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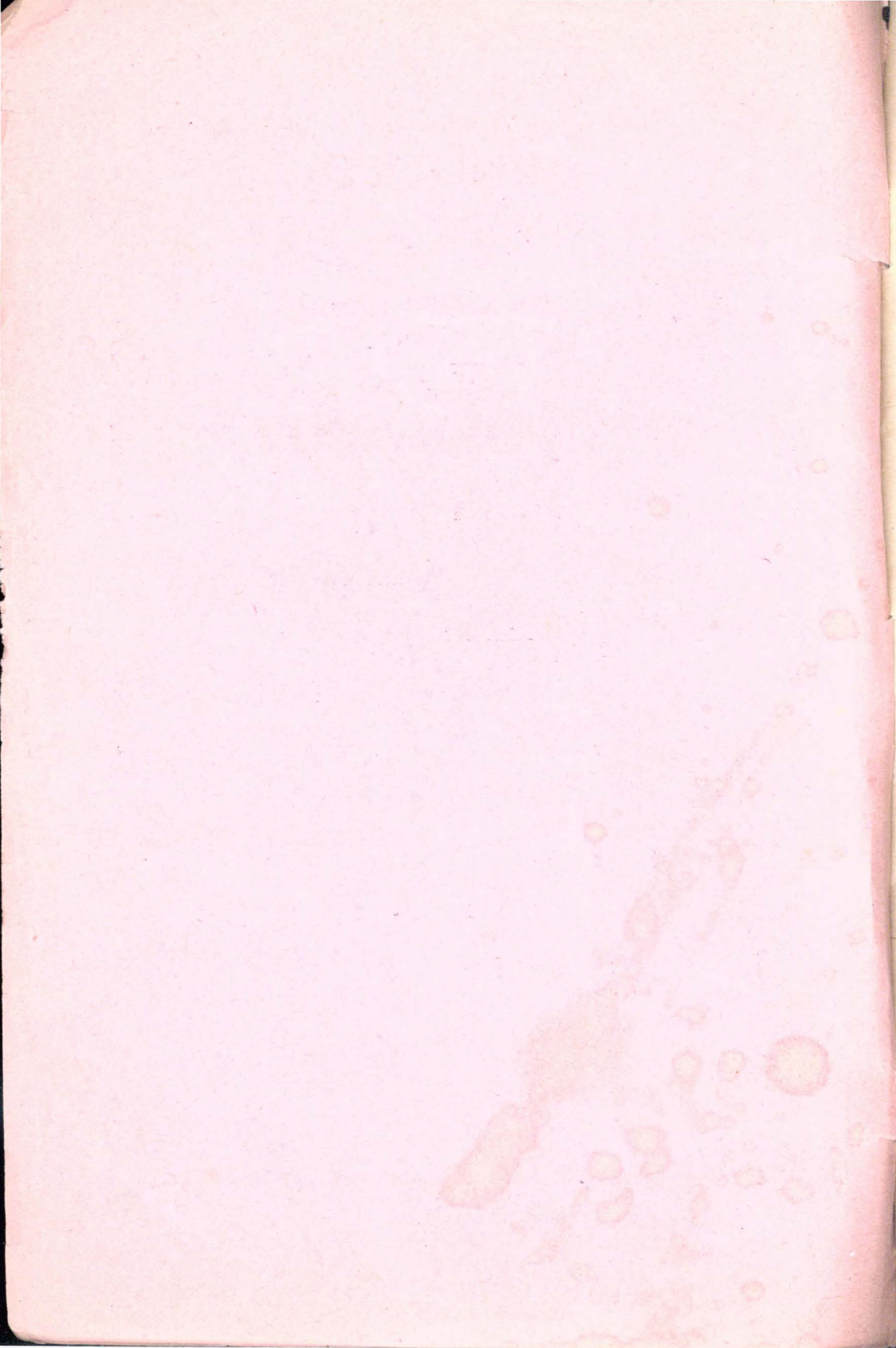
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PROCEEDINGS

The Fourth State Convention of the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina met with the church at Arthur, Pitt county, N. C., on Tuesday, September 12, 1916. Services opened by singing and prayer by Rev. W. R. Coats. Services in the stand were opened by Rev. W. M. Howell. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. F. Casey, of Goldsboro, N. C. Text II. Chron. 29:11. "My sons be not now negligent, for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him."

TUESDAY EVENING.

The convention was called to order by the president at 1 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Rev. N. D. Wiggs.

The following ministers were enrolled from the different conferences:

Eastern.—*M. C. Prescott, S. H. Styron, W. Lupton, W. B. Everett, L. H. Wetherington, J. W. Alford, J. E. Sawyer.

Central.—D. W. Alexander, C. B. Jones, W. B. Jones, W. B. Nobles, J. C. Moye, W. F. Walters, E. B. Joyner, W. H. Lathinghouse, C. O. Armstrong.

Western.—W. M. Howell, N. D. Wiggs, L. B. Grice, E. T. Phillips, J. E. Davis, J. W. Valentine, B. B. Deans, R. F. Pittman, E. C. Morris, J. K. Ruffin, A. R. Flowers, L. T. Phillipps, J. C. Griffin.

Cape Fear.—W. R. Coats, J. F. Casey.

Corresponding Messenger from South Carolina Convention.—Rev. Ernest Poston.

