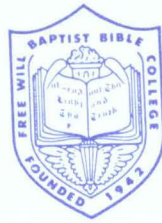


MINUTES
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NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
STATE CONVENTION
OF THE
Free Will Baptist of North Carolina
WHICH CONVENED WITH
BLACK JACK CHURCH, PITT COUNTY, N. C.
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PROCEEDINGS.

The Ninth Annual Session of the State Convention of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, convened with the church at Black Jack, Pitt county, N. C., September 13, 1921.

The Convention was opened with a song service conducted by Rev. R. F. Pittman. A series of prayers were offered, beginning with Rev. J. L. Welch, of Nashville, Tenn., and concluding with Rev. S. H. Styron, of Pine Level, N. C.

Song, "Amazing Grace" was sung and a second series of prayers were offered, beginning with Rev. J. W. Alford and concluding with Rev. W. B. Everett. Two stanzas of "Nearer My God" were sung.

The introductory sermon was preached by R. F. Pittman. Text: St. John 10:10, "I am come that they might have life."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

At 1:30 the Convention was called to order by the President. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Griffin. Rev. Duffy Toler, pastor of Black Jack church, delivered a hearty and enthusiastic address of welcome to the ministers, delegates and friends who were present or who would attend the convention. He emphasized the fact that the doors of the people in the locality were wide open and if any one went away who was not well cared for it would be his or her own fault.

The response to the address of welcome was delivered by Rev. E. C. Morris, of Kinston. He well knew that the Convention has come to one of the best communities in the state. The building was elegant and capacious, the people of the community were blessed with homes of plenty, which was only excelled by their generosity, and he was sure that all in attendance felt that they were highly favored by this glad hour in the history of the Convention.

The president, S. H. Styron, made some very timely remarks in regard to the rulings of the Convention. He asked that he be favored with the hearty co-operation of the entire body.

The president appointed a committee on credentials composed of B. B. Deans, J. W. Alford, and W. M. Howell.

Enrollment of Ministers.

The following ministers being present, their names were enrolled:

EASTERN CONFERENCE:—J. C. Griffin, W. B. Everett, W. W. Cuthrell, Wilson Lupton, Duffy Toler, J. W. Alford, J. R. Davenport, M. C. Prescott, A. H. Outlaw, F. L. Harris, S. H. Styron, J. E. Sawyer, H. M. McAdams, J. W. Webb, W. J. Moore, A. E. Rouse, J. N. Edwards, R. C. Kennedy, H. C. Williams.

WESTERN CONFERENCE:—A. R. Flowers, N. S. Lancaster, W. M. Howell, B. B. Deans, N. D. Wiggs, W. G. Boykin, W. R. Williams, R. N. Hinnant, J. H. Lamb, H. F. Peeden, J. E. Davis, R. F. Pittman, E. C. Morris, E. T. Phillips, A. B. Utley, A. A. Wells.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE:—H. L. Harris, D. A. Windham, C. J. Harris, W. M. Dixon, J. T. Bundy, C. L. Little, D. W. Alexander, R. S. Wooten, W. H. Lathinghouse, T. E. Beaman, W. B. Nobles, J. C. Moye, B.

J. Cash, J. E. Wooten, W. F. Waters, E. L. Abrams, L. W. Wetherington, R. H. Haddock.

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE:—H. R. Faircloth.

ROCK FISH:—M. L. Baxley.

FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION:—G. E. Quinton.

Enrollment of Delegates.

FROM THE EASTERN CONFERENCE:—E. M. Prescott, Lucy Harris, Georgia Cayton, D. S. Waller, W. R. Sawyer, A. L. Taylor, L. B. Dunn, C. M. Suggs, Alice E. Lupton, L. H. Taylor, G. W. Holland, D. C. Wilson.

FROM THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE:—W. L. Clark, J. D. Eason, G. A. Meeks, A. W. Brickhouse, W. A. Liverman, G. W. Bailey, J. F. Hart, Ode Turner, L. A. Fulford, D. C. Davenport, J. C. Campbell, W. H. Moore, R. B. Nobles, E. Alexander, C. G. Little, L. A. Arnold, W. E. Weede, E. C. Hines, A. W. Flake, S. B. Hardy, W. G. Jones, H. J. Brickhouse, Levi Humbles, Benj. Dildy, Henry Webster, Levi Hill, J. T. Beddard, O. N. Gardner.

