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MINISTERS' MEETING.

Ministers from the various conferences met with the church at Kenly, Johnson county, Tuesday, Sept. 14th, 1909.

In the absence of the one appointed to preach the introductory, Eld. D. A. Windham was chosen and preached, text, Isa. 5:4. "What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it?"

After an intermission of one hour and thirty minutes, the meeting reassembled and elected the following officers: D. A. Windham, president and E. T. Phillips, secretary.

The following ministers were enrolled:

From the Central—J. F. Bundy and D. A. Windham.

Western—W. M. Howell, J. H. Whitley, J. I. Blackman, E. T. Phillips, L. T. Phillips, P. T. Lucas, R. F. Pittman, L. B. Grice, W. B. Everett, J. E. Davis, J. M. Creech, J. H. Worley.

South Carolina—W. P. Gause.

Eastern—F. A. Lupton.

Cape Fear—D. R. Stafford, J. M. Langdon, J. W. Fuquay.

On motion Rev. J. S. Mercer of North Charlotte, was invited to a seat with us in the meeting. He made a very favorable report which was well received.

T. E. Peden D. D., president of the Theological Seminary of Ayden, was present, as a representative from the Ohio River Yearly Meeting, and made a favorable report.

Eld. W. P. Gause of South Carolina, made some very encouraging remarks about his people and our oneness.

The following were appointed a devotional committee: W. T. Kirby, D. B. Sasser and J. Q. Boyette.

A query committee was appointed as follows: Eld. L. T. Phillips, R. F. Pittman and Joseph T. Bundy.

After the organization, prayer was offerered by Eld. E. T. Phillips.

On motion, we call the list of enrolled ministers and inquire into their Christian conduct.

On motion, of Eld. P. T. Lucas, the name of J. W. Fuquay be dropped from the list of enrolled ministers.

On motion, a committee be appointed to confer with the committee appointed at the meeting last year, to draw up a book of forms and submit to this meeting. The two committees to review the work done by the last years committee and report to this meeting. The following were appointed: Elds. P. T. Lucas, D. R. Stafford, R. F. Pittman.

The devotional committee report that Eld. W. B. Everett preach on Tuesday night at St. Mary church near by.

The query committee submit for discussion:

1. What is Christian forgiveness?
2. What is meant by turning again and repenting?

The two queries were discussed conjointly by Elds. E. T. Phillips, J. S. Mercer, P. T. Lucas, W. P. Gause, J. M. Langdon, J. E. Davis and E. T. Phillips.

It was decided that Christian forgiveness was to forgive as Christ did and continue to bear and forgive as he did.

On motion, the meeting closed to meet at 9:30, a. m., Wednesday. Prayer by Eld. W. P. Gause.

Wednesday Morning.

The meeting met as per adjournment.

Praise by the congregation. Prayer by Eld. J. H. Worley.

Minutes of Tuesday read and approved.

The devotional committee report that J. S. Mercer preach to-day at 11, a. m.

Query 3rd, was submitted: Where is the proper

place to deal with a brother layman or minister that offends his brother in church, conference or ministers' meeting?

Query 4: How shall we prevent churches or conferences receiving members or preachers who have not been reconciled to their former churches or conferences?

The 3rd, and 4th, queries were discussed by Elds. Gause, Bundy, Lucas, Stafford, Langdon, and L. T. Phillips.

The following resolutions were adopted by the body as a result of the discussion of queries 3 and 4:

RESOLUTIONS.—Be it Resolved,

1. That this Ministers' Meeting recommend to the various conferences that they establish a rule or law that no church or conference shall receive a member or preacher that has been disowned from another body, without his first being reconciled to the body from which he was disowned.

2. We further recommend that no conference or association receive a church that has united with another body and becomes in a state of confusion, until properly reconciled to the conference or association to which it formerly belonged.

3. That we as preachers, will teach and practice the principles outlined in these resolutions until they are considered before each of our conferences and properly inserted in our book of discipline.

L. T. PHILLIPS,

R. F. PITTMAN.

Committee.

