

MINUTES

Of The

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

State Association of Churches

Of The (Original)

FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Held With the Church at

LITTLE ROCK, WILSON COUNTY, N. C.

September 11, 12, 1940

And The

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

Women's State Auxiliary Convention

Held With the Church at

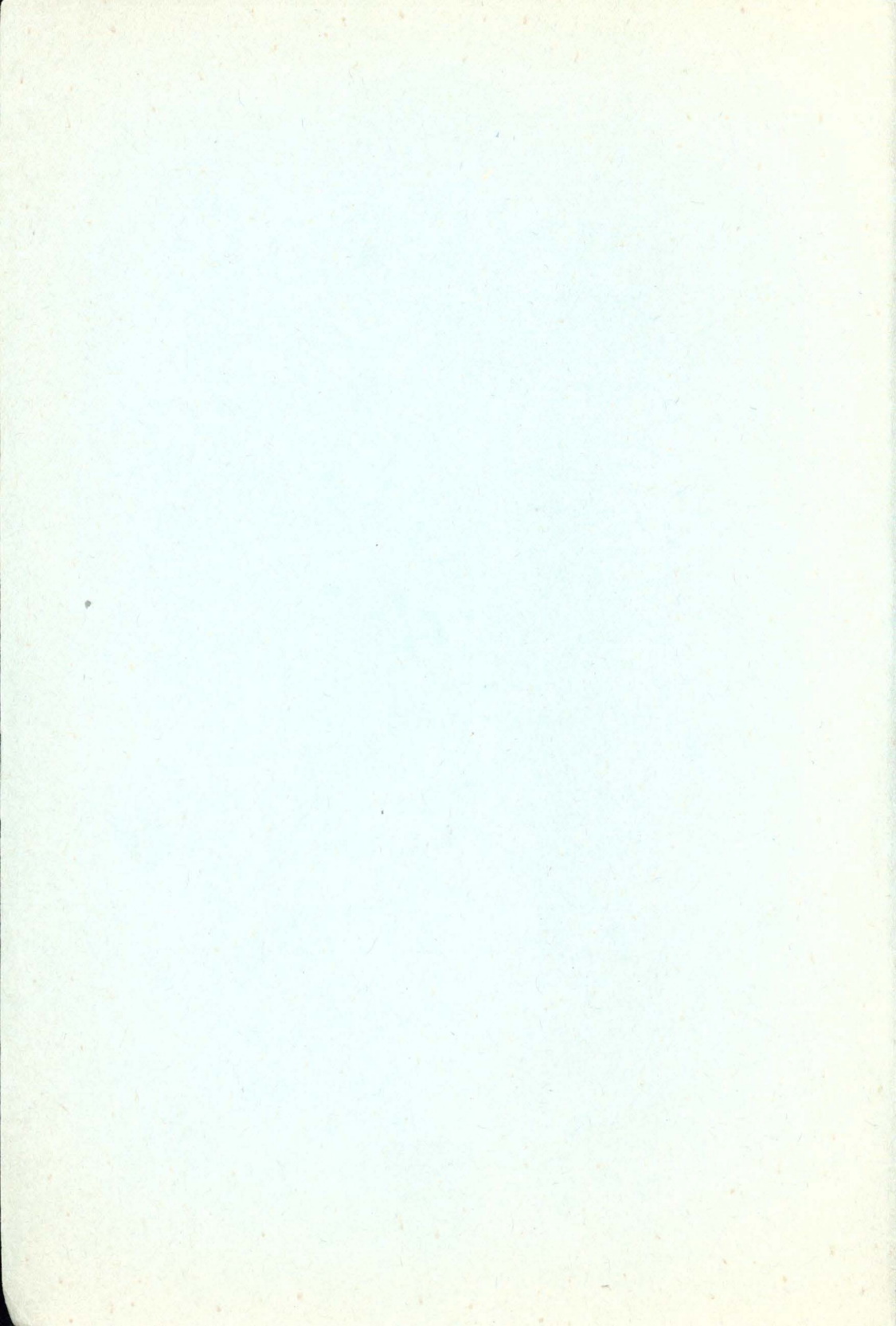
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PROCEEDINGS

The 28th Annual Session of the State Association of North Carolina Free Will Baptists convened with the church at Little Rock, Wilson County, N. C., on September 11th., 1940.

Devotions were conducted by Eld. C. B. Thompson of Ayden. He spoke to us on the importance of being "fishers of men", and following Jesus, after which the congregation sang "More like the Master," and then the President called the Association to order for business.

The following Ministers and Delegates were enrolled:

Eastern Association—Elds. L. H. Wetherington, R. C. Proctor, J. C. Griffin, W. B. Everett, S. A. Smith, J. R. Bennett, G. W. Kennedy, J. W. Alford.

Central Conference—Elds. C. J. Harris, D. M. Ratcliff, L. W. Humbles, R. P. Harris, M. A. Woodard, J. P. Barrow, D. W. Alexander, L. B. Manning, R. C. Alexander, R. H. Mason, C. D. Hamilton, J. E. Wooten, W. L. Hart, J. C. Moye.

Western Association—Elds. L. T. Phillips, Romie Mitchell, E. C. Morris, B. B. Richardson, J. H. Worley, Dee Bissett, Clarence Bowen, J. A. Evans, G. W. Ferrell, W. A. Hales, R. N. Hinnant, E. G. Holland, W. R. Williams, W. G. Pike.

Cape Fear Association—Elds. C. B. Thompson, C. A. Coats, W. H. Lancaster, G. C. Joyner, R. H. Jackson, H. R. Faircloth, M. L. Johnson, M. E. Godwin, T. E. Beamon, Hermon Wooten.

Rock Fish Association—Elds. Sherman H. Oakes, M. L. Baxley.

French Broad Association—Eld. L. E. Ballard.

Salem Association of Florida—Eld. Chester Pelt.

DELEGATES

Eastern Association—D. S. Waller, U. W. Daugherty, Ewell Woolard, W. C. Sutton, H. C. Wood, J. E. Harris, John Kornegay, J. A. Campbell, Mrs. Pearl Alligood, Mrs. Alvin Stillely, S. W. Jones, John Sumner, Mrs. S. A. Smith, Mrs. H. M. Morris, Mrs. Nora Malpass, M. F. Hollowell, Dan Sawyer, Harold Mallard, Clyde Spruill, E. M. Prescott, Sam Kennedy.

Central Conference—M. L. Ratcliff, Z. M. Harrison, Ray Gay, R. R. Tyson, Mrs. I. C. Tugwell, R. L. Spencer, C. W. Pittman, C. F. Little, J. H. Harris, Abe Walston, K. L. Wooten, J. E. Baker, L. A. Fulford, J. L. McLawhorn.

Western Association—W. O. Fields, Herman Holland, F. A. Wells, W. A. Jones, W. D. Edwards, W. F. Pittman, Mrs. T. E. Stancil, Wade Davis, Lee Patterson, Mrs. J. L. Peedin, Mrs. J. S. Collier, Mrs. Inez Edwards, J. D. Ballance, A. G. Askew, W. C. Sasser, Mrs. F. E. Joyner, Mrs. E. B. Deans, T. H. Allen, Miss Marie Manning, J. W. Bryan.

Cape Fear Association—W. C. Westbrook, J. W. Wilson, Zeb D. Allen, L. J. Williams, T. F. Henrie, Mrs. W. A. Williams, Mattie Pittman, Fred Parker, Mrs. W. E. Hollowell, Kirby West, N. E. Brock, C. W. Thompson, Ottis Canall, A. F. Ballance.

Rock Fish Association—Mrs. Mattie Norton.

Treasurer N. C. State Association—W. B. Crumpler,

Orphanage Board—W. A. Jackson.

Third Eastern Union Meeting—W. C. Hill, A. I. Taylor.

N. C. State Auxiliary—Mrs. J. C. Griffin.

Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes delivered the address of welcome in a very tender and loving way. The response was made by Eld. Clarence Bowen.

The President suggested that a memorial service be held in memory of Eld. S. H. Styron, and all the ministers who have passed away since 1934. He appointed Elds. Chester Pelt, J. A. Evans and Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes to arrange for this service.

The President appointed Elds. M. L. Johnson, E. C. Morris and S. A. Smith as Resolutions committee.

The Minutes of the Executive committee were read as follows:

The Executive committee of the State Association of N. C., Free Will Baptists met at Goldsboro March 4th. 1940 at 10 A. M.

Present: M. E. Tyson, Chm. J. W. Alford, Sec. W. A. Jackson, W. B. Crumpler, M. L. Johnson, L. H. Wetherington, W. L. Moretz, R. P. Harris.

Visiting brethren: T. E. Beamon, W. A. Hales, J. C. Griffin, J. A. Evans, C. B. Thompson, W. L. Hart.