WESTERN CONFERENCE:—C. Brame, G. L. Scott, J. W. Reaves, C. G. Pope, J. C. Spivey, G. I. Stancill, C. H. Wheeler, Frank Pittman, W. T. Kirby, J. W. Crumpler, T. Hinnant, F. A. Morris, J. E. Jones, W. J. Mitchell, R. P. Johnson, J. C. Bunn, D. B. Sasser, L. M. Batten, Isaiah Winstead.

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE:—O. Taylor, W. H. Barnes, D. H. Williams, B. P. Parks, W. A. Jackson.

ROCK FISH CONFERENCE:—W. L. Strickland, Joseph Waters.

FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION:—J. G. Ramsey.

On motion we accept the report of the committee on credentials recommending the admission of the church at Elizabeth City, N. C.

Enrollment of Visiting Brethren.

Elder J. L. Welch was received as a delegate from the Cumberland Association of Tennessee, also Elder G. W. Polston.

Elder Welch made some very appropriate remarks regarding the work in Tennessee. Told how they had grown from a very few to become an Association of considerable importance, and having sprung from Free Will Baptist in North Carolina, they were looking to us for help and encouragement. Elder G. W. Polston also spoke concerning the work in the Cumberland Association (and expressed his delight at being in the School at Ayden, to further prepare himself for the great work of the salvation of souls.

At this period, mention was made of the illness of Bro. A. T. Dawson, of Kinston, and the body was asked to intercede in his behalf continually, he being one of the great promoters of our various institutions.

Minutes of the day were read and approved. Song No. 151 was sung and prayer was offered by D. W. Alexander.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday night Rev. J. L. Welch, of the Cumberland Association, of Nashville, Tenn., preached one of the greatest sermons ever preached before the Convention. His subject being, "The Macedonian Call." He pictured Paul's vision of a man in need, stating that this man was a man in the midst of multitudes of men. He emphasized the fact that the people of the world are praying to us to carry them the Gospel of "Good News."

The manner in which he delivered this sermon enabled the audience to get a larger vision of the need of the Christ and the furtherance of the Gospel.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Convention opened at 9 o'clock. A thirty minutes prayer service was conducted by J. T. Bundy. Prayers were offered by J. E. Davis, M. C. Prescott and others. Several gave testimonies of their abiding faith in God and their determination to be faithful to the end that they might at last enter into the indescribable joys of their Lord.

Report of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the State Convention was called in regular session in the Free Will Baptist church in Ayden on February 8, 1921. Chairman Styron was absent on account of sickness in his home. Acting chairman Pittman appointed Rev. A. H. Outlaw, of the Eastern Conference to act as Bro. Styron's proxy.

Applications of churches for the next meeting of the Convention were considered. Churches applying were Reedy Branch, Black Jack, and Lee's Chapel. Black Jack won on first ballot. It was then made unanimous by a vote. The committee then considered the Song Book work. Bros. Pittman and Loftin made remarks as to the immediate need of funds with which to get out the Song Book. It was agreed by motion that Bros. Pittman and Loftin go to Chicago as early as possible and arrange with Mr Beaseley for publishing the book. It was moved that this committee borrow the money in the mission treasury to help pay the expense of publishing the song book, provided it became necessary to do so.

The committee voted to instruct the convention treasurer to place all convention monies in his keeping, which he expects to need for ninety days in bank on time deposit so that it may draw interest.

Bro. Pittman was appointed by the committee to preach the introductory sermon at the opening of the State Convention at Black Jack. Committee adjourned.

R. F. PITTMAN, Acting Chairman.

J. E. SAWYER, Secretary.

Meeting in Goldsboro.

The Executive Committee of the State Convention met in the Free Will Baptist church at Goldsboro at the call of the President, Rev. S. H. Styron.

On motion Thos. E. Beaman be elected Secretary pro tem. Motion carried.

On motion Thos. E. Beaman and R. F. Pittman be elected as a publicity and program committee. Motion carried.

On motion this Executive Committee go on record as favoring the move now on foot by the State Sunday School Board to organize a State Sunday School Convention and that we urgently request every Sunday School to co-operate in this important movement. Motion carried.

