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PROCEEDINGS
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MINISTER'S MEETING.

According to previous announcement ministers from the Central and Western Conferences of the Original Free Will Baptist of N. C., met with the church at Hickory Grove, Pitt Co., N. C. Sept. 28th, 1898.

Eld. W. W. Lewis, who was appointed at the last annual meeting to preach the introductory, being absent, the meeting called upon Eld. F. McLawhon, who preached—Text: John, 14; 6. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life."

On motion, Eld. F. McLawhon was elected President, and Eld. E. T. Phillips Sec.

The following ministers being present were enrolled.

Western Conference—P. T. Lucas and E. T. Phillips.

Central—F. McLawhon, Q. A. Burroughs, J. R. McCaskey, G. S. Johnson, J. T. Butler, T. H. Barnhill and W. T. Pollard.

The Pres, appointed Eld. G. S. Johnson, J. H. Whitehurst and Theo. Barndill a committee on Devotional Exercises.

On motion of Eld. Q. A. Burroughs, we discuss the propriety of having the communion in the day or at night.

The subject was discussed by Elds. Lucas, Johnson, McCaskey, Burroughs, McLawhon and Phillips. It was generally held that the convenience of the church should be consulted.

Who should be invited to the communion board, was a subject proposed by Eld. J. R. McCaskey. Elds. Lucas, Burroughs, Butler, McLawhon and Phillips spoke on the subject.

The general idea prevailed that we should invite the followers of Christ, and let every person be his own judge as to his fitness to commune. Some hold, however, that baptized believers are the only proper subjects for communion, and that we should extend the invitation to that class only.

Eld. P. T. Lucas spoke on the great importance of having faith in God.

Devotional Committee report: Eld. Q. A. Burroughs open and Eld. P. T. Lucas preach to-night.

On motion, we adjourn until 9 O'cl., Friday morning.

Praise and prayer by Eld. P. T. Lucas.

FRIDAY MORNING 9 O'CL.

Meeting opened with praise and prayer by Eld. G. S. Johnson.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion, we discuss the subject of rec. cani-

dates into the church.

The subject was discussed by Elds. Barnhill, Butler, Lucas and others.

On motion, we recommend that ministers receive members by the consent of the church.

On motion of Eld. T. H. Barnhill, we request our ministers of the various union meeting dists. to put off their union meetings in Sept. 1899, and attend the Minister's Meeting and Union Conference at Gum Swamp Pitt Co., N. C.

On motion, Eld. R. C. Jackson preach the introductory at the next Minister's Meeting, and Eld. Q. A. Burroughs be his alternate.

On motion, Minister's Meeting close.

Benediction by Eld. P. T. Lucas.

F. McLawhon, Pres. E. T. Phillips, Sec.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTER'S MEETING.

Article 1. A minister's meeting of the "Original Free Will Baptist" of North Carolina, shall meet at least, once every year, Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September, at the appointed place for the Union Conference.

Art. 2. An introductory sermon shall be preached at the sitting of the minister's meeting each year.

Art. 3. The minister who preaches the introductory shall preside over said meeting until a President is appointed.

Art. 4. Each meeting shall have power to elect such officers as may be needful.

Art. 5. The meeting shall be to devise plans for the advancement of the Gospel of Christ.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the meeting to keep unity between the brother ministers, and to understand each other's works so our preaching will not conflict with each other in preaching the Gospel.

Art. 7. All ministers who wish to become members of the "Minister's Meeting," shall make application at the regular sitting of said meeting, and shall be received by the regular vote of that meeting.

Art. 8. All members composing said meeting shall be required to attend annually, unless

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providentially hindered.

Art. 9. The meeting shall have the power to exclude any member of said meeting, for any disorderly walk.

Art. 10. This meeting shall have the power to make or amend any rule or by-law they may think necessary, in carrying out its benevolent purposes.

Art. 11. All members composing this meeting shall be required to vote pro or con, unless excused by the Preident.

Art. 12. The President shall have supreme power to call any person to a point of order during the sitting of the meeting.

Art. 13. No person shall speak over ten minutes on any subject without the consent of the President, and shall be allowed to speak twice if necessary.

Art. 14. The proceedings of the Minister's Meeting shall be published in connection with the minutes of the Union conference.

UNION CONFERENCE.

According to previous arrangement, the Ninth Annual session of the Union Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist of N. C., met with the church at Hickory Grove Pitt Co., Sept. 30th, 1898.

Eld. P. T. Lucas, who was appointed to preach the introductory, attended and preached—Text; Jonah, 3. 2, “Arise go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I, bid thee.”

On motion, Eld. P. T. Lucas was elected Mod. *pro tem.*

On motion, Asa Garris was elected Treasurer, *pro tem.*

The following were enrolled:

Officers—P. T. Lucas Mod. E. T. Phillips, Sec. Asa Garris, Treas.

Ministers from the Western Conference, P. T. Lucas, E. T. Phillips.