Prayer by Eld. J. C. Griffin.

On motion Eld. W. L. Hart be elected to fill the unexpired term of Eld. S. H. Styron on the Mission Board.

On motion the next session of the State Association be held at Little Rock, Wilson County.

On motion Eld. W. L. Moretz be elected Publicity Director.

J. W. Alford, R. P. Harris and M. L. Johnson were elected program committee.

Some discussion was had regarding the Board of Surveyors, and it was left open until the next session of the Association.

On motion Eld. J. A. Evans was elected a member of the General Board to fill the unexpired term of Eld. S. H. Styron.

On motion we appoint a committee of three to look into the Records, Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, and discover any discrepancies appearing therein, and submit same, with recommendations for any changes to same, at next session of the Association, in time to be acted on at that session. The following were elected as the above required committee; T. E. Beamon, R. P. Harris, J. C. Griffin.

On motion we adjourn.

Dismissed by Eld. T. E. Beamon.

On motion the above minutes were adopted.

The Executive committee of the State Association of the N. C. Free Will Baptists met at Goldsboro, April 8th 1940, at 10 A. M.

Present: Loyd Vernon, Vice Chm. J. W. Alford, Sec. W. B. Crumpler, M. L. Johnson, W. L. Moretz, W. A. Jackson, L. H. Wetherington.

Prayer was offered by Eld. M. L. Johnson.

The matter of the transfer of the property of the Smithfield church to the new Trustees was taken up. It was found that the obligation of the church to the B. L. Association is still against the State Association, though a new Deed of Trust has been drawn. It was also found that it will take

about \$200.00 to bring the obligation up to date, so the B. & L. Association will accept the Deed of Trust by the new Trustees.

Eld. J. A. Evans presented to us the idea of forming a Corporation to underwrite or assume the obligation to the B. & L. Association, requiring the new Trustees to execute a second Deed of Trust to the Corporation, thereby assuring the B. & L. Association that the debt will be paid, and at the same time securing the Corporation for its investment.

On motion we endorse and authorize the formation of such a Corporation as outlined by Bro. Evans.

On motion Bro. J. A. Evans be appointed Chairman of a committee to formulate this corporation, and the committee be instructed to proceed at once with the work. J. W. Alford and L. H. Wetherington were appointed to assist Bro. Evans in the formation of this Corporation.

(All those in attendance signified their desire to become members of the above Corporation, and pledged to pay each month into the Treasury of said Corporation when it is formed, certain amounts, which record is found in the hands of the Secretary of the Corporation.)

On motion the Treasurer of the State Association be instructed to pay over to the Smithfield church the sum of \$30.00 to help bring the obligation up to date as of April 1st, 1940.

On motion we adjourn.

Dismissed By Eld. J. R. Bennett.

On motion the above minutes were adopted.

The President, for his address, requested each minister and delegate to stand with his left hand over the heart, and his right raised toward heaven, and sing the first verse of "Blest be the tie that binds", after which Eld. L. B. Manning led in prayer.

At 11 o'clock, at the call of the President, Eld. Chester Pelt came forward, and led the congregation in singing "He leadeth me", after which he asked Eld. George Dunbar of Chuckey, Tenn., to lead in prayer. The congregation then sang "Amazing Grace".

Mrs. Chester Pelt then brought very feelingly a special number entitled "Place your Hand in the Nail Scarred Hand".

Eld. D. W. Alexander presented and introduced Eld. C. J. Harris as the speaker for today. Eld. Harris read the 133rd. Psalm. He spoke to us on the subject: "The Word of God", using Heb. 4; 12 as a text. He presented to us a very powerful and convincing message on the subject.

Eld. G. C. Joyner dismissed us for lunch.

WEDNESDAY P. M.

At 1.15 P. M. we re-assembled, and congregational singing was led by Eld. R. N. Hinnant. Prayer was offered by Eld. J. H. Worley.

Eld. S. H. Oakes of Rockingham conducted the devotions and spoke very helpfully of the necessity of keeping the Word of God alive and burning in our hearts.

The President called for the out of the state visitors, and Eld. George Dunbar of Chuckey, Tenn., was welcomed, and he responded with greetings from the Tennessee brethren.

Eld. Henry Melvin, for the Executive Committee of the National Association, announced that the committee had employed Eld. L. R. Ennis as Executive Secretary for the National Association, and requested the President to give Eld. Ennis time to present his plans for work to us, which he did.

A note from Eld. E. T. Phillips, sending his greetings and requesting an interest in prayer, was read to the Association.

Eld. J. R. Bennett was called and he made a report of the National Educational program. He stated that property for a school is under investigation but exact location has not been determined.

The committee appointed to submit revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

We, the undersigned Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee to revise the Constitution and By-Laws and bring them up-to-date, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We find that some phases of the Constitution are not as specific as they should be, and further that many phases of our work have changed and new objects enacted. Thus the necessity for amendments to bring the Constitution and By-Laws up-to-date.

We recommend the following changes:

1. That we and the following sections to Article 1 of the By-Laws.

Section 8. The duties of the Board of Finance shall be to work out a complete financial system for our entire state concerning all of our financial requirements, to put same into operation, to revise and change from year to year as necessity may demand, and to apportion the funds of the Association.

Section 9. The duties of the Board of Superannuation shall be to provide for our aged, retired, and infirm ministers in some form of a superannuation.

Section 10. The duties of the Home Mission Board shall be to regulate and supervise all Home Missions in North Carolina.

Section 11. The duties of the Foreign Mission Board shall be to raise money for our Foreign Mission Program and to build sentiment favorable to Foreign Missions.

2. Section 5 of article 3 be and is hereby repealed and we recommend that all money on hand for church extension be turned over to the Church Finance Corporation.

3. That Section 6 article 3 be and is hereby repealed, and that the Executive Committee, or on its failure, the President appoint annually one or more persons to audit any and all books and to report to the Association.

Section 7 article 3 be and is hereby repealed.

We recommend the following additions to Article 3 of the By-Laws.
Section 5. Board of Foreign Missions. The Board shall be composed of

4 members elected to serve for a term of two years each, with two members retiring each year and others elected to fill the vacancy.

Thomas E. Beaman, *Chairman*
J. C. Griffin
R. P. Harris

This report was laid on the table until tomorrow for its consideration according to the constitutional requirement.

Elds. D. W. Alexander and Clarence Bowen spoke about the Ministers Institute at Davis each year, and encouraged the pastors to attend.

A quartet composed of R. N. Hinnant, L. R. Ennis, Mrs. Chester Pelt and Mrs. J. C. Moye very beautifully sang "I want to be like Jesus in my Heart".

Benediction by Eld. W. A. Hales.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Eld. Henry Melvin brought a very interesting, helpful and instructive message on Home Missions, using for a text Acts, 1; 8.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Association met at the appointed time, and devotions were conducted by Eld. W. R. Williams with song by the congregation and prayer by Eld. J. H. Worley, after which Eld. Williams read the 133rd Psalm. The congregation then sang "I feel like going on."

The President took charge, and business began with the reading of the minutes of yesterday, which were approved.

On motion the President send Eld. W. L. Moretz a message of sympathy in his afflictions.

The report of the Secretary of Foreign Missions was read as follows:

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

Report of Foreign Mission work of the North Carolina State Association for the year September 1, 1939 to August 31, 1940.

Receipts

Report for September, 1939.

Mrs. Ruby Everton	\$ 1.00
L. A. S., St. Mary's Church, Wilson Co.	2.00
State League Convention	25.00
Hugo Mission Society	1.25
Collection at State Association	5.03
Hopewell Church	3.25
L. A. S., White Oak Church	2.00
Collection, Auxiliary Convention, Central Conference	4.66
State League Convention	25.00
Auxiliary Convention, Central Conference	4.00
Mrs. Lilly Smith	1.00

Missionary Helpers Society, Beaufort Church -----	3.00
State Association -----	30.00

Total for September, 1939 -----	\$107.19

REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1939

Junior F. W. B. L., Free Union Church, Beaufort Co. -----	\$.75
Albemarle Auxiliary Convention -----	4.75
L. A. S., Shady Grove Church -----	4.00
S. S., White Oak Church -----	8.85
Leagues of Edgemont F. W. B. Church -----	11.24
S. S. Swannanoa Church -----	8.31
F. W. B. L., Swannanoa Church -----	.66
Greenville Free Will Baptist Church -----	4.00
Auxiliary Convention of the 4th Union, Central Conference -----	8.08

