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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

According to appointment, the ministers and delegates composing the eighth annual session of the Western Original Free Will Baptist Conference convened with the church at St. Mary, Wilson county, N. C., Oct. 18th, 1894. Eld. E. T. Phillips preached the introductory sermon—Text: Heb. 13: 13, 14. “Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp bearing his reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.”

After an intermission of thirty minutes, Conference was organized by electing the following officers:

Eld. P. T. Lucas Moderator, Eld. E. T. Phillips Secretary. The Moderator called to his assistance J. L. Rentfrow; the Secretary chose as his assistant Eld. B. W. Tippett.

The following committees were appointed:

Devotional—Eld. J. R. Watson, G. F. Woodard, J. K. Ruffin.

Finance—J. H. Valentine, John Brewer, Eld. R. H. Thompson.

Boundaries—Burket Watson, W. H. Grice, Robinson Raper.

On motion of Eld. T. J. D. Pate, a standing committee of five be appointed for one year, on ministerial character, W. H. Grice, W. H. Winborn, Jesse Rose, J. E. T. Matthews and Dudley Peed were appointed said committee.

On motion of Eld. G. W. Davis, Bro. Gaston Watson be requested to keep a record of texts preached from during the Conference. Conference being orgnaized, it was then opened in due form with praise and prayer by Eld. T. J. D. Pate.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, all brethren coming as delegates to the body, be invited to seats with us.

The following brethren were enrolled:

Eastern Conference—Eld. J. M. Barfield, Elders T. F. and T. H. Harrison, and brethren Luke McLawhon and J. J. Jones.

Cape Fear Conference—Eld. R. C. Jackson. Eld. Jackson made a talk stating that his Conference was in full fellowship with ours. He desired a more complete union of all our Conferences.

A letter was read from Eld. J. B. Moore, of the S. C. Conference, and ordered spread upon the minutes.

On motion of Eld. T. J. D. Pate, Eld. D. Davis be excused from the committee on Disabled Ministers, and that the Moderator be empowered to appoint one to fill the vacancy. The Moderator appointed Eld. E. T. Phillips said committeeman.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, a committee of five were appointed to correct the Scriptural References in our Articles of Faith and Book of Discipline, and report at the sitting of this Conference. The following were appointed, Elders T. F. and T. H. Harrison, J. M. Barfield, D. Davis, R. C. Jackson.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, this body take in consideration to legislate a portion of Sec. 2nd. Art. 1st. from our book of discipline and cause it to read thus:

“No persons shall become members of the Original Free Will Baptist Church, but those that have

been immersed, and submit to all the rules of The church."

The Secretary not having the Record Book on hand, it was ordered read Friday morning.

The committee on Scripture References report as follows:—We the committee have examined the Articles of Faith, and Book of Discipline, and have corrected all mistakes. Respectfully submitted,

T. F. & T. H. HARRISON,	} Committee.
J. M. BARFIELD,	
D. DAVIS,	
R. C. JACKSON,	

On motion of Eld. B. W. Tippet, the report of the committee on Scripture References be received and the committee discharged.

On motion of Eld. B. W. Tippet, the list of ministers be called and their Christian conduct inquired into.

On motion of Eld. B. W. Tippet, the name of T. A. Pounds be dropped from the list of ministers.

On motion of Eld. T. J. D. Pate, a committee be appointed to demand the license and credentials of T. A. Pounds. W. R. Carroll and J. S. Whitaker were named as said committee.

On motion of Eld. T. F. Harrison, the obituary of Eld. W. G. Glover, by Elders J. W. Valentine and T. H. Matthews appear in the minutes of this Conference.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, the name of Wm. Broughton appear on the list of licensed ministers.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report: For to-night, Eld. R. C. Jackson preach at the church; Eld. R. H. Thompson preach at Kenly. Friday morning, Eld. B. W. Tippet open, Eld. T. H. Matthews preach. Friday evening, Eld. C. R.

Pearce open, Eld. T. H. Harrison preach.

On motion, Conference close until 9:30 o'clock Friday morning. Praise and prayer by Eld. T. F. Harrison.

FRIDAY MORNING 9:30 o'clock.

Conference opened with praise and prayer by Eld. L. T. Phillips.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, we call for the list of churches and receive their report. See Statistics

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, Rockey Spring church, Wayne county, be received and entered on the list of churches.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, Princeton church, Johnston county, be received and entered on the list of churches.

