

Mrs. W. W. Ballard

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

French Broad Association of Free Will Baptists

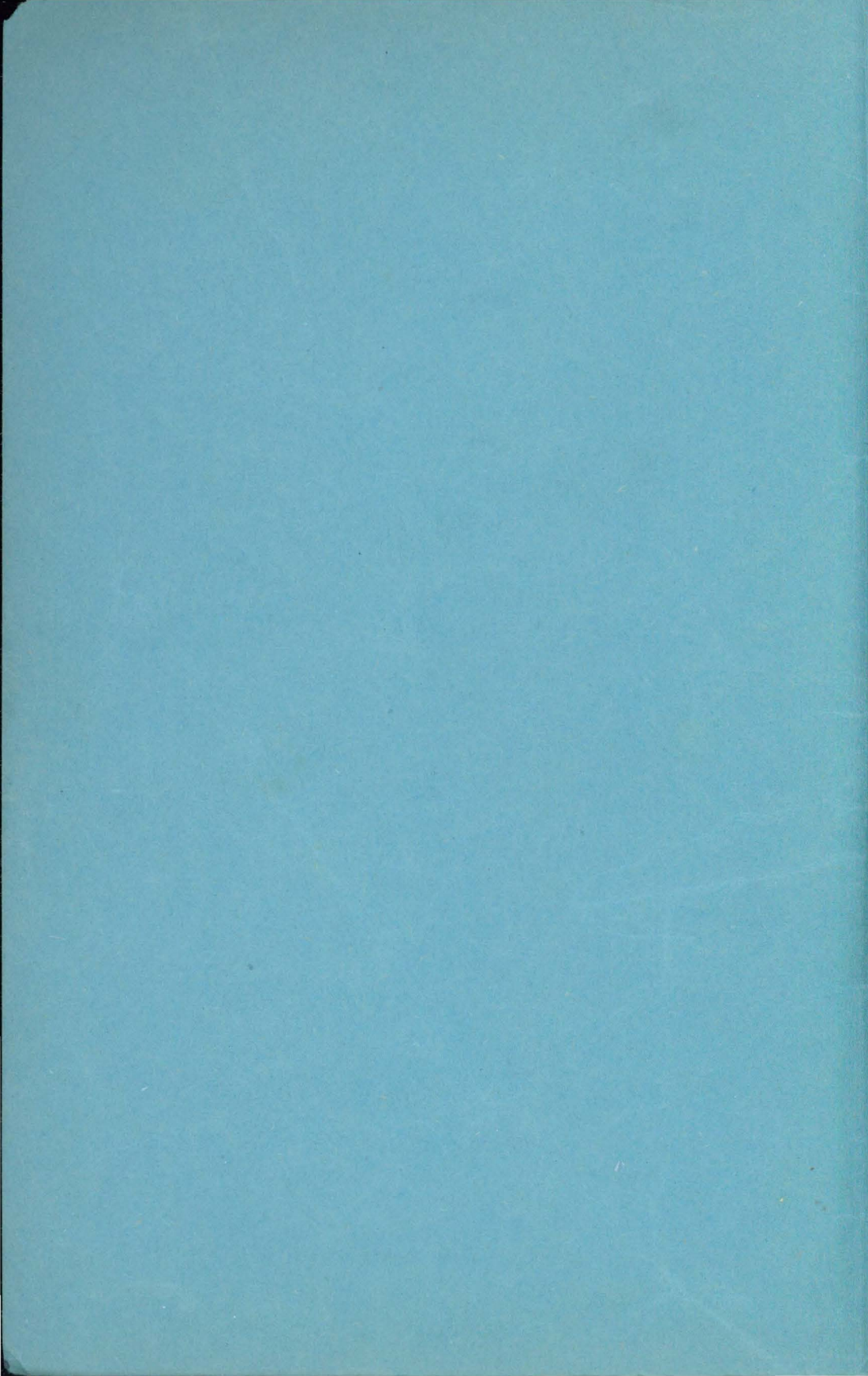


Held With The Swannanoa Church
Swannanoa, N. C.

August 21-24, 1941, Inclusive



The next session of the French Broad Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the Horney Heights Free Will Baptist Church, West Asheville, N. C., beginning Thursday at 10 A. M., before the 4th Sunday in August, 1942. Rev. A. B. Lowery will preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 A. M.



**Entered Into Rest -- Mrs. J. R. Swann
May 30, 1941**



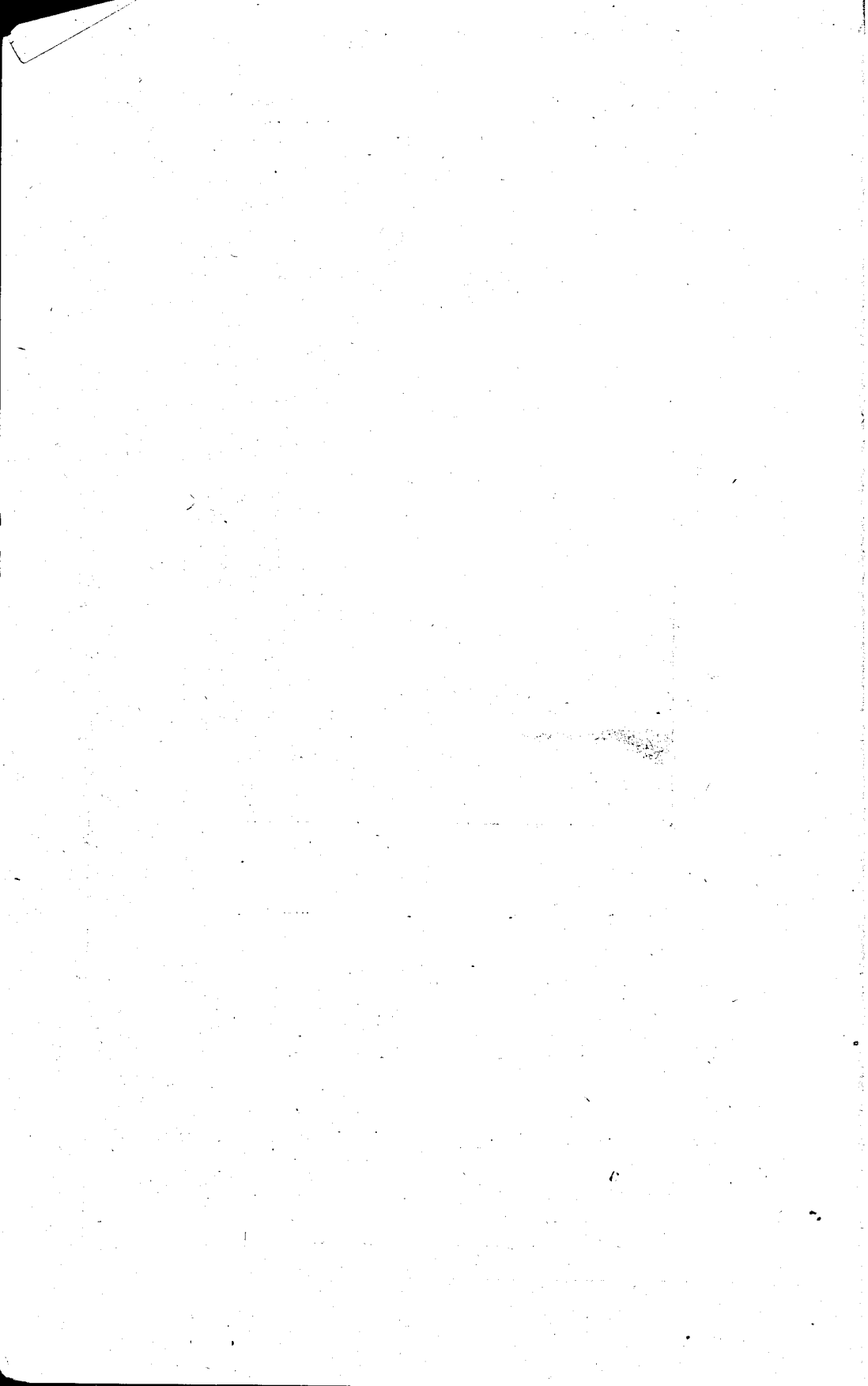
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Swann

In Memory Of My Dear Mother

Mother was born January 4, 1868. On September 14, 1884, she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized into the fellowship of the Union Valley Free Will Baptist Church and remained a member of that church for 57 years. She lived a devoted christian life and was loved by all who knew her. Her simple but profound faith in God was the key-note of her life. Through it she became "more than conqueror" over pain; carrying a smile and a merry heart to the outward world, and leaning hard on Him whom she knew in secret. Today she sees Him face to face and has heard His "well done". Her going was so peaceful and quiet it was hard to tell when her earthly life was ended. The world is poorer without her bodily presence, but her spirit still lives on, challenging us to devotion such as hers to every cause dear to the heart of her Master whom she so faithfully loved and served.

Rest on Mother, you have earned your rest, and we will see you again in the morning.

By her daughter, LOUISE SWANN COOK



PROCEEDINGS

Commencing August 21, 1941, at 10:00 A. M. Opened by song and prayer by the Rev. J. H. Evans. Scripture, Heb. 11:1-10.

The Rev. B. E. Guthrie was elected Moderator and the Rev. J. B. Brigmon assistant Moderator. The Rev. Malley Rice, our Clerk for some years, asked to be relieved of this office because of health. He was succeeded by the Rev. R. C. Mumpower. Song. Intermission.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by song, prayer by the Rev. Ervin Sluder. Sermon by the Rev. J. B. Brigmon, scripture, Matthew 3:1-15. A well delivered message, followed by Christian handshake. Song. Dismissed by the Rev. Malley Rice.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Beginning at 2 P. M. Opened by song and prayer by the Rev. Alvin Ellis.