Total for October, 1939 -----	\$ 50.64

REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1939

Carteret County Union Meeting -----	\$ 3.00
2nd Union, Central Conference, by Rev. W. A. Dail -----	3.20
Hull Road Church -----	10.00
Hugo Mission Society -----	1.10
Foreign Mission Board, Central Conference, by Levi Hill -----	10.00
F. W. B. L., Free Union Church, Beaufort Co. -----	.50
Missionary Society, Bridgeton Church -----	5.00
3rd Union, Eastern Association -----	5.00
Cape Fear Association -----	20.00
Elwood Lane F. W. B. Church -----	5.00
L. A. S., Horney Heights Church -----	1.00
Mrs. Willet L. Moretz -----	1.00
F. W. B. L., Wintergreen Church -----	1.40

Total for November, 1939 -----	\$ 66.20

REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1939

Missionary Helpers Society, Beaufort Church -----	\$ 5.00
Mt. Mariah Church -----	1.00
S. S., Reedy Branch Church -----	6.00
Mrs. Willet L. Moretz -----	1.00
Stacy Mission Circles -----	1.40
L. A. S., White Oak Church -----	2.00
Hopewell Church -----	3.70
S. S., Kinston Church -----	1.00

Total for December, 1939 -----	\$ 21.10

REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1940

Auxiliary Convention, 4th Union, Central Conference -----	\$ 2.00
Carteret County Union -----	3.00
Miss Lucy Warren -----	1.00
J. C. Griffin Sr. F. W. B. L., Sound Side Church -----	1.10
Mrs. J. J. Everton -----	1.00
Foreign Mission Board, Central Conference, by Levi Hill -----	\$ 65.66
S. S., Swannanoa Church -----	3.88

Total for January, 1940 -----	\$ 77.64

REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1940

L. A. S., Shady Grove Church -----	\$ 1.00
Mrs. Willet L. Moretz -----	1.00
Miss Daisy Davis -----	.50
2nd Union Meeting, Central Conference, by Rev. W. A. Dail -----	.95
L. A. S., Kinston Church -----	2.50
State League Convention -----	21.00

Total for February, 1940 -----	\$ 26.95

REPORT FOR MARCH, 1940

3rd Union, Western Association -----	\$ 12.20
L. A. S., White Oak Church -----	2.00
Collection, Greenville and Gum Swamp L. A. S. (Prayer Week) -----	3.25
L. A. S., Grimsley Church -----	5.00
Missionary Society, Little Rock Church -----	2.00
E. D. Jaynes -----	1.00
S. S., Swannanoa Church -----	7.00

Total for March, 1940 -----	\$ 32.45

REPORT FOR APRIL, 1940

Foreign Mission Board, Central Conference, by Levi Hill -----	\$ 15.00
Missionary Society, Greenville Church -----	2.00
L. A. S., White Oak Church -----	4.00
Carteret County Union Meeting -----	2.50
Foreign Mission Board, Central Conference, by Levi Hill -----	2.97
L. A. S., St. Mary's Church, Wilson Co. -----	2.00
Auxiliary Convention, Cape Fear Association -----	2.50
Auxiliary Convention, Pee Dee Association -----	.50
S. S., White Oak Church -----	10.50
Missionary Society, Greenville Church -----	5.00

Total for April, 1940 -----	\$ 46.97

REPORT FOR MAY, 1940

Miss Lucy Warren -----	\$ 1.00
Mrs. Willet L. Moretz -----	1.00
L. A. S., Sts. Delight Church -----	2.00
Mrs. Katie Sawyer Jackson -----	5.00
1st District Union Meeting, Western Association -----	5.00
Total for May, 1940 -----	\$ 14.00

REPORT FOR JUNE, 1940

Entwistle Free Will Baptist Church -----	\$ 1.12
L. A. S., White Oak Church -----	2.00
Foreign Mission Board, Central Conference, by Levi Hill -----	5.00
Missionary Society, Hugo Church -----	2.80
Missionary Society, Davis Church -----	25.00
L. A. S., Prospect Church -----	1.00
Total for June, 1940 -----	\$ 36.92

REPORT FOR JULY, 1940

Foreign Mission Board, Central Conference, by Levi Hill -----	\$ 1.76
Foreign Mission Board, Central Conference, by Levi Hill -----	6.00
Mrs. Willet L. Moretz -----	1.00
2nd Union Meeting, Central Conference, by Rev. W. A. Dail -----	1.96
F. W. B. State Auxiliary -----	19.35
L. A. S., St. Mary's Church, Wilson Co. -----	2.00
S. S., Swannanoa Church -----	7.50
A Friend, sent by Mrs. M. A. Woodard -----	2.50
3rd Union Meeting, Western Association -----	11.15
White Oak Church -----	7.71
Total for July, 1940 -----	\$ 60.93

REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1940

Entwistle Free Will Baptist Church -----	\$ 1.60
Carteret County Union Meeting -----	2.00
Greenville F. W. B. Church -----	6.24
Mrs. Willet L. Moretz -----	1.00
Total for August, 1940 -----	\$ 10.84

Grand total for the year September 1, 1939 to August 31, 1940 -----\$551.83

DISBURSEMENTS

I. J. Blackwelder, National Sec. and Treas. -----	\$485.84
Postage -----	5.99

Sec. and Treas. Salary ----- 60.00

Total disbursements ----- \$551.83

Respectfully Submitted
Willet L. Moretz, *Sec.-Treas.*

On motion the report was adopted.
The Orphanage Board reported as follows:

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE REPORT
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1939-40

Balance on Hand September 1, 1939 ----- \$ 643.45

Cash Receipts ----- 15,788.93

Total ----- \$16,432.38

Total Expenditures ----- \$15,703.85

Balance on Hand September 1, 1940 ----- 728.53

\$16,432.38

Receipts

Refunds ----- \$ 2.34

Adjustments ----- 63.34

Concert Class ----- 5,112.15

Cash Sale of Stock ----- 99.20

Soil Conservation ----- 19.60

Religious Organizations ----- 7,091.46

Nash County Commissioners ----- 375.00

Parents & Relatives ----- 30.00

Junk Sold (Miscellaneous) ----- 1.00

Individuals ----- 584.88

The Duke Endowment ----- 2,292.65

Superintendent (Printing Press Board Meeting) ----- 4.60

Premium Dept. ----- 22.11

Petty Cash ----- 42.60

Aid Societies ----- 48.00

\$15,788.93

Balance on Hand September 1, 1939 ----- 643.45

Total ----- \$16,432.38

Expenditures

Hospital Bills ----- \$ 409.91

Superintendent's Home ----- 58.69

Conference Expense ----- 114.38

Telegraph & Telephone ----- 8.13

Lawn Improvements -----	30.88
Financing & Publicity -----	107.31
Traveling Expenses for W. A. Jackson (Building Plan) -----	17.40
School Course for Velva Daughtry -----	32.00
Insurance (Car, Truck, & Burial) -----	387.53
Car Payments -----	445.06
Salaries & Wages -----	4,645.42
Petty Cash -----	42.60
Travel Relating to Children (Transportation) -----	971.58
Office Supplies -----	209.21
Adjustments -----	126.69
Health Supplies -----	129.42
Class Expense -----	360.05
House Hold -----	713.02
Foods -----	2,720.82
Clothing -----	1,402.56
Farm Supplies -----	1,092.79
Shoeing Mules -----	7.95
Hair Cuts -----	31.85
Cleaning & Pressing -----	46.20
Recreation -----	26.06
Lights & Coal -----	408.61
Education Supplies -----	170.24
Freight Charges & Shipping Fees -----	13.45
Replacement of Livestock -----	371.88
Tractor Payment -----	517.16
Sign -----	10.00
Blue Prints -----	75.00

\$15,703.85

Total Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1940 ----- 728.53

Total ----- \$16,432.38

DONATED COMMODITIES

Food, Clothing, and Supplies -----	\$ 3,463.88
<i>L. A. S. & Auxiliaries (Cash & Clothing for Adopted Children)</i>	
Cash -----	1,135.55
Clothing -----	322.84
Total -----	\$ 1,458.39

BUILDING FUND

Time Deposit -----	\$ 2,500.00
Cash -----	90.65
Total -----	\$ 2,590.65

On motion the report was adopted.

Eld. J. A. Evans, Supt., of the Orphanage, spoke to us, giving a short history of the Home, and stating that the Board authorizes the continuation of the campaign for building a dining hall, said campaign to be on the 50c per capita basis, and the funds to be used as follows: 25c of each 50c to be used for building the dining hall, and 25c to be used for the operation of the Institution.

A collection was then taken for the Home, amounting to \$47.28.

Prayer was offered by Eld. J. C. Moyer.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson, President of the N. C. State Auxiliary Convention, made a talk in behalf of the Home, and offered to take up the matter of contributing 100 chairs to the Home, and see if she can get the local church Auxiliaries to respond to this worthy cause.

