

J. C. Griffin

**MINUTES**

OF THE

*Twentieth Annual Session*

OF THE

**STATE CONVENTION**

OF THE

*Free Will Baptist of North Carolina*

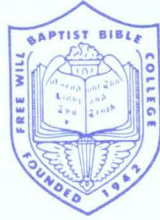
HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

MARSH SWAMP, WILSON COUNTY, N. C.

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# PROCEEDINGS

The Twentieth Annual session of the State Convention of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, convened with the church at Marsh Swamp, September 13th, 1932, at 11 o'clock. The Convention opened with song service and prayer by Eld. J. H. Worley and by Eld. Jas. Evans.

The sad news reached the Convention that Rev. R. V. Self was exceedingly low in a hospital in Asheville, N. C. The President of the Convention asked that the entire body offer a fervent prayer for Bro. Self, who was on the program to preach at 8 o'clock to night. A very fervent prayer was made by the body led by Rev. J. W. Alford.

The introductory sermon was then preached by Rev. M. E. Tyson of Farmville. Text Rev. 2:4, "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." The introductory to the speaker was by Rev. E. C. Gaskill, which was delivered in a very appropriate manner by the young divine. The sermon by Eld. Tyson was a direct challenge to the churches of the present day, showing the luke-warm condition of the present day churches; and it was a very earnest plea that we all go back to our first love, renew our covenants and go forward under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. After the sermon dinner was served.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with a song led by Eld J. C. Griffin. Prayer was then offered by Rev. R. F. Pittman.

### *Remarks by the President*

Rev. S. H. Styron, president of the Convention, made some very pointed remarks, concerning what he considered some of the vital points in the Christian life. He was very sorry that the Bible was neglected in the lives of so many people in their homes. He advised our people to read their Bibles and also have the family altars in their homes. Homes where the parents read the Word of God and teach it to their children have a great hold on God; but where the reading of the Word is neglected the home is in danger of being flooded with worthless literature. Skeptics multiply where God is not taken into consideration in the homes. Prayerless homes are open to the inroads of Satanical influences which are wrecking home life and the life of the nation. God give us godly homes where each member may say indeed and in truth, "Jesus is all the world to me. He is my strength from day to day, without him I would fail."

## ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS

Eastern Conference:—W. B. Everett, L. H. Wetherington, M. C. Prescott, J. W. Alford, E. C. Gaskill, J. R. Bennett, A. E. Rouse.

Western Conference:—Cyrus M. Johnson, E. G. Holland, J. H. Worley, W. M. Ferrell, A. R. Flowers, W. E. Anderson, Jas. A. Evans, J. H. Whitley, S. H. Styron, Henry Melvin, E. T. Phillips, Geo. W. Ferrell, L.

T. Phillips, E. R. Barnes, W. K. Jordan, M. E. Godwin, W. R. Williams.

Central Conference:—W. A. Dail, M. E. Tyson, R. H. Mason, Redding C. Proctor, W. L. Hart, M. A. Woodard, W. B. Nobles, W. B. Batts, R. F. Pittman, J. C. Moye.

Cape Fear Conference:—Hermon Wooten, J. C. Griffin, H. R. Faircloth.

Buncombe County Association:—Willett L. Moretz, J. H. Strickland.

#### DELEGATES FROM DIFFERENT BODIES

Eastern Conference:—Fred Willis, Ottis C. Barr, C. B. Nelson, S. K. Jones, Mrs. A. E. Rouse, J. J. Benson, Mrs. Neal Davis, L. B. Dail, L. G. Williams, Hubert Fulcher, Georgia Cayton.

Western Conference:—Mrs. L. M. Aucely, Mrs. Eva Sasser Kranmer, Mrs. Jesse Deans, J. A. Pittman, Nathanael Kirby, J. H. Creech, M. V. Avery, R. P. Johnson, Geo. P. Best, Debbie Narron, G. C. Scott, W. H. Wellons, R. Munroe Pittman, C. E. Sullivan, Luther Pope, W. F. Pender, Berta Liles.

