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Ministers' Meeting.

THURSDAY.

According to previous notice, ministers from the Western, Central, and Cape Fear Conferences met with the church at Kenly, Johnston county, N. C., Sept. 27th, 1900.

Elder P. T. Lucas, who was appointed at the last Conference, preached the introductory sermon—Text: John 6: 27. "Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life."

After an intermission of one hour, the meeting reassembled.

The following officers were elected: R. C. Jackson, Pres., and E. T. Phillips, Sec.

The following ministers were enrolled:

Western Conference—P. T. Lucas, E. T. Phillips, J. K. Ruffin, Sidney Harris, J. W. Alford, J. W. Valentine, A. R. Flowers, L. M. Mitchell, L. T. Phillips and C. R. Pearce. W. C. Stewart, licentiate.

Cape Fear—R. C. Jackson and D. R. Stafford.

Central—G. S. Johnson, C. J. Harris, R. I. Corbett and W. M. Bagley.

The following were appointed a devotional committee: J. K. Ruffin, J. W. Alford and sister T. R. Howell.

Prayer was offered by J. W. Valentine.

All visiting ministers were invited to take part in the discussions of the meeting.

The question of using fermented wine in communion services was presented by R. I. Corbett. It was discussed by Elders Lucas, Phillips, Corbett, Valentine, Jackson and others. It was generally admitted that the unfermented wine should be used when it could conveniently be obtained.

The meeting spoke earnestly in favor of a dispensary law for the whole state, and advised the Union Conference, soon to assemble, to ask for the same.

The devotional committee report: G. S. Johnson open and C. J. Harris preach to-night.

On motion, the Ministers' Meeting call off until 7 o'clock to-night, to be followed by devotional exercises beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Prayer by R. C. Jackson.

NIGHT SESSION;

Talks were made on the dispensary question by C. J. Harris and others.

On motion, P. T. Lucas, J. W. Valentine and E. T. Phillips write an obituary of Elder D. Davis, the old veteran of the Free Will Baptist cause, and that the same appear in the minutes of this meeting.

The following query presented by W. M. Bagley was discussed: At what time was the church established, and what were its usages? Elders Lucas, Bagley, Valentine and others took part in the discussion. It was admitted that the

church was established at the day of Pentecost, and that the usages of the church were the teachings of Christ.

The meeting at 8:30 o'clock gave way for devotional exercises.

FRIDAY.

The meeting opened at 8:30 A. M. Prayer by W. M. Bagley.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The following question was discussed at some length: Does water in John 3: 5, refer to water baptism? Nearly all the ministers took part in the debate. The affirmative was held, that it refers to water baptism, but that baptism is for believers only.

On motion, the next Ministers' Meeting meet on Wednesday and hold until the opening of the Union Conference on the Friday following, which changes Art. 1 of the constitution.

On motion, A. R. Flowers preach the introductory at the next meeting and R. I. Corbett be his alternate.

The secretary is requested to prepare the minutes in connection with the minutes of the Union Conference.

On motion, the Ministers' Meeting close. Benediction by the President.

R. C. JACKSON, President,
E. T. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

Constitution of the Ministers' Meeting.

ARTICLE. 1. A ministers' meeting of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, shall meet at least once every year, Wednesday before the meeting of the Union Conference and hold until the opening of the same, at the appointed place for the Union Conference,

ART. 2. An introductory sermon shall be preached at the sitting of the ministers' meeting each year.

ART. 3. The minister who preaches the introductory shall preside over said meeting until a President is elected.

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 that our preaching will not conflict in preaching the Gospel.

ART. 7. All ministers who wish to become members of the ministers' 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. The meeting shall have power to ex-

clude 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 purpose.

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

ART. 12. The President 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 President, and shall be allowed to speak twice if necessary.

ART. 14. The proceedings of the ministers' meeting shall be published in connection with the minutes of the Union Conference.

UNION CONFERENCE.

The Eleventh Annual Session of the Union Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist of N. C., met with the church at Kenly, Johnston Co., Sept. 28th, 1900.

Elder S. J. Halstead, who was appointed to preach the introductory being absent, Elder R. C. Jackson was called upon and preached—Text: John 17:24.

