

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
STATE CONVENTION

OF THE
FREE WILL BAPTIST OF NORTH CAROLINA

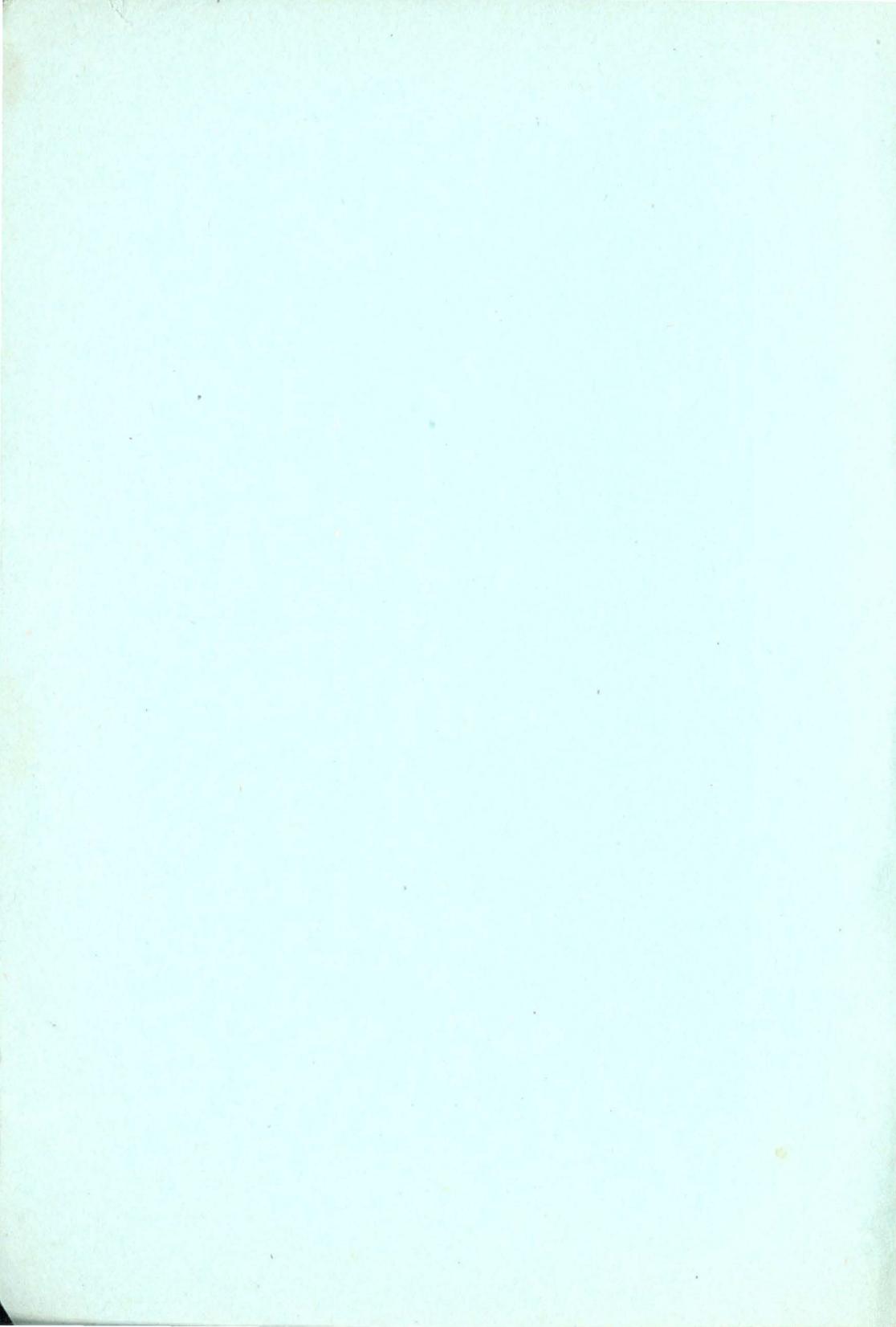
HELD AT
PINE LEVEL, JOHNSTON COUNTY, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Sixth State Convention of the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina met with the church at Pine Level, N. C., on Tuesday, September 11, 1917. Services were opened by singing and prayer by Elder R. F. Pittman. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. T. Phillips, of Ayden, N. C.

Text: Ephesians 4:30. "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

TUESDAY EVENING.

The Convention was called to order by the president at 1:30 P. M. Prayer by Rev. F. L. Harris, of Kinston, N. C.

The following ministers were enrolled from the different bodies:

Eastern Conference.—F. L. Harris, M. C. Prescott, S. H. Styron, J. L. Davis, L. H. Wetherington, W. B. Everett, W. W. Lewis, J. E. Sawyer.

Central.—J. C. Moye, D. W. Alexander, R. E. Edmonson.

Western.—W. M. Howell, N. B. Wall, R. F. Pittman, J. R. Morris, Robt. Henderson, B. B. Deans, A. R. Flowers, J. E. Davis, B. P. Jones, A. B. Utley, E. C. Morris, J. H. Whitley, E. T. Phillips, N. D. Wiggs, J. C. Griffin, A. Wells, W. A. Benson, J. W. Valentine.

Cape Fear.—H. R. Faircloth, J. F. Casey, D. C. Johnson, Ezekiel Westbrook, E. J. McCoy, D. R. Ennis, W. R. Coats.

Rock Fish.—A. B. Peavy.

Visiting Brethren.—Rev. Ira. Waterman, delegate from the Co-Operative General Association of Free Will Baptist and State Evangelist of the State of Missouri was present and made welcome. He responded with a few very timely remarks that were heartily received.