The following delegates were enrolled from the different Conferences:

Eastern.—L. B. Dunn, L. F. Andrus, W. J. Stilley.

General.—A. T. Dawson, T. E. Little, H. L. Swain, W. B. Harper, W. C. Moore, Jas. Webster, C. D. Smith, Mrs. Sophia Hardee, W. J. Dupree, R. A. Parker, M. Beddard, Wm. Harris, C. G. Little, O. N. Gardner, W. J. Braxton, B. Dildy, A. W. Brighouse, Mary Strickland, Julia Cox.

Second Union of Central Conference.—Joe Tugwell, D. C. Davenport.

Cape Fear.—B. P. Parks, R. E. Thomas, I. Grant, W. B. Dudley.

Western.—W. G. Pittman, D. L. Dixon, M. C. Dunn, J. R. Peel, D. B. Sasser, K. C. Woodard, W. F. Pender, Robt. Flowers, C. G. Pope, F. A. Morris, R. P. Johnson, J. J. Bivens, J. I. Renfrow, J. M. Stancill.

Third Union of Western Conference.—J. W. Reaves.

First Union of Western.—A. J. Fitzgerald.

Delegate from the Western Conference.—C. R. Davis.

The following committees were appointed:

Devotional.—L. B. Grice, C. D. Smith, C. R. Davis.

Finance.—M. C. Prescott, D. W. Alexander, N. D. Wiggs.

Temperance.—M. C. Prescott, D. W. Alexander, N. D. Wiggs.

Misses Mattie and Callie Smith were appointed to solicit for the Free Will Baptist during the session of the Convention.

A general discussion followed for one hour. Elder Lupton spoke in the interest of the discipline. H. L. Swain told of the progress of our people on Davis Shore. Elder W. B. Nobles spoke in the interest of the Sunday School work. Also J. W. Valentine, W. J. Braxton, W. B. Everett and others spoke enthusiastically of our work in various places and of our impending necessities.

General discussions were discontinued by a motion that there be no further discussions without a motion or a resolution presented.

Devotional Committee report that Ernest Poston, of South Carolina, preach tonight at 8 o'clock.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE.

The hour of three o'clock having been set apart for a Temperance Lecture, other business was suspended at the time. After a prayer by Elder Lupton, Elder M. C. Prescott, of Ayden, proceeded with the lecture. He spoke of temperance as a grace and virtue. Said among other things that the church was not doing her duty toward the eradication of the evil of strong drink. He dealt the dope habit a strong blow stating that it was a very dangerous and threatening evil. He also emphasized the idea that besides the dangers of strong drink, dope and tobacco there was intemperance in speech, temper and many other things that should be thoughtfully considered.

After the lecture, the Convention called off to meet at 9 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.

Convention met as per adjournment. Prayer by M. C. Prescott. Minutes of Tuesday read and approved.

Report of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Free Will Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, met at Wilson, N. C., February 15, 1916.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Convention and Chairman of the Executive Committee, Rev. S. H. Styron. D. B. Sasser was called upon to act as Secretary. There were present the following that were enrolled: R. F. Pittman, B. B. Deans, J. K. Ruffin, D. B. Sasser, W. R. Coats, J. F. Casey, J. K. Tew, W. J. Braxton and S. H. Styron.

It was decided that the next session be held with the church at Arthur, Pitt county.

On motion, Elder S. H. Styron be sent as delegate to the South Carolina State Convention, and that Elder R. F. Pittman be his alternate.

On motion the name of the committee that was appointed on Orphanage work at the State Convention be changed to a Board of Trustees and that the same committee compose the Board of Trustees.

On motion the Committee on Revision of the Discipline as appointed by the Convention, be authorized to meet and unify the Articles of Faith and report the same at the next meeting of the Convention.

On motion S. H. Styron be instructed to call to his assistance two others to assist him in the arrangement of the program for the next sitting of our Convention, and that the said program is to be in harmony with the regular order of business of the Convention.

A resolution of respect was offered by D. B. Sasser in memory of the late Dr. E. L. St. Claire, the father of our Convention. The resolution was adopted.

On motion a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the people of Wilson for the use of their City Hall, and for the generosity shown us during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned with praise and prayer to God.

S. H. STYRON, President.

D. B. SASSER Clerk.

The above report was adopted.

On motion all reports of Boards and Committees be presented in writing.

Report of Board of Trustees of Orphanage.

The Board of Trustees of the Orphanage report that during the past year they have located the site of said Orphanage. They presented a legally constituted deed for a plat of ground near Middlesex, N. C., also a legal contract for the same which with the deed was read and accepted by the body, the same being conveyed by Elder B. B. Deans and wife and recorded in the court house at Nashville, the county seat of Nash county, in which county the land conveyed lies.

J. F. CASEY,

J. E. DAVIS,

W. R. COATS,

W. J. BRAXTON, Treas.

M. C. PRESCOTT,

Board of Trustees.

The above report was adopted.

On motion the Convention approve the work of the Board of Trustees as reported and appoint them for the ensuing year with instructions to push the work as fast as possible.

Address by Elder R. F. Pittman.. Subject: The Orphanage.

