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PROCEEDINGS.

Minister's Conference

Thursday Morning, September 11.

At 11 o'clock A. M., the introductory sermon of the 41st Annual Session of the Union F. B. Association was preached by Rev. Samra Smith from Rom. 1:16 to a good and attentive congregation.

Recess to afternoon.

At 2 P. M. Ministers assembled and after devotional services the following are present and enrolled. A. H. Burgess, J. W. Lucas, J. S. Burgess, W. W. Lee, W. R. Teffetteller, J. L. Cagle, J. L. Ollis, W. H. Johnson. Rev. J. S. Burgess is elected president. On motion Rev. Samra Smith is elected to membership in this body. On motion Rev. I. A. Wampler is exonerated from any charges against him. On motion the following order of business is chosen.

- 1—Enrollment of members
- 2—Organization
- 3—Reception of new members
- 4—Seating visiting brethren
- 5—Ministers report and passing Ministers character
- 6—Appointment of committees
- 7—Report of Ordaining Council and other committees
- 8—Election of Ordaining Council and miscellaneous bus.

On motion Rev. H. J. Bailey is re-elected to membership in this body.

On motion Revs. Willis Ballard, Geo. G. Reeves and J. C. Stallard are invited to seats in this body as an advisory council.

Report of Ministers

A. H. Burgess	Character passed.	Report received		
J. W. Lucas	"	"	"	"
W. H. Johnson	"	"	"	"
J. L. Cagle	"	"	"	"
J. R. Richards	"	"	"	"
I. A. Wampler	"	"	"	"
J. L. Ollis	"	"	"	"
W. W. Lee	"	"	"	"
W. H. Morelock	"	"	"	"
W. R. Teffetteller	"	"	"	"
Samra Smith	"	"	"	"
J. S. Burgess	"	"	"	"

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J. F. Cash	"	"	"	"
G. W. Cash	"	"	"	"
J. W. Linkous	"	"	"	"
G. S. Porter	"	"	"	"
R. H. Jones	"	"	"	"
Robt Pendleton	"	"	"	"

W. M. Clendenon, L. J. Stewart, W. M. Cagle, J. S. Breeden and all licentiates that havent reported, are referred to the Ordaining Council and asked to report at the next Annual meeting.

On motion W. M. Stroup is granted a letter of dismissal on the condition that he be under the jurisdiction of this body until united with some evangelical church. On motion Rev. A. H. Burgess is requested to prepare an obituary of Rev. J. G. Blizzard and Revs. Cagle and Teffetteller to prepare an obituary of Rev. J. L. Case, Sermon at 7 P. M. by Rev. Geo. G. Reeves, Hosea 7;8 adj. Friday morning met at 8 A. M. devotional services led by Rev. J. L. Ollis, motion to rescind the action of passing the character of Rev. J. W. Lucas carried referred to the following committee. J. L. Cagle, W. R. Teffetteller, A. H. Burgess, Adj.

Friday Afternoon

Devotional services conducted by Rev. H. J. Bailey. On motion after a thorough investigation we find the charges against Rev. J. W. Lucas are frivolous malicious and unsustained therefore he is exonerated from all former charges and this

is never to be mentioned again as it is final. On motion Revs. J. R. Painter and John Q. Adams of the Gap Run Church of the Watauga Association and Rev. Renben Tarleton of the missionary Baptist Church are invited to seats as advisory council.

Report of Ordaining Council

Ordained one brother Rev. W. A. Manis.

On motion Erwin Rudd, M. G. Nelson, C. F. Sneed are excluded for contempt of this conference. The following Ordaining Council is elected, J. L. Cagle, J. S. Burgess, W. H. Moreiock, J. W. Lucas, W. W. Lee. Each minister is requested to enclose with his report twenty-five cents towards minute fund.

On motion the obituary notice of minister's will be printed in the minutes of the Minister's Conference. Adj.

Saturday morning, met at 8 A. M. prayer and praise service led by Rev. J. R. Painter, minutes of the previous meetings, read and approved. Rev. W. A. Manis is elected to membership.

Obituary

Rev. J. G. Blizzard was born April 22, 1833, died Feb. 18, 1912 age 78 years 8 months. He professed faith in Christ about 50 years ago and joined the Christian Church and remained in that church until 1901 and then join the F. B. church and had his authority indorsed as a minister by the ministers Conference of Union Association. He gave to the world 40 years of service as a minister.