The following were enrolled as members of the

conference: Officers, P. T. Lucas, Moderator; E. T. Phillips, Secretary. J. W. Alford was elected Treas. *pro tem*,

The following ministers being present were enrolled:

Western Conference—P. T. Lucas, E. T. Phillips, J. K. Ruffin, J. W. Alford, A. R. Flowers, L. M. Mitchell, Sidney Harris, J. W. Valentine, L. T. Phillips, C. R. Pearce. Licentiate, W. C. Stewart.

Cape Fear—R. C. Jackson and D. R. Stafford.

Central—G. S. Johnson, C. J. Harris, R. I. Corbett and W. M. Bagley.

Churches and delegates were enrolled. (See table of statistics.)

The following committees were appointed:

Devotional—J. W. Alford, W. G. Pittman, Wiley Watkins.

Finance—C. J. Harris, R. I. Corbett, R. Winstead.

Temperance—A. R. Flowers, R. C. Jackson, Miss Emma Lee.

Education—J. O. Johnson, A. R. Flowers, E. T. Phillips.

Sabbath Schools, (standing)—R. C. Jackson, W. C. Stewart, C. J. Harris, J. W. Alford, Miss Meta Early.

Hymn Book—W. M. Bagley, J. O. Johnson, R. C. Jackson, E. T. Phillips.

Missions—J. W. Valentine, D. R. Stafford, R. I. Corbett.

After the organization, prayer was offered by the Secretary.

The Hamburg Association of Arkansas, was received by letter and they were given a hearty welcome into our union.

Devotional committee report. Sidney Harris open to-night, R. D. Stafford preach and close; R. I. Corbett open to-morrow, A. R. Flowers preach and close.

On motion, conference close. Prayer by A. R. Flowers.

SATURDAY.

Conference met at 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer by J. W. Valentine.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following committee reports were received, discussed and adopted:

TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on temperance beg lief to submit the following:

SEC. I. Whereas our State has and is suffering from the excessive use of intoxicants,

Be it resolved, That we petition the next General Assembly of the State to give us the dispensary law as a partial relief.

SEC. II. We ask the co-operation of other Christian denominations in this effort.

SEC. III. That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the several Free Will Baptist conferences of the State for their approval and support, also, that as far as possible, a copy of these resolutions be sent to the various conferences and associations of other Christian denom-

inations for their approval and support.

SEC. IV. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the FREE WILL BAPTIST, Biblical Recorder, Christian Advocate and Christian Sun for publication.

BY THE COMMITTEE.

EDUCATION.

Your committee on education submit the following: Seeing the great need of education among our people and especially in the ministry,

Be it resolved, 1st., That each of our conferences be earnestly requested to raise an educational fund for the benefit of those preparing for the ministry.

2. That we encourage all young men who are preparing for the ministry, to attend the Seminary at Ayden, and take a course of theology under Prof. Peden.

3. We ask our people all over the land to rally to the support of our Seminary by giving it all the patronage possible.

4. Knowing the value of the press and the importance of a church organ, we ask our people to give the FREE WILL BAPTIST, our church paper, their heartiest support.

BY THE COMMITTEE.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools beg lief to submit the following:

Resolved, 1st., That we recommend that every pastor or minister, who has charge of a congregation have a Sabbath School in it, if possible.

2. That we look well after the interest of supplying each school with all necessary literature and song books to satisfy the demands of all the pupils.

3. We ask our conferences to urge that all our churches push forward the great work of God, which is one great step to lead the people to Christ.

BY THE COMMITTEE.

HYMN BOOK.

Seeing the pressing need of our people publishing a book of hymns for public worship.

Resolved, That we ask the different conferences to appoint a committee to meet at the Central Conference at Hull Road, Greencounty, which meets Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in Nov. next, to devise plans for getting out a book.

BY THE COMMITTEE.

MISSIONS.

We, your committee on missions submit the following:

Be it Resolved, 1st., That this Union Conference pass a resolution instructing every brotherhood to raise a mission fund for the spread of the faith where we have no churches.

2. That there be treasurer appointed to hold all such funds.

3 That there be a committee appointed to employ ministerial labor to go out where the people have not had an opportunity to hear the faith preached by our denomination. Said committee to consist of five energetic workers on

missions. The committee to compensate only those they employ.