The following delegates were enrolled from the various bodies:

Eastern Conference.—H. C. Banks, W. R. Sawyer, L. B. Dunn, J. J. Blizzard, Miss Georgia Cayton, W. A. Mills, W. M. Stille, A. H. Outlaw, Mrs. Alice Lupton, Mrs. Minnie Oglesby, J. P. Benson.

Central.—Joe Tugwell (Second Union), J. J. Jones, W. J. Braxton, A. T. Dawson, G. W. Dail, E. Alexander, A. W. Brickhouse, W. J. Reynolds, J. W. Dixon, Mrs. Mattie Manning, John Beppard, L. E. Coley, W. H. Moore, J. F. Harrington, R. L. Wetherington, J. A. Flanagan (Second Union).

Western.—W. W. Rose, Zennie E. Cox, Henry Watson, Mrs. E. F. Joyner, J. R. Narron, G. L. Scott, J. C. Collins, C. G. Pope, J. E. Flowers, Jno. W. Bryan, E. G. Holland, Joe Hare, A. G. Spivey, Jno. Wellons, Jesse Capps.

Cape Fear.—J. T. Davis, W. H. Waters, Kirby West, J. S. Wade, O. Taylor, Z. Taylor, N. R. Lewis, Craven Lee, W. H. Martin, W. D. Grant, T. S. Godwin, J. D. Moye.

At 2 o'clock P. M., the welcome address was made by Rev. S. H. Styron, pastor of the local church. He assured all present that they were most

heartily welcomed and that the people of the town and the members of his church were receiving the Convention with open hands and extended arms, that the place was theirs during their sojourn in the community.

A very short but appreciative response was made to the address of welcome by Rev. A. R. Flowers, of Sims, N. C.

On motion all resolutions to be offered be submitted in writing.

At 2:30 P. M., suggestions as to resolutions to be offered and general ideas were advanced as follows:

Elder J. H. Whitley spoke of the importance of our people having a general system of work alike among all our people everywhere. Elder D. W. Alexander spoke of the State Convention, stating that it should be the chief executive body of our people. The importance of a young people's organization was stressed by Elders A. R. Flowers and R. F. Pittman.

A system or plan to cause our membership to be more liberal was discussed by Elders A. R. Flowers, M. C. Prescott and others. Eld. J. E. Davis stated that with the right principles established in the hearts of professors they would be liberal. Elder A. B. Utley spoke of the importance of getting our people to be more enthusiastic in raising means for the various purposes of our church. Laymen W. R. Sawyer and W. J. Braxton made pointed remarks on the same line. Rev. Ira Waterman of Mo., spoke of the very great necessity of having our people under one general system of work. That all be governed by one treatise and thereby bring about a universal system of faith and practice. Surely we must all see this and work to this end for the greatest harmony and success. G. W. Dail spoke of the importance of sustaining our paper, published at Ayden, N. C. The morning offering was urged by W. J. Braxton and D. W. Alexander.

The following were appointed a Finance Committee:

Elders J. C. Griffin, E. C. Morris and L. H. Witherington.

Convention adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Song by the choir. Prayer by Elder A. B. Peavy.

TUESDAY NIGHT.

A large congregation met in the church at 7:45. Several songs were sung by the choir and the congregation. Devotional services conducted by Rev. S. H. Styron. The opening exercises were followed by a sermon delivered by Elder W. B. Everett, pastor of St. Mary church of New Bern. Subject: "The Duty of Pastor and Church." The speaker portrayed in unmistakable terms every conceivable duty of a pastor toward his flock. Following this, the church came in for her part which was delineated with all the clearness, earnestness and zeal that the occasion demanded. Everett is a live wire for the success of the church and the building up of the Master's Kingdom. This he has abundantly proved by his untiring work in New Bern and in localities as well.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Met at the appointed hour. Prayer by W. H. Waters, of Goldsboro, N. C.

Report of the Executive Committee.

According to a call of President S. H. Styron, the Executive Committee of the State Convention of F. W. B. of North Carolina, met in Goldsboro on March 21, 1917.

Those present at meeting were S. H. Styron, J. F. Casey and R. F. Pittman. In the absence of A. R. Flowers, one of the committee, Bro. W. B. Everett, of New Bern, was called to committee pro tem.

A motion was passed to add Rev. B. B. Deans to the Trustees of the Orphan home.

By vote of committee the Convention is to be held at Pine Level, N. C. Rev. W. R. Coats, of the Cape Fear Conference is to preach the introductory sermon and Rev. W. B. Everett is his alternate.

S. H. Styron, W. B. Everett and R. F. Pittman were appointed a program committee. There being no further business, the committee adjourned subject to a call of the President.

S. H. STYRON, President.

R. F. PITTMAN, Secretary.

The above report was adopted.

Report of Trustees of the Orphanage.

We, the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage that is being conducted at Middlesex, N. C., beg to report as follows:

We met in the town of Wilson early in the year and elected an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee then met in Goldsboro some time later, discussed and adopted the Constitution, By-Laws, etc., pertaining to the government of said Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. CASEY, Chairman.

J. E. DAVIS,

W. R. COATS,

W. J. BRAXTON, Treas.

M. C. PRESCOTT, Sec.

Board of Trustees.

The above report was adopted.

On motion an auditing committee be appointed to look over the books of the treasurer of the Orphanage and report at the present sitting of this Convention. The following auditing committee was appointed: J. C. Griffin, W. B. Everett and A. R. Flowers.

Report of Collecting Agents for Orphanage.

D. W. Alexander of the Central Conference reports that he has received during the year 1917 \$153.82; 10 per cent commission allowed him \$15.37. Leaving \$138.45 paid to W. J. Braxton, Treasurer.

Submitted, D. W. ALEXANDER.

J. E. Davis of the Western Conference reports as follows:

Received in cash \$131.32; good notes \$33.50; fruit trees \$5.50; total \$170.32.

Submitted, J. E. DAVIS.

