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*Diff from Mrs. Cordell, sister of Bro.  
Bob Self, May 6, 1965*

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# PROCEEDINGS

The French Broad Association of the F. W. B. C. convened in regular annual session August 25, 1927, with the Mountain View Church, and was called to order by B. E. Guthery, the former moderator, and after singing "Sweet Bye and Bye", prayer was offered by Rev. F. C. West. The organization was gone into. A secret ballot resulted in the election of C. E. Guthery as moderator. Brother C. S. Long suggested that the names of Brothers Mallie Rice and F. C. West be run for clerk. A ballot being taken resulted in the election of F. C. West. On motion of Brother R. V. Self, a committee was appointed to consider all resolutions to come before the association. Committee consisted of Bros. Fleet Williams, John Ramsey and R. V. Self. On motion of Bro. C. S. Long all visiting brethren were seated in this association. On motion of Brother R. V. Self all standing committees were retained. Then the moderator proceeded to appoint the following committees: Arrangements, B. E. Guthery, F. C. West, Rome Woodson. Temperance, J. C. Wallace, A. P. Rich, C. Y. Elkin. Education, Thomas E. Beaman, Mattie Rice, C. S. Long. Finance, John Ramsey, I. M. Reace, J. C. Wallace. Obituaries, Mrs. John Ramsey, Mrs. Frank Ramsey, Mrs. Lon Sluder, Mrs. A. P. Rich. S. S., Thomas Beaman, J. H. Gase, Joe Banks. Periodicals, Rome Woodson, Lou Monday, F. C. West, Pulpit, Pastor and delegates of Mountain View Church with the moderator and Clerk. Home missions, Mrs. Joe Randall, Mrs. Henry Vaughn. Foreign Missions, same as last year. Marriage and Divorce, I. M. Reese, L. E. Ballard. Ladies Aid, Mrs. E. W. Reece, Mrs. A. P. Rich, Mrs. C. L. Sharp. Resolution Committee, J. G. Ramsey, J. A. Martin, B. E. Guthery. On motion of Brother C. S. Long, house adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

Ministerial Support—Rev. A. P. Rich, Rev. J. C. Wallace, Rev. R. V. Self. Session—First Delegate of each Church.

Trustees of Old Ministers' Fund—Treasurer, J. G. Ramsey, Marshall, N. C., R. 4; Rev. R. V. Self, chairman; J. L. Hurt, A. P. Rich, Mallie Rice, C. S. Long.

Orphanage Treasurer—Rev. Mallie Rice, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. 4. All funds must be sent to him.

College Treasurer—Rev. C. S. Long, West Asheville, N. C., 256 Waynesville Ave. College money must be sent to him.

Association called to order by the moderator at 2 p. m. and after song and prayer, Bro. John Ramsey and C. S. Long were appointed reading clerks, and the churches presented their letters by the delegates, and same were duly enrolled. Brother C. Y. Elkin at this time asked for information on a point of doctrine. Does our church teach a second definite saving work of grace, and after some discussion by Brothers Elkin, Selfe, Long, White, West, and others, the moderator asked Bro. R. V. Self to explain, and after reading resolution by Brother Ballard on deeper devotion and rehearsing the history of our church, gave his answer that we do not believe or teach a second definite saving work of grace. Motion was then made by C. S. Long and seconded by C. Y. Elkin that this subject should not come before this association again. On motion of R. V. Self, association adjourned till Friday morning at 9 o'clock. —F. C. West, Clerk.

## FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 26, 1927

The association was called to order by the moderator at 9 o'clock and after devotional services conducted by Brother Mallie Rice the minutes of the first day session were read, corrected and approved. Moderator called for committee reports on marriage and divorce. This was read and same adopted. Committee on Temperance read their report and it was adopted. Brother C. S. Long read report on Foreign Missions and it was discussed by Brother L. E. Ballard, with regard to the eight year program. Brother R. V. Self and Thomas Beaman also spoke on the subject. Then the report was adopted. Brother Beaman then submitted the report on S. S. and it was adopted. The report on Young Peoples League was read and approved. Ladies Aid report was read and adopted. Committee was called to investigate the condition of the Marshall church. All committees not reported were asked to hand in their reports at the evening session. The house then took 10 minutes recess.

At eleven o'clock, reassembled and after singing some old time Gospel Songs and Prayer, Brother Hurt, one of our honored veterans for the cross, took the stand, gave his experience, read John 17, and a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit was witnessed by all present. Meeting then adjourned for dinner.