Central Conference:—J. T. Robinson, Henry Pittman.

Cape Fear Conference:—J. L. Strickland, R. McLeod, Y. W. Eldrige, L. J. Williams, M. E. Underwood, L. W. Warren, O. Taylor, L. K. Stallings, J. S. Moore, D. W. Parker, Warren Jackson.

Delegates at Large from the Eastern Conference:—J. E. Jones, L. B. Dunn, Neal P. Davis; from Western Conference:—H. J. Corbitt; from Cape Fear Conference:—Kirby West; from Rock Fish Conference:—W. L. Strickland.

Orphanage Board Representatives:—R. L. Little and W. A. Jackson.

Rev. Fred A. Lupton, M. E. Minister of Kenly, and wife being present with us, were invited to seats in the Convention.

Rev. A. L. Davidson of the Georgia Union Asso. of Ga. was invited to a seat with us and made welcome by the president.

#### RESOLUTION (Adopted)

Resolved that hereafter this Convention meet on Wednesday after the second Sunday in September, instead of Tuesday as heretofore.

Rev. W. L. Moretz of Asheville spoke on the Mission Work, and about a resolution that would be offered later in this body.

Rev. R. F. Pittman spoke of the interest that Rev. J. C. Moye and others were taking in preparing for a Bible School on the site of the old building, stating how the claims against Eureka College had been managed and how anxious he was that every one who held a claim against the institution should be paid off, that a mortgage held by the Pilot life insurance Company had been settled, and that he was very anxious that the denomination should have hold and control this valuable property if it so desired.

#### MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE STATE CONVENTION

The Executive Board of the North Carolina State Convention met in Goldsboro, at the Free Will Baptist church, on March 17th, at 10 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. S. H. Styron, President.

The first business taken up was the selection of a place where the next Convention would be held. The church at Marsh Swamp, having sent an invitation, it was moved and carried that the next Convention meet with Marsh Swamp Church, Wilson Co., N. C., convening at the usual time, on Tuesday after the second Sunday in September 1932.

A resolution of thanks was ordered sent to Rev. R. N. Hinnant of Wilson, N. C., for a very cordial invitation, for the convention to meet with Mt. Zion church, in Nash County.

The Board received the following telegram from the Vice-President Rev. J. C. Griffin, directed to R. V. Self, pastor of the Goldsboro Church: "Physically unfit for the trip to Goldsboro today." The meeting expressed deep regret that Bro. Griffin was not physically able to be with us, and pray that his unfavorable condition may soon disappear.

E. T. Phillips was appointed Publicity Agent.

It had been left to Rev. Cyrus M. Johnson to call the ministers of the state together during the spring or summer, for the general good of the same and the cause at large. Bro. Johnson presented the matter for the consideration of the body. Owing to the economic conditions of the country, it was decided not to call this meeting until after the meeting of the State Convention.

The Board proceeded to arrange a Program for the next sitting of the state Convention as follows; which was adopted.

Meeting adjourned.

S. H. STYRON, President.

E. T. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

#### SPECIAL MEETING

A joint meeting of the Executive Committees of the Central Conference and State Convention was held in the court house in Snow Hill, Greene County, on Wednesday morning Aug. 17th, 1932, at ten o'clock. The meeting was called to order by Eld. C. M. Johnson. On motion Bro. C. K. Dunn was appointed Chairman, and Bro. E. C. Hines Sec.

List of members from each body present

State Convention.—S. H. Styron, Pres. C. K. Dunn proxy for E. T. Phillips, Clerk, W. A. Jackson, J. E. Jones, L. H. Wetherington, C. M. Johnson.

Central Conference.—R. F. Pittman, Mod., J. C. Moye, Vice Mod., E. C. Hines, Clerk, W. M. Carroll, Treas. and Marshall Joyner.