At 11 o'clock a. m., Elder R. F. Pittman addressed the Convention on the Orphanage proposition. He spoke strongly, clearly and forcibly concerning the importance and needs of the same. He also impressed the idea of caring for the old and worn out ministers. He asked the question, would the Orphanage be established? He answered very enthusiastically in the affirmative, it being a righteous cause and one that we can not consistently refuse to build up and support. Said the institution would cost at least \$18,000 the first year. The great question is will we, the Free Will Baptist denomination do this needful work?

Following the address an appeal was made for subscriptions to the Orphanage to be paid at an early date and the following amounts pledged:

S. H. Styron	\$ 25.00	J. D. Eason	\$ 50.00
Mrs. W. R. W. Nobles.....	5.00	A. T. Dawson	100.00
B. P. Parks	25.00	J. C. Moye	25.00
Mrs. C. G. Pope.....	5.00	R. E. Thomas	50.00
Mary Strickland	10.00	Victoria Eason	25.00
L. B. Dunn	10.00	Joseph Tugwell	10.00
E. B. Joyner	5.00	J. W. Valentine	20.00
D. B. Sasser	25.00	B. P. Jones	25.00
Jas. Webster	25.00	D. W. Alexander	10.00
W. G. Pittman	10.00	W. J. Braxton	100.00
N. Garris, paid	5.00	O. M. Manning	5.00
I. Grant	10.00	R. P. Johnson	10.00
T. E. Little	5.00	J. J. Jones	25.00
C. G. Little	25.00	W. B. Nobles	10.00
Miss Johnnie Everett	5.00	C. D. Smith	100.00
W. M. Howell	5.00	W. H. Lathinghouse	10.00
W. J. Dupree	25.00	B. B. Deans (wil raise)....	100.00
J. C. Moye (will raise)....	100.00	W. R. Coats (will raise)....	100.00
O. Turner	20.00	W. B. Harper	10.00
C. G. Pope	5.00	J. R. Peel, paid	1.00
J. M. Stancill, paid	1.00	M. C. Dunn	10.00
		Total	\$1147.00

Report of Mission Board.

Seeing the deficiency in the mission work in our state, and at the same time seeing the need of a better system through which more of this work may be done, We your committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

1. Be it resolved, That our churches, union meetings and conferences send all money intended for missions direct to the convention treasurer subject to the order of the State Mission Board, and that the same be spent by said board in whatever way will best advance the missionary interests of the state.

2. That our state mission board hold sufficient conference funds to carry on the work. Further it shall be the duty of the chairman of said board to call the committee together at such times and such places and as often as necessary and that he make report of all work done each year at the setting of each State Convention and that the same be sent to the Free Will Baptist paper for publicaion.

3. That we employ a State Evangelist or missionary whose entire time shall be given to the mission work. Further that said evangelist be provided with a fully equipped tent, said tent not to exceed a cost of \$500.00.

S. H. STYRON, Chairman.

D. W. ALEXANDER,

B. B. DEANS,

W. R. COATS,

Mission Board.

Elder Ernest Poston, delegate from the South Carolina Convention, told how the mission work was progressing in his state with the means that they had to work with. He strongly advocated the advisability of the work with a tent and encouraged the work in our state. President Styron spoke of what he had witnessed while he visited the South Carolina Convention and spoke of the mission work as our future hope. Elders Everett, Valentine and others strongly urged pushing the work and the imperative need of the same.

After considerable discussion mainly favoring the report of the Board, the same was adopted and the Board continued for another year.

Devotional Committee report that W. F. Walters preach tonight. Convention called off till 8 o'clock a. m., Thursday.

Elder E. T. Phillips was to deliver an address at 3 o'clock on the Ministry, but owing to the rush of business and the congregation having largely dispersed the address was omitted.

THURSDAY'S SESSION.

Convention met as per adjournment. Praise by congregation. Prayer by Elder W. H. Lathinghouse. Minutes of Wednesday read and approved.

Bills Allowed Paid.

The following accounts were allowed and ordered paid:

Railroad expenses of individuals investigating site for Orphanage as follows: J. F. Casey \$2.10; W. R. Coats \$2.80; J. E. Davis \$1.70; W. J. Braxton \$3.00; M. C. Prescott (two trips) \$7.80. Total \$17.40.

S. H. Styron to South Carolina Convention \$8.25.

For attending meetings in regard to revising the Discipline as follows: R. F. Pittman \$1.50; S. H. Styron \$1.25; W. J. Braxton \$2.50; W. A. Jackson \$2.40. For Stenographic work on revision of Discipline \$1.50. Total \$9.15. Ayden F. W. B. Printing Company for blank notes and certificates \$2.50.

Reports from the various bodies composing the Convention were called for and presented. (See the statistical table.)

Resolution by C. G. Pope.

Resolved, That we ask the various conferences and associations of the state to make the State Convention, the chief executive body of the state. Adopted.

Resolution by M. C. Dunn

Resolved, That this body recommend to the various conferences that they insist upon the churches putting forth greater efforts toward raising funds for our retired ministers. Adopted.

Moved, that a committee of one from each conference be appointed to see that all resolutions and motions passed by this Convention be duly presented to their respective conferences. Adopted.

The following were appointed:

From the Western Conference.—J. C. Griffin.

Central.—H. L. Swain. Eastern.—W. B. Everett. Cape Fear.—W. A. Jackson.

.....Election of Officers.....

