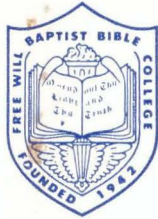


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## MINISTERS' MEETING.

Ministers from the various Conferences met with the Church at Woods Grove, Wayne County, December 13th, 1910.

Eld. R. F. Pittman preached the Introductory sermon—text, Isa. 52:1 “Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion.”

The meeting was organized by electing R. F. Pittman president and E. T. Phillips secretary.

The following ministers were enrolled:

Central Conference—R. E. Edmonson, A. Tyndall, E. B. Hart.

Western—P. T. Lucas, E. T. Phillips, J. H. Worley, R. F. Pittman, Emmett Price.

Eastern—Loyd Vernon.

Cape Fear—J. F. Hill, W. R. Coats, J. A. Smith, L. E. Johnson.

Wilmington—E. L. Parker.

By motion, T. E. Peden of the Ohio River Yearly Meeting was invited to a seat with us in the meeting.

The following were appointed a devotional committee for the meeting: J. A. Thomas, Elijah Vinson and L. G. Taylor.

The following were appointed a query committee: Elds. T. E. Peden, P. T. Lucas and E. L. Parker.

The list of those enrolled was called and their Christian conduct inquired into.

By motion, we invite the delegates who are present to take a part in the Ministers' Meeting.

Devotional committee reports that E. L. Parker open to-night and P. T. Lucas preach at 7 o'clock.

The meeting adjourned to meet the next day at 9:30 o'clock. Prayer by E. L. Parker.

*Wednesday Morning.*

The meeting opened with a prayer service conducted by Loyd Vernon.

Devotional committee reports that R. F. Pittman open and E. T. Phillips preach to-day.

The Query committee reported questions as follows:

1. What is our duty to the criminal classes, especially the convicted criminals? Discussed by Prof. T. E. Peden, P. T. Lucas, E. T. Phillips, J. F. Hill and E. L. Parker. It was decided that we should do all that we possibly can to break the bread of life to criminals of every description, both high and low, and induce them if possible to accept Christ.

There was a recess for one hour for dinner.

Query 2. How can we stop the tendency to Episcopacy and other forms of monarchical church government? Discussed by Peden, Phillips, Hill and others. It was decided that we should adhere to the congregational form of church government.

Query 3. How can we establish Free Will Baptist churches in the cities? Discussed by Parker, Peden, Lucas, Phillips, Hill and others. It was decided that the best thing we could do was to establish churches in all towns possible. Have a minister to serve them and that they be sustained.

Devotional committee reports that Loyd Vernon open and E. L. Parker preach and close to-night. The meeting closed until 9:30 a. m. on Thursday. Prayer by T. E. Peden, D. D.

#### *Thursday Morning.*

Meeting opened at the appointed time. Prayer by E. B. Hart.

Query 4. Why ought we attend the Ministers' Meeting and the Union Conference? Discussed by Parker, Lucas Edmondson, Hart and others. It was decided that we ought to attend the meeting that we might know more of each other, and learn more of the doctrine and how to manage our church affairs more successfully.

By motion an Executive committee of three was appointed to get up a program for the next Ministers' Meeting and

distribute the same among the ministers and churches in due time. E. T. Phillips, T. E. Peden and E. L. Parker were appointed said committee.

Query 5. What are the chief characteristics of a good pastor? Discussed by Lucas, Peden, Parker and others. It was decided that some of his traits should be as follows: He should be prompt, have no pets, should be truly converted and of great piety, industry, deep sympathy, free from all bad habits and customs. He should be very systematic in his work and mingle in the homes of his congregation. He should be deeply interested in the mission work and in Gospel work everywhere.

On motion, Eld. P. T. Lucas preach the Introductory sermon at the next Ministers' Meeting and G. C. Vause be his alternate. The meeting closed with prayer by E. L. Parker

R. F. PITTMAN, 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 for 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-Second Session of the Union Conference met with the church at Woods Grove, Wayne County, December 15th, 1910.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. H. Worley, Text, Neh. 2:17 "Come and let us build up the walls of Jerusalem, that we be no longer a reproach."