Central—Q. A. Burroughs, T. H. Barnhill, J. T. Butler, G. S. Johnson, W. T. Pollard.

J. H. Whitehurst, Theo. Barnhill, and Lacy Warren were appointed a committee of arrangements.

On motion, we recind the resolution of last

Conference in regard to representing through the different Union Meeting dists.

On motion, Elds. J. T. Butler, T. H. Barnhill and G. S. Johnson, and Bro. J. W. Smith be a committee to name a subject for discussion, with the hope of creating a greater interest in the Union Conference.

Committee of arrangements report: Eld. T. F. Smith open, and Eld. J. T. Butler preach to-night.

On motion, Conference call off until 9, 30 O'cl. Saturday morning.

Benediction by the Mod.

SAT. MORNING 9 o'cl.

Meeting opened with praise and prayer by Eld G. S. Johnson.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion, the report of the committee, to submit a question for the good of the union be received, and the committee discharged.

Query: Is this Union Conference any advantage to the Free Will Baptist.

The question was disposed of by several lengthy talks, in which all of our ministers present took a part.

It was decided that it was a meeting in which the Free Will Baptist should become deeply interested.

The following resolution by Bro. Asa Garris was unanimously carried.

Resolved, That we earnestly request every Free Will Baptist church in N. C., to represent in the next Union Conference by delegate, letter, or pastor with contribution.

Committee of arrangements report:—Eld. G. S. Johnson open and Eld. E. T. Phillips preach to-day.

On motion, we have 150 circular letters printed and sent by the Sec., to the different churches and ministers over the state, urging the importance of the Union.

On motion, we have collections taken up at the different union meetings to raise funds to defray the expense of having the minutes of the Union Conference printed and distributed.

On motion, the money raised at the different Union meetings to pay for our minutes be forwarded to Eld. E. T. Phillips at Ayden, N. C.

On motion, we have 750 minutes printed, and that the Sec., distribute the same, also that the Treas., pay to the Sec., the amount of funds he has on hand.

On motion, the Sec., be allowed \$5.00 for his services.

The following officers were elected for two years. Eld. P. T. Lucas, Mod., Eld. J. M. Bar-

field, Treas., Eld. E. T. Phillips, Sec.

On motion, the next Union Conference be held with Gum Swamp Church, Pitt Co., N. C.

On motion, Eld. W. W. Lewis preach the introductory sermon and Eld. J. H. Worley be his alternate.

On motion, we extend thanks to the community for the very liberal way in which they have entertained this Union Conference.

Com., of arrangement report, Eld. E. L. Sowers preach to-night; Eld. P. T. Lucas Sunday 11 O'cl.

On motion, Conference close to meet with the church at Gum Swamp, Friday before the fifth Sunday in Sept. 1898.

Praise and prayer by Eld. J. T. Butler.

P. T. Lucas, Mod,

E. T. Phillips, Sec.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the "Original Free Will Baptist General Union Conference."

Art. 2. The object of this Conference shall be to promote Christ's kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures, in our co-operation together in having the doctrine of Christ preached for the salvation of souls.

Art. 3. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording Secretary who shall be elected for a term of two years, who shall hold their office until their successors are elected which election shall take place one year previous to their entering upon the duties of their office.

Art. 4. This Conference shall be composed of the ministers who are members of churches belonging to the body, and of delegates from these churches, each church being entitled to one delegate.

Art. 5. The delegate from each church, shall bear to the Conference, a letter certifying his appointment, showing the amount of contribution raised for benevolent purposes during the the year, and total number of members, and nothing more.

Art. 6. This Conference may, at each regular

meeting, elect as many boards or standing committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each regular meeting of this Conference.

Art. 7. Any minister, Conference or church, desiring to become a member of this body shall present his or her petition at a regular session of Conference through a delegate appointed for that purpose. If he or she be received, the Moderator shall extend to her delegate, the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 8. The Moderator may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

Art. 9. Each Conference is a distinct and independent organization with full authority to manage its own internal affairs, elect its own officers, etc.

Art. 10. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Enrollment of those entitled to membership.
3. Organization.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Call or petitionary letters.
6. Band of fellowship to visiting brethren.
7. Reports from churches.
8. Reports from Committees.
9. Resolutions.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Adjournment.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES	DELEGATES.	MEMBERS	CONTR.
Pleasant Grove.	Wayne.....	by letter.....	2 12.....	
St. Mary.....	Wilson.....	by letter.....	1 24.....	

CENTRAL.

Elm Grove.....	Pitt.....	Asa Garris.....	146.....	25..
Pleasant Hill.....	".....	J. W. Smith.....	89.....	25..
Gum Swamp.....	".....	J. A. Parker.....	373.....	60..
Parker's Chapel.....	".....	G. S. Johnson.....	66.....	25..
Hickory Grove.....	".....	J H Whithurst.....	116.....	1 00..
Bear Creek.....	Beaufort....	Q. Burroughs.....	124.....	25..
Piney Grove.....	".....	J. H. Jolly.....	21.....	25..