On motion, the Field Secretary of the Convention be requested to send a letter to every Free Will Baptist in the state urging their co-operation and attendance. Motion carried.

The Chairman appointed Rev. J. C. Griffin as a member of this Execu-

tive Committee since the Convention overlooked the appointment of the member that is to be appointed. See constitution.

The following resolution was adopted.

Whereas, The present method of electing the Board of Trustees of the F. W. B. Orphanage is improper, and whereas the continuation of the present method will seriously affect the success of the Institution.

Therefore be it Resolved, 1st. That article 2 of the rules of order of the said institution be revised to read as follows. That a man shall be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the individual members of this Board as their terms of office expire which shall be when their successors are elected.

2nd. The terms of the members of the present Boards shall expire as follows. At the next setting of our State Convention, A. T. Dawson. Then at each setting respectively as follows: W. W. Ballard, J. W. Alford, Dr. M. Hinnant and B. P. Parks. This is further understood that this article is not to effect the other clauses of said article. And that each member elected in the future shall be elected for a period of five years.

J. C. GRIFFIN, Field Secretary.

The above report was adopted.

S. H. STYON,
THOS. E. BEAMAN,
E. C. MORRIS.

On motion the above reports of the work of the Executive Committee since the last regular session of the Convention be received and adopted.

Several papers were read for the consideration of the body at a later period.

Report of Field Secretary.

To the President, officers and members of the State Convention:

My work as Field Secretary has been confined to writing only. I have tried to communicate with every preacher in the state so far as I could obtain their addresses, urging each and every one to be present at this sitting of the Convention. Have been debarred by circumstances over which I had no control from visiting any of the conferences or associations this summer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. GRIFFIN, Field Secretary.

Report of Church Extension Board.

To the State Convention:

Our work has been but little but very pleasart. We have had one meeting of the Board since last convention, which was held at the home of Bro. Morris in Kinston, at which time we attended to business belonging to our work. We have helped five churches in the crection of buildings and in making payments on property.

I find that several of our churches and preachers pay no attention to our appeal to pay their respective assessments to do extension work, but the work is growing. We are very sorry that our esteemed brother and treasurer, A. T. Dawson, is not able to be with us and make his report.

We recommend that the President of the Convention urge and encourage all churches to pay into the treasury the allotments as arranged by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. GRIFFIN, Ch'm. Ex. Board.

The above report was adopted.

Sister Alice E. Lupton, of New Bern, reported that she was active in the work of the Mutual Endeavor Union, but owing to it being almost impossible to get others of the board together in a meeting, they had so far failed to do much work that had been anticipated.

Visiting brethren of other denominations were invited to seats in the body.

Convention Sermon.

At the hour of 11 o'clock A. M., all was in readiness for the Convention sermon. After prayer by B. B. Deans, the speaker of the hour, Rev. J. E. Sawyer entered into the task that had been assigned him. The speaker chose for his subject, "Nehemiah's vision." Text: Nehemiah 4:6. "For the people had a mind to work." The speaker drew a comparison that was very striking and very applicable to the work that lies out before the Free Will Baptist denomination today. Nehemiah had heard of the desolation of his people. He wept and prayed over the condition of his people in Palestine. He was exceedingly interested in their welfare. Should we not be intensely interested in the welfare of our own people? Necessity moved Nehemiah to lay his case before the king. He was so much impressed that the king saw by his countenance that he was in great distress. Have we become so much interested in our institutions whose walls are broken down, that any man can see that we are in great distress? If we will show this earnestness relief will come to us as it did to Nehemiah. We have the permission to go and build and unlike Nehemiah, we have the means at our command. The only thing in which Nehemiah and his people had the advantage over us today was in the language of the text, "The people had a mind to work." If our people could now catch a real vision of the necessity of the work being accomplished that lies out before them before the next meeting of this convention we would see our college doors swung open for the reception of our young people. It is not a luxury but an actual necessity that is staring us in the face. Shall we have Sanballets and Tobiah's among our people who will ridicule our work and say that we can not build. Shall we stand idly by and see our own children diverted from the faith of our fathers and going after strange gods? Shall we like a set of weaklings be content to see our churches perish for the want of trained men to fill our pulpits and teach our schools? Is it not time for a great awakening among our people from Manteo to Cherokee? The work has begun on our college at Ayden. Shall we build awhile and finally give up the job and let weeds grow over what we have done, and the beginning mock us and shame our pretended progressive spirit as a people? God forbid, we pray. Our Orphanage is not being as well sustained as it should be. Shall fatherless and motherless children say, "We have stretched out our hands for help and it has been denied us?" Shall our printing house go dragging on through the ages unequipped to do the work that we so much need, that of spreading our literature to the ends of the earth. Let us rise up and have a mind to work instead of kick and go about our Master's work in dead earnest. Let us put over the \$250,000 drive for our institutions like men.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Convention opened at 1:30 with song, "I am Thine O Lord." Prayer by W. F. Waters.

