

**MINUTES**  
**Of The**  
**TWENTY-NINTH SESSION**  
**ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION**  
**Of**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**Held With**  
**LIBERTY CHURCH**  
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**In Lamar County, November 11-13, 1948**

The session opened promptly at 10 o'clock. A good congregation joined in singing the grand old hymns "Blest Be The Tie," and "Take The Name of Jesus With You." Rev. T. H. Wiley led the prayer.

Moderator for the day, Rev. R. P. Rich of Pell City, took the chair and called Rev. A. L. Warren of Vernon to bring the first message of the day, "The Pastor as Church Guardian." His message was very instructive and pointed out the great responsibility of all pastors.

A praise service was a blessing to all present.

At 11 o'clock Rev. Rufus Hyman of Slocumb delivered a fine message to an appreciative congregation. Reading 1 Kings, 13, and using for a subject, "The Disobedient Prophet."

The noon hour, a splendid feast.

After lunch, the congregation joined in song service and then Rev. Harper of Cypress Inn, Tenn., conducted a fine devotional service.

In the absence of Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. T. H. Wiley substituted for him to bring one of the best messages of the session on the subject of "The Pastor as a Leader."

Then Rev. E. P. Rowden of Florence brought an equally great message on the subject, "The Pastor as a Feeder."

A general handshake of appreciation was given the two fine messengers. Rev. J. L. Lavender of Columbus, Miss., gave the next message, "The Pastor as an Evangelist."

The last message of the day was brought by Rev. R. K. Franklin of Birmingham, "The Pastor and Church Finance" was the subject assigned him.

A business session was the closing event of the day.

A committee appointed to arrange a Constitution and By-Laws for the ministers' meeting, reported as follows:



## CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS' MEETING OF ALABAMA PREAMBLE

In order to promote fellowship, better understanding, greater cooperation and greater vision among the ministers of Alabama, we do ordain and establish this Constitution:

I. NAME: This shall be known as the Alabama ministers' meeting.

II. We adopt the Treatise of Faith and practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptist as our standard to look to and pray for the day when we may be more nearly one.

III. The officers of the ministers' meeting shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Secretary, and any other officer we may need.

IV. These officers shall be elected by nomination and acclamation at the regular session on even years. The officers of the State Association may serve as officers of the ministers' meetings if so elected.

V. This meeting shall be composed of all ordained ministers in good standing in Alabama and adjoining states who wish to represent.

VI. FINANCE: Each minister shall pay one dollar registration fee to help pay for the record being printed in minutes.

VII. The Secretary shall be paid five dollars preserving the record of each meeting.

VIII. DISCIPLINE: The ministers' meeting is not a court to try, nor air out the faults of preachers. If they are in good standing with the State Association they are with the ministers' meeting. This is to be a meeting of fellowship and inspiration and brotherly love.

X. All elected officers shall serve two years. All appointed officers and committees one year.

XII. The ministers' meeting shall meet on Thursday morning before the 2nd Sunday in November of each year at the meeting place of the State Association.

XIII. This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of ministers present.

## BY-LAWS OF ALABAMA MINISTERS' MEETING

1. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk or the Senior Minister in years may call the meeting to order and shall have charge until Moderator assumes his place.

2. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to enroll all the ministers present who are in good standing. If there are questionable characters they shall be referred to an appointed Credential committee for advice, but not for trial. They may be seated if found worthy, if not they are referred to their home church and Association.

3. Each meeting shall be opened with scripture reading and prayer.

4. By a two-thirds vote any decision of the Moderator may be over-ruled.

5. This meeting shall sit with open doors unless it goes into a committee as a whole.

6. Any person, not a member of the body shall be allowed to take part in discussions, with Moderator's permission, but shall have no vote.

7. All members of the body are expected to be present throughout the session unless excused by Moderator.

8. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one officer or committeeman if his nomination is elected.

9. The Moderator must not allow any discussion to be carried on in an unchristian spirit.

10. The person who desires to speak must first arise and address the Moderator, and when recognized, shall proceed.

11. The votes on any question must be counted upon request of one-fifth of members present.

12. No member shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes, nor twice on same subject unless given permission by the Moderator.

