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of
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Mr. Lavern Hanna, Clerk

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Proceedings of the State Association

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 14, 1963

Meeting began at 10:00 A. M. Some inspiring thought was given by Rev. A. T. Lawter in charge of opening devotions.

Rev. Jack Millwood, pastor of host church, made everyone feel at home with his nice welcome. Rev. Lonnie Brown expressed everyone's appreciation for the friendly welcome.

Call to order. The moderator gave only the highlights of his message so that more time could be given to business.

Delegates, ministers and visitors were registered.

Visitors were extended the right to all privileges except that of voting.

Motion adopted that the chair appoint all temporary committees of the association. The following were named: Nominating, Rev. Dean Dobbs, Mr. C. G. Poston, Rev. Ansil Smith, Mr. L. B. Hanna; Resolutions, Rev. Carl Shook, Rev. Roger Tripp, Rev. Lonnie Brown; Finance, Rev. Lonnie Brown, Rev. Reedy Saverance.

Letters were received from the Beaver Creek Association, S. C. Conference, Central Conference and Eastern Conference.

Churches and conferences were asked to use uniform forms in making reports to State Associations. There were 25 churches represented, 34 ministers.

Association recessed for the morning worship service. Rev. Reedy Saverance led the congregation in the singing of some inspiring hymns.

Rev. Dan Merke brought the morning message. The message was a very timely one telling us some of the things we must do, according to the Bible, to have a successful Christian church. His points were proved by quoting directly from the Bible. We were asked to find out what the Bible says by more scripture study and by being obedient to the things learned thereby.

Everyone was asked to have lunch and enjoy fellowship together in the dining hall of the host church.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Congregational singing led by Rev. Reedy Saverance. Devotional message, Rev. Floyd Seay.

Report of State Promotional Secretary was given by Rev. Reedy Saverance. His records showed that we had met most of our quotas for Mission Education, etc.

Three churches or missions have been organized. Our state paper "The Post" didn't fair so good. Another try will be tried after a study by a com-

mittee. The consensus of the state association was that we need a state paper. MSA (cf. appendix I)

An interesting report on the Childrens Home was given by the superintendent, Rev. H. W. Richburg. (cf. appendix II)

Report on Christian Education given by Rev. Kenneth Faison. Received and approved. (cf. appendix III)

Treasure's report given by Mr. Joe Lynch, treasurer. Report received and approved. (cf. appendix IV)

Superannuation report given by Rev. Dean Dobbs. Report received and approved (cf. appendix V)

The work of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., was very ably presented by Rev. Charles Allen Thigpen. The message of how the college is rapidly moving forward in every respect was received by the association with much enthusiasm.

Meeting adjourned until Friday morning for business. The entire association and visitors were asked to attend worship service at host church beginning at 7:30 P. M. The inspiring message was given by Rev. Charles Thigpen from the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tenn. Most everyone made the comment that this should be a yearly practice.

FRIDAY MORNING 9:30 A. M.

Devotion by Rev. Ronald Niebruegge. Some timely thoughts given us from I Thessalonians, ch. 5, v. 16. We were told that we should be happy Christians and prove to the world by our daily living that we are able to "Rejoice Evermore."

Rev. Roy Reeds gave a report on the National Sunday School Board. He gave us five points that might help us in our Sunday School work. They were:

- No. 1—Be there.
- No. 2—Be on time.
- No. 3—Take your Bible.
- No. 4—Take an offering.
- No. 5—Prepare lesson.
- No. 6—Remain for worship service.

A report by Mr. Marion Todd on our Home Mission work was received and approved. (cf. appendix VI)

Information on Youth Camp was given by Rev. Bennie Turner. He said this year had been very successful. That much good had been accomplished among our young people. We were shown the continued need of a Youth Camp. A new place will have to be acquired for the coming year.

