

PROCEEDINGS.

The fifth annual session of the Zion Rest Association of the United Free Will Baptist Church of Christ convened with Love Well church, Greene county, Miss., on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1911 at 10 o'clock.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Scripture reading and prayer. Enrolling churches and delegates. Call for petitionary letters. Election of officers. Fellowship extended. Receiving messengers from sister associations. Report of Home Mission Board. Report of committee on state of ministers. Appointing committees. Report of ministers. Committee reports and discussion. Closing.

Rev. H. N. Smith volunteered to preach the introductory sermon. The former moderator, Rev. Geo. Lee opened the body by reading the 6th chapter of 2d Cor. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Little. The former clerk enrolled the names of ordained ministers:

Geo. Lee, McLaurin, Miss., G. W. Little, Richton, Miss., H. N. Smith, County Line, Miss., John A. Walley, Richton, Miss., A. J. Holder, Brooklyn, Miss., C. P. Smith, Richton, Miss., T. H. Brewer, Richton, Miss., S. R. Smith, Waynesboro, Miss., R. A. B. 67, W. D. Ainsworth, Carson, Miss., K. A. Smith, Purvis, Miss., F. P. Bostwick, Seminary, Miss., R. B. A. W. M. Dunn, Seaboard, Ala., L. S. Dunnam, Richton, Miss.

Licentiates: W. J. Wood, Copeland, Ala., A. Wood, Copeland, Ala.

Called for churches and delegates: Pine Grove, Geo. Curtis, W. B. Burges; Love Well, M. M. Smith, B. F. Stinson; Citiville, C. H. Mills, T. A. Mills; Mount Sinai, L. S. Dunnam; Lone Star, L. C. Singley; New Hope, Ala., W. M. Dunn; Charity Chapel, W. M. Dunn; Oak Grove, W. T. Riley, N. B. Pope, W. L. Mills; Liberty, Ala., R. M. Holland; Lebanon, James Nowell; Antioch, Z. F. Lee, K. A. Smith; Hickory Grove, D. L. Brewer, D. Brewer; New Prospect, P. B. Bostwick; Antioch, Wayne county, J. W. Stephens; China Grove, by letter.

Called for petitionary letters: Welcome Home by letter; Naonna, W. A. Bunch, A. J. Bryant; Bethel, Will Revett, B. D. Sholtz; Mount Zion, Ala., W. J. Wood, A. Wood; Chestney Chapel, W. M. Dunn; Mt. Zion, Miss., J. B. Bullock.

Moved and seconded that we adopt former order of business.

The moderator appointed John A. Walley and Geo. Curtis as reading clerks for this body. Sang a hymn and gave right hand of fellowship to each other.

Moved and seconded that Rev. G. W. Little give the right hand of fellowship to all delegates that come in after the body went to work.

The following officers were elected: George Lee, moderator, John A. Walley, assistant moderator; C. P. Smith, clerk; George Curtis, treasurer.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn until 1:30 o'clock p. m. Then the introductory was preached by Rev. H. N. Smith. Text: 1st Cor. 10:4.

The moderator appointed the following committees: On preaching—Dan Brewer, M. M. Smith and Geo. Curtis.

On Sabbath Schools—Rev. W. M. Dunn, W. J. Wood and B. D. Sholtz.

On Temperance—Rev. H. N. Smith, Dan Brewer, J. B. Bullock and Will Revett.

On Finance—James Nowell, W. L. Mills, W. B. Buges and W. A. Bunch.

On Obituaries—N. B. Pope, Z. F. Lee and J. W. Wood.

On Home Missions—Rev. W. D. Ainsworth, Rev. S. R. Smith and Rev. K. A. Smith.

On Suggestions—Rev. G. W. Little, C. H. Mills and T. A. Mills.

Moved and carried that we adjourn until 8:30 a. m. Monday. Rev. Geo. Lee preached Sunday at 11 a. m. Text: 3rd chapter 2nd Peter. Sunday collection for home missions, \$2.31. Presbytery ordained A. Wood, W. M. Dunn, T. H. Brewer and John A. Walley. Sunday p. m. Rev. W. M. Dunn preached—text: Job 21:15; Rev. C. W. Walley closed.

MONDAY MORNING.

Met Monday morning according to adjournment. Opened by the moderator by reading 6th chapter of Galatians. Prayer by Rev. A. Wood.

