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SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Free Will Baptist

Conference

Travelers

On motion the following were elected Viz:

On preaching, Jas. Thompson

On the order of business, Rev. THE CHURCH AT H. Dyson, J. W. Phelps

On Education, W. L. Tartt, B.

On Periodicals, Rev. M. M. WalBUS COUNTY Jas. Thompson

On Sabbath Schools, Jas H. Dyson, Jas Thompson, A. W. Butler, Jonathan Faulk, Joshua Ward, J. W. Butler, C. C. Mathis, D. E. Green and B. H. Ward.

The Conference went into a committee of the whole on Temperance, with W. L. Tartt chairman.

On ministerial character &c. J. W Butler, C. C. Mathis, Jonathan, Faulk, Joshua Ward, Isham Nobles, Jas, H. Dyson Lewis Tyler and W. B. Brown.

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PROCEEDINGS.

HAPPY HILL, COLUMBUS Co, N. C., Oct. 16th 1875.

The Pee Dee 7th Annual Conference, met according to adjournment. The Introductory sermon was preached by the Rev. B. W. Nash, from Heb. 13 chap. 1 verse; "Let brotherly love continue."

After which the Conference was organized for business by electing Rev. B. H. Ward moderator *pro tem*. On motion the minutes of the 6th Annual Conference were read, and approved. The list of churches were called, and the following Delegates were enrolled. Beaver Dam, Jordan Nealy, Isham Nobles. Happy Hill, Jas. Thompson, Wm. Gurganus. Antioch., Wm. P. Suggs, J. W. Phelps. Pleasant Grove, J. J. Faulk, R. R. Sellers. New Hope, C. C. Mathis. Cypress Creek. Joshua Ward, Benj. M. Ward. Mount Moriah, W. L. Tartt. Piny Grove, Jno. Vaught. Watery Branch, A. B. Godwin. Anthony Hinson. Bayboro, B. H. Ward. Greenway, no delegate. The delegates responding; Conference proceeded by electing the Rev. M. M. Walker, moderator. Petitionary letters were called for, and the following new churches were received, and the hand of fellowship presented to their delegates, Mount Zion. Jno. W Butler. Pleasant Plain, no delegate. Society Hill, Jonathan Faulk, A. R. Soles. Concord, J. H. Dyson, J. F. Nealey. Travelers, Rest no delegate.

On motion the following Special and standing committees were elected Viz:

On preaching, Jas. Thompson, A. W. Butler, J. H. Dyson,

On the order of business, Rev. B. W. Nash, J. W. Butler, Jas, H. Dyson, J. W. Phelps.

On Education, W. L. Tartt, B. H. Ward.

On Periodicals, Rev. M. M. Walker, W. L. Tartt, Jas. Thompson.

On Sabbath Schools, Jas H. Dyson, Jas Thompson, A. W. Butler, Jonathan Faulk, Joshua Ward, J. W. Butler, C. C. Mathis, D. E. Green and B. H. Ward.

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SATURDAY MORNING OCT. 17th.

Conference met. Opened with devotional exercise. Prayer by the Rev. M. M. Walker. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Roll called, the delegates being present, conference proceeded to business.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

The committee on the order of business submitted the following report Viz :

- 1st. Reading conference letters and enrolling delegates.
- 2nd Election of officers.
- 3rd Call for petitionary letters.
- 4th Appointment of committees.
- 5th Reception of corresponding delegates and visitors.
- 6th Appointment of corresponding delegate.
- 7th Reports of standing committees.
- 8th Reports of other committees.
- 9th Reports of Trustees of Ministers Relief society.
- 10th Reports of Treasurer.
- 11th Miscellaneous Business.
- 12th Adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted.

B. W. NASH, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Nothing but the christian religion excels, a sound liberal education. It is one of the greatest blessings we can desire for our children. It will make them more useful to society, and promote their own happiness. Parents that are interested in the present and future welfare of their children, act wisely, when they sacrifice, in order to procure a liberal education for their children. If we desire that our off-springs should be educated in the doctrine and principals of Freewill Baptist, we should use every effort in the interest of Freewill Baptist Schools.