Visiting ministers and brothers welcomed: The Rev. A. B. Lowery, the Rev. E. P. Blevins, the Rev. F. C. Hollifield, all from Jacks Creek Association; the Rev. W. D. Fowler, Bro. J. N. Watts, Bro. Bobbie Harris and the Rev. J. A. Evans, Superintendent of Orphanage at Middlesex. Address by the Rev. Mr. Evans on work of orphanage, enjoyed by all. A Free Will offering was taken for the orphanage. Amount received, \$20.00.

(Received card from the Rev. Mr. Evans acknowledging receipt of same.—Clerk).

The Averys Creek Free Will Baptist church made application for membership in this Association. Moved and seconded that this church be taken in in full fellowship of the French Broad Free Will Baptist Association.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

ARRANGEMENTS: Pastor and delegates of Swannanoa church.

TEMPERANCE: A. L. Wolson, R. H. Reese, A. B. Lowery.

EDUCATION: Fred Ellis, Mrs. Edna Ballard, Mrs. C. L. McMahan, Mrs. Plato Worley.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: Standing resolution by the Rev. John H. Ballard, deceased.

LADIES AID: Mrs. Alvin Ellis, Mrs. Joe Randall, Mrs. J. M. Watkins.

RESOLUTION: Rev. J. A. Martin and Rev. B. E. Guthrie. (Standing committee).

SESSIONS: First delegate from each church.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Mrs. Alice Bryan, Mrs. J. M. Watkins, Bayless McDonald.

OLD MINISTER'S BOARD: J. B. McDevitt, A. S. Reeves, Clinton Hawkins, Jeter Ramsey and Jerry Ramsey.

ORPHANAGE: Rev. A. B. Lowery, Rev. Malley Rice, Rev. J. B. Brigmon.

OBITUARIES: Mrs. J. M. Watkins, Mrs. Este Hyatt.

FINANCE: Jerry Ramsey and C. A. Sluder.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: J. M. Randall, Jerry Ramsey and Rev. Ervin Sluder.

DEEPER DEVOTION: A standing resolution written by Rev. W. W. Ballard, deceased.

HOME MISSION: Rev. Alvin Ellis, Bro. Wayman McMahan and Mrs. Marie Lee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: Mrs. Sitton, Mrs. Bryant and Bro. Johnnie Faulkner.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE: Mr. Jim Swain, Mr. J. M. Randall and Rev. W. D. Fowler.

PASTOR'S SUPPORT: Mrs. Ervin Sluder, Mrs. Arthur Brookshire, Mrs. Frank Sitton.

PERIODICALS: Mrs. Edna Ballard, Mr. J. B. Hyatt and Mrs. A. B. Lowery.

Dismissed until 8 P. M.

Met again at eight o'clock. Song service and prayer by Rev. E. P.

Blevins. Sermon by Rev. J. B. Banks. Scripture reading, Heb. 11:6-7. A fine message by the speaker. Altar service with one profession.

FRIDAY MORNING SERVICE

Met at 9 A. M. Song service and prayer by Rev. B. M. Wheeler. Conference called in session by Moderator. Called for report of delinquent churches after report of churches represented. Intermission.

Eleven o'clock service opened with song service and prayer by Bro. Jerry Ramsey. Sermon by Rev. Ervin Sluder. Scripture reading, 2nd Chron. 6th & 29th chapters. Uplifting message. Dismissed until 2 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by song and prayer by Rev. G. W. Briggs.

Call was made for support of old ministers. The following pledged: J. M. Calloway, \$1.00; J. R. Swan, \$1.00 pd.; Mrs. H. R. Harrison, \$1.00 pd.; D. L. Ballard, \$1.00 pd.; Mrs. Howard Payne, \$1.00 pd.; Mrs. C. L. McMahan, \$1.00 pd.; R. C. Mumpower, \$1.00; Mrs. Edna Ballard, \$1.00 pd.; Mr. and Mrs. Wayman McMahan, \$1.00 pd.; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Watkins, \$1.00 pd.; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lee, \$1.00 pd.; Mr. and Mrs. Oren Lee, \$1.00 pd.; Mrs. Axie Hollifield, \$1.00, 50c pd.; Rev. G. W. Briggs, \$1.00 pd.; Rev. Ervin Sluder, \$2.00; Mr. Jerry Ramsey, \$1.00 pd.; Rev. Gurney McKinney, \$1.00. The following were carried over from last minute: J. B. Hyatt, \$2.00; J. W. Rice, \$1.00; C. R. Wheeler, \$1.00; J. W. Fortner, \$1.00; J. A. Edmonds, \$1.00; I. L. Jamerson, \$1.00; Linsley Howell, \$1.00; J. A. Roberts, \$1.00; G. C. Bartley, \$1.00; Sam Allison, \$2.00; Mrs. R. C. Wheeler, \$1.00; B. B. Moore, \$1.00; Walter Wilson, \$1.00; C. E. Fowler, \$1.00.

The Central Conference was represented by letter from Rev. Loy E. Ballard.

We also have a letter and card of thanks from the Rev. J. A. Evans, for offering taken. (Clerk).

Dismissed until 8 P. M.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Met again at 8 o'clock. Song service and prayer led by the Rev. Rome Woodson. Sermon by the Rev. E. P. Blevins. A soul-stirring message by speaker and enjoyed by all present. Dismissed by prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by song and prayer by the Rev. Alvin Ellis. Conference called in session after discussion was moved and seconded that all churches in French Broad Association bring all canned goods and vegetables to centrally located points, namely, Marshall, New Bridge and Swannanoa. All churches are advised to have goods at these points on or before October 7, 1941. Also same date until further notice in future Minutes. Orphanage trucks will call on this date to pick up any and all produce.

We also would like to call our ministers' attention to the fact that fruit jars may be obtained at the Rev. W. L. Moretz's residence belonging to orphanage, to be filled with vegetables for orphanage. You may pass this on to your members.

It was moved and seconded that Bro. Plato Worley be selected as chairman of Madison committee, Bro. A. L. Wilson as chairman of Buncombe committee. These committees are to look to the interest of the orphanage.

It was moved and seconded that the association adjourn to meet with Horney Heights Free Will Baptist church, West Asheville, N. C., Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August.

The association adjourns until next session to meet with the Horney Heights church in West Asheville, Buncombe county, beginning Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August at 10 A. M., with the Rev. A. B. Lowery bringing the Introductory message. Unable to finish business before it, preaching service was postponed until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dismissed until 2:30 P. M.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by special song by Master Andrew Shelton. Prayer by the Rev. W. L. Queen.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

It was moved and seconded that ministers conference be called in session.

The conference elected Rev. B. E. Guthrie, moderator, and Rev. R. C. Mumpower, clerk.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Revs. J. A. Martin, B. E. Guthrie; Ervin Sluder, Malley Rice, and Lindsey Howell.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Revs. J. A. Martin, B. M. Wheeler, Malley Rice, Loyd Chandler, Bob Freeman, J. L. Ledford, H. E. Lunsford, M. D. Roberts, Scottie Bullman, J. A. Collins, J. B. Brignon, G. W. Briggs, Ervin Sluder, J. W. Banks, J. M. Burleson, B. E. Guthrie, A. L. Davis, W. L. Howell, W. E. Capps, W. L. Moretz, R. H. Reece, Sam Chandler, C. A. Kent, Walter Wilson, R. C. Wheeler, B. B. Moore, W. L. Queen and R. C. Mumpower.

It was moved and seconded in ministers conference that Rev. Ralph Rice be dropped as active member of ministers conference. Also moved and seconded that Rev. C. W. Rogers be dropped from ministers conference, the reason being whereabouts unknown. Rev. Roy Ballard, according to rules for non-attendance, is automatically dropped.

LICENTIATES

J. A. Roberts, Pearson Bradley, J. M. Calloway, Houston Rich, G. C. Miller, Robert Jones, Charlie Hollifield, G. E. Cody, Gurnie McKinney, W. O. Adcock, H. L. Vaughn.

T. A. Wheeler, Elmer King, W. W. Howard, Mack Plemmons, Horace C. Ballard, Rufus A. Burrell and Simon Norton, licenses were extended.

Moved and seconded by conference that Rev. H. G. Gentry be dropped from ministers conference. Also that Bro. Powell be dropped from conference because of non-attendance. Moved and seconded that conference grant Rev. J. M. Calloway letter.

Rev. W. L. Queen and Rev. R. C. Mumpower were ordained. Rev. A. B. Lowery rendered the ordination prayer. With no unfinished business before them, the conference moved to adjourn to meet with Horney Heights church, West Asheville, N. C. After close of business, services were turned over to Bro. R. H. Reese. Scripture reading, 61st chapter Psalms. A fine message from the speaker. After services came a fine talk by Bro. Jerry Ramsey, which everyone enjoyed.

Adjourned until 8 P. M. services.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Song service and prayer message by Rev. T. E. Woody. Scripture reading, Col. 3:1-6. A much needed message by the speaker bringing spiritual food and food for thought. Dismissed.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened with song service and prayer. Due to so many being present Sunday School was cut short by classes forming and collection taken. Balance of time given to communion. Service and foot washing. Rev. A. B. Lowery brought the message from the 14th chapter of John. It was well delivered with rejoicing among God's people.

We feel that this has been a good association.

REV. B. E. GUTHRIE, Moderator

REV. R. C. MUMPOWER, Clerk

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

HYATTS CREEK: Frank Green, Joe Green, Mrs. W. L. James.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Mr. Joe Randall, Mrs. Arthur Brookshire, Mr. Hyatt.

PAINT ROCK: Isom Norton, Willie Garrett, Lizzie Taylor.

UNION CHAPEL: W. A. Ward, Fred Hunter.

ANDERSON BRANCH: J. E. Lunsford, J. M. Davis.

CEDAR HILL: Miss Edna Ballard, Mr. Garfield Hensley.