Report of State Mission Board.

There has been no definite mission work done during the Convention year. We made an appropriation of \$250 for a mission point in Carteret county, but the plans that were then on foot did not mature, so this amount was not used, though we are hoping to establish this work this year. We have had some calls for assistance which will come before the Board when there can be a meeting held.

R. F. PITTMAN, Chairman.

The above report was adopted.

Report of Orphanage Board.

The Trustees of the Orphanage at Middlesex report as follows: Number of children in the Orphanage 38. Can admit eight more after some material for furnishing the kitchen is purchased.

Value of real property	\$75,000.00
Value of live stock, poultry, etc.....	900.00
Value of furniture and fixtures.....	15,000.00
Value of food supplies	500.00

Total\$77,900.00

B. B. DEANS, Chairman.

B. P. PARKS, Secretary.

The above report was adopted.

Report of the Treasurer of the Orphanage.

The following is the report of the treasurer for past year ending September 13, 1921:

Months.	Collections	Paid out	Balance
October, 1920.....	\$2325.79	\$1170.57	\$1155.22
November, 1920.....	1216.13	1132.04	1239.31
December, 1920.....	2657.97	1132.38	2764.90
January, 1921.....	1637.07	3675.84	626.16
February, 1921.....	467.27	660.00	433.42
March, 1921.....	573.40	536.90	469.92
April, 1921.....	540.63	447.42	563.13
May, 1921.....	471.88	840.99	195.02
June, 1921.....	650.53	534.15	311.50
July, 1921.....	380.60	472.35	217.75
August, 1921.....	536.80	639.69	114.86

DR. M. HINNANT, Treasurer.

The above report of the treasurer was adopted.

Report of the Mutual Endeavor Union Committee.

So far as known the number of organizations in North Carolina is 7. We your committee recommend as follows:

1. That the name Mutual Endeavor Union be changed to that of the Free Will Baptist League.
2. That a committee consisting of one or more be appointed to meet

with the Literature Committee of the Cumberland Association of Tenn., on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1921.

3. That this committee be empowered to act conjointly with the committee of the Cumberland Association in the preparation of the manual and other literature, furthermore that said committee draw up a constitution and by-laws and submit same at the next general conference at Marshall, N. C., Wednesday, before the fourth Sunday in May, 1922, and at the next session of the State Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE E. LUPTON,
GEORGIA CAYTON,
THOS. E. BEAMAN,
J. C. GRIFFIN,
J. L. WELCH,

The above report was adopted.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton was appointed to confer with the Cumberland Association Committee as per above report No. 2.

Rev. J. W. Alford was made delegate to the Cumberland Association.

Bro. C. G. Pope, Superintendent of the Orphanage home, reported that the home was due \$48.00 on a piano that had been purchased some time ago. A collection was raised in the convention for this purpose that amounted to \$55.12.

From the Co-operative to the General Association.

Rev. J. L. Welch spoke of the Co-operative Association partially disbanding and of the formation of the General Conference of the Free Will Baptist of America, which Conference was recently held at Nashville, Tenn. Rev. J. W. Alford spoke of the importance and purpose of the General Conference. The Constitution of the General Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist of America was read by Rev. E. C. Morris.

Resolution (Adopted.)

Resolved that this State Convention of Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, endorse the organization of the General Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist of America, which organization was consummated at Nashville, Tenn., in May, 1921.

On motion, S. H. Styron be elected delegate to the General Conference at Marshall, N. C.

Educational Report.