The old officers were re-elected for the ensuing year as follows: S. H. Styron, President; J. F. Casey, Vice-President; C. K. Dunn, Treasurer; E. T. Phillips, Recording Secretary; M. C. Prescott, Field Secretary.

Report of Educational Board.

We, your Board of Education beg leave to make the following report:

In the first place we are not in a position to make a report of the work done along educational lines throughout our state from the fact that said work is not being done through the State Board. However as far as we can ascertain, the work is making some progress.

The work that we are doing at present along this line is confined to the school at Ayden, which institution has done and is doing an inestimable amount of good. The work of the school last session was as follows:

Collected during the year \$3,651.24. Expenses \$4,401.24. Deficit \$750.

There was an old debt of \$300.00 included in this deficit, which leaves an actual deficit of \$450.00. Number of students last year 69. Ministerial 8. Graduates 9. We have no record of the amount paid for educational purposes and from what source for the reason given above.

In our observation we find that three recommended actions are timely, viz.

1. That we centralize our efforts by doing our work through the State Board.
2. A higher curriculum and better equipments.
3. That we make arrangements to get the school in the country.

R. F. PITTMAN, Chairman.

After some discussion by Prof. Sawyer and others, the above report was adopted.

The following were elected to constitute the Board for the ensuing year: R. F. Pittman, Chairman, B. P. Parks, H. L. Swain and C. K. Dunn.

Educational Address by Prof. J. E. Sawyer.

At 11:50 a. m., Prof. Sawyer, Superintendent of the Seminary, delivered an address on the subject of Education. He spoke of the importance of education from a moral and financial standpoint. With the proper moral training temperance and every other virtue will be advanced. The greatest tragedy on earth is a dwarfed mind and a dwarfed soul. Education trains the greater possibilities. He spoke of the importance of self reliance attained by education and skill. Education must create a spirit of reverence for God and man. Then a spirit of altruism. We need education to develop our natural resources. The greatest resources in our state are our boys and girls. We are not able not to develop our natural resources in our boys and girls. Our material wealth in the state has wonderfully advanced with the wonderful advance of education in our borders. Our wealth has been advanced in leaps and bounds since moral training and intellectual culture have played such a part in our wonderful progress for the past few decades.

It has been proved that mixing brain and matter would perform wonders in a financial way. It likewise broadens the vision and possibilities of the soul and helps to develop the human being in all worthy tributes.

THURSDAY EVENING.

After an hour's intermission for refreshments, the Convention reassembled. The different agents who had been employed to work for the Orphanage were called upon to make their reports.

Elder Luke Wetherington of the Easter Conference reports that he had collected for the Orphanage in notes \$38.00, in cash \$2.25. Total \$40.25.

Elder D. W. Alexander reports having received in pledges \$30.00, cash \$9.82.

Elder W. R. Coats reports having received \$7.00 in cash. The above reports were adopted.

Report of Work on Revision of Discipline.

We, the committee to revise and unify the discipline beg leave to submit the following report: We met in the town of Wilson and revised the discipline, the same being ratified by the last sessions of the various conferences. Later we have made an effort to unify the Articles of Faith. We have taken the two disciplines now in use and unified the Articles of Faith by taking all articles embraced in the two and placing them under appropriate headings.

Very respectfully,

R. F. PITTMAN,
S. H. STYRON,
W. J. BRAXTON,
W. A. JACKSON,

Committee.

The above report was adopted.

Report of Temperance Committee.

We, the committee on Temperance indorse the report of the committee of 1915, which is as follows:

1. That we follow the Bible injunction in regard to Temperance.
2. That we do not tolerate the use of alcohol in any form as a beverage, and that we recommend the use of grape juice instead of wine for communion services.
3. That we put forth strong efforts to eliminate the use of alcohol from our land as a beverage.
4. That we teach, preach and practice sobriety in all things.
5. That we who compose this body favor national prohibition.

M. C. PRESCOTT,
N. D. WIGGS,
D. W. ALEXANDER,

The report of the Temperance Committee was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS IN REGARD TO THE PUBLISHING COMPANY

The following resolutions were offered and adopted by the Convention:

1. That we recommend to the various conferences and associations in the state that they purchase from the stockholders of the Ayden Free Will Baptist Printing Company the interests of the stockholders in the same in a satisfactory manner, that the controlling interests of the company may be in the hands of the different Conferences and Associations of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

2. That the Convention name a committee of one from each conference to present this matter to their respective conference.

The following were named: From the Central.—W. J. Braxton. Eastern.—M. C. Prescott. Cape Fear.—W. A. Jackson. Western.—R. F. Pittman.

The following were appointed as a National Committee: A. T. Dawson, C. K. Dunn, J. E. Sawyer, G. W. Prescott, W. F. Walters.

On motion we ask Bro. A. R. Flowers to purchase a ledger for the use of this Convention and that the Convention bear the expense of the same. (Carried.)

Report of the Sunday School Board.

We, the State Sabbath School Board beg to submit the following:

Whereas, the Sabbath School is recognized as the most potent factor in the civic, moral and religious development of the youth of our state and denomination, and being cognizant of its essentials to good church membership, have drafted the following data.

We have in the four conferences, Eastern Central, Western and Cape Fear approximately 145 Sabbath Schools with a membership of about 8,000 pupils and 500 teachers. As a whole there appears to be more enthusiasm in these schools than ever before and with more perfect organization we feel the interest and membership could be greatly increased.