4. That the treasurer shall only pay out the funds at the request of three of the committee and that the treasurer be required to keep an account of all monies passing through his hands.

BY THE COMMITTEE.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following officers were elected for two years: R. C. Jackson, Mod., E. T. Phillips, Sec., and J. M. Barfield, Treas.

The treasurer makes the following report, which is received: Received of the finance committee \$17.95. J. W. ALFORD, Treas. pro tem.

A collection was taken up making the total \$19.20.

On motion, this conference meet hereafter, on Friday after the first Sunday in March, instead of Friday after the 4th Sunday in Sept. as heretofore.

On motion, Art. 4 of the constitution be dropped and the following inserted in its place:

This conference shall be composed of the ministers of the several conferences of the Original Free Will Baptist of N. C., and of the delegates from the different churches each church being entitled to one delegate.

On motion, the next Union Conference meet with the church at Union Grove, Wayne county, Friday after the first Sunday in March, 1901.

On motion, H. W. Jernigan preach the introductory sermon and T. N. Manning be his alternate.

On motion, the Secretary have 500 minutes printed, distribute the same, and that he be allowed \$5.00 for his services.

Devotional committee report: L. T. Phillips open, and R. I. Corbett preach to-night; A. R. Flowers open and preach, and C. R. Pearce preach and close to-morrow.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the community for their kindness and liberality shown during the meeting.

On motion, conference close. Benediction by Elder J. W. Valentine.

P. T. LUCAS, MODERATOR.
E. T. PHILLIPS, SECRETARY.

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Constitution of the Union Conference.

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

ART. 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.

ART. 3. 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.

ART. 4. This conference shall be composed of the ministers of the several conferences of the Original Free Will Baptist of N. C. And of the delegates from the different churches, each church being entitled to one delegate.

ART. 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, and total number of members, and nothing more.

ART. 6. This conference may, at each regular meeting, elect as many boards or 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.

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

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

ART. 9. Each conference is a distinct and independent organization with full authority to manage its own internal affairs, elect its own officers, etc.

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

STATISTICAL TABLE.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	MEM.	CONT.
Stony Hill.....	Wayne.....	R. P. Crumpler.....	80	\$ 50
Pleasant Hill.....	"	R. Gurley.....	27	25
Union Grove.....	"	J. C. Rose.....	135	50
Little Rock.....	Wilson.....	W. M. Holland.....	148	25
Peoples' Chapel.....	"	R. Winstead.....	48	50
Pine Level.....	Johnston...	J. F. Wellons.....	243	1 00
Holly Springs.....	"	W. G. Pittman.....	76	50
Pleasant Plain	"	By Letter.....	37	25
Stancill's Chapel...	"	W. A. Crocker.....	107	50
Rains X Roads.....	"	A. B. Langston.....	196	50
Kenly	"	Wiley Watkins.....	81	50
Flood's Chapel.....	Nash.....	J. T. Bains.....	47	50
Barnes' Hill.....	"	R. B. Bottoms.....	67	50
White Oak Hill.....	"	J. J. Wilson.....	65	50
2nd Union.....		By R. Winstead.....		50

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Grimsley.....	Greene.....	By Pastor.....	129	1 00
Howell Swamp.....	"	J. I. Corbett.....	147	1 00
Gun Swamp.....	Pitt.....	C. J. Harris.....	260	50
Parker's Chapel...	"	J. O. Johnson.....	69	50
Cross Roads.....	"	By E. T. Phillips...	63	25
Ayden.....	"	By Pastor.....	24	1 05
Saratoga.....	Wilson.....	A. J. Owens	185	50
Hugo.....	Lenoir.....	By Pastor.....	47	1 00

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE.

Bethlehem	Sampson...	Eld. R. C. Jackson	40	50
Zoar.....	"	" "	36	50
Plain View.....	"	" "	58	40
Owen's Grove.....	"	" "	60	50
Lebanon.....	"	" "	50	50
Dunn	Harnett.....	" "	50	50

Hamburg Association, Arkansas..... \$2 00

By letter, 5 churches, 350 members, 4 minutes

Total..... 2,933, | \$ 17.95

Order of Business.

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