The business of the meeting was stated by Eld. C. M. Johnson.

Business of the meeting:

After reading the request of the Central Conference Executive Committee, on motion by W. A. Jackson, that the Executive Committee of the State Convention accept the proposition of the Executive Committee of the Central Conference, to re-unite with the State Convention.

Conditions of the Central Conference, returning, to the State Convention.

1st—That satisfaction be given to Eld. J. C. Moye, by the President of the State Convention, for the controversy between them arising at the State Convention at Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County.

2nd—That acknowledgment of this conduct be made before the Convention in session.

3rd—That public acknowledgment be made by all those making charges of crookedness on the part of those connected with the management of Eureka College.

4th—That the Executive Committee of the State Convention agree not to tolerate public utterances, sarcastic remarks, or destructive criticism,

against any institution now operated by the Free Will Baptist Church, or may be operated by them, neither against a brother minister, who is in good standing.

5th—That the Executive Committee of the State Convention, pledge themselves to use their influence towards uniting the ministers of our church in North Carolina whole heartedly in a progressive church program, based upon the doctrine of Jesus Christ.

6th—That the Central Conference receive recognition in an official capacity on Boards, Directors, and Committees, equal to that of other Conferences.

7th—When the above are complied with, and we can carry on the work of the Church without wrangle, we agree to return to the Convention just as early as will be practical, and do all that we can for the advancement of the Cause.

As there was no other business to come up, a motion was carried to adjourn. We are praying God's blessings on the meeting:

C. K. DUNN, Chairman.

E. C. HINES, Secretary.

The above reports were read and several members of the Convention expressed themselves as favoring the reports. Several brethren stated that if they had said or done anything to offend other brethren they heartily asked forgiveness from the brethren and stated that it was their great desire for all our people to be one and members of the State Convention alike in purpose, work and unity. The proceedings and resolutions were read by Rev. W. B. Everett, and after the talks by the brethren as above stated they were unanimously adopted as far as we could see. Bro. Pittman of the Central Conference said he prayed that we all might be one in Christ, all working and striving for the same purpose, the glory of God and the expansion of his kingdom.

On motion all ministers and delegates from the Central Conference be invited to seats in the Convention with us and be made one with us.

#### TUESDAY NIGHT

Met at 8 o'clock. Several songs were sung and many prayers offered; one especially being in behalf of Rev. R. V. Self, who was expected to be with us and preach at this hour; but who at this time is critically ill in the Gardner Hospital in Asheville. Many heart felt prayers were offered for one who has been a great servant of God, bringing many souls to the feet of Jesus. In the absence of Bro. Self, a very able sermon was preached by Rev. A. L. Davidson, a native of Georgia, but now pastor of Davis Shore church in Cartert county. Bro. Davidson failed not to give us a grand message from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Text 6:7, 8.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING

Convention opened at 9:30. Devotional services were conducted for thirty minutes, guided by that true and faithful soldier of the Cross, Eld. H. R. Faircloth. Many testified as to their relationship to God, both men and women. The testimonies were interspersed with some of the old time Spiritual songs. This was a Spiritual feast, and it seemed like everybody present wanted to speak a word for their Lord.

Delegates and ministers, who came the second day, were enrolled with the names of those who came in on the first day.

"Going Down the Valley" was effectively rendered by a quartet composed of Rev. E. R. Barnes, Rev. E. C. Gaskill, Henry Barnes, and A. L. Boykin, Jr.

The congregation sang No. 79. Rev. J. H. Strickland, pastor of Horney Heights church of Asheville, but now serving for Bro. Self with the Goldsboro Church, made a strong plea for the Orphanage at Middlesex and its superintendent and co-laborers. He spoke with much feeling and interest. His heart seemed to be stirred greatly for the Home. A collection was then taken for the Home which amounted to \$34.46.

