rev. L. L. Powell, Clerk. Hugh Baker.

Liberty Delegates J. H. Holliday, sent for Association expenses \$5.00 Pastor Rev. T. G. Hamilton Jr., Clerk J. H. Holliday, Foreston S. C.

Bay Branch, Delegates O. N. Derrham, H. R. Lawrence Sent for Christian Education \$30.00 for Association expenses \$10.00 Pastor Rev. G. C. Vause, Clerk J. H. Welch.

High Hill, (by letters.) Sent for Association expenses \$22.00 Pastor Rev. M. H. Mellette.

Camp Branch, Delelates H. V. Lowder, W. E. Godwin. Sent for Association expenses \$7.00 Pastor Rev L. A. Holliday, Clerk, Sister Victoria Webster.

Bethany, Delegate, Bro. J. T. Nance. Sent for Christian Education \$95.00 Association expenses \$5.00

Beulah Delelgates Bros. Dewey Jones, Sam Bezen. Sent for Christian Education \$100.00 Association expenses \$5.00. Pastor Rev. M. H. Mellette, Clerk F. L. Bazen.

New Town Delegates, J. C. Thornbrew, J. E. Thigken. Sent for Association expense \$50.00 Pastor Rev. J. B. Olliver, Clerk. W. M. Thornbrew.

Horse Branch, Delegates, Bro. N. P. Coker, W. M. Coker. Sent for Christain Education \$100.00 Association expenses \$5.00. Pastor Rev. G. C. Vause, Cerk, N. C. Gibbon.

Poplar Hill, Delegates, S. J. W. Hazelton. Sent for Association expenses \$5.00 Pastor Rev. J. B. Cook, Clerk, J. B. Parsons, Hemmingway, S. C.

Tabernacle, Delegates, Walker Miles, Douglas Jordan. Sent for Foreign Missions. \$5.00 Home Missions \$5.00 Orphanage \$5.00. Chistain Education \$5.00 Association expenses \$5.00, Pastor Rev. T. A. Williams, Clerk, Douglas Jordan, Coward, S. C.

First Church, Darlington, S. C. Delegates, Mr. K. W. Carter, Mrs. Nell Weatherford. Sent for Association expenses \$20.00, Pastor, Seldon Bullard; Clerk, Kelton E. Carter, Darlington, S. C.

Sand Hill, Delagates T. N. Brown, M. J. Strickland. Sent for Christain Education \$5.00 Association expenses \$5.00. Pastor Rev. L. A. Holliday, Clerk A. R. Lee.

At this time Rev. J. A. Hucks, Field Secretary for Orphanage work, made a short talk and Rev. M. H. Mellette, Chairman of the Orphanage board made a financial report which was indeed encouraging, according to the report the project is worth approximately \$23,000.00 in property and funds on hand. The bulk of this amount is in the hands of the treasurer, Bro. N. P. Corker. However, some of the Associations have a Considerable amount ready to turn over when plans for building are completed. Bro. I. L. Stanly and Rev. James A. Evans, Supt. of the Tenn. and North Carolina orphanages was very kind in their offer to make arrangements to take care of children from

our State until we were able to build, but since our board plans to build early in 1949 the body moved to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Tenn. and N. C. State Conventions for their consideration, but go ahead with our building program.

Mrs Willey Johnston made a fine report on work of the the Ladies Auxiliary in the South Carolina Confererence and invited Ladies from other sections of the state to join them in organizing a state Auxiliary Convention. (Note We understand that such an organization has since then been perfected.

Promptly at 3.00 P. M. Rev. Thomas H. Willy, our beloved missionary director for Cuba was presented and proceeded to make a report on the work there a wonderful report, and inspiring message, and a heart touching appeal for friends to carry on.

After Meeting Bro. Willy and seeing his zeal for the lost, we do not wonder that the work in Cuba is called "the modern miracle in missions". An offering of \$88.60 for the work in Cuba was taken at this time, and pledges to the amount of \$550.00 made to be paid later.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On motion of Rev. M. H. Mellette the body voted to reelect all officers for another term.

THURSDAY NIGHT

The Evening service was one that will long be remembered, one of the highlights of the singing, by a visiting choir of young people from the Church at Bladenboro N. C.

The evangelist message was delivered in an able manner by Rev. Paul Shehan, of Spartanburg, S. C. The service was greatly enjoyed.

FRIDAY 9:00 A. M.

