

MINUTES

OF THE

***EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION***

OF THE

***STATE CONVENTION***

OF THE

***Free Will Baptist of North Carolina***

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

WHITE OAK, BLADEN COUNTY, N. C.

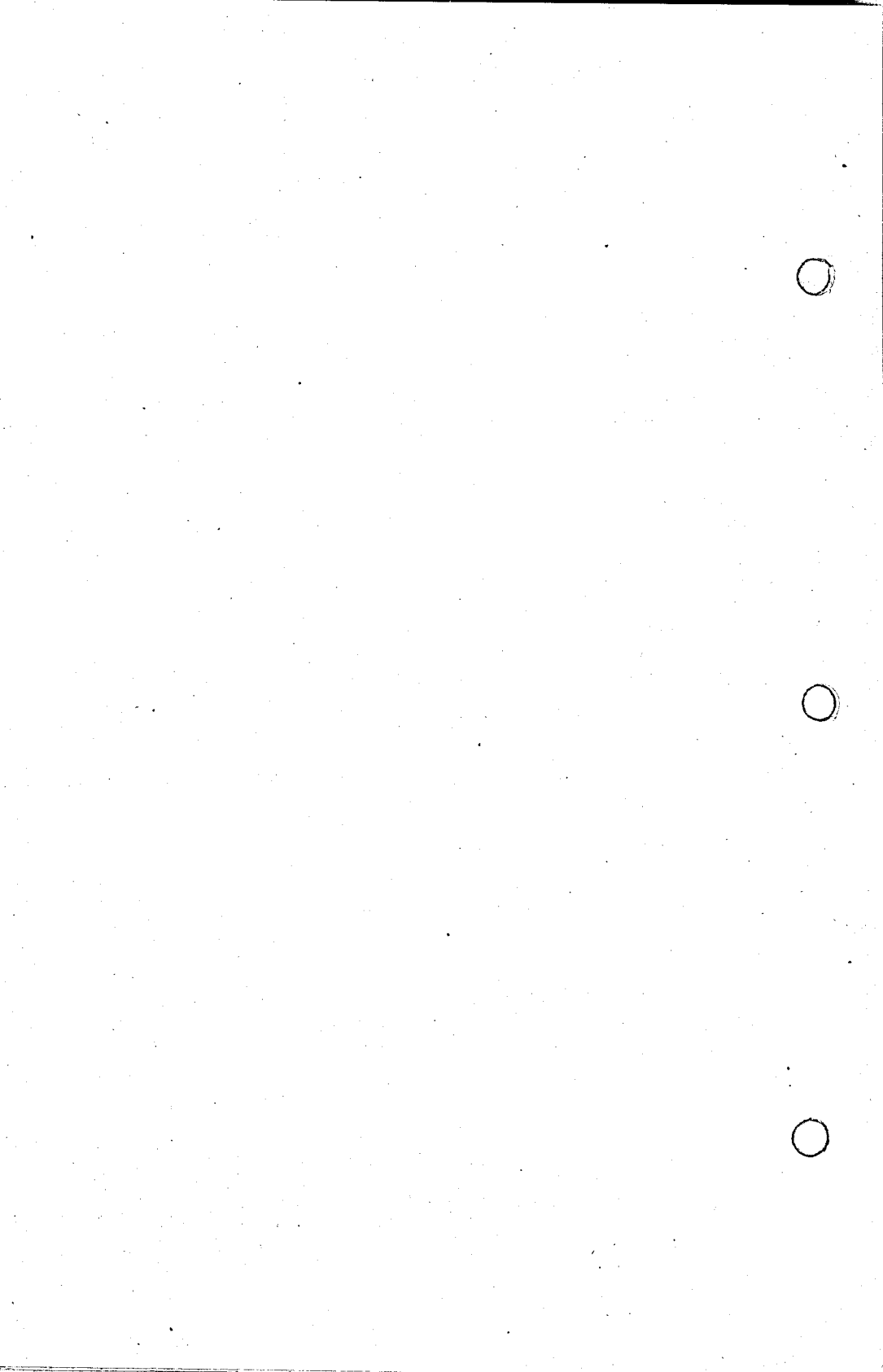
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# PROCEEDINGS

The Eighteenth Annual Session of the State Convention of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina, convened with the church at White Oak, Bladen County, N. C., on September 16th, 1930.

The Convention opened with song service led by Rev. R. E. Tripp of Goldsboro, N. C. The congregation united in singing, "I'll Be There Anyway," this was followed by, "When They Ring the Golden Bells."

A very fervent prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Griffin of New Bern; this was followed by song, "We'll Never Grow Old."

Rev. R. V. Self of Asheville, N. C., who was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, not being able to attend, the introductory was preached by Rev. J. R. Bennett, the Superintendent of the Orphanage, who was the alternate of Rev. Self. He chose for his text: Acts 2:1. "They were all of one accord in one place." Theme: "The Church. He pictured the true church and showed many of the short comings of the present day churches, especially among the Free Will Baptist, laying much of the blame upon an unfruitful ministry.

After the sermon the song, "I Am the Vine Ye Are the Branches," was sung.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Convention assembled in the church at one o'clock. Song No. 9, "I Shall Not Be Moved," was sung by the audience. The audience was then favored with a duet. Song, "Speak Lord" rendered by R. E. Tripp and Clarence Biggs, both of Goldsboro. The old familiar tune, "Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound," was sung with much fervency by the entire congregation. At this time a solo was effectively sung by Bro. J. E. Jones of Goldsboro, "Pearly White City." Prayer was offered by Rev. H. R. Faircloth of Smithfield. This was followed by the song, "When We All Get to Heaven."

## ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS

WESTERN CONFERENCE.—A Lamonds, G. W. Ferrell, B. M. Carter, F. R. Williams, W. R. Williams, E. G. Holland, E. T. Phillips, Cyrus M. Johnson, L. T. Phillips, S. H. Styron.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.—W. E. Anderson.

EASTERN CONFERENCE.—W. B. Everett, J. R. Bennett, Sup. Orphanage, J. W. Alford, L. H. Wetherington.

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE.—H. R. Faircloth, W. H. Lancaster, R. E. Tripp, J. C. Griffin.

PEE DEE CONFERENCE.—E. H. Russ, H. C. Adcox.

ROCK FISH.—R. J. Edwards.

## ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES

WESTERN CONFERENCE FROM CHURCHES.—J. W. Boyette, W. T. Kirby, F. L. Bedford, H. T. Pope, J. A. Jones, J. C. Bunn, Millard Pitt-

man, J. M. Stancill, J. E. Jones, William Pike, W. C. Sasser, L. H. Boykin, J. R. Radford, T. H. Helm, F. T. Barnes, H. Wellons.

FIRST UNION WESTERN CONFERENCE.—J. B. Aycock, Raymond Cockrell, W. T. Cockrell.

SECOND UNION WESTERN CONFERENCE.—Mrs. G. W. Ferrell.  
WESTERN CONFERENCE.—C. W. Morris.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE FROM CHURCHES.—W. C. Pittman.

EASTERN CONFERENCE FROM CHURCHES.—Mrs. Georgia Holiday, H. M. Mallard, Mrs. Ethel Boyd.

EASTERN CONFERENCE.—S. W. Jones.

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE FROM CHURCHES.—J. E. Dorman, L. K. Stallings, J. M. Peele, M. E. Underwood, Grover Jackson, Mrs. W. J. Alford, John R. Bass.

CAPE FEAR UNION MEETING.—L. A. Smith, W. J. Alford.

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE.—H. C. Wooten.

ORPHANAGE BOARD.—W. A. Jackson, Chm.

PEE DEE CONFERENCE FROM CHURCHES.—R. H. Pait, C. R. Edwards, I. L. Russ, Sr.