- SWANNANOVA: Mrs. C. L. McMahan, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lee, Mrs. H. R. Harrison.
- SHOAL HILL: Dorothy Payne, R. B. Tweed, Lyda Brown, Ethel Brown, Bertha Payne, Hubert Payne.
- RAY'S CHAPEL: Mr. Will Rice, Mrs. Sue Ray, Mr. Floyd Ray.
- SHADY GROVE: B. F. Chandler, Spurgeon Bullman, S. P. Norton.
- AVERY CREEK: Mr. F. Metcalf, Mrs. A. Sittin, Mr. E. B. McDonald.
- MT. BETHEL: Warren Reece, H. C. McClung.
- CHARITY: Russell Williams, Roy Mundy, Mrs. W. M. Ballard.
- HAZEL GREEN: R. H. Reese, J. H. Bradburn, W. O. Adcock, Ula Roberts, Manny Spiney.
- PISGAH FOREST: B. J. Lowery, Hettie Dodd.
- HOMERS CHAPEL: Mr. D. C. Mundy, Mr. Cordie Bartlett, Mrs. J. A. Crow, Mrs. Cordie Bartlett.
- RED HILL: Mrs. R. B. Fisher, Jeter Ramsey, Tennie Ramsey, McKinney Faulkner, James Rigsby.
- MOUNT ZION: Leburn Greene, Johnnie Revis, Mrs. R. H. Reese, Mrs. Anna Collins.
- UNION VALLEY: Mr. Clyde Ballard, Miss Myrtle Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Ballard, Mr. James Swann.
- LAUREL FORK: Mrs. Wade Ponder, Mrs. Daisy Connor, Wade Ponder, Vance Connor, Mrs. Sallie Payne.
- ASHEVILLE: Mrs. J. L. Jamerson, Mr. Freeman Jamerson, Mrs. K. H. Metcalf, Mr. Lattie Rathbone.
- MOUNTAIN VIEW: Walter Deweese, Clinton Hawkins, Mrs. Hester Sluder, Mrs. Anne Rogers, Charlie Sluder.
- WALNUT: J. H. Reeves, Mrs. Sallie Reeves, Kate Roberts.
- MARSHALL: John Faulkner, Plato Worley, Mrs. Plato Worley, Miss Inez Landreth, Jerry Ramsey, Mrs. Lee Bryan.
- DRY BRANCH: Jonah Fisher, Mrs. Jonah Fisher, Mrs. Hubert Deal, Mrs. Jack Plemmons, Ruth Fisher.
- OLD FORT:
- PAINT FORK: A. W. Mundy, Earl White, Verilee Harwood.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

PERIODICALS AND THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PAPER: The reading of good literature that will leave good impressions on the mind of our young people and of adults is urged and recommended by this committee. Everyone should realize the importance of reading & studying the Bible, through which God reveals himself to all persons. We also encourage everyone to read our church paper, The Free Will Baptist, so that our members will be enlightened as to what the Free Will folks are doing. Also to avail themselves with good reading matter. We condemn and discourage the reading of modern literature such as novels of the True Story type, etc.

J. B. Hyatt, Mrs. A. B. Lowery and Mrs. Edna Ballard.

LADIES AID: An active Ladies Aid is desired by every church. Their work is essential to the church. Greatest of all through them many souls are saved. They contribute financially through their many projects. They visit the sick, the bereaved and attend to these things which often others forget. We recommend an active Ladies Aid for every church and full co-operation in the district convention.

EDUCATION: We recommend that our association do every thing possible to promote the educational interest of all people, especially to the advancement of God's word. Paul said study to show thyself approved unto God, a work man that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Education will help everyone to really understand how to divide the word of truth. Bring up a child in the way it should go and when it is old it will not depart from it.

Mrs. Fred Ellis, Mrs. Edna Ballard and Mrs. C. L. McMahan.

HOME MISSIONS: We, your committee on Home Missions do recommend that each church do your best to support your pastor, for there is a

great need of all pastors being able to visit people in their communities. See Acts 6 and 4: "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." Mal. 3:8, "Will a man rob God?"

TEMPERANCE: We, your committee on Temperance submit the following: That Temperance covers more than intoxicating beverages. It covers all things that would be displeasing to God. To be temperate is to be led by the Holy Spirit concerning all the things of life, and shun the appearance of all evil and keep yourself unspotted from the world.

A. L. Wilson, Rev. A. B. Lowery, and Rev. R. H. Reese.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: We, the committee on Sunday Schools, realize the training of the mind is of the utmost importance because early impressions are the deepest and often the most enduring. Therefore we urge our churches to make the Sunday School as attractive as possible and use Godly men and women as teachers and we suggest each teacher open their classes with prayer.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: Owing to the fact that our churches and pastors have showed lack of interest to foreign missions, we earnestly plead that all Christians will do more this coming year in this field. Our dear Lord commands us that "This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come." Mat. 24:14.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE: The Lord has commanded that we remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. A great many church members are breaking this commandment by using the Sabbath as a day for sport and pleasure, thereby neglecting the Sunday School and church services. We urge parents to teach their children the importance of Sabbath observance, restraining them from engaging in games of sport on that day. We also urge our preachers to stress the importance of keeping this command.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Realizing that our young boys and girls are the men and women of tomorrow, we urge them to take a leading part in Christian work in the church. We urge every pastor to see that there is a Young People's League in their church. Every church should have a League Manual from the F. W. B. press at Ayden, N. C., telling how to organize and carry on the Young People's League. We also believe every church should help the Young People's League. If older people would take more interest, we feel that would encourage the young people.

J. M. Watkins, Mrs. Alice Bryan, and Bayless McDonald.

MARRIAGES AND DIVORCE: We protest against parents giving permits for licenses to children under lawful age. We also protest against marriage of persons who are unfit to care for a family. There is only one Biblical cause for a divorce. We will not allow our ministers to officiate at the marriage of any divorced persons, unless they are satisfied that the ones to be married are justified in their separation.

Standing resolution by the Rev. J. H. Ballard.

RESOLUTIONS: Because of various doctrines going out in the world which are confusing our churches and dividing our people, we deem it necessary to appoint a standing committee of at least five for the purpose of investigating into the fellowship and doctrine of any church seeking entrance into our association. Also to investigate into the character and doctrine of any minister seeking to enter our conference.

Revs. J. A. Martin and B. E. Guthrie.

DEEPER DEVOTION: Spirituality is the life and power of the religion of Jesus Christ. The vocation of religion is devotion to God. Devotion is shown by consecration to God, therefore, we urge our preachers to deeper spirituality. The Holy Spirit in His office work does a complete work. If we are submissive, we must be annointed by the Holy One. So to undertake to preach without this power is to be disobedient and our preaching will prove fatal and disastrous, Luke 24:49. We believe it would be better to remain silent, although the congregation should be disappointed,

than to undertake to preach when the Holy Spirit does not speak in us. We know that the Holy Spirit teaches a full Gospel, a holy life and salvation from sin. He testifies of Christ and brings His teaching to our remembrance and guides us into all truth.

Standing Resolution by Rev. W. W. Ballard, deceased.

OLD MINISTERS FUND: J. B. McDevitt, Treasurer.

Balance August 1st, 1940	\$306.88
Sept. 20, 1940 Deposit	13.00
August 24, 1940 Deposit	18.00
Jan. 1st, 1941 Interest	3.75
April 7th, 1941 Deposit	1.90
July 1st, 1941 Interest	4.27

Total balance August 1st, 1941

\$346.94

FINANCE: Minute Fund

\$61.45

Voted to pay Historian

5.00

Voted to pay Clerk

10.00

Amount for Minutes

\$46.45

Amount for printing

45.00

Amount reserved for postage

1.45

REV. R. C. MUMPOWER, Clerk

PASTOR'S SUPPORT: As a chosen committee on pastor's support, our earnest plea is for us as church members to support our pastors to the end, not only uphold them from the financial standpoint but also stand by them otherwise and especially uphold them in our prayers. Our pastors today are in greater need than ever for Christian support.

Mrs. Frank Sitton, Mrs. A. B. Lowery and Mrs. Ervin Sluder.

OBITUARIES

MT. VIEW: J. Harrison Brown was called to his reward May 9, 1941. He was 63 years old and had been a member of Mt. View church for several years. He was true to his church and community. His greatest work was helping with the sick. He would leave his home to care for the sick, making no charges. His good work was remembered and returned to him during his sickness. He was ready to meet his Lord and in his last hours he shouted and sang songs of praise. His last song was "God Be With You Till We Meet Again". We know we have lost a true soldier for Jesus but we feel Jesus knew best. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Sarah Brown, two sons, Stands and Merritt, and other relatives.

WRITTEN BY LOIS SLUDER

PISGAH FOREST: Mrs. Isabelle Dodd, a member of Pisgah Forest Free Will Baptist church, departed this life Jan. 11, 1941. She had been a member of this church 16 years. She left 4 children and 8 grandchildren, one brother and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She was 71 years of age.

WRITTEN BY MRS. HETTIE DODD

Mrs. Columbus Gaddy, a member of this church for 16 years, departed this life February 23, 1941. She was 61 years of age. She leaves her husband, five children, 2 grandchildren, 2 brothers and a host of friends to mourn her loss. But, our loss is Heaven's gain. She is missed by all who knew her. She said she was ready to go.

BY MRS. HETTIE DODD

HOMER'S CHAPEL: Bro. R. L. Harris, a member of this church, departed this life Sept. 16, 1940. We miss him so much, but our loss is his eternal gain. May we all be ready to meet our Lord for he is coming back again.

Little Bro. Sammie Deaver also left us. But, if we will be faithful until the end, we will meet them in Heaven.

WRITTEN BY THEIR TEACHER, HATTIE MUNDY.