Association was reassembled and called to order by moderator. Letters from Swannanoa, Hot Springs, Old Fort and Antioch, all new churches, were read and on motion of Brother S. C. Long were duly accepted and admitted to fellowship in this association. Resolution on Orphanage read and approved. Then a resolution to empower a committee to act when necessary in settling disputes or other troubles that might arise was read and adopted. Bro. E. B. Guthery, C. S. Long, C. Y. Elkin, J. H. Martin and A. P. Rich were appointed on this committee. The committee on Memoirs reported. Committee on Ministerial Support was read and adopted. The work of the Marshall Church was adjudged illegal and said church was ordered to retain old membership roll until a pastor was elected. The report on Education was deferred until the next session. Then the association Evangelist read his report and it was adopted and he was elected to hold same office for the coming year. Moved and seconded that we adjourn till 8:30 a. m. Saturday morning. Benediction by moderator.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Association convened at 8:30, with Brother E. B. Guthery, moderator, in the chair after devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. F. C. West. Business was called. Brother Ballard read 5 resolutions which were adopted on motion of J. G. Ramsey,—the association to pay historian \$4.00, and clerk \$7.00. Then Brother Ballard brought greetings from Cumberland association. Rev. F. C. West was appointed as a fraternal delegate to attend the Cumberland association. Then Brother Beaman spoke in regard to sending delegates to State convention and Mrs. R. V. Self and Mrs. A. P. Rich were elected to attend. Then Brother Beaman asked us to elect delegates to the U. S. Conference. Rev. R. V. Self and Rev. C. S. Long were elected. Rev. C. S. Long was then re-elected as evangelist for this association. Brother J. G. Ramsey then read his report and it was adopted. Then the Finance Committee reported \$48.02. Brother Mallie Rice read report for orphanage. It was adopted at this time. Brothers Sprinkles, Pikes and Woody were seated in regular order. Then the preachers were asked to give their reports after which Brother R. V. Self took pledges for old ministers fund and raised \$164.00.

Then Brother C. S. Long read report on Education and after remarks

by Brother R. V. Self and others the report was tabled. The house then recessed until 11 o'clock. At that hour Rev. Thomas E. Beaman of the Eastern Conference was introduced by Rev. R. V. Self and delivered a very able and helpful message from II Corinthians 4:5, after which adjournment for dinner. .

### SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Association was called to order by moderator at 2:30 p. m. and resumed business. Brother H. Grogan was appointed to preach introductory sermon next year. Swannanoa church asked for the next association and it was granted. Brother R. V. Self offered resolution on Education and it was adopted. Resolution on ministerial support was adopted, then the other committees handed in their reports without reading. Brother C. S. Long made motion to thank moderator and clerk for faithful services rendered. Brother C. S. Long was appointed to thank the good people of Mountain View Church for their hospitality. Association then adjourned until Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1928, at Swannanoa.

B. E. Guthery, moderator, F. C. West, Clerk.

### MINUTES OF MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

House was called to order by Brother E. B. Guthery on motion of C. S. Long. E. B. Guthery was elected moderator and F. C. West Clerk. Brother Long made report on Rev. W. H. Wright and his name was ordered dropped from conference roll. The name of each preacher was called and their character passed. Brother Rome Woodson asked for a letter of recommendation to Jack's Creek association. It was granted. Brother G. W. Quinton was also granted a letter to the same association. The following preachers were elected as ordained council for the ensuing year. C. S. Long, ch., R. V. Self, B. E. Guthery, J. A. Martin and C. Y. Elkin. A committee was appointed and given power to act on any and all trouble arising in any of our churches, consisting of, Moderator, E. B. Guthrie, Clerk, F. C. West, J. A. Martin, R. V. Self, C. S. Long, A. P. Rich. The Ordaining Council then reported on the names of Brothers G. W. Briggs, and George Peaks, and they were ordained.

The conference then adjourned to meet one year hence with Swannanoa Church. Benediction by B. E. Guthrie, Moderator.

F. C. West, Clerk

### DELEGATES

Hazel Green: J. W. Banks, H. G. Howell, Mrs. H. Vaughn, Mrs. H. G. Howell.

Horney Heights: J. M. Randall and wife, J. E. Randall.

Hot Springs: M. C. Candler.

Elkins Chapel: Brother Ponder, brother and sister Edwards, Brother Sharp.

Dry Branch: L. J. Fortner, Jonah Fisher, R. L. Crow, Nellie Crow.

Antioch: Brother White.

