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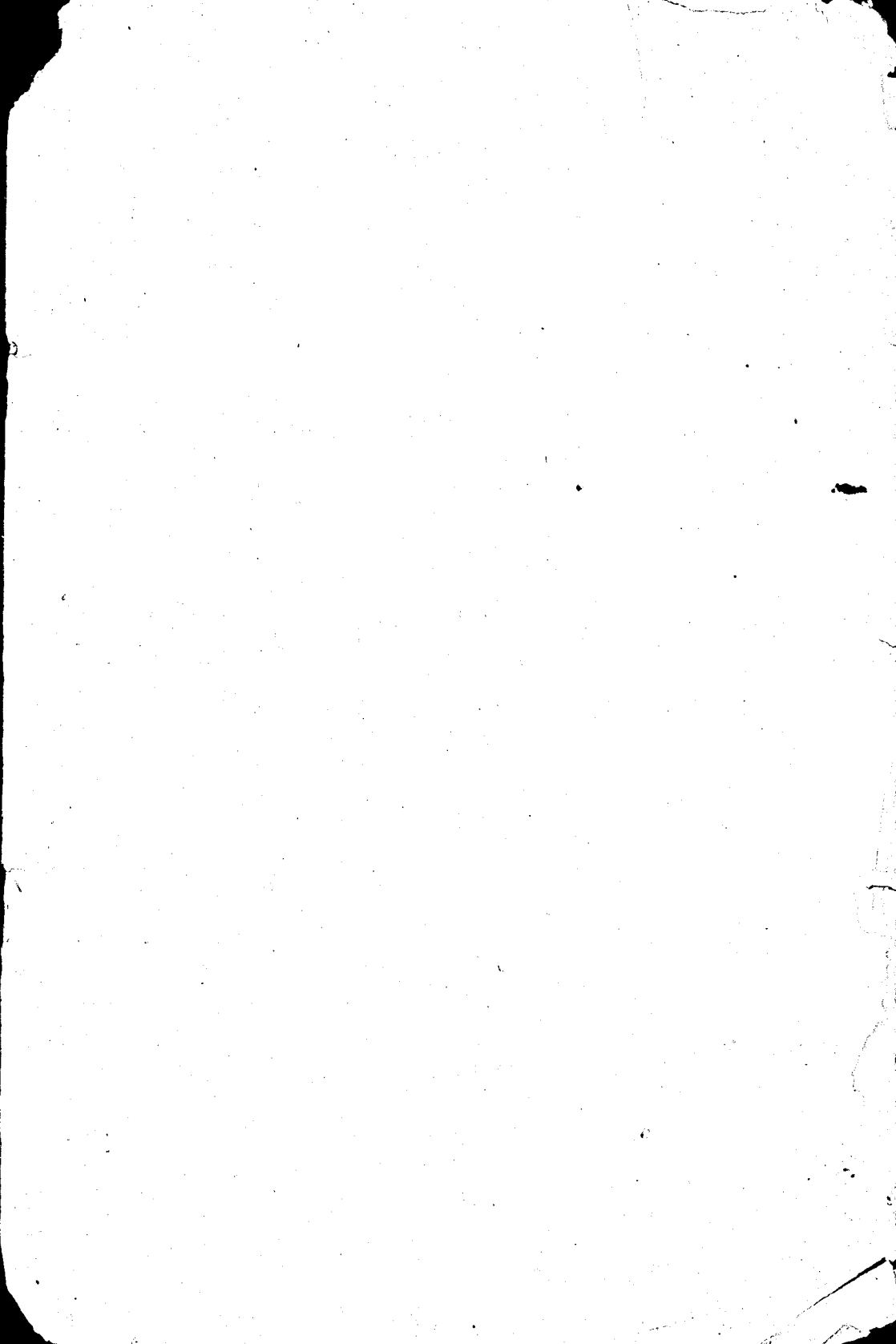
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The fifty-first annual session of the French Broad Association of the Free Will Baptist Church, convened Thursday, August 22, 1929, at 10 o'clock a.m., with the Elkins Chapel Church, Jupiter, N. C. The meeting was opened by song service led by Rev. C. Y. Elkins and prayers by Brothers Jas. Collins and Lonnie Sluder.