As to the work in the Associations in the Western part of the state, we are unable to make any report.

For the furtherance of the Sabbath School cause, we advise the appointment of a Sabbath School Board in each conference, and we advise also that each conference may appoint a similar Board for each union meeting district.

A. R. FLOWERS, Ch'm. S. S. Board.

P. S.—We are pleased to note that the Woman's S. S. Home Mission and L. W. L. of the 5th Union of the Eastern Conference has raised about \$1,000 for the Cape Fear Conference alreadyshrdlu hrdlu hrdludlurdldrdludlululu for beneficent purposes. The Cape Fear Conference already has a Sunday School Board.

A. R. F.

The above report was adopted.

— The following were elected Sunday School Board for the ensuing year: A. R. Flowers, Chairman, W. B. Everett and W. B. Nobles.

Report of the Alumni Association of The Seminary.

The Alumni Association organized at last session of the State Convention collected \$100.00 the past year. The same has been expended on making improvements on the campus and buying furniture for the school build-

ing with the exception of \$30.00. The council voted that this amount should be used in putting desks in Prof. Sawyer's room.

Voted a magazine for the school. Report was adopted.

Resolution by W. F. Walters.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Seminary be advised to build barracks on the Seminary campus to meet the present emergencies. Adopted.

Address by H. L. Swain.

At 3:05 p. m., Attorney H. L. Swain made an address. Subject. A Systematic Form of Government for the Free Will Baptist. He started out by asserting that the man was supreme in his business relations. No two are alike. People have to delegate their powers. Men surrender to government, but do not give up their power. Religion must be one grand principle. Yet it must be carried on in a business like way. Government needs to be united. Union gives strength. Religion must be organized. Shall the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina be organized into one body? When the church speaks we hear. We are by organizing getting strength to fight the devil. The grand principle is that the church is the head of the denomination. Ours is the congregational system of government and not the ecclesiastical. But there must be a strong cord of hearty co-operation binding us together as one man. A power like the mighty avalanche or flood that carries all before it.

The address of the young attorney was well received and approved.

Treasurer's Report.

On hand at beginning of Convention year, for Convention purposes \$91.03.

To Secretary for services	\$15.00
To Printing Minutes	54.25
Printing Circular Letters	5.00
On hand to balance	16.78

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Balance on hand for Convention purposes.....	\$16.78
Received at this Convention for Convention purposes..	58.11

Total on hand	\$74.89
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Balance on hand for Missions.....	\$ 8.25
Received at this Convention for Missions.....	24.32

Total for Missions	\$32.57
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On hand for Education	\$12.25
Received at this Convention for Education.....	20.05

Total for Education	\$32.30
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On hand for Convention purposes	\$74.89
For Missions	32.57

For Education	32.30
Total on hand for all purposes.....	<u>\$139.76</u>

Respectfully submitted,

C. K. DUNN, Treasurer.

The treasurer's report was adopted.

Delegates to Different Bodies.

Prof. J. E. Sawyer was elected to attend the South Carolina State Convention, and Elder J. C. Moye, his alternate.

Elder R. F. Pittman was elected to attend the National Convention at Pattonburg, Mo., and E. T. Phillips, his alternate.

Voted that railroad expenses to the above named places be paid to the delegates attending.

On motion we ask the brethren to take up the matter of sending these delegates in the various churches collect the money and forward to the delegates right off to better enable them to attend. The Pattonburg Convention comes off about the last of December, 1916. The South Carolina Convention next fall 1917.

On motion the Secretary have as many minutes printed as the finances will permit and distribute them among the various churches in the State as he may see best. Further that he be allowed \$15.00 for this and other work that he may do of a similar nature during the year.

A vote of thanks was extended to the community of the town of Arthur where the Convention was held, for its very generous hospitality extended to the Convention while in session.

After singing, 'Blest be the tie that binds, etc., prayer was offered by Elder J. W. Valentine, and the Convention adjourned to meet on Tuesday following the second Sunday in September, place to be designated by the Executive Committee.

S. H. STYRON, President.

E. T. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

P. S.—The Executive Committee will meet at some appointed place in the near future, select the place of the meeting of the next Convention, select some one to preach the introductory sermon, arrange a program and attend to such other business as may come under their observation. They are the Convention between its meetings. E. T. P.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE

**CONVENTION OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST.**

Preamble.

We, the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, assembled, in order to advance, promote and increase the cause of Jesus Christ and to increase, unity and develop the work, do establish and ordain this Constitution for the North Carolina State Convention.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.

This assembly shall be known as the North Carolina State Convention of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of Jesus Christ.

Article II.

Section 1. The officers of the Convention shall be President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Field Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Committee a State Board of Missions, a State Board of Education, and a State Board of Sunday Schools, elected annually by the Convention.

Section 2. The Convention shall be composed of all the ordained and licensed ministers in good standing and teaching no other doctrine than that taught by the Original Free Will Baptist, living in the State of North Carolina, one delegate from each church in good standing, one delegate from each Union Meeting, and one from each Conference or Association for every 1000 members of fraction thereof.

Article III.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over each session, preserve order govern the body according to established parliamentary usage and appoint all committees, unless otherwise provided for by the Convention.

Section 2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be the duties of the President when that officer is not present.