As the Board of Directors of the Seminary saw fit to close the school for the school year 1920-21, we have no report to make of work done in that period. This step was taken on account of want of equipment. In June 1921, the School Board decided that it would be better for the church if we could at least have a class for those who would like to study for the ministry. Still short in equipment, the Board made the next best move. It arranged with the Ayden High School a combination plan, when the Ayden High School Board and the Seminary Board elected a man jointly, who should give half of his time to the regular High School work and half to the ministerial class, also that the ministerial class should have free access to all the regular high school classes. Under this plan we now have seven students.

In the meantime work on our own building is progressing. We hope

that next year we will be able to conduct our own school for all of our boys and girls who would like to come.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. SAWYER, Ch'm Com.

Convention closed till tomorrow at 3 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE.

Services were conducted by Elder W. B. Nobles. Song No. 21. Prayer by Elder G. E. Quinton. Elder Nobles read the 23 Psalm. Sung No. 201. Bro. Nobles made some very encouraging remarks. Prof. R. B. Spencer was present to fill his place on the program as speaker of the evening. He made a very strong address. He began by making an apology for not being on hand at the last convention to fill his place on the program. He spoke of the convention and the things that had been accomplished as a result of the same. He spoke of the untiring efforts of the president and others. He clearly showed in a forceable manner the necessity of unity of force and purpose, stating that wherever there is united efforts and concentration of strength there is sure to come victory. He showed the need of religious education, and also that denominational schools and colleges were the only means by which such education could be maintained. He spoke of the Ayden Seminary. Mentioned Dr. Peeden and J. E. Sawyer, of the great work they had accomplished in laying the foundation for a great college that was to be erected, springing out of their herculean efforts for the welfare of the denomination for which these men had given the best part of their lives. He said that a consolidation of strength and force among the Free Will Baptist would result in the construction of a college and its maintenance.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Convention was called to order at 9 o'clock. Prayer service was conducted by Bro. Walter Williams.

Report of Song Book Committee.

The Song Book committee beg to report as follows:

According to instructions given by the last session of the State Convention and later by the Executive Committee, we had a song book published for our people at a cost of \$3,325.00 for 10,000 copies, which cost including covers, permission to use songs, new plates, arranging publishing, etc. Some of our people kindly advanced money to make this possible. We had the amount entirely subscribed, but some did not respond when the books were ready, which has made it difficult to meet the payments on books. Also it has made it impossible for us to begin to pay those who advanced money. The various conferences advanced money as follows: Eastern Conference \$500.00; Central \$1,000.00; Western \$500.00; borrowed from Mission funds \$600.00; received from Song Books sold \$600.00. Total received \$3,200.00. Cost of books \$3,325.00, leaving a balance due on books of \$125.00. Besides we are due these men from the various conferences \$2,000.00. As chairman of this committee I gave notes to the men who made this work possible.

We would ask that if this Convention approves our work, that we do all that we can to get our people to purchase the books, so that these men may have their money.

R. F. PITTMAN, Chairman.

The above report was adopted and a vote of thanks was extended to Bros. Pittman and Loftin for their untiring zeal in this work, also that thanks be extended to Bro. Samuel W. Beasley, of Chicago, Ill., who so very ably assisted them in the compilation of the work. Furthermore that we most heartily thank the brethren of the Central, Eastern and Western Conferences, who loaned their money to make the publication of the book possible.

Report of Financial Agent of the Educational Work.

The Financial Agent made a very full report of his work which would fill several pages were we to give the full details in every particular. He reports the following collections for the year. It will be remembered that the Convention put on at its last session a \$500,000 campaign for our institutions. Seventy-five per cent to go to the college, twenty per cent to the Orphanage, and five per cent to the Publishing House. Later the Board decided to cut the amount down to \$250,00, owing to this great business depression that came over the country in the year 1920. So far through his efforts and those of his assistants the following amounts have been raised: J. F. Hart collected on Ayden's pledge for the school \$4,311.00; E. Peston of the Western Conference in cash and notes \$1,940.33; H. LeRoy Harris of the Central Conference, in cash, bonds and notes, \$4,058.00; Lloyd Vernon, of the Eastern Conference in cash, bonds and notes, \$1,287.42; M. C. Prescott on Ayden's pledge and notes, \$5,953.42, making a total collected up to and through May 1921 of \$18,050.22. Since then through an order of the Educational Board an assessment has been sent out to the various churches of the various conferences and the month of September set apart for a rush campaign for the signing of notes that would cover the amount asked for, and the ministers, pastors and laymen have been urged to put the matter over as rapidly as possible, in order that our college building that has been recently started may be completed at as early a period as possible. A united and hearty effort is asked of all who love our Zion and her interests.