On motion Rev. R. V. Self was elected temporary chairman and Loy E. Ballard, secretary. Mallie Rice and Lee Bryan were appointed reading clerk and J. B. McDevit and Lonnie Sluder members finance committee.

Letters read and delegates from churches seated as follows:

*Mt. Zion*—D. J. Deal, Mary Kuykendall, Mrs. M. L. Freeman.

*Sexton*—Mrs. C. W. Hunter, R. N. Sams.

*Union Valley*—D. L. Ballard.

*Cedar Hill*—Mrs. Robt. Ballard, Mrs. A. P. Rich.

*Mt. View*—J. M. Sluder, Harley Parham, Troy Parham, Arthur Reeves, Mrs. Vera Griffin, Hartsell Griffin, Mrs. M. Sluder.

*Hazel Green*—H. G. Howell.

*Walnut*—Jas. Rice, Mollie Guthrie, Grace Stines, Eliza Chandler.

*Elkins Chapel*—H. A. Piercy, Earl Ponder, Marotha Reece.

*Red Hill*—J. B. McDevit, McKinley Faulkner, Nora Davis, Robbie Ramsey.

*Marshall*—W. A. Treadway, Cora Banks, Lee Bryan, Mrs. Alice Bryan.

*Shady Grove*—B. F. Chandler.

*Laurelton Chapel*—W. L. Finder, Floy Lewis.

*Riverside*—Laurence Bugg, Mrs. John Elkins, R. P. Duckett, Mrs. R. P. Duckett.

*Paint Rock*—G. E. Quinton, proxy.

*Shoel Hill*—C. H. Brown.

*Hot Springs*—B. Moore, I. Moore.

On motion Shady Grove Church was restored and Laurelton Chapel received from Jacks Creek Association.

Election of officers called for and R. V. Self elected Moderator, and L. E. Ballard, Clerk

On motion business was suspended and Rev. W. L. Moretz delivered the Introductory Sermon from Ex. 12:13. Subject: "The Blood."

Reassembled at 2:00 p.m. Song, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes," and prayer by Rev. Geo. Quinton.

Rev. J. W. Alford was recognized, and brought greetings from the Eastern Conference of North Carolina, appealing for unity in the work in this state.

Church letters resumed and the following delegates seated:

*Horney Heights*—Andy Armstrong, W. M. Walters, Chas. Chunn, Mrs. Nancy Chunn.

*New Bridge*—C. E. Dockery, Mrs. Robert Reece.

Committee appointed as follows:

*Temperance*—J. W. Alford, G. E. Quinton, H. Grogan.

*Education*—J. A. Martin, Lee Bryan, L. E. Ballard.

*Obituaries*—Mrs. A. P. Rich, Mrs. M. E. Jameson, Mallie Rice.

*Sunday Schools*—D. L. Ballard, Andy Armstrong, E. W. Gaddy.

*Periodicals*—A. P. Rich, J. W. Alford, R. H. Reece.

*Deeper Devotion*—R. V. Self, W. A. Treadway, Jas. Collins.

*Home Missions*—Lonnie Sluder, S. J. Fortner, J. B. McDevit.

*Foreign Missions*—Lee Bryan, H. Grogan, B. B. Moore.

*Marriage and Divorce*—Jas. Rice, Geo. Briggs, H. G. Howell.

*Ladies' Aid Work*—Mrs. Nancy Chunn, Mrs. B. E. Guthrie, Mrs. Joanna Sluder, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Mrs. Troy McCurry.

*Young People's Work*—L. E. Ballard, Chas. Chunn, S. J. Fortner, Nora Davis, Grace Stines, Mary Wilson.

*Ministerial Support*—G. C. Redmon, I. M. Reece, E. W. Gaddy, R. M. Sams.

*Resolutions*—L. E. Ballard, Geo. E. Quinton, A. P. Rich.

*Sessions*—First delegate from each church.

Adjourned until 9:30 Friday.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 23RD

Devotional service conducted by the Moderator. Scripture lesson, Romans 12. Church letters read and the following delegates seated:

*Swannanoa*—T. V. Ballard.

*Old Fort*—Mary Hammonds, Dallas Lanning.

Committee reports called for and the following responded:

Temperance, Education, Obituary, Periodicals, Sunday School, Deeper Devotion, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Marriage and Divorce, L. A. Work.