Report by the Sunday School Board was received and approved. (cf. appendix VII)

The Public Morals Committee report especially condemned the use of all alcoholic beverages. (cf. appendix VIII)

Rev. Homer Willis gave a report from the National Home Mission Board. Thanks was given to this state for our help in making 1963 one of our most successful year. (cf. appendix IX)

A report by Mrs. L. C. Defee, president of the State Womens Auxiliary, was received as information. (cf. appendix X)

Association recessed for morning worship. Some congregation singing was enjoyed by all. Rev. Gene Anderson introduced Rev. Reford Wilson of our Foreign Mission department in Nashville as guest speaker. Information as well as a fine message was enjoyed by everyone.

Another delicious meal was served by our host church during the fellowship hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Devotions were given by Rev. Hoyt Powell. Message based on Jeremiah, chapter 5, verse 1.

Resolution Committee report. (cf. appendix XI)

The association approved a request that the Constitution and By-Laws be published in the 1963 Minutes. A resolution that this be done each year was tabled until 1964.

The first part of a resolution pertaining to the display of literature at State Associations was approved after much discussion.

All temporary committees were commended on the work they had done, and released.

Delegates to represent our state in our National Association meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, during 1964 were as follows:

Beaver Creek, Mrs. Jack Millwood, Mrs. A. F. Lawter; S. C. Association, Mrs. L. C. DeFee; Central Association, Mrs. Ralph Osborne; Eastern Association, Mr. Watus Fulton.

A motion was made and carried that we make a contribution of \$25.00 to each of the following:

Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Superannuation (State Work), Board of Education (to be used as expense by board members), Sunday School Board (to be used by board members as travel expense), Childrens Home, Promotional Department.

The Placement Committee informed us that the 1964 State Association

would meet with the Pee Dee Church near Conway, S. C., of the Central Association on Thursday and Friday, November 12 and 13, 1964.

A standing vote of appreciation was given to the host church for their fine hospitality.

Meeting adjourned until 1964. Prayer was offered to the Lord in thanksgiving for the wonderful way in which he had directed our meeting.

Statistical Report

EASTERN CONFERENCE

We have six churches (only four reported).

Membership:

Membership at beginning of year	377
Present membership (of four churches reported)	316

Finances:

Value of all church property	\$ 51,050.00
Total cash received this year	25,408.73
Total paid out	24,977.81
Balance in all treasuries	1,820.53

We have five ministers (five pastors, two licenciates). Have Sunday Schools, Weekly Prayer Meetings, Ladies Auxiliary and Mission Work and F. W. B. League in our churches.

We send \$10.00 fund for Associational use.

Moderator: Rev. H. E. Powell,
Rt. 2, Box 108, Pamplico, S. C.

Clerk and Treasurer:
J. M. Williams,
Rt. 2, Box 139, Hemingway, S. C.

Delegates—Mr. W. F. Fulton, Mr. William Evans.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

(29 Churches Reporting)

Membership:

Membership at beginning of year	3,469
Total increase this year	70
Present membership	3,539

Finances:

Balance brought forward	\$ 15,123.11
Total receipts for the year	185,571.53
Total	\$220,776.88

Expenditures for the year:	
Childrens Home	\$ 5,130.91
Christian Education	3,533.31
Charity	2,346.52
Foreign Missions	9,991.71
Home Missions	6,289.45
Superannuation	675.02
Revivals	4,284.76
Pastor	59,725.25
Building and Repair	43,461.53
Operating Expense	26,001.88
Convention Fees	1,689.00
Total expenditures for the year	\$185,118.55
Balance in treasuries	36,550.97

Ministers:

Ordained	43
Licensed	3

Property:

Number of churches	33
Value of churches	\$680,000.00
Number of parsonages	13
Value of parsonages	\$165,500.00

Moderator: Rev. Reedy Saverance,
1604 Suber St., Sumter, S. C.

Clerk: Rev. Ronald Niebruegge,
Route 1, Pamplico, S. C.

BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION

(Church 23, Missions 1)

Membership:

Membership at beginning of year	2,639
Total increase this year	149
Present membership	2,788

Ministers:

Ordained	37
Licensed	3

Finances:

Balance brought forward	\$ 7,580.04
Total receipts for year	105,289.98
Grand total	\$113,870.02

Expenditures for the year:

Building and Repair	\$27,334.16
Childrens Home	3,287.58
Christian Education	493.38

Foreign Missions	1,617.83
Home Missions	1,073.67
Pastor's Salaries	41,593.65
Revivals	2,641.23
Superannuation	78.86
Total expenditures for the year	\$ 78,120.37

Property:

Number of Churches	23
Value of church property	\$416,445.00

Moderator: Fev. A. F. Lawter,
Lockhart, S. C.

Clerk: James Haynes,
106 W. Confederate Ave.,
Lancaster, S. C.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

The Central Association submits the following report to the State Association of the Original Free Will Baptist convening with First Free Will Baptist Church on November 14, 15, 1964.

Membership:

Total on roll at beginning of year	480
Received—	
By letter	10
By Baptism	24
By statement	8
Total Received	42
Dismissed—	
By letter	9
By expulsion	3
Died	6
Total dismissed	18
Increase for the year	24
Total on roll at ending of year	504

Finances:

Cash on hand at beginning of year	\$ 3,567.05
Total receipts for the year	35,806.05
Grand total for the year	\$ 39,373.10

Expenditures for the year—

Building and repair	\$17,794.34
Charity	762.24
Children's Home	640.20
Christian Education	815.64
Foreign Missions	1,107.53
Home Missions	441.21

Operating expenses (fuel, lights, etc.)	3,041.53
Pastor's Salary	8,283.79
Revivals	1,039.77
Superannuation and miscellaneous	1,135.20
Total expenditures for the year	\$ 35,061.45
Total balance in all treasuries	\$ 5,317.19

Property:

Value of church and equipment	\$137,536.45
Value of parsonage and equipment	13,000.00
Total value of all property and equipment	\$150,536.45

Auxiliaries:

Number Prayer Meetings	8
Number Sunday School Meetings	11
Number Free Will Baptist League	4
Number Woman's Auxiliary	4
Number churches on full-time	2
Number churches on half-time	9
Number of Ministers belonging to your churches	
Ordained	12
Licensed	3
Total	15

We send as delegates: (delegate from laity allowed for each church)
 Brother C. F. Dew.

We send as budget funds, \$10.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Moderator: Rev. J. A. Hucks,
 Rt. 3, Box 334, Conway, S. C.

Clerk: F. E. Powell
 Rt. 2, Johnsonville, S. C.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX I

REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

This past year has seen some steps of progress in our state. At least three churches or missions have been organized. These are Greenville Mission sponsored by the Valley Falls Church; First Church of West Columbia has organized, bought a house and property, and built a nice church sanctuary; Georgetown Mission, under the able leadership of Fred Kirby, is getting on sound ground and most ready to organize into a church. They are in desperate need of property upon which to build. They need our prayers because property in Georgetown is outrageous in price. But God has a place for a good Gospel Witness there and He will provide **if we pray**.

Most all records of giving have been broken this year. We have met most of our quotas for Missions, Education, etc.

Many glowing reports of souls having come out of darkness into the glorious light of Our Lord Jesus Christ have been made. Many of our churches have experienced real revival. Holy Ghost inspired, Heaven sent, Soul Stirring revivals. The kind that cheers and challenges the heart of the believer and causes the sinner to break clean with sin and be born again to live a New Life in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Post took a real step of faith. We launched out into a printed paper with a subscription rate. This was received by some of our people. Several churches and individuals subscribed. But for some reason we tripped and fell flat on our face. We have some idea as to the cause of this. Among other things there was a genuine like of interest in our having a state paper on my part and the part of our churches. I was not too interested because I did not have sufficient time, talent, or money to put to the task. In order to have a successful paper there must be a genuine interest on the part of Editor, Minister, and laity; a sufficient amount of time to accumulate, assemble, and read carefully all materials; some money to pay bills with, and some know how.

If we wish to continue our paper **I suggest that a committee be elected to study the situation and make some recommendations either to this body or to the Executive committee.** The Editor, who ever he may be, needs and must have some help. Both in getting material and money to help finance his efforts.