Query 5. Where should ordination of a minister take place, at his church or at the conference? This query was discussed by Elds. Lucas, Stafford, Windham, W. M. Howell, J. E. Davis, J. H. Whitley. As a result of the discussion of the query, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, We, the Ministers' Meeting, request each of our conferences that have not one to appoint a presbytery and that each applicant for ordination go before them for his examination and ordination.

L. T. PHILLIPS,

J. T. BUNDY,

Committee.

Query 6: How shall we induce our churches to more liberally support the ministry and cause the churches to be better cared for?

Discussed by Elds. L. T. Phillips, E. T. Phillips, W. P. Gause and others.

Rev. J. S. Mercer read an essay on tithing. He held that it was a part of God's moral law and the moral law had never been repealed but should be in force among God's people to-day as of old.

D. B. Sasser, a layman told how Kenly church was managing and had greatly increased its financial standing.

The question and the discussion led to the following resolution:

Resolved, That we earnestly urge all of our preachers to take special pains along Bible lines to educate their churches on the doctrine of contributing 1-10th, of their income to the service of God.

J. T. BUNDY,

L. T. PHILLIPS,

Committee.

On motion, the meeting close until 9:30, a. m., Thursday. Prayer by Eld. J. H. Worley.

Thursday Morning.

The meeting met as per adjournment. Prayer by J. S. Mercer.

Minutes of Wednesday read and approved.

Query 7: What is meant by laying on of hands and for what purpose do we practice it and how are we to

accept ministers that do not practice the same?

Discussed by Elds. Lucas, L. T. Phillips, Prof. T. E. Peden, D. D., Joe T. Bundy, D. A. Windham, J. S. Mercer.

It was generally decided that it was a setting apart for a Christian life and an appeal to the Almighty to be with and bless the candidate temporally and spiritually.

The committee appointed to examine the work of the committee appointed at the last Ministers' Meeting, to get up a book of forms, report that they have examined the work and have accepted the same. Yet they find it not full enough and recommend that this meeting leave the work with the committee to complete and have published. The report of the committee was adopted.

On motion, R. F. Pittman preach the introductory at the next meeting, and L. T. Phillips be his alternate.

By motion, the meeting adjourned.

Prayer by the president.

D. A. WINDHAM, President.

E. T. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS' MEETING.

ARTICLE 1. A Ministers' Meeting of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina shall meet at least once every year, Tuesday before the meeting of the Union Conference and hold until the opening of the same, at the appointed place for the Union Conference.

ART. 2. An introductory sermon shall be preached at the sitting of the ministers' meeting each year.

ART. 3. The minister who preaches the introductory shall preside over the meeting until a president is elected.

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 work, so that our preaching will not conflict in preaching the Gospel.

ART. 7. All ministers of our faith in good standing in their respective conferences or association throughout the state are considered members of this meeting.

ART. 8. All members composing said meeting shall be required to attend annually, unless providentially hindered.

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

ART. 10. This meeting shall have 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 President.

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 the same subject without the consent of the President, and shall be allowed to speak twice if necessary.

ART. 14. The proceedings of the ministers' meeting shall be published in connection with the minutes of the union conference.

UNION CONFERENCE.

The Twenty-First session of the Union Conference met with the church at Kenly, Johnston County, September the 16th, 1909.

Eld. E. T. Phillips, in the absence of the one appointed to preach the introductory, attended as the alternate and preached the introductory.—Text: Gen. 4:9, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

The following ministers were enrolled:

Central Conference—D. A. Windham, J. T. Bundy.

Western—P. T. Lucas, L. T. Phillips, W. M. Howell, W. B. Everett, L. B. Grice, R. F. Pittman, J. H. Whitley, J. M. Creech, J. E. Davis.

Eastern—F. A. Lupton.

On motion, Prof. T. E. Peden and Rev. J. S. Mercer be invited to seats with us.

The following delegates being present were enrolled:

Central Conference—D. A. Windham, J. H. Whitley, J. J. Jones, Joseph Tugwell, R. R. Bailey, J. B. Edmondson, R. H. Parker.