Elder B. B. Deans, a volunteer agent of Middlesex, N. C., reported that he had received \$445.75 that was in the Bank at Middlesex, subject to the order of the Board.

B. B. DEANS

L. H. Witherington appointed for the Eastern Conference, reports that his work had not been in the Conference for which he was appointed. Collected \$43.60.

W. R. Coats appointed for the Cape Fear Conference, reports that he collected during the past year \$71.55.

Submitted, W. R. COATS.

The above reports were adopted, the amounts having been placed at the disposal of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage. The above amounts and others from willing workers are reported from the treasurer's report as vouched for.

Report of the Auditing Committee of the Book of the Treasurer of the Orphanage.

We, your Auditing Committee find that the following amounts have been received by the treasurer and are on deposit, subject to the order of the Trustees.

Paid in through the hands of W. J. Braxton.....	\$ 452.93
M. C. Prescott	266.55
J. E. Davis	170.82
D. W. Alexander	138.45
W. M. Howell	51.25
W. R. Coats	71.55
L. H. Wetherington	43.60
R. F. Pittman	10.00

Total received by Treasurer	\$1205.15
Amount received by B. B. Deans in bank	445.75

Total receipts	\$1650.90
Total disbursements	251.48

Balance on hand	\$1399.42
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Respectfully submitted,

A. R. FLOWERS,

J. C. GRIFFIN,

W. B. EVERETT,

Committee.

The report of the auditing committee was adopted.

Eld. D. W. Alexander of the Central Conference offered his resignation as collector for the Orphanage. The resignation was accepted.

Elder L. H. Wetherington offered his resignation as collector in the Eastern as his work was mainly out of that conference. His resignation was accepted.

ADDRESS BY ELDER M. C. PRESCOTT.

Subject:—"The Orphanage and its Needs."

At the hour of 11 o'clock Elder Prescott made a stirring appeal for our Orphanage that is under construction at Middlesex, N. C. He read Mark 10:13-17 as a foundation for his remarks. Jesus here said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven." He referred to our School, Printing Establishment, Mission Work and other important factors, but he claimed that the Orphanage was one of the most important institutions for our denominational life. He emphasized the work that was being done by other similar institutions and claimed that we could not lightly pass over this matter and feel that our skirts were clear. "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these my brethren ye did it not unto me." Do we not gather the idea? It is time for us to be up and doing. Elder Deans has given land worth \$2,000 and is a benefactor worthy of the highest praise. Would to God that we had plenty of generous hearted people like Bro. Deans. That is what we need, a universal spirit of liberality kindled in every church and every home, a general blaze of enthusiasm for our Orphanage that will not be smothered till the desires of the promoters of this institution are fully accomplished and its permanency fully established.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Evening session opened with song.

Report of Treasurer of Mission Fund.

On hand for Missions	\$ 67.70
Received at the present session	57.25
	\$124.95

The above report was adopted.

Report of Mission Board.

There has been no action taken by the Mission Board. However there is some funds in the hands of the treasurer, which has been reported by him.

Respectfully submitted, J. F. CASEY.

The report above given was adopted.

Elder B. B. Deans spoke of the great importance of the mission work.

Elder S. H. Styron emphasized the great importance of the Mission money being sent direct to the Mission Board. It should be sent to C. K. Dunn, treasurer of said Board at Ayden, N. C.

The following was set forth by Prof. A. R. Flowers and endorsed by the Convention:

The Mutual Endeavor Union.

The purpose of The Mutual Endeavor Union of the Free Will Baptist

church, shall be to train the young Christian in the essentials of church activities, to edify in the giving of scriptural knowledge; to be a safeguard against secular delusions; to maintain purity of life and conduct, and in all, to increase spirituality.

Officers.—The officers shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary, treasurer, a conductor of devotional, literary and social exercises; a censor, a soliciting committee, a finance committee, a relief committee and special committees according to the needs of each local organization.

On motion a committee of three be appointed with A. R. Flowers as chairman to frame a Constitution and By-Laws for the government of the Mutual Endeavor Union.

Elders R. F. Pittman and J. E. Sawyer were appointed to act with Prof. Flowers as the above mentioned committee.

On motion Elder A. R. Flowers be made Editor of the organ of the Mutual Endeavor Union and that Elder R. F. Pittman and Sister Alice Lupton be made associate editors.

On motion Elder W. B. Everett be made Financial Agent for the Orphanage in the Eastern Conference, and that he be allowed to appoint sub-agents as he deems proper. At 3:30 P. M., the Convention adjourned.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Met at 7:45. Song and prayer service led by W. B. Everett, of St. Mary's church of New Bern, N. C.

Prof. J. E. Sawyer's Address.

Subject:—"Young People's Place in the Church." At the appointed hour Prof. J. E. Sawyer, Superintendent of the Ayden Seminary came forward and delivered a very able address from the above named subject. He stated that he was glad to be present and that he felt proud of the honor conferred upon him by the program committee. He came to bring a great message of hope to the young who were launching out on the great sea of life.

He told of the wonderful achievements of the past in arts, science and literature. He wanted to show the young people that there was still something for them to do. He wanted to show to the aged that there was more for their sons and daughters to do than there appeared to them to do. It is a great mistake to look upon youth as a mere "play time." To quote the speaker, "I tell you young folks that there is just as hard thinking for us to do as there is for older ones, when we face this wonderful century with its varied calls and avenues opening to us on all sides. Aye my young friends there is even harder thinking for us to do." Great problems are confronting us and it is for the young people to solve them. The conditions that have been producing great wealth have become corrupt. It is the duty of the rising generation to correct them. The great question should be not how much a wealthy man gave, but what means did he use in accumulating this wealth. Men who obtain great wealth by dishonest means should be branded as rascals and thieves unfit for the association of

decent folks." "The call that comes to us is for consecrated wealth, not a call to the further development of get-rich-quick schemes."

