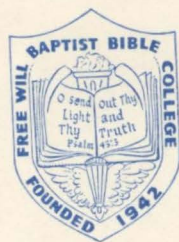


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PROCEEDINGS.

Minister's Conference

Thursday Morning, September 5.

At 11 o'clock, a good congregation having assembled the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. W. Lee of King-sport. Luke 10:15.

Recess to the afternoon.

Ministers met at 2:30 p. m., and after devotional services the following are present and enroll. A. H. Burgess, J. W. Lucas, C. F. Sneed, J. A. Brown, J. S. Burgess, W. H. H. Morelock, W. W. Lee.

Clerk Woolsey being absent, W. W. Lee is elected clerk protem.

J. W. Lucas is re-elected president. W. R. Teffetteller arrives and is enrolled.

Reports are handed in for the following ministers, and their character passed: A. H. Burgess, W. H. H. Morelock, W. W. Lee, J. H. Cash, J. L. Cagle, R. H. Jones, L. J. Stewart, J. R. Richards, J. D. Fox, J. S. Ollis, M. M. Clenden, J. F. Case, J. S. Breeden, W. B. Jones, W. P. M'Phetridge, J. W. Linkous, A. S. Robinson. L. W. W. Cagle, Robert Pendleton.

These ministerial reports cannot be given because they have not been received from the clerk, protem.

W. M. Stroup is granted a letter of dismissal and commendation to take effect when we know that he has united with some other evangelistic church.

The Ordaining Council is re-elected as follows:

J. L. Cagle, R. H. Jones, J. S. Burgess, G. S. Porter, W. H. H. Morelock and J. R. Richards.

Reports as to G. S. Porter, M. R. Nelson, Joe Rudd and I. A. Wampler and referred to the Ordaining Council with full power to act for this body, and its finding and report will be final. Each minister is requested to enclose with his report twenty-five cents towards minute fund.

Ordaining Council reports that Robert Pendleton has been ordained during the year.

Friday Morning.

Prayer and praise service is led by Rev. A. H. Burgess.

The following are enrolled as members of the fortieth session of Union association.

Ministers—A. H. Burgess, J. W. Lucas, J. S. Burgess, J. A. Brown, W. W. Lee, W. H. H. Morelock, C. F. Sneed, W. R. Teffetteller.

Delegates:—From Liberty, M. F. Dunbar and S. H. Burgess; from Magnolia, Howard Davidson; F. L. Gladson; Mt. Carmel Andrew Smith, and Joshua More, New Home. Joseph Holdway; Midway, L. A. Cobble.

J. W. Lucas is re-elected moderator by acclamation, and W. W. Lee, clerk protem.

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Order of business of last year is adopted as follows:

- 1—Organization.
- 2—Reception of new churches.
- 3—Seating visiting brethren.
- 4—Appointment of committees.
- 5—Verbal and written reports from the churches.
- 6—Reports of committees.
- 7—Miscellaneous business.
- 8—Adjournment.

The Church Extension Board reports that one church has been organized, that is the Kingsport church. The church is received.

Appointment of Committees.

On Pulpit Supply, pastor and delegates of Mt. Carmel church, and Rev. A. H. Burgess.

On Sabbath Schools—Howard Davidson, F. L. Gladson, J. F. Dunbar.

On Temperance—J. A. Brown, J. Holdway, W. W. Lee.

On Necrology—C. F. Sneed, W. H. H. Morelock, W. R. Teffetteller.

On Literature—J. S. Burgess, F. L. Gladson, W. H. H. Morelock.

On Resolutions—M. F. Dunbar, A. H. Burgess.

On Finance—Andrew Smith, J. Holway, J. A. Brown.

On Missions—W. H. H. Morelock, A. H. Burgess, W. R. Teffetteller.

On next Session—S. H. Burgess, Howard Davidson, J. Holdway.

The Church Extension Board is re-elected as follows:

J. W. Lucas, T. H. Woolsey, A. H. Burgess, J. L. Cagle, G. S. Porter.

Recess for preaching. Sermon by J. S. Burgess followed by basket dinner on the grounds.

Friday Afternoon.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. D. Fox.

Verbal and written reports from the churches as follows.

New Prospect reports, East Knoxville reports, Wooddale no report Brown's Chapel dropped from the roll. Christian Bend dropped from the roll. Grassy Creek verbal report Gould's Hill dropped from the roll. Bridges Chapel verbal report. Bear Creek is dropped from the roll. Cedar Creek is referred to the Church Extension Board with special instruction as last session. Gum Springs is dropped from the roll. Good Water no report. Green Ridge reports. Hopkins' Chapel no report. Liberty reports Lee's Chapel verbal report. Mt. Carmel reports. Magnolia reports. Midway reports. New Cross no report. New Home reports. Unicoi reports. Woolsey's Chapel verbal report. Kingsport verbal report. Johnson's chapel reports.