Devotion were conducted by Rev. H. E. Rogers, of Mt. Elam Church, who made a fine talk, followed by Bro. J. G. Williams who gave a short talk on Sunday School Work.

At 9:30 A. M. Bro Fred S. Powers made a report on the last session of the National Association.

A number of visiting Brethern from other states were called on at this time and made short talks which were greatly enjoyed by all.

RESOLUTIONS

Where as There is a crying need for trained leaders in our church. Realizing that the need is urgent not only in our state but throughout the land, and we being desirous of this cause we would recommend that we put on a drive for the better establishing of institutions of learning and assisting our students. We would ask and urge our people to put on a five year campaign through our churches to raise one dollar per capita per annum for Christian Education and that all monies raised from this to be divided in two equal portions Fifty per cent for the expansion program in our Bible College and fifty per cent to establish an endowment fund to aid worthy miniseral students of our state.

M. H. Mellette.

Secretary of Christian Education.

Realizing the great need of missions, and the Biblical command for the same, would urge our people to more liberally support this cause, at home and aboard.

1.—Be it resolved that we set a goal of \$6,000.00 for our people to work to, and all funds raised in this effort be equally devided between our Home Mission Board in this state, and the National Foreign Missions Board.

2—That we instruct our Executive Committee to secure, and place in the field a suitable Evangelist, to carry our Doctrine in the fields that are opened unto us.

H. J. Sawyer.

SECRETARY, HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

To the Resolution Committee

I desire to recommend as follows

1.—That we employ a State Field secretary, to work the different phases of our church work, such as 1. Sunday School 2. F. W. B. League 3. Ladies Auxilary, 4. Promotional church work. 5. Organization of churches in our state.

2— That said Field Secretary be under the direction of the Executive Board, also that he be permitted to call in helpers as he may need them in his work.

3—That all offerings be turned over to the Home Mission Treasurer, and the Treasurer pay his salary.

4—That this matter be put in force immediately.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Seldon Bullard

The two above resolutions being so closely related, the body voted on motion of H. J. Sawyer, recorded by Seldon Bullard, that such worker be chosen and that his title be that of promotional secretary. (Note) Rev. L. A. Holliday has been chosen for this work, half-time until the Treasury is in shape to support him full-time.

The promotional secretary is to be paid \$100.00 per month plus his expenses.

We your Resolution Committee wish to make the following recommendations.

1—That each association or conference in our state send to the State Association a Delegate to represent their Leagues, report on the work that has been done during the last Conference year.

2-That we declare against working on Sunday, and not patronize it

3-That we use our influences to the fullest extent against betting, or any device of gambling.

4-That we will not uphold the divorce law in our churches and ask that our General Assembly will not allow quick easy divorces.

5-That our people take a definite stand against strong drink, and that we petition our General Assembly that we be given relief from same. And that our clerk be instructed to present a suitable petition to the speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the president of the Senate.

Rev. M. H. Mellette, chairman Resolution Committee.

OBITUARY

We the body of the State Association feel deeply, the loss of our beloved brother, Rev. J. T. Sinclair, who was called to his eternal home Jan. 4, 1948. Rev. Sinclair was loved and respected wherever he was known, for many years he preached the Gospel of love, pointing the way to a better life, he believed it, he lived it, he preached it, and now his soul is reaping life everlasting on heavens shore.

Rev. A. F. Lawter,

Rev. E. P. Kirby

Rev. M. S. Tood, Committee.

The morning service was given to the cause of Christian Education, the 11 O'clock message being delivered by Rev. M. H. Mellett secretary of Christian Education in S. C.

A very fine message in which the Rev. stressed the need for a prepared leadership in our churches.

After the message an offering of \$22.60 was taken to help our young ministers who are in school.

1:00 P. M.

Devotions by Rev. L. P. Brown, who made a short talk

which was greatly enjoyed.

We your Finance Committee wish to make the following report

For Christian Education.	\$660.00
Foreign Missions (including offering)	243.60
Home Missions	138.68
Orphanage	20.00
Association expenses brot. forward	5.25
Received at this sitting	264.05
Offering	9.36
Total Association expenses	278.66

We recommend that we repay to the Home Mission Treas. and to Rev. Seldon Bullard, \$39.00 on Rev. Bullards expenses meeting of Treatise Committee for mission picture sent from National Mission Board \$4.00, forprinting blanks, \$4.75

National Association dues	\$30.00
Secretary for salary and expenses	\$50.00

We recommend that out of the balance of \$150.91 that we print 1500 copies of minute provided the cost does not exceed \$100.00 and that the balance be used to pay expenses of our delegates to the National Association.