The speaker emphasized the importance of physical cleanliness and health. We are getting back to the ideas of the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held "that a beautiful and good soul in a sound, strong body was the goal of their education." The age is calling for men who are strong in both body and mind. The cigarette habit, the drink evil and other abominations are sapping the life out of the young manhood of today. There should be a vigorous protest against these evils.

The age is calling for men of honor. Honor made it possible for the martyrs to go smiling to the scaffold or the burning stake. It is a great thing to feel that we have done our part faithfully and well that God has assigned to us.

Education.—"Never before in the history of the world has there been a greater call in the field of education. Men are looking for young men and women of training to take responsible places in their stores, shops and homes. A good practical education with a good trade left to your children is a greater legacy than great wealth." Not only the training of the mind, which is but a partial education, but the training of the heart and soul.

Mastery.—The age is calling us to Mastery. "It is a glorious thing for a man to be able to stand up and say of a truth, 'I am master of some thing.' 'I can make my living anywhere, for I am master of my trade.' The trouble with many is they have a smattering of many things and are really proficient in nothing. There is a chance for mastery by every youth, let them grasp the opportunity.

Church Work.—We are being called into church work for higher ideals, for a greater social purity, for a closer and more consecrated care for the poor and needy, and finally into the work of Christianizing the world. The work is only just begun. The best history remains to be written. The best things have not yet been found out. It is the duty of each and every one of us to help bring about these glorious results.

The address was closed with a quotation from Burns, the poet. "For a' that and a' that." The above is but a brief synopsis of the address that abounded in rich thoughts and many impressive illustrations.

After the address, a collection was taken for the M. E. U. Society and \$50.00 raised.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Convention opened by singing and prayer by E. J. McCoy. Reports from the churches were taken up and referred to the Finance Committee. The committee met in one of the Sunday School rooms and received the reports while other business was being transacted by the Convention.

Elder R. F. Pittman made a report of his trip to the Co-operative Association of the Free Will Baptist, which met near Plattensburg, Missouri.

Elder Pittman's Report of Visit.

Having been appointed by the State Convention of North Carolina to attend the Co-operative General Association of Free Will Baptist of the Uni-

ted States, held with Philadelphia church, near Plattensburg, Mo., the last of December 1916. I attended and was accorded a hearty welcome. An organization was effected and the work of bringing our people together. By-laws and a Constitution were adopted, also articles of faith, church government, etc. A college was established also a paper in the West, both free of debt.

My expenses to and from the Association were \$67.58. Received for said purpose \$64.07, leaving a balance due me of \$3.51. However, there is due the estate of E. E. Dail, deceased \$37.50, which he furnished that I might be enabled to make the trip. This leaves the Convention due \$41.01.

The above report was adopted by the body and the \$41.01 ordered paid.

Rev. Ira Waterman, State Evangelist of Missouri, made a report as Secretary of the Missouri State Association. He spoke of the great number of Free Will Baptist in the West. He put forth a plea for the complete unification of our people in form as well as spirit. He spoke of the importance of all Free Will Baptist everywhere having the same book of treatise. He told of a Free Will Baptist college in the State of Oklahoma worth \$30,000 that was free from debt. Told of the New Morning Star, a paper that was published at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, in the interest of our denomination. Emphasized the importance of having certain days set apart for specific objects, as educational days, mission days, orphanage days, etc.

He described the work of Sister Esterbrook as a foreign missionary and told of her wonderful achievements. He explained an annual minister's certificate and of how they cut out those in his part of the country who failed to be useful, not referring of course to those who had worn out in the service. He strongly urged a general national union among all true Free Will Baptist. A hearty rising vote of thanks was extended to Bro. Waterman.

On motion the Moderator appoint a committee from each conference to present a resolution from Bro. Waterman. The following were appointed:

For Eastern Conference.—W. M. Stilley, W. B. Everett, M. C. Prescottt.

Central.—W. J. Braxton, A. T. Dawson, D. W. Alexander.

Western.—A. R. Flowers, B. B. Deans, J. E. Davis.

Cape Fear.—W. R. Coats, E. J. McCoy, D. R. Ennis.

Rock Fish.—A. B. Peavy.

Collecting or Financial Agents for the Orphanage were appointed in the different Conferences as follows:

Eastern.—W. B. Everett, of New Bern.

Western.—J. E. Davis, Pikeville, N. C.

Central.—G. W. Dail, Ayden, N. C.

Cape Fear.—W. R. Coats, Four Oaks, N. C.

Rock Fish.—A. B. Peavy, Parkton, N. C.

On motion the money that was raised on Wednesday night following the address of Prof. Sawyer, amounting to \$50.00 for the launching of a publication for the young people's Society, to be known as the Mutual En-

deavor Union, be turned over to the treasurer of the State Convention, subject to an order from the editor of the said publication.

Report of Educational Board.

Not having an opportunity to get a report from the treasurer of the Seminary, we are unable to make a definite report of the amount received during the year; but report that the receipts were not sufficient to meet the needs of the school. To begin work there were 27 enrolled last year, this year there were 45, showing an increase in attendance and also increasing the needs of the institution. Realizing this need, we offer the following to this body:

1. That this Convention endorse the movement of the Financial Agent in raising \$50,000 for the school by 1920; also that we assist in any plausible way in raising this amount.

2. That we take immediate steps in making provision for the present emergency in that of providing places to take care of the students now in school and others who may enter.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. PITTMAN, Chairman.

R. F. Pittman the Financial Agent for the Seminary made a strong plea for the school and pledges were signed to be paid within three years amounting to several hundred dollars. Cash receipts amounted to near \$100.

THURSDAY EVENING.