Mt. View: Mark Ensley, Erwin Sluder, W. E. Sluder, Walter Dweese, J. M. Sluder, Mrs. Malinda Sluder, Mrs. Joannah Sluder.

Marshall: W. A. Treadway, T. J. Anders, Tillie Rector, Mrs. J. J. Redman, Alice Bowman.

New Bridge: Brother and sister Robert Reece, brother and sister Frank Ramsey, brother and sister Will Blozer, sister Jamerson.

Riverside: J. C. Stroup and wife, J. R. Burlison, J. N. Epley, Jess Higgins, Mrs. C. H. Chum.

Red Hill: J. L. Ledford, Mallie Rice, Mrs. J. G. Ramsey, Mr. J. G. Ramsey, J. B. Devitt.

Mt. Zion: Frank Briggs, Mrs. A. D. Freeman.

Walnut: James Rice, W. M. Sanders, Grace Stines, Ruth Guthrie, Mrs. E. W. Reeves.  
 Union Valley: D. L. Ballard, James Anderson, J. P. Munday, Tom Herrin, Lonnie Munday.  
 Shoal Hill: C. H. Brown, Kil Lunsford.  
 Shady Grove:  
 Reynolds Hill: Will Capps, Eliza Capps, Mrs. Anderson.  
 Cedar Hill: Frank Quinn, G. G. Wilson, F. R. Williams.  
 Anderson Branch: Baxter Wilson, J. L. Lunsford, Vilet Lunsford, Dora Nichols.

NAMES OF CHURCHES	Previous	Decrease		Total Memshp.
	Membershp		Increase	
Anderson Branch .....	45	2	.....	43
Antioch .....	55	.....	.....	55
Cedar Hill .....	54	17	.....	41
Dry Branch .....	44	.....	.....	44
Elkin's Chapel .....	27	.....	17	44
Hot Springs .....	.....	.....	.....	73
Horney Heights .....	108	.....	27	135
Hazel Green .....	82	.....	17	99
Marshall .....	71	.....	17	88
Mountain View .....	245	10	.....	235
New Bridge .....	77	13	6	70
River Side .....	.....	.....	.....	147
Red Hill .....	279	.....	6	285
Randall Hill .....	.....	.....	.....	28
Shady Grove .....	29	1	.....	28
Shoal Hill .....	56	.....	10	90
Union Valley .....	95	5	.....	90
Walnut .....	149	.....	22	171
Mt. Zion .....	63	.....	14	77
Total Number Members .....				1758
Increase .....				136



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NAME	P. O. ADDRESS	Sermons Preached		Funerals Conducted		Revivals Conducted		Marriages	Professions	Baptised	Churches Pastored	Homes Prayed In	Given to Cause	Paid Out	Pastors Support
		50	3	5	3	4	5								
G. W. Briggs,	Marshall, N. C., Rt. 3	50	3	5	3	4	5	9	2	2	49	49			53.48
C. Y. Elkins,	Jubiter, N. C.	250	13	8	3	445	66	2	2	49				229.00	643.93
Bb Freeman,	Walnut, N. C.	60	9	3		23				40					25.00
H. Grogan,	Canton, N. C.	139		3	6	194	13	2	2					120.00	473.94
B. E. Guthrie,	Walnut, N. C.	40	11		1			1	1						150.51
C. S. Long,	Asheville, N. C., P. O. Box 1149		3	11	2	340	40								550.00
J. A. Martin,	Marshall, N. C., Rt. 1	73	18			42	9	5	108						344.80
Sherman Rice,	Walnut, N. C.	42	1	5		24			53						32.50
A. P. Rich,	West Asheville, N. C.	75				62	21	1	90	260.00					54.00
R. H. Reese,	Asheville, N. C., Rt. 5	11							10	16.00					
Malley Rice,	Marshall, N. C., Rt. 4	45	2	5	1	55			26						36.10
Ben H. Smith,	Marshall, N. C., Rt. 4	75		4		21			32						103.00
R. V. Self,	West Asheville, N. C.			10		934						317.40			2,005.60
F. R. Williams,	West Asheville, N. C.	75	2	1	3	2			50	70.00					104.43
J. C. Wallace,	West Asheville, N. C.	93	3	3		203	10			125.00					165.00
Rome Woodson,	West Asheville, N. C.	129	3	5		100	44	3							494.94
F. C. West,	West Asheville, N. C.	123	3	6	3	97			35	50.00					115.00

*Handwritten scribbles and signatures at the bottom of the page, including names like 'S. S. S.', 'S. S. S.', and 'S. S. S.'.*



## CHURCH LETTERS

Marshall—Value of Church Property, \$8,000.00. Payed Pastor, \$59.20. Minute fund, \$1.70. Payed for painting church, \$41.50. Payed B. E. Guthrie, \$22.00, revival work. Other expenses, \$174.00.