Signed Rev. J. A. Hucks

J. G. Williams

Walker Miles, Chairman

Report of Home Missions Treasurer on hand last Association	\$599.79
Received during year	174.05
Total	\$742.63
Paid out	
H. J. Sawyer for organization work	\$78.31
Spent for Mission work near Hartsville under direction of Rev. Clyde Hyman	\$80.31
To Rev. Bullard on expenses to meeting of National Treatise	

Committee	\$30.00
Cost of wiring the above	\$1.50
Total	\$190.12
On hand	\$552.51

Delegates elected to represent in the 1949 session of the National Association were as follows: Bro. W. D. Sawyer, Fred S. Powers, J. G. Williams, Louis B. Hanna, and F. A. Sawyer.

The business of this session being finished the body was favored with a soul stiring message from Rev. Malcomb Harrelson of Conway. Who read part of the 6th chapter of Genesis and surely everyone present was drawn closer to God in this service, and many expressed the belief that this was by far the best session we have had since the beginning of our organization, for which we are grateful to God.

May we go forward into a greater work for the Master in the year ahead and regather again Nov 17-18 1949 expecting great blessing from above.

The next Session will meet with Horse Branch Church, near Turberville S. C. Nov 17-18 1949.

L.A. Holliday, Moderator

H. J. Sawyer Clerk

Box 283, Rock Hill, S. C.

PROGRAM FOR 1949 SESSION

THURSDAY NOV. 17

- 10:00 a.m. — Devotion by Horse Branch Church.
10:15 a. m. — Address of Welcome by Rev. G. C. Vause.
10:25 a.m. — Response by Floyd A. Sawyer of Arcadia, S. C.
10:35 a. m. — Moderator's Message.
10:50 a. m — Welcoming of Visitors
11:00 a. m. — Appointment of Committees.
11:10 a. m. — Introductory Sermon by Rev. Seldon Bullard
12:00 Noon
1:30 p.m. — Devotion conducted by -----
1:40 p. m. — Enrollment of Delegates and ministers.
2:10 p. m. Sermon on Young Peoples Work by Rev. H. E. Powell
2:40 p. m. —Report on Orphanage Work by Rev. J. A. Hucks.
2:50 p. m.—Presentation of Ladies Aid Work by Mrs. L. A. Holliday.
3:20 p. m. — Report and Sermon on Missions by Rev. H. J. Sawyer.
3:50 p. m. — Election of officers
4:10 p. m. — Announcements
4:15 p. m. — Adjournment until 7:30 p. m.
7:30 p. m. — Devotion by local church.
8:00 p. m. — Evangelistic Sermon by Rev. T. A. Williams

FRIDAY NOV. 18

- 9:00 a. m.. — Devotion conducted by Rev. Carl Shook.
9:15 a. m. Report of Promotional Secretary
9:30 a. m. Report on work of the National Association by Bro. Louis Hanna.
9:45 a. m. — Short talks from chance visitors from other states
10:00 a. m. — Resolutions

- 10:30 a. m. — Unfinished business
11:30 a. m. — Report on Christian Education by Rev. M. H. Mellette
11:10 a. m. — Sermon by Henry Melvin
12:00 Noon Lunch
1:30 p. m. — Devotion by Rev. George Todd
1:40 p. m. — Sermon by Rev. Thomas G. Hamilton, Jr.
2:10 p. m. — Invitations for next session.
2:20 p. m. — Report of Finance Committee.
2:30 p. m. Report of Home Mission Treasurer
2:35 p. m. General Business
—Adjournment

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SOUTH
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION OF ORIGI-
NAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONSTITUTION

Preamble: We, the officials, ministers, and delegates, of this the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptists, while in session at Una Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, November 13-14, 1946, do accept and adopt the foregoing constitution and by-laws:

Article One: This body shall be known henceforth as the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptists.

Article Two. It shall be the purpose of this organization to cooperate with the National Association in its efforts to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptist Church, for the promotion of Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Sunday School, Free Will Baptist League, and Ladies Auxiliary Work, and for the extension of the kingdom of God in general.