MT. ZION: Brother Charley Revis, one of the oldest members of Mt. Zion church, was called to his reward May 5, 1941. He had been a deacon

of the church for several years. He leaves 7 children, 5 sisters, 2 brothers and a host of friends who miss him very much, but we feel that our loss is his eternal gain. His testimony to all was, "I am going to be with Jesus."

WRITTEN BY MR. & MRS. JOHNNY REVIS.

SWANNANOVA: Robert Lincoln Ballard was called to his reward Jan. 31, 1941. He was the son of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Ballard. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Swannanoa. He was loved by both saints and sinners, and his good influence will never die. He leaves a devoted wife, 6 children, a mother, brothers, sisters and many other relatives, and a host of friends to mourn his loss. But this loss is his eternal gain and if we live true to God, we shall meet him again in that bright city.

BY MRS. EDITH RAY BALLARD.

Allen Charles Williams was born August 16, 1904, and departed this life, Sept. 4, 1940. He was a loyal member of the Swannanoa Free Will Baptist church and was dearly loved by all who knew him. He is greatly missed by his dear wife and little daughter. He was a loving husband, a good father and a loyal church member.

"Dear One", we feel your presence,

Although you are far away,

We'll meet you in that city

On that Eternal Day.

WRITTEN BY HIS WIFE, MRS. MYRTLE WILLIAMS, AND
DAUGHTER, RAMONA WILLIAMS.

PAINT FORK: Rev. George Hensley, of West Asheville, a member of Paint Fork church, left his family and many friends to mourn his loss. March 25, 1941. He was a dear husband, a loving father and a faithful minister of the gospel. He has gone home to be with Jesus, who said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord.

ESTA LEE HYATT

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Mrs. Lina Frisbee Martin was born May 25, 1892, and died February 24, 1941, making her stay on earth 47 years, 8 months. She and Reubin Martin were married Dec. 17, 1916. To this union were born five children, three girls and two boys, all living. She was converted at the age of 17 and joined Mountain View Free Will Baptist church. In later years, after moving to Marshall, she joined the Free Will Baptist church there, where she has lived a faithful, consistent christian life until the good Lord saw fit to call her to her home above. She leaves a loving, devoted husband, 5 children, many relatives and a host of friends to mourn her absence, but we feel assured that our loss is her eternal gain.

REV. J. A. MARTIN.

Surrah Parris was born in 1882, and departed this life July 7, 1941. She had been a member of Mt. View church for 35 years and was a devoted christian. Everyone that came in contact with her loved her for she was a cheerful person, always carrying her burdens with a smile. She cared not for form or fashion, but lived the same every day. She strowed her flowers in the path of the living and many friends were helped by her life. She left a wonderful testimony, saying she was going to be with Jesus. Mt. View as well as other churches, has lost a true member and helper, but we feel her Lord will say, "Well done". She leaves her husband, Mitch Parris, and two brothers, Mattie and Jimmie Sluder, and other relatives.

A FRIEND

OLD FORT: Mrs. E. Davis, age 83, who departed this life some time ago was beloved by everyone and is missed very much by everyone. May the Lord rest her soul.

BY AXIE HOLLIFIELD

RED HILL: Sister Luvina Faulkner, known as "Grandma Faulkner", passed away on Jan. 8, 1941. One of our greatest members, she was loved by everyone because she loved her Lord and the people of God. We have

missed her so much, but she is happy in Heaven, still wearing that sweet smile that she had here, but it is much sweeter in Heaven. May we all be as faithful to her Lord as she was.

WRITTEN BY A FRIEND, MRS. J. B. McDEVITT.

LADIES AID REPORTS

SWANNANOVA: Mrs. J. M. Watkins, president. Address, Swannanoa, N. C. Mrs. C. L. McMahan, secretary. Address, Swannanoa, N. C. No. of members, 30; gained this year, 10; meets every week; money taken in, \$86.23; money paid out, \$105.76; home mission, \$30.23; orphanage, \$62.58; foreign mission, \$7.00; literature, \$5.95.

WALNUT: Mrs. Grace Dockery, president. Address, Walnut, N. C. Mrs. B. E. Guthrie, secretary. Address, Walnut, N. C. No. of members, 10; gained this year, 2; meets every 2 weeks; money taken in, \$67.85; money paid out, \$81.54.

MARSHALL: Mrs. Alice Bryan, president. Address, Marshall, N. C. Mrs. Zennie Paris, secretary. Address, Marshall, N. C. No. of members, 14; gained this year, 5; meets every 2 weeks; money taken in, \$24.75; money paid out, \$4.90; balance in treasury, \$19.85.

HOMERS CHAPEL: Mrs. T. A. Pittman, president. Address, Black Mountain, N. C. Mrs. Myrtle Crow, secretary. Address, Black Mountain, N. C. No. of members, 17; gained this year, 2; meets 1st & 3rd Saturday night; money taken in, \$62.90; money paid out, \$29.50; amount in treasury, \$33.40.

HAZEL GREEN: Ula Roberts, president. Address, Asheville, N. C., Route 3. Mary Spivy, secretary. Address, Asheville, Route 3. No. of members, 18; meets every 2 weeks; money taken in, \$24.74; money paid out, \$35.45; paid to church.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Mrs. Bradley Harris, president. Address, Bear Creek Rd., Route 3, West Asheville, N. C., Mrs. Fred Parker, sec., R-3, West Asheville, N. C. No. members, 16; gained this year, 3; meets every Tuesday; amount taken in \$160.33; amount paid out, \$159.83; paid to the following, church debt, \$51.60; F. W. B. orphanage, \$19.00; Santa Pal, \$7.10; literature, \$1.25; mail order, \$15.80; foreign mission, \$3.00; poundings, \$53.60; presents and showers, \$6.48; balance in treasury, \$1.50.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

SWANNANOVA: Miss Josephine Mumpower, president. Address, Swannanoa, N. C. Miss Magnolia Cassida, secretary. Address, Swannanoa, N. C. No. of members, 36; No. of groups, 3; meets every Sunday. We take weekly offering. Kind of literature, F. W. B. We have Junior League leader, Mrs. J. M. Watkins. Address, Swannanoa, N. C. General Director, Mrs. J. M. Watkins.

HOMERS CHAPEL: Celia Deaver, president. Address, Black Mountain, N. C. Louise Buchanan, secretary. Address, Black Mountain, N. C. No. of members, 36; No. of groups, 2; meets every week. We take weekly offering. Kind of literature, F. W. B. We have a Junior League leader, Truiley Hudgins and Ruth Deaver. Address, Black Mountain, N. C.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Miss Margaret Frisbee, president. Address, Candler, N. C. Mrs. E. C. Rogers, secretary. Address, West Asheville, N. C. No. of members, 29; No. of groups, 1; meets every Sunday. We take weekly offerings. Kind of literature used, F. W. B.

CEDAR HILL: Bobby Harris, president, Asheville, N. C., Route 3. Essie Gaddy, secretary, Asheville, N. C., Route 3; No. of members, 25; No. of groups, 1; kind of literature used, F. W. B.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

ASHEVILLE: Supt. Carl Dockery. Address, Asheville, Route 1. Secretary, Bernice Metcalf. Address, Asheville, Route 1. No. of classes, 6; No. of pupils, 85; No. of teachers, 6; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$95.41.

DRY BRANCH: Supt. Talmadge Blankenship. Address, Marshall, N. C. Secretary, Hazel Davis. Address, Marshall, N. C. No. of classes, 4; No. of pupils, 60; No. of teachers, 4; kind of literature used, union; expenses,

\$16.00.

MARSHALL: Supt. Rothie Wilson. Address, Marshall, N. C. Secretary, Savannah Smith. Address, Marshall, N. C. No. of classes, 1; No. of pupils, 75; No. of teachers, 8; kind of literature used, union; expenses, \$24.84.

OLD FORT: Supt. Bill Manley. Address, Old Fort, N. C. Secretary, Frances Presley. Address, Old Fort, N. C. No. of classes, 4; No. of pupils, 45; No. of teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B. Expenses, \$12.00.

RED HILL: Supt. Fred Rigsby. Address, Marshall, N. C., Route 3. Secretary, Edna Rice. Address, Marshall, R-3. No. of classes, 1; No. of pupils, 85; No. of teachers, 6; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$20.00.

UNION VALLEY: Supt. Rev. Pearson Bradley. Address, Weaverville, N. C. Secretary, Miss Ruth Hyatt. Address, Weaverville, N. C. No. of classes, 1; No. of teachers, 4; kind of literature used, union.

HAZEL GREEN: Supt. W. A. Corn. Address, Asheville, N. C., Route 3. Secretary, J. H. Bradburn. Address, Asheville, N. C., Route 3. No. of classes, 1; No. of pupils, 30; No. of teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$36.00.

HOMERS CHAPEL: Supt. D. C. Mundy. Address, Black Mountain, N. C. Secretary, Celia Deaver. Address, Black Mountain. No. of classes, 1; No. of pupils, 65; No. of teachers, 6; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$71.57.

CHARITY: Supt. J. L. Ballard. Address, Barnardsville, N. C. Secretary, Mildred Ballard. Address, Barnardsville, N. C. No. of pupils, 40; No. of teachers, 2; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$4.80.

PISGAH FOREST: Supt. Ida Lowery. Address, Barnardsville, Route 1. Secretary, Annie Gaddy. Address, Barnardsville, N. C. No. of pupils, 65; No. of teachers, 4; kind of literature used, union; expenses, \$5.00.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Supt. Mr. Joe Randall. Address, West Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Victor Murdock. Address, West Asheville, N. C. No. of classes, 1; No. of pupils, 125; No. of teachers, 6; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$122.38.

MT. BETHEL: Supt. W. T. McCury. Address, Weaverville, N. C. Secretary, H. C. McCury. Address, Weaverville, N. C. No. of classes, 1; No. of pupils, 40; No. of teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$16.00.