In the beginning of the evening session, Mrs. Alice Lupton, of New Bern, made a very interesting address to the Convention. Subject, "Woman's place in the Church." Her remarks were very timely and appropriate. She showed how the Ladies Aid Society and other organizations of the ladies in the church had done much toward the betterment and building up of the cause in many localities, also the necessity of a general enlistment among the ladies in every church and community for the good of society and for the progress of Christ's kingdom on earth.

Report of Sunday School Board.

To the State Convention of Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, Greeting:

While there yet remaineth a great deal for the Sabbath Schools to accomplish, it is gratifying to know that through the efforts of our boards and the Sabbath School workers, our Sabbath School interest has increased during the past year to approximately eight per cent in attendance and ten per cent in organization.

When compared with the Sabbath School systems of other denominations in the state ours shows second to none. The organization of our local boards, gives the system a decided advantage over other systems in the fact of concentration; and we feel that when the local boards have become acquainted with the work that the interest will be greatly increased from year to year. It is the purpose and hope of the board to place a Sabbath School in every church and at all mission points in the state. It expects

to establish Sabbath School missions at points where schools can be organized and maintained. And to establish this the board asks the hearty cooperation of all ministers and Sabbath School workers.

Submitted by A. R. FLOWERS, Ch'm.

The above report was heartily endorsed by the Convention,

Resolutions on Missions.

In view of the great need of mission work in our state, we your committee make the following report:

Be it Resolved. 1. That each minister be requested to raise 10 cents per capita from the membership of their respective churches, same to be forwarded to the state treasurer as collected.

2. That the Mission Board be requested to use the money thus sent in for the purpose of extending the cause in new fields and in rebuilding old places if it seems practical to revive them.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. STYRON,
D. W. ALEXANDER,
W. R. COATS,
R. B. DEANS,

Committee

The report of the mission committee was adopted.

Report of the Editor of The Free Will Baptist

Received by the Publishing Company for the past year	\$4,612.59
Disbursements	4,429.62
Receipts above disbursements	\$ 182.97

Paid on old debts \$725.81. Received stock from churches amounting to \$479.68. Paid out of the earnings of the company on old debts \$246.32. The circulation of the paper has increased during the past year from 1900 copies each week to 2,700. Yet only \$1400 has been received on subscription, showing a great deficit on account of non paying subscribers. He showed how the work had been handicapped because there had never been enough paid up stock to pay for the machinery that was necessary to operate the plant. He also spoke of the pressing demand for still better equipment in order to do the work that is vitally necessary for the success of the company and for the good of the denomination.

On motion the pastors of the churches be requested to appoint a worker in each church to solicit subscriptions to the paper and do other work for the Publishing Company that may be beneficial.

Delegates to Different Bodies.

To the South Carolina Convention.—Elder W. B. Everett.

To the adjourned session of the Co-operative General Association, to meet with Northview church, near Tecumseh, Oklahoma at 7:30 P. M., on

Wednesday, December 26, 1917.—R. F. Pittman, Prof. J. E. Sawyer; W. B. Everett, alternate for Sawyer.

OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

The following were elected:

S. H. Styron, Pine Level, N. C., President; B. B. Deans, Middlesex, N. C., Vice-President; C. K. Dunn, Ayden, N. C., Treasurer; E. T. Phillips, Ayden, N. C., Recording Secretary; M. C. Prescott, Reelsboro, N. C., Field Secretary.

Educational Board.—R. F. Pittman, Ayden; C. K. Dunn, Ayden; A. T. Dawson, LaGrange; B. P. Parks, Goldsboro; A. B. Peavy, Parkton.

Mission Board.—B. B. Deans, Chairman, Middlesex; S. H. Styron, Pine Level;; D. W. Alexander, Bethel; W. R. Coats, Four Oaks; R. F. Pittman, Ayden.

Sunday School Board.—A. R. Flowers, Chairman, Sims; W. B. Everett, New Bern; W. B. Nobles, Winterville; J. E. McCoy.

Standing Board of Trustees for the Orphanage.

J. F. Casey, Chairman, Goldsboro; J. E. Davis, Pikeville; W. R. Coats, Four Oaks; W. J. Braxton, Winterville, Treasurer; M. C. Prescott, Reelsboro, Secretary. For Executive Committee see Constitution, Article 3, Section 6.

A. T. Dawson was appointed to go to the Central Conference to ask that resolutions passed by the State Convention relative to the mission fund going through the hands of the State Mission Board be adopted by that body and other matters that may demand similar attention, the same request being made last year.

On motion the ministers and delegates present the matter of collecting funds to pay the expenses of delegates to the Co-Operative Association in Oklahoma to their churches. Collect what they can and forward the same to C. K. Dunn, treasurer, at Ayden, N. C. The means should be sent in between now and the middle of December.

Report of Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee report as follows:

Received at this sitting of the Convention the following amounts:

Mission Fund	\$ 57.25
Educational Fund	62.33
Convention Fund	79.50
Orphanage	18.85

Total \$217.98

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. GRIFFIN, Chairman,

J. T. BEDDARD,

L. H. WETHERINGTON,

E. C. MORRIS,

Committee.

The report of the Finance Committee was received and the committee discharged.

Treasurer's Report.

On hand for Missions	\$ 67.70
Received at this Convention	57.25
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Total	\$124.95
On hand for Convention purposes.....	
Received at this Convention	\$ 79.50
On hand for Education	38.80
Received at this Convention	62.38
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Total on hand	\$101.18
Received for Orphanage	18.85
Received for Mutual Endeavor Union	50.00
Received fund to pay delegates expenses	3.00
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C. K. RUNN, Treasurer.

The report of the treasurer was adopted.

On motion the Secretary have as many minutes printed as the finances will allow. Distribute the same to the best advantage as he may see fit and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services.

