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Constitution and By-Laws,

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

FIRST SESSION

—OF THE—

NORTH CAROLINA

HOLINESS CONVENTION,

HELD OCTOBER 26-28,

—IN—

GOLDSBORO,

1899.

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NASH BROTHERS,
BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS,
GOLDSBORO, N. C.

STATEMENT.

God having so graciously smiled upon us as a people, and made us the recipients of so many undeserved benedictions, and favored us with the Gospel of His dear Son, which proves to be power unto salvation from the guilt and power of sin; we therefore, the holiness people of North Carolina do enter into covenant with one another and with God to be used of Him in the promulgation of the doctrine of regeneration, which concludes an absolvment from all actual sins and a renewal of the nature; and entire sanctification, which is an instantaneous work of grace, subsequent to regeneration, whereby inbred sin is purged from the believer's heart, and he is endued with power by the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire.

We recognize the Holy Ghost as the teacher and the Holy Bible as the standard text book.

INTRODUCTION.

To the People of North Carolina and Elsewhere, Greeting;

We, the Holiness Convention of North Carolina come to you as an organized body in the name of Jehovah, and with the Gospel of Christ crying, "peace on earth, good will toward men." Our object is to pull down the strong holds of sin, drive back the enemies of the cross, raise the blood-stained banner in every community, and proclaim victory in the name of Christ.

Disdaining public opinion, formalism and popery we purpose to press on to preach the truth to every creature and help to usher in the millennial age.

Since Jesus is the Light before whom the shadows of darkness recede, then would we carry Him to every home that sorrow and sadness, divisions and strife, and misunderstandings may flee away, and they become homes of prayer, peace, union, love and righteousness.

To this end we ask you to receive us, and for this end we invite the co-operation of all God loving, God-serving and God-fearing people.

We, as a body, do not endorse every peculiar idea advanced by holiness adherents, so please do not charge the Convention with the responsibility. We are united on the doctrine of salvation and sanctification.

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MINUTES.

In response to a call of Revs. W. A. Jenkins, D. A. Futrell, J. T. Kendall, and A. B. Crumpler a number of brethren and sisters met in Goldsboro, October 26th, 1899.

Introductory sermon at 11 o'clock by Rev. D. A. Futrell.

At the close of the sermon he was chosen President pro. tem.

He called the body to order.

Rev. E. L. Parker was chosen Secretary, pro. tem.

The President declared the enrolling of names in order.

Quite a number of brethren and sisters enrolled.

By a prevailing motion the body adjourned till 2.30 p. m.

Dismissed with prayer.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled according to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

Rev. J. T. Kendall made some timely remarks concerning a permanent organization and its officers, after which he moved the establishment of a permanent organization. The motion prevailed.

The President declared the election of permanent officers in order.

Rev. W. A. Jenkins was chosen as President for the ensuing year.

Rev. W. Q. A. Graham was chosen for Vice-President.

Rev. E. L. Parker was chosen for Secretary.

Bro. J. H. Pate was chosen for Treasurer.

President pro. tem. Futrell introduced President-elect Jenkins to the body and he occupied the chair.

General remarks by Revs. J. T. Kendall and D. A. Futrell.

A motion prevailed to empower the President to appoint a committee to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws. He appointed the following: D. A. Futrell, J. H. Pate, E. L. Parker, J. T. Kendall and W. T. Gallo-way.

On motion Brethren W. A. Jenkins, H. W. Jernigan, and A. J. Casey were selected as a Committee of Religious exercises.

Revs. John Pennington, of Ohio, and T. C. Hodgins, of Greensboro, N. C., were introduced as representatives from The Friend's Church Conference at Portsmouth, Va.

The chairman of the committee on religious exercise announced that Rev. John Pennington preach to-nights at 8 o'clock.

A motion prevailed authorizing the President to appoint a committee to nominate a committee to examine and recommend the ministers and workers who are entitled to a certificate of endorsement by the N. C. Holiness Convention.

The following were appointed: D. A. Futrell, J. T. Kendall, E. L. Parker.

On motion the Convention adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 9.30 a. m. Dismissed with Prayer by Rev. John Pennington.

FRIDAY.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

Opened with song. Prayer by Rev. H. W. Jernigan.