RAYS CHAPEL: Supt., Mr. Will Rice. Address, Weaverville, N. C. Secretary, Martha Penland. Address, Weaverville, N. C. No. of classes, 4; No. of pupils, 40; No. of teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$37.18.

SHOAL HILL: Supt. Bob Tweed. Address, Marshall, N. C. Secretary, Etta M. Payne. Address, Marshall, N. C. No. of classes, 1; No. of pupils, 35; No. of teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$17.00.

PAINT FORK: Supt. T. R. Mundy. Address, Barnardsville, N. C. Secretary, Lois Hale. Address, Barnardsville, N. C. No. of classes, 4; No. of pupils, 45; Kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$5.00.

AVERYS CREEK: Supt. Bayless McDonald. Address, Arden, N. C. Secretary, Minnie Sitton. Address, Arden, N. C. No. of classes, 4; No. of pupils, 60; No. of teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$74.56.

LAUREL FORK: Supt. T. J. Anders. Address, Marshall, N. C. Secretary, Pearl Ponder. Address, Marshall, N. C. No. of classes, 1; No. of pupils, 55; No. of teachers, 5; kind of literature used, union; expenses, \$31.

SHADY GROVE: Supt. Spurgeon Bullman. Address, Walnut, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Spurgeon Bullman. Address, Walnut, N. C. No. of classes, 1; No. of pupils, 35; No. of teachers, 3; kind of literature used, Bible; expenses, \$2.24.

HYATTS CREEK: Supt. Bill Rowl. Address, Hazelwood, N. C. Secretary, Louise Lanning. Address, Waynesville, N. C., Route 1; No. of classes, 4; No. of pupils, 40; No. of teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$10.00.

CEDAR HILL: Supt. Fred Dorer. Address, Asheville, Route 3. Secre-

tary, Miss Lorine Spivey. Address, Asheville, Route 4. No. of classes, 1; No. of pupils, 70; No. of teachers, 5; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$24.70.

UNION CHAPEL: Supt. W. A. Ward. Address, Weaverville, N. C. Secretary, Dorcus Hunter. Address, Weaverville, N. C. No. of classes, 1; No. of pupils, 35; No. of teachers, 4; kind of literature used, David C. Cook; expenses, \$3.00.

SWANNANOVA: Supt. Jeter Ensley. Address, Swannanoa, N. C. Secretary, Maneva McMahan. Address, Swannanoa, N. C. No. of classes, 7; No. of pupils, 212; No. of teachers, 7; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$194.74.

MT. ZION: Supt. Johnny Revis. Address, Alexander, Route 2. Secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Ensley. Address, Alexander, Route 2. No. of classes, 1; No. of pupils, 30; No. of teachers, 4; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$5.04.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Supt. Coy Parham. Address, Leicester, N. C. Secretary, Evelyn Parham. Address, Leicester, N. C. No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 90; No. of teachers, 5; kind of literature used, F. W. B.; expenses, \$40.00.

CHURCH LETTERS

ANDERSON BRANCH: Present membership, 30; decrease during the year, 1; by death, 1; pastor, Rev. Walter Wilson; address, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.; clerk, Benily Freeman; address, Barnard, N. C. We have preaching every second Sunday. Minute fund, \$1.50.

ASHEVILLE: Increase during year, 12; by experience and baptism, 8; by letter and statement, 4; total increase this year, 12; present membership, 107; decrease during year, 3; by letter, 2; by death, 1; total decrease this year, 3; last year's membership, 98; ordained ministers, Rev. W. L. Howell, Rev. A. L. Davis, Rev. J. W. Banks, Rev. Cecil Kent; licensed ministers, Rev. Hardy Vaughn; pastor, Rev. W. L. Howell; address, Route 3, Asheville; clerk, Carl Dockery, Route 1, Asheville; preaching every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. W. L. Howell, Rev. Hermon Gentry and Rev. Hardy Vaughn; pastors salary, \$129.00; home missions, \$21.00; orphanage, \$6.15; other purposes, \$261.51; paid to other ministers, \$58.17; value of church property, \$5,000; minute fund, \$3.00.

EVERY'S CREEK: Increase during year, 30; by experience and baptism, 25; by letter and statement, 5; total increase this year, 30; present membership, 68; last year's membership, 38; pastor, Rev. A. S. Ellis; address, West Asheville, N. C.; clerk, C. F. Sitton, Arden, N. C.; we have preaching every Sunday; No. of revivals held; 2; held by Rev. Mr. Jackson, Rev. Mr. Robinson; Rev. R. C. Mumpower; licensed ministers, A. S. Ellis; this is a new church charter, membership being 38; total amount paid out by clerk, \$444.41; total amount received, \$495.71; balance in treasury, \$51.30; minute fund, \$3.00.

CEDAR HILL: Present membership, 122; increase during year, 10; by experience and baptism, 9; by letter and statement, 1; decrease during year, 1; by death, 1; total decrease this year, 1; last year's membership, 113; ordained ministers, Rev. A. P. Rich, Rev. J. H. Ball; licensed ministers, Rev. Bobby Harris; pastor, Rev. Bobby Harris; address, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Edna Ballard; address, Route 3, West Asheville; we have preaching every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Jake Martin, Rev. Bascom Brigmon; pastor's salary, \$188.24; home missions, \$10.00; orphanage, \$16.65; other purposes, \$88.65; visiting ministers, \$26.16; for revivals, \$45.00; balance in treasury, \$18.00; minute fund,

CHARITY: Present membership, 66; last year's membership, ; ordained ministers, Rev. R. W. Rice, Rev. J. M. Burlison, Rev. M. M. Whitson; pastor, Rev. Andrew Davis; address, Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Ralph Lee Hogan; address, Barnardsville, N. C.; preaching first and third Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Andrew Davis and Rev. D. W. Wyatt; pastor's salary, \$75.00; other purposes, \$10.00; value of church property, \$700;

minute fund, \$1.00.

DRY BRANCH: Present membership, 52; last year's membership, 52; pastor, Rev. B. E. Guthrie; address, Walnut, N. C.; clerk, E. Leo Tweed; address, Marshall, N. C.; preaching every first Sunday; pastor's salary, \$48.83; other purposes, \$29.00; value of church property, \$900.00; minute fund, \$2.00.

HORNEY HEIGHTS: Increase during year, 46; by experience and baptism, 27; by letter and statement, 15; total increase this year, 46; present membership, 174; decrease during year, 3; by letter, 3; last year's membership, 128; ordained ministers, Rev. Carroll E. Fowler, Rev. W. D. Fowler, Rev. J. C. Wallace, Rev. B. B. Moore; licensed ministers, Rev. A. S. Ellis; pastor, Rev. Carroll E. Fowler; address, West Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Mr. Bynam Lance, address, West Asheville, N. C.; we have preaching every Sunday; No. of revivals, 3; held by Rev. Carroll E. Fowler, Rev. A. P. Sprinkle, Rev. Alva Ellis and Rev. Troy Israel; pastor's salary, \$442.89; home missions, \$55.00; orphanage, \$40.00; other purposes, \$391.68; value church property, \$5,000; minute fund, \$3.00

HOMERS CHAPEL: Increase during year, 14; by experience and baptism, 4; by restoration, 7; total increase during year, 14; present membership, 52; decrease during year, 18; by expulsion and erasure, 17; by death, 1; total decrease this year, 18; last year's membership, 44; pastor, Rev. P. J. Sheehan; address, Caroleen, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Dolly Bartlett; address, Black Mountain; we have preaching every first and third Sundays; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. P. J. Sheehan; pastor's salary, \$272.28; orphanage, \$5.00; other purposes, \$57.93; value of church property, \$1,000.00; value of other property, \$600.00; minute fund, \$3.00.

HAZEL GREEN: Increase during year, 2; by letter and statement, 2; total increase this year, 2; present membership, 15; decrease during year, 40; by expulsion and erasure, 40; last year's membership, 55; licensed ministers, Rev. Rufus Burrell, Rev. W. O. Adcock; pastor, Rev. R. H. Reece, address, 620 Merrimon Ave., Asheville, N. C.; clerk, J. H. Bradburn; address, Route 3, Asheville, N. C.; we have preaching every Sunday; No. of revivals, 3; held by Rev. R. H. Reece; pastor's salary, \$40.00; home missions, \$3.00; orphanage, \$10.00; value of church property, \$1,000; minute fund, \$2.00.

HYATTS CREEK: Increase during year, 8; by restoration, 8; total increase this year, 8; present membership, 37; decrease during year, 62; by expulsion and erasure, 62; total decrease this year, 62; last year's membership, 92; pastor, Rev. Hermon Gentry; address, Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. W. L. James; address, Route 1, Waynesville, N. C.; we have preaching first Sunday in each month; No. of revivals, 3; held by Rev. Henry Cochran, Rev. Roy Green, Rev. W. L. Queen, Rev. Will Massey, Rev. W. W. Howard, Rev. W. E. Capps and Rev. Herman Gentry; pastor's salary, \$30.35; value of church property, \$500.00; minute fund, \$1.20.

LAUREL FORK: Present membership, 49; decrease during year, 4; by letter, 3; by death, 1; total decrease this year, 4; last year's membership, 53; ordained ministers, Rev. Thomas Marler; pastor, Rev. J. A. Martin; address, Marshall, N. C.; clerk, J. H. Naves; address, Marshall, N. C.; we have preaching services every third Sunday; pastor's salary, \$42.54; other purposes, \$10.00; minute fund, \$2.50.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Present membership, 215; decrease during year, 7; by letter, 4; by request, 1; by death, 2; total decrease this year, 7; last year's membership, 222; ordained ministers, Rev. J. A. Martin, Rev. Ervin Sluder; pastor, Rev. T. E. Woody; address, Windsor, N. C.; clerk, Brownie Sluder; address, Alexander, N. C.; we have preaching every fourth Sunday; pastor's salary, \$152.00; orphanage, \$40.00; other purposes, \$51.00; value of church property, \$5,000; minute fund, \$4.25.