13. These By-Laws may be amended at any session by a two-thirds vote.

This report was adopted to go in effect at the next session.

The election of officers resulted in Rev. R. P. Rich, Moderator and Rev. R. K. Franklin, Assistant Moderator.

The ministers' meeting adjourned.

## THURSDAY EVENING

Rev. A. J. Lambert conducted a fine song service. Rev. K. V. Shutes offered prayer and Rev. L. V. Collier conducted the devotional service.

Supt. R. H. Ryland and children from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Eldridge presented a fine program to a large congregation, after which an offering of \$223.13 was given.

The Moderator, Rev. H. A. Pitts, appointed the following to Credential Committee: Rev. T. L. Walker, Rev. Grady Hudson, Rev. Arthur Barker, Rev. A. L. Warren, Rev. P. J. Box.

Business Committee: Rev. Rufus Hyman, Rev. J. O. Jones, Rev. J. T. Quick, Rev. R. P. Rich, Rev. A. J. Smith.

After assigning to homes the benediction.

## FRIDAY A. M.

At the 9 o'clock hour the State Association met in its 29th session.

Song service conducted by Rev. Grady Hudson. Rev. J. O. Jones conducted the devotion. Rev. J. L. Lavender led the



prayer.

The Secretary called the assembly to order and seated the Ministers and Deacons and announced the Association ready to proceed with its work.

Rev. J. J. Staab invoked God's blessings upon the proceedings while awaiting the Credential Committee to report. Rev. W. H. Ryland introduced the possibility of a Bible conference. The discussion resulted in a committee composed of Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. Charles Mayers and Rev. Ryland to explore the situation and report.

The Treasurer of Home Mission Board reported.

Supt. Ryland gave the Financial report of the Children's Home.

The Credential Committee reported the following Associations and Delegates eligible for seats:

Liberty No. 2: Delegate, Bro. Herman Dollar.

Jasper: Shannon Fowler and William Beasley.

Progressive: Bro. G. C. Bloss, Sisters Florine Sides and Lorene Ryland.

Vernon: Bro. J. Y. Turner.

Mt. Zion Church: Rev. Arthur Barker and C. K. Evans.

Liberty No. 1: Rev. L. M. Thornley.

Cahaba River: Sisters E. M. Fields and A. J. Lambert.

Mt. Moriah: W. L. McAdams, J. O. Perrigen, A. W. McGee.

Morning Star: W. C. Williams.

Miss. State Line: Marvin McCool.

Union Hill Church: F. W. Bolin and H. F. Farmer.

Fla. State Line: Rev. G. C. Nobles.

Delma Church: Rev. Ira Garrison.

Motion carried to seat the delegates.

Rev. Chester O'Donnell led the prayer, then Rev. R. P. Rich of Pell City, delivered the morning message. He selected for his text, Gen. 3:8. Theme, The Voice of God. This was a great message and delivered in his usual forceful manner.

The Moderator appointed Revs. J. L. Lavender, Rufus Hyman and Bro. Wilburn Beasley as an Auditing Committee, and Revs. J. H. Reno, Chester O'Donnell and Bro. O. W. McGee as the Resolution Committee.

The noon hour was surely an enjoyable feast.

#### FRIDAY P. M.

Again Rev. Hudson led the song service. Rev. Charles Mayers of Carbon Hill conducted devotional. Rev. Bloss led the prayer.

Rev. A. J. Lambert gave the report of the Sunday School Board.

Motion carried to accept the report and elect officers for a State Sunday School Convention.

Motion carried that the present Sunday School Board be elected officers of the convention and that they arrange place and date.

Sister J. B. Bloss, Chairman of the Superannuation Board, gave her report.

The report was accepted and Rev. M. E. Carpenter, one of our disabled ministers, expressed his gratitude to the Board for its help. An offering of \$60.85 was given.

A united prayer was offered for the recovery of Rev. Carpenter and Bro. Denson Tate, a disabled Veteran.

Motion carried to accept Muscle Shoals State Line Association into the body upon receipt of letter and fee.

The Business Committee reported next.

Motion carried to act upon each article separately.