The Memorial service for the departed ministers was set for 1.30 P. M. today.

The Home Mission Board reported as follows:

To The State Association, Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, Little Rock Church, Wilson County, North Carolina.

Report of Home Mission Board:

Balance brought forward from 1939 session -----	\$102.66	
Princeton light refund -----	2.00	
W. B. Crumpler, Treasurer -----	30.00	
M. H. Mallard, Treasurer, -----	70.00	

Total Receipts -----	\$204.66	\$204.66

Rocky Mount Church -----	\$ 3.00	
Belhaven Church -----	8.00	
Board Expense -----	13.92	
Sneeds Ferry Church -----	35.00	
Clinton Church -----	12.00	

Total Disbursements -----	\$ 71.92	\$ 71.92

Balance on Hand -----		\$132.74

James A. Evans, *Sec. & Treas. of Board*

On motion the report was adopted.

Eld. Clarence Bowen expressed his appreciation for the help given him in school the past year.

The Board of Audit submitted the following report:

We have audited the books of both the Free Will Baptist Orphanage and the State Association Treasurer, and find them to be entirely satisfactory.

On motion the report was adopted.

At 11.30 o'clock, Eld. Chester Pelt took charge and brought the Associational sermon, using Mark, 15: 16, Matt. 28: 20, 2 Timothy, 2: 15,

James 1: 27 as the scriptural foundation for the sermon. His message was logically and convincingly presented.

Eld. C. B. Thompson dismissed us for lunch.

THURSDAY P. M.

The Association convened at 1.30 P. M.

The Memorial service began by a quartet composed of R. N. Hinnant, M. E. Tyson, Mrs. Chester Pelt and Miss Ruth Moye singing "Death is only a dream."

Scripture was read by Eld. Chester Pelt, who also read to us the names of ministers who have passed away since 1934: Elds. W. T. Pollard, Z. P. Ferrell, D. B. Garner, J. E. Davis, A. B. Peavy, Henry Williams, A. B. Utley, Edmond Norton, C. L. Merrill, A. E. Rouse, S. H. Styron, R. F. Pittman, A. L. Davidson, C. M. Johnson, W. M. Ferrell, D. R. Ennis, J. K. Ruffin.

Mrs. J. C. Moye and Miss Margueritte Moye sang very feelingly "I Won't have to Cross Jordan Alone."

Eld. J. E. Wooten spoke in memory of the departed brethren, and particularly concerning Elds. Pollard, Pittman, Davidson and Styron.

Eld. J. A. Evans spoke of the work of Elds. Pittman and Styron.

Eld. L. R. Ennis spoke particularly of the life and work of Eld. Pittman, and made reference to his own father, Eld. D. R. Ennis.

Eld. W. B. Everett spoke of all the brethren, and particularly of Elds. Merrill, Styron, Pittman and Davidson.

Eld. Chester Pelt requested Eld. M. E. Tyson to read Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar" in memory of the brethren.

The congregation standing sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name".

The revision of the Constitution and By-Laws was before us, and after the second reading, on motion the suggested revisions were adopted.

On motion we appoint a committee to arrange a book of Memorials, in which photographs and short sketches of the lives of deceased ministers may be placed as a permanent record.

The above committee was appointed as follows:

Elds. J. C. Griffin, J. P. Barrow and Mrs. J. C. Moye.

The Superannuation Board reported as follows:

At the last session of the Association we had on hand \$37.88. In response to our fall plea, we received \$64.64, making a total of \$102.52.

Paid to Eld. E. T. Phillips \$9.60.

Last Christmas we sent checks for \$4.00 each to 20 retired Ministers. We have had an expense account of \$3.52 during the year. Our balance to date \$9.40.

We wish to recommend that we again observe November as Superannuation month, and we ask that each church send to our Sec.-Treas. a liberal offering. This amount will be used as a Christmas gift to the disabled ministers of our state. We have a record of twenty such ministers.

We humbly urge all our people to give more thought and support to the great cause of Superannuation.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Be it resolved that we express our appreciation to the local church and community for the splendid way in which they have entertained this Association, and to the officials of Lucama High School for the use of the building in helping care for the Association.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

**TREASURER'S REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA
STATE ASSOCIATION**

From September 14, 1939 to September 12, 1940

Bal. brought forward Sept. 14, 1939	\$ 72.00
Received from assistant Sec. Sept. 14, 1939	417.06
Special Collection for Rev. S. H. Styron	66.12
Special Collection for Orphan Home	67.25
Total	\$622.43

Disbursements by Order of Finance Board

Sept. 14, Rev. J. W. Alford, Ass't. Sec.	\$ 15.00
Rev. E. T. Phillips, Sec.	15.00
Rev. J. W. Alford, Expense Account	6.00
Rev. James A. Evans, Expense Account	3.00
Orphan Home, Special Collection	67.25
Rev. R. E. Tripp, Telegram to Rev. Styron	1.00
F. W. B. League	10.00
Rev. S. H. Styron, Special Collection	66.12
Sept. 23, Rev. Jesse Barrow, On Account	100.00
Sept. 25, National Association Dues for 1939	10.00
National Education Program	50.00
Home Missions	30.00
Foreign Mission	30.00
Orphanage Funds	50.00
Rev. M. E. Tyson, Expense	5.00
Nov. 9, F. W. B. Press Minutes	60.00
Nov. 9, F. W. B. Press (Stamps & Mailing)	7.50
Dec. 17, Ministers' Institute	10.00
Jan. 1, Taxes on Bank Deposits20
July 13, Delegates expenses to National Association	25.00
National Association 1940 Dues	10.00
State S. S. Convention	20.00
April 11, Smithfield Church (Building & Loan)	30.00
Postage and Cards36
Total	\$621.43
Total	\$621.43
Sept. 12 Balance in Treas.	\$ 1.00

W. B. Crumpler, *Treasurer*

On motion the report was adopted.

Delegates to the various bodies were appointed as follows:

Eastern Association—J. R. Bennett.

Central Conference—C. J. Harris.

Western Association—Clarence Bowen.

Cape Fear Association—M. E. Godwin.

Rock Fish Association—M. L. Baxley.

Beaver Creek Association—Paul Jenkins.

French Broad Association—W. L. Moretz.

Pee Dee Association—W. L. Strickland.

National Association—H. C. Wood, R. McCloud, Ernest Baker, Raymond Sasser, R. D. McCoy.

Texas State Association—L. R. Ennis.

Woman's Auxiliary Convention—N. D. Beamon.

Bro. C. K. Dunn of the Baptist office was called, and he spoke to us of the progress of the Publishing company, and its worth to the denomination.

The President asked for a song, and an offering was taken for Eld. H. R. Faircloth, amounting to \$24.51. He expressed his deep appreciation for the same.

An offering was taken for Eld. J. H. Worley, amounting to \$37.86, for which he was truly grateful.

On motion we go on record as requesting each church to send the sum of \$5.00 in addition to the regular donation, the same to be used for our aged and needy preachers, and a committee of three be appointed to apportion the same.

An offering was taken for Eld. L. T. Phillips amounting to 22.90, for which he expressed deep appreciation.

The Board of Finance reported as follows:

Report of Board of Finance

Recording Secretary -----	\$ 10.00
Assistant Secretary -----	15.00
Minutes -----	60.00
National Association (1941) -----	10.00
Delegates Expense -----	50.00
F. W. B. League -----	10.00
Home Missions -----	20.00
Foreign Missions -----	25.00
Education (National Program) -----	30.00
Orphanage Funds -----	45.00
Expense Account (See bills) -----	36.45
Minister's Institute -----	10.00
Auditing Orphanage Books -----	12.20
Alford and Wetherington Traveling expense -----	20.00
Church Finance Corporation -----	25.00
J. B. Barrow (old account) -----	25.00
Total -----	\$403.65

On motion the report was adopted.

The election of officers was taken up with the following results:

President—J. C. Griffin.

Vice President—J. C. Moye.

Secretary—J. W. Alford.

Treasurer—W. B. Crumpler.

Board of Finance—W. R. Williams, Cadmus Coats, 1941, L. H. Wetherington, J. A. Evans, 1942, J. E. Wooten, M. A. Woodard, 1943.

Home Mission Board—J. H. Harris, W. K. Jordan, J. A. Evans, 1941, Lloyd Vernon, N. D. Wiggs, 1942.

Foreign Mission Board—W. B. Everett, W. L. Moretz, 1941, W. L. Hart, Chester Pelt, 1942.

Superannuation Board—W. B. Everett, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, 1941, M. L. Johnson, G. C. Joyner, 1942; W. A. Hales, W. L. Moretz, 1943.

Orphanage Board—Dr. M. Hinnant, 1941; Levi Hill, 1942; H. C. Wood, 1943; J. C. Moye, 1944, W. A. Jackson, 1945.