J. A. Martin, Pastor; Mrs. Fred Bowman, Church Clerk.

Red Hill—Value of Church property, \$1,500.00. Paid Home Missions, \$121.00. Payed Orphanage, \$10.00. Minute Fund, \$2.80.

J. A. Martin, Pastor; J. G. Ramsey, Church Clerk.

Shoal Hill—Value of Church Property, \$1,500.00. Pastor's Salary, \$41.50. Payed Orphanage, \$5.00. Minute Fund \$2.00.

Bob White, Pastor; Zura Payne, Church Clerk.

Hazel Green—Value of Church Property, \$4,000.00. Pastor's Salary, \$50.00. Seats, \$49.00. C. Y. Elkins, \$75.00. Lighting Church, \$26.00. Union Meetings, \$3.00. Minute Fund, \$2.25. Orphanage, \$5.00.

J. W. Banks, Pastor; Mrs. H. G. Howell, Church Clerk.

Hot Springs—Value of Church Property, \$3,000.00. Minute Fund, \$3.00.

J. A. Martin, Pastor; M. C. Candler, Church Clerk.

Union Valley—Value of Church Property, \$1,200.00. Pastor's Salary, \$85.00. Union Meeting, \$2.00. Visiting Ministers, \$20.00.

J. A. Martin, Pastor; Letus A. Hyatt, Church Clerk.

Riverside—Value of Church Property, \$8,500.00. Pastor's Salary, \$379.00. Home Missions, \$183.00. Minute Fund, \$5.00.

C. Y. Elkin, Pastor; Jack Gaze, Church Clerk.

Mt. Zion—Value of Church Property, \$1,000.00. Payed Home Missions, \$54.00. Pastor's Salary, \$101.00. Minute Fund, \$1.00.

G. W. Briggs, Pastor; A. D. Freeman, Church Clerk.

Cedar Hill—Value of Church Property, \$3,000.00. Pastor's Salary, \$108.00. Incidental Expenses, \$75.00. Visiting Minister J. C. Griffin, \$78.00. S. S. Expenses, \$80.00. Home Mission, \$63.00. Union Meeting, \$8.50. Orphanage, \$121.00.

F. R. Williams, Pastor; E. W. Gaddy, Church Clerk.

Walnut Church—Value of Church Property, \$1,500.00. Pastor's Salary, \$76.00. Home Missions, \$91.00. Minute Fund, \$2.00.

E. B. Guthrie, Pastor; Grace Stines, Church Clerk.

Horney Heights—Value of Church Property, \$12,000.00. Pastor's Salary, \$1,500.00.

R. V. Self, Pastor; J. M. Randall, Church Clerk.

Antioch—Value of Church Property, \$2,000.00.

R. L. White, Pastor; P. W. Grogg, Church Clerk.

Shady Grove—Value of Church Property, \$500.00. Pastor's Salary, \$4.50. Minute Fund, \$1.25.

Scotty Bullman, Pastor; Miss Phronie Bullman, Church Clerk.

Dry Branch—Value of Church Property not listed. Pastor's Salary, \$36.96. Orphanage, \$20.00. Home Missions, \$5.00.

A. P. Rich, Pastor; Nellie Crow, Church Clerk.

Randall Hill—Value of Church Property not listed. Pastor's Salary, \$19.50. Minute Fund, \$2.00.

Bob Freeman, supply.

Mountain View—Value of Church Property, \$5,000. Payed on Building, \$1,590.00. Pastor's Salary, \$151.00.

T. E. Woody, Pastor; Jim Sluder, Church Clerk.

Elkin Chapel—Value of Church Property, \$1,500.00. Pastor's Salary, \$103.00. Home Missions, \$10.75. Minute Fund, \$3.00.

C. Y. Elkin, Pastor; J. M. Reese, Church Clerk.

New Bridge—Value of Church Property not listed. Pastor's Salary, \$243.00. Payed Orphanage, \$40.00. Other Ministers, \$31.00. Other Church Expense, \$201.00. Minute Fund, \$4.60.