The Temperance report was discussed by Rev. J. W. Alford; the Sunday School report by D. L. Ballard; the report on Marriage and Divorce by Rev. C. Y. Elkins; and the report on L. A. Work by Mrs. Nancy Chunn. The other reports were adopted without discussion.

On motion of Rev. L. E. Ballard the Association recognized by a standing vote of respect Brother James Rice, the only charter member of the Association now with us, after which business was suspended until 2:00 p.m.

Reassembled at 2:00 p.m. Scripture lesson read by Rev. G. E. Quinton. Prayer by Rev. J. R. Owens, pastor Baptist Church.

On motion Rev. Owens and Clark were recognized as a fraternal delegation from the French Broad Baptist Association.

Offering taken for Elkins Chapel amounting to \$8.84.

Committees on Young Peoples' Work, Time and Place, and Ministerial Support received. The report on Young Peoples' Work was discussed by Chas. Chunn and J. S. Fortner.

On motion the word "baptism" was ordered struck from the report on Deeper Devotion and the word "filling" inserted.

On motion of Rev. C. Y. Elkins the idea of building an orphans' home in this Association was dismissed as impractical at this time, and support was pledged to the Middlesex home, after which Rev. J. W. Alford was given the floor and made an earnest appeal for better support for our orphanage work.

Adjourned until 9:30 Saturday morning.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH

Opened at 9:30. Scripture lesson read by Rev. C. Y. Elkins. Remarks by Rev. B. E. Guthrie.

Rev. Mallie Rice, financial agent for the orphanage, reported collections amounting to \$178.82, all of which has been sent to the orphanage except \$68.31.

On motion L. E. Ballard, C. Y. Elkins, and A. P. Rich were appointed a special committee to reorganize the Asheville District Union Meeting and the Asheville District Sunday School Convention according to the plans originally adopted.

On motion the church and community of Jupiter were given a rising vote of thanks for the way in which the Association has been cared for.

Reports of the treasurer of the Old Ministers' Aid Board and the Historian received.

Letter from Dry Branch Church read. Verbal reports made concerning the churches at Anderson Branch and Reynolds Hill. Financial report received.

On motion Letus A. Hyatt was elected as delegate to the State Convention.

On motion all members of the Old Ministers' Aid Board retained for another year.

On motion the Association thanks Rev. R. V. Self for his able services as Moderator. Collection amounting to \$7.14 taken for Elkins Chapel Church.

Minutes read and approved. On motion Association adjourned to meet again with Red Hill Church on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1930.

ROBERT V. SELF, *Moderator.*

LOY E. BALLARD, *Clerk.*

## DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

Thursday, 11 a.m.—Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. L. Moretz. Text: Ex. 12:13.

Thursday, 8 p.m.—Sermon by Rev. J. A. Martin from John 14:6.

Friday, 11 a.m.—Sermon by Rev. Jas. Collins from Acts 11:17.

Friday, 8 p.m.—Sermon by Rev. J. S. Fortner from Gen. 22:8.

Saturday, 8 p.m.—Sermon by Rev. Geo. E. Quinton.

Sunday, 11 a.m.—Sermon by Rev. J. W. Alford of Kenley, N. C.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

*Finance*—Received \$48.80. Paid Clerk, \$7.00 and Historian, \$4.00, leaving \$37.80 for Minutes.

*Ministerial Support*—We recommend that the members of each church set aside and give one-tenth of their earnings for the support of the ministers and the work of the

Lord. We recommend that each church set aside a given amount for pastor's salary before calling pastor, and mention the amount of salary in letter calling pastor. This is the church telling the pastor how much they will pay him; not the pastor telling the church how much he will charge.

*Old Ministers' Aid*—Received \$358.68. Paid out on note, \$100.00. Notes on hand, \$685.00; cash in bank on checking account, \$113.65; cash in bank on interest, \$286.68; total cash, \$400.23; cash and notes, \$1,085.23. J. G. Ramsey, treasurer, Marshall, N. C.

*Foreign Missions*—We recommend that each church take up an offering twice each year for foreign missions, and forward to the treasurer, Mrs. Terrie Wilson, R. 3, West Asheville, N. C.

*Periodicals*—This committee respectfully calls attention to the report adopted last year, to-wit: We recommend first of all the Bible, and urge our people not only to read it, but to also live by the Bible. We also recommend that we read and support only first class and clean literature. We urge our people to use Free Will Baptist Sunday School literature, published at Ayden, N. C. We highly recommend our church paper to every home.