Executive Committee—J. C. Griffin, J. C. Moye, E. T. Phillips, J. W. Alford, W. B. Crumpler, L. H. Wetherington, J. A. Evans, W. B. Everett, M. L. Johnson, W. A. Jackson.

To represent the Association in meetings of the Press—L. H. Wetherington.

Field Secretary—M. E. Tyson.

On motion Eld. M. E. Tyson was elected State Evangelist.

On motion we give a rising vote of thanks to the retiring President for his faithful service as President.

On motion we instruct the Home Mission Board to assist Kenly church as far as possible in the erection of their building.

The minutes of the day were read and approved.

On motion we adjourn.

Closed with congregational singing, and hand shake all around.

Benediction by Eld. J. E. Wooten.

M. E. Tyson, *President*.

J. W. Alford, *Secretary*.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA
STATE ASSOCIATION 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 Association of the Original Free Will Baptist church of Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Field Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Board.

Section 2. The Association shall be composed of all the ordained ministers belonging to the Association; 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 power to declare any office of the Association 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 Association 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 Association and refer same to the Recording Secretary for permanent record. He shall have charge of placing all the work of the Association before the various Conferences and Associations. Also the Field work in general.

Section 5. All money belonging to the Association shall be kept by the Treasurer and paid out by him only by order of the Association. Bills not having been voted to be paid either by the Association 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 Association when the Association is not in session and to call extra sessions when such becomes necessary. It shall have the authority to suspend any officer of the Association 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 Association. This Board shall be composed of the President, Recording Secretary, Field Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of all standing boards of the Association.

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

Section 8. The duties of the Board of Finance shall be to work out a complete financial system for our entire state concerning all our financial requirements; to put same into operation; to revise and change from year

to year as necessity may demand, and to apportion the funds of the Association.

Section 9. The duties of the Board of Superannuation shall be to provide for our aged, retired and infirm Ministers in some form of a superannuation.

Section 10. The duties of the Home Mission Board shall be to regulate and supervise all Home Missions in North Carolina.

Section 11. The Duties of the Foreign Mission Board shall be to raise money for our Foreign Mission program, and to build sentiment favorable to Foreign Missions.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. The method of the Association 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 Association.

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 Association. They shall have the right to speak on any subject before the Association 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 Association 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 Association 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 Association 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 Association to fill the vacancy.

Section 5. Board of Foreign Missions:—The Board shall be composed of four members elected to serve for a term of two years each, with two members retiring each year and others elected to fill the vacancy.

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution 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 Association.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR DELEGATES EASTERN ASSOCIATION

Churches	Counties	Delegates	CAPE FEAR ASSOC			Val. Church Prop.	Build and Repairs	Paid Pastors	Orphanage	Education	Superannuation	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Young Peoples' work	Miscellaneous	For all Purposes
			300.00	100.00	----											
Pilgrim's Rest	Carteret	By letter	13	38	51	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Davis	Carteret	Mrs. Pearl Allgood				8,000	461.31	300.00	142.25	55.00	2.09	7.00	30.00		159.85	1,158.50
Welcome Home	Carteret	Murry Gillikin			63	400	25.00	168.57	2.25	4.00			1.25	5.00	196.50	
South River	Carteret	By letter														
Edward's Chapel	Carteret	By letter	27	31	58	1,000	50.26	43.00								93.26
Macedonia	Craven	Clyde Spruill	60	115	175	3,000	300.00	210.00	75.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	50.00	150.00	626.00
Gethsemane	Craven	By letter	35	40	75	1,200		80.00	227.75						12.25	125.00
St. Mary's	Craven	U. W. Daughtery	103	186	289	9,000	705.34	1,040.00	227.94	25.00	20.00	3.00	10.00		755.14	3,202.76
Core. Creek	Craven	W. C. Sutton	118	127	245	5,000		325.00	195.77		5.36				91.76	617.89
Bridgeton	Craven	Mrs. Alvin Stillely	41	61	102	4,000	108.75	268.86	64.44	16.15	5.00	14.52	7.80	10.00	53.62	549.14
Wintergreen	Craven	H. C. Wood	50	72	122	2,500	75.00	180.00	100.00	2.20					42.00	397.00
Oak Grove	Craven	Arthur Mathews	58	90	148	1,000		120.00	35.00		15.00					170.00
Brice's Creek	Craven	By letter	43	35	78	200	5.00	21.37			1.75				65.96	94.08
Sts. Delight	Craven	By letter	23	51	74	500	26.63	88.35	5.00		1.00			14.43	49.93	185.34
Sandy Plain	Duplin	John Summer	51	76	127	2,000		120.00	75.00	20.00		5.00	5.00		75.00	300.00
Sarecta	Duplin	S. W. Jones	55	69	124	1,000		90.00	12.00		1.00			15.00	45.00	163.00
Beulaville	Duplin	Bertha Smith	48	74	122	1,200		180.00	22.60						142.67	354.27
Long Ridge	Duplin	John Kornegay	20	33	53	1,000	10.00	120.00	16.70						36.25	182.95
Snow Hill	Duplin	D. S. Waller	44	54	98	2,500		130.00	40.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		85.00	330.00
Cabin	Duplin	Sam Kennedy	37	47	84	2,500		60.00	26.50	5.60		3.00			90.00	185.10
White Hill	Beaufort	M. F. Hollowell	69	79	148	1,000										
Smyrna	Beaufort	By letter	46	70	116	1,000	294.44	24.00	30.00						42.00	490.44
Ephesus	Beaufort	Eilwell Woolard	42	49	91	1,000	12.00	50.00							24.70	86.70
Union Chapel	Beaufort	Jack Campbell	199	301	500	3,000		300.00	126.84							620.34
Kinston	Lenoir	J. E. Harris	12	70	82	1,000		708.69	121.00	3.15		2.50	2.50		156.00	993.75
Woodington	Lenoir	Florence Morris			94	2,000		150.00	15.00						25.00	190.00
Smith's New Hom	Lenoir	Perry Blizzard	32	63	101	500	10.00	120.00	25.00	5.00	3.00	5.00	5.00		40.00	213.00
Daily's Chapel	Lenoir	By letter	69	130	199	1,000	25.00	120.00	20.00			5.00	5.00		30.00	205.00
Rock of Zion	Pamlico	M. C. Prescott	75	132	207	2,000		120.00								
Mt. Zion	Pamlico	Dan Sawyer	89	99	191	1,610	110.65	180.00	65.00		5.00				67.10	431.75
Warden's Grove	Pamlico	By letter	13	41	54	1,000	50.00	145.00	36.11	2.60					50.51	284.22
Friendship	Jones	H. C. Mallard	85	110	195	5,000		250.00	50.00						100.00	400.00
Whaley's Chapel	Jones		84	111	195	1,000	60.45	180.00	15.80						52.00	308.25
Northeast	Wayne	Nora Malpass				2,000		150.00	15.00						26.00	191.00
May's Chapel	Wayne	Mae Rouse	13	18	31	800		70.00	9.00	4.40		1.00	1.00		45.75	181.15

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Grimsley	Greene	By letter			1,000																
Spring Branch	Greene	Ray Gay	55	130	185	2,000	150.00	240.00	100.00			20.00							81.00	591.00	
Hull Road	Greene	Z. M. Harrison	179	241	420	3,000		300.00	250.00	25.00	4.00		40.00						100.00	719.00	
Free Union	Greene	Abe Walston	175	185	360	3,500		210.00	128.00										66.00	404.00	
Sts. Delight	Greene	K. L. Wooten			316	2,500		210.00	75.00			5.00	10.00	10.00					70.00	380.00	
Howell Swamp	Greene	By letter																			
Little Creek	Greene	J. L. McLawhorn	33	34	67	1,500		200.00	54.00	6.00	3.00			3.00					62.50	328.50	
Gum Swamp	Pitt	By letter	66	149	215	1,200	38.80	240.00	64.65		4.00								159.50	506.45	
King's X Roads	Pitt	I. C. Tugwell	65	89	154			240.00	50.00	25.00	10.00			10.00					60.00	395.00	
Piney Grove	Pitt	R. R. Tyson	42	83	125	2,000	20.00	240.00	46.70	7.25	4.00	2.00	1.25						32.00	353.20	
Reedy Branch	Pitt	C. F. Little	133	267	400	2,000	126.00	360.00	115.40										100.00	742.67	
Pleasant Hill	Pitt	Herman Stox	30	58	88	1,500		160.00	15.00										31.00	206.00	
Hickory Grove	Pitt	Dare Barnhill	36	62	98	1,000		180.00	50.00											254.00	
Owen's Chapel	Wilson	D. E. Everett	23	40	63	800		112.00	40.00											152.00	
Daniel's Chapel	Wilson	Charlie Pittman			113	1,800		90.00	69.07											16.65	175.22
Hickory Chapel	Hertford	By letter	67	77	144	3,000		603.00	130.84												730.84
La Grange	Lenoir	J. W. Wilson	20	53	73	2,000	38.25	140.17	45.80			1.15							73.45	298.82	
Free Union	Beaufort	M. L. Ratcliff	148	164	312	1,000		160.00	35.00	10.00	4.00	5.00	5.00						29.00	248.00	
Dawson's Grove	Halifax	J. H. Harris				1,000		120.00													
Malachi's Chapel	Tyrrell	R. L. Spencer	161	161	322	5,000	890.00	350.00	85.00										75.00	1,320.00	

CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION

Powhatan	Johnston	L. J. Williams	99	112	211	4,000	5.00	203.00	185.00							26.06	63.60		482.66
Johnson's Union	Johnston	Rufus Thomas	91	149	239	2,000		250.00	20.00								30.10		300.00
Bethel	Johnston	Zeb D. Allen	71	118	189	2,500		254.10	37.32		4.06						106.75		402.23
Hopewell	Johnston	C. W. Thompson	102	163	265	3,500		265.00	30.00	5.00							317.56		623.56
Smithfield	Johnston	Mattie Pittman	26	75	101	12,000	395.00	120.00		4.00							176.70		695.70
Shady Grove	Sampson	W. C. Westbrook	87	217	304	5,000	219.43	255.00	125.40	11.64	19.00	2.00	9.00	146.00			131.00		918.47
Robert's Grove	Sampson	Ottis Carroll	47	59	106	2,000		100.00	79.66	2.00	8.03	2.00	2.00				34.00		227.69
Oak Grove	Sampson	N. E. Brock	54	89	143	2,500				1.50	4.00		1.50	6.00			350.25		624.35
Goldsboro	Wayne	W. E. Hollowell	31	60	91	7,000	27.00	324.58	138.05	5.50	5.00	1.85	3.00	30.00			114.50		1,249.48
Casey's Chapel	Wayne	By letter	30	52	82	3,000	5.00	200.00	85.00		4.50		10.00						304.50
White Oak Grove	Lenoir	T. F. Herring	41	56	97	1,500	75.00	150.00	10.00			10.00							245.00
Prospect	Harnett	Fred Parker	76	112	188	2,000	13.71	123.87	80.68		5.55		10.00				50.00		283.81

WESTERN ASSOCIATION

Pine Level	Johnston	Sadie Peedin	88	197	285	8,000	250.00	300.00										50.00	600.00
Selma	Johnston	W. C. Sasser	25	35	60	5,000	35.00	120.00	50.00	10.00		5.00	5.00					150.00	375.00
Friendship	Johnston	Dewy Edwards	80	118	198			300.00	100.00			25.00						110.90	535.90
Holly Springs	Johnston	Mrs. T. E. Stancil	95	186	281	2,500	150.00	180.00	32.04			2.92	4.70					85.00	454.66
Pleasant Plains	Johnston	W. C. Fields																	
Micro	Johnston	J. D. Balance	96	143	239	30,000	30.00	300.00	120.00					250.00				50.00	750.00
Piney Grove	Johnston	Herman Holland	65	75	140	1,000	50.00	120.00											170.00
Rains X Roads	Johnston	F. A. Wells	79	155	234	10,000	19.25	180.00	73.41									45.93	343.59
Branch Chapel	Johnston	Herbert Herring	115	180	295	1,000		176.49	22.27									68.11	266.87
Kenly	Johnston	A. G. Askew	63	133	196	2,750	864.89	240.00	50.00									71.05	1,190.62
Wilson	Wilson	Mrs. J. E. Hales				2,000		300.00											
St. Mary	Wilson	Inez Edwards	66	102	168	2,000		240.00	25.00	3.00	4.00		6.00					47.00	325.00
Marsh Swamp	Wilson	Mrs. Senie Deans	70	95	165	2,000	90.66	300.00	100.00		6.00							37.58	444.24
Little Rock	Wilson	B. R. Roper	104	182	292	4,000		300.00	150.00									75.00	525.00
Tippett's Chapel	Wake	W. G. Turner	66	86	152	3,000	100.00	120.00	12.00		4.00	2.00							238.00
Edgemont	Durham	Dora Joyner	145	161	306	24,500	10,000.00	1,800.00	75.00	10.00	10.00		25.60					1,824.00	13,744.00
Union Grove	Wayne	J. J. Morris	50	70	120	4,000	1,500.00	175.00	60.00	20.00		20.00		50.00				25.00	1,850.00
Stoney Creek	Wayne	W. A. Jones	37	97	134	1,500	75.00	120.00	24.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00					73.32	300.32
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	W. F. Pittman	75	149	224	6,000		315.25	115.35									111.50	542.10
Spring Hill	Wayne	Joe Collier			60	1,000		120.00	18.00	5.00								17.00	170.00
Rock Spring	Nash	Marie Manning	31	77	108	2,000	3.20	123.00	22.70									5.40	151.30
White Oak Hill	Nash	Lee Patterson	24	68	92	2,000		120.00	46.00									20.00	180.00

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION

Bladenboro	Bladen	J. W. Bowen	46	97	143	2,500	173.69	173.14	91.22		1.11	14.88	30.88					96.15	586.07
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ROCK FISH ASSOCIATION

Mt. Moriah	Richmond	By letter	14	24	38	700	50.00	30.00	1.65	.50	.62	.50	1.00					14.43	98.70
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PROCEEDINGS

PROCEEDINGS OF THE N. C. FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The organization of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention convened with Little Rock Church, Wilson County, on September 10, 1940.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. R. P. Harris, in the absence of Rev. Clarence Bowen. Rev. Harris, the convention organizer, presided over the meeting.

There was a representation of 18 Sunday Schools, 3 District Sunday School Conventions, 8 ministers, and a contribution of \$16.25 from the Sunday schools.

An Advisory Board was appointed by the Chairman, consisting of Rev. S. H. Oats, Chairman, Mrs. E. B. Deans, Thurman A. Lamm, W. A. Jackson, and Rashie Kennedy. This committee met with Bro. W. E. Coville, National Sunday School Chairman, to make recommendations concerning the North Carolina F. W. B. Sunday School Convention's constitution, and by-laws.

Special music by Albert Harris. A quartet composed of Revs. E. C. Morris, M. E. Tyson, L. R. Ennis, and R. P. Harris, was enjoyed by the convention.

An address by our National Sunday School Chairman, Bro. W. E. Coville, of Nashville, Tenn. was both encouraging and helpful to our new organization.

Nominating committee appointed by the chairman were Revs. M. E. Tyson, L. R. Ennis, L. E. Ballard, L. H. Wetherington, and Bro. Sam Jones.

Rev. M. E. Tyson welcomed the convention and extended a cordial invitation to dinner. Dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Lillie Smith of Greenville, in the absence of Bro. Alton Paul.

On motion the expenses of the convention be paid from the treasury.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Nominating Committee—We recommend that the following be elected officers of the convention for the coming year:

President—Raymond Sasser, Lucama, N. C.

Vice-President—James Ray Pittman, Ayden, N. C.

Secretary—Miss Elizabeth Warren, Greenville, N. C.

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Pearl Allgood, Davis, N. C.

Treasurer—Fountain Taylor, Richlands, N. C.

Director of Organization—Rev. R. P. Harris, Kinston, N. C.

Director of Denominational Enterprises—Rev. Chester Pelt, Box 681, Wilson, N. C.

Director of Records and Reports—Mrs. Floyd Morris, Fremont, N. C.

Director of Publicity—Rev. L. E. Ballard, Greenville, N. C.

Director of Literature—Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes, Lucama, N. C.

—The Committee

Report of Advisory Board—We, your advisory board, beg to report as follows:

1st—We recommend the organization of a state Sunday School Convention, composed of the Sunday Schools and District Conventions of the Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina in accordance with the plans sent out by the president of the National Convention.

2nd—We recommend the adoption of the constitution, bylaws, and standard of Efficiency as set up by the National S. S. Convention.

3rd—We ask the State Association to allow the proceedings of this meeting to be published in the minutes of the 1940 session.

—*The Advisory Board*

Finance Report

Received at this meeting -----\$16.25

Disbursements:

Printing of programs ----- 4.75

Organizing expenses ----- 5.00

Total expenses ----- \$ 9.75

Leaving balance in treasury of ----- 6.50

On motion the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted.

On motion report of the advisory board be accepted.

A splendid message was delivered by Rev. L. R. Ennis. Text: Deut. 29: 29. Subject: "Secret and Revealed Things."