Western—D. B. Sasser, J. H. Wilkins, J. R. Watson, J. H. Whitley, J. W. Barnes, J. C. Sasser, R. L. Pittman, L. R. B. Combs, Henry Crumpler, J. B. Bass, W. R. Wiastead, Cullen Jones, B. A. Scott.

Eastern—F. A. Lupton.

Cape Fear—J. J. Roberts.

The following committees were appointed:

Devotional—D. B. Sasser, Henry Crumpler, R. R. Bailey.

Finance—J. J. Jones, Joseph Tugwell, J. J. Roberts.

Education—F. A. Lupton, Prof. T. E. Peden, and Sister J. W. Barnes.

Sunday Schools—J. R. Watson, L. R. B. Combs, Eld. W. B. Everett.

Missions—Elds. D. A. Windham, J. S. Mercer and L. T. Phillips.

Temperance—R. F. Pittman, R. H. Parker and J. T. Bundy.

Bro. J. H. Whitley was appointed to act as treasurer pro tem.

The hand of fellowship was extended to the visiting brethren.

Praise by the congregation. Prayer by Eld. F. A. Lupton.

Devotional committee report that W. B. Everett open and D. A. Windham preach at the church tonight. J. M. Creech preach at Holly Springs to-night.

By motion, a letter from the Ohio State Convention was received.

On motion, this Union Conference represent in their next meeting by a letter and messenger.

On motion, we have a clause inserted in our church letters for incidental expenses.

The conference adjourned until 9:30, Friday morning. Prayer by Sister Sidney Barnes.

Friday Morning.

Conference met as per adjournment.

Praise by the body. Prayer by Eld. J. R. Watson.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion, the finance committee retire, settle with the treasurer, pro tem, and he make his report.

Treasurer's Report.

On hand from last year,	\$.85
Received of finance committee,	43.60

Total on hand,	\$44.45

J. H. WHITLEY, Treasurer, pro tem.

The report was adopted and the finance committee discharged.

The devotional committee report that J. S. Mercer preach to-day.

Reports of Committees.

The following committee reports were read, discussed and adopted:

MISSIONS.—The committee on missions beg to submit the following:

1. That we proceed at once to work on the all important business of missions.
2. We urge all our people to become members of some mission society.
3. That we contribute to the same.
4. That our pastors organize mission societies in their churches.

J. S. MERCER,	}	Com.
L. T. PHILLIPS,		
D. A. WINDHAM,		

TEMPERANCE.—We, your committee on temperance, beg leave to submit the following:

1. That we, as a denomination, exert every means possible to inforce the state prohibition law, and to keep our churches as free from intemperance as possible.
2. That we will not tolerate men as ministers who will indulge in, or advocate intemperance in any form.
3. That we pay special attention to resolutions of this kind that have been previously adopted.

R. F. PITTMAN,	}	Com.
R. H. PARKER,		
J. T. BUNDY,		

EDUCATION.—Whereas Paul told Timothy and through all other young ministers to study to show himself approved a workman that need not be ashamed. It follows that the church is under obligation to furnish a place and means for the education of young men and women called of God to preach the Gospel and whereas the Free Will Baptist Theological Seminary at Ayden, N. C., has been doing very successful work for the last decade in training young ministers for their arduous but glorious profession and more than thirty have gone from its recitation rooms and are, under God, doing successful work in several states of our union. Therefore,

Resolved, that it is emphatically the place for our young ministers to attend for an education and that it is obligatory upon the Denomination to complete the

Paul Palmer endowment of a chair of Theology without delay, and other professorships as rapidly as possible.

Resolved, that it is the duty of all our people to patronize it instead of other institutions under all ordinary circumstances, in all its departments.

Resolved, That the proposition of E. L. StClaire, D. D., to raise a thousand dollars, in ten dollar notes, for teaching expenses the current year, should be promptly, gladly and fully met by the first of next month.

THOS. E. PEDEN,	} Com.
F. A. LUPTON,	
MRS. J. W. BARNES,	

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg to submit the following report:

Believing the Sabbath School to be a great factor and of great importance to our cause, we ask that every effort be put forth by both churches and pastors possible to have a Sunday School at every available place. That we unite and encourage the international work and organize township and county conventions. We strongly urge that our people use our own literature, published at Ayden, N. C.