The Association proceeded to elect officers for next two year period by passing a motion that all officers be nominated from the floor and be elected by acclamation.

Result of election:

Moderator, Rev. R. P. Rich	Pell City, Ala.
Assistant Moderator, Rev. A. L. Warren	Vernon, Ala.
Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. E. W. Graves	Vernon, Ala.
Assistant Secretary, Rev. Grady Hudson	Cordova, Ala.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. H. A. Pitts, Chairman	Brilliant, Ala.
C. S. Collins	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. Rufus Hyman	Slocumb, Ala.
Rev. J. J. Staab	Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. L. V. Collier	Hamilton, Ala.

These changes were made in the Orphanage Board:

Rev. G. W. Nobles, cottonwood, Ala., was elected to represent Ala.-Fla. State Line.

Executive Board empowered to elect a representative from Liberty No. 1: Rev. A. L. Warren's resignation was accepted and Rev. H. A. Pitts was elected to replace him from the Jasper Association.

Rev. E. P. Rowden, Florence, Ala., was elected from Muscle Shoals Association.

The Association adjourned to partake of another fine feast prepared by the ladies in the big tent provided for that purpose.

#### FRIDAY EVENING

A wonderful song and praise service was enjoyed by a fine congregation.

Rev. J. B. Bloss presented the great opportunities and advantages of a Youth's Vacation Camp.

Motion carried to empower the Moderator to appoint a



committee to promote this great work and that this committee have full authority to make all arrangements. Revs. J. B. Bloss, H. A. Pitts and Bro. Richman Pollard were appointed.

Rev. Henry Melvin, Business Manager of our College in Nashville gave a good report of the fine work done there.

This, being Mission Night we were fortunate in having Rev. T. H. Wiley, head Missionary in our Cuban Mission Field, who presented the needs and type of work done there. Several fine souls dedicated themselves to a closer walk with God. Offering was \$84.52.

#### SATURDAY A. M.

Rev. A. J. Lambert led the song service. Sister H. A. Pitts led the prayer. Rev. Chester O'Donnell conducted the devotional.

The final business session began with the Auditing Committee reporting:

The treasurer's report was given and accepted.

Delegates to the National Association were appointed as follows: Vernon Association: J. Y. Turner; Cahaba River: Jody Harris; Liberty No. 2: Herman Dollar; Progressive: G. C. Bloss; Jasper: Franklin Sexton; State Line: Travis Price; Birmingham District: C. K. Evans; Mt. Moriah: W. L. Adams; State Delegate: Sister H. A. Pitts.

Corresponding delegate to Georgia State Association: W. H. Ryland; To Miss. State: H. A. Pitts.

Report of Resolution Committee accepted.

The Clerk was instructed to have 750 minutes printed.

Motion carried to empower the Executive Board to select the next meeting place.

The committee on Bible Conference reported and was accepted.

Just here the business of this session of Alabama State Association came to an end and the Ladies Auxilliary took over to present their program.

#### REPORT FROM THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The session was opened by Mrs. J. B. Bloss, as the President, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, was not present.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Lorene Ryland. Mrs. J. B. Bloss introduced the theme for the day, which was "Go Forward Through Woman's Auxilliary." (Exodus 14:15).

Reports were called for and received and the delegates were seated.

Two Associations were represented: Jasper and Progressive. The reports were given by each of the Vice Presidents.

First Vice President, Mrs. A. P. Lenard, made a report on the enlistment and promotion of the Woman's Auxilliary.

In absence of the Second Vice President, Miss Florence Sides, Mrs. J. B. Bloss made a short talk on the Young People's Auxilliary.

Mrs. H. A. Pitts, the Third Vice President, made a report on the Study Courses accomplished.

Fourth Vice President, Mrs. J. B. Bloss, made a report on the Program and Publicity work done.

Mrs. W. H. Ryland, the Fifth Vice President, made a report on Personal service, Ministerial Relief and Orphanage work accomplished.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

Registration Committee, Mrs. Duboise.

Finance Committee, Mrs. Charles Mayers, Mrs. Lorene Ryland and Mrs. Carpenter.

Appreciation Committee, Mrs. E. M. Fields, Sister Ryland and Sister McWherter.