*Ladies' Aid Work*—We think the Ladies' Aid should be an organization of devoted Christians. That each member should sacrifice their work at home and attend the meetings. We believe that this is a great work in helping the cause of God, and that this work is really a help in bringing sinners to God.

*Temperance*—The Committee on Temperance recommends that this Association go on record as opposed to the traffic in and use of strong drink, and urges each church to rigidly enforce the discipline against offenders who will not heed proper admonition. We feel that the evil of intemperance in the many forms prevailing today has gone to such extremes that we are fully justified in taking the most positive stand possible against them.

*Home Missions*—We believe it the duty of every Christian to visit the sick, pray with the lost, and contribute to the poor, especially to those of the household of faith.

*Marriage and Divorce*—We protest against parents giving permits for marriage license being issued to children under lawful age. 2nd. We protest against marriages of persons who are mentally and physically unfit to care for a family. 3rd. There is only one Biblical cause for a divorce. We advise our ministers not to officiate at the marriage of any divorced persons, unless they are fully satisfied that the persons to be married were justified in their separation.

*Sunday School*—Realizing that youth is the time when the most lasting impressions are made on the mind, we would suggest that our ministers and Sabbath School workers urge parents to accompany their children to Sunday School when possible. We suggest to our Sabbath School Superintendents and teachers the need of being in their places at the appointed hour and the need of being filled with the Spirit, and recommend that each teacher call the roll each Sunday. We urge the need of good clean Sabbath School papers for every school. We also urge punctuality of teachers and officers.

*Education*—We recommend: (1) That our pastors keep before our people the ideal of Christian Education, urging upon all the importance of study of the Word of God, and upon parents the importance of sending their children to schools and colleges where truth is taught rather than error. (2) That we endorse the idea of a better educated ministry and urge churches having among their membership young men who are called to the ministry to aid such persons with means to go to school or taken correspondence courses in order to better equip themselves for service. (3) We urge upon all our people the duty of giving their loyal support to our own educational movements.

*Young People's Work*—We recommend: (1) That all the leagues in this Association meet at New Bridge Church on Sunday afternoon, September 8th, for the purpose of reorganizing the Young People's Convention. (2) That our leagues emphasize the spiritual purpose of the work above everything else, and especially that young converts be helped and encouraged. (3) That our leagues use the literature published by our own press and also that leaguers wear the F. W. B. L. pin.

*Deeper Devotion*—Spirituality is the life and power of the religion of Jesus Christ. The vocation of religion is devotion to God. Devotion means to adore, love and obey, yielding in humble submission to the will of God. It is explained as entire consecration. Regeneration comes as a result of repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Sanctification or a filling of the Holy Ghost comes as a result of entire consecration. Bringing ourselves into active service, the altar sanctifies the gift.

*Session*—Next Association will be held at Red Hill Church, Madison County, on Thursday after the 4th Sunday in August, 1930, the Introductory Sermon to be preached at 10:00 a.m. by Rev. R. V. Self.

## CHURCH REPORTS

*Mt. Zion*—Membership 78, dismissed 4, added 2, paid pastor \$8.90, Minutes fund \$2.30.

*Sexton*—Members added during year, 17, lost by death 1, present membership 34, Minutes fund \$2.25, preaching 1st Sundays.

*Union Valley*—Number members first of year 90, lost 3, gained 1, present membership 88, value of property \$1,500, paid pastor (6 months) \$53.60, Minutes fund \$2.00.

*Cedar Hill*—Paid pastor \$100.00, other expenses \$19.86, orphanage \$6.07, visiting minister \$2.65, Minutes \$2.30, value of property \$3,000.

*Swannanoa*—Members first of year 55, lost during year 3, gained 5, present membership 57, Minutes fund \$2.25, value of property \$10,000 (unfinished).

*Mt. View*—New members received 21, lost 2, present membership 251, value of church property \$5,000, paid pastor \$136.17, paid Erwin Sluder \$21.00, janitor \$16.75, song books \$15.50, other expenses \$7.00, Minutes fund \$2.50.

*Hazel Green*—Paid out this year to L. E. Ballard \$30.50, to W. L. Moretz \$18.10, other ministers \$29.05, Home Missions \$30.00, lights \$25.40, other expenses \$9.00, Minutes \$1.25.