Roll of ministers called and the following reported: T. H. Brewer, miles traveled 763, sermons 70, members received 25, baptized 10, assisted in ordaining one minister and three deacons; married one couple. Money received \$45.70. Citiville \$30.00, Hickory Grove \$10.75; Antioch \$4.95.

Report of L. S. Dunnam: Sermons preached 107, miles traveled 784, members received 18, baptized 8, married one couple; money received \$23.30.

Report of S. R. Smith: Sermons 79, miles traveled 906, members received for baptism 11, baptized nine, received by restoration 28, organized three churches, assisted in ordaining one preacher; money received \$30.25; organized two Sunday schools.

Report of Thomas Chestney: Miles traveled 190, sermons preached 36, members received one, baptized two; money received \$1.65.

Report of John A. Walley: Sermons preached 70, miles traveled 773; money received \$39.24; members received 4, baptized 7, helped to ordain three preachers.

Report of R. M. Holland: To the Zion Rest Association of the United F. W. B. church, your humble servant asks leave to make my report, which is as follows: Traveled 60 miles, preached four sermons.

Report of A. J. Holder: Miles traveled 840, sermons preached 143, baptized 15, received into the church 21, money received \$51.25. R. R. or traveling expenses \$35.00; married three couples, organized one church, helped to ordain one preacher and one deacon; collected for minutes 30c.

Report of W. M. Dunn: Miles traveled 953, sermons preached 75; money received \$76.38; baptized two, members received three; married one couple.

Report of K. A. Smith: I joined the Free Will Baptist church of Christ the 21st day of April, 1911, was baptized 3rd Sunday in June and I have married one couple, burial services I, helped to organize one Sunday school, sermons preached 13, miles traveled 40, I was ordained the 3rd Sunday in June. I am assistant worker with Bro. Geo. Lee.

Report of George Lee: Traveled 1300 miles, preached 63 sermons; money received \$41.14, expenses, R. R. fare \$12.55, received 11 members by confession of faith, received seven members by baptism, ordained one preacher, preached two funerals.

Report of C. P. Smith: Sermons preached 63, miles traveled 1000, money received \$33.00, members received 10, baptized one, married one couple.

Report of H. N. Smith: Brethren, I make my report as follows: Sickness of myself and family has kept me off the work. What work I have done has been with other preachers. Sermons preached 24, miles traveled 207, money received \$8.20 helped to organize one church, married one couple, preached one funeral.

Report of W. D. Answorth: Miles traveled 502, baptized 14, sermons 26, churches organized one, money received \$48.05.

Report of Wash. Hartfield: Miles traveled 600, sermons preached 85, ministers ordained one, members received 13, money received none, paid out \$1.40.

Report of G. W. Little: Miles traveled 503, sermons preached 40, members received seven, baptized 3, funerals one, married four couples, money received \$44.15, expenses \$2.45; Love Well, \$35.35; Temple, \$3.85; Red Hill, \$1.50; Hickory Grove, \$2.45; Mount Sinai, \$1.00.

Called for report of home mission board: We, the home mission board beg leave to report to your body that we have done but very little this year. We have on hand from last year, \$13.25. Paid out to L. C. Singly for transportation, \$1.50, leaving a balance from last year of \$11.75; received for this year \$8.20, as collection \$2.57. Total on hand, \$22.53.

Called for report on Sabbath Schools: We, your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to make the following report: We find some Sunday Schools in our churches. Lone Star, teachers and scholars, 20; Hickory Grove, teachers and scholars, 15; Welcome Home, teachers and scholars, 15; Lebanon, teachers and scholars, 28; Antioch, teachers and scholars, 20; Oak Grove, teachers and scholars, 36; Mount Zion, teachers and scholars, 38; Bethel, teachers and scholars, 25. Total, 197.

We as preachers should urge Sunday Schools in all of our churches as much as possible.

Rev. W. M. Dunn, Ch'm.

Called for report on preaching. This body adjourned until 1:30 o'clock for preaching and refreshments. Preaching by J. W. Wood, Tim. 1st chapter. Prayer by sister Bullock, followed by H. N. Smith. Read 3rd chapter of John. This body met according to adjournment. Prayer by W. M. Dunn.