On motion the Articles of Faith be printed in the minutes.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the community of Pine Level church for the very liberal and generous way they have cared for this Convention.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the moderator for the very excellent manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Convention.

On motion we write to the old ministers who could not be with us an expression of esteem and tender regards for their past faithfulness and devout services.

The Convention adjourned to meet on Tuesday after the second Sunday in September, 1918, at a place to be designated by the Executive Committee.

After song service, prayer was offered by Elder J. R. Morris.

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 meeting of the next convention, select some one to preach the introductory sermon, arrange a program for the meeting and attend to such other business as may come under their observation. They are the Convention between its meetings.—E. T. P. . . .

THURSDAY NIGHT.

A large congregation met in the church at 7:45. Song and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. E. C. Morris, of Clayton, N. C.

Rev. Ira Waterman, of Eldrige, Mo., preached a sermon that will long be remembered by those who had the privilege of hearing, from the text found in John 3:4, "How can a man be born when he is old?"

Bro. Waterman is a large man physically, mentally, and we have great reason to believe spiritually. He believes that the only way to be a Christian is to be born one. He preached this on Thursday night with great vigor.

**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 or fraction thereof.

Article III.

Section I. 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 Con-

vention. 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 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 of 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.
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.

ORPHANAGE RECEIPTS.

The following amounts were sent in from various places for the Orphanage:

Kenly church, Johnston county	\$ 5.00
Barnes Hill, Nash county .....	.85
Shady Grove, Sampson county	5.00
Bethany, Pitt county	1.00
Sweet Gum Grove, Pitt county	3.00
Sound Side, Tyrrell county	2.00
Rev. E. B. Joyner, Plymouth, N. C.	2.00
Total sent to the Convention for Orphanage.....	\$18.85

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches	Counties	Delegates	Number members	Value church prop.	Expen. all purposes	Mission fund	Educational fund	For Con. purposes
North East	Wayne	By letter	159	\$2500	\$125	\$.25	\$.50	\$.25
Saint John	Wayne	J. D. Moye	50	800	60	1.00		
Casey's Chapel	Wayne	W. D. Grant	90	800	125	.75	.75	.50
Walnut Creek	Wayne	J. W. Rollins	50	400	45	.50	.75	.75
Stoney Hill	Wayne	L. R. B. Combs	70	1000	100			.50
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	John W. Bryan	143	3000	50	.50	.50	.50
Goldsboro	Wayne	W. H. Waters	110	2500	375	1.50	1.50	1.00
Watery Branch	Wayne	L. E. Coley	120	1200	150	.50	.50	.50
Black Jack Grove	Wayne	By letter	24	200		.25	.25	
Spring Hill	Wayne	J. E. Flowers	84	1000	165	1.00	1.00	.50
Union Grove	Wayne	C. G. Pope	143	1500	17g	.50	1.00	.50
Pleasant Hill	Wayne	By letter	75	1000		.50	1.00	.50
Saint Mary	Wilson	J. R. Narron	149	1000	160	.25	.25	.50
Little Rock	Wilson	By letter	221	2000	300	2.00	1.00	2.00
Aspin Grove	Wilson	By letter	92	700	150			.50
Marsh Swamp	Wilson	J. R. Boykin	119	2000	201	1.00	2.00	2.00
Holly Springs	Johnston	E. G. Holland	143	650	170			.50
Rains X Roads	Johnston	Wiley Rose	192	1500	120			2.00
Everett's Chapel	Johnston	Zella Joyner	52	800	140	.50	.50	.50
Hopewell	Johnston	Frank Davis	100	1000		1.00	2.15	1.00
Micro	Johnston	F. Wellons	163	2000	230	.50	1.00	.50