MT. ZION: Present membership, 107; decrease during year, 2; by letter, 1; by death, 1; total decrease this year, 2; last year's membership, 31; church voted to take up old church book again; ordained ministers, Rev. J. A. Collins, Rev. R. H. Reese; pastor, Rev. Sam Chandler; address, Walnut,

N. C.; clerk, Mrs. R. H. Reese; address, 612 Merrimon Ave., Asheville, N. C.; we have preaching second Sundays; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. B. M. Wheeler; pastor's salary, \$25.63; value of church property, \$1,500.00; minute fund, \$2.00;

MT. BETHEL: Increase during year, 10; by experience and baptism, 10; total increase this year, 10; present membership, 62; decrease during year, 1; by letter, 1; total decrease this year, 1; last year's membership, 53; pastor, Rev. W. L. Howell; address, West Asheville, N. C.; clerk, J. M. Reece; address, Alexander, N. C.; we have preaching services second and fourth Sundays; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Carroll E. Fowler and Rev. W. L. Howell; pastor's salary, \$85.00; home missions, \$10.00; other purposes, \$45.00; value of church property, \$2,600; minute fund, \$1.50.

MARSHALL: Increase during year, 3; by letter and statement, 3; total increase this year, 3; present membership, 88; decrease during year, 1; by death, 1; total decrease this year, 1; last year's membership, 86; ordained ministers, Rev. J. B. Brigmon; pastor, Rev. J. B. Brigmon; address, Asheville, N. C.; clerk, J. E. Faulkner; address, Marshall, N. C.; we have preaching on second Sundays; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. J. B. Brigmon, Rev. Andrew Davis, Rev. P. J. Sheehan, Rev. J. B. Brigmon; pastor's salary, \$41.90; home missions, \$21.00; orphanage, \$11.35; other purposes, \$59.00; value of church property, \$2,000.00; minute fund, \$3.00.

OLD FORT: Increase during year, 5; by experience and baptism, 3; by restoration, 2; total increase this year, 5; present membership, 117; last year's membership, 112; ordained ministers, Rev. B. M. Wheeler, Rev. C. R. Wheeler; licensed ministers, Rev. T. A. Wheeler; pastor, Rev. B. M. Wheeler; address, Old Fort, N. C.; clerk, Axie Hollifield; address, Marion, N. C.; we have preaching first and third Sundays in each month; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. B. M. Wheeler, Rev. Ralph Harris and Rev. C. R. Wheeler; pastor's salary, \$60.00; value of church property, \$900.00; minute fund, \$1.00.

PAINT FORK: Increase during year, 2; by experience and baptism, 1; by restoration, 1; total increase this year, 2; decrease during year, 3; by expulsion and erasure, 1; by death, 2; total decrease this year, 3; last year's membership, 89; present membership, 88; pastor, Rev. Grady Fender; address, Nebo, N. C.; clerk, D. A. Mundy; address, Barnardsville, N. C.; pastor for next year, Rev. Ervin Sluder; preaching services every third Sunday; No revivals held, 1; held by Rev. Grady Fender and Rev. Ervin Sluder; pastor's salary, \$34.80; value of church property, \$700.00; minute fund, \$1.40

PAINT ROCK: Present membership, 22; last year's membership, 22; licensed ministers, Rev. Willard Howard; pastor, Rev. Bob Freeman; address, Walnut, N. C.; clerk, Lizzie Taylor; address, Paint Rock, N. C.; preaching every fourth Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. J. L. Ledford and Rev. Lloyd Chandler; orphanage, \$2.31; minute fund, 50c.

PISGAH FOREST: Increase during year, 3; by experience and baptism, 2; total increase this year, 3; present membership, 12; decrease during year, 2; by letter, 2; by death, 2; total decrease during year, 2; pastor, Rev. C. A. Kent; address, Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Hetty Dodd; address, Barnardsville, N. C., Route 1; we have preaching first and third Sundays; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. Ernest Bobb; address, West Asheville; pastor's salary, \$12.00; value of church property, \$400.00; minute fund, \$1.35.

RED HILL: Present membership, 245; decrease during year, 2 by letter, 1; by death, 1; total decrease this year, 2; last year's membership, 247; ordained ministers, Rev. Malley Rice, Rev. J. L. Ledford; pastor, Rev. Ervin Sluder; address, Leicester, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. J. B. McDevitt, Marshall, N. C., Route 3; we have preaching first Sunday in each month; No. of revivals, 2; held by Rev. Ervin Sluder and Rev. A. B. Lowery; amount paid for revival, \$93.00; pastor's salary, \$108.27; home missions, \$34.55; other purposes, \$11.33; value of church property, \$1000.00; minute fund, \$2.90.

RAYS CHAPEL: Present membership, 47; last year's membership, 47; licensed ministers, Rev. John Roberts; pastor, Rev. J. B. Brigmon; ad-

dress, Route 1, Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Sue Ray, Weaverville, N. C., Route 1; we have preaching twice a month; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. J. B. Brigmon and Rev. J. W. Banks; pastor's salary, \$38.00; orphanage, \$8.00; value of church property, \$900.00; minute fund, \$1.00.

SHADY GROVE: Increase during year, 1; total increase this year, 1; present membership, 38; decrease during year, 1; by expulsion and erasure, 1; total decrease this year, 1; last year's membership, 38; pastor, Rev. Scottie Bullman; address, Walnut, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Spurgeon Bullman, address, Walnut, N. C.; we have preaching on second Sundays; other purposes, \$62.47; value of church property, \$500.00; minute fund, \$1.35.

SHOAL HILL: Increase during year, 1; by experience and baptism, 1; total increase this year, 1; present membership, 70; last year's membership, 69; pastor, Rev. J. B. Brigmon, Asheville, N. C.; clerk, Bertha Payne, Marshall, Route 1; we have preaching services on first Sundays; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. J. B. Brigmon and Rev. G. W. Briggs, of Dandridge, Tenn.; ordained ministers, Rev. Walter Wilson; pastor's salary, \$139.80; paid for revival services, \$20.46; orphanage, \$10.61; value of church property, \$1000.00; minute fund, \$2.00.

SWANNANOA: Increase during year, 22; by experience and baptism, 9; by letter and statement, 13; total increase this year, 22; present membership, 232; decrease during year, 8; by letter, 3; by expulsion and erasure, 1; by death, 4; total decrease this year, 8; last year's membership, 218; pastor, Rev. A. B. Lowery; address, Swannanoa, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. C. L. McMahan; address, Swannanoa, N. C.; ours is a full time pastor; No. of revivals held, 2; held by Rev. William Huntley and Rev. A. B. Lowery; ordained ministers, Rev. A. B. Lowery, Rev. W. L. Moretz; licensed ministers, Rev. R. C. Mumpower, Rev. Mack Plemmons, Rev. Elmer King; pastor's salary, \$1,198.44; Home mission, \$31.75; foreign mission, \$26.07; orphanage, \$200.56; christian education, \$51.41; old ministers fund, \$2.00; other purposes, \$2,077.80; value of church property, \$4,000.00; minute fund, \$7.00.

UNION VALLEY: Increase during year, 2; total increase this year, 3; present membership, 100; decrease during year, 1; by death, 1; total decrease this year, 1; last year's membership, 98; licensed ministers, Rev. Horace Ballard, Rev. Pearson Bradley; pastor, Rev. B. E. Guthrie; address, Walnut, N. C.; clerk, Esla L. Hyatt; address, Weaverville, N. C.; we have preaching services second and fourth Sundays; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. B. E. Guthrie and Rev. Sherman Rice; pastor's salary, \$103.25; value of church property, \$500.00; minute fund, \$4.00.

UNION CHAPEL: Increase during year, 3; by letter and statement, 3; total increase this year, 3; present membership, 69; present membership, 69; last year's membership, 66; ordained ministers, Rev. W. D. Roberts; pastor, Rev. George Hensley, (deceased); clerk, J. W. Waldrop; address, Weaverville, N. C.; we have preaching every second Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. George Hensley; value of church property, \$800.00; minute fund, \$1.10.

WALNUT: present membership, 45; active members, ; last year's membership, 45; ordained ministers, Rev. B. E. Guthrie, Rev. Bob Freeman, Rev. Sam Chandler and Rev. Harrison Lunsford; pastor, Rev. J. S. Rice; address, Caroleen, N. C.; clerk, Lina Stines; address, Walnut, N. C.; we have services on third Sundays; No. of revivals, 1; held by Rev. J. S. Rice; pastor's salary, \$112.10; home mission, \$40.00; minute fund, \$2.00.

MINISTERS' REPORT

REV. J. W. BANKS: No. churches pastored, none; No. of revivals conducted, 2; conversions, 36; No. of sermons preached, 86; No. of members received, 5; No. baptized, none; No. of homes visited, 30; No. of sick visits made, 6; No. of homes prayed in, 25; No. of special sermons and lectures delivered, 6; No. of marriage ceremonies performed, . . . ; No. of funerals conducted, 2; No. of Sunday School classes taught, none; amount received for pastoral services, none; amount received for revival services, \$30.00; a-

mount received for all other services, none; total amount received during the year, \$30.00; total amount raised for the cause, \$...; amount given personally to the cause, \$5.00; No. of subscriptions taken for the Free Will Baptist, none; No. of miles traveled, 700; expenses, \$30.00; address, 184 Montana Ave., West Asheville, N. C.

REV. H. C. BALLARD: No. of revivals conducted, 1; conversions, 33; No. of sermons preached, 37; No. of homes visited, 15; No. of sick visits made, 30; No. of homes prayed in, 12; No. of special sermons and lectures delivered, 25; No. of Sunday School classes taught, 41; amount received for revival services, \$3.90; amount received for all other services, \$1.00; total amount received during the year, \$4.90; amount given personally to the cause, \$166.00; No. of miles traveled, unknown; expenses, unknown; address, Weaverville, N. C.