Financial Report

Balance brought forward from last year	\$465.56
Received through contributions (1st Florence)	\$101.09
Received through subscriptions to Post	334.00
Received through sales of church directories	18.00
Total in treasury before expenses	\$918.65

Expenses:

Postage	\$ 32.12
Travel expense	17.50
Printing	356.97
Telephone	5.67
Church directories	31.25
Secretary Hire	50.00
Total expenses	\$493.51
Balance in treasury to date	\$425.14

Respectfully submitted,

H. Reedy Saverance,
 Acting Promotional Secretary

APPENDIX II

CHILDRENS HOME REPORT

This is a digest report of the work throughout the State Association that has been recorded by the Childrens Home. If for any reason your church or conference did not receive credit for its work, we will be very happy to check our books with you and correct the error.

From the Beaver Creek Association we received in Cash	\$ 1,769.48
In Commodities	961.51
From the Beaver Creek Ladies Auxiliary, in Cash	556.59
Total Cash and Commodities	\$ 3,287.58
From the Central Association we received in Cash	\$ 477.50
In Commodities	177.50
Total Cash and Commodities	\$ 655.01
From the Eastern Association we received in Cash	\$ 632.42
In Commodities	281.36
Total Cash and Commodities	\$ 913.78
From the S. C. Conference we received in Cash	\$ 4,799.15
In Commodities	1,546.98
Total Cash and Commodities	\$ 6,346.13
From our Farm Commodities we received in Cash	\$ 9,499.66
U. S. Treasury for Social Security Payments to Children	771.00
Miscellaneous Items	185.70
Organizations other than Free Will Baptist	1,667.71
Memorial Gifts	264.74
Individual Gifts	1,212.50
Individual Gifts of Commodities to the Childrens Home	340.15
Total Receipts in Cash and Commodities	\$25,143.96
Total Cash Disbursements	\$25,161.33
Total Cash Receipts September 30, 1962, to October 1, 1963	\$21,836.46
Balance in Bank Oct. 1, 1963	\$ 9,066.70

Respectfully submitted,
H. W. Richburg, Superintendent

APPENDIX III

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

We recommend that a Bible Institute be conducted in each conference with the member of the Christian Education Board in the conference in charge.

Poston-Baggette Loan Fund—Balance in Treasury	\$529.04
Received During Year	167.34
	\$696.38
Secretary Expense	50.00
Balance in Treasury	\$646.38

Rev. Kenneth Faison

APPENDIX IV

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts for State Association for 1962-63

Brought Forward November 15, 1962	\$176.70
Received from F. W. B. State Association Dec. 4, 1962	337.00
Total Amount in Treasury December 10, 1962	513.90
Total Amount in Treasury after Deduction Dec. 10, 1962	\$438.90
Received Check from Rev. Ronald Niebruegge	12.00
Total in Treasury after January 22, 1963	\$450.90

Paid out for F. W. B. State Association for Conference Year 1962-63

Paid to Rev. L. A. Holiday (Moderator Fee) Dec. 10, 1962	\$ 25.00
Paid to Rev. Rufus Coffey (Clerk Hire) Dec. 10, 1962	50.00
Total in Treasury	\$450.90

Joe Lynch Treasurer,
Rt. 1, Scranton, S. C.

APPENDIX V

STATE SUPERANNUATION REPORT

Through November 14

Superannuation is a worthy cause. We urge all Free Will Baptist churches, Auxiliaries and Quarterly Meetings in South Carolina to support Superannuation.

Superannuation at this time is in position to help some aged ministers, and in the future would like to be in position to help all our aged ministers.

Financial Report

Brought Forward	\$2,361.67
Second Quarterly Meeting	\$ 70.50
Horse Branch F. W. B.	70.70
McCull F. W. B.	14.00
South Side F. W. B.	43.90
Florence First Church	47.25
Liberty F. W. B.	37.50
Manning First Church	55.42
Beulah F. W. B.	62.05
Mt. Elon F. W. B.	127.17
Pine Grove	14.16
Salem F. W. B.	50.00
Oates F. W. B.	11.63
Central Conference	25.00
	629.28
	\$2,990.95

