

MINUTES
OF THE
First Annual Session
OF THE
MINISTER'S MEETING,
AND OF THE
Fifth Annual Session
OF THE
UNION CONFERENCE
OF THE
ORIGINAL
FREE WILL BAPTISTS,
HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT
PINE LEVEL JOHNSTON CO., N. C.,
SEPTEMBER 27th, 28th, and 29th, 1894.

ORMONDSVILLE, N. C.,
FREE WILL BAPTIST JOB PRINTING OFFICE,
1894.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MINISTER'S MEETING.

According to previous announcement, ministers from the Eastern, Western and Cape Fear Conferences of the Original Free Will Baptist, met with the church at Pine Level, N. C., on September 27th, 1894, and organized a

MINISTER'S MEETING.

Eld. R. C. Jackson, of the Cape Fear Conference, preached the Introductory sermon—Text Matt. 4th chapter, and part of the 10th verse, "It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, Eld. J. H. Worley was elected Chairman of the meeting.

On motion of Eld. Lunda Lee, Eld. E. T. Phillips was chosen Secretary.

The following ministers were enrolled as members:

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE.

Lunda Lee, R. C. Jackson, J. A. Hodges, and J. L. Ennis.

WESTERN.

D. Davis, L. T. Phillips, G. W. Davis, P. T. Lucas, Ray Phillips, E. T. Phillips, S. W. Hamilton, Jas. H. Worley, and J. R. Morris.

EASTERN.

J. M. Barfield, and T. F. Harrison.

Eld. D. Davis addressed the meeting for a short while, and earnestly plead with the ministers to

hold to the doctrine of the Bible, and to reject all else. Eld. J. L. Ennis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this body, composed of ministers from the different Conferences, devise some plan by which to better systemize the several churches, both in labor and finance, and that the ministers so instruct the churches.

On motion of Eld. J. L. Ennis, speeches on the resolution were limited to ten minutes. Speeches on the resolution were made by Elders Lee, Lucas, Ennis, Jackson, L. T. Phillips, E. T. Phillips, D. Davis, and G. W. Davis.

On motion of Eld. Lunda Lee, the resolution was not adopted.

The following resolution, offered by Eld. Lunda Lee, was adopted:

Resolved, That each minister be requested to impress upon the churches the necessity of their contributing to the support of their ministers.

Eld. J. A. Hodges and others spoke of the importance of a minister's meeting.

On motion of Eld. Lunda Lee, the Chair appoint a committee of five, to draft resolutions for the government of the body. Elders L. T. Phillips, G. W. Davis, P. T. Lucas, Lunda Lee, and Bro. H. W. Jernigan, were appointed said committee.

On motion of Eld. P. T. Lucas, the meeting close until 3 o'clock Friday evening. Meeting closed in due form.

FRIDAY EVENING 3 O'CLOCK.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The committee to draft resolutions for the government of the body, submitted their report, which was adopted by sections. (See Constitution).

On motion of Eld. P. T. Lucas, Eld. T. F. Harrison, of Ayden, N. C., be the Corresponding Secretary of the Minister's Meeting.

On motion of Eld. E. T. Phillips, Eld. P. T. Lucas preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Annual Meeting.

On motion of Eld. L. T. Phillips, Eld. E. T. Phillips be the alternate of Eld. Lucas.

Eld. T. F. Harrison made a very interesting talk on the importance of education among the ministry.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, the meeting close until the Annual Meeting. Praise and prayer by Eld. P. T. Lucas.

J. H. WORLEY, Chairman;
E. T. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTER'S MEETING.

Article 1. A minister's meeting of the "Original Free Will Baptist" of North Carolina, shall meet at least, once every year, Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September, at the appointed place for the Union Conference.

Art. 2. An introductory sermon shall be preached at the sitting of the minister's meeting each year.

Art. 3. The minister who preaches the introductory shall preside over said meeting until a chairman is appointed.

Art. 4. Each meeting shall have power to elect such officers as may be needful.

Art. 5. The meeting shall be to devise plans for the advancement of the Gospel of Christ.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the meeting to keep unity between the brother ministers, and to understand each other's work, so our preaching will not conflict with each other in preaching the Gospel.

Art. 7. All ministers who wish to become members of the "Minister's Meeting," shall make application at the regular sitting of said meeting, and shall be received by the regular vote of that meeting.

Art. 8. All members composing said meeting shall be required to attend annually, unless providentially hindered.

Art. 9. This meeting shall have the power to exclude any member of said meeting, for any disorderly walk.

Art. 10. This meeting shall have the power to make or amend any rule or by-law they may think necessary, in carrying out its benevolent purposes.

Art. 11. All members composing this meeting shall be required to vote *pro* or *con*, unless excused by the chairman.

Art. 12. The chairman shall have supreme power to call any person to a point of order during the sitting of the meeting.

Art. 13. No person shall speak over ten minutes on any subject, without the consent of the chairman, and shall be allowed to speak twice if necessary.