R. S. Woodson, Pastor; Mrs. Pearl Moss, Church Clerk.

### LADIES AID REPORT

Walnut:—Membership, 6. Money received for work, \$24.25. Dues paid, \$6.20. Money spent for Material, \$26.51. Orphanage, \$10.00 Minutes, \$50. Value of goods on hand to be sold, \$45.75. Now in treasury, \$1.39. In bank, \$25.00.

Mrs. Rigsby, President; Mrs. Guthrie, Treasurer.

Red Hill:—Aid in good condition. Money received, \$38.06. Paid Orphanage, \$10.00. To Church, \$7.25. To charitable cause, \$4.00. Money now in treasury, \$17.52.

Mrs. Lula Rigsby, President; Lennie Ramsey, Sect. and Treas.

Hazel Green:—Membership 21. Collected in treasury, \$73.70. Paid on Piano, \$2.00. For material, \$8.00. Junior Aid, membership, 13. Money in treasury, \$35.00.

Senior Aid, Mrs. H. Howell, Pres.; Winefred McIntire, Sec.; Mrs. J. W. Hendrix, treasurer. Junior Aid, Miss Dorothy Long, Pres.; Miss Geneva Smith, Treasurer; Miss Jewel Hendrix, Sect.

Riverside:—Has both Junior and Senior Aids, both doing good work this year and expecting to do ogreater work this year than last.

Elnora Conley, President; Ruth Taylor, Treasurer.

### Subscription to Old Ministers Fund

R. V. Self.....	\$10.00	New Bridge Church.....	5.00
A. P. Rich.....	5.00	Bent Creek Church.....	5.00
J. J. Readman.....	5.00	Hazle Green Church.....	5.00
Liza Chandler.....	5.00	J. C. Wallace.....	5.00
J. G. Ramsey.....	10.00	B. B. Moore.....	5.00
Marshall Ladies Aid.....	5.00	Horney Heights Ladies Aid..	5.00
W. J. Sanders.....	10.00	Riverside Church.....	5.00
J. L. Ledford.....	2.00	Horney Heights Church.....	5.00
Walnut Ladies Aid.....	2.50	Swannanoa Church.....	5.00
Walnut Church.....	2.00	F. C. West.....	2.50
H. G. Howell.....	5.00	Old Fort Church.....	5.00
Mrs. Frank Ramsey.....	2.50	C. S. Long.....	2.50
Mallie Rice.....	2.00	Cedar Hill Church.....	5.00
H. C. Peak.....	5.00	H. Grogan.....	5.00
Read Hill Church.....	5.00	Jocy Parris.....	5.00
R. H. Reece.....	5.00		
Bill Blasor.....	5.00	Grand Total.....	\$156.50

## REPORT OF J. G. RAMSEY, TREASURER OF OLD MINISTER'S FUND

Interest from Horney Heights Church.....	\$24.00
By Mrs. W. E. Ensley, Pledge.....	1.00
By Union Meeting at Dry Branch.....	5.00
From C. S. Long.....	13.64
By B. E. Guthrie, Pledge.....	1.00
By selling, Good Will Church.....	25.00
By J. L. Ledford, Pledge.....	5.00
By Union Meetin at Anderson Branch.....	10.00
Total Received.....	\$84.64

### PAID OUT THIS YEAR

To Rev. L. M. Cole.....	\$30.00
To Rev. J. L. Hunt.....	20.00
Total Paid Out this year.....	\$50.00
Cash in Banks.....	\$61.04
Notes.....	\$865.00
	\$926.04

J. G. Ramsey, Jr., Treasurer.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION

WE THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION BEG TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING:

I. That realizing the necessity of the education of the laity in a Christian school, free from those things that rob them of their faith in God and the old time religion, be it resolved by us that we co-operate with and support Eureka College, our College, by sending our boys and girls to our own school in preference to other schools, and that we give our financial support.

II. That we accept the College's method of financing, Viz, the budget and apportionment method, and endeavor to raise among our churches the apportionment made to them, which is as follows:

### FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION

Church	Amount
Dry Branch .....	\$30.00
New Bridge .....	45.00
Marshall .....	45.00
Riverside .....	45.00
Cedar Hill .....	45.00
Anderson Branch .....	20.00
Union Valley .....	30.00
Mountain View .....	50.00
Shoal Hill .....	20.00
Hazel Green .....	40.00
Jewell Hill .....	40.00
Horney Heights .....	50.00
Mt. Zion .....	25.00
Paint Rock .....	20.00
Red Hill .....	70.00
Black Mountain .....	10.00
Swannanoa .....	15.00
Old Fort .....	20.00

Elkins Chapel .....	15.00
Renolds Hill .....	10.00
Hot Springs .....	25.00
Antioch .....	20.00

Total.....\$690.00

### FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

We, the Foreign Mission Board, recommend as follows:

I. That this association endorse the work, Eight Year Missionary Program of the N. C. State Convention, and urge all our churches and ministers to co-operate with the State Mission Board in carrying out this program.