At the office of the agent in Ayden is a full account of every detail of his work. Same has also been reported at the various conferences, union meetings, conventions, etc. Every amount contributed and from what source is carefully tabulated. The treasurer's books will also show from whom and to whom all amounts have been received and paid out.

M. C. PRESCOTT, Financial Agent.

The report of the Financial Agent was adopted.

Report of Sunday School Board.

We desire to call attention in the beginning of this report to some exceedingly encouraging facts as to our Sunday School work in general. Since our last report we have made the following gains: In the total number of schools, 20 per cent; in the number of pupils enrolled, 35 per cent; in the "evergreens," or open all the year schools 40 per cent; in contributions to benevolent objects of the State Convention 200 per cent. While this is by no means a bad report, yet we ought not to be content with these facts and figures. The truth in our Sunday School work shows a serious defect; for the trouble is not in gaining new pupils, but in continuing to hold in our schools the people who join them. In other words, our trouble is leakage, the large and constant loss of members. We earnestly urge

our Sunday School workers to give careful and prayerful attention to this situation. All over our land and country among all the denominations great stress is now being laid upon the need for trained and efficient teachers in our Sunday Schools. The day has passed when just anybody can be a Sunday School teacher. Trained and truly prepared teachers is the cry for our educational institutions. So also, thank God, it is fast becoming the cry from our Sunday Schools. In our report blanks, the question was asked the superintendent: Do you favor a Teacher's Training Course? 95 per cent answered, yes, while the remaining 5 per cent did not express themselves either way. We need men and women as teachers who really know the Bible, know it by reason of thorough protracted and intelligent study, and by reason of special training for the work,

Regardless of our handicaps, the outlook for the work another year is very favorable. We as a board anticipate larger and better things. We therefore invite the hearty co-operation of all our people.

REV. E. C. MORRIS, Chairman.

THOS. E. BEAMAN, Field Secretary.

Urgent Recommendation.

In view of the fact that a majority of schools have reported their most difficult problem as being inadequate and inefficient teachers, and that since 95 per cent of the schools was in favor of a Teachers' Training Course; and again in view of the fact that all other denominations have their Teachers' Training Course, we urge that this convention recommend that our denomination maintain a Sunday School Teachers' Training Course, the same to be under the control of the State Board.

E. C. MORRIS, Chairman.

THOS. E. BEAMAN, Field Secretary.

The above Sunday School report and the recommendation following were adopted.

Resolution in Regard to Foreign Mission Work.

In obedience to the command of Jesus to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature and in consideration of our neglect in this important line of Christian duty, also realizing that, be it ever so small, but a sure gradual income for the maintenance of Foreign Missions will encourage some young man or woman to begin preparation for this work and that we can never succeed until we make a beginning,

Therefore, Be it sincerely and prayerfully resolved, That the members of the above named Board urge a liberal contribution from their respective Conferences and Associations and that this Convention elect a Treasurer who shall serve until his successor is elected, whose duty it shall be to receive and place all money for said purpose in a reputable bank on interest to be voted out only by the above named Board for the purpose of sending any person or persons into any foreign field decided upon by said Board and those who may decide to give themselves to this work,

Prayerfully submitted by

A. H. OUTLAW

The above report was adopted.

Address by T. B. Mellette, Subject—Mission Work in N. C.