New names called for and enrolled.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was called for.

A motion prevailed to vote upon each Section separately.

The Committee submitted their report which was readily adopted till Art. III, Sec. 3 was read. It provoked a discussion which was freely engaged in by J. H. Pate, D. A. Futrell, J. T. Kendall and others.

The hour for preaching having arrived a motion to prolong the time fifteen minutes prevailed.

Discussion continued.

By motion the discussion was postponed till 2 P. M.

On motion the Convention adjourned for Rev. T. C. Hodgin to preach, and meet again at 2 P. M.

Dismissed with prayer.

EVENING SESSION.

Met at 2:39.

Song. Prayer by Rev. A. B. Crumpler.

Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

Discussion of Art. III, Sec. 3 renewed, and indulged in freely.

Rev. J. T. Kendall submitted an amendment.

The Section was adopted as amended.

On motion the President was authorized to appoint a committee of seven to select five Trustees and an Executive Committee of seven for the State Convention.

Committee is as follows:—A. B. Crumpler, E. L. Parker, J. T. Kendall, J. H. Pate, W. H. Huggins, C. Dunbar and J. O'Quinn.

On motion W. Q. A. Graham and W. A. Jenkins were added to the Committee.

Convention adjourned till to-morrow at 9:30 A. M. President announced that Rev. Jno. Pennington would preach at once and Rev. A. B. Crumpler at 8 P. M.

SATURDAY.

Convention met at 10:15 A. M.

Song. Prayer by Rev. C. A. Peterson.

Minutes were read and approved.

The Committee submitted the By-Laws which were adopted as a whole.

The Committee was discharged.

Report of the Committee on Recommendation of Ministers and Workers.

We recommend the following brethren for the Committee on Recommendation:—W. A. Jenkins, E. L. Parker, K. Wells, D. H. Hood, Sam C. Perry and J. A. Rouse.

Report was adopted and the Committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Trustees and Executive Committee called for.

We submit the following to the consideration of the Convention for Trustees:—H. A. Goodman, W. H. Huggins, J. L. Alphin, Henry J. Faison, B. E. Perkins.

Report adopted.

The following for Executive Committee:—Rev. W. Q. A. Graham, Rev. H. W. Jernigan, Dunn, N. C.; Rev. T. C. Hodgin, Greensboro, N. C.; D. H. Hood, Dunn, N. C.; W. H. Anderson, Benson, N. C.; Rev. C. A. Peterson, Goldsboro, N. C., J. J. Street, Goldsboro, N. C.

Report adopted and Committee discharged.

The hour for preaching having arrived, a motion prevailed to dispense with preaching and continue the business of the Convention.

On motion the body decided to take a collection, for the purposes of the Convention, at the 3 P. M. services on Sunday.

By motion the Convention decided to hold its next session at Clinton, Sampson Co., N. C., on Tuesday before the 4th Sunday in Oct. 1900.

On motion W. A. Jenkins, A. B. Crumpler and E. L. Parker were selected to prepare a program for the next session.

Adjourned till 2:30 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. C. A. Peterson.

EVENING SESSION.

Minutes read and approved.

A motion was carried instructing the Secretary to

have the Minutes and Constitution and By-Laws printed and furnish the ministers with ten copies and the laymen with five copies.

The Secretary was requested to furnish the names of the ministers and lay-workers and a summary of the Minutes to The Way of Faith, Revivalist, Pentecostal Herald, and Wesleyan Advocate for publication.

The Committee of Recommendation was granted power to revoke the certificate of any minister or worker not proving himself worthy.

Committee on Religious Exercises decided that Rev. C. A. Peterson preach at 3 P. M., Rev. E. L. Parker preach to-night, Rev. W. A. Jenkins preach Sunday at 11 A. M., Rev. J. A. Rouse preach Sunday at 3 P. M., Rev. W. A. Jenkins preach Sunday at 8 P. M.

Committee was discharged.

Convention adjourned. Doxology and Benediction.

W. A. JENKINS, Pres.

E. L. PARKER, Sec.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known as The North Carolina Holiness Convention.

SEC. 2. It shall be interdenominational.

SEC. 3. It shall be composed of all the endorsed ministers and workers who are residents in the State, and delegates appointed from the several Local Conventions, both sexes being entitled to representation.