On motion of Eld. B. W. Tippett, the delegates from this body to the Eastern Conference, inform that body of the reception of Princeton church by this Conference.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, New Light church, Wake county, be received and entered on the list of churches.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, Union Hill church, Nash county, be received and entered on the list of churches.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report: For to night, Eld. J. W. Cox open, Eld. T. J. D. Pate preach. Saturday morning, Eld. R. H. Thompson open, Eld. J. M. Barfield preach. Evening, Eld. L. T. Phillips open, Eld. T. F. Harrison preach.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, the Finance committee retire and settle with the Treasurer and the Treasurer report.

The Treasurer makes the following report which is received and Finance committee discharged.

On hand from last Conference,	-	\$ 25
Received from Finance committee,		33 75
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Making a minute fund of		\$34 00
Funds on hand for disabled ministers,		\$ 1 95
Received from this body,	- . .	1 00
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Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BARNES, Treasurer.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, we send six delegates to the Eastern Conference:—Elders D. Davis, G. W. Davis, R. H. Thompson, C. R. Pearce, and brethren R. B. Bottoms; and Jesse Kirby were appointed.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, Conference close until 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Praise and prayer by Eld. C. R. Pearce.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9:30 o'clock.

Conference opened with praise and prayer by Eld. J. W. Cox.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Committee on the spread of the faith submitted the following report, which is received and the committee continued.

Amount of funds from last Conference,		\$42 85
Paid Elders D. Davis and J. W. Valentine,		\$12 10
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From Pine Level church,	- . .	\$30 75
J. G. Raper,	- . .	2 60
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On hand,	- . .	\$34 35

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. PHILLIPS, for committee.

Bro. J. H. Stancill tendered his resignation as a committeeman for the spread of the faith.

On motion of Eld. J. L. Strickland, we accept the resignation of Bro. Stancill, and allow the Moderator to appoint someone to fill the vacancy.

The Moderator appointed Bro. G. F. Woodard.

Eld. D. Davis spoke of the great importance of spreading the faith and of the duty of churches toward supporting their ministers, followed by Elders Tippet, Lucas, Pearce, Jackson, T. H. Harrison, Valentine, Pate, Sasser, Hamilton, and others.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, we send three delegates to the Cape Fear Conference. The following were appointed. Elders L. T. Phillips, W. T. Johnson and J. H. Sasser.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, the Secretary be empowered to write a letter to the S. C. Conference.

The following resolution, by Eld. R. C. Jackson, was adopted.

Resolved, That this conference require each of her ministers to keep an accurate account of the ministerial labor done by them, and of the funds received in compensation, and report annually.

Committee on Devotional Exercises Report: For to-night, at the church, Eld. J. H. Sasser open, Eld. G. W. Davis, preach and close. To-night, at Kenley, Eld. T. F. and T. H. Harrison preach. Sunday, Eld. T. J. D. Pate open, Eld. T. F. and T. H. Harrison preach, Eld. C. R. Pearce close.

On motion of Eld. T. J. D. Pate, we ascertain how much can be pledged as a mission fund to

be paid at the next general conference. The following amounts were pledged from the churches:

Pleasant Grove, \$7,50; Spring Hill, 50c; Union Grove, \$1,00; Marsh Swamp, \$5,00; Jerusalem, 50c; St. Mary, \$10,00; Holly Springs, \$2,00; Asbury \$2,00; Free Union, \$2,00; Flood's Chapel, \$1,00; Stoney Hill, Nash Co., \$1,00; Barne's Hill, \$1,00; Coco Creek, \$1,00; St's Delight, Franklin Co., \$3,00.

From Ministers—T. J. D. Pate, \$2,00; C. R. Pearce, \$1,00; J. H. Sasser, \$1,00; P. T. Lucas, \$1,00; G. W. Davis, \$1,00; L. T. Phillips \$1,00; W. T. Johnson, \$1,00; E. T. Phillips, \$1,00; J. W. Cox, \$1,00; J. W. Valentine, \$1,00; B. W. Tippet, \$1,00; J. L. Strickland, \$1,00; W. F. Rowie, 50c; W. R. Overman, \$1,00; J. R. Morris, \$1,00.

From laymen and others—J. K. Ruffin, \$2,50; J. H. Valentine, \$2,00; J. E. W. Glover, \$1,00; J. J. Baker, \$1,00; W. F. Jones, of Kenly, \$1,00; J. P. Raker, \$1,00, paid; C. E. Brame, \$1,00; C. E. Rodgers, 50c. Total amount pledged, \$64,00.