II. That all our churches have at least one special mission service during the year, at which an offering is to be taken for our associational F. M. fund, the same to be sent to Miss Terrie Pettit, the treasurer.

Foreign Mission Board.

### RESOLUTION

Be it resolved, That the Association be empowered to have jurisdiction over all churches in said association, and that said association shall have the power to settle any and all disputes that may come before it.

Any church that may have a dispute, that can not be settled peaceably in said church, the dissatisfied party shall have a right to appeal to the association, and said party shall abide by the decision of the association.

B. E. Guhtrie.

### ORPHANAGE

Whereas we as a church see and realize the great need of an Orphanage in Western North Carolina, for the care and comfort of the unfortunate children who have been left to the mercies of a cold and heartless world with no Father and Mother, and Whereas our Heavenly Father has laid the burden on the heart of our beloved Brother C. Y. Elkin, to build and maintain an institution for this purpose, Be it Resolved that, We, the Free-Will Baptists in the French Broad Association pledge our loyal support to this enterprise and be it further resolved that each church in the Association be asked to pledge an amount equal to \$1.00 per member for this work to be paid during the year and that other donations be made by all who feel led to do so. And be it further resolved, that we ask him and his assistants to push the work to completion as rapidly as possible.

F. C. West.

We the committee on Ladies' Aid Work realize the strength that the Aid is to the church, and urge all churches that haven't an aid to organize one. We know of no other organization of the church that can help so much either in a spiritual or financial way, and we ask that the Association endorse the State Women's Auxiliary Convention and recommend that all Ladies Aid Societies attend same.

Mrs. J. H. Gaze, Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Rich and Mrs. Ramsey, Com.

### PLEDGES TO ELKINS ORPHANAGE

Mrs. Frank. Ramsey .....	\$ 5.00
J. B. McDevit (Paid) .....	50.00
Eliza Chandler (Paid) .....	1.00
Shoel Hill, Ch .....	10.00
Antioch, Ch .....	10.00

Anderson Branch Ch .....	10.00
H. G. Howell .....	3.00
Hazle Green Ch .....	5.00
Rev. and Mrs. Bob White .....	10.00
F. C. West .....	25.00
C. A. West .....	5.00

## REPORT OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Rev. Mallie Rice

Rev. A. P. Rich .....	\$ 25.00
Rev. A. P. Rich .....	10.00
Cedar Hill Church .....	66.29
Sent Ck to Orphanage .....	242.50
Dry Branch Church .....	20.00
Walnut Dio Union Meeting .....	19.48
Rev. A. P. Rich .....	25.00
Cedar Hill Church .....	9.00
Mrs. A. P. Rich .....	50.00
Horney Heights Church .....	45.00
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Sent to Orphanage This Year .....	\$513.27
Balance on Hand .....	\$ 75.00

## PLEDGES TO MIDDLE SEX ORPHANAGE

Mrs. S. E. Redman, \$1.00 pd. ....	\$ 5.00
Rev. A. P. Rich .....	50.00
Mrs. A. P. Rich .....	50.00
Frank Ramsey .....	5.00
Mountain View Church .....	10.00
J. G. Howell .....	3.00

## PASTOR'S SALARY

We, the F. W. B. Church, in body assembled at Mountain View Church, realizing the indifference and carelessness of our people in regard to the support of our pastors on the field and the maintenance of the other interests of our church, recommend to each church the following plan for the coming year:

(1) That the pastor shall call a meeting of the Board of Deacons and that they shall carefully estimate the amount needed to meet the demands on them.

(2) That they shall organize themselves into a working corps by electing one of their number as chairman and one as secretary and treasurer, and that each Deacon be given a list of names of the members properly divided for convenience and be asked to make a every member canvass to ascertain the amount each is willing to contribute by the week or month for the payment of these obligations and that all monies and goods so paid go through the hands of the treasurer and a correct record be kept and reported to our next annual gathering by the several secretaries and published in our minutes.

F. C. West.

We, the committee on young people's work, wish to submit the following report:

First—Seeing the present need of efficient workers brought about by the right training in our church, we recommend that each church organize a primary, junior and senior league in each church.

Second—We recommend that each league send a tenth to Mrs. Alice Lupton, our general secretary for general conference work.