The Secretary paid to Rev. R. P. Harris the sum of \$9.75 to cover convention expenses, in the absence of the treasurer.

On motion the officers serve for one year.

The chairman instructed the secretary to write a personal letter to each officer not present informing them of their office.

On motion a book for the use of the secretary be purchased by the executive committee.

Union Chapel, Beaufort County, petitioned for the next convention.

On motion the executive committee plan when and where the next convention will meet, and the program.

On motion a rising vote of thanks was extended to the people of Little Rock Church for the splendid hospitality shown the meeting.

On motion Bro. W. E. Covelle be given the thanks of the convention for coming a long ways to be of help to us.

On motion the convention adjourn.

Rev. R. P. Harris, *Acting Chairman,*

Elizabeth Warren, *Secretary.*

MINUTES

of the

Fourteenth Annual Session

of the

Women's State Auxiliary Convention

of the

Free Will Baptist Church in North Carolina

which convened with the

BLADENBORO CHURCH IN THE PEE DEE DISTRICT

May 23, 1940



PROCEEDINGS

The Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church in North Carolina held its fourteenth annual session with the Bladenboro Church of the Pee Dee District on Thursday, May 23, 1940.

MORNING SESSION

The session was opened with the singing of "Jesus Calls Us" followed by devotions which were conducted by Mrs. J. C. Griffin. "Take My Life and Let it be," the beautiful words which were written by Frances R. Havergal, was sung by the congregation after which Mrs. Griffin read from the second chapter of Revelation.

Greetings to the Convention were voiced by Mrs. D. J. Pait and Mrs. M. L. Johnson responded.

The purport of the President's message was that the Ladies Auxiliary has a purpose and that is to AID. Let the Spirit aid us in helping. There are plenty of ways to raise money that the Spirit is pleased with. The minutes were approved as read.

Appointment of Committees:

Finance—Mrs. E. L. Mallard, Mrs. Gilbert Jones, Mrs. Vera Fipps.

Resolutions—Mrs. A. L. Davidson, Mrs. F. E. Joyner, Mrs. T. B. Sasser.

Petitions—Mrs. Henry Watson, Mrs. Mary Sullivan, Mrs. Lester War-
rick.

Nominations—Mrs. K. S. Jackson, Mrs. Hardy Talton, Mrs. Major
Williams.

Reports of the Vice-Presidents were heard at this time. (*See reports*)
It was moved and carried that Mrs. S. T. Farish, second vice-president, have
report blanks printed including the Anna Phillips Loan Fund and also have
rules printed to send to all that request a copy.

The "Georgie Frost Barnes Extension Banner" was awarded to the Pee
Dee District for organizing the largest number of "Aids."

The use of the new record books was explained to all present by Mrs.
Griffin, for use in all local societies for both secretary and treasurer, which
can be used for at least five years.

Mrs. Felton Watson of Kenly and Mrs. W. C. Sasser of Selma made a
plea for the building fund of their respective churches. It was moved and
carried that we make a donation and leave it in the hands of the finance
committee to say how much.

Moved and carried that Mrs. Henry Melvin, who is acting as Steward-
ship director in the absence of Mrs. Clarence Bowen, be allowed to pick her
judges.

Mrs. T. E. Beaman was appointed delegate from the State Convention
to the National Convention at Paintsville, Kentucky.

It was moved and carried that we leave it in the hands of the fi-
nance committee to decide how much to allow Mrs. Beaman.

Mrs. Griffin appointed to represent the State Convention at State
Association.

Moved and carried that we send \$5.00 to National Convention. Moved
and carried that we send the National per capita as it came in, supplemented
by finance committee.

The Orphanage program presented by Rev. James A. Evans was very
interesting and appealing. The plans for the Orphanage are to run it on a
cash basis as heretofore. Twenty children are still waiting for adoption
by Church auxiliaries. The offering amounted to \$15.00.

The Reverends E. C. Morris and R. P. Harris favored us with a duet
entitled, "It pays to Serve Jesus." Reverend W. E. Anderson dismissed the
session with prayer for the noon repast.

Dinner was served on the grounds of the Bladenboro Church and en-
joyed by all present. It was good for us to be there and enjoy such
splendid fellowship!

AFTERNOON SESSION

Mrs. L. H. Wetherington conducted the afternoon devotions choosing
"Willing Am I" as the song, and acts 9, from the thirty-second verse to the
close of the chapter, as the Scripture lesson. Reverend G. C. Joyner offered
prayer.

The Stewardship contest was conducted by Mrs. Henry Melvin with
William Swindell of Elizabeth City winner of the Junior cup and Mary
Ellen Fields of Pleasant Grove Church, Western District, winner of the

intermediate cup. The other contestants were awarded \$1.00 each. Motion was made and carried that the loving cups be taken back to the jeweler where they were purchased by the Stewardship director and put in the condition they should be.

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. Herman Nobles, was accepted. It was moved and carried that Mrs. H. Nobles reimburse herself for the paying of her bond premium.

Mrs. Thompson requested that every local society should send their dues (per capita) and donation directly to the State officers.

Due to the fact that Mrs. J. H. Oglesby could not come, she wrote a very tender message that was read by Mrs. J. C. Griffin, after which an offering was taken amounting to \$5.50.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton presented a very beautiful memorial service.

It was moved and carried that the report of the nominating committee be accepted. (See report) Moved and carried to accept the report of Petitions committee. An invitation came from the floor to meet with Rains Cross Roads, Thursday after third Sunday in May, 1941. Moved and carried to accept report of resolutions committee.

Mr. Robert Ward, a student of Zion Bible School addressed the session with a few words.

Rev. R. P. Harris made an announcement asking the Ladies' Aids to pay \$5.00 to their pastor so that he could go to the Ministers' Institute at Davis, N. C. The State Sunday School Convention is to be organized on Wednesday before the State Association meets. Each Sunday School is to send a penny for each member.

Both Mrs. K. S. Jackson and Mrs. S. T. Farish stressed the importance of each Aid filling out a poster for this coming year.

Mrs. Sasser of Selma and Mrs. Watson of Kenly thanked the Convention for the contribution to their churches.

Moved and carried that we as a body become a member of the Church Finance Association, Inc. of which Rev. J. A. Evans is president. Rev. J. C. Griffin lead in singing.

Rev. C. B. Thompson pronounced the benediction. Adjournment.

REPORTS OF VICE-PRESIDENTS

Publications and Literature

Number of subscriptions to the Baptist from the churches -----	634
Number of subscriptions to the Baptist from societies -----	428
Number of temperance leaflets distributed -----	361
Number of temperance programs given -----	157
Number of tracts and leaflets distributed -----	12,275
Bibles given -----	47
Total number pieces good literature distributed -----	26,686
Number of new members secured for society -----	339

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, *First vice-president*

EDUCATION

Anna Phillips Loan Fund -----	\$53.00
Christian education to State treasurer -----	19.28
Christian education to National treasurer -----	26.65
Total -----	\$98.93
Program material for Auxiliary furnished -----	23
Number of young people's organizations -----	6
Number of worship programs conducted in church -----	31
Students assisted (by a local auxiliary) -----	1
Vacation Bible Schools held -----	1
Study classes for youths -----	1
Junior Aids organized -----	1

Loans granted

Franklin Spencer, Goldsboro, N. C., to enter second year N. C. State College -----	\$ 90.00
Miss Lois Sellars, Micro, N. C., to enter Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount -----	50.00
Total -----	\$140.00

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. S. T. Farish, *Second vice-pres.*

MISSIONS

Amounted sent to Foregin Missions (as reported to Missions vice- president) -----	\$176.48
Amount sent to home Missions (as reported to Missions vice-president)	79.70
Total amount as reported sent to Missions -----	\$256.18
Number of missionary programs held -----	18

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, *Third vice-pres.*

STEWARDSHIP

Number districts reporting -----	6
Number contests conducted -----	21
Number taking part in contests -----	68
Number stewardship study classes held -----	61
Average attendance at Study classes -----	25
Stewardship programs held -----	9
Tithers -----	53
New tithers -----	4

Stewardship reading circles conducted	6
Societies observing week of prayer	20

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Clarence Bowen, *Fourth vice-pres.*

ORPHANAGE AND BENEVOLENCES

Number of sick visits made	11,982
Gallons of milk distributed	1,674
Cottage prayer meetings	95
Number of trays given to the sick	734
Flowers, wreaths, etc. (1 dist. & 2 churches reporting)	560
Number of chapters read in the Bible (1 dist. & 1 church reporting)	13,392
Valued donations to needy (2 dist. & 2 churches reporting)	\$ 185.77
Amount of money donated to Orphanage	2,099.13
Commodities donated to the Orphanage	617.19
Number of children adopted to L. A. S., Churches, individuals	62