Art. 14. The proceedings of the "Minister's Meeting" shall be published in connection with her minutes of the Union Conference.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNION CONFERENCE.

FRIDAY, 11 O'CLOCK A. M.

According to previous appointment, the ministers and delegates composing the Union Conference, from the Eastern, Western, and Cape Fear Conferences of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, met with the church at Pine Level, Johnston county. Eld. Lunda Lee, who was appointed to preach the Introductory, attended and preached—Text: Philipians 2:5. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." After an intermission of an hour, Conference met for business.

FRIDAY EVENING, 1 O'CLOCK.

Conference opened with prayer by Eld J. A. Hodges. The Moderator called to his assistance Eld. Lunda Lee, the Secretary called to his assistance H. W. Jernigan.

Ministers present from the Cape fear Conference were, Elders Lunda Lee, R. C. Jackson, J. A. Hodges. Licentiate, J. L. Ennis.

WESTERN.

D. Davis, G. W. Davis, P. T. Lucas, L. T. Phillips, E. T. Phillips, S. W. Hamilton, J. H. Worley, Ray Phillips. Licentiate, J. R. Morris.

EASTERN.

J. M. Barfield, T. F. and T. H. Harrison, of the Eastern Conference were received into the Union Conference.

On motion of Eld. P. T. Lucas, the Moderator

be empowered to invite visiting brethren to seats with us.

The following committees were appointed:

On Finance—John Capps, J. D. Stephens, J. R. Morris.

Devotional—Eld. E. T. Phillips, H. W. Jernigan, T. T. Oliver.

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	MINUTE F.
Prospect,	Harnett,	By Letter,	\$ 50
Hodges' Chapel,	"	J. A. Hodges,	50
Pleasant Grove,	"	By Letter,	50
Stony Run,	Sampson,	H. W. Jernigan,	50
Lee's Chapel,	"	By Pastor,	50
Johnson's Union,	Johnston,	W. R. Davis	50
Johnson's Chapel,	"	J. D. Stephens,	1 00
Hopewell,	"	J. W. Alford,	50
Wood's Grove,	Wayne,	H. V. Faulkner,	1 00
Dunn,	Harnett,	By Letter,	50

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	MINUTE F.
Pleasant Grove,	Wayne,	Eld. D. Davis,	\$1 00
Stony Hill,	"	Eld. L. T. Phillips,	25
Marsh Swamp,	Wilson,	J. R. Morris,	1 00
Jerusalem,	"	By Letter,	10
St. Mary,	"	J. T. Renfrow,	1 00
Pine Level,	Johnston,	John Capps,	1 00
Rain's X Roads,	"	O. P. Rose.	
Good Hope,	"	J. W. Peedin,	
Kenly,	"	W. T. Kirby,	50

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, Elders R. C. Jackson, and J. A. Hodges be excused from the Conference to return home.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report: For to-night, Elders G. W. Davis open, P. T. Lucas preach, and J. L. Ennis close. Saturday services, Elders L. T. Phillips open, T. F. Harrison preach, Lunda Lee close.

On motion of Eld. Lunda Lee, we invite the Eastern Conference, or any member of their churches to unite with us, through Elders D. Davis, T. F. and T. H. Harrison, J. M. Barfield, and G. W. Davis.

On motion of Eld. T. F. Harrison, we close until to-morrow morning, 9:30 o'clock. Praise and prayer by Eld. P. T. Lucas.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9: 30 O'CLOCK.

Conference opened with praise and prayer by Eld. S. W. Hamilton.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee on finance submit the following report:

We have received \$10,75 as a minute fund, which has been placed in the hands of the Treasurer.

JOHN CAPPS, }
J. D. STEPHENS, } Committee.
J. R. MORRIS, }

The report was received and committee discharged.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer reports a ballance on hand from last Conference \$18,48.

T. T. OLIVER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD.

We submit the Treasurer's report and say that we have not had any mission work done for want of funds. Respectfully submitted,

T. T. OLIVER, }
A. MUNS, } Committee.
H. W. JERNIGAN, }

The report of the Treasurer and the Mission Board was received.

RESOLUTION BY H. W. JERNIGAN.

The following resolution by H. W. Jernigan was received and adopted:

Resolved, That Art. 3rd. of the Constitution be changed to read as follows: "The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Treasurer, Corresponding and recording Secretary, who shall be elected for a term of two years, who shall hold their office until their successors are elected, which election shall take place one year previous to their entering upon the duties of their office.

Conference went into an election of officers for the next two years. The following were elected:

Eld. Lunda Lee, Moderator; A. Muns, Treasurer; Eld. E. T. Phillips, Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

On motion of Eld. E. T. Phillips, the next Union Conference meet with the church at Wood's Grove, Wayne county, N. C.

On motion of H. W. Jernigan, Eld. T. F. Harrison preach the introductory.