Princeton	Johnston	Jesse Camps	63	500	175	.50	1.00	.50
Stancill's Chapel	Johnston	Joe Hare	65	1000	25	.50		.50
Bethel	Johnston	C. J. Thomas	140	800		2.00	1.00	1.00
Saint Mary's Grove	Johnston	By letter	42	600		1.00	.50	.50
River Side	Johnston	W. H. Martin	60	1000	180	.75	.75	.50
Branch Chapel	Johnston	G. L. Scott	30	250		.25	.25	.50
Pleasant Plain	Johnston	D. H. Terrell	89					.50
Piney Grove	Johnston	A. G. Spivey	124	800	110			.40
Kenly	Johnston	Henry G. Watson	150	2000	310	2.00	2.00	1.00
Pine Level	Johnston	T. P. Oliver	192	2000	500	1.50	2.00	1.50
Barnes Hill	Nash	By letter	68	900			.50	
Mount Zion	Nash	By letter	115	800	175	1.00	1.00	1.50
Oak Grove	Sampson	N. R. Lewis	82	500	100		3.00	.50
Corinth	Sampson	Z. Taylor	62	800	125	.70	1.00	.50
Shady Grove	Sampson	Kirby West	386	2000	329	3.00	3.00	1.25
Lees Chapel	Sampson	T. S. Godwin	126	1000	150	.50	.50	.50
Roberts Grove	Sampson	By letter	61	800	100		1.00	1.00
Bethany	Pitt	D. H. McLawhorn	200	500	175	1.00	1.00	1.00
Black Jack	Pitt	J. W. Dixon	365	5000	200	1.00	1.00	2.00
Winterville	Pitt	Mrs Mattie Manning	60	1000	175			1.00
Piney Grove	Pitt	By letter	185	1500	150	.50	.50	.50
Elm Grove	Pitt	J. T. Beddard	130	1000	175		1.00	1.00
Reedy Branch	Pitt	J. F. Harrington	377	2000	357			1.00
Cross Roads	Pitt	By letter	69		140	.50	.50	.50
Gum Swamp	Pitt	By letter	268	1500	240		1.00	1.00
Ayden	Pitt	G. W. Dail	134	2000	200	1.00	1.00	1.00
Marlboro	Pitt	W. H. Moore	187	1500	325	1.00	.50	.50
Sweet Gum Grove	Pitt	J. J. Jones	126	1500	225	1.00	1.00	1.00
Greenville	Pitt	By letter	46	3000	291	2.00		
Rose Hill	Pitt	By letter	175	1000			1.00	.80
Howell Swamp	Greene	By letter	203	2000	300	1.00	1.00	1.00
Grimsley	Greene	By letter	100	2000	175	1.00	1.00	1.00
Hull Road	Greene	A. T. Dawson	308	1800	250			4.00
Spring Branch	Greene	By letter	115	1000	100	1.00		.50
Harrell's Chapel	Greene	By letter						1.75
Arapahoe	Pamlico	L. B. Dunn	230	1500	200	.50	.50	1.00
Trent	Pamlico	W. R. Sawyer	200	2000				1.00
Bethel	Pamlico	By letter	178				.50	.50
Saints Delight	Craven	W. M. Stilley	78	1500	200		.50	.50
Saint Mary	Craven	Alice E. Lupton	149	6000	1835	2.00	2.00	1.00
Bridgeton	Craven	Minnie Oglesby	17	200	200	1.00	1.00	1.00
Sound Side	Tyrell	A. W. Brickhouse	116	1000	250	1.00	1.00	1.00
Malachi's Chapel	Tyrell	E. Alexander	220	700	250		1.00	1.50
Otter's Creek	Edgecombe	Benj. Dildy	48	750	100	.50		.50
Ephesus	Robeson	By letter	81	800	75	1.00	1.50	1.00
Friendship	Jones	By letter	139	1000	200		.50	.50
Whaley's Chapel	Jones	By letter	118	1200	60			1.00
LaGrange	Lenoir	O. Taylor	46	1800	100	1.00	1.00	1.00
Dailey's Chapel	Lenoir	J. S. Wade	52	600	200	1.00	1.00	1.00
British Chapel	Lenoir	By letter	98	1500	300	.50	.50	1.00
Smith's New Home	Lenoir	J. J. Blizzard	154	300	75	1.00		
Mount Olive	Washington	By letter	141	600	125			1.50
Mount Tabor	Washington	By letter	107	1500	125			1.00
Piney Grove	Washington	By letter	93	600	150	.25	.25	.50
Union Chapel	Washington	By letter	42	500				1.00
Bethlehem	Duplin	B. Jones	43	1250	100			2.00
Serecta	Duplin	J. T. Benson	83	500	75	1.00		1.00
Rooty Branch	Duplin	By letter	61	600	61	1.00	1.00	
Snow Hill	Duplin	By letter	72	1000	100			1.50
Sandy Plain	Duplin	A. H. Outlaw	84	1200	100	2.00	2.03	2.00
Beaulaville	Duplin	By letter	55	1250	75			2.00
White Hill	Beaufort	Georgia Cayton	230	1000	200	1.00	1.00	1.00
Union Chapel	Beaufort	W. A. Mills	230	800	266	1.45	1.00	1.00
Free Union	Beaufort	By letter	138	3000	1500			.25
Level Grove	Wake	Z. E. Cox	56	500	65	1.60	1.70	1.00
Roanoke Grove	Martin	By letter	75	1200	125			2.00
Rose of Sharon	Martin	By letter	75	400	50	.50		.50
Davis	Carteret	By letter	94	3000	283	2.00	2.00	1.00
Russell's Creek	Carteret	By letter	123	2000	225	.75	.75	.50
Plain View	Franklin	J. E. Collier	21	500		1.00	1.00	.50
Second Union Cen. Con.		W. J. Braxton, J. Tugwell, Jas. Flanagan.						2.85