It was decided by the Convention to dispense with the Sunday School Board.

#### *Committee Appointed*

A committee was appointed to look into the matter of a debt that was contracted by one some years ago, who was Secretary of the Board, and see what can be done relative to paying this debt. The Convention voted to pay the debt if it was found just and accurate after a thorough investigation by the committee composed of C. K. Dunn, W. B. Everett, and M. C. Prescott.

#### ORPHANAGE REPORT

To The N. C. State Convention Of Free Will Baptist:—The Orphanage Board presents a summary of the years activities which we hope will meet with your approval.

During the year the Board has held five meetings at the Home and transacted the various items of business that came to their attention regarding the Home.

There has been ~~twenty nine~~ applications presented to the Board during the year, ~~eleven~~ were accepted, ~~sixteen~~ rejected and three waiting action of Board. There has been sixteen released from the Home during the year. Seven of this number had become of age, nine were under age, five of this nine had relatives able and willing to care for them, the other four were T. B. positives and were removed to safeguard the other children in the Home. It is our policy to stay in touch with the relatives of the children in the Home, so when we find they are able to care for them we let them go to make room for the little fellow that has no chance at all.

The health condition at the Home for the past year has been excellent. We have had a few cases that required medical attention and one or two that required hospital attention but each one got along fine. In each case our family physician was called. Dr. E. X. Powell of Middlesex, N. C. is one of the most charitable men I ever knew. It matters not who is sick at the Home or at what hour he is called he comes without a murmur. He often speaks of the children as our children as if he were a member of our church. He never presents a bill. He says it is more than a pleasure to him to do everything in his power for those orphan children. Also, I wish to mention Dr. Blackshear, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist and Dr. Barns, dentist, both of Wilson, N. C. who donate their services to the Orphanage. If at anytime any of you desire work in their field, I think they are due consideration.

After careful consideration on the part of the Orphanage Board in

order that all reports and records pertaining to the Orphanage work be left at the Home they saw fit to elect the Superintendent secretary of the Board January 13, 1932. Since that time he has been serving in that capacity.

There has been several improvements made at the Home but will not take space to name them. We would appreciate a visit from you that you may see exactly what has been done. Then go and tell your friends. Brethren these are our children. It is a wonderful privilege God has made possible for us, in that of caring for those little ones.

Your Superintendent pleads with you ministers and laymen for a unanimous cooperation for the support of that Home. Your servant is not pleading for applause, credit, honor, or esteem, but simply for the support of these orphan children,

Faithfully yours,

J. R. BENNETT, Supt. and Sec.

SUPERINTENDENT'S FINANCIAL REPORT, 1932  
FROM SEPT. 1, 1931 TO SEPT. 1, 1932

Total Receipts -----	\$9,831.50
Total Expenditures -----	9,800.14
Cash on Hand -----	\$ 31.36

*Receipts*

Bal. on Hand Sept. 1, 1931 -----	\$ 271.68
Receipts from Singing Class -----	1,461.43
Duke Foundation -----	2,223.82
Williams Children Allowance -----	105.00
James Allen Davis, Endowment -----	240.00
Nash County Commissioners -----	600.00
Churches, Sunday Schools and Others -----	4,929.57
	\$9,831.50

*Disbursements*

Superintendent's Salary -----	\$ 953.68
Clerical help \$10.00 per month from Jan. 1st to Sept 1st -	80.00
Matrons Salary Paid -----	963.00
Paid Farmer -----	369.36
Paid Class Manager -----	150.00
Paid Teachers Salary -----	122.00
Paid Field Worker -----	122.50
Branch Banking & Trust Co. Insurance -----	462.00
On deposit in Planters Bank at time of Failure -----	210.36
	\$3,302.90
General operating expense -----	6,497.24
	\$9,800.14
Cash in Bank Sept. 1, 1932 -----	\$ 31.36

*Due on Salaries*

Superintendent \$166.32; Matron \$360.00; Farmer \$140.00; Class Manager \$30.00; Teacher \$20.00; Field Worker \$27.50; total \$823.82.