A. H. BURGESS

T. H. WOOLSEY, Sec'y

J. S. BURGESS, Pres.

REPORT OF MINISTERS

NAME	P. O. ADDRESS	Sermons Preached	Revlals	Conversions Witnessed	Funeral Services	S. S. Address	Baptised	Rec'd Into the Church	Homes Visited	Pastor of Churches	Miles Traveled	Organized S. C.	Money Received
A. H. Burgess	Church Hill, Tenn.	8									50		\$70 00
W. H. Morelock	Church Hill, Tenn.	90	1		1	9				2	600	1	
J. W. Lucas	Unicoi Tenn.	25								1			
R. M. Pendleton		22											
J. R. Richards	Midway, Tenn.	33		8							410		
W. W. Lee	Kingsport, Tenn.	112	3	42	7	7		9	17	1			12 00
I. A. Wampler	Greeneville, Tenn.	25	1	15	1								64 00
L. L. Cagle	Knoxville, Tenn.	100	74	74							1		1 84
G. S. Porter	Alpha, Tenn.	35	4	70		10			80		500		
W. W. R. Telfetteller	Knoxville, Tenn.	110		50					100		1000		1 90
R. H. Jones	Rogersville, Tenn.	21			4						160	1	18 47
Samra Smith	Bybee, Tenn.	41					76						
W. H. Johnson	Greeneville, Tenn., R-12 ..	75	2	25							300		15 00
J. L. Hollis	New Port, Tenn.	122		137	3		6						140 99
J. F. Cash	Knoxville, Tenn.	58	3	20			4				500		36 00
G. W. Cash	Knoxville, Tenn.	75	21		3		5		100	2			16 50
J. W. Linkous	Knoxville, Tenn.	28		8					35				
J. S. Burgess	Chuckey, Tenn.	100		28	9				20		50		85 63

Proceedings.

Friday morning at 9;30 o'clock following the Ministers Conference we proceeded to the enrollment of Ministers and delegates of churches.

Ministers Present

A. H. Burgess, J. W. Lucas, J. S. Burgess, W. W. Lee, W. R. Teffetteller, J. L. Cagle, J. L. Ollis, W. H. Johnson, H. J. Bailey, Samra Smith, I. A. Wampler

Delegates

New Home—Jas French, Joe Holdway, Jas French, D. A. Reed, David Turner, C. A. Adkins, Jos. Correll, Web Legg, J. H. Holdway.

Unicoi—Nelson Wilson, Frank Howell

Woolsey College—Mrs. W. B. Woolsey, Miss Maria Woolsey

Wooddale—J. M. Brown

New Cross—Mrs. Ruth Matthews.

Midway—Tom Livingstone, Noah Cobble, Misses Pearl Keicher, Elnora Stallard.

Kingsport—Misses Lizzie Lee, Gracie Trimble.

Liberty—M. Copp, R. M. Fellers, R. A. Hammer, Henry Bailey, J. F. Dunbar, G. D. Dunbar.

Green Ridge—B. C. Gray, Newt Gray.

Rev. W. R. Teffetteller is elected moderator by acclamation.

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Order of business of last year is adopted viz: 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.

On motion no one is allowed to speak on any subject over 5 minutes without premission from the moderator.

Committee on reception of new churches reports that the church has incomplete organization.

Appointment of Committees

Committee on Pulpit Supply—Pastor and delegates of Liberty church.

Committee on Sunday Schools—J. H. Holdway, D. D. Turner, Blain Burgess.

Committee on Temperance—J. L. Cagle, J. L. Ollis, W. W. Lee.

Committee on Necrology—Samra Smith, I. A. Wampler, J. S. Burgess.

Committee on Literature—A. H. Burgess, W. W. Ballard, W. H. Johnson.

Committee on Resolutions—J. S. Burgess, W. W. Lee, J. L. Cagle.

Committee on Finance, Elnora Stallard, Pearl Keicher, Ruth Matthews, Gracie Trimble.

Committee on Missions—Geo. G. Reeves, J. C. Stallard, Samra Smith.

Committee on Next Session—J. M. Brown, Joe Holdway, G. D. Dunbar.

Committee on Education—J. W. Lucas, J. S. Burgess, J. L. Cagle.

On motion the following committee.

W. R. Teffetteller, T. H. Woolsey, J. C. Stallard, Geo. G. Reeves, Joe Holdway are appointed to report the work of concerning Unicoi School.

The following brethren are invited to seats in our body Hugh Varner J. G. Varner, German Adkins Corbin Cobble. Preaching hours 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Verbal and written reports of churches. Wooddale reports East Knoxville reports 1st F. B. Knoxville reports.

On motion no minister or delegate is to leave the association without premission at 11 o'clock, J. L. Ollis preached from St. John 13:34,35. adj.

Friday Afternoon

Reports of churches continued. New Home reports. On motion it is accepted as the banner church of this Association for the reception of new members.

Midway reports, Geassy Creek, Hopkins Chapel, Bridges Chapel, Cedar Creek and Good Water are referred to the church Extension Board.