Article Three. Section One. This Association shall consist of delegates duly appointed or elected by the church or

organization to represent, and ordained and licensed Free Will Baptist Ministers, who are of good repute in the Original Free Will Baptist Church, and who reside in South Carolina, or hold membership in, or pastor a church in South Carolina.

Section Two. Each Association or Conference, may represents in this Association on the basis of two delegates for each Association and Conference of one thousand members or less, and one additional delegate for each additional thousand members or fractions thereof.

Section Three. Any local church that desires to may send an additional delegate, provided said church sends a contribution for Association expenses of not less than \$5.00.

Article Four. This Association shall have an Executive Committee of five, composed of ordained ministers and lay members in good standing in the Association, one to be appointed by the Moderator each year for a five year term, to act officially in the event any case may arise in this Association, when, and only when it is deemed necessary or expedient for the best interest of th cause of the church in general.

Article Five. The officers of this Association shall be a president, first, second, and third vice-presidents, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, and a reading clerk. Said reading clerk to take the place of the recording secretary in his absence, and a treasurer.

Section Two. These officers are to be elected by the Association to serve a term of two years.

Article Six. All officers of this Association, all members of its committees and boards, all its secretaries, missionaries, and agents appointed by the Association, or by any of its boards, shall be members of regular Free Will Baptist Organizations in South Carolina, cooperating with this Association..

Article Seven. All missionaries, teachers, and Christain workers approved, appointed, or supported by this Association must be fundamental in their views of the Bible and its teaching, and in harmony with the doctrines of the

Original Free Will Baptist Church. They must also give evidence of genuine Christaian piety, for fervent zeal in the service of Christ, and of ability to do the work for which they are considered.

Article Eight. This Association shall hold its meetings annually on Thursday and Friday of the week between the the second and third Sundays in November, beginning at 10:00 a. m., unless, or until, some change of the time of the year shall be thought best.

Article Nine. These Articles may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, providing the change is recommended at least one day before the vote is taken.

BY-LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1.—A portion of the Scripture shall be read and prayer offered at the beginning of each morning and afternoon session of the Association, and prayer shall be offered at the close of each session.

This is to be done by the President, or someone appointed by him.

2.—The President or Vice President shall call the Association to order at the hour designated by the Program Committee.

When neither the President or the Vice-President is present, the Recording Secretary shall call the Association to order and a President Pro Tem shall be elected by the body, who shall preside for that session of the Association.

3.—It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to enroll the delegates of the Association who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their right to seats therein, and those enrolled by the Secretary shall compose the Association.

4.—Each organization represented in the Association shall send into the Association as large a contribution as they can from time to time. This money to be used to meet the expenses of the Association and to promote the work it undertakes.

5.—On the first day of the Association Meeting the Pres-

ident shall appoint a Resolution Committee to consist of three members, all resolutions not connected with the reports of boards and committees shall be referred to this committee, which shall report on all resolutions referred to it, with or without recommendation.

6.—The officers of the Association, the departmental Secretaries, the Executive Committee, and all boards shall be elected by the Association. All other committees may be either appointed by the President or elected by the body. In the election of officers, boards or committees, the votes may be by ballot if preferred, or by any other method agreed upon by the body.

7.—In the event of a standing Executive Committee, the members shall be elected for a term of five years except the first four elected, who shall serve a period of one, two, three, and four years respectively.

8.—The duties of the Executive Committee shall be as follows: 1.—To act for the Association in matters that demand its consideration between the regular annual sessions of the Associations. 2.—To have oversight of arrangements for meetings of the Association with the authority to change, if necessary, the time and place of meeting. 3.—To fill vacancies in the Association that may be caused of death, resignation, etc., between the regular sessions of the Associations.

9.—It shall be required of all members of all members of the Association to remain throughout the entire session, unless they are excused by a majority vote of the body.

10.—Anyone desiring to speak shall rise and address the President, and shall wait until he is recognized before speaking further.

11.—The President shall not allow discussions that are unchristian in spirit and that tend to create envy and strife among the brethren, and anyone resenting the ruling of the President in such matters shall be liable to censure of body.

12.—No one shall be allowed to speak more than 15 minutes or more than twice on the same subject without permission of the body.

13.—It shall be the duty of the President to have his annual message so prepared and arranged that it can be handed to the Secretary for publication in the minutes of each session of the Association.

14.—The officers of this Association, except that of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee, shall be for a term of two years.

15.—These By-Laws may be altered at any regular session of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, providing the change is recommended at least one day before the vote is taken.