Resolution Committee, Mrs. A. J. Lambert and Mrs. Grady Hudson.

Faye Gilbert or Hazel Cook was elected for the Declamation Contest at the National Association.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount left from last year	\$27.95
Received from:	
Jasper Association	12.70
Progressive Association	20.92
	\$61.58
Disbursements:	
Paid to Mrs. Marie Hyatt, National President, for traveling expenses to come to the Association	\$13.00
Paid to Rev. E. W. Graves for Minute Fund	10.00
Paid to Mrs. Huey Gower for National Dues	2.06
	\$25.06
Balance	\$36.52

#### CONVENTION DUES

Jasper	\$10.20
Progressive	10.40
	\$20.60

#### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We wish to thank the Liberty Church and neighboring churches for their wonderful hospitality and planning which has made this meeting of the State Association such a wonderful success. Especially to the ladies for their untiring work and effort. We recommend the body give a standing vote of thanks to the church.



MRS. E. M. FIELDS, Chairman.  
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Finance Committee have checked the Treasurer's report and letters, and find them to be correct.

MRS. CHARLES MAYERS, Chairman.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Number of Officers	5
Number of Delegates	9
Number of Visitors	60

Total 74

MRS. DUBOISE, Chairman.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We submit the following report:

1. We recommend this Convention accept as one of its projects the furnishing of needed furniture for the lobby of our Children's Home, that the money be raised by the Fifth Vice President of each Auxiliary and that she send it to State Treasurer of the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

2. We urge that each Auxiliary study at least one course in Mission Stewardship also one in our manual.

3. That we retain Number three, five, and six as they are in 1947 Resolution Committee report.

4. In compliance with the Stewardship Declamation of the W. N. A. C. contest. We recommend that this convention elect a young lady to represent our State, also that her expense be paid by this convention.

5. That each Auxiliary send \$5.00 to the State Treasurer to be sent for expansion program for school of Missions in Cuba.

MRS. A. J. LAMBERT, Chairman.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Number of Auxiliaries	8
Number of Members	103
Number of Members reinstated	2
Total number of New Members	7
Number of inactive Members	5
Number of Members suspended	1
Number of Members died	0
Total present membership	103
Increased in membership over last year	4
I. Number of Study classes:	
1. Manual Study	5
2. Stewardship Study Classes	3
3. Mission Study Classes	11

4. Other Study Classes	17
II. Auxiliaries Observing Prayer Week:	
1. Week preceding Easter	3
III. Young People's Auxiliaries Sponsored:	
Y. W. A.	0
Go Tell	1
IV. Literature:	
1. Subscribers to Year Book	58
2. Subscribers to Manual	28
3. Subscribers to Church Paper	48
V. Number of Tithers	36
V. Number of Members engaged in direct personal service	3
VII. Number of B Auxiliaries	2
Number of C Auxiliaries	3
Amount of money received for Fifty Thousand Co.	
Laborer Fund	\$ 86.09
Special offering	\$1402.64
Convention Dues	33.20
Total Receipts	\$1570.16
Amount paid out for Fifty Thousand Co. Laborer Fund	86.09
Convention Dues	20.60
Other Purposes	1,253.28
Total Disbursements	1,359.97

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President, Mrs. H. A. Pitts	Brilliant, Ala.
1st Vice President, Mrs. W. H. Ryland	Eldridge, Ala.
2nd Vice President, Mrs. Grady Hudson	
3rd Vice President, Mrs. C. H. Mayers.	
4th Vice President, Mrs. K. V. Shutes.	
5th Vice President, Mrs. Richmond Pollard.	
Secretary and Treasurer, Faye Kilgore	Winfield, Ala.

MRS. A. P. LENARD, Chairman.

Delegates to the National Convention, Mrs. A. P. Lenard, Mrs. Charles Mayers, Mrs. W. H. Ryland, Mrs. Grady Hudson, Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. Lorene Ryland, Mrs. E. M. Fields, Faye Gilbert, Faye Kilgore, Hazel Cook.

Mrs. Marie Hyatt sang a solo.

All sang the song "I Love To Tell The Story." Bro. Wiley made a talk on the appreciation of the Woman's Auxiliary and needs in Cuba.