DONATED COMMODITIES IN DETAIL 1931-1932

Months	Food	Clothing Etc.	Household Supplies	Stock Feed
Sept.	\$ 37.50	\$ 12.45	\$ 6.55	\$
Oct.	38.43	73.29		
Nov.	1079.58	400.56	230.47	239.85
Dec.	333.25	172.54	246.17	72.30
Jan.	57.64	36.64	13.35	58.25
Feb.	107.93	50.75	4.85	22.67
Mar.	116.40	28.73	2.24	8.95
Apr.	340.15	84.88	28.00	30.85
May.		92.18	6.00	
June.	129.85	37.20	27.10	5.60
July.	303.07	89.20	63.01	16.40
Aug.	353.41	175.60	20.07	13.70
Totals	\$2897.21	\$1254.02	\$ 647.81	\$ 468.57
Grand Total	-----			\$5267.61

Respectfully Submitted  
J. R. BENNETT, Supt.

F. W. B. ORPHANAGE FIELD WORKER'S REPORT

Began work June 1, 1932.

Cash turned in for June, July and August ----- \$ 132.02  
Value of Donated Commodities ----- 1,073.50

Total ----- \$1,205.52  
Salary received ----- \$122.50  
Balance due ----- 27.50

Total ----- \$150.00  
Average per month ----- \$401.84

Rev. Henry Melvin, pastor of Edgemont Church, Durham, N. C. gave an able address on Young People's Work. Showing the great importance of our young people being trained for service in the vineyard of the Lord. The young minister spoke with great interest concerning this work. It is to be hoped that his words were as bread cast upon the waters. Or rather were as seed sown upon fertile, well prepared soil. Bro. Melvin seems to be one who loves the Young People's Work. He stated in the beginning of his address that the work was growing at a fairly successful increase. Leagues are being formed in many more churches than for some time and cheering reports are coming from many sections of the country. The Young People's Work should fill the minds and hearts of our people, for as has often been repeated, "The youth of the country is the hope of the country."

Rev. W. L. Moretz of Asheville spoke on the great importance of the

Foreign Mission work among our people. He referred to St. Mark's Gospel, 16:15, as being the marching orders of all Christians. He spoke of this command of our Saviour as being of as great importance as any command that our Saviour gave to his people while here on earth. How the command should burn in our souls. Let us get it into our minds and hearts that the command is as much to the Free Wil Baptist as to any people on earth.

**REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD (Adopted)**

Your Foreign Mission Board beg leave to make the following recommendations:

1. That this board recommend that the State Convention raise \$1,000.00 during the year 1932-1933.
2. That to raise this amount we ask 1,000 to give \$1.00 each.
3. That our pastors be asked to cooperate in raising the amount.
4. That our Secretary and Treasurer be one man instead of two; that he be placed under bond in sufficient amount to secure all money paid to him; that he be required to publish reports each month in the Free Will Baptist, giving information regarding means and the amount raised.

WILLET L. MORETZ, Sec.  
 W. C. WILLIS, Treas.  
 J. C. GRIFFIN,  
 CYRUS M. JOHNSON, Committee.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERANNUATION BOARD (Adopted)**

We your Superannuation Board of the State Convention of the Free Will Baptist denomination of North Carolina, beg leave to say that the Board has no money in our hands, but through the various bodies we find that there has been used the sum of \$182.35. Bodies that have reported are as follows:

Fifth Eastern Union of the Eastern Conference -----	\$52.50
Eastern Conference -----	\$40.00
Auxiliary of the Eastern Conference -----	\$33.50
Warden's Grove Church of Eastern Conference -----	\$ 5.20
The Cape Fear Union -----	\$51.52

L. H. WETHERINGTON, Chm.

By vote the Sunday School Board of the State Convention was abolished.