On motion of Eld. T. J. D. Pate, we take up a collection for Eld. S. W. Hamilton; about \$8,00 was raised.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, we have 1300 minutes printed; send 200 to the Eastern Conference, 75 to the Cape Fear, and 50 to the S. C. Conference, and distribute the remainder in proportion to the contributions from the churches.

On motion of Eld. J. W. Valentine, the Secretary prepare the minutes for the press, and be allowed \$8,00 for his services.

On motion of Eld. T. J. D. Pate, the Secretary be allowed to draw on the Treasurer for all necessary expenses in distributing the minutes, and that he be allowed \$2,50 for spreading the report of the conference on the Record Book.

Petitions for the next General Conference were presented from Marsh Swamp and White Oak Hill churches.

On motion of Eld T. J. D. Pate, we hold the next General Conference with the church at White Oak Hill, Nash county.

On motion of Eld. E. T. Phillips, Eld. D. Davis preach the Introductory, at the next general conference.

On motion of Bro. J. T. Pike, Eld. J. R. Watson be the alternate of Eld. D. Davis.

On motion of Eld. T. J. D. Pate, thanks be extended to this community for the generous manner in which they have entertained this conference.

On motion of Eld. J. W. Valentine, conference close to meet with White Oak Hill church, Nash county, on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1895. Praise and prayer by Eld. D. Davis.

P. T. LUCAS, Mod.;

J. T. RENFROW, Ass't;

E. T. PHILLIPS, Sec.;

B. W. TIPPETT, Ass't.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Thursday night, Oct. 18th, 1894.—Eld. R. C. Jackson opened and preached—Text: Gen. 13: 8. “And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife. I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.”

Friday morning—Eld. B. W. Tippet opened, Eld. T. H. Matthews preached—Text: 1 Cor. 3: 11. “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

Evening—Eld. C. R. Pearce opened, Eld. T. H. Harrison preached—Text: Matt. 22: 42. “What think ye of Christ?”

Friday night—Eld. J. W. Cox opened, Eld. T. J. D. Pate preached—Text: Acts 8: 12. But when they believed Philip, preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized both men and women.”

Saturday morning—Eld. J. M. Barfield opened and preached—Text: Ps. 1: 1. “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.”

Evening—Eld. J. H. Sasser opened, Eld. T. F. Harrison preached—Text: Luke 13: 3. “I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”

Saturday night—Eld. J. H. Sasser opened, Eld. G. W. Davis preached—Text: 1 Cor. 13: 13. “And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.”

Sunday—Eld. T. J. D. Pate opened, Eld. T. H. Harrison preached—Text: 1 Sam. 15: 22. “Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.” Eld. T. F. Harrison followed—Text: Eph. 4: 5. “One baptism.”

A LETTER FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA
CONFERENCE.

HYMAN, S. C., }
Oct. 12th, 1864. }

To The Western Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina: To them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ and called, mercy unto you and peace and love be multiplied. Now I beseech you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment, Amen.

Brethren, I am sorry I can't speak as well of our Conference as I would wish. It looks as if we are troubled on every side; yet I thank the Lord of Glory, we are not destroyed, and while it goes well with you, remember us. We have appointed our beloved brother Eld. S. F. Parker to represent us in your Honorable Body, and hope he will arrive in due time. May God bless you all, and prosper you all in the Lord, Amen.