Section 3. The duties of the Recording Secretary shall be to keep an accurate record of the transactions of the Convention and preserve the same, to keep all valuable documents of the Convention and surrender same to his successor in office when ordered to do so by the Convention.

Section 4. The duties of the Field Secretary shall be to correspond with those desirous of knowing anything pertaining to the work of the Convention. He shall also from year to year prepare a statistical table showing the increase in membership, church property and other data pertaining to the work of the church. He shall read same at each session of the annual Convention, and shall refer the same to the Recording Secretary for record.

Section 5. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to keep all money belonging to the Convention and pay out the same only by order of the Convention when said order is signed by the President and Secretary, except money raised for Home Missions, which shall be paid out by order of the Home Mission Board when said order is signed by the Chairman of the Board.

The Treasurer of the Convention shall also be Treasurer of all the Boards and Committees of the Convention.

Section 6. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be the duties of the Convention when not in session; said committee shall have the power to call extra sessions when in its judgment such sessions become necessary; said committee shall have power to suspend any officer of the Convention when that body is not in session and said officer or officers prove a failure in his

or their official duties or prove to be non-Christian in his work, or detrimental to the cause of Christ, and appoint others to fill said vacancies and any other vacancy which may occur from various causes and all officers thus appointed shall hold office until the next regular Convention. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President of the Convention as Chairman, the chairman of the Home Mission Board, the Chairman of the Sunday School Board, the chairman of the Educational Board and one or more to be appointed by the Convention.

Article IV.

Section. 1. The Home Mission Board shall be composed of one member from each conference or association belonging to the Convention. The Home Mission Board shall look after the home missions in the State. It shall have the power to appoint state and district Evangelists and Missionaries.

The Vice-President shall be chairman of the Home Mission Board. The Board shall elect three members to act as Executive Committee to meet quarterly and attend to Home Mission work, with what aid the other members can give. The Board may collect and use all money belonging to the Convention intended for home missions, using such money within the bounds of the Convention. The Treasurer of the Convention shall be a member of the Home Mission Board and shall pay all orders when signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Board, when there is home mission money with which to pay.

The Convention may at all times devise ways and means to increase the support home missions.

Section 2. The duties of the Board of Education shall be to look after the educational interests of the church and young ministers.

Section 3. The duties of the Sunday School Board shall be to look after the interests of the Sunday School work in the state, and they may put a field worker in the field to encourage and promote the Sunday School cause. They may devise ways and means for the support of said field worker. One duty of the field worker shall be to prepare a statistical table of the number enrolled and any other data in the interest of Sunday Schools he may deem proper, and make an annual report of same to the Convention.

Article V.

Section 1. The Convention shall have no power that is not granted by this Constitution, which shall not be changed or altered only by a two-thirds vote of all members present in a regular session.

Section 2. This Convention shall have a right to say who shall become members, and shall have a right to exclude any member, conference or association from its fellowship for false doctrine, departing from faith, or for non-Christian conduct.

Section 3. The Convention shall not admit for membership, any minister, church or conference or association that does not teach and practice the doctrine and usage of the Original Free Will Baptist Church.

The Convention shall provide itself with a seal, said seal to be placed on all official papers.

Article VI.

Section 1. The duties of delegates shall be to attend each session of the Convention, answer to roll and serve on committees when appointed.

Section 2. Delegates shall have the right to speak on any subject before the Convention, by first addressing the President and obtaining the floor.

Section 3. Each delegate will be expected to bring a collection from the body he represents for Home Missions, Education and Convention purposes.

Delegates guilty of non-Christian conduct shall be expelled from the Convention and be reported to the body that sent them.

Article VII.

Section 1. The following committees shall be appointed at each session of the Convention: Condition of church in General, Temperance, Credentials, Ways and Means, and any other that from time to time may be needful.

Section 2. The order of business shall be:

1. Song.
2. Prayer.
3. Introductory Sermon.
4. Recess.
5. Calling Convention to order by President, or in his absence, Vice-President, or Secretary.
6. Calling for corresponding letters, reading same, enrolling delegates and calling the roll.
7. Report of Field Secretary.
8. Appointment of Committees.
9. Report of Executive Committee.
10. Election of New Committee.
11. Report of State Board of Missions.
12. Election of New Board of Missions.
13. Report of Board of Education.
14. Election of New Educational Board.
15. Report of Sunday School Board.
16. Election of New Sunday School Board.
17. Election of Officers.
18. Unfinished business.
19. New business.
20. Miscellaneous.
21. Report of Committees.
22. Treasurer's report.
23. Convention report.
24. Adjournment.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS.