ROCK FISH CONFERENCE FROM CHURCHES.—Joseph Walters.  
TREASURER OF STATE CONVENTION.—W. C. Willis.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The president complimented the former addresses he had heard from his predecessor, Rev. S. H. Styron. He said that he was proud of the fine representation before him, men who had met as representatives of a body whose sole object should be for the glory of God and for the advancement of our righteous cause. We should be men in our deliberations, laying aside all frivolous and childish ways of dealing with matters of the most sublime importance. We should be progressive in our efforts in behalf of all our institutions. We are not to labor in our own strength, but we are to go forward, led by the captain of the hosts of Israel. We must have unity in our ranks, for without it all our efforts will be futile. We should labor for that unity which Christ prayed for on the eve of his departure from his disciples. We should work for every phase of the cause we profess to love with all the diligence of our souls.

A splendid talk was made by Eld. W. E. Anderson of the Central Conference. He insisted that each and every one should know their place. We should feel our personal responsibility in discharging our every obligation toward God and man. Was it not the great statesman, Webster, who said that the greatest thing he could think of relative to his life was his personal responsibility to God. Bro. Anderson stated that the social touch that we experienced in these meeting was worth our attendance, while at the same time there were higher motives prompting us.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

The following committees were appointed:

**CREDENTIALS.**—L. H. Wetherington, R. E. Tripp, J. M. Stancill.

**RESOLUTIONS.**—S. H. Styron, W. B. Everett, H. R. Faircloth.

**TEMPERANCE.**—A. Lamonds, W. C. Willis, G. W. Ferrell.

**STATE CONVENTION BOARD MEETINGS—ALSO MEETING OF THE CONVENTION IN KINSTON ON APRIL 2, 1930****Meeting of the Executive Board of the North Carolina F. W. B. State Convention**

The executive board of the North Carolina State Convention met in the Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro, October 21, 1929, with the following members attending: J. W. Alford, S. H. Styron, W. C. Willis, E. T. Phillips by proxy, C. M. Johnson, and W. A. Jackson.

The meeting was opened with prayer by W. C. Willis, and L. R. Ennis was appointed secretary pro tem, following which the purpose of the meeting was stated by the chairman of the board, Rev. J. W. Alford.

A motion was made by S. H. Styron and seconded by C. M. Johnson that the original plan of the campaign for the liquidation of all outstanding indebtedness against Eureka College as adopted in the ministers meeting on October 15, 1929 be adopted. Motion adopted.

The plan of the Campaign is as follows:

I. That the executive committee of the State Convention constitute the head and are hereby designated as having full direction of the campaign.

II. To assist the executive committee in its work of directing the campaign the committees appointed in the 1929 session of the State Convention in the Cape Fear, Western, Eastern, and Central Conferences shall serve in bringing success to the campaign in their respective Conferences.

III. That each church through its pastor be asked to donate a definite amount toward raising the sum of \$25,000 as required by the State Convention by April 1, 1930.

IV. That through the ladies of each church organization one third of the amount determined as a pro rata of the church be raised.

V. That a lady director be named whose duty it shall be to appoint one auxiliary director in each of the four conferences previously mentioned for the prosecution of the work.

VI. That all money raised through this campaign shall be immediately forwarded to the treasurer of the state Convention, Mr. W. C. Willis, Goldsboro, N. C., and that he shall keep separate account of same as campaign funds and make disbursements in payment of accounts approved by L. R. Ennis, treasurer of the College, and O. K.'d by the president of the State Convention.

A motion was made and carried that the four conferences be called upon to raise the following respective sums as their pro rata of the \$25,000 called for by the State Convention this year:

Cape Fear Conference \$3,000; Western Conference \$4,000; Eastern Conference \$8,000; Central Conference \$10,000.

Motion carried that this special session of the executive board of the N. C. F. W. B. Convention close.

J. W. ALFORD, Chairman.

L. R. ENNIS, Secretary Pro tem.

### Meeting of the Boards of the Free Will Baptist State Convention

Various boards of the Free Will Baptist State Convention of North Carolina met in the Free Will Baptist church in Goldsboro, Jan. 29, 1930, at 10 o'clock, President J. W. Alford, in the chair and E. T. Phillips, secretary.

The meeting opened with song, "Rescue the Perishing." Prayer by E. T. Phillips.

#### MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following members of the executive committee were present: J. W. Alford, E. T. Phillips, E. T. Phillips, Prox. for A. H. Outlaw, S. H. Shyron, W. C. Willis, M. A. Woodard.

Bro. M. B. Prescott made a speech stating what might be done by a united hearty consolidated effort on the part of our people.

On motion we insist upon our various churches raising at least 25 per cent of their apportionment and more if possible by April first, for the eradication of the debt on Eureka College, same to be forwarded to Bro. W. C. Willis, Goldsboro, N. C., and that the remainder of the apportionments be raised by the churches before the next Annual State Convention.

It was agreed by the Board that Elds. S. H. Styron and J. W. Alford locate the place for the holding of the next Annual State Convention.

On motion the Church Extension Board be directed to accept the amount proffered by the Bridgeton Church in settlement of note held by said Board against said Bridgeton Church. It being understood that this is the amount the bank has paid off since its doors were closed, and should the bank make further payment or payments same is to be turned over to the Church Extension Board.

On motion the money held by W. A. Jackson, belonging to the Young People's Society be turned over by Bro. Jackson to Miss Marie Wilson, Secretary of the Young People's work at Bladenboro, N. C., Route 2.

Eldd. E. T. Phillips, editor of the Free Will Baptist, was made publicity committee for the State Convention which convenes September 16-18, 1930.

The program committee for the next State Convention is composed of Elds. C. M. Johnson, S. H. Styron, L. H. Wetherington.

#### MEETING OF THE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

The Board of Superannuation met and passed the following resolutions: Whereas, the various bodies of our state consisting of conferences, union meetings and associations, are doing superannuation work through their respective channels. We as a State Board of Superannuation, do not see the wisdom of taking this great work out of their hands unless we could offer



something better. We, however, are anxious to support them and encourage them in their efforts to raise superannuation funds.

Therefore, be it resolved,

First. That certain members of the board consisting of M. A. Woodard and L. H. Wetherington, be made a publicity committee to keep the work of superannuating our old and needy ministers before our people at all times.

Second. That we provide the conferences, unions, and associations with report blanks on which they are to make a full report of all monies raised and expended and for what purpose and report same to the State Superannuation Board on the first day of each regular sitting of the State Convention.

S. H. STYRON,  
 M. A. WOODARD,  
 L. H. WETHERINGTON,  
 Board in session.

The Mission Board and the Church Extension Board were present but as no business of special importance came before them, they did not enter into special sessions.

#### MEETING OF THE ORPHANAGE BOARD

The following members were present: W. A. Jackson, Chm.; R. L. Little, Treasurer; J. W. Alford, Secretary, and Wiley Lamm.

The board transacted such routine and general business as came before them looking to the welfare and interest of the Home.

The several details of the meeting were recorded by the secretary of the board, and any information concerning their proceedings may be obtained from him.

Meetings of Boards adjourned.

E. T. PHILLIPS,  
 Secretary of State Convention.

#### Called Meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Convention

The Executive Committee of the State Convention met at the F. W. B. Church in Goldsboro, on Feb. 11, at 10 o'clock, according to the call of the president of the convention. The president called the meeting to order. Sang "I Am Thine O Lord." Prayer by Eld. C. M. Johnson.

The following members were present: J. W. Alford, E. T. Phillips, W. A. Jackson, S. H. Styron, W. C. Willis.

The object of the meeting was explained by the president. He stated that the meeting was called to consider a proposition that was being promulgated for the moving of the Orphan Home from Middlesex to the college building in Ayden, N. C.

The Executive Committee of Eureka College makes the following offer to the North Carolina State Convention which was read and considered by the committee:

February 6, 1930.

"We, the Executive Board of Eureka College, on the day and date mentioned above, do hereby offer the Eureka College property free of debt to the North Carolina Free Will Baptist State Convention, to be used as the home of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage and a Bible School."