SEC. 4. The Officers shall be, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Trustees and an Executive Committee of seven.

ART. II.

SEC. 1. The object of the Convention is to promote and conserve the doctrine of regeneration; also the doctrine of Sanctification as a second work of grace subsequent to regeneration.

SEC. 2. It do recommend the erection of Tabernacles wherever practicable.

SEC. 3. The property shall be deeded to the Local Trustees and held in trust for the State Convention.

SEC. 4. It shall empower its ministers to organize Local Conventions.

SEC. 5. It do recommend that a fund be raised for Mission Work in destitute sections.

SEC. 6. Also a fund for the relief of needy preachers and their families and the general expenses of the Convention.

SEC. 7. All ministers belonging to this Convention are empowered and requested to take up collections for these funds and forward the same to the Treasurer. There also shall be a collection at each Annual Convention, also by each Local Convention and brought to the Annual Convention by the delegates or sent if providentially hindered.

SEC. 8. The Executive Committee shall have power to disburse these funds to the aforesaid uses.

ART. III.

SEC. 1. The State Convention shall appoint a Committee annually whose duty it shall be to recommend proper ministers and workers for the State.

SEC. 2. The ministers and workers shall be furnished with a certificate of endorsement signed by the President and Secretary of the Annual Convention.

SEC. 3. The recommended ministers and workers shall be entitled to the privileges of the Tabernacles and any others to whom the Trustees of the Local Convention may grant them.

BY-LAWS.

1. This Convention shall meet annually, place and time to be designated by the previous Convention.

2. The majority shall rule.

3. The officers shall be elected annually.

4. Committees shall be appointed when necessary.

5. The Constitution and By-Laws may be repealed or amended at the discretion of the Convention.

6. The President shall preside at all meetings when present and cast the decisive vote when there is a tie.

7. The Vice-President shall act in the absence of the President.

8. The Secretary shall keep a record of all business meetings of the Convention.

9. The Treasurer shall receive all monies and disburse the same in the discretion of the Executive Committee. He shall report to them when requested and to the Convention annually.

10. The Trustees shall receive the title to all property deeded to the State Convention and convey the same when disposed of.

11. The general rules of Parliamentary usages in deliberative bodies shall be observed.

OFFICERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

President—Rev. W. A. Jenkins,	V.-Pres. W. Q. A. Graham,
Clinton, N. C.	Morehead City, N. C.
Secretary—Rev. E. L. Parker,	Treasurer—J. H. Pate,
Clinton, N. C.	Goldsboro, N. C.

TRUSTEES.

H. A. Goodman, Durant's Neck, N. C., W. H. Huggins, Goldsboro, N. C., J. L. Alphin, Goldsboro, N. C., Henry J. Faison, Faison, N. C., B. E. Perkins, Pikeville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Rev. W. Q. A. Graham, Morehead City, N. C., Rev. H. W. Jernigan, Dunn, N. C., Rev. T. C. Hodgins, Greensboro, N. C., Rev. C. A. Peterson, Goldsboro, N. C., D. H. Hood, Dunn, N. C., W. H. Anderson, Benson, N. C., J. J. Street, Goldsboro, N. C.

LIST OF ENDORSED MINISTERS.

Rev. D. A. Futrell, Elizabeth Town, N. C., Evangelist J. T. Kendall, Goldsboro, N. C., Rev. C. A. Peterson, Goldsboro, N. C., Evangelist W. A. Jenkins, Clinton, N. C., Rev. W. T. Galloway, Newton Grove, N. C., Rev. H. W. Jernigan, Dunn, N. C., Rev. J. A. Rouse, Maysville, N. C., Evangelist A. B. Crumpler, Clinton, N. C., Evangelist E. L. Parker, Clinton, N. C., Evangelist T. C. Hodgins, Greensboro, N. C., Evangelist S. C. Perry, Princeton, N. C., Rev. W. Q. A. Graham, Morehead City, N. C.

Any minister desiring an endorsement certificate from the State Convention should address Revs. W. A. Jenkins, President, or E. L. Parker, Secretary, Clinton, N. C., and send reference and recommendation as a minister. Any minister coming from other States should correspond with the Secretary.