J. B. MOORE.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Died.	Received	Baptized	Dismissed	Excommunicated	No. of members	Minute Fund.	For Disabled Ministers.
Pleasant Grove..	Wayne,	J. T. Williams, Henry Harris.	1	7	1		3	168	\$ 2 00	
Stony Hill.....	"	By Letter.....	1	1	1			49	75	25
Spring Hill.....	"	By Letter.....	1	1	1			35	50	
Union Grove.....	"	Geo. F. Woodard, A. Waddell.		1	2	3	3	109	1 00	
M. T. Chapel.....	"	W. B. Adams, W. H. Talton...	1	1	4		3	19	25	
Sampson Roads.	"	Not Represented.....						11		
Rocky Spring....	"	Received.....	4	4	3	1	9	41	50	
Little Rock.....	Wilson,	I. K. Ruffin, J. W. Bass.....	3	2	1		3	108	2 00	
Marsh Swamp....	"	B. Nichols, J. T. Rentfrow.....	1	2	16		3	104	2 00	
Jerusalem.....	"	B. W. Atkinson.....		1				13	25	
St. Mary.....	"	C. E. Howell, W. R. Barnes...	1	1	12	1	4	108	1 50	
Red Oak Grove..	"	R. E. Wilson.....			4			39	50	
Lamb's S. H.....	"	D. J. Davis.....					1	33	1 00	
New Sandy Hill.	"	J. R. Bissett, Mrs. M. A. Bissett						11	25	
People's Chapel.	"	Redmond Winstead.....		4	16			30	50	
Holly Springs....	Johnston,	W. G. Pittmon, J. T. Pike.....	2				3	74	1 00	
Pine Level.....	"	C. W. Wellons.....	1	4	34		2	173	1 00	
Stancill's Chapel	"	W. H. Johnson.....	1	1	4	1	4	87	1 00	
Rain's X Roads.	"	I. H. Stuckey, W. Sullivent....	3	1	1	1	4	171	1 75	
Pleasant Plain..	"	L. Pace, B. Garner.....	2	2	2		5	32	50	
T. Chapel.....	"	By Letter.....	1	1	1		1	23	50	

STATISTICAL TABLE Continued.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Died.	Received	Baptized	Dismissed	Excommunic'd	No. of members	Minute Fund.	For Disabled Ministers.	
Branch Chapel.....	Johnston,	J. T. Barham, W. S. Eason.....		1	1	3		37	25	\$	
Friendship.....	"	B. W. Tippett.....		1	5			28	50		
Kenly.....	"	T. B. Velvinton, T. O. Edgerton		3	5	1	5	64	1	00	
Good Hope.....	"	Not represented.....						9			
Archer Lodge.....	"	I. S. Whitaker.....		5		4		14	35		
Princeton.....	"	By Letter.....		7				29	50		
Rock Spring.....	Wake,	By Letter.....	1	1	2		1	36	50		
Level Grove.....	"	By Letter.....	3		1			43	50		
Asbury.....	"	By Letter.....		4	1			16	40		
Pleasant Union.....	"	Not represented.....						9			
New Light.....	"	Dudley Peed.....		25				25	1	00	
New Hope.....	Chatham,	T. J. D. Pate.....		1				34	50		
Free Union.....	Nash	J. H. Valentine, J. W. Batchelor	1	2	3		1	52	1	50	
Flood's Chapel.....	"	C. W. Dickerson.....	4	2	11		1	44	50		
Stony Hill.....	"	E. D. Ellis.....		3	19		3	85	1	00	
Barnes' Hill.....	"	R. B. Bottoms.....	1	1	3		3	63	1	50	
White Oak Hill.....	"	I. E. W. Glover, A. Williams..	2	4	1			48	1	00	
Pleasant Union.....	"	W. H. Winborn.....			5			35	50		
Coco Creek.....	"	By Letter.....		5	5			24	75		
Rocky Chapel.....	"	By Letter.....		1	5			25	25		
Union Hill.....	"	Received.....		8				8	25		
St's, Delight.....	Franklin,	John Brewer.....		3	5			93	1	50	
Union Hope.....	"	Not represented.....						30	25		
Christian Hope.....	Warren,	By Letter.....		1				22	50		
			28	11	169	19	59	2315	\$33	75	\$
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TIMES OF HOLDING ANNUAL AND QUARTERLY MEETINGS