Called for report on standing of ministers: Report from L. C. Singly, one of the committee on conditions of ministers: I find that Bro. E. L. Harrell is out of order and in contempt to the church and cause, and recommend he be not received in the association until he makes reconciliation to the church. Also recommend that Bro. J. A. Waldrop be excluded from this association on account of drunkenness and profanity. Respectfully

Moved and carried that the case of Bro. E. L. Harrell be returned to his church to be dealt with in the case of Rev. J. A. Waldrop be turned over to the committee on account of his church being gone down and he can't get any church fellowship. The order of the body to the committee is to give the Bro. a chance according to the Scripture, and if he won't hear, call for his credentials.

Temperance—We, your committee on temperance beg leave to make our report: We believe temperance is one of the greatest evils by which the Christian is surrounded. Many men who might have been shining lights in the church and in society have fallen in this evil. Now we say that we as ministers do all we can against this evil, to put this great evil down. We suggest that our ministers preach at least one sermon in the year on drunkenness.

H. N. SMITH, Ch'm.

Called for finance: I, as clerk not having the finance committee's report, make this report. I find on hand as associational fund \$21.45.

Called for committee on obituaries. We, your committee on obituaries beg leave to make the following report: We find only two deaths in our association this year. We are glad to find the blessings of God resting on his people as well as they have.

JOHN WOOD, Ch'm.

Called for report on home missions. We, your committee on home missions beg leave to submit this report: We believe this to be one of the most important measures in our work, and suggest that our delegates and ministers urge upon all the churches and brethren composing this association to make a most earnest and strenuous effort and appeal to push this work, and all suggest that this association put out an evangelist at the earliest possible time to give all his time to the work, strengthen churches, preach and organize other churches.

Respectfully submitted,

K. A. SMITH, Ch'm.

Called for suggestions: We, your committee on suggestions beg leave to make the following report: We suggest that the next session of the Zion's Rest Association be held with some church near the center of this association. We further suggest that we have two fifth Sunday meetings on each fifth Sunday during the year, and that they be far enough apart not to conflict with each other.

G. W. LITTLE, Ch'm.

There were some amendments to suggestions as follows:

Moved and carried that the next session of this association be held with Citiville church, Wayne county, Miss., near Clear, Miss.

Let us as a united Free Will Baptist people ordain no man who will not preach holiness in its fullness, and abstain from all spiritual uncleanness.

[Continued in minute form.]

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OBITUARIES.

MRS. MARTHA M. STUBBS.

On the 11th, of Dec. 1911, sister Stubbs bade adieu to this transitory life, that she might be translated from this world of care, sorrow and trouble, into a realm where sickness is felt no more. She was born Jan. 3rd, 1855. The last two or three years of her life she was a great sufferer, but, here it with patience, trusting in God always.

Her husband who preceded her was paralyzed with rheumatism for thirty years, but she did not tire waiting on him. In her last hours she had a great desire to get better and to be with her children, who were so devoted to her, but she said, she was willing and ready to die if it was God's will. Sister Stubbs was an active member of Shiloh F. W. B. Church, and not only will she be missed by her children but by the church.

The funeral was preached by the writer, her pastor, after which her remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground, to await the resurrection morn. She has left us but the sweet gentle spirit she breathed while she abode here, pointing the erring to the right path, such a life is a benediction to any community for it exemplifies the teachings of him who spake as never man spake. A devoted wife, a tender loving mother has crossed over the river, but her gentle influence will be ever present to lift us into a closer relationship with God. Let us bow in humble submission to God's will, and thank him, that though earthly ties most sever, that we shall be permitted to dwell forever in that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

W. F. Walters.

MRS. TELITHA CLARK.

After having second stroke of Paralysis with intense suffering, Mrs. Telitha Clark passed into Life Eternal at 3:00 o'clock on Wednesday evening Nov. 8, 1911.

She was a most patient sufferer. She said she hated to leave us all. But was willing and ready to go when the Lord saw fit to call her. She was a member of the F. W. B. Church at Black Jack. She united with the church about 35 years ago, and was baptized by Eld. R. K. Hearne. She was in her 51st year of age. She became the beloved wife of W. L. Clark and from that union was born nice children, all living, the youngest, thirteen years of age. Friends and physicians did all in their power to alleviate her suffering. But they were powerless to stay the hand of the grim destroyer.