Signed, J. C. MOYE, Chm. of  
Eureka College Executive Committee.

Eld. L. R. Ennis supported the proposition in a twenty-five minutes talk. Talks were also made commenting on the proposition in a very brief way by C. M. Johnson, D. B. Sasser, W. C. Willis and W. A. Jackson.

A motion was made and carried that the chairman appoint a committee of three to investigate the above offer and make report at a called session of the State Convention. The following were appointed said committee: S. H. Styron, W. A. Jackson, and D. B. Sasser.

A special session of the State Convention was called to be held in Kinston, N. C., on April 2, 1930, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Free Will Baptist church.

The secretary is instructed to notify each church and pastor of this special meeting, enclosing a copy of the offer and action of this committee.

Minutes of the meeting were read and approved. Meeting adjourned.

Prayer by R. E. Tripp.

### State Convention Meeting

A called meeting of the State Convention of North Carolina met at the Free Will Baptist church in the town of Kinston, N. C., on Wednesday, April 2, 1930, at 10 o'clock A. M. A fervent prayer was made by Eld. D. C. Johnson of the Cape Fear Conference. Hymn, "Grace 'Tis a Charming Sound," was sung.

It was early seen that the seating capacity of the F. W. B. church was entirely too limited for the vast audience that had assembled. The Christian church on Gordon street was offered and accepted, and the vast audience soon filled its spacious auditorium.

The president of the State Convention, Rev. J. W. Alford, read the proceedings of a meeting that was previously held in Goldsboro, which gave rise to the meeting that was being held in Kinston.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the offer made by the trustees of Eureka College to the State Convention which is as follows: "We, the Executive Board of Eureka College, on the day and date mentioned above, (Feb. 6, 1930), do hereby offer the Eureka College property, free of debt to the North Carolina State Convention, to be used at the home of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage and a Bible school." Signed by J. C. Moye, Chm. Eureka College Executive Committee.

The ratification of said offer by the Board was made by the Board of Trustees on Feb. 21, which was read before the Kinston called meeting.

In the meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Convention in

Goldsboro on February 11, a motion was offered and carried that the president of the Convention appoint a committee of three to investigate the offer made by the trustees of Eureka College and report their findings to this called meeting as follows:

The following committee was appointed in accordance with the above resolution: S. H. Styron, W. A. Jackson, and D. B. Sasser. It seemed that D. B. Sasser was not in the state, and the committee called upon C. M. Johnson to act in his stead.

The committee submitted their report to this called meeting as follows:

We, the committee, appointed by the Executive Board of the State Convention of Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, to investigate the proposal of the Executive Board of the Trustees of Eureka College, to give to the Orphanage all of the College property, the same to be used as the Home of the orphans of this state and the conducting of a Bible school, after the same has been freed of all indebtedness, the same to be free within two years from February 11, 1930.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

First. We find at Ayden fourteen and one-half acres land and two buildings with approximate value of the entire plant, \$90,000.00.

Second. The amount necessary to complete the building, heating and plumbing, including only dining room and gymnasium of basement, \$12,970.00.

Third. The amount necessary to complete room in basement for laundry, \$200.00.

Fourth. The amount necessary to erect farm buildings, \$3,000.00.

Fifth. The amount to purchase necessary land, \$-----.

Sixth. The County of Pitt guarantees a six-months school to the primary and grammar grade students of the Home. The school to be taught in the present Eureka College building.

The Town of Ayden agrees to furnish the High school students instruction for eight-months terms in their High school building.

Eight. The Town of Ayden offers free for a period of five years, water and lights to the amount of twenty-five cents per capita.

Ninth. We find that the capacity of the College building when completed will be 200 inmates.

Tenth. We find three rooms on the second floor available for a Bible school.

Eleventh. We also find that there no room available for the accommodation of Bible school pupils, they will have to make outside arrangements for lodging, board, etc.

Twelfth. We find that the College property is incumbered to the amount of, \$-----.

Thirteenth. We find at Middlesex one-hundred fifty acres of land, two main buildings and outbuildings sufficient for the present needs. Approximate value, \$75,000.00.

Fourteenth. We find the amount necessary for all repairs on the present Orphanage building to be, \$4,385.00

Fifteenth. The amount needed for the construction of an adequate school building, \$15,000.00.

Sixteenth. The capacity of the present building is one hundred inmates.

Seventeenth. We find that Nash county furnishes a six-months school for the primary and grammar grades in the Home and eight months High school in the state school.

Eighteenth. We find that the commissioners of Nash county donate to the Home \$500.00 annually.

Nineteenth. We find the Middlesex property is incumbered to the amount of, \$4,300.00.

Twentieth. We find that both school and Orphanage belong to the Free Will denomination.

Twenty-first. We also find that the Orphanage property is controlled by a Board of Trustees elected by the State Convention and that the College property is controlled by a Board of Trustees elected by the various Conferences.

Respectfully submitted by your committee,

S. H. STYRON,  
W. A. JACKSON,  
C. M. JOHNSON.

A motion was made and carried to adopt the report of the above named committee.

A motion was made to accept the offer of the trustees of Eureka College by the Convention, as has been set forth above.

On motion speeches relative to the motion be limited to ten minutes, and one speech from each individual be allowed, and that all discussions close at 2 o'clock P. M. Motion carried.

Speeches were made by M. B. Prescott, J. C. Moye, A. E. Rouse, W. R. Flowers, J. C. Griffin, L. R. Ennis, W. B. Batts, R. F. Pittman, and W. B. Nobles, strongly favoring the acceptance of the offer of the trustees.

Speeches were made by J. E. Davis, Dr. M. Hinnant, Geo. W. Ferrell, E. C. Gaskill, Duffy Toler, C. M. Johnson, and D. W. Alexander, strongly in opposition to the offer of the trustees.

Elds. D. C. Johnson and Calvin Bennett spoke in the interest of harmony.

NOTE.—There were talks of some perhaps pro and con that the clerk failed to obtain their names.

A motion to table the resolution to accept the offer was tabled.

A roll call of ministers and delegates was demanded and at once entered into.

The best we can gather from the records:

	Ministers Yes	Ministers No.	Delegates Yes	Delegates No.
In the Central Conference -----	14	7	37	26
In the Eastern Conference -----	6	17	36	34
In the Cape Fear Conference -----	5	4	5	20
In the Western Conference -----	2	22	2	48
In the Rockfish Conference -----		1		
In the Pee Dee Conference -----	1	1	4	
In the French Broad Association -----		1		1
Orphanage Board -----		1		

State Convention officers, 1 voted yes.

The above tabulation may not exactly correspond with the count made at Kinston which showed 116 voting yes and 171 voting no, but it is the best I could gather from the tables submitted to me after the convention.

The Convention voted that the clerk send a vote of thanks to the pastor of Kinston Christian church for the use of their splendid church auditorium for the Convention.

J. W. ALFORD, President.  
E. T. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

### Meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention met in the F. W. B. church in the city of Goldsboro on July 31, 1930. Prayer was made by Rev. C. M. Johnson. Those present in the meeting were J. W. Alford, president; E. T. Phillips, secretary; W. A. Jackson, C. M. Johnson, W. C. Willis, S. H. Styron, D. B. Sasser, proxy, (S. H. Styron).

The great importance of our educational work was discussed by several of the committee all agreeing that this work was of paramount importance for the further advancement of our cause and for the glory of God.

#### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE

1. That in view of the financial needs of the school, the campaign that was started at the last Convention, and interrupted for various reasons, be pushed between now and the next Convention opening September 16, 1930, and that all the money possible be raised and carried to this meeting.
2. That we encourage the idea of establishing at Eureka College a Bible school for the training of our ministers.
3. That a representative be appointed in each union meeting in the interest of this cause.
4. That the clerk be instructed to send copies of these resolutions to

each church and minister in the state, as far as possible, together with the usual convention letter.