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR F. W. B. STATE CONVENTION  
 1931-1932 (adopted)**

*Receipts*

Brought over from last year -----	\$ 6.65
Received from State Convention Sec. -----	174.70
Special Offering for Orphanage -----	23.86
Received from E. T. Phillips -----	6.60
<b>Total Receipts -----</b>	<b>\$211.81</b>

*Amount Paid Out*

Elder E. T. Phillips, Secretary Fee -----	\$ 27.50
W. A. Jackson, Assistant Secretary -----	7.50
W. C. Willis, Treasurer Fee -----	20.00
F. W. B. Orphanage, Special Collection -----	23.86

F. W. B. Press, for Minutes -----	50.00
Total Amount Paid Out -----	\$128.86    128.86
Balance on hand in bank -----	\$ 82.95

W. C. WILLIS, Treas.

On motion we pay the debt for Sunday School Supplies to A. H. Eilers & Co. contracted some time ago by the S. S. Board.

At 12 o'clock a very sumptuous feast was enjoyed by a large host of people from many sections of the country.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Bro. C. K. Dunn, Manager of the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, N. C. made an address concerning the workings and needs of the institution. He could not see the reason why our people did not read the paper as they should. He stated that a small part of our people take the paper and that, doubtless, many of those who take it, fail to peruse its columns as they should. He compared the size and price of our paper with other leading church papers, and showed that we give more reading matter, printed on good paper, for the dollar than many other religious journals. While a number of our ministers are doing fine work in the interest of the paper, a very large percent are acting in a very indifferent way about it. The office is well equipped to do the best grade of job printing and should have the patronage of our people, far and near. During the past year a great inroad has been made on the indebtedness of the Press; another year, even as good as the past, will, without any serious mishap, put the office out of debt, which should cause our people to rejoice. We have a good plant, well equipped with modern machinery, located in a very convenient place, and doing free advertising for all our institutions, and organizations. We plead for the hearty cooperation and prayers of our people everywhere. A dollar sent to the office is a dollar for the Free Will Baptist and for our Lord.

On motion by L. H. Wetherington, the Executive Committee of this Convention confer with Elds. Moye and Pittman, relative to having an Educational Institution, or Bible School located somewhere in our bounds, for the good of our cause.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were duly elected for the ensuing year:

REV. S. H. STYRON, President -----	Pine Level, N. C.
REV. J. C. GRIFFIN, Vice President -----	New Bern, N. C.
REV. E. T. PHILLIPS, Rec. Secretary -----	Ayden, N. C.
REV. C. M. JOHNSON, Field Secretary -----	Goldsboro, N. C.
BRO. W. C. WILLIS, Treasurer -----	P. O. Box 344 New Bern, N. C.

### MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

BOARD OF FINANCE:—H. M. Mallard, C. W. Morris, terms expire

1933; H. R. Faircloth, E. G. Holland, 1934; C. M. Johnson, W. B. Everett terms expire 1935.

BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION:—J. C. Griffin, L. H. Wetherington, terms expire 1933; J. E. Davis, W. L. Moretz, terms expire 1934; Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, terms expire 1935.

CHURCH EXTENSION:—W. B. Everett, term expires 1933; C. M. Johnson, term expires 1934; Miss Nellie Alford, term expires 1935.

ORPHANAGE BOARD:—J. W. Alford, term expires 1933; D. W. Parker, term expires 1934; W. A. Jackson, term expires 1935; Dr. M. Hinnant, term expires 1936; R. L. Little, term expires 1937.

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

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

On motion a vote of thanks be extended the people of Marsh Swamp Church and community for their hospitality shown during the sitting of this Convention.

#### DELEGATES TO VARIOUS BODIES

TO EASTERN CONFERENCE:—J. R. Bennett.

TO WESTERN CONFERENCE:—J. H. Worley.