Third—We urge that each league in the French Broad Association represent and superintend the State League Convention.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Chairman.

Grace Stines

Ruth Guthrie.

We, your Committee on Sunday School Work, beg to submit the following:

1. We recommend that the Sunday School Convention be held in connection with the union meeting and that each fifth Sunday be devoted to the work of the convention, and that same begin with fifth Sunday in October.

2. We recommend that this conference urge the superintendents, teachers and pastors to attend this convention as far as possible.

3. We urge a closer relationship between the church and the Sunday School.

4. We urge the use of Free Will Baptist literature in our schools.

We, the Committee on Home Missions, believe it the duty of every Christian to contribute liberally to the poor and realizing the great good the churches who are organized are doing recommend that all churches organize a Home Mission Board. Bro. Marsh H. Taylor is Field Secretary of this work and is always ready to serve. We ask the Association to endorse this movement.

Mrs. J. H. Gage, Mrs. Joe Randall, Mrs. Henry Vaughn.

Mountain View Church lost five members during the year by death.

Rev. W. S. Meadows died April, 1927. He had lived 77 year and had been a member of this church many years. He was a devoted minister to the cause of Christ. He leaves three sons, a daughter and many friends to mourn his loss. His last talk on earth was asking people to be Christians.

Bro. Joseph Parham died July 15, 1927. He was 84 years old. He was an old Confederate soldier. He had been a member of this church for many years and had been janitor for the church several years. He leaves a wife and three sons to mourn his loss.

Sister Mary Jane Black died January 25, 1927 at the age of 84 years. She was a consistent member of this church for many years. She leaves two sons, five daughters, several grandchildren and friends that mourn her loss.

Sister Mary Sluder, wife of W. J. Sluder, was born July 9, 1849, died May 31, 1927. She joined the church when about 15 years of age. She was 76 years of age. She was a devoted member of the church. She was a friend and mother to orphans. Our loss is her eternal gain.

Sister Pearle Black, wife of Alfred Black, was born July 1st, 1908, died November 16, 1926. She belonged to this church 6 years and was a faithful member. She leaves a husband, a father and mother and many friends that mourn her loss.

#### NEW CHURCHES ACCEPTED

Swannanoa—H. Grogan, Pastor.

Old Fort.

Hot Springs—J. A. Martin, Pastor.

Antioch—R. L. White.

We are thankful for this addition.

## SUNDAY SERVICE—10 O'CLOCK

Devotional Services and testimony in which a large number witnessed for Jesus. Then Bro. E. B. Guthrie preached a powerful sermon attended by the witness of the Spirit. Bro. J. H. Martin followed and had an old fashion Christian hand-shake and the fire fell and many rejoiced.

Bro. C. S. Long presented the orphanage at Middlesex and took subscriptions for same, then proposed orphanage for our own association.

The offering of the day went to the Mountain View Church amounting to \$150.00. Then dinner was served on the grounds and adjournment was taken.

### CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. This body shall be known as the Minister's Conference of the French Broad Association of the Free Will Baptists.

2. This conference is formed under and by the authority of the French Broad Association and shall be composed of licensed and ordained ministers.

3. It shall have entire jurisdiction over the ministry in said Association, issuing license, prescribing qualification for the ministry, conducting examinations and ordaining ministers, working for the most harmonious and effective ministry.

4. The officers of this conference shall be a chairman, secretary and treasurer, who shall be elected annually and perform the duties usually performed by such officers.

5. This conference shall have power to make such by-laws and other regulations as may be necessary for the performance of its duties.

6. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by vote of two-thirds.

### BY-LAWS OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. The regular meeting of this conference shall be held annually in connection with the meeting of the Association.

2. Each member shall report at each regular meeting either in person or by letter.

3. Five members shall constitute a quorum at all regular or legal meetings.

4. Chairman may call a special session at any time on request of three members.

5. At each regular meeting there shall be elected an ordaining council, whose duty shall be to examine candidates, grant license, conduct ordinations, etc., and report at the next regular meeting.

6. Licentiates shall pursue a definite course of study under the direction of the ordaining council.

7. Necessary expenses of this organization shall be met by voluntary contribution or by assessment of its members.

8. No member shall serve as pastor of a church which does not enforce discipline, care for their pastor and contribute to other benevolent enterprises, according to their ability.

9. No member shall meddle with the work of another or injure his reputation for usefulness. But watch over each other in love and thus promote harmony and love among the membership.