*Walnut*—Members last year 154, gain for year 12, present membership 166, paid pastor \$38.82, Home Missions \$73.00, Minutes fund \$2.05, one revival, ministers holding membership with us 8, value of property \$1,500.

*Elkins Chapel*—Paid out for repairs \$236.00, Home Missions \$150.00, revivals \$110.00, pastor \$102.40, Minutes \$2.75, in treasury \$13.00.

*Red Hill*—Regular meeting 1st Saturday and Sunday, decrease by death 4, increase 2, membership 274, value of property \$1,000, Home Missions \$220.54, orphanage \$21.59, pastor \$75.00, revivals 1, Minutes \$2.90.

*Marshall*—Paid pastor \$280.14, Home Missions \$41.18, revivals \$66.50, lights \$18.00, fuel \$10.00, Minutes \$2.65, total \$418.47, value of property \$8,000.

*Shady Grove*—Membership 34, paid pastor \$26.00, Minutes \$1.50.

*Laurelton Chapel*—Membership 50, paid pastor \$39.19, Minutes \$1.50.

*Riverside*—Paid to pastor \$86.66, revival \$55.00, Home Missions \$25.15, visiting preachers \$28.17, loaned \$50.00, church expense \$127.39, Minutes \$3.00, value of property \$8,000.

*Shoel Hill*—Membership 60, Minutes \$1.50, value of property \$1,500.

*Hot Springs*—Number of members 52, paid on church \$432.00, Home Missions \$22.00, revival \$40.00, pastor \$31.00, value of property \$3,000.

*Horney Heights*—Increase 18, present membership 120, value of property \$10,000, paid pastor \$630.85, Minutes \$5.00, paid assistant pastor \$121.34, paid janitor \$113.50, paid on upkeep of property \$575.65.

*New Bridge*—Increase during year 10, decrease 14, present membership 104, paid pastor \$239.22, Home Missions \$34.00, visiting ministers \$80.00, on building \$1,795.28, other expenses \$97.25, value of property \$18,000.

*Old Fort*—Minutes fund \$1.25.

*Dry Branch*—Number members 56, paid pastor \$27.52, repairs \$30.00, music school \$25.00, to B. H. Smith \$4.50, Minutes \$1.00, meetings 4th Sundays.

## REGISTER OF PASTORS AND CLERKS

*New Bridge*—C. Y. Elkins, pastor, Jupiter; R. Pearl Moss, clerk, R. 1, Asheville.

*Walnut*—Zeb Ledford, pastor, Erwin, Tenn.; Leta Chandler, clerk, Walnut.

*Union Valley*—L. E. Ballard, pastor, Swannanoa; L. A. Hyatt, clerk, 36 Central Ave., Asheville.

*Elkins Chapel*—C. Y. Elkins, pastor; I. M. Reece, clerk, Jupiter.

*Red Hill*—J. A. Martin, pastor, R. 1, Marshall; J. G. Ramsey, clerk, R. 4, Marshall.

*Marshall*—C. Y. Elkins, pastor; G. C. Redmon, clerk, Marshall.

*Mt. View*—T. E. Woody, pastor, Windom; J. M. Sluder, clerk, Alexander.

*Swannanoa*—L. E. Ballard, pastor; T. V. Ballard, clerk, Swannanoa.

*Cedar Hill*—J. A. Martin, pastor; G. G. Wilson, clerk, R. 3, West Asheville.

*Sexton*—C. Y. Elkins, pastor; Mrs. C. W. Hunter, clerk, Sexton.

*Mt. Zion*—G. W. Briggs, pastor, R. 3, Marshall; A. D. Freeman, clerk, R. 3, Marshall.

*Shoel Hill*—B. E. Guthrie, pastor, Walnut; Zula Payne, clerk, Marshall.

*Riverside*—(No pastor); R. P. Duckett, clerk, West Asheville.

*Laurelton*—G. W. Briggs, pastor; J. G. Johnson, clerk, R. 1, Flag Pond, Tenn.



*Old Fort*—H. Grogan, pastor, Canton.

*Hot Springs*—H. Grogan, pastor; Martha Ledford, clerk, Hot Springs.