Churches	Counties	Superintendents	Secretaries and Their Postoffices	No. Teachers		Total Enrollment		Females	Amt. Raised during year
				No.	Classes	Males	Females		
Saints Delight	Craven	J. C. Jones	A. A. Rowe, Bridgeton, N. C.	5	5	50	23	27	\$11.00
New Bern	Craven	J. F. Robinson	E. L. Mallard, New Bern, N. C.	4	4	82	32	50	75.25
White Hill	Beaufort	J. A. Hardy	Georgia Cayton, Aurora, N. C.	6	6	150	50	100	25.00
Union Chapel	Beaufort	L. H. Taylor	Bertha Nelson, Chocowinity, N. C.	4	4	60	..	..	..
Friendship	Jones	L. H. Mellard	Novella Mallard, Trenton, N. C.	4	4	79	45	34	20.00
Whaley's Chapel	Jones	A. I. Taylor	John I. Sanderson, Richlands, N. C.	2	2	42	23	19	8.50
Arapahoe	Pamlico	Alex Bennett	Nettie Lawrence, Arapahoe, N. C.	5	5	75	15	60	20.00
Trent	Pamlico	A. C. Armstrong	Mrs. Carrie Spruill, Merritt, N. C.	4	4	50	..	..	..
Maiachi's Chapel	Tyrrell	H. S. Swain	J. L. Swain, Jerry, N. C.	9	9	120	65	55	50.00
Sound Side	Tyrrell	A. W. Brickhouse	E. B. Armstrong, Columbia, N. C.	11	11	130	71	59	39.44
Roanoke Grove	Martin	Luke Sykes	Bruce Fagan, Dardens, N. C.	3	3	40	20	20	..
Mount Tabor	Washington	J. A. Ambrose	Richard W. Furlough, Caswell, N. C.	4	4	75	30	45	10.00
Piney Grove	Washington	H. W. Dunbar	Louis Davenport, Creswell, N. C.	4	4	40	15	25	5.00
Lavel Grove	Wake	M. D. Smith	E. C. Pierce, Apex, N. C., Route 2	3	3	69	40	29	8.97
Mount Zion	Nash		W. H. Manning, Nashville, N. C.	3	3	53	36	17	..
Barnes Hill	Nash	J. H. Vandiford	Lee Bane, Nashville, N. C., Route 1	4	4	16	7	9	7.00
British Chapel	Lenoir	Geo. P. Pate	Ben Hill, Kinston, N. C., Route 6	7	7	91	54	37	12.00
LaGrange	Lenoir	G. F. Williams	Nannie Braxton, LaGrange, N. C.	5	5	65	10	55	30.00
Smith's New Home	Lenoir	Fernie Davenport	Amos Hall, Deep Run, N. C.	3	3	90	40	50	15.00
Rooty Branch	Duplin	C. M. Inghram	Nancy H. Goodman, Mt. Olive, N. C.	4	4	40	15	25	8.00
Bethlehem	Duplin	Bess Jones	E. L. Mobley, Chincoupin, N. C.	3	3	21	7	14	9.14
Sancy Plain	Duplin	Minnie Outlaw	Tobie Mercer, Hallsville, N. C.	4	4	51	23	28	6.65
Beulaville	Duplin	A. D. Williams	Cyrus Thomas, Beulaville, N. C.	4	4	40	20	20	20.00
Ephesus	Robeson	E. G. Sibbett	C. W. Bennett, St. Pauls, N. C.	5	5	100	39	61	15.00
Gum Swamp	Pitt	Eld. E. D. Hathaway	Irma Hathaway, Bethel, N. C.	3	3	45	10	35	12.00
Winterville	Pitt	J. W. Harper	G. L. Rouse, Winterville, N. C.	4	4	50	20	30	20.00
Bethany	Pitt	David Norris	Mary I. McLawhorn, Winterville, N. C.	5	5	40	..	..	25.00
Greenville	Pitt	A. G. Walters	J. W. Jernigan, Greenville, N. C.	5	5	60	20	40	25.00
Reedy Branch	Pitt	C. F. Little	Irene McLawhon, Greenville, N. C.	4	4	40	..	..	15.00
Davis	Carteret	W. F. Willis	Rosa Willis, Davis, N. C.	8	8	65	30	35	85.28
Russell's Creek	Carteret	G. D. Purifoy	L. D. Springle, Beaufort, N. C.	6	6	65	39	26	80.00
March Swamp	Wilson	A. R. Flowers	E. B. Deans, Wilson, N. C.	4	4	47	20	27	20.00
Saint Mary	Wilson	J. R. Peel	J. R. Narron, Kenly, N. C.	3	3	60	25	35	..
Oak Grove	Sampson	C. E. Lee	Lola May Lee, Newton Grove, N. C.	5	5	97	35	62	20.00
Corinth	Sampson	Ida Strickland	N. C. Strickland, Dunn, N. C.	3	3	90	45	45	25.00
Roberts Grove	Sampson	S. F. Jackson	Mrs. Warren Jackson, Cooper, N. C.	3	3	92	44	48	14.79
Lee's Chapel	Sampson	J. H. Williford	T. B. Herring, Dunn, N. C., Route 1	3	3	125	57	78	19.70
Shady Grove	Sampson	J. L. Wilson	Etta Hargrove, Dunn, N. C., Route 6	6	6	175	73	102	26.41
Spring Hill	Wayne	R. P. Johnson	Preston Johnson, Goldsboro, N. C.	3	3	40	15	25	8.00
Stony Hill	Wayne	J. E. Jones	Alma Strickland, Goldsboro, N. C.	5	5	103	48	54	8.18
Casey's Chapel	Wayne	I. Grant	Mabel A. Grant, Goldsboro, N. C.	7	7	80	35	45	40.00
Goldsboro	Wayne	B. P. Parks	Geo. N. Waters, Goldsboro, N. C.	6	6	90	35	55	90.00
Union Grove	Wayne	C. G. Pope	W. C. Sasser, Kenly, N. C.	4	4	75	50	25	..
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	J. H. Williams	William Hinnant, Pikeville, N. C.	3	3	75	35	40	15.00
Riverside	Johnston	John Lawhon	Magdalene Martin, Princeton, N. C.	3	3	84	34	50	15.00
Stancill's Chapel	Johnston	Charley Johnson	W. G. Bailey, Selma, N. C.	3	3	35	20	15	..
Piney Grove	Johnston	James Daniel	Harvey Jones, Kenly, N. C.	4	4	57	32	25	14.50
Hopewell	Johnston	W. J. Alford	Hermon Johnson, Smithfield, N. C.	3	3	96	..	..	..
Kenly	Johnston	Henry G. Watson	J. M. Stancill, Kenly, N. C.	6	6	169	..	..	95.00
Princeton	Johnston	W. A. Wiggs	Mary Davis, Princeton, N. C.	5	5	127	60	67	15.00
Everett's Chapel	Johnston	R. H. Joyner	Varah Joyner, Clayton, N. C.	3	3	83	36	47	44.44
Micro	Johnston	W. H. Jones	Barney Edgerton, Selma, N. C.	5	5	95	53	42	75.00
Rains X Roads	Johnston	W. W. Rose	Cecil Rains, Kenly, N. C.	3	3	39	25	14	12.28
Pine Level	Johnston	Dan U. Oliver	H. A. Crumpler, Pine Level, N. C.	7	7	116	41	75	68.50
Holly Springs	Johnston	W. G. Pittman	Norma Pittman, Kenly, N. C.	3	3	62	22	40	20.00
Spring Branch	Greene	Jno. W. Wooten	Pearl Hollomon, Walstonburg, N. C.	4	4	..	..	..	..
Hull Road	Greene	R. L. Hill	Ina Hill, Snow Hill, N. C.	5	4	100	62	38	20.00