When the hour of 11 o'clock arrived, prayer was offered by Elder A. B. Utley. Rev. J. C. Moyer introduced T. B. Mellette, who spoke on Mis-

sion work in North Carolina. The speaker took for his text, Romans 1:14, "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise." He clearly established the fact that we as a people should be active in the great work of missions. Christ is the way and he organized this all important work for his followers. The heathen must hear and the command comes from the great head of the church, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Our church in North Carolina must be aroused to its full duty. We can only become the people that God would have us to be by obedience to him who has commanded that we be witnesses for him to the uttermost parts of the world. There should be personal preparation for this great work. Like the wise men we should journey toward the east seeking light. He strongly emphasized the importance of working in the present time. This is all the time that we have and it is our duty to use it to our greatest capacity for we are to give an account of our stewardship. If we are not fruitful by abiding in the branch, we will be cast off and withered. He paid special stress on efficiency in the performance of any task. We can not be too efficient in any task that we may undertake, and specially should we equip ourselves as ambassadors of our Lord.

After the address a collection was taken for Elder J. R. McCaskey, of Winterville, and the sum of \$70.00 was readily raised, as Bro. McCaskey and family are in great need of assistance owing to severe afflictions.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The convention assembled at 1 o'clock. It was at this hour that the convention heard of the serious loss of Jesse Haddock, who but a few hours ago lost his house and contents by fire. A resolution of sympathy was offered and a collection taken for the brother, who has been very active in helping to care for the Convention. Something over \$70.00 was raised.

Resolution About Historian.

Realizing the necessity of the careful preservation of our history for the future generations,

Be it Resolved, That we elect annually a historian.

THOS. E. BEAMAN.

The above resolution was adopted.

The following accounts were allowed and ordered paid: E. T. Phillips for service as Recording Secretary for the year \$25.00; for attendings of the Executive Committee, S. H. Styron \$10.00; J. C. Griffin \$4.14; R. F. Pittman \$7.00.

Constitutional Amendment.

Whereas, the present method of electing members of the Sunday School Board is inadequate, and whereas the continuation of the present method will seriously handicap the future progress of Sunday School work.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, 1. That Art. 1. Sec. 2, of the Constitution be revised to read as follows: "The members of the Sunday School Board be elected for a term of two years."

2. That the terms of office of the present board expire as follows: 1921, D. A. Windham; W. M. Fox; 1922, W. L. Stricklin, W. E. Anderson; 1923, B. P. Parks, W. B. Everett.

Treasurer's Statement.—For Convention Purposes.

Brought to 1920 Convention -----\$.20

Received at 1920 Convention -----	347.22	
Received since 1920 Convention -----	55.20	
Expense to S. H. Styron -----		\$ 6.50
Expense to E. T. Phillips -----		25.00
Expense to A. H. Outlaw -----		58.00
Expense to Printing Co. -----		24.02
Expense to Minutes -----		291.25
Overdrawn -----	\$ 2.15	

For Missions.

Brought to 1920 Convention -----	\$641.11	
Received at 1920 Convention -----	103.00	
Expense to Song Book Committee -----		\$ 79.68
Expense to J. C. Griffin to Alabama -----		48.46
Loan to Song Book Committee -----		600.00
Balance -----	\$ 18.97	

For Education.

Brought to 1920 Convention -----	\$ 7.35	
Received at 1920 Convention -----	141.26	
Paid to G. W. Prescott, Seminary Treasurer -----		\$148.61

For Orphanage.

Received at 1920 Convention -----	\$248.80	
Paid to W. J. Braxton, Treasurer -----		\$248.80

For S. S. Fund.

Brought to 1920 Convention -----	\$669.85	
Received at 1920 Convention -----	56.34	
Received since 1920 Convention -----	452.35	
Paid to printing and stationery -----		\$ 16.00
Paid to S. S. Supplies -----		11.45
Paid to Thos. E. Beaman -----		680.42
Balance -----	\$470.67	

On hand for M. E. U. ----- \$121.02

C. K. DUNN, Treasurer.

The above report of the Treasurer was adopted.

Resolutions for a Better System of Work.

In consideration of a better system of educating our people to see the need of supporting the various boards of the State Convention, and standing by our institutions, we desire to request our churches to set apart one Sunday out of the year for Foreign Missions, Missions, Sunday Schools, Orphanage, and Education as follows:

Fourth Sunday in January, Home Missions.

Fourth Sunday in March, Foreign Missions.

Fourth Sunday in May, Sunday Schools.

Fourth Sunday in July, Education.

Fourth Sunday in October, Orphanage.

Be it Resolved further, That we ask our ministers to preach a sermon on these subjects on the appointed Sundays and urge the support and maintenance of our institutions.