NOTE.—The following brethren were appointed to represent the needs of our educational institution in the different union meetings: Second District, Central Conference, D. W. Alexander; Fourth Union, C. M. Johnson; Albemarle Union, E. Poston.

Eastern Conference: Third District, A. E. Rouse; Fifth District, Duffy Toler; Carteret County Union, W. B. Everett.

Western Conference: First Union, S. H. Styron; Second District, G. W. Ferrell; Third District, W. E. Anderson.

Cape Fear Union: W. C. Willis.

Prayer was offered by Bro. W. A. Jackson, and the meeting adjourned.

J. W. ALFORD, President.

E. T. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

### REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

We, your Board of Superannuation, beg leave to refer to the action taken in the meeting of the Boards in Goldsboro, on Jan. 29, which is recorded in the present minute.

S. H. STYRON, Chairman.

### REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

Rev. W. E. Anderson of the Mission Board stated that the Board was not functioning. The Board regrets very much that such is the case. Bro. Anderson stated very emphatically that we must have mission work done, before we ever succeed as a progressive body of Christian workers. The Board asks that our people everywhere arouse to the very great need of this work being carried on.

W. E. ANDERSON, Chairman.

Rev. W. B. Everett stated that he was tired of having so many boards that seemed to be doing nothing. Said he, "We need men to work in the mission cause. We need to go back to our churches and put men to work." Bro. Everett is a great agitator for active and effective work being done.

### CHURCH EXTENSION WORK

A very indefinite report was made regarding Church Extension work. One member of the board reported that the Board did have a fund on hand, but thought it was deposited, perhaps, in a bank in New Bern, and as the banks in that city had failed, doubtless the funds could not be reached at the present time.

### REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL WORK

On motion a committee of three be appointed to retire and draft some definite resolutions for the consideration of the convention. The following were chosen as said committee: C. M. Johnson, Chm.; W. B. Everett, and C. W. Morris.

### Report of Said Committee

Endorsing the program adopted at the Goldsboro meeting, held as instructed at the last Convention, when the following apportionments were made to four conferences as follows: Central \$10,000, Eastern \$8,000, Western \$4,000, Cape Fear \$3,000. Each minister to report to the Executive Committee Jan. 1, 1931. All money to be disbursed as agreed to at said meeting in Goldsboro. Therefore,

1. We endorse the program already stated.
2. The same apportionment to the conferences and churches. One-fifth to be paid each year.
3. The pastors to be held responsible for the apportionment to their churches.
4. Resolved that this convention appoint a committee of three to confer with those in charge of the college property, and determine just the amount of indebtedness, and the terms of liquidation of same as given by Pilot Life Insurance Company and then prepare a concise statement of same, and present to the Executive Committee of this convention, at as early a date as possible; it being the sense of this convention that we are willing to undertake to stand between the signers of the Long Term Loan and the Insurance Company as far as possible.
5. Each pastor to make a report of what has been accomplished to the Executive Committee of the State Convention about January 1, 1931.

C. M. JOHNSON Chm.

C. W. MORRIS,

W. B. EVERETT.

The above report was adopted by the convention.

NOTE.—No. 4 was originally an amendment offered by Rev. S. H. Styron, which was incorporated into the resolutions of the committee.

In compliance with resolution No. 4 above the following brethren were elected by the convention: C. M. Johnson, Chm.; L. K. Stallings, J. W. Alford.

Interesting talks were made by Revs. Styron, Everett, Griffin, Johnson, Ferrell, and Bro. S. W. Jones, in behalf of helping the signers of the Long Term Loan. A marked degree of enthusiasm was shown by both ministers and laymen in the interest of our educational work, surely a good feeling exists among all for our educational work.

Eld. E. G. Holland spoke of the religious interest that had recently been shown at the Orphan Home among the inmates of the same. Several precious little souls had recently given their hearts to God.

Eld. F. R. Williams insisted upon the great importance of churches sending to the Home regular monthly collections. Bro. R. L. Little, treasurer of the Orphanage Board, stated that if churches would do this generally, as few churches have continued to do, the needs of the Home could be amply met.

Eld. S. H. Styron brought one dollar to the clerk for the college this was readily duplicated in a few minutes by E. G. Holland, H. R. Faircloth, J. R.

Rising, Walter Williams, F. R. Williams, J. M. Peele, H. C. Wooten, I. L. Russ, J. Randall Bennett, H. T. Pope, and J. M. Stancill.

Eld. R. E. Tripp spoke in favor of placing the backwardness of our collections for the college and orphanage at the door of the pastors. One brother said his pastor had never mentioned the subject of the college to his church in the way of trying to raise funds for it.

The convention adjourned till 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Prayer by S. H. Styron.

### TUESDAY NIGHT

The church building was crowded at 8 o'clock. A duet composed of R. E. Tripp and J. E. Jones sang, "Speak My Lord." The Johnson family, composed of C. M. Johnson and wife, sang most impressively, "It Won't Be Long."

H. R. Faircloth preached on the subject of Consecration. Text: St. John 21:3. "Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee \* \* \* that night they caught nothing." The sermon was full of rich thoughts deduced from the story of the night when Peter and other disciples fished all night and caught nothing. The fish were in the sea, but when they followed the directions of the Master, they caught very many fish. Brethren, when we cast the net on the right side we will find I is emphasized too much. When the Free Will Baptist work in the right way, charging upon their knees, we will go over the top for our College, Orphanage, Publishing House, and every interest that we have.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

Met at 9 o'clock. Song service conducted by R. E. Tripp. Devotional service was conducted by W. R. Williams. Prayer by R. E. Tripp. Song, "An Unclouded Day," was sung by the audience.

### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Credentials, beg leave to report that we have examined Rev. Eddie Lee Hughes of Lanesville, Texas, and find him to be orthodox in the faith of the Original Free Will Baptist church. We recommend that he be seated in the Convention and made welcome as a loyal, active Brother in our cause.

L. H. WETHERINGTON,

R. E. TRIPP,

J. M. STANCILL, Committee.

The report was adopted. Bro. Hughes came forward and expressed his pleasure at being in our midst, and his willingness to work with us, assuring us of his great concern for the cause we represent.

On motion the Convention go on record as requesting the trustees of the college to arrange for the opening of a Bible school at the college in Ayden at as soon a time as practical.



**REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following: That our people be sober in thought, chaste in conversation, considerate in judgment; fervent in spirit serving the Lord.

G. W. FERRELL,  
A. LAMONDS,  
W. C. WILLIS, Committee.

**REPORT OF SECRETARY OF THE ORPHANAGE BOARD**

*To the State Convention of North Carolina Free Will Baptist:—*

The Board of Trustees of the Middlesex Orphanage submits to you this report of our activities for the year since the session of the Convention.

We have held five meetings during the year. Four of these were held at the Home, the other was held at Goldsboro when all the Boards of the Convention were called in session. The Board has tried to attend to the different items of business just as we believe you would have us do, and therefore crave your approval for the things done. At these different sessions, we have had presented for our consideration 28 applications from those who wanted a place in the Home. At the time of making the report last year, there were several applications under investigation, and from all the applications under consideration, we have approved 21 to be admitted just as soon as it is possible to do so. Fourteen have been rejected, while there are a very few yet being investigated. Always there are a number begging for admission, and it is hard to have to say "no" to these unfortunates.

The health condition of the inmates of the Home is good. No outbreak of disease has occurred during the year, yet we have had several hospital cases because of appendicitis. Clayton Baker is still in the hospital at Gastonia for treatment, and we are glad to report that he is doing well. We were much afraid that he would lose a leg from an infection, but every hope is now held out to us that he will recover.

The grounds around the Home have been much beautified, and more land has been put under cultivation during the year. Bro. Bennett had a very beautiful crop until the drought struck. All who have been struck by the extremely long dry spell can easily understand the result. Had the season continued favorable, the charge that the land at the Home is not productive would have been forever silenced.