Voted that the churches of Union Association select their pastors from the Ministers' Conference of Union Association or ministers approved by said body.

Committee Reports.

On Sabbath Schools the committee recommend last year's reports as follows: Whereas, there is a steady growth in the Sunday Schools in the bounds of Union Association, and yet there are very many all over our territory who are not in the Sabbath Schools and many who have but little religious instructions attainable otherwise and the Sabbath School is not what it should be till every one is brought into the school and taught the bible. We insist on all our ministers to seek all op-

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opportunities to gather in and write in these schools all those who are not now in these schools so that they may study the holy word of God as it is one of the greatest means of bringing precious souls to the Savior that they may be saved and in building up the Free Baptist denomination here in the South.

Howard Davidson, Chairman.

Committee on Temperance recommend the report of last year as follows: Whereas, The Free Baptist have always taken a decided stand in favor of temperance, we recommend that our preachers preach at least one sermon a year on the subject of and that our people take no backward step.

J. A. Brown, Chairman.

Literature

We, the committee on Literature, would first recommend to our people the Bible to be studied in the home as well as in the church and we caution them to be careful as to the kind of Literature they place before their children in the home and in the churches.

J. S. Burgess, Chairman.

Missions.

We, your committee on missions, submit the following.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." As this is one of the commands of Christ, and as we Free Baptists contend that it is essential to follow every command of the Master, we should give the more earnest heed to this one. We want the ministry and laity to give more attention to this work; and we suggest that each preacher urge his hearers to more interest in this work.

W. H. H. Morelock, Chairman.

This report is referred to the Church Extension Board, and it is instructed to decide whether it will pay for any work done last year, and to push the work as much as possible the next year.

On Necrology only one obituary is reported. Mrs. Eliza Arnold of Magnolia church died Aug., 26, 1912, aged 55 years. She joined the Free Baptist church 15 years ago and always was faithful to her duties as a member until God took her away to join the heaven hosts in glory. She leaves a husband and hosts of friends, but told them not to grieve for her for she was going home to heaven.

C. F. Sneed, Chairman.

On Finance, the committee submit the following.

Received from the churches	\$12.19
For postage	.50
From ministers	<u>2.25</u>
Total	\$14.94

The clerk has received since from Wooddale \$1.00, Johnson's Chapel .40; making in all for minutes \$16.34.

J. A. Brown, Chairman.

Committee on Pulpit Supply provided preaching as follows:

Thursday night C. F. Sneed preached, Friday morning J. S. Burgess preached, Friday night W. R. Teffetteller preached; Saturday morning J. W. Lucas preached, and John D. Fox preached Sunday morning.

Committee on next session reports: The next session of Union Association will be held with Liberty church in Washington County, seven miles south of Chuckey, it being the same distance from Limestone. Those coming by railroad going west will leave the railroad at Limestone, while those going east will get off at Chuckey.

S. H. Burgess. Chairman.

On Union.

Whereas the Union Association is not within the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention, but surrounded by Southern Baptists our relations to whom can in no way be effected by the proposed union between Free Baptists and Baptists of

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the Northern Convention therefore Resolved, That Union Association take no action for or against the proposed union.

J. W. Lucas.

On Resolutions: We your committee on resolutions recommend the following report: This body now in session would recommend that each church levy an assessment on its members for the support of its pastor, and appoint its stewards to collect the same and settle with its pastor.

A. H. Burgess, Chairman.

J. D. Fox is elected to preach the next introductory sermon. Usual vote of thanks is given, and adjournment is had to meet at Liberty church on Thursday before the second Sabbath in Sep., 1913. Omissions, W. W. Lee was appointed to prepare obituary for Rev. J. G. Blizzard, deceased. J. W. Lucas and W. H. H. Morelock are elected delegates to next session of General Conference, to go at their own expenses.

Last Words.

It was good to be at this meeting. The community took great interest. The entertainment was grand. The best of spirit prevailed. Most of the churches were reported. Names of several churches which for several years have not maintained any services were dropped. Only two or three were dropped for other reasons. The business was transacted in the spirit of harmony and brotherly love. There were no bitter discussions. In the closing hour Bro. M. F. Dunbar of Liberty made a very appropriate plea for union, which meet a hearty response, and all left pledged to seek in all christian ways to heal all present breaches and not to be responsible for any further divisions.

T. H. Woolsey, Clerk.

J. W. Lucas, Moderator.

W. W. Lee, Clerk pro tem.

Omission—The clerk protom failed to send me the statistical tables.

—T. H. W.