Provided that rural churches who have services only one Sunday in the month, use one Sunday out of the named months for each of the above named subjects.

J. R. DAVENPORT.

F. L. HARRIS.

The above resolutions were adopted and the Secretary asked to see that the schedule be published in the Free Will Baptist regularly that the matter may be constantly before the ministers and the laity as well.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers and Boards were elected for the ensuing year: S. H. Styron, Pine Level, N. C., President; J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C., Vice-President; E. T. Phillips, Ayden, N. C., Recording Secretary; R. F. Pittman, Ayden, N. C., Field Secretary; C. K. Dunn, Ayden, N. C., Treasurer.

MISSION BOARD:—J. C. Griffin, Chairman; A. H. Outlaw, E. C. Morris, Carlisle Jackson, D. W. Alexander, A. B. Peavy, R. V. Self, M. T. Ray.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD:—E. C. Morris, Chairman; W. B. Everett, W. E. Anderson, J. C. Moye, W. M. Fox, B. P. Parks.

ORPHANAGE BOARD:—R. L. Wetherington, Chairman, Winterville, N. C.; J. W. Alford, Dr. M. Hinnant, Treasurer, Micro, N. C.; B. P. Parks, W. M. Ballard.

EDUCATIONAL BOARD:—J. E. Sawyer, Chairman; C. K. Dunn, J. C. Moye, B. P. Parks, A. B. Peavy, D. B. Sasser.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD:—D. A. Windham, Chairman; J. C. Griffin, E. C. Morris, W. W. Ballard, H. R. Faircloth.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD:—A. H. Outlaw, Chairman; W. L. Strickland, W. A. Jackson, W. M. Howell, W. J. Braxton, G. E. Quinton.

J. W. Alford was elected to serve with the others of the Executive Committee as per Article III. Section 6.

D. B. Sasser was appointed to attend the conference in South Carolina.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to the community of Black Jack church for the exceedingly great hospitality that was extended to all who attended the sessions of the Convention.

On motion the Convention adjourn to meet on Tuesday after the second Sunday in September in the year A. D. 1922, at a place to be selected by the Executive Committee.

Benediction by W. M. Howell.

S. H. STYRON, President.

E. T. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

P. S.—Services were held at the church on Thursday night. Rev. A. R. Flowers preached to a full house, but just now we have not the details.—
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 by the Convention, two each year to serve a period of two years.

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 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 same only by order of the Convention, when said order is signed by the President and Secretary, except money raised for State Missions or Sunday School Boards respectively, when said order is signed by chairman of said Board.

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 his 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 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 State Mission Board shall be composed of one member from each Conference or Association belonging to the Convention. The State Mission Board shall look after the State 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 State Mission Board. The Board shall elect three members to act as Executive Committee to meet quarterly and attend to State Mission work, with what aid the other members can give. The Board may collect and use all money belonging to the Convention intended for State Missions, using such money within the bounds of the Convention. The Treasurer of the Convention shall be a member of the State Mission Board and shall pay orders when signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Board, when there is State Mission money with which to pay. The Convention may at all times devise ways and means to increase the support of State 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 doctrines, 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.

Section 4. The Convention shall provide itself with a seal, said seal to be placed on all official papers.

Section 5. Amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws shall be effected only by a two-thirds vote of this Convention. Said amendments shall be on the table at least twelve hours before the vote is taken.

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 State 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. It shall be the duty of all churches to make their reports to the State Convention by sending their church letters with their contributions to the Secretary on or before the first day of September of each year.

Article VIII.

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 Education Board.
15. Report of Sunday School Board.
16. Election of new Sunday School Board.
17. Election of officers.
18. Unfinished Business.
20. Miscellaneous.
19. New Business.
21. Report of Committees.
22. Treasurer's Report.
23. Convention.
24. Adjournment.

"Needed Resurrections The Old time
Christian Religion"

Introduction
not religion of old bible times, but "Christ." Not Rom.
& ~~even~~ Catholic, but Christ. & even back to our fathers
& grand fathers time.

~~I Old Time Religion & Real worship.~~

I In Our Form of worship.

II Domestic Life

III Political Life

IV Social Life

Conclusion

On hand \$125.62
State Home M. Bd.