The financial outlook is not so encouraging. The terrible depression has had its effect, and the orphans are feeling it keenly. The report from the treasurer and the manager of the singing class will show a falling off of receipts that reveals to us how much we are hit by the depression. We are asking our folks everywhere to rally more earnestly and sympathetically to the needs of these children, for it is one of the ways you show your love for God. Can a Christian close his heart against the cry and appeal of an orphan child? We do not believe he can. Do not wait until Thanksgiving to make your offerings. We need finance all the time, and unless our churches

make regular and frequent donations, and always in a liberal spirit, the Board and Bro. Bennett are often going to find it hard to manage things as they ought to be. When we are forced to borrow money to operate on, we are forced to operate on a higher cost basis than we would like. Brethren, we earnestly appeal to you to loyally stand by these children. They are our charges in God's name, and to Him we are going to answer for our treatment and consideration of them.

Finally, we urge everyone, who can, to visit the Home, and see the work you are doing. It will thrill you as no report from another can do. It is yours, these children are yours; and your opportunity for service is great. God bless you all.

J. W. ALFORD, Secretary.

### REPORT OF ORPHANAGE TREASURER

Report of R. L. Little, treasurer of the Free-Will Baptist Orphanage to State Convention at White Oak church, September 16, 1930:

#### RECEIPTS

Balance in hand Sept. 12, 1929 -----	\$ 1,596.37
Singing Class, October, 1929 -----	301.05
Duke Endowment Fund -----	1,924.56
Singing Class -----	3,312.88
Churches, Schools and Individuals -----	8,156.42
Planters Bank, Loan -----	500.00
	\$15,891.28

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Supt. Salary -----	\$ 1,200.00
Farm Foreman -----	540.00
Matrons -----	1,260.00
Insurance -----	680.70
Branch Bnk & Trust Co. -----	1,000.00
Interest -----	321.67
Teachers' Salaries -----	529.00
Class Manager -----	300.00
General Operating Expenses -----	9,630.79
	\$15,462.16
Cash balance in hand -----	429.12
	\$15,891.28

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. LITTLE, Treasurer.

### IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS

Resolved: 1: That this Convention requests each minister and delegate to go back to their respective church and send a special donation to the Orphanage at Middlesex to cover its outstanding indebtedness.

2. That we then send monthly offerings from our churches and Sunday schools combined to meet running expenses.

3. That the churches that are not already providing clothing for at least one orphan child, extra of the request in resolutions 1 and 2, do so until every child is provided with clothing by some church or individual.

W. J. ALFORD.

NOTE.—The above resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Convention in session at White Oak church, Bladen county, N. C., on Sept. 17th, 1930. The author of these resolutions is W. J. Alford of Smithfield and not J. W. Alford, president of the Convention. Same were ordered published at once in the paper as the Home is urgently calling for immediate help. We must respond early as delay will be disastrous. Let us not turn a deaf ear to the cry of helpless children. Let us send right away and then fulfill the second resolution.—(Editor).

### TREASURER'S REPORT 1929-30

#### RECEIPTS

Brought over from last State Convention .....	\$ 57.16
Received from State Convention, Pleasant Grove .....	684.00
Received from churches on College Campaign .....	1,368.80
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$2,109.97</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

E. T. Phillips, Secretary's Fee .....	\$ 35.00
W. C. Willis, Treasurer's Fee .....	20.00
C. M. Johnson and J. C. Griffin, Audit Fee .....	63.55
J. W. Alford, Alabama Expense .....	60.00
Eureka College .....	300.00
R. L. Little for Orphanage .....	100.00
F. W. B. Press for Printing .....	50.00
F. W. B. Press for Minutes .....	89.75
L. R. Ennis for College .....	175.00
M. B. Prescott for College .....	284.00
T. L. Simmons on Loan and Interest and Ins. ....	911.94
J. C. Griffin on General Conference .....	18.00
Balance in Bank .....	2.73

\$2,109.97    \$2,109.97

W. C. WILLIS, Treasurer.

The above report was adopted.

Bro. W. A. Jackson, chairman of the Orphanage Board made some verbal remarks, stating the Orphanage was facing a trying ordeal and that unless our people responded more than they had recently, we were in danger of losing the institution, which would be shameful and deplorable. He would not be pessimistic, but facts are facts, and our people must rally to the support of the Home. The institution owes Eld. A. E. Rouse \$1,800, and he says he must have half of his money this fall, besides the institution is running on borrowed money, otherwise that must be paid.

J. R. Bennett, superintendent of the Orphanage, made a twenty minutes talk in which he related many things regarding what he was trying to do and the many obstacles he had to meet. Men were coming to him and telling him that the bills that the Home was making must be met or they would have to refuse letting their supplies go to the Home. This is pitiful when there are 85 children in the Home that are facing great want unless our people come to their relief.

Upon the close of Bro. Bennett's talk a collection was taken for the Home amounting to \$48.91.

Sister Oglesby of the State Auxiliary work spoke of how she had tried to raise funds for the Home through the various auxiliary societies, and that she had not met the response that she had looked for, prayed and hoped for. Told of how she had been in the Home and seen how embarrassed the superintendent was with so many children coming to him for books, tablets, pencils, etc. She advocated auxiliaries and churches taking one child in the Home to care for.

Rev. A. Lamonds spoke in behalf of churches and Sunday schools taking regular contributions and offerings in various ways for the children in the Home.

The Convention called off till one o'clock, during which time the community of White Oak church served a bountiful repast to the vast audience in attendance.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Met at one o'clock. Song service led by R. E. Tripp. A duet was rendered, a charming piece of music. Members of the duet: R. E. Tripp and Clarence Biggs of Goldsboro, N. C.

Rev. N. N. Davis of the Eastern Conference of S. C. was found to be present. By some oversight of the Convention he had not been previously recognized. He was given a hearty welcome and the president apologized for the unintentional oversight.

Bro. Davis came forward and expressed himself as being glad to be with us, and being an unassuming nature he had not pushed himself upon the Convention.

The Convention instructed the secretary to send letters for the churches to the clerks of same and also the ministers, urging them to raise immediate collections and forward same to the treasurer of the board, R. L.

Little, Grimesland, or J. R. Bennett, Superintendent, Middlesex, N. C.

On motion the resolutions drawn up by W. J. Alford, of Smithfield, be published as early as possible in the Free Will Baptist.

A petition was presented asking that the next annual session of the State Convention be held with Oak Grove church in Sampson county, N. C. Whereupon the Convention voted to hold its next session with the said named church.

**DELEGATES TO VARIOUS BODIES**

The following delegates were elected to represent the State Convention in the various bodies herein named as follows:

- TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.—R. E. Tripp.
- TO ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION.—By Letter.
- TO WESTERN CONFERENCE.—W. R. Williams.
- TO EASTERN CONFERENCE.—L. H. Wetherington.
- TO CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE.—J. C. Griffin.
- TO CENTRAL CONFERENCE.—W. C. Willis.
- TO ROCK FISH CONFERENCE.—Joseph Walters.
- TO JACKS CREEK ASSOCIATION.—M. T. Ray.
- TO FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION.—R. V. Self.
- TO PEE DEE CONFERENCE.—E. H. Russ.

**REPORT OF BOARD OF FINANCE**

Funds on hand from last year .....	\$ 2.73
Received at this Convention .....	398.75
<u>Total on hand .....</u>	<u>\$401.48</u>
Disbursed as follows:	
For expenses attending Executive Meetings .....	\$ 42.00
Salary of Secretary .....	35.00
Delegate to General Conference .....	54.00
Treasurer's Fees .....	20.00
For Minutes .....	50.00
For Orphanage .....	50.00
For Educational Purposes .....	140.15
Undivided to balance .....	10.33
<u>Total .....</u>	<u>\$401.48</u>

C. M. JOHNSON,  
 W. B. EVERETT,  
 Board of Finance present.

The above report was adopted.