Respectfully Submitted.

W. L. TARTT, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

The *Baptist Review*, published by Rev. B. W. Nash, at La Grange, N. C. is an able, independent paper, Its motto, *free Salvation, free communion and immersion* contains *multum in Parvo*. We cheerfully recommend it to the patronage of our denomination, and all others who may be interested. It will advance our

cause, and greatly promote our interest at large.

Respectfully Submitted.

M. M. WALKER, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to urge upon our ministers, and brethren, the great necessity of Sabbath schools; they are the nursery of the churches. The rising generation is expected to fill our places in the church, and in society. We therefore urge the necessity of promoting Sabbath school interest among parents and children.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. H. Dyson, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We the committee on temperance, submit the following report viz That we abhor the practice of drunkness, and that in our judgment no brother of our connection who drinks with drunkards, and is known to be of dissipated habits, should be fellowshipped as a worthy member of our connection; neither should we receive any one as a member of our churches; who is engaged in retailing or whole saleing or manufacturing alcoholic liquors.

Respectfully Submitted.

W. L. TARTT, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER.

We the committee on the character, usefulness, &c, of the ministry submit the following report, That after a careful examination, we find no charges against any of our ministers; we believe they are sound in the faith, and are doing all they can to advance the cause of the Redeemer among men.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. W. BUTLER, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1874.

The amount received from the several churches as minute fund \$12 05. Expenses to Wilmington and Rockingham to get minutes published and stationary \$12 25.

On motion the Treasurer was allowed the above amount to cover his expenses.

The Treasurer tendered his resignation, which, was accepted.

On motion brother James Thompson was elected Treasurer.

On motion the "Basis of Union," which was adopted by the United Baptist Convention of N. Carolina, is unanimously adopted by this body.

On motion brethren James Thompson and W. J. Gurganus were

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES. | COUNTIES. | DELEGATES | PASTORS. | CLERKS. | Baptized. | R. by Letter | Restored. | Excluded. | Deaths. | Males. | Females. | No. Members | |
|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------|--------|----------|-------------|-----|
| Antioch | Brunswick. | W. P. Suggs, J. W. Phelps..... | J. Nobles. | W. P. Suggs. | 1 | | | | | 25 | 40 | 65 | |
| Watery Branch | Columbus. | A. B. Godwin, A. Hinson..... | M. M. Walker. | S. P. Suggs. | 7 | | | | | 13 | 30 | 87 | |
| Cypress Creek | " | J. Ward, B. M. Ward..... | W. J. Simmons. | J. Ward, | | | | | | 18 | 11 | 43 | |
| Pleasant Grove | " | J. J. Faulk, R. R. Sellers..... | W. J. Simmons. | J. J. Faulk, | | | | | | 14 | 18 | 24 | |
| Green Way | " | J. Thompson, W. J. Gurganus, | M. M. Walker. | J. C. Mercer. | 8 | | 1 | 3 | | 37 | 54 | 82 | |
| Happy Hill | " | J. Nealy, J. Nobles | P. Blackman | | 5 | | 1 | 2 | | | | 91 | |
| Beaver Dam | " | W. I. Tartt, | W. I. Tartt | F. Smith. | | | | | | 30 | 48 | 78 | |
| Piny Grove | Richmond | C. C. Mathis, | R. A. Gause, | C. C. Mathis. | 5 | | 6 | 1 | | 20 | 32 | 52 | |
| Mount Moriah | Wm. burg S. C | No Delegate | W. I. Dow, | | | | | | | 25 | 35 | 57 | |
| New Hope | Chesterfield | B. H. Ward, | B. H. Ward, | W. Butler. | 12 | | 12 | 1 | | 31 | 52 | 83 | |
| Morning Star | " | J. W. Butler, | W. I. Tartt | M. Taylor. | 13 | | 2 | | | 6 | 9 | 15 | |
| Liberty Hill | Horry | No Delegate. | M. M. Walker, | D. E. Green, | 11 | | 2 | 1 | | 5 | 9 | 14 | |
| Bayboro | Richmond | J. Faulk, A. Ryles, | J. Nobles | J. Fauld, | 2 | | 11 | 5 | | 6 | 12 | 18 | |
| Mount Zion | " | No Delegate. | J. Nobles | W. Todd. | | | | | | 14 | 17 | 31 | |
| Pleasant Plain | Columbus | | J. Nobles | | | | | | | 25 | 26 | 51 | |
| Concord | Horry | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Society Hill | " | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Travelers Rest | " | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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elected delegates to the State Conference.