We further urge the importance of having consecrated men and women for officers and teachers in all our schools.

We further recommend that D. B. Sasser of Kenly write the lessons to appear in our church organ.

J. R. WATSON,	} Com.
L. R. B. COMBS,	
W. B. EVERETT,	

Miscellaneous Business.

On motion we represent in the Ohio State Convention by Eld. R. F. Pittman.

On motion, an executive committee be appointed to name the place for holding the next Union Conference.

The following were appointed: J. E. Davis, J. W. Barnes and D. A. Windham.

On motion, the time of holding the Union Conference be changed to the week between the 2nd and 3rd Sundays in December

The committee on location of the next meeting decided that it be held at Woods Grove Church, Wayne County.

Eld. J. H. Worley is to preach the introductory and Eld. J. F. Hill is his alternate.

On motion, the clerk have as many minutes printed as the funds will allow after leaving enough in the treasury to defray the expense of sending out blank letters and other necessary matter for the promotion of the meeting and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

On motion, we advise the different conferences to have a book of resolutions printed for distribution among all our people.

On motion, the clerk be authorized to draw on the treasurer for all necessary expenses in conducting the affairs of the union.

The conference closed with prayer by Eld. J. H. Worley.

P. T. LUCAS, Moderator.

E. T. PHILLIPS, Clerk.

LETTER FROM OHIO RIVER YEARLY MEETING.

Sciotoville, O., Aug. 20, 1909.

The Ohio Free Will Baptist State Convention sends Christian salutation to the Union, (N. C.) Conference when assembled with Kenly church, August 16 and 17, 1909, praying the Great Head of the church to preside over all your deliberations and enable you to transact all your business in that way that will redound to the glory of God and the good of all humanity.

We are composed of the Ohio and Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kentucky, Sciotoville, Ohio River, Ohio Central, Ohio, West Virginia and Big Sandy Yearly Meetings. We desire to do all we can to unify our denomination and increase its usefulness. To this end we have appointed our clerk messenger to your conference. Please receive him in Christian love and fellowship and appoint one or more messengers in return, to meet with us in Zaleski, Ohio, Wednesday before the second Saturday in Aug. 1910 at 7:30, p. m.

Yours for F. W. B. Union and more earnest work.

WM. M. SHULER, Moderator.

THOMAS E. PEDEN, Clerk.

P. S.—Statistic about one hundred and fifty churches and ten thousand members. Two new churches organized and two new meeting houses dedicated within the past year.

REMARKS BY CLERK.

The meeting just held at Kenly we regard as one of great importance to our brotherhood throughout the country. The Ministers' Meeting was very interesting. The only regretful feature being that many of the ministers who should have been there were absent. We hope, trust and pray that the meeting at Woods Grove in December, 1910, will be a great ingathering of our ministers. However, we are growing in strength and more interest is being taken from year to year. We are fully persuaded that the work we are doing now will be felt and result in great good for our glorious cause. In our Union Conference strong sentiment was expressed in favor of our Seminary at Ayden. Many dollars were pledged for its support and the sentiment grows and strengthens for the great work being done at Ayden. May our Zion tully awake and put on her shining garments of praise and service for the Great Master we profess to love.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION CONFERENCE.

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 stricc 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 of the several conferences or associations of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina and of delegates from the different conferences, associations or

churches. Every 300 members or fraction thereof 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 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. The moderator may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

ART. 8. Each conference is a distinct and independent organization with full authority to manage its own internal affairs, elect its own officers, etc.