*Shady Grove*—Sherman Rice, pastor, Walnut; Phronie Bullman, clerk, Marshall.

*Dry Branch*—Bob Freeman, pastor; Ammie Fisher, clerk, R. 4, Marshall.

*Hazel Green*—(No pastor); Mrs. H. G. Howell, clerk, R. 4, Asheville.

### L. A. S. REPORTS

*Horney Heights*—Amount collected, \$204.20; paid out, \$179.42; balance, \$24.78.

*Elkins Chapel*—Membership, 13, paid \$8.00 on church repairs; paid \$75.00 on Home Missions; on hand, \$50.80; goods on hand, \$57.50.

*Red Hill*—Membership, 13; collected, \$33.00; paid for revival work, \$5.00; paid on church, \$4.00; in treasury, \$24.00.

*Hazel Green*—Members, 14; paid for flowers, \$3.50; paid to sick, \$3.00; in treasury now, \$11.24; goods on hand, \$48.00.

*Walnut*—Membership, 7; money received, \$12.58 for work; paid out for material, \$13.30, for charity \$10.75, lights \$3.15; money in treasury, \$5.35, in bank, \$55.00.

### MINUTES MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Convened at Elkins Chapel, August 24, 1929, at 10 a.m. R. V. Self re-elected Moderator and L. E. Ballard, Clerk. Reports received and ministers passed as follows:

*Ordained*—J. H. Ballard, J. L. Hurdt, T. M. Cole, B. E. Guthrie, R. V. Self, Mally Rice, A. P. Rich, C. Y. Elkins, G. W. Briggs, B. H. Smith, C. L. Lunsford, Sherman Rice, G. E. Quinton, J. A. Martin, B. B. Moore, R. H. Reese, W. L. Moretz, H. Grogan, Jas. Collins, Clyde Peak, John Gant, Loyd Chandler, Joe Banks.

*Licensed*—Erwin Sluder, J. S. Fortner, F. S. Corn, B. M. Wheeler, Andrew Davis, J. L. Ledford, Bob Freeman, Sam Chandler.

L. E. Ballard restored from Central Conference.

R. S. Woodson restored upon agreement not to preach second definite work of Grace.

F. C. West excluded upon charges of misconduct in office.

Committee composed of A. P. Rich, M. Rice and Geo. Quinton to investigate work of J. S. Corn and also prospects for church at Spring Creek.

On motion licensed ministers are warned against officiating at baptisms and communions and marrying people.

Ordaining council reports license of J. S. Corn, B. M. Wheeler, H. E. Lunsford and J. S. Fortner be renewed and V. A. Hicks and J. B. Brigman be granted license for one year. J. S. Corn refused renewal and license was cancelled.

Council for ensuing year: B. E. Guthrie, A. P. Rich, R. V. Self, J. A. Martin, H. Grogan.

On motion Conference adjourned.

R. V. SELF, Moderator.

L. E. BALLARD, Clerk.

### MINISTERS' REPORTS

J. W. Banks—Sermons 55, funerals 10, marriages 2, miles traveled 600, revivals 2, given to cause \$50.00, conversions witnessed 15.

G. W. Briggs—Sermons 78, revivals 3, conversions 38, funerals 2, churches pastored 3, received \$85.00.

L. E. Ballard—Churches 3, sermons 135, addresses 22, funerals 3, marriages 1, baptisms 5, received into churches 12, conversions witnessed 28, miles traveled 1,800, revivals 5, received \$507.10.

Scott Bulman—Sermons 15, homes visited 50.

Loyd Chandler—Revivals 2, conversions 7, funerals 6, sermons 80, homes visited 70, received \$14.05.

Sam Chandler—Sermons 46, revivals 1, conversions 12, received \$9.61, miles traveled 700.

J. S. Corn—Sermons 60, revivals 3, received \$10.10.

C. Y. Elkins—Churches 4, revivals 14, sermons 144, conversions 465, baptized 36, received into churches 54, marriages 8, conducted 9 communion and feet washing services, miles traveled 4,480, received \$754.20, paid out expenses \$250.00, given to cause \$180.00.

S. J. Fortner—Sermons 30, received \$9.00.

Bob Freeman—Church 1, conversions 37, baptized 7, revivals 4, received \$35.00.

John Gant—Sermons 40, marriages 2, funerals 2, revivals 2, received \$30.00.