REV. J. B. BRIGMON: No. churches pastored, 4; No. of revivals conducted, 4; conversions, 23; No. of sermons preached, 46; No. of members received, 11; No. baptized, 1; No. of homes visited, 75; No. of sick visits made, 25; No. of homes prayed in, 50; No. of special sermons and lectures delivered, 10; No. of marriage ceremonies performed, 3; No. of funerals conducted, 4; No. of Sunday School classes taught, none; amount received for pastoral services, \$217.82; amount received for revival services, \$28.00; Amount received for all other services, \$10; Total amount received during the year, \$255.82; total amount raised for the cause, \$31.00; amount given personally to the cause, \$24.00; No. of subscriptions taken for the Free Will Baptist; No. of miles traveled, 400; expenses, \$50.00; address, Route 1, Asheville, N. C.

REV. GEORGE BRIGGS: Churches pastored, none; received for local work, \$11.75; address, Route 2, Dandridge, Tenn.

REV. S. BULLMAN: No. churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. sermons preached, 24; No. baptized, 7; No. of homes visited, 21; No. sick visits made, 8; No. homes prayed in, 5; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 65; No. funerals conducted, 5; amount given personally to the cause, \$8.00; address, Walnut, N. C.

REV. RUFUS A. BURRELL: No. churches pastored, none; No. of revivals conducted, none; conversions, 4; No. of sermons preached, 24; No. members received, none; No. baptized, none; No. of homes prayed in, 10; No. of special sermons and lectures delivered, 5; No. of marriage ceremonies performed, none; No. of funerals conducted, none; No. of Sunday School classes taught, 15; amount received for pastoral services, none; amount received for revival services, none; amount received for all other services, none; total amount received during the year, none; total amount raised for the cause, none; amount given personally to the cause, \$6.00; No. of subscriptions taken for the Free Will Baptist, none; No. of miles traveled, 75; expenses, none; address, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.

REV. JAMES A. COLLINS: I've not been able to preach much this year. I've been in very bad health and couldn't be up much at night, but I've been preaching right smart. I've visited several churches and preached. But, sorry, I couldn't do more. It seems I have had a final breakdown. Also my wife has been ill and in bed for over two years now, and hasn't sat up any in eight or ten months. The doctors told me I couldn't preach, but I am going to preach as long as I live for I love my work more than life. I had rather quit living as to quit preaching.

REV. J. M. CALLOWAY: No. of churches pastored, none; No. of revivals conducted, 2; conversions, 12; No. of sermons preached, 50; No. of members received, none; No. baptized, none; No. of homes visited, 40; No. of sick visits made, 25; No. of homes prayed in, 15; No. of special sermons and lectures delivered, none; No. of marriage ceremonies performed, none; No. of funerals conducted, 1; No. of Sunday School classes taught, none; amount received for pastoral services, none; amount received for revival services, \$12.00; amount received for all other services, \$1.90; total amount received during the year, \$2.12; total amount raised for the cause, \$20.00; amount given personally to the cause, \$50.00; No. of subscriptions taken

for the Free Will Baptist, none; No. of miles traveled, 235; expenses, \$12.00; address, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.

REV. SAM CHANDLER: No. churches pastored, none; No. revivals conducted, 3; conversions, 64; No. sermons preached, 60; No. baptized, 2; No. of homes visited, 25; No. of sick visits made, 15; No. of homes prayed in, 25; No. of special sermons and lectures delivered, none; No. of marriage ceremonies performed, none; No. of funerals conducted, 10; No. of Sunday School classes taught, 1; amount received for revival services, \$30.00; total amount received during the year, \$30.00; No. of miles traveled, 1,000; expenses, \$1.00; address, Walnut, N. C.

REV. LOYD CHANDLER: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 1; conversions, 16; No. of sermons preached, 60; No. of homes visited, 50; No. of sick visits made, 30; No. homes prayed in, 20; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 10; No. funerals conducted, 2; amount received for pastoral services, \$23.00; amount received for revival services, \$10.00; total amount received during the year, \$33.00; amount given personally to the cause, \$5.00; No. of miles traveled, 500; address, Barnard, N. C.

REV. ANDREW DAVIS: No. churches pastored, 2; No. revivals conducted, 3; conversions, 22; No. sermons preached, 194; No. of members received, 10; No. baptized, 16; No. homes visited, 18; No. sick visits made, 30; No. homes prayed in, 22; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, none; No. marriage ceremonies performed, none; No. funerals conducted, 3; No. Sunday School classes taught, 26; amount received for pastoral services, \$176.63; amount received for revival services, \$10.00; amount received for all other services, \$21.00; total amount received during the year, \$207.63; total amount raised for the cause, \$20.00; amount given personally to the cause, \$82.61; No. of subscriptions taken for the Free Will Baptist, none; No. of miles traveled, 1,200; expenses, \$28.00; address, Route 1, Asheville, N. C.

REV. A. S. ELLIS: (This is a partial report owing to the fact that I haven't been pastoring a year). No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; conversions, 48; No. sermons preached, 51; No. of members received, 10; No. baptized, none; No. homes visited, 100; No. sick visits made, 25; No. homes prayed in, 80; No. of special sermons and lectures delivered, 4; No. marriage ceremonies performed, none; No. funerals conducted, none; No. Sunday School classes taught, 3; amount received for pastoral services, \$6.81; amount received for revival services, none; Amount received for all other services, none; total amount raised for the cause, unknown; amount given personally to the cause, unknown; No. of subscription taken for the Free Will Baptist, none; No. miles traveled, unknown; expenses, unknown; remarks of any other work under your charge, a sistant Sunday School superintendent, Sunday School teacher and choir leader; address, 48 Middlemont Ave, West Asheville, N. C.

REV. BOB FREEMAN: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, none; conversions, 5; No. sermons preached, 30; No. members received, none; No. baptized, none; No. homes visited, 20; No. sick visits made, 10; No. homes prayed in, 15; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 1; No. marriage ceremonies performed, none; No. funerals conducted, 5; No. Sunday School classes taught, none; amount received for pastoral services, \$10.00; amount received for revival services, none; amount received for all other services, none; total amount received during the year, \$10.00; total amount raised for the cause, none; amount given personally to the cause, \$1.00; No. of subscriptions taken for the Free Will Baptist, none; No. of miles traveled, 300; expenses, \$8.00; address, Walnut, N. C.

REV. CARROLL E. FOWLER: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 5; conversions, 250; No. of sermons preached, 175; No. members received, 46; No. baptized, 85; No. homes visited, 400; No. sick visits made, 65; No. homes prayed in, 400; No. of special sermons and lectures delivered, 8; No. funerals conducted, 8; amount received for pastoral services,

\$442.89; amount received for revival services, \$50.00; amount received for all other services, \$25; total amount received during the year, \$517.89; total amount raised for the cause, \$200; amount given personally to the cause, \$25; No. of subscriptions taken for the Free Will Baptist, 9; No. of miles traveled, 2,000; remarks of any other work under your charge, organized a church at Averys Creek known as the Averys Creek Free Will Baptist church, with 47 charter members, and they now have a new building; address, 255½ Surphur Springs Rd., West Asheville, N. C.

REV. B. E. GUTHRIE: No. churches pastored, 2; No. revivals conducted, 1; conversions, 14; No. sermons preached, 34; No. members received, 4; No. baptized, —; No. of homes visited, 49; No. sick visits made, 12; No. homes prayed in, 18; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 2; No. marriage ceremonies performed, 1; No. funerals conducted, 8; No. Sunday School classes taught, 7; amount received for pastoral services, \$151.03; amount received for all other services, \$71.00; total amount received during the year, \$222.03; total amount raised for the cause, \$3.00; amount given personally to the cause, \$10.63; No. miles traveled, 1,400; expenses, \$36.30; address, Walnut, N. C.

REV. W. L. HOWELL: No. churches pastored, 2; No. revivals conducted, 4; conversions, 80; No. sermons preached, 275; No. members received, 18; No. baptized, 19; No. homes visited, 70; No. sick visits made, 20; No. homes prayed in, 40; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 8; No. marriage ceremonies performed, 1; No. funerals conducted, 9; No. Sunday School classes taught, 7; amount received for pastoral services, \$260.00; amount received for revival services, \$45; amount received for all other services, \$10.00; total amount received during the year, \$305.00; total amount raised for the cause, \$300; amount given personally to the cause, \$20.00; No. miles traveled, 4,000; expenses, \$175; address, 107 Hazel Rd., West Asheville, N. C.

REV. W. W. HOWARD: No. revivals conducted, 1; conversions, 16; No. sermons preached, 40; No. homes visited, 20; No. sick visits made, 16; No. homes prayed in, 36; No. Sunday School classes taught, 20; amount received for revival services, \$3.00; amount received for all other services, \$13.10; total amount received during the year, \$16.10; amount given personally to the cause, \$15.00; No. miles traveled, 720; expenses, \$14.80; address, Route 1, Bryson City, N. C.

ELMER W. KING: No. churches pastored, none; No. revivals conducted, 4, and helped on some; conversions, 20; No. of sermons preached, 44; No. members received, none; No. baptized, none; No. homes visited, 25; No. sick visits made, 12; No. homes prayed in, 17; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, none; No. marriage ceremonies performed, none; No. of funerals conducted, 1; No. of Sunday School classes taught, 3; amount received for revival services, \$5.85; amount received for all other services, none; total amount received during the year, \$5.85; total amount raised for the cause, none; amount given personally to the cause, \$1.00; No. of subscriptions taken for the Free Will Baptist, none; No. of miles traveled, 1,562; expenses, \$26.46; remarks, conducted 17 prayer services; address, Swannanoa, N. C.