NOTE.—Of the \$140.15 for education, \$108.15 was sent specially for the College debt, which includes \$12.00 made up by individuals at the Convention.

NOTE No. 2.—A collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$48.91. This amount was turned over directly to the treasurer of the Orphanage Board, making 98.91 the Home received at the convention.—(Clerk).

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, S. H. Styron, Pine Level, N. C.; Vice President, R. E. Tripp of Goldsboro, N. C.; Recording Secretary, E. T. Phillips, Ayden, N. C.; Field Secretary, C. M. Johnson, Goldsboro, N. C.; Treasurer, W. C. Willis, Goldsboro, N. C., P. O. Box 299.

### MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

BOARD OF FINANCE.—M. A. Woodard, M. C. Prescott, terms expire 1931; C. M. Johnson, W. B. Everett, terms expire 1932; H. M. Mallard, C. W. Morris, terms expire 1933.

BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION.—C. Y. Elkins, J. E. Davis, terms expire 1931; W. L. Strickland, M. A. Woodard, terms expire 1932; J. C. Griffin, L. H. Wetherington, terms expire 1933.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.—A. H. Outlaw, W. E. Anderson, terms expire 1931; J. R. Bennett, W. A. Jackson, Henry Watson, terms expire 1933.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—C. M. Johnson, term expire 1931; N. D. Wiggs, term expires 1932; W. B. Everett, term expire 1933;

ORPHANAGE BOARD.—R. V. Self, term expires 1931; R. L. Little, term expires 1932; J. W. Alford, term expires 1933; W. A. Jackson, term expires 1934.

BOARD OF AUDIT.—L. K. Stallings, C. M. Johnson.

TO REPRESENT STOCK IN F. W. B. PRESS.—L. H. Wetherington.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.—S. E. Jones, term expires 1931; J. E. Jones, term expires 1932; J. C. Griffin, term expires 1933.

(The above board was selected at this meeting, the board having been dropped for some time from the Convention.—Clerk.)

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to the community of White Oak church, Bladen county, for their most generous hospitality shown to all who attended the Convention.

“Just A Little While to Stay Here,” was sung by a quartet composed of Clarence Biggs, R. E. Tripp, J. E. Jones, and W. C. Willis.

On motion the Convention close to meet with Oak Grove church, Sampson county on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, 1931.

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again,” was sung by the audience and a general old time handshaking was participated in, in which much kindly feeling seemed to be expressed.

Benediction by Eld. W. B. Everett.

**RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF MISSION BOARDS.**

1. The management and control of all mission work fostered by the North Carolina Free Will Baptist shall be vested in the Board of Missions elected by the Convention in the manner provided for by the Convention.

2. The Board shall meet as often as necessary at the call of the Chairman at such time and place as he may designate, but must meet annually and the Executive Committee elected by the said Board as many as four times per year.

3. The Board in its annual meeting shall elect a director of Missions, whose duty it shall be to direct the whole missionary program of the Convention.

4. The Board shall annually report to the State Convention at each regular session the receipts, disbursements, assets and liabilities and of its work in general, together with any such recommendations as may be deemed advisable.

5. The Board at its annual meetings shall elect its own officers.

6. Any member who shall persistently neglect any of the duties of his office, fails to attend the meetings, or represent the same by proxy shall forfeit his office and the same may be declared vacant by the President of the Convention and his successor appointed.

7. A majority of the Board may constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business.

8. The Secretary shall keep a correct account of the proceedings of the Board and perform all the duties that usually pertain to that office.

9. The Treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all money, bonds, mortgages, etc., belonging to the Board. He shall make a report at all regular meetings of the Board. He shall give bond in such a sum as may be fixed by the Board from time to time which bond the Secretary shall be the custodian.

10. All undesignated funds received by the Board shall be divided as follows: 50 per cent for home missions and 50 per cent for foreign missions.

11. All funds designated for foreign missions shall be retained by the Treasurer and deposited in the bank on interest until the denomination begins to work on the foreign fields.

12. All home mission funds not in use shall be deposited in the bank on interest.

13. Salaries and expenses shall be allowed at the discretion of the Board.

14. Conferences, Conventions and Associations, churches and individuals shall be given the privilege to designate their donations for either home or foreign missions.

15. The rules may be amended from time to time, but such amendments must be approved by the State Convention by a majority vote.

**The above report was adopted.**

**RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION.**

1. The management and control of all funds to be used in any way for the purpose of superannuating retired, disabled or infirmed ministers will be vested in the Board of Superannuation elected by the State Convention, in the manner provided for by the Convention.

2. The Board shall meet as often as necessary at the call of the Chairman at such a time and place as he may designate, but must meet annually and the Executive as many as four times per year.

3. The Board shall annually report to the State Convention at each regular session the receipts, disbursements, assets and liabilities, and of their work in general together with any such recommendations as may be deemed advisable.

4. Any member who shall persistently neglect any of the duties of his office, fails to attend the the meetings, or to represent the same by proxy shall forfeit his office, and the same may be declared vacant by the President of the Convention and his successor appointed.

5. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

6. The Secretary shall keep correct account of the proceedings of the Board, and perform all the duties that usually pertain to that office.

7. The Treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all money, bonds, mortgages, etc., belonging to the Board. He shall make a full report of all meetings of the Board. He shall give Bond in such a sum as may be fixed by the Board from time to time, which bond the Secretary shall be the custodian.

8. No aid will be given any minister unless he make application on regular form to this Board, and unless in the opinion of the Board he has worthily served the denomination.

9. The Executive Committee shall approve all applications and make such allowances as may be needed.

10. Fifty per cent of all regular funds shall be invested as a permanent endowment. Provided however, that all interest received from invested funds shall be used in making allowances to ministers, and where the donor or donors specifies the particular way in which their donations shall be used.

11. Funds used as endowments must be invested in first-mortgage real estate, government bonds and other securities of the government, loaned to banks, etc.

12. Salaries and expense will be allowed at the discretion of the Board for services rendered, the same shall be paid out of the regular fund of this Board.

13. This Board shall be vested with the authority to make an emergency give or loan to any minister upon approved application and good security.

14. These rules may be amended from time to time, but such amend-



ments must be approved by the State Convention.

The above rules were adopted.

## **RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE.**

1. The management and control of the financial affairs of this Convention shall be vested in the Board of Finance, elected by the Convention in the manner provided for by the Convention.

2. The Board shall meet as often as necessary at the call of the Chairman at such time and place as he may designate, but must meet annually, and the Executive Committee elected by the said Board as many as four times per year.

3. The Board in its annual meeting shall elect a director of Finance whose duty it shall be to direct the whole program of the Convention.

4. The Board shall annually report to the State Convention at each regular session the receipts, disbursements, assets and liabilities and of its work in general together with any such recommendations as may be deemed advisable.

5. The Board at its annual meeting shall elect its own officers.

6. Any member who shall persistently neglect any of the duties of his office, fails to attend the meetings, or represent the same by proxy, shall forfeit his office and the same may be declared vacant by the President of the Convention and his successor appointed.

7. A majority of the Board may constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business.

8. The Secretary shall keep a correct account of the proceedings of the Board and perform all the duties that usually pertain to that office.

9. The Board shall ascertain each year the financial needs of the various departments of our church work and from such information make up the Convention budget and apportion same to the individual churches, Conferences, Union Meetings and Associations.

10. It shall be the duty of this Board to notify each church, not later than October 1st, of each year of the amount of their apportionment, the Conferences and Associations at their annual meetings and the Union Meetings at their last meeting preceding the Convention.

11. It shall be the duty of the Board to receive the funds collected by the Secretary and divide same as follows: For education 30 per cent; for Orphanage 20 per cent; for missions 20 per cent; church extension 20 per cent; Young People 5 per cent; Free Will Baptist 5 per cent. Provided however, that all Convention expenses are to be first allowed before the division of funds is made. The Board shall afterwards make settlement with the Treasurer.