H. Grogan—Sermons 105, revivals 5, conversions 200, added to churches 67, funerals 2, received \$350.00.

B. E. Guthrie—Sermons 27, miles 188, funerals 7, marriages 27, baptized 16, received \$86.02.

J. L. Ledford—Sermons 81, miles 885, visits 96, revivals 4, conversions 36, baptized 5.

H. E. Lunsford—Churches 2, Sermons 100, visits 11, received \$14.00.

B. B. Moore—Sermons 2, S. S. talks 3, visits 3, given to cause \$5.00, received nothing.

J. A. Martin—Sermons 61, exhortations 20, conversions 49, funerals 18, visits 95, traveled 1,960 miles, churches 3, received \$352.44.

W. L. Moretz—Sermons 28, addresses 7, homes visited 25, revivals 1, conversions 39, members received 1, marriages 1, miles traveled 1,149, expenses \$34.80, received \$53.65, given to cause \$6.40.

H. C. Peak—Sermons 65, homes visited with prayer 14, revivals 2, received \$114.75, given to cause \$28.55.

Sherman Rice—Sermons 40, revivals 1, conversions 22, received into church 7, baptized 3, received \$37.00.

R. H. Reese—Sermons 5, homes prayed in 7, sick visits 13, S. S. addresses 3, given to cause \$12.00.

Mally Rice—Sermons 70, homes visited 88, revivals 6, conversions witnessed 48, baptized 1, funerals 2, traveled 904 miles, received \$21.00.

Erwin Sluder—Sermons 27, funerals 1, revivals 1, received \$25.00, given to the cause \$8.00.

R. V. Self—Churches 1, revivals 10, sermons 208, members received 203, baptized 23, visits 170, funerals 7, special lectures 5, marriages 3, organized one church at Selma, N. C., received \$2,051.00, given to cause \$296.00, conversions 685.

G. E. Quinton—Churches 4, sermons 176, revivals 6, conversions 76, baptized 19, visits 100, funerals 4, received \$192.34, gave \$50.00.

B. M. Wheeler—Sermons 18, prayer meetings 23, conversions witnessed 4.

Report without name—Churches 1, sermons 130, funerals 3, revivals 2, baptized 3, received \$50.00, gave to the cause \$70.00, expense of traveling \$50.00.

## OBITUARIES

*Wexler Sluder, Mt. View*—Died July 24, 1929, aged 58 years. Faithful member for twelve years, and a great help in building the new church.

*Elinora Harrison, Swannanoa*—Died July 21, 1929. She was one of the most consecrated of the younger members of the church, a faithful teacher and worker.

*Wm. Plemmons, Hazel Green*—Aged and faithful deacon, died second Sunday in May, 1929.

*Jane Ramsey, Red Hill*—Wife of Frank Ramsey, one of the charter members of the Association, died April 3, 1929. Was a member of the church for 34 years. We trust she is sweetly resting with Jesus.

*Lizzie Ramsey, Red Hill*—Wife of Brother J. G. Ramsey, died April 13, 1929, at the age of 58 years. Sister Ramsey was a member of the church 45 years and was devoted to the work of the Lord. She testified for her Savior daily, and her testimonies will live on to bless the world. Her parting words to all was a plea to be faithful and meet her in Heaven.

*Rev. Wm. Rice, Red Hill*—Joined the church in 1913, died May 25, 1929, age 69. He lived daily for his Lord and his conversations were always godly.

*Sisters Roberts and Surratt, New Bridge*—Two good old mothers who have gone to their reward,—“but their work do follow them.”

*James Cody, Red Hill*—Died January 20, 1929, age 50. A member of the church for 8 years. Our loss is his gain. He was a kind neighbor.

*Fleet Davis, Marshall*—Died July 27, 1929. He was truly a good man and has gone to his reward. He was one of the oldest members of Marshall Church, and a trustee, faithful to the end.

*Martha Roberts, Marshall*—Departed this life June 15, 1929. She was 65 years old and still faithful to the church. We miss her.

## NOTE

On account of the length of reports and obituaries it has been impossible to print Articles of Faith, etc., in this issue of Minutes. Those needing the same are kindly asked to refer to last year's Minutes.

L. E. BALLARD, Clerk.



Present - 6

Collection - 3¢

Books - 1

Chapters 5.