REV. C. A. KENT: No. revivals conducted, 3; conversions, 16; No. of sermons preached, 26; No. homes visited, 28; No. sick visits made, 5; No. homes prayed in, 22; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 6; No. of Sunday School classes taught, 2; amount received for all other services, \$33.15; total amount raised for the cause, \$35.65; amount given personally to the cause, \$9.20; No. miles traveled, 781; expenses, \$12.64; address, 378 Broadway, Asheville, N. C.

REV. H. E. LUNSFORD: No. revivals conducted, 1; conversions, 18; No. sermons preached, 40; No. homes visited, 20; No. sick visits made, 15; No. homes prayed in, 10; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 25; No. funerals conducted, 5; amount received for revival services, \$4.00; amount received for all other services, \$30.00; total amount received during

the year, \$34.00; No. miles traveled, 1,000; expenses, \$10.00; address, Barnard, N. C.

REV. A. B. LOWERY: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 7; conversions, 194; No. sermons preached, 192; No. members received, 22; No. baptized, 20; No. homes visited, unknown; No. sick v.sits made, unknown; No. homes prayed in, unknown; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 10; No. marriage ceremonies performed, 1; No. funerals conducted, 7; No. Sunday School classes taught, 50; amount received for pastoral services, \$1,198.42; amount received for revival services, \$300; amount received for all other services, \$50.00; total amount received during the year, \$1,548.42; amount given personally to the cause, \$75.00; No. of subscriptions taken for the Free Will Baptist, none; No. of miles traveled, 3,000; expenses, \$35.00; address, Black Mountain, N. C.

REV. J. A. MARTIN: Sermons, 136; professions witnessed, 147; received in church, unknown; baptized, unknown; exhortation, 14; homes visited, 150; miles traveled, 6,480; pastored 3 churches, Red Hill, Laurel Fork, Whitney, S. C.; held 5 revivals and helped in 2 others; received from Red Hill, \$108.27; received from Laurel Fork, \$41.94; funerals conducted, 20; received from revivals and local work, \$257.11; total received, \$407.32; address, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.

WILLET L. MORETZ: No. churches pastored, 3; No. revivals conducted, 4; conversions, 53; No. of sermons preached, 108; No. of members received, 34; No. baptized, 20; No. homes visited, not known; No. sick v.sits made, not known; No. homes prayed in, not known; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 14 radio messages; No. marriage ceremonies performed, 1; No. funerals conducted, 8; amount received for pastoral services, \$1,000; amount received for revival services, \$145.00; amount received for all other services, \$20.00; total amount received during the year, \$1,165.00; total amount raised for the cause, \$500; amount given personally to the cause, \$165.00; No. subscriptions taken for the Free Will Baptist, 50; No. miles traveled, 2,240; expenses, \$100.80; address, Swannanoa, N. C.

REV. RALPH C. MUMPOWER: No. of revivals conducted, 4; conversions, 27; No. of sermons preached, 93; No. baptized, 10; No. homes visited, 10; No. sick visits made, 12; No. homes prayed in, 25; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 1; No. funerals conducted, 8; No. Sunday School classes taught, 8; amount received for pastoral services, \$34.57; amount received for revival services, \$46.80; total amount received during the year, \$81.37; amount given personally to the cause, \$45.00; No. of subscriptions taken for the Free Will Baptist, 2; No. miles traveled, 1,600; expenses, \$32.00; address, Swannanoa, N. C.

REV. S. P. NORTON: Churches pastored, not any; No. revivals, none; conversions, 4; No. sermons preached, 20; No. members, none; No. baptized, none; No. homes visited, 10; No. sick visits, 4; No. homes prayed in, 15; Sunday School classes taught, 1; miles traveled, 100; expenses, \$10.00; prayer services, 8.

REV. MAC PLEMMONS: No. churches pastored, none; No. revivals conducted, none; conversions, 8; No. sermons preached, 37; No. of homes visited, 24; No. sick visits made, 23; No. homes prayed in, 19; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 20; No. funerals conducted, 3; No. Sunday School classes taught, 9; total amount received during the year, \$18.99; No. miles traveled, 706; expenses, \$13.00; address, Swannanoa, N. C.

REV. M. D. ROBERTS: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 1; conversions, 5; No. sermons preached, 25; No. homes visited, 15; No. sick visits made, 5; No. funerals conducted, 1; amount received for pastoral services, \$1.60; total amount received during the year, \$1.60 No. miles traveled, 200; address, Route 1, Weaverville, N. C.

REV. MALLEY RICE: No. of churches pastored, none; No. of revivals conducted, 4, helped in some; conversions, 66; No. sermons preached, 23;

No. members received, none; No. baptized, none; No. homes visited, 53; No. sick visits made, 10; No. homes prayed in, 15; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 8; No. marriage ceremonies performed, none; No. funerals conducted, 3; No. Sunday School classes taught, 8; amount received for revival services, \$4.00; amount received for all other services, \$28.50; total amount received during the year, \$33.50; amount given personally to the cause, \$4.00; No. miles traveled, 662; expenses, \$15.00; remarks, prayer meetings held, 22; address, Route 3, Marshall, N. C.

REV. R. H. REESE: No. churches pastored, 1; No. revivals conducted, 2; conversions, 14; No. sermons preached, 105; No. members received, 2; No. homes visited, 30; No. sick visits made, 17; No. homes prayed in, 23; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 21; No. Sunday School classes taught, 10; amount received for pastoral services, \$45.41; amount received for all other services, \$12.74; total amount received during the year, \$58.15; Amount given personally to the cause, \$6.75; No. miles traveled, 1,757; expenses, \$46.56; address, 612 Merrimon Ave., Asheville, N. C.

REV. ERVIN SLUDER: No. revivals conducted, 3; conversions, 50; No. sermons preached, 75; No. funerals conducted, 5; amount received for revival services, \$35.00; amount given personally to the cause, \$8.00; address, Leicester, N. C.

REV. WALTER WILSON: No. churches pastored, 2; No. revivals conducted, 1; conversions, 8; No. sermons preached, 55; No. baptized, 1; No. homes visited, 40; No. sick visits made, 35; No. homes prayed in, 13; No. special sermons and lectures delivered, 7; No. funerals conducted, 8; No. Sunday School classes taught, 25; amount received for pastoral services, \$20.88; amount received for revival services, \$3.00; total amount received during the year, \$22.00; total amount raised for the cause, \$15.00; amount given personally to the cause, \$4.00; No. miles traveled, 256; address, Route 1, Box 204, Marshall, N. C.

REV. R. C. WHEELER: Revivals held, 1; assisted in one other; conversions witnessed, 15; sermons preached, 15; homes prayed in, 10; sick visits, 5; prayer meetings conducted, 4; address, Swannanoa, N. C.

REV. T. A. WHEELER: Sermons preached, about 30; professions witnessed, about 4; homes prayed in, about 8; funerals conducted, 1; money received for the cause, about \$15; money paid out for the cause, about \$12; address, Swannanoa, N. C.

REV. B. W. WHEELER: No. churches pastored, 2; No. revivals conducted, 7; conversions, 47; No. sermons preached, 147; No. members received, 5; No. baptized, 11; amount received for pastoral services, \$60.00; amount received for revival services, \$128.00; amount received for all other services, \$17.00; total amount received during the year, \$188.00; address, Black Mountain, N. C.

RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that this association be empowered to have jurisdiction over all churches in this body, and shall have the power to settle disputes that may come before it. Any church that may have a dispute that cannot be settled peaceably in said church, the dissatisfied party shall have a right to appeal to the association, and abide by the decision of the same.

REV. B. E. GUTHRIE

CONSTITUTION, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. This body shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the French Broad Free Will Baptist Association.

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 qualifications 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 Moderator and Secretary 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 a vote of two-thirds.

BY-LAWS 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 regular meeting either in person or by letter.

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

4. The Moderator 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 licenses, conduct ordinations, etc., and report at each 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 contributions or by assessments 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 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 the body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry.

12. These By-Laws may be amended by a 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 other's reputation, and use our influence to the up-building 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 faiths to one another, and to strengthen those who 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 God's revealed Word in the minds of those under our care. 4. We also agree to use our influence for the support to the Gospel and contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also we agree to be liberal with those who 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 all sinful and vain amusement. 7. We also agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors, not to use it as a beverage, nor aid or assist in the manufacture of such, nor furnish it to others. 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

1. The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from

each 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. This Association will encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all sufficient Savior, 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 deliberations 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 the committees may be adopted by the body.

8. Any church can become a member of the Association by making application by letter or by delegates and adopting our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.

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

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

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. There shall be no conversation by the members, one with another so as to interrupt business while in session.
3. Every member speaking shall first rise and address the moderator.
4. No member shall interrupt a member 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 one 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 is filled.
12. Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the moderator.
13. Not less than nine members shall 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 a ransom for all to be testified in due time.—1st Tim. 2:5.

2. **THE HOLY SCRIPTURE:**—We believe that God is the 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 and instruction in righteousness.

3. **ORIGINAL APOSTACY:**—We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into 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 the fruit thereof and did eat and gave to her husband with her and 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 Jews and 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 by 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; for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, 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."—2nd Cor. 7:9-10.

7. **FREE AGENCY:**—We believe that the human will is free and that men have ability to accept or reject the condition of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. "He hath shewed 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?"—Micah 6:8.

8. **PERSEVERANCE:**—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 and turn again to sin and finally be lost. "And Jesus said unto him: 'No man having put his hand to the plow and looking 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 to God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire, wherefore by their fruit 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 from the dead by the glory of the Father even so we should walk in the newness of life."—Rom. 6:4.

11. **THE LORD'S SUPPER:**—We believe the supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative 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."—1 Cor. 11:28-29.

12. **FEET WASHING:**—We believe that washing the saint's feet was a command of our Savior 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 our 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 by the Gospel."—1 Cor. 9:14.