12. We recommend that it shall be the further duty of the said Board to give themselves diligently to the study of finances, and to make such recommendations to the Convention as to them may be deemed advisable.

13. The rules may be amended from time to time, but such amendments must be approved by the State Convention by a majority vote.

The above rules were adopted.

**RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF CHURCH EXTENSION.**

1. The management and control of the work of church extension shall be vested in the Board of Church Extension elected by the State Convention in the manner provided for by the Convention.

2. The Board shall meet as often as necessary at the call of the Chairman at such a time and place as he may designate. But must meet annually and the Executive Committee as many as four times per year.

3. The Board shall annually report to the State Convention at each regular session the receipts, disbursements, assets and liabilities and of their work in general together with any such recommendations as may be deemed advisable.

4. Any member who shall persistently neglect any of the duties of his, fails to attend the meetings, or to represent the same by proxy shall forfeit his office, and the same may be declared vacant by the President of the Convention and his successor appointed.

5. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

7. The Treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all money, bonds, mortgages, etc., belonging to the Board. He shall make a full report at all regular meetings of the Board. He shall give bond in such sum as may be fixed by the Board from time to time, which bond the Secretary shall be custodian.

8. The Board at its annual meetings shall elect its own officers.

9. No aid will be given any church unless the application be made on regular form to the Board and unless in the opinion of the Board the said church be properly located so as to be a credit to the denomination.

10. No aid shall be given any church unless the church be in good standing and is recognized by a Conference or Association belonging to the State Convention.

11. All money shall be loaned at six per cent interest secured by first mortgage real estate, provided however, that short term loans not to exceed 300 nor for a longer term than nine months may be secured by a note properly executed and endorsed by responsible free holders.

12. No money shall be loaned to any church unless the deed be made to the Trustees of the Original Free Will Baptist and their successors in office in fee simple.

13. The Executive Committee shall constitute the loan committee, approve applications and make such loans as may be deemed advisable.

14. The Board shall elect an appraisal committee whose duty it shall be to appraise the property of the churches, make applications for loan, and only 50 per cent of the appraised value of the property shall be loaned to any church, provided however, that in the case of proposed church buildings 50 per cent of the estimated cost of the proposed building may be loaned.

15. In no case shall gifts from the funds of this Board be made to any church.

16. The Board in its annual meetings shall elect a director whose duty it shall be to direct the program of this board.

17. The Board shall devise ways, and means of raising funds, etc., with which to carry on the church extension work.

18. Salaries and expenses will be allowed at the discretion of the Board for the services rendered. The same shall be paid out of the regular fund of the Board.

19. These rules may be amended from time to time, but such amendments must be approved by the State Convention.

The above rules were adopted.

### **RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS.**

1. The Board of Auditors shall have charge of auditing the books of the Treasurer of each department of the State Convention.

2. It shall decide itself which shall serve as Chairman and which shall serve as Secretary during their term.

3. There are no meetings to be held except for the purpose of auditing books.

4. The Board shall audit the books of each department of the Convention once each year, and if there is a shortage found it shall take necessary steps to effect a settlement. Provided, however, that if the Treasurer in whose books there is a shortage found refuses to make settlement, the Board shall report same to the State Convention Executive Committee who shall have authority in the matter.

5. The Board shall not audit books more than once per year, unless they are questioned and a demand be made by the affected party or parties. In such case the President of the Convention shall have jurisdiction as to whether or not the audit shall be made.

6. The Board shall not make annual reports to the Convention but in case the Convention in session calls for a report on the condition of any Treasurer's books the Board shall read or state the facts on the floor of the Convention.

7. Any member who shall persistently neglect any of the duties of his office shall forfeit his office and the same may be declared vacant by the President of the Convention and his successor appointed.

8. These rules may be amended from time to time, but such amendments must be approved by the State Convention, and shall be acted upon under caption, Amendments of the Constitution and By-Laws of the State Convention.

Rules were adopted.

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA  
STATE CONVENTION OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL  
BAPTIST CHURCH.**

**PREAMBLE**

We, the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, assembled in order to advance, promote and increase the cause of Jesus Christ, do establish and ordain this Constitution and these By-Laws.

**CONSTITUTION**

**Article I.**

Section 1. 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, and Executive Board.

Section 2. The Convention shall be composed of all the ordained ministers belonging to the Convention; one delegate from each church in good standing; one delegate from each Union Meeting, Conference and Association in good standing for every one thousand members or a fraction thereof.

**BY-LAWS**

**Article I.**

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 temporary committees. He shall have the power to declare any office of the Convention vacant, temporarily, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

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

Section 3. The Recording secretary shall keep an accurate record of the transactions of the Convention and preserve the same, keep all valuable documents and surrender the same to his successor in office.

Section 4. The Field Secretary shall have charge of preparing statistical tables showing the increase or decrease in membership, church property, etc., and read at each session of the Annual Convention and refer same to the Recording Secretary for permanent record. He shall have charge of placing all the work of the Convention before the various Conferences and Associations. Also the Field work in general.

Section 5. All money belonging to the Convention shall be kept by the Treasurer and paid out by him only by order of the Convention. Bills not having been voted to be paid either by the Convention or its Executive Board must be signed by the President and Recording Secretary before being paid by him.

Section 6. The work of the Executive Board shall be that of the Convention when the Convention is not in session and to call extra sessions when such becomes necessary. It shall have the authority to suspend any officer of the Convention when he or she proves a failure in official duties.

proves non-Christian in official or any other work or detrimental to the cause of Christ and appoint others to fill the vacancy; also fill vacancies made by any other cause. Officers thus appointed shall hold office until the next regular session of the Convention. This Board shall be composed of the President, Recording Secretary, Field Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of all standing boards of the Convention.

Section 7. The President and Field Secretary of the Convention shall be ex-officio members of all Boards.

### Article II.

Section 1. The method of the Convention shall be to departmentalize the work and place at the head of each department a Board which shall be governed by certain rules adopted by the Convention.

Section 2. Delegates from churches, Union Meetings, Conferences and Associations shall answer to roll calls and serve in whatever capacity they may be called upon by the Convention. They shall have the right to speak on any subject before the Convention by first addressing the President and obtaining the floor.

### Article III.

The following named Boards shall be elected in the following manner:

Section 1. Orphanage Board. The Board of Trustees for the management and control of the Free Will Baptist Orphan Home at Middlesex, N. C., shall be composed of five members elected for a period of five years; the office of one member expiring each year and another elected by the Convention to fill the vacancy.

Section 2. Board of Finance. The Board of Finance shall be composed of six members elected for a term of three years with two members retiring each year and others elected by the Convention to fill the vacancy.

Section 3. Board of Superannuation. The Board of Superannuation shall be composed of six members elected for a term of three years with two members retiring each year and others elected by the Convention to fill the vacancy.

Section 4. Board of Missions. The Board of Missions shall be composed of six members elected for a term of two years with three members retiring each year and others elected by the Convention to fill the vacancy.

Section 5. Church Extension Board. The Church Extension Board shall be composed of five members retiring each year and others elected by the Convention to fill the vacancy.

Section 6. Board of Auditors. The Board of Auditors shall be composed of two members elected annually.

Section 7. Board of Surveyors. The Board of Surveyors shall be composed of three members elected annually.

### AMENDMENTS.

This Constitutes and these By-Laws shall not be changed or altered only by a two-thirds vote of members present in a regular session. All amendments shall lie on the table not less than six hours prior to adoption and shall during that time be read not less than twice in open Convention.