The following ministers were enrolled:

Central Conference—E. B. Hart and R. E. Edmonson.  
Western—P. T. Lucas, E. T. Phillips, R. F. Pittman, J. H. Worley, Emmett Price.

Eastern—Loyd Vernon, J. A. Smith.

Cape Fear—L. E. Johnson, D. R. Stafford.

Wilmington—E. L. Parker.

By motion, T. E. Peden of the Ohio River Yearly Meeting was invited to a seat with the body.

The following delegates were enrolled:

Central Conference—Joseph Tugwell, A. T. Dawson, R. E. Edmonson.

Western—C. R. Davis, I. L. Tilton, R. A. Boyette, Edward Vail, E. W. Price, J. E. Flowers.

Cape Fear—Robt. Hinnant, J. A. Thomas.

Eastern—B. A. Jones.

The following committees were appointed:

Devotional—J. A. Thomas, Elijah Vinson, L. G. Taylor.

Finance—C. R. Davis, Joseph Tugwell, R. A. Boyette.

Education—J. H. Worley, R. F. Pittman, T. E. Peden.

Sunday School—E. W. Price, Loyd Vernon, Joseph Smith.

Missions—J. H. Worley, E. L. Parker, R. F. Pittman.

Temperance—J. A. Thomas, T. E. Peden, L. E. Johnson.

On motion, the Secretary act as Treasurer *pro tem*.

A letter was read from the Ohio River Yearly Meeting and ordered printed in the minutes.

By motion, we represent in the Ohio River Yearly Meeting by letter.



A letter was read from Sister L. M. Peden, giving an account of the Triennial Conference held at Florence, Ala., and same was ordered printed.

By motion, we return thanks to Sister Peden for representing our state in the General Conference and that we ask each conference and association in the state to pay Sister Peden its *pro rata* part of her expenses in attending the Conference.

The devotional committee report that R. E. Edmonson preach and T. E. Peden follow with a lecture on the denomination.

The letters from the different churches were read (See table of Statistics).

By motion, an Executive committee be appointed to select time and place of the next Union Meeting. The committee to be E. T. Phillips, C. A. Thomas and R. A. Boyette.

By motion, Eld. E. L. Parker represent the Wilmington Conference and send donation as he may see proper.

By motion, the Clerk correspond with the various associations that have not represented in the meeting and induce them to do so if possible.

By motion, Conference close until to-morrow 9 a. m. Prayer by J. H. Worley.

#### *Friday Morning.*

Met as per adjournment. Prayer by J. A. Smith. Minutes of the previous day read and approved.

#### *Committees Reports.*

The following reports were read, discussed and adopted:

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS**—We find the report of the Sunday School committee in some way out of our hands. We do not know how this occurred, but the committee urged the necessity of the Sunday School work being pushed urgently in each and every church and the great importance of using our own literature.—Clerk.

**EDUCATION**—Like the Sunday School report, we find the

report of the committee on education out of place. We regret this very much as the paper was a strong one in favor of education. The committee favored an educated ministry as much as possible. Our Ayden school was highly recommended for our care and encouragement, and general education highly endorsed for all our people everywhere. The endowment of our Ayden institution should be fully accomplished and our people should patronize the school when it is reasonable to do so.—Clerk.

TEMPERANCE—(1) We regard the enactment of the prohibition law as the highest legislative achievement of the present century. We believe it to be the duty of every citizen to see as far as in him lies, that the law is strictly and fully enforced.

(2) Total abstinence from all that intoxicates should be taught from the pulpit, in our schools, in our homes, in our business, in our social circles and in every department of human effort.

J. A. THOMAS

THOS. E. PEDEN

L. E. JOHNSON

Committee.

MISSIONS—We do prayerfully submit the following:

(1) We joyfully recognize the fact that God has opened to us the door of opportunities. We desire therefore, to obey this command; "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

(2) We urge that our ministers enforce the opportunities offered them in Home Mission work, and that they establish wherever possible. We ask that the churches assist in this work with their means and prayers.

(3) We request that our ministers endeavor to awaken a more enthusiastic spirit among our churches on Foreign Mission work.

(5) We recommend that all the churches have a Missionary Society and that they report to the mission board.

(4) We recommend that each conference appoint a Mission Board.