Green Ridge reports, Mt. Carmel reports, Magnolia reports, 7 P. M. Sermon by J. C. Stallard, Text 1 Cor. 13.

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Saturday Morning

After Ministers Conference, Minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

Report of churches, New Cross reports Unicoi reports, Woolsey College reports, Jack's Creek Association reports by letter and also by fraternal messengers Rev. W. W. Ballard who spoke very encouraging about their work.

Rev. W. W. Ballard was given a warm reception by the entire association.

On motion to send a letter and fraternal messages to Jacks Creek Association, Revs. J. S. Burgess and Samra Smith are elected. Kingsport church reports. The Church Extension Board has done very little this year.

We sent Bro. A. H. Burgess to Bradshaws Chapel where he has a new church in process of construction. For his services we have paid him \$10. We could have done more with funds in hands if demand has been made on us.

J. W. Lucas, Chairman, elected the following church extension Board, J. W. Lucas, T. H. Woolsey, A. H. Burgess, J. L. Cagle, G. S. Porter.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reports.

We your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to submit the following:

Where as we note with pleasure the increased attendance in our Sabbath Schools, and believing this is due in part to the Union spirit found in all our Sunday Schools.

We therefore urge all our pastors and church officials to do all that they can in a christian way to encourage said schools to labor for the higher attainments in life. We would futher recommend that our churches cease using David Cooks Lesson Helps and that instead they use the periodicals published by the American Sunday School Union.

Committee on Literature reports.

J. H. Holdway, Chairman

We your committee on Literature beg leave to report the following finding we have no publishing house of our own, we recommend to all people the American Babtist Publishing House and their supplies, also the General Baptist Publishing House of Oakland, Ind.

A. H. Burgess, Chairman

Rev. J. H. Wallin, a Presbyterian S. S. Missionary and Rev. C. W. Duncan a Presbyterian Minister are invited to seats as an advisory council.

Committee on Mission reports.

We your Committee on Missions admit the following: Feeling the imperative demand for greater enthusiasm in the cause of missions be it resolved that the Union Association put forth a special effort this year for the spread of the Gospel both at home and abroad. Christ said in his parting message, "Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel to every Creature" and that message is to "us."

Will we obey or ignore this command of our Lord? Each of us can obey the command to "go" or "send" which will we

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do? If you can't go send; if you can't send go!

Geo. G. Reeves, Chairman

Liberty Church reports.

Committee on Next Session reports, that the Next Session of Union Association will be held with New Home Church in Cocke County four miles East of Rankins depot.

Those coming by railroad notify Jas. Holdway, Bybee Tenn., Route 2 and he will meet you at the depot.

J. M. Brown, Chairman

At 11 o'clock Rev. J. L. Cagle preached from Job. 38:31.

Saturday Afternoon

Met at 2 P. M. devotional services conducted by Rev. J. H. Wallin.

Committee on temperance reports.

"Abhor that which is evil." "Touch not, tast not handle not the unclean thing." The cigarette and whiskey drinking are unremitted evils. The cigarette fiend is not qualified for any responsible position, Strong drink has been and is the curse of the human race.

The first drink is the first step towards a drunkards grave. You must begin with the boys to save the men, let us practice temperance, preach temperance, vote temperance and pray temperance that our boys and country may be safe guarded and saved from the ravages of the monster in temperance.

J. L. Cagle, Chairman

Committee on Necrology reports.

We your committee on Necrology humbly beg to report the following. New Cross—Sister Nancy Ross died February 1st 1911 in full triumph of the spirit she was 78 years of age.

New Home Sister Elizabeth Green was born May 1843 and was married to John Green February 27th, 1877, Sister Green professed religion and join the F. B. Church June 24th, 1894 and lived a devoted christian until death Aug. 16th, 1913.

Sister Sarah Seemore passed away during the year. She lived 50 years a devoted christian.

Wooddale Sister Mary Cash passed away during last year. She was a devoted member of the church and is sadly missed by church and community.

Uuicoi, Bro. Simpson D. Howell was born Oct. 3rd, 1823 and died March 5th, 1913. He was a Civil War veteran and a life long member of the F. B. church.

Sister Harriette Howell was born December 28th, 1895 and died in the bloom of young woman hood February 25th, 1913 a faithful consecrated christian Bro.

S. Peter Howell was born April 10 1857 died April 9th, 1913 after a long illness borne with patience.

Bro. Fielden Adams passed away during the year, for a long time labored in the cause of christ.

Samra Smith, Chairman

Committee on Finance reports the following:

Received from the churches	\$12.30
“ “ Ministers	2.75
Total	<u>\$15.05</u>

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The clerk has received since from Mt. Moriah 50c total \$15.55

Elnora Stallard, Chairman

Committee on Resolutions reports.