ART. 9. 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 for petitionary letters.
6. Hand of fellowship to visiting brethren.
7. Reports from churches.
8. Reports from committees.
9. Resolutions.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Adjournment.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	DELEGATES	No. Members	Value of church Prop.	Benevolent Purses	Minute Fund
Watery Branch.....	Wayne.....	J. J. Jones.....	113	\$1,500	\$150	\$1.50
Howell Swamp.....	Greene.....	J. W. Whitley.....	200	1,500	200	.50
Spring Branch.....	"	R. R. Bailey.....	98	800	60	1.00
Gum Swamp.....	Pitt.....	R. H. Parker.....	225	1,200	100	2.00
Cross Roads.....	"	Joseph Tugwell...	66	.....	60	.50
Rose Hill.....	"	By Pastor.....	100	1,000	75	.50
Union Grove.....	Wayne.....	B. A. Scott.....	114	1,000	110	1.00
Pleasant Grove.....	"	John Bass.....	229	1,000	110	1.00
Woods Grove.....	"	J. J. Roberts.....	170	1,200	100	1.00
Bethel.....	Pamlico.....	F. A. Lupton.....	160	800	200	1.00
Antioch.....	Wayne.....	J. B. Edmundson..	40	700	20	.65
Spring Hill.....	"	L. R. B. Combs.....	125	1,200	400	1.00
White Oak Hill.....	Nash.....	J. H. Whitley.....	120	500	20	.50
St. Mary.....	Wilson.....	J. R. Watson.....	131	600	50	1.15
Peoples' Chapel ...	"	N. R. Winstead....	98	300	72	.70
Princeton.....	Johnston.....	Cullin Jones.....	34	350	40	.50
Pleasant Hill.....	Wayne.....	J. C. Sasser.....	85	500	50	.50
Neuse Chapel.....	Johnston.....	J. H. Wilkins.....	32	150	.....	.50
Woodington.....	Lenoir.....	Floyd Loftin.....	90	1,000	50	.50
Rains X Roads.....	Johnston.....	By Pastor.....	199	1,100	115	.50
Holly Springs.....	"	R. L. Pittman.....	92	450	40	1.00
Marsh Swamp.....	Wilson.....	J. W. Barnes.....	158	1,200	95	1.00
Kenly.....	Johnston.....	D. B. Sasser.....	129	1,600	300	.75
Pine Level.....	"	Henry Crumpler...	210	.....	80	1.00
Free Union.....	Beaufort.....	By Letter.....	112	375	125	.50
Sweet Gum Grove..	Pitt.....	"	69	700	75	.50
Dailey's Chapel ...	Lenoir.....	"	150	800	50	.25
Vaughns Chapel.....	Nash.....	"	9	200	.....	.25
Walnut.....	Madison.....	"	125	800	.....	.50
Friendship.....	Johnston.....	"	65	500	.....	.60
Reedy Branch.....	Pitt.....	"	436	2,000	250	1.00
St. Paul.....	Sampson.....	"	100	750	.....	.50
N. East.....	Wayne.....	"	151	700	75	.50
Black Jack Grove..	"	"	21	200	6	.25
Fort Run.....	Greene.....	"	79	1,000	.....	.55
Sound Side.....	Tyrrell.....	"	80	900	150	.50
Elm Grove.....	Pitt.....	"	.....	.....	.....	1.05
Saratoga.....	Wilson.....	"	271	2,000	175	1.00
Benson.....	Johnston.....	"	55	900	.....	.30
Owens Grove.....	Sampson.....	"	75	500	.....	.50
Antioch.....	Craven.....	"	115	1,000	75	1.00
Oak Grove.....	Sampson.....	"	39	400	100	.40
Belvin Grove.....	Durham.....	"	16	.....	.....	.55
Caseys Chapel.....	Wayne.....	"	61	500	.....	.75
Myrtle Grove.....	Duplin.....	"	55	500	25	.40
Smiths New Home	Lenoir.....	"	81	300	15	.50
Red Hill.....	Madison.....	"	99	250	53	.25
Bethlehem.....	Chesterfield...	"	36	1,500	35	1.00
Winterville.....	Pitt.....	"	75	1,000	75	.50
Bethany.....	"	"	173	1,500	100	1.00
Piney Grove.....	"	"	199	600	75	.50
Pleasant Plain.....	Johnston.....	D. H. Terrell.....	33	500	40	.50
S. C. Conference.....	.....	Fld. W. P. Gause..	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Selma.....	Johnston.....	By Letter.....	30	1,000	50	.25
Ayden.....	Pitt.....	"	86	1,500	150	1.00
Micro.....	Johnston.....	"	99	1,300	125	1.00