R. F. PITTMAN  
 J. H. WORLEY  
 E. L. PARKER  
 Committee.

### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

#### *Treasurer's Report.*

Balance on hand from last year .....	\$ .38
Received from present Conference .....	34.20
	\$34.58
Paid Clerk .....	10.00
	\$ 24.58
Balance on hand .....	\$ 24.58

E. T. PHILLIPS, Treas. *pro tem*

The above report was adopted.

Eld. P. L. Lucas was elected Moderator of the Union Conference for two years, E. T. Phillips Secretary and E. E. Dail Treasurer.

On motion, the Union meetings over the state be requested to send in donations and reports to the Secretary of the Union Conference at Ayden, N. C. Same to appear in the minutes of the Conference and be for the further development of the Union.

Devotional committee report E. B. Hart open and J. H. Worley preach to-day.

On motion, the Secretary be allowed \$10.00 for his services and that he have as many minutes printed as the means will justify and distribute same among the churches.

On motion, L. T. Phillips preach the Introductory at the next meeting and E. L. Parker be his alternate.

On motion, a committee of one minister be appointed in each conference to arouse the churches and people to the

importance of the meeting. The following were appointed:

Central Conference—Eld. G. C. Vause.

Western—Eld. J. H. Worley.

Eastern—A. E. Rouse.

Cape Fear—C. A. Jackson.

Wilmington—E. L. Parker.

Thanks were tendered the people of the community for their great generosity.

On motion, the union close to meet at the place and on the time decided by the Executive committee.

The meeting closed with the closing exercises of the noon service.

P. T. LUCAS, Moderator.

E. T. PHILLIPS, Secretary

### *LETTER TO CONFERENCE.*

Ayden, N. C., December 2, 1910.

To the Elders and Brethren of the North Carolina Union Conference: I attended the General Conference of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, at Florence, Alabama, October 5 to 15, 1910. I was kindly requested to represent the Union, N. C. Conference and all of its constituent bodies, which I did to the best of my ability. This, I hope, is satisfactory to your body, as there was no elected delegate present from N. C. and I, the only member of a church in the State. Eld. Jefferson D. Stephens of Marianna, Florida, was chosen Moderator and the business was transacted rapidly and with great unanimity. The work of our schools and benevolent societies was enthusiastically endorsed and recommended. Six new conferences were received, and general prosperity was indicated in the letters from all parts of the Denomination. Home Mission work was continued through National Evangelist and such other ministers, as means will allow the Board to put into the field. My expenses were thirty-six dollars (\$36.00). The next session will be held in the bounds of the Midway, Georgia, Association.



The preaching and addresses were of a high order and the half hour prayer meetings, held before each session, very spiritual and interesting. I hope the thirty delegates to which our State is entitled will all be present next session.

Your Sister in Christ.

MRS. L. M. PEDEN.

*LETTER FROM OHIO RIVER YEARLY MEETING*  
Zaleski, Ohio, August 15, 1910.

The Ohio Free Will Baptist State Convention, auxiliary to the Free Will Baptist General Conference, to the North Carolina Union Conference, greeting: The last year has been one of ordinary prosperity. Three ministers have been ordained and one received from the Free Methodist. In conjunction with the National Board, we have appointed Eld. Geo. W. Moore, Missionary to the State of Washington, with headquarters at Goldendale, which we hope will be the germ of a large yearly meeting in that State. The General Conference has purchased good church property, in the city of Wellston, which we hope will make the church there permanent, and also the Jackson Quarterly Meeting. We are greatly interested in the new African Mission and hope every church in the nation will speedily respond to the modest request for a sum aggregating twenty-five cents per resident member for this important advance and that new missions will soon be established in the other heathen lands. We are greatly interested in Christian Education for the masses and especially in Ministerial Education and hence approve of every well directed effort to make our Colleges and Seminaries more popular and efficient. Please favor our session at First Kyger next year with a good delegation from your body. We request our Clerk to act as our representatvie, whom please receive in love and fellowship.

THOMAS E. PEDEN, Clerk.

*CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION CONFERENCE.*

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known as the Original Free Will Baptist General 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 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.

ART. 9. This constitution may be amended at any regular session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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*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.