The action of Shiloh Quarterly Conference, in the case of D. B. Dow, was fully endorsed by this Conference, ; and On motion, D. B. Dow, was unanimously excluded from this body.

On motion our ministers are requested to solicit aid in behalf of the Rev. Danl. Lampley; amts, to be forwarded to W. L. Tartt, Sand Hill, Richmond Co. N. C.

On Motion, It was decided to publish 500 copies of the minutes and the sum of \$25 00 to be appropriated to that purpose.

On motion, the sum of \$10 was allowed the clerk of Conference for his services. The amounts to be forwarded to the Treasurer.

On motion it was decided that the next session of this Conference be held with Bayboro church, Horry Co., S. C. To commence Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in October 1876.

On motion, adjourned with religious exercises. Prayer by W. L. Tartt. Benediction by the Moderator.

W. L. TARTT CLERK.

M. M. WALKER MODERATOR.

SABBATH MORNING.

At the hour of eleven o'clock Rev. B. W. Nash by request preached a doctrinal sermon from 1st. Tim. 4th Chap. 16th Verse. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them, for in so doing thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee."

At 1 o'clock P. M. Rev. W. L. Tartt. preached on the progress of the gospel, from the text 50th Psalm, 2nd Verse. "Out Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined."

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the conference, the moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence, a chairman, *pro tem*, shall be elected.
2. Each session of the conference shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.
3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.
4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the pre-

siding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preferred in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority; may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the conference, without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the conference, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The conference shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

14. The rules of order may be altered or amended at any session of the conference by a majority of votes.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE PEE DEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Article 1. This conference shall be denominated and known as the Pee Dee conference.

Art. 2. The object of this conference, shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the Old and new Testaments.

Art. 3. This conference shall be composed of its ministers, and delegates chosen by the churches connected with this conference, each church being entitled to two delegates.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the condition of the church.

Art. 5. The officers of this conference shall be a moderator elected annually, a standing clerk, asst. clerk, Treasurer, Executive committee, Trustees of ministers relief society, who shall be chosen from, among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the moderator to enforce an observance of the constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the clerk to record the proceedings of each annual conference, and superintend their printing and distribution among the quarterly conferences.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same as ordered by the conference. He shall also make to the conference an annual report of the condition of the Treasurer.

Art. 9. The conference shall appoint an executive committee consisting of not less than three, or more than five members; which committee shall have the superintendance of conference missions. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the conference for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body, to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the conference of their doings.

Art. 10. The annual conference shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order,

Art. 11. The conference may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats; and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

Art. 12. The annual session of this conference shall commence on Thursday before the 3rd, Lord's day in Oct. at such place as may be chosen,

Art. 13. By appointment of the conference, there shall be an introductory sermon, and a missionary sermon,

Art. 14. This constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two thirds of the members present,

PROCEEDINGS.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES.

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| Rev. | R. A. Gause, | Effingham, S. C. |
| " | B. H. Ward, | Conwayboro. S.C. |
| " | Jno Morris, | Nichols, S. C. |
| " | M. M. Walker, | Grist's, N. C. |
| " | W. J. Simmons, | Whitesville, " |
| " | Hezekiah, Hewett, | Shalotte. " |
| " | Jas. Phelps, | " " |
| " | Daul, Lamplly, | Sand Hill, " |
| " | P. Blackman, | Whitesville, " |
| " | W. L. Dow, | Society Hill. " |
| " | E. Elkins, | Peacocks, " |
| " | W. L. Tartt, | Sand Hill. " |
| " | Joshua Nobles, | Grist's " |

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