TO CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE:—W. A. Jackson.

TO THE PEE DEE CONFERENCE:—I. L. Russ.

TO ROCK FISH CONFERENCE:—M. L. Baxley.

TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE:—C. M. Johnson.

TO FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION:—F. Roy Hickle.

TO THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY ASSOCIATION:—W. L. Moretz.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE (Adopted)

We your Board of Finance, beg leave to report as follows: Received at the State Convention 148.07, to be distributed as follows:

Paid Recording Secretary .....	\$ 25.00
To Auditors .....	10.00
W. A. Jackson, Expense acct. ....	2.00
C. M. Johnson, Expense acct. ....	2.00
Allowed for minutes .....	40.00
To Treasurer .....	10.00
For Young People's work .....	9.07
For Orphanage .....	50.00
Total .....	\$148.07

By motion the Convention of 1932 come to a close. Bro. W. L. Stricklin of Hamlet, an old soldier of the Cross who has to the best of our knowledge, attended every Convention for many years, desired that the Convention close with a hand shake and that the Convention close with singing No. 122, "Shall we meet beyond the River" etc. Bro. Stricklin is an engineer, now yard master at Hamlet. He told us that if he was compelled to stand, he could not hold his job. He is a member of Mount Moriah Church in Richmond County. God spare him many more years to attend Conventions.

The Convention closed with an earnest prayer by Bro. W. A. Jackson

in which he earnestly besought the Lord in behalf of Bro. Self.

S. H. STYRON, President.

E. T. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

NOTE BY CLERK.—The Board of Finance acted upon the statement by the Secretary, who thought the amount he turned over to the Treasure was approximately \$156.57, but the treasurer by careful count found the amount was really only \$148.07, a difference of \$8.50. In order to make the report balance, the secretary by recommendation of the Treas. deducted the \$8.50 from the \$17.50 appropriated to Young People's work. After returning from the Convention, the secretary very carefully tabulated the amount received before the Convention, while at the Convention and since finding the total amount received from all the churches to be \$157.12. The amount actually received at the Convention deducted from this amount leaves \$9.05 which has been forwarded to the Treasurer by the Secretary.

# 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 years and others elected by th 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.

## STATISTICAL TABLE

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

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

Churches	Counties	Delegates	No. Members	Contribution
Union chapel -----	Beaufort -----	O. C. Barr -----	444	\$ 2.00
Sidney -----	Beaufort -----	By Letter -----	123	1.20
White Hill -----	Beaufort -----	Miss Georgia Cayton -----	162	1.40
Morehead City -----	Carteret -----	Mrs. Neal Davis -----	100	5.00
Stacy -----	Carteret -----	Hubert W. Fulcher -----	188	3.75
Davis Shore -----	Carteret -----	Fred Willis -----	143	5.20
Holly Springs -----	Carteret -----	By Letter -----	---	1.05
Saint Mary -----	Craven -----	U. W. Daugherty -----	229	---
Mosely Creek -----	Craven -----	W. A. Nobles -----	118	2.00
Juniper Chapel -----	Craven -----	L. B. Dail -----	144	2.00
Sarecta -----	Duplin -----	J. J. Benson -----	80	1.00
Bethlehem -----	Duplin -----	Sister Maina Jones -----	75	2.00
Woodington -----	Lenoir -----	By Letter -----	83	2.00
Mt. Zion -----	Onslow -----	Lennie Williams -----	50	1.50
Rock of Zion -----	Pamlico -----	Sylvester Keel -----	200	1.00
Bethel -----	Pamlico -----	Mrs. S. L. Silverthorn -----	96	2.00