Special song by Bro. and Mrs. Mayer's children, "I Found It In Mother's Bible."

The morning message was brought by Mrs. Marie Hyatt. Her subject was "Standing In The Gap."

Closing song. "He Leadeth Me."

Prayer by Bro. J. B. Bloss.

Special offering for Mrs. Marie Hyatt's expense to the Association, \$37.96. Final adjournment.



# STATISTICAL TABLE

ASSOCIATIONS	No. Churches	New Churches	No. Members	New Members	Licensed Ministers Members Expelled or Dismissed	Ordained Ministers	No. Sunday Schools	No. Enrolled	F. W. B. L.	No. Members	Ladies Auxiliaries	Total Members	Value Church Property	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelists	Paid Children's Home	To Superannuation	Paid To College	Paid to Missions	Paid to Unified Program	Pd. to Improvements	Other Expenses	
Mt. Moriah	16	1	1,606	77	20	2	15	8	320		1	\$ 30,000	\$ 2,828.69	\$ 576.97	\$ 550.00			\$ 213.87		\$ 200.00	\$ 150.69		
Liberty No. 1	11		835	58	12	1	13	11	485	2	23	\$ 32,000	\$ 3,096.16	\$ 211.62	\$ 7.25			\$1,031.59		\$ 959.57	\$ 251.51		
Cahaba River	15	2	687	133	26	3	22	12	604	2	106	\$ 41,000	\$ 6,888.68	\$1,867.40	\$ 964.83			\$ 378.57		\$ 4,052.02	\$ 50.20		
Morning Star	10		800	32	9		10	5	250			\$ 16,000	\$ 810.14	\$ 150.00	\$ 252.22					\$ 500.00	\$ 175.00		
Vernon	12		1,743	64	29		10	12	509	4	161	\$ 51,000	\$ 2,975.30	\$ 924.40	\$ 430.00	\$200.00	\$ 97.35	\$ 185.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00		
Progressive	11	2	704	120	26	3	16	11	684	7	223	\$ 62,330	\$ 7,060.56	\$1,127.66	\$ 635.55	\$113.50	\$239.00	\$ 396.05	\$567.54	\$ 7,980.32	\$10,941.92		
Jasper	27		1,926	154	3	1	41	24	1,334	9	8	\$ 50,000	\$ 6,509.57	\$1,747.15	\$ 550.00		\$172.00	\$ 219.25	\$ 28.57	\$ 4,000.00			
Liberty No. 2	11	3	494	99	17	3	21	10	440	1	20	\$ 28,700	\$ 1,994.57	\$ 629.08	\$1,019.25			\$ 16.25	\$400.00	\$ 2,871.32			
Ala.-Fla. State Line	16		2,743	137	17	5	13	14		4	2	\$ 24,475	\$ 3,348.95	\$ 45.00	\$ 81.50		\$ 79.64	\$ 109.14					
Ala.-Miss. State Line	18	2	1,560	106	21		17	11	523	3	122	\$ 18,300	\$ 1,969.80	\$ 576.06	\$ 131.45				\$ 4.15				
Union Hill Church	1		227	12				1				\$ 2,000	\$ 423.74	\$ 103.00	\$ 200.35			\$ 26.26			\$ 270.43		
Mt. Zion Church	1		67	42	2			1	67					\$ 130.00	\$ 80.00					\$ 4,030.00			
Delmar Church	1		25					1							\$ 100.00						\$ 55.00		
TOTAL	150	10	13,417	1,034	183	18	178	121	5,216	32	679	20	75	\$375,805	\$37,906.16	\$8,088.34	\$5,074.40	\$313.50	\$587.99	\$2,576.08	\$997.26	\$25,593.23	\$12,394.75



## REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that each church in the State hold at least one week Vacation Bible School each year. That the Pastor and Deacons select the teacher. Literature may be secured from The Scripture Press, Chicago, Ill., of F. W. B. Press, Ayden, N. C.

2. We recommend that each District Association arrange a Sunday School Convention. We also ask that a State Convention be organized and that it be held as near as possible in the central part of State.