Resolve that any minister of the Free Will Baptist denomination may pastor any church within the bounds of the Union Association provided he is elected; if after thorough investigation by Ministers Conference his character proved to be alright. adopted.

J. L. Cagle, Chairman

Whereas we believe the time is now here when the Mountain Free Will Baptists of the South are in faith one in practice and we believe they should be one in work and that we use all of our earnest efforts to bring about a better State of Union by sending corresponding messengers to all Free Baptist Associations or yearly meetings composing the Mountain Free Baptists of Tennessee, North Carolina, and Southwestern Va, and that we labor to get these various bodies into one organization for the Glory of God. adopted.

J. L. Cagle, Chairman

Committee on Unicoi School reports.

We your committee wish to submit the following:

Whereas the Hotel building and 3 acres of land is still retained at Unicoi by the General Conference of Free Baptists and that said property is in the hands of the Mountain Free Baptists for a period of three years' to prove whether or not we want a school, therefore, be it resolved, that the membership of the Union Association use their money and influence to maintain the school enterprise begun at Unicoi.

The outlook for the establishment of a denominational institution is intensley favorable and flattering. If after three years, we have shown, that we expect to support the school, the Hotel and grounds can be had for a very nominal sum, according to the statement of Pres. Jas. W. Manck of Hillsdale College, Chairman of the committee in charge; this statement being made to Prof L. V. Dodge, now custodian of the Unicoi property; otherwise it shall be dispensed of in any way the committee may deem wise.

Geo G. Reeves, Chairman

On motion that every Free Baptist Church throw open their doors to Rev. Samra Smith as a soliciting agent for Unicoi School.

On motion that we send Fraternal messengers to the other associations viz.

J. W. Lucas to Unicoi, A. H. Burgess, to Clinch Valley, J. S. Burgess, to Tow River, W. W. Lee to John Wheeler, J. L. Cagle to French Broad, Samra Smith to Watauga,

Rev. J. R. Painter gave a verbal report of Watauga association. The moderator is to give our thanks to this church and community for their hospitality.

Rev. Samra Smith is to preach the introductory sermon of next session.

Saturday at 7 P. M. Rev. W. R. Teffetteller preached from Acts 2:38. Sunday morning sermon by Rev. W. W. Ballard.

Adjourned to meet with New Home Church on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in September.

T. H. Woolsey, Clerk

W. R. Teffetteller, Moderator

Statistical Table

Churches	Pastors Elect	Clerks	Clerk's P. O. Address	Added by Baptism	Added Otherwise	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	No. Ministers	No. in S. S.	Paid for Minutes	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Property
† Johnsons Chapel	45, 46, 47	C. W. Starnes	Powder Springs, Tenn.	28	5	10	25	2	50	50	\$1 00		\$1000 00
† 1st F. B. Knoxville	J. L. Cagle	J. A. Manis	Knoxville, Tenn.					1	130	40			
† 3rd F. B. Knoxville	J. F. Cash	G. W. Cash	Knoxville, Tenn.	14				2	61	72	2 45	\$120 30	1000 00
† East Knoxville	J. L. Cagle	G. G. Taylor	Staw Plains						42				
† Wooddale									30				250 00
* Grassy Creek									14				600 00
† Bridges Chapel									12				
* Cedar Creek									24	40		13 55	800 00
* Good Water	J. S. Burgess	B. F. Kellar	Chuckey, Tenn.										
* Green Ridge													
* Hopkins Chapel	J. S. Burgess	M. Copp	Chuckey, Tenn.	2	1			1	178	60	1 20	27 52	1200 00
Liberty	W. W. Lee								22		1 25		
Kingsport	W. H. Morelock	W. R. Morelock	Church Hill, Tenn. R-2						85	40		24 50	800 00
Mt. Carmel	W. H. Morelock	I. J. Cope	Rogersville, Tenn.					1	42	45	50	18 46	
Mt. Moriah	R. H. Jones	Howard Davidson	Rogersville, Tenn.						48		75	36	1200 00
Magnolia	W. R. Telfteller	L. A. Cobble	Midway, Tenn.	13					52	76	1 00	86 25	1000 00
Midway		Ruth Matthews	Greeneville, Tenn.						47				250 00
New Cross	J. L. Cagle	J. H. Holdway	Bybee, Tenn. R-2	76	16	4		1	222		2 05	76 83	800 00
New Home	J. W. Lucas	Ada Lucas	Unicoi, Tenn.	5	2	2	4	3	59	60	1 50		
Unicoi													
Woolsey College													
* No Report													

† Knox Co. Q. M.