10. Each member not excused from age or infirmities is expected to do something to advance the cause of Christ and make a full report at each regular meeting.

11. Membership in this body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry.

12. These by-laws may be amended by vote of two-thirds at any regular meeting.



## CHURCH COVENANT

1. Having given ourselves to the Lord through Jesus Christ, we agree to adopt the Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith. We give ourselves to each other by the help of God.

2. We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe, rebuke and admonish those who have gone astray, and watch over each others reputation, and use our influence to the upbuilding of the church, commands implied in a profession of faith, and in the spirit of kindness and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, and to confess our faults one to another and to strengthen those that are weak.

3. We promise by the help of God that we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer, and strive to cultivate the doctrine of oGd's revealed word in the minds of those under our care.

4. We also agree to use our influence for the support of the Gospel and to contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also, we agree to be liberal with those that are afflicted and needy, and especially those of "The Household of Faith."

5. We also agree to attend the monthly meetings regularly, if not providentially hindered, and to submit to all ordinances implied in a profession of faith.

6. We also agree to abstain from sinful and vain amusements.

7. We also agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors, not to use it as a beverage, nor to aid or assist in the manufacture of such, nor to furnish it to others.

8. We also agree to encourage home and foreign missions, education, Sabbath Schools, good morals, and everything that is for the glory of God and to the welfare of men, and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ that we may be happily admitted into the Kingdom of God, where we can ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

## CONSTITUTION

Article 1. That Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each individual church.

2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended by letter from the church to which they belong and shall include the minister and some of the most able members belonging to the church.

3. The Association, when met and formed, shall elect a chairman and secretary.

4. The rules of decorum shall be read immediately after the Association is formed.

5. That Association will encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all sufficient Saviour, having salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel, which is freely offered to all.

6. Any minister in good standing, whether a delegate or not, may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberation, and his name enrolled in our minutes.

7. The Association may appoint such committees as may be necessary for the expediting of business, and every committee appointed to attend to any particular business shall report their proceedings in writing to the Association while in session, and all reports made by committee may be adopted by the body.

8. All queries regularly presented to the Association by any church shall be attended to.

9. Any church may become a member of this Association by making application by letter or by delegates and adopting our articles of faith and church covenant.

10. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegate.

11. The Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

### RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. There shall be no conversation by the members one with another so as to interrupt business while in session.

3. Every member wishing to speak shall first arise and address the Moderator.

4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

5. We shall admit no other title while in session but that of Brother.

6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

7. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the Moderator.

10. On all motions made where the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.

11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair be filled.

12. Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.

13. No less than nine members constitute a quorum.

### ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD—We believe that there is only one, true and living God, who is personally the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as ransom for all to be testified in due time.—I Tim. 2:5.

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURE—We believe that God is author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, instruction in righteousness.

3. THE ORIGINAL APOSTACY—We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into the depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave unto her husband with her he did eat.—Gen. 3.6.

4. FREE GRACE—We believe the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings, that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. For there is no difference between the Jews and the Greeks, for the same Lord over

all is rich unto all that call upon Him.—Rom. 10:12.

5. **CHRISTIAN FAITH**—We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.—John 3:36.

6. **REPENTANCE**—We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin. Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death.—II Cor. 7:9-10.

7. **FREE AGENCY**—We believe that the human will is free, and that men have the ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scripture. He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.—Mich. 6:8.

8. **PRESEVERENCE**—We do not believe under Gospel dispensation any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith, turn again to sin and be finally lost. And Jesus said unto him, "No man having put his hand to the plow and looketh back is fit for the Kingdom of God."—Luke 9-62.

9. **GOOD WORKS**—We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness, while those who have not faith, cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable unto God. Every tree that bringeth not forth fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them!—Matt. 7:19-20.

10. **CHRISTIAN BAPTISM**—We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, that Baptism cannot be scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. Therefore we are buried with Him by Baptism into death; that like Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should also walk in newness of life.—Rom. 6:4.

11. **THE LORD'S SUPPER**—We believe that Supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorate ordinance, that it was instituted for Christians, and that all Christians should unite in sacred services regardless of name or denomination. But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup, "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation unto himself, not discerning the Lord's body."—I Cor. 1:28-29.

12. **FEET WASHING**—We believe that washing the saints' feet a command of our Saviour, and that his followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all our churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command especially among the members of their churches. "If I then your Lord and Master have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet."—St. John 13:14.

13. **THE GOSPEL**—We believe it to be the duty of all churches to support the Gospel. Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.—I Cor. 9:14.



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