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. L. Braswell, *Fifth vice-pres.*

SUPERANNUATION

Amount received from Eastern, Central, Cape Fear, dists.	\$ 70.91
Amount reported sent to superannuation from Eastern, Central, Pee Dee Dists.	23.82
Total received since last convention	70.91
Total paid out since last convention	95.00
Total in treasury	100.13

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. M. L. Johnson, *Sixth vice-pres.*

FIELD WORK

Number of new Societies by Districts

Cape Fear	3
Central	3
Eastern	1
Pee Dee	5
Western	2
Total	14

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. G. F. Barnes, *Field Worker*

APPORTIONED

8 Stewardship contestants (\$1.00 each)	\$ 8.00
Kenly Church	10.00
Selma Church	10.00

Delegate to National Convention -----	10.00
Donation to National Convention -----	5.00
Donation to Orphanage -----	25.00
Foreign Missions -----	13.85
Home Missions -----	10.00
Intermediate contestant -----	10.00
Junior contestant -----	10.00
National dues (per capita) -----	52.55
F. W. B. Press Report Blanks -----	2.50
Mrs. J. P. Barrow, sec'y postage -----	4.65
Mrs. J. P. Barrow, salary -----	10.00
Mrs. C. B. Thompson, expense -----	4.02
Mrs. C. B. Thompson, salary -----	10.00
Mrs. Herman Nobles, salary -----	10.00
Mrs. M. L. Johnson, postage -----	.50
Mrs. J. C. Griffin, expenses -----	2.50
Mrs. Clarence Bowen, Stewardship director, expense -----	2.00
 Total -----	 \$210.32
Total in treasury except Superannuation and Christian Education ---	263.37
This report -----	210.32
 Balance -----	 \$ 53.05

Finance Committee,

Mrs. E. L. Mallard
Mrs. Vera Fipps
Mrs. Gilbert Jones

Treasurer's Report, 1940 Convention, Bladenboro, N. C.

Receipts read in detail -----	\$747.84
Disbursements read in detail -----	369.67
 Balance in treasury -----	 \$378.17

Receipts by Departments

General -----	\$358.84
Ohphanage -----	22.57
Stewardship -----	
Publication & Literature -----	
Superannuation -----	212.03
Education -----	43.97
Missions -----	110.43
 Total Receipts -----	 \$747.84

Disbursements by Departments

General -----	\$140.52
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Orphanage -----	22.57
Stewardship -----	
Publication & Literature -----	
Superannuation -----	90.00
Education -----	30.00
Missions -----	86.58

Total Disbursements	\$369.67

Balance in Treasury at opening this Convention by Departments

General -----	\$218.32
Orphanage -----	
Stewardship -----	
Publication & Literature -----	
Superannuation -----	122.03
Education -----	13.97
Missions -----	23.85

Balance in Treasury	\$378.17

Mrs. Herman Nobles, *Treas.*
Greenville, N. C.

RESOLUTIONS

As there were no resolutions turned in to us, we as a committee want to thank this church and all concerned for the most wonderful way they have cared for this meeting. The hospitality has been something great.

Committee,

Mrs. A. L. Davidson
Mrs. T. B. Sasser
Mrs. F. E. Joyner

NOMINATING

Report of the Nominating committee read, accepted, and passed upon. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. C. B. Thompson; first vice-president, Mrs. J. C. Griffin; second vice-president, Mrs. S. T. Farish; third vice-president, Mrs. J. H. Oglesby; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Henry Melvin; fifth vice-president, Mrs. J. L. Braswell; sixth vice-president, Mrs. Luke Wetherington; Mrs. J. P. Barrow, Secretary; Mrs. Herman Nobles, Treasurer; Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes, Field Worker.

Committee,

Mrs. Katie S. Jackson
Mrs. Hardy Talton
Mrs. Major Williams

MINISTERS ENROLLED

Albemarle—Rev. E. C. Morris.
 Central Conference—Rev. R. P. Harris.
 Cape Fear—Revs. M. L. Johnson, G. C. Joyner, W. H. Lancaster, C. B. Thompson.
 Eastern—Revs. W. E. Anderson, J. C. Griffin, L. H. Wetherington.
 Pee Dee—Rev. Mr. Adcox.
 Western—Revs. James A. Evans, W. R. Williams.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS ENROLLED

Cape Fear—Mrs. M. L. Johnson.
 Eastern—Mrs. J. C. Griffin.
 Pee Dee—Mrs. H. C. Adcox.

REGISTRATION—ALBEMARLE DISTRICT

Society	Delegate	Amount sent	Per capita	
			State	Nat'l
Elizabeth City,	Mrs. E. C. Morris			
Sidney, by letter		\$1.00		

CAPE FEAR DISTRICT

Casey's Chapel, Mrs. M. L. Johnson	\$.40	\$1.30	\$1.30
Goldsboro, Mrs. T. E. Beaman	2.00	2.00	2.00
Hopewell, by letter		1.50	1.50
Johnson Union, Mrs. L. B. Warrick		1.50	1.50
Lees Chapel, by letter		.55	.55
Powhatan, by letter		1.80	1.80
Prospect, by letter		1.00	1.00
St. John, by letter	1.00	1.00	1.00
Shady Grove, Mrs. Percy Dudley	1.00	2.00	2.00
Smithfield, by letter		1.50	1.50
Tees Chapel, Mrs. Dora Royal		1.50	1.50

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Antioch, by letter	1.00		
Ayden, Mrs. A. L. Davidson	3.00		
Bethany, by letter	1.00		
Black Jack H. Mission, by letter			
Black Jack, by letter	1.00		
Dawson's Grove, by letter		1.00	1.00
Dilda's Grove, by letter	1.00		
Greenville, Mrs. C. H. Paul	1.00		
Greenville, Missy, Mrs. S. B. Hardee	1.00		
Grimsley, Mrs. M. A. Woodard	1.00		
Howell Swamp, by letter	2.00		

Hugo, by letter	1.00		
Hull Road, Mrs. Gilbert Jones	.50	1.90	1.90
Kings Cross Rds., by letter	1.00		
La Grange, by letter	2.00	1.20	1.20
Marlboro, by letter	1.00		
Reedy Branch, by letter	1.00		
Rocky Mount, by letter	2.00		
Saints Delight, by letter	1.00		
Sweet Gum Grove, by letter	2.00		
Watery Branch, by letter	.50		
Winterville, Mrs. Lela Nobles	2.00		

EASTERN DISTRICT

Beulaville, by letter		1.50	1.50
Bridgeton Mis'y, Mrs. Clara Jones	1.00		
Bridgeton, Mrs. G. A. Pate	2.00	1.90	1.90
Cabin, by letter		1.50	1.50
Core Creek, Mrs. C. W. Heath		1.00	1.00
Davis, by letter	2.00	3.20	3.20
Holly Springs, by letter	1.00		
Kinston, Mrs. W. B. Warren	1.00	1.35	1.35
Moseley's Creek, by letter	2.00	.70	
Mount Zion, by letter	2.00		
Northeast, by letter		2.20	2.20
Pilgrims Home, by letter	.50	.75	
Pilgrims Rest, by letter	1.00		
New Bern, St. Mary's, Mrs. N. D. Wiggs	3.00	4.00	4.00
Sandy Plain, Mrs. Rashie Kennedy		1.30	
Snow Hill, Mrs. M. L. Johnson	.50	2.00	2.00
Wardens Grove, by letter	1.00		
Welcome Home, by letter	1.00		

PEE DEE DISTRICT

Mt. Ariel, by letter	1.00		
Oak Grove, Miss Annie Mae Pait	1.50		
White Oak, Mrs. Sam Edwards		2.00	2.00

WESTERN DISTRICT

Edgemont, Durham, Mrs. F. E. Joyner	2.00		
Friendship, by letter	2.00		
Hansleys Chapel, by letter			
Kenly, Mrs. H. G. Watson	2.00		
Little Rock, by letter	1.00	1.30	1.30
Little Rocky Mis'y, by letter	1.00	1.60	1.60
Marsh Swamp, by letter	1.50		
Micro, by letter	1.00		

Pleasant Grove, Mrs. Hardy Talton	1.00		
Rains Cross Rds., Mrs. W. R. Williams	2.00		
Selma, Mrs. C. L. Crumpler	1.50	.75	.75
Spring Hill, by letter			
Stoney Creek, Msdms Mary Sullivan & T. B. Sasser	1.00		
Union Grove, Mrs. Zeb Whaley			
Wilson by letter	2.00		

BEAVER DAM DISTRICT

Beaver Dam, Mrs. Vera Fipps, Clarendon, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. B. Thompson, *Pres.*
Mrs. J. P. Barrow, *Secy.*