On motion of Eld. P. T. Lucas, Eld. J. H. Worley be his alternate.

On motion of Eld. P. T. Lucas, we have 500 minutes printed, and send 25 to the South Carolina Conference, 50 to the Eastern Conference, and distribute the remainder among the churches of the Western and Cape Fear Conferences.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, we pay the Secretary \$5.00 for his services, and that he draw on the Treasurer for all other necessary expenses.

On motion of Eld. P. T. Lucas, thanks be extended to the people of Pine Level for the generous manner in which they have entertained this Conference.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, thanks be extended to the different Rail Roads that have given reduced rates to the Conference.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, Conference close, to meet with the church at Wood's Grove, Wayne county, Friday after the 4th Sunday in September, 1895.

Praise and prayer by J. M. Barfield.

J. H. WORLEY, Moderator;

E. T. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

SERVICES DURING CONFERENCE.

Friday night—Eld. P. T. Lucas preached—Text: John 3:11. "We speak that we do know."

Saturday, 11 o'clock, A. M.—Eld. T. F. Harrison preached—Text: Acts 2:1. "They were all with one accord in one place."

Saturday night—Eld. G. W. Davis preached—Text: 1 Cor. 13: 13. "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

Sunday, 11 o'clock, A. M.—Eld. T. F. Harrison preached—Text: 1 Cor. 16: 13. "Watch."

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Enrollment of those entitled to membership.
3. Organization.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Reports from Committees.
6. Call for petitionary letters.
7. Hand of fellowship to visiting brethren.
8. Reports from churches.
9. Resolutions.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the "Original Free Will Baptist General Union Conference."

Article 2. The object of this Conference shall be to promote Christ's kingdom among men, by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures, in our co-operation together in having the doctrine of Christ preached for the salvation of souls.

Article 3. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Treasurer, corresponding and recording Secretary, who shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

Article 4. This Conference shall be composed of the ministers who are members of churches belonging to the body, and of delegates from

these churches, each church being entitled to one delegate.

Article 5. The delegate from each church shall bear to the Conference a letter, certifying his appointment, showing the amount of contribution raised for benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 6. This Conference may, at each regular meeting, elect as many boards of standing committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each regular meeting of this Conference.

Article 7. Any minister or Conference desiring to become a member of this body shall present his or her petition at a regular session of Conference through delegates appointed for that purpose. If he or she be received, the Moderator shall extend to her delegate, the right hand of fellowship.

Article 8. The Moderator may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

Article 9. Each annual Conference is a distinct and independent organization with full authority to manage its own internal affairs, elect its own officers &c.

Article 10. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

LIST OF MINISTERS.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

1	D. Davis,	-	-	Pikeville, N. C.
2	S. W. Hamilton,	<i>Head</i>	-	Selma, "
3	Ray Phillips,	-	-	Pine Level, "
4	T. J. D. Pate,	-	-	Apex, "
5	C. R. Pearce,	-	-	Princeton, "
6	J. H. Sasser,	-	-	" "
7	J. H. Worley;	-	-	Pine Level, "
8	C. C. Mills,	-	-	Apex, "
9	J. W. Vallentine,	-	-	Stallings, "
10	T. H. Matthews,	-	-	Nashville, "
11	W. M. Lovett,	-	-	Princeton, "
12	P. T. Lucas,	-	-	Lucama, "
13	J. P. Mozingo,	-	-	Pikeville, "
14	J. R. Davis,	-	-	Goldsboro, "
15	G. W. Davis,	-	-	Pikeville, "
16	J. R. Watson,	-	-	Kenly, "
17	B. H. Boykin,	-	-	Wilson, "
18	L. T. Phillips,	-	-	Greenleaf, "
19	W. T. Johnson,	-	-	Walter, "
20	L. M. Mithell,	-	-	Princeton, "
21	E. F. Phillips,	-	-	Taylor, "
22	J. W. Cox,	-	-	Method, "
23	R. H. Thompson,	-	-	Wise, "
24	B. W. Tippet,	-	-	Earpsboro, "
25	Sidney Harris,	-	-	Black Creek, "
26	J. L. Strickland,	-	-	Spring Hope, "

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE.

1	S. B. Thain,	-	-	Glenmore, "
2	Robert Strickland,	-	-	Glenmore, "
3	J. F. Hill,	-	-	Goldsboro, "
4	Lunda Lee,	-	-	Dunn, "
5	J. E. Smith,	-	-	Myatt's Mills, "
6	J. P. Ogburn,	<i>Head</i>	-	Myatt's Mills, "
7	Keynieth Revnor	-	-	Little River Academy, "
8	J. S. Ellis	-	-	Clayton, "
9	Wm. Harris,	<i>Head</i>	-	Dunn, "
10	W. L. Godwin,	-	-	Bass, "
11	R. C. Jackson,	-	-	Giles' Mills, "
12	J. A. Hodges,	-	-	Benson, "