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	ANNUAL MEETINGS.	QUARTERLY MEETINGS.
Pleasant Grove.....	Wayne.	1 Sunday in Aug	Nov Feb and May
Stoney Hill.....	"	4th do July	Oct Jan and April
Spring Hill.....	"	1st do Sept	Dec March and June
Union Grove.....	"	4th do Sept	" " "
M. T. Chapel.....	"	3rd do Aug	Nov Feb and May
Sampson Roads.....	"	1st do Oct	Jan April and July
Rocky Springs.....	"	2nd do Oct	" " "
Little Rock.....	Wilson,	3rd do Sept	Dec March and June
Marsh Swamp.....	"	1st do Aug	Nov Feb and May
Jerusalem.....	"	2nd do Oct	Jan April and July
St. Mary.....	"	2nd do Sept	Dec March and June
Red Oak Grove.....	"	2nd do Oct	Jan April and July
Lamb's school house	"	4th do Aug	Nov Feb and May
New Sandy Hill.....	"	4th do Oct	Jan April and July
People's Chapel.....	"	3rd do Sept	Dec March and June
Holly Springs.....	Johnston,	1st do Oct	Jan April and July
Pine Level.....	"	2nd do Aug	Nov Feb and May
Stancill's Chapel.....	"	3rd do Aug	" " "
Rain's X Roads.....	"	3rd do Sept	Dec March and June
Pleasant Plain.....	"	2nd do July	Oct Jan and April
T. Chapel.....	"	4th do Sept	Dec March and June
Good Hope.....	"	3rd do Sept	" " "
Branch Chapel.....	"	4th do July	Oct Jan and April
Friendship.....	"	4th do Aug	Nov Feb and May
Kenly.....	"	4th do Aug	" " "
Archer Lodge.....	"	1st do Sept	Dec March and June
Princeton.....	"	4th do Nov	Feb May and Aug
Rock Spring.....	Wake,	2nd do Sept	Dec March and June
Level Grove.....	"	1st do Sept	" " "
Asbury.....	"	3rd do Sept	" " "
Pleasant Union.....	"	3rd do Sept	" " "
New Light.....	"	2nd do Aug	Nov Feb and May
New Hope.....	"	3rd do Aug	" " "
Free Union.....	Chatham,	4th do Sept	Dec March and June
Flood's Chapel.....	Nash,	1st do Oct	Jan April and July
Stony Hill.....	"	4th do Sept	Dec March and June
Barne's Hill.....	"	3rd do Aug	Nov Feb and May
White Oak Hill.....	"	2nd do Aug	" " "
Pleasant Union.....	"	2nd do Aug	" " "
Coco Creek.....	"	2nd do Sept	Dec March and June
Rocky Chapel.....	"	1st do Aug	Nov Feb and May
Union Hill.....	"	"	"
St's Delight.....	Franklin,	4th do Aug	Nov Feb and May
Union Hope.....	"	1st do Aug	" " "
Christian Hope.....	Warren,	4th do Aug	" " "

LIST OF MINISTERS WITH THEIR P. O. ADDRESS.

1	D. Davis,	-	-	Pikeville,	N, C.
2	S. W. Hamilton,	-	-	Selma,	"
3	Ray Phillips,	-	-	Pine Level,	"
4	T. J. D. Pate,	-	-	Apex,	"
5	C. R. Pearce,	-	-	Princeton,	"
6	J. H. Sasser,	-	-	Princeton,	"
7	J. H. Worley,	-	-	Pine Level,	"
8	G. C. Mills,	-	-	Apex,	"
9	J. W. Valentine,	-	-	Stallings,	"
10	T. H. Matthews,	-	-	Spring Hope,	"
11	W. M. Lovett,	-	-	Princeton,	"
12	P. T. Lucas,	-	-	Lucama,	"
13	J. P. Mazingo,	-	-	Pikeville,	"
14	J. R. Davis,	-	-	Goldsboro,	"
15	G. W. Davis,	-	-	Goldsboro,	"
16	J. R. Watson,	-	-	Kenly,	"
17	B. H. Boykin,	-	-	Wilson,	"
18	L. T. Phillips,	-	-	Greenleaf,	"
19	W. T. Johnson,	-	-	Walter,	"
20	L. M. Mitchell,	-	-	Princeton,	"
21	E. T. Phillips,	-	-	Taylor,	"
22	J. W. Cox,	-	-	Method,	"
23	R. H. Thompson,	-	-	Wise,	"
24	B. W. Tippett,	-	-	Earpsboro,	"
25	Sidney Harris,	-	-	Black Creek,	"
26	J. L. Strickland,	-	-	Finch,	"
27	J. H. Lumba,	-	-	Earpsboro,	"
28	L. Pearcc,	-	-	Sutton,	"
29	A. R. Flowers,	-	-	Taylor,	"
30	W. A. Benson,	-	-	Walter,	"
31	Alford Joyner,	-	-	Sharpsburg,	"
LICENSED PREACHERS.					
1	H. H. Gillum,	-	-	Cedar Rock,	"
2	F. M. Hinton,	-	-	Hare's Store,	"
3	W. F. Rowie,	-	-	Boyett,	"
4	W. H. Collins,	-	-	Stallings,	"
5	W. R. Overman,	-	-	Bagley,	"
6	B. A. Ellis,	-	-	Merry Oaks,	"
7	J. R. Morris,	-	-	Taylor,	"
8	B. B. Deans,	-	-	Finch,	"
9	Wm. Broughton,	-	-	Method,	"