## CLERK'S REMARKS.

The Ministers' Meeting and Union Conference should be the most important Meeting that we hold in the state during the year. The Ministers' Meeting is for the general union and fellowship of all our brother ministers from the mountains to the sea shore. It is highly important that we should come together once in the year, shake hands with each other and have a general warming up. There are questions of vital importance for the growth and expansion of our denomination that it would be well for us to discuss face to face. We can tell each other of our successes and failures and gather strength from our personal experiences. Every church in the state should represent in our Union Conference that we may have statistics. We expect to send a blank to every church in the state we can reach and hope to have the returns made to the Union Conference. There are state wide objects that can be accomplished through this meeting better than through any other agency. We beg our people to send delegates from all the churches if through the union meetings, we want all the churches represented. It is through this meeting that the entire denomination in the state can come together as one man and do a great work. Let there be a full representation at the next meeting. Away with this indifference and slackness that has often apparently been in the way. Let us be about our Master's business, and for one week at least come together regardless of protracted meetings and personal interests. Can we not make a little sacrifice for a great cause? God help us so to do.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Members. No.	Value Ch. Prop'ty	Benevolent Purposes.	Minute Fund.
Mount Tabor .....	Washington .....	By Letter .....	89	\$ 500	\$ 90	\$ 1.00
Free Union .....	Beaufort .....	By Letter .....	122	300	120	1.00
Hull Road .....	Greene .....	A. Dawson .....	244	1500	900	1.00
Kings X Roads .....	Pitt .....	Joseph Tugwell .....	70	...	110	.50
Watery Branch .....	Wayne .....	R. E. Edmonson .....	50	1200	...	1.00
Aspin Grove .....	Wilson .....	By Pastor .....	92	...	...	.60
Hugo .....	Lenoir .....	By Pastor .....	75	800	50	.50
Howell Swamp .....	Greene .....	J. Tugwell .....	206	800	100	1.10
Spring Hill .....	Wayne .....	J. E. Flowers .....	52	800	58	1.00
Pine Level .....	Johnson .....	Emmett Price .....	200	600	40	1.50
Stony Hill .....	Wayne .....	I. L. Tilton .....	86	1000	168	1.10
Marsh Swamp .....	Wilson .....	R. A. Boyette .....	152	1000	90	1.00
Pleasant Grove .....	Wayne .....	C. R. Davis, E. Vail, .....	164	2000	175	.50
Dailey's Chapel .....	Lenoir .....	B. A. Jones .....	128	800	50	.50
Trent .....	Pamlico .....	By Letter .....	174	1000	250	1.00
New Hope .....	Johnson .....	By Letter .....	85	600	...	.50
Woods Grove .....	Wayne .....	J. A. Thomas .....	175	1000	150	1.00
Casey's Chapel .....	Wayne .....	Robt. Hinnant .....	60	500	60	.50
St. Mary .....	Wilson .....	By Letter .....	189	700	35	.50
Gum Swamp .....	Pitt .....	By Letter .....	248	1500	300	1.00
Core Point Chapel .....	Beaufort .....	By Letter .....	66	500	93	1.50
Spring Branch .....	Greene .....	By Letter .....	100	800	128	1.00
Peoples Chapel .....	Wilson .....	By Letter .....	107	320	72	.50
Cedar Island .....	Carteret .....	By Letter .....	18	...	70	.50
Maalchi's Chapel .....	Tyrell .....	By Letter .....	161	500	130	1.00
Yelvertons Grove .....	Johnston .....	By Letter .....	21	100	...	.45
Juniper Chapel .....	Craven .....	By Letter .....	106	600	...	1.00
Bethany .....	Pitt .....	By Letter .....	179	800	150	1.00
Saratoga .....	Wilson .....	By Letter .....	170	2000	250	1.00
Harrell's Chapel .....	Greene .....	By Letter .....	63	500	50	.50
St. John's Chapel .....	Wayne .....	By Letter .....	123	500	10	.25
Smith's New Home .....	Lenoir .....	By Letter .....	107	300	35	.50
Elm Grove .....	Pitt .....	By Letter .....	130	500	75	1.00
Antioch .....	Wayne .....	By Letter .....	42	500	60	.50
Free Chapel .....	Wayne .....	J. S. Sasser .....	20	600	80	.50
		G. J. Guinn .....				