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

Churches, Counties, Delegates, Number of Members, and Contribution

Churches	Counties	Delegates	No. Members	Contribution
Dublin Grove	Beaufort	By Letter	104	\$ ---
White Hill	Beaufort	Mrs. R. C. Holiday	132	3.00
Holly Spring	Carteret	By Letter	100	2.75
Sound View	Carteret	By Letter	32	5.00
Stary	Carteret	By Letter	180	8.50
Morehead City	Carteret	Mrs. Ethel Boyd	85	10.00
Gethsemane	Craven	By Letter	175	5.00
Juniper Chapel	Craven	By Letter	150	5.00
St. Mary	Craven	By Letter	153	1.00
Persalls Chapel	Duplin	By Letter	88	5.00
Lanier's Chapel	Duplin	By Letter	37	2.50
Sarecta	Duplin	S. W. Jones	80	5.00
Friendship	Jones	H. M. Mallard	223	2.00
Woodington	Lenoir	By Letter	90	3.50
Christian Chapel	Lenoir	By Letter	175	1.00
Dailys Chapel	Lenoir	By Letter	160	5.00
Wardens Grove	Pamlico	By Letter	100	2.60

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

Edgemont	Durham	F. R. Williams	185	\$ 5.00
Selma	Johnston	W. C. Sasser	60	15.00
Princeton	Johnston	By Letter	75	3.00
Pine Level	Johnston	By Letter	336	10.00
Holly Springs	Johnston	H. T. Pope	235	5.00
Micro	Johnston	H. Wellons	210	20.00
Stancills Chapel	Johnston	By Letter	46	---
Wasant Plain	Johnston	T. H. Helm	145	2.00
Rains X Roads	Johnston	J. W. Boyette	225	15.00
Branch Chapel	Johnston	R. Radford	225	5.00
Kenly	Johnston	J. M. Stancill	105	10.00
Orphanage	Nash	J. R. Bennett	57	6.00
Little Rock	Wilson	F. T. Barnes	277	15.00
Marsh Swamp	Wilson	L. H. Boykin	203	11.00
Mount Zion	Wilson	Millard Pittman	100	2.00
Wilson	Wilson	By Letter	123	6.00
Pleasant Hill	Wayne	J. C. Bunn	30	4.00
Spring Hill	Wayne	By Letter	68	5.00
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	J. R. Jones	130	5.50
Stonev Creek	Wayne	F. L. Bedford	126	5.00
Second Union		George Ferrell		5.00
First Union		J. B. Aycock, W. T. and Ramon Cockrell		44.15

## CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Prospect	Harnett	J. E. Dorman	180	\$ 5.00
Smithfield	Johnston	D. W. Parker	60	5.00
Powhatan	Johnston	J. E. Peele	187	5.00
Johnson Union	Johnston	M. E. Underwood	158	5.00
Fopewell	Johnston	Mrs. W. J. Alford	190	---
Oak Grove	Sampson	By Letter	306	3.00
Shady Grove	Sampson	J. R. Bass	301	5.00
Roberts Grove	Sampson	Grover Jackson	80	2.25
Goldsboro	Wayne	L. K. Stallings	137	10.00

## FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION

Svannanoa	Buncombe	By Letter	65	\$ 1.00
French Broad Association		By Letter	1656	2.00

**CENTRAL CONFERENCE**

Churches	Counties	Delegates	No. Members	Contributions
Elizabeth City -----	Pasquotank -----	By Letter -----	50	\$ ---
Gum Neck -----	Tyrrell -----	By Letter -----	217	1.00
Daniels Chapel -----	Wilson -----	Daniels Chapel -----	75	5.00

**PEE DEE CONFERENCE**

White Oak -----	Bladen -----	Harry Pait -----	104	\$ 5.00
Oak Grove -----	Bladen -----	I. L. Russ -----	89	5.00
Mt. Calvary -----	Columbus -----	C. R. Edwards -----	27	2.00
Pee Dee Conference -----		E. H. Russ -----		10.00

## FINANCIAL STANDING OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND POST OFFICES

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Churches	Counties	Clerks and Their Postoffices	Val. Church Prop.	Build and Repairs	Paid Pastors	Orphanage	Education	Superannuation	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Young Peoples' work	Miscellaneous	For all Purposes
Dublin Grove	Beaufort	David Mayo, Royal, N. C.	\$ 1,000	\$ -----	\$ 300.00	\$ 108.00	\$ -----	\$ -----	\$ -----	\$ -----	\$ -----	\$ -----	\$ -----	300.00
White Hill	Beaufort	R. M. Baker, Edward, N. C.	1,000	-----	125.00	15.10	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	60.69	200.79
Holly Springs	Carteret	W. L. Garner, Newport, N. C.	2,000	1,500.00	100.20	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	500.00
Sound View	Carteret	Elmer Garner, Newport, N. C.	500	-----	85.80	-----	18.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	100.00
Stacy	Carteret	Jno. Mason, Stacy, N. C.	2,400	-----	360.00	80.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	20.00	650.00
Morehead City	Carteret	Neal Davis, Morehead City, N. C.	10,000	150.00	1,040.00	40.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	150.00	-----	35.00	1,975.00
Gethsemane	Craven	D. S. Wetherington, Clarks, N. C.	4,000	75.00	150.00	600.00	10.00	-----	-----	-----	10.00	-----	-----	351.00
Juniper Chapel	Craven	Romie Sutton, Vanceboro, N. C.	500	-----	96.00	25.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	150.00
St. Mary	Craven	E. L. Mallard, New Bern, N. C.	9,000	54.20	1,402.00	160.27	30.00	-----	2.00	-----	50.00	-----	342.92	2,041.39
Pearsalls Chapel	Duplin	J. J. Wells, Kenansville, N. C.	1,000	-----	58.85	25.00	35.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	20.00	138.85
Laniers Chapel	Duplin	J. H. Dail, Chinquepin, N. C.	700	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	55.27
Sarecta	Duplin	Aldon Smith, Kenansville, N. C.	1,000	600.00	120.00	25.00	20.00	5.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	750.00
Friendship	Jones	H. M. Mallard, Trenton, N. C.	2,500	-----	300.00	100.00	50.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	200.00	650.00
Woodington	Lenoir	C. O. Dudley, Kinston, N. C.	500	-----	180.00	22.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	202.00
Christian Chapel	Lenoir	J. B. Hill, Deep Run, N. C.	1,200	150.00	60.00	14.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	225.00
Dailys Chapel	Lenoir	C. W. Brock, Seven Springs, N. C.	1,200	150.00	150.00	25.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	25.00	355.00
Wardens Grove	Pamlico	Mrs. Madge Alcock, Kinston, N. C.	500	-----	180.00	40.00	-----	10.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	200.00

### CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Prospect	Harnett	R. McLeod, Dunn, N. C., R. 3	\$ 2,000	\$ 60.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -----	\$ -----	\$ -----	\$ -----	\$ -----	\$ -----	\$ 50.00	335.00
Smithfield	Johnston	Kenneth Smith, Smithfield, N. C.	1,500	600.00	110.00	58.74	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	718.70
Powhatan	Johnston	N. C. Smith, Clayton, N. C., R. 3	4,000	-----	323.00	96.00	100.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	67.36	536.36
Johnson Union	Johnston	W. P. Thomas, Wilsons Mills, N. C.	6,000	-----	400.00	105.00	50.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	555.00
Hopewell	Johnston	W. J. Alford, Smithfield, N. C.	3,000	-----	284.57	28.67	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	93.95	406.19
Oak Grove	Sampson	Y. W. Eldridge, Dunn, N. C., R. 6	2,000	-----	300.00	30.00	-----	2.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	2.00	334.00
Shady Grove	Sampson	W. A. Jackson, Cooper, N. C.	6,000	10.00	240.00	75.00	100.00	-----	10.00	-----	5.00	5.00	40.00	475.00
Roberts Grove	Watauga	S. F. Jackson, Cooper, N. C.	2	106.00	105.00	43.00	10.00	-----	7.00	-----	-----	5.00	30.00	306.45
Goldsboro	Watauga	L. K. Stallings, Goldsboro, N. C.	-----	410.00	1,300.00	297.45	92.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	404.72	2,514.22