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Rains X Roads -----	Johnston -----	Doc Williams -----	---	1.00
Selma -----	Johnston -----	J. A. Pittman -----	75	2.00
Pine Level -----	Johnston -----	Grover C. Scott -----	200	7.50
Micro -----	Johnston -----	Mrs. Jesse Deans -----	130	2.50
Piney Grove -----	Johnston -----	Mrs. Debbie Narron -----	85	1.75
Stancills Chapel -----	Johnston -----	Nathanael Kirby -----	279	7.50
Princeton -----	Johnston -----	Mrs. Esse Kramer -----	164	5.00
Kenly -----	Johnston -----	Jack Avery -----	178	2.00
Pleasant Plain -----	Johnston -----	R. Munroe Pittman -----	---	3.00
Branch Chapel -----	Johnston -----	Henry Pope -----	278	2.00
Holly Springs -----	Johnston -----	R.P. Johnston -----	---	2.00
Spring Hill -----	Wayne -----	W. F. Pender -----	175	2.50
Pleasant Grove -----	Wayne -----	E. C. Sullivan -----	132	3.00
Stoney Creek -----	Wayne -----	W. H. Wellons -----	222	\$ 5.00
Milbourny -----	Wilson -----	Mrs. M. E. Branch -----	66	5.00
Mt. Zion -----	Wilson -----	J. H. Crech -----	260	5.00
Marsh Swamp -----	Wilson -----	Mrs. L. M. Ausley -----	175	10.00
Wilson -----	Wilson -----	Luther Pope -----	130	1.50
St. Mary -----	Wilson -----	Henry Boykin -----	42	1.00
Little Rock -----	Wilson -----	P. A. Talton -----	54	3.50

### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Gum Neck -----	Tyrrell -----	D. K. Sawyer -----	242	\$ -----
Malachi's Chapel -----	Tyrrell -----	D. D. Spencer -----	290	5.00
Dilda Grove -----	Pitt -----	S. A. Wooten -----	25	---
Rose Hill -----	Pitt -----	J. T. Roberson -----	260	1.00
Gum Swamp -----	Pitt -----	A. L. Morris -----	379	3.00
Daniels Chapel -----	Wilson -----	Henry Pittman -----	80	2.00



## CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Churches	Counties	Delegates	No. Members	Contributions
Prospect -----	Harnett -----	R. McLeod -----	183	\$ 2.10
Hopewell -----	Johnston -----	By Letter -----	192	3.00
Bethel -----	Johnston -----	By Letter -----	207	-----
T. Chapel -----	Johnston -----	J. L. Strickland -----	150	2.00
Smithfield -----	Johnston -----	D. W. Parker -----	65	2.00
Johnson's Union -----	Johnston -----	M. E. Underwood -----	183	2.00
Powhatan -----	Johnston -----	L. J. Williams -----	224	1.25
LaGrange -----	Lenoir -----	O. Taylor -----	45	3.00
Oak Grove -----	Sampson -----	Y. W. Eldrige -----	-----	2.00
Shady Grove -----	Sampson -----	L. W. Warren -----	325	5.00
Roberts Grove -----	Sampson -----	Warren Jackson -----	100	1.50
St. Paul -----	Sampson -----	By Letter -----	154	-----
Goldsboro -----	Wayne -----	L. K. Stallings -----	171	5.00

## BUNCOMBE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Asheville -----	Buncombe -----	No Delegate -----	66	-----
Horney Heights -----	Buncombe -----	No Delegate -----	191	-----
Cedar Hill -----	Buncombe -----	No Delegate -----	48	-----
Hazel Green -----	Buncombe -----	No Delegate -----	36	-----
Riverside -----	Buncombe -----	No Delegate -----	22	-----
Swannanona -----	Buncombe -----	No Delegate -----	41	-----
West Canton -----	Haywood -----	No Delegate -----	138	-----

## ROCK FISH CONFERENCE

Mt. Moriah -----	Richmond -----	W. L. Stricklin -----	-----	\$ 5.00
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## PEE DEE CONFERENCE

White Oak -----	Bladen -----	J. W. Bowen -----	110	\$ 5.00
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