Churches	Counties	Superintendents	Secretaries and their Post Office	No. Teachers		No. Classes		Total No Enrolled		Males	Females	Amt raised during year
Goldsboro	Wayne	B. P. Parks	W. F. Tilton, Goldsboro, N. C.	7	7	151	55	96			\$ 85.00	
Casey's Chapel	Wayne	I. Grant	Miss Mabel Grant, Goldsboro, N. C.	6	6	97					15.00*	
Pleasant Hill	Wayne	W. F. Pittman	Hettie Erry, Pikeville, N. C.	4	4	30					5.00	
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	J. H. Williams	Wm. Hinnant, Pikeville, N. C.	3	3	40					15.00	
Union Grove	Wayne	E. O. Snipes	W. C. Sasser, Kenly, N. C.	4	4	78	38	40			65.29	
Spring Hill	Wayne	R. P. Johnson	Lilly Brock, Goldsboro, N. C.	3	3	50	25	15			15.00*	
Marsh Swamp	Wilson	A. R. Flowers	E. B. Deans, Wilson, N. C.	4	4	68	31	37			40.00*	
Little Rock	Wilson	J. S. Edwards	Wiley Lamm, Lucama, N. C.	4	4	103					30.00	
Saint Mary	Wilson	J. R. Narron	Zilpha Evans, Kenly, N. C.	3	3							
Kenly	Johnston	Howard Watson	Mrs. Eddie Flowers, Kenly, N. C.	6	6	180	78	102			225.00	
Holly Springs	Johnston	J. H. Johnson	Jno. Pittman, Kenly, N. C.	4	4	85					15.00	
Pleasant Plain	Johnston	O. P. Rose	Patterson Brown, Selma, N. C.	3	3	63	23	41			5.00	
Pine Level	Johnston	D. U. Oliver	H. A. Crumpler, Pine Level, N. C.	6	6	110					40.00	
Bethel	Johnston	C. J. Thomas	W. W. Stanley, Four Oaks, N. C.	3	3	50	20	30			10.00	
Everetts Chapel	Johnston	R. H. Joyner	C. R. Beling, Clayton, N. C.	3	3	86	40	46			45.00	
Rock Spring	Nash	Isaac D. Boswell	Melton Manning, Bailey, N. C.	5	3	71	27	44			15.00*	
Bailey	Nash	I. D. Boswell	J. P. Bunn, Bailey, N. C.	3	3	75	30	45			25.00	
Shady Grove	Sampson	J. H. Willis	Miss Carrie Jackson, Dunn, N. C.	4	4	185					40.00	
Corinth	Sampson	G. T. Tew	Will C. Strickland, Dunn, N. C.	3	3	57	20	37			5.93*	
Oak Grove	Sampson	C. E. Lee	Annie Godwin, Newton Grove, N. C.	4	4	79	29	50			23.40	
Roberts Grove	Sampson	S. F. Jackson	Miss Cora Jackson, Cooper, N. C.	3	3	71	30	41			12.00	
Prospect	Garnett	R. McLeod	J. H. Parker, Duke, N. C., R. 2.	4	4	85					15.00	
Ayden	Pitt	Prof. R. B. Spencer	Miss Nancy E. Dail, Ayden, N. C.	6	6	75	34	41			50.00	
Winterville	Pitt	W. B. Nobles	George Rouse, Winterville, N. C.	4	4	60	20	40			19.00	
Reedy Branch	Pitt	J. A. Griffin	Miss Sallie Vincent, Grenville, N. C.	4	4	34	20	14			15.00	
Gum Swamp	Pitt	E. D. Hathaway	G. C. Brewer, Bethel, N. C.	3	3	59	17	42			12.00*	
Arthur	Pitt	A. B. Tyson	Anna R. Willoughby, Bell Arthur, N. C.	3	3	45	15	30			23.45	
Saint Mary	Craven	J. F. Robinson	E. L. Mallard, New Bern, N. C.	4	4	118					75.00	
Friendship	Craven	D. P. Whitford	Mrs. Mary E. Toler, Askin, N. C.	4	4	80	40	40			4.51	
Davis Shore	Carteret	W. F. Willis	Miss Rosa Willis, Davis, N. C.	5	5	80	30	50			100.00	
Russels Creek	Carteret	L. L. Springle	J. H. Morton, Beaufort, N. C.	7	7	64	36	28			82.00	
Arapahoe	Pamlico	Hugh Rawls	Mrs. Alsie Dixon, Arapahoe, N. C.	5	5	101	34	67			12.00	
Whaley's Chapel	Jones	A. J. Taylor	J. J. Sanderson, Richlands, N. C.	3	3	51	33	18			8.11	
Friendship	Jones	J. H. Mallard	C. B. Andrewss, Trenton, N. C.	4	4	64	27	34			8.00*	
Union Chapel	Beaufort	L. H. Taylor	Miss Bertha Dixon, Chocowinity, N. C.	3	3	75						
Sound Side	Tyrell	John S. Brickhouse	E. B. Armstrong, Columbia, N. C.	9	9	123	70	53			23.01.	
Roanoke Grove	Martin	Cleveland Gardner	R. B. Fagan, Dardens, N. C.	3	3	30						