The funeral services were conducted by Eld. J. T. Butler, of Aulander, N. C. Afterwards she was laid to rest in the family burying grounds near her Bro's, Henry Dixon to await the resurrection morn. A good woman has passed to her reward. She is sadly missed in our home and the community. We have the sweet assurance of her preparation for life hereafter and the sweet memory of the joy and happiness she gave us while here. May we not forget the God who alone can comfort us in our desolation and sorrow. May his tender love be with us in this sad hour and the light of his countenance give us peace.

Dearest Telitha thou hast left us, And our loss we deplore; But in Heaven we hope to meet thee.

Where our parting is no more, And our loss we deplore; But in Heaven we hope to meet thee. Written by her loving husband, W. L. Clark.

ALTON LEROY BRAXTON.

On Dec. 7th, 1911, the death Angel descended from Heaven to earth and claimed as his victim little Alton Leroy the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Braxton. Alton was born December the 10, 1910, making his stay on earth 11 months and 28 days, he was the pride and joy of his parents and dearly loved by both, they hated so much to give him up, but we should try to be submissive to God's will for we know he doeth all things well. Little Alton's life was short but he was a great pleasure to mother and father, he was bright and sensible and easy to learn to love every one that loved him. He was healthy and well the most of his life until 5 weeks before his death, he was first taken with a stomach trouble which later developed into that fatal disease meningitis, all was done for him that loving friends and physicians could do, but there was no earthly relief the little child was conscious of his sufferings until the last, when the death angel came to his relief and bore him away on balmy wing's of love to the blessed realms above, where pain and sorrow are no more. So grief's sharp pangs are at him even by a guide, it is your earthly journey ever pointing you to right instead of wrong so when your days are ended and death shall be your portion you may meet him on the sunny banks of sweet de-liverance for we can realize now that he was only a flower budding on earth to bloom in Heaven, and we have read in God's blessed word where it sayeth the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away and again it says suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of Heaven.

He died on Thursday night 7th and Friday 8th, burial services were conducted by Eld. Geo. C. Vause and his remains were laid to rest in Reedy Branch Cemetery. We loved him Oh, we loved him, But Jesus loved him more. Still we hope to meet him once again, On Canaan's happy shore. We feel so sad and lonely, Since little Alton passed away, But if we strive we can meet him, In a brighter land than day. Written by Mrs. Luvenia Manning.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God, the Father, of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes.—1 Cor. 8:6, Isa. 40:28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith he loved the world; and Christ us freely gave himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man; who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven, from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of heaven at the last day to judge both quick and dead.—1 Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1:7; Acts 24:15; 1 John 2:2.

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God.—St. John 16:7, 8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 2:1; Eph. 4:4-6.

4. We believe that in the beginning God made man upright, and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily, by transgression, fell, and by that means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death.—Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish; but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of truth, that they might be saved; for which end Christ hath commanded the Gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15-17; 1 Tim. 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for him, but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that bought them; because they believe not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and righteous God of heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all contradiction that all men, at one time or other, are found by General Provision made of God to Christ, for the benefit of all mankind who repent and believe the Gospel.—such a capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved.—Acts 17:30; Matt. 23:37; 1 John 5:10.

7. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—1 Tim. 4:16, 17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 23:19, 20; Luke 13:3-5; Luke 24:47; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers his divine aid to all the human family; so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teaching; whereas, such who do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit, shall, at a future day, own their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own damnation, for willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace.—Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:44, 65; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11, 12; Jer. 22:29.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation; considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ who bought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that they, and such the Apostles because they receive love of the truth, that they might be saved; therefore the indignation of God is upon every man that doeth evil, living as heathen.—Rom. 1:18-20; Tit. 1:1-2.

11. We believe that all dying in infancy, having not transgressed against the law, are in their own persons, are ordained to the first death, which was upon them by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any one of them dying in that state, shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for "of such is the kingdom of God"—1 Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36, 37; Matt. 19:14.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to man.—Rev. 22:14, 15; Isa. 1:19, 20; Matt. 7:8; Jer. 6:16; Luke 13:34, 35.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God, through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God.—Rom. 1:17; Acts 8:20, 21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting death or everlasting life, out of respect or mere choice, further than He hath appointed the guilty unto death.—Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22-31; Matt. 25:31-46.

15. We believe, as touching Gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saints' feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise to God, and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.—Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19-20; John 13:5-17; Jas. 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that the believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 3:33, 39; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day.—John 5:28, 29; II Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless.—Matt. 25:46.