*The star show the churches that are not using F. W. B. Literature.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches	Counties	Delegates	No members	Value of church property	Expended for all purposes	Mission fund	Educational fund	For Convention purposes
Goldsboro	Wayne	B. P. Parks	106	\$1500.00	\$290.00	\$.50	\$.50	\$1.00
Stony Hill	Wayne	J. J. Bivens	65	1000.00	16.00			.50
Casey's Chapel	Wayne	I. Grant	84	600.00	125.00			1.00
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	W. F. Pender	148	3000.00	75.00			1.00
North East	Wayne	By Letter	159	2500.00	100.00	.25	.25	.50
Pleasant Hill	Wayne	By Letter	75	1000.00	35.00			1.00
Antioch	Wayne	By Letter	57	800.00	50.00	.50		.62
Union Grove	Wayne	F. A. Morris	131	1250.00	235.54			1.00
Spring Hill	Wayne	R. P. Johnson	60	1000.00	175.00	.50	.50	.50
Saint Mary	Wilson	J. R. Peel	150	700.00	400.00			.50
Aspian Grove	Wilson	J. N. Gardner	92	700.00	150.00			1.00
Marsh Swamp	Wilson	Robert Flowers	138	1200.00	250.00			2.00
Little Rock	Wilson	M. C. Dunn	221	1500.00	300.00			1.00
Saratoga	Wilson	Miss Mary Strickland	200	2000.00	200.00	.50	.50	.50
Rosa Bud	Wilson	By Letter	32	1000.00	25.00			1.00
Kenly	Johnston	D. B. Sasser	154	1700.00	200.00			1.00
Holly Springs	Johnston	W. G. Pittman	137	500.00	75.00			1.00
Pleasant Hill	Johnston	By Letter	83	500.00	50.00	.50	.25	.25
Piney Grove	Johnston	By Letter	106	825.00	125.00	.50		
Bethel	Johnston	R. E. Thomas	130	1000.00	90.00			1.00
Pine Level	Johnston	K. C. Woodard	167	2500.00	225.00	1.00		1.00
Evevrett's Chapel	Johnston	By Letter	63	850.00	455.47	.50	.25	.25
Bailey	Nash	J. I. Renfrow	52	2500.00	150.00	.50	.50	.50
Rock Spring	Nash	By Letter	50	1000.00	75.00	.50	.50	.50
Floods Chapel	Nash	By Letter	40	900.00	60.00			.50
Free Union	Nash	By Letter	20	50.00		1.00	1.00	1.00
Corinth	Sampson	By Letter	49	500.00	40.00		1.00	
Oak Grove	Sampson	By Letter	53	400.00			1.00	
Robert's Grove	Sampson	By Letter	63	700.00	60.00			1.25
Shady Grove	Sampson	W. B. Dudley	400	2000.00	200.00			2.00
Sweet Gum Grove	Pitt	C. G. Little	110	1500.00	250.00		1.00	.50
Gum Swamp	Pitt	R. A. Parker	250	1500.00	250.00			2.00
Greenville	Pitt	Wm. Harris	30	3000.00		.50		.50
Winterville	Pitt	W. J. Braxton	67	800.00	108.00	.50		.50
Rose Hill	Pitt	Mrs. Sophie Hardee	175	1000.00		.50		.55
Arthur	Pitt	C. D. Smith	72	1000.00	250.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Black Jack	Pitt	W. B. Harper	340	1000.00	200.00	1.00		1.00
Piney Grove	Pitt	T. E. Little	120	900.00	125.00			1.00
Elm Grove	Pitt	By Letter	130	700.00	150.00			1.00
Bethany	Pitt	M. Beppard	220	600.00	200.00			1.00
Ayden	Pitt	George Dail	134	2000.00	200.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Reedy Branch	Pitt	D. C. Davenport	251	2500.00	250.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Kings X Roads	Pitt	W. C. Moore	67		85.00	1.00		.70
Spring Branch	Greene	W. J. Dupree	108	1000.00	85.00	1.00		.50
Harrell's Chapel	Greene	By Letter	103	1000.00	75.00		.45	
Little Creek	Greene	By Letter	104	1500.00	140.00	2.00	1.00	1.00
Hull Road	Greene	A. T. Dawson	275	2500.00	300.00			2.00
Arapahoe	Pamlico	L. B. Dunn	212	1500.00	200.00	.50	.50	1.00
Saint ary	Craven	By Letter	121	5500.00	1475.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Friodship	Craven	W. J. Stillely	61	500.00	80.00			1.00
Sound Side	Tyrrell	A. W. Brickhouse	127	1000.00	260.00			1.33
Malachi's Chapel	Tyrrell	H. L. Swain	212	1500.00	250.00	.50	1.00	1.00
Otter's Creek	Edgecomb	B. Dildy	49	750.00	140.00	.50		.50
Davis Shore	Carteret	By Letter	90	3000.00	270.00			1.00
Russell's Creek	Carteret	By Letter	120	1000.00	175.00	.50	.50	.66
Union Chapel	Washington	By Letter	42	500.00				.65
Mount Olive	Washington	By Letter	141	600.00	125.00			1.00
Corinth	Martin	By Letter	68	900.00	80.00	.50	.50	.50
Roanoke Grove	Martin	By Letter	75	1000.00	125.00			1.00
Prospect	Harnett	By Letter	57	800.00	20.00	.25	.25	.50
Dailey's Chapel	Lenoir	By Letter	152	1250.00	100.00	.95	1.00	1.00
Whaley's Chapel	Jones	By Letter	121	1000.00	50.00			1.00
Friendship	Jones	L. F. Andrews	130	1000.00	200.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Snow Hill	Duplin	By Letter	71	1000.00	125.00	.50	.50	.50
Free Union	Beaufort	James Webster	134	300.00	100.00	.80	.80	.75
Union Chapel	Beaufort	By Letter	230	500.00	200.00	1.00	1.20	1.00
Smyrna	Beaufort	By Letter	117	500.00	150.00			1.00
Third Union	West. Con.	J. W. Reaves						1.00
First Union	West. Con.	A. J. Fitzgerald						
Second Union	West. Con.	J. Tugwell, D. C. Davenport						.50
Western Conference		C. R. Davis						