3. We recommend that we launch a Five Thousand Dollar Mission Program. The money to be paid into the State Mission Treasury and to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions unless the giver specifies his wishes.

4. We recommend that Article No. 4 of last year be retained.

5. We recommend the Ladies Auxiliary be given time on Thursday afternoon for their session and that the Program Committee set the hour.

RUFUS HYMAN, Chairman.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Received:		Paid out:	
Balance on hand	\$ 3.40	National fee	\$ 55.00
Fees	170.00	College	25.00
Registration fee	46.00	Children's Home	20.00
Mission offerings	116.00	Minutes	100.00
College	25.00	A. J. Lambert, Exp.	17.00
Children's Home	20.00	Clerk	15.00
		Moderator	10.00
	\$380.41	Programs	2.50
	363.01	Missions	116.01
		Expenses	2.50
On Hand	\$ 17.40		
			\$363.01

## AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee on Auditing, beg to report. We find the book all in good condition and O. K. in every respect.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. Lavender  
Rufus Hyman  
William Beasley.

## REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME TREASURY

OCTOBER 1, 1947 TO NOVEMBER 1, 1948

Paid Out:	\$ 4,650.88
Salaries	2,781.70
Grocery and Feed Bill	179.26
Office Supplies and Postage	194.83
Alabama Power Bill	75.51
Lumber	317.39
Hardware	94.61
Clothing	4.56
Rubber Sheeting	16.87
School Books	156.80
Plumbing and Supplies	91.00
Repairing Expenses	43.14
Automobile Expenses	268.23
Expenses for Field Workers Car	294.42
Coal	22.78
Paint	42.20
Drugs and First Aid Supplies	300.00
New Water Pump in front well	396.49
Paid on Stove	62.50
Electric Motor	78.32
Butane Gas (Fuel for stove)	121.20
Paid on Washing Machine	290.00
Two Cows, one beef Yearling	143.25
Hospital Insurance on all Children	12.00
Fruit	10.00
Annual Fee to State Institute Training	28.10
Dry Cleaning (Woolen Clothes)	140.29
Years Insurance on Orphanage Property	323.14
Rebuilt Bus Motor and Repairing	21.12
Curtains and Rods (For Windows)	9.24
Bakery	4.70
Kitchen Supplies	50.25
Pictures (Cook's Studio)	15.56
Telephone Bill	4.00
Dental Bill	6.00
Doctor Bill	16.35
Transportation expenses for Children	8.00
Butcher and Barber Tools	1.80
Rent on P. O. Box	27.97
One Barrel of Oxydol (Washing Powders)	2.94
Milk	7.00
Christmas Tree Decorations	
Total paid out	\$11,313.90
Total received	\$12,118.71



Amount Brought Forward	620.29
Total	\$12,739.00
Amount Paid Out	\$11,313.90
Balance on Hand	\$ 1,425.10

Number of Children under care 24.

Number of Hospital cases for operations 4.

Number of Children in School 17.

Expenses of the furnace is yet to be paid amount to \$1,580.00.

R. H. RYLAND, Supt. and Treasurer.

#### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend the following Associations be seated: Liberty No. 1; Jasper; Progressive; Liberty No. 2; Vernon; Cahaba River; Fla.-Ala. State Line; Miss. State Line; Morning Star; Mt. Moriah; and the following independent churches: Union Hill Church; Mt. Zion Church; and Delmar Church.

We recommend that the officers of this body be elected by secret ballot. If there is no clear majority the two highest shall have a run-off, the highest vote will be the officer and the next highest will be assistant.

T. L. WALKER, Chairman.

Article No. 1 carried, but No. 2 was rejected.

#### REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE SUPERANNUATION BOARD YEAR 1947-48

Dec. 2nd, 1947, Received from Unified Program Fund	\$ 5.73
Jan. 5th, 1948, Received from Unified Program Fund	24.49
Feb. 5th, 1948, Received from Unified Program Fund	12.76
March 2nd, 1948, Received from Unified Program Fund	13.21
April 3rd, 1948, Received from Unified Program Fund	8.94
May 3rd, 1948, Received from Unified Program Fund	23.25
June 1st, 1948, Received from Unified Program Fund	15.11
Aug. 2nd, 1948, Received from Unified Program Fund	18.25
Sept. 1st, 1948, Received from Unified Program Fund	9.08
Nov. 1st, 1948, Received from Unified Program Fund	19.84

Total Received	\$150.71
Balance Brought Forward	\$256.13

Total	\$406.84
Total Paid out	\$297.20
Balance in Treasury	\$109.64

MRS. J. B. BLOSS, Treasurer.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Liberty No. 1—11 Schools, Members	485
Liberty No. 2—10 Schools, Members	440
Progressive—11 Schools, Members	684
Vernon—12 Schools, Members	509
Jasper—24 Schools, Members	1334
Fla. State Line—14 Schools	
Mt. Moriah—8 Schools, Members	320
Mt. Zion Church—1 School, Members	65
Cahaba River—12 Schools, Members	604
Union Hill Church—1 School	
Total	4441

A. J. LAMBERT, Chairman.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT OF ALA. F. W. B. HOME MISSIONS 1947-1948

Balance in Treasury from last year's Report	\$137.45
Mistake made	14.95
Total Amount in Treasurer in November, 1947	\$152.40
Total Amount received year of 1947-1948	163.61
Total Amount in Treasurer	\$316.01
Amount Received	Amount Paid Out

Dec.	\$ 7.23
Jan.	30.61
Feb.	15.96
Mar.	16.52
Apr.	11.19
May	29.05
June and July	18.83
Aug.	22.81
Sept.	11.35
	\$163.61

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Yours For Jesus,  
Lucille May, Sec.-Treas. Ala. Home Mission Board

#### REPORT OF BIBLE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

1. We, your committee have agreed to secure one teacher who will teach the group, who will attend our doctrine as given in our National Treatise.

2. We have agreed to secure Rev. Thomas H. Dixon of



Oklahoma as our teacher, believing him to be well qualified to teach the Bible.

3. We have decided upon the 1st week in March as the date of the Conference to continue five days, the night services to be evangelistical and open to all.

4. The place will be stated in the program to be sent to all churches as will also the cost to each pupil for registration and board.

5. We urge not only our Ministers, but everyone who can to attend for we believe untold good may come from this Bible Conference.

A. J. LAMBERT, Chairman.

#### REPORT OR RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We submit the following report:

1. Be it resolved that the Home Mission Board erect the tent at least three times each year and secure preachers to hold meetings, expenses to be paid out of Home Mission funds.

2. Be it resolved that no person hold more than one office in the State Association or serve on any Board while he is an officer or serve on any two Boards at the same time. We suggest the Personnel of Boards be more evenly divided over the State.

3. Be it resolved that we extend our heart-felt thanks to this church, its fine Pastor and community for their fine hospitality.

4. Be it resolved that we express our thanks to all our speakers for the fine messages to this body.

J. H. RENO, Chairman,  
O. W. McGEE,  
CHESTER O'DONNELL.

#### PERSONNEL OF BOARDS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. H. A. Pitts	Brilliant, Ala.
Bro. C. S. Collins	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. Rufus Hyman	Slocomb, Ala.
Rev. J. J. Staab	2913 33 Ave. N. Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. L. V. Collier	Hamilton, Ala.

#### SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Rev. K. V. Shutes	Leeds, Ala.
Rev. Grady Hudson	Cordova, Ala.
Mrs. A. M. Wallis, Treasurer	Fayette, Ala.
Bro. Grady Collins	Sylacauga, Ala.
Rev. J. H. Reno	Hackleburg, Ala.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. A. J. Lambert, Chairman	Sylacauga, Ala.
Bro. C. K. Evans	Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Lavender	Caledonia, Miss.
Bro. O. W. McGee	
Bro. Clanton Manasco	

#### HOME MISSION BOARD

Jesse Strickland	Brilliant, Ala.
Bro. Joe D. Hudson	Hanceville, Ala.
Mrs. H. A. Pitts	Brilliant, Ala.
Sister Lorene Ryland, Secretary	Cordova, Ala.

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Rev. T. L. Walker	209 17 St. Columbus, Miss.
Rev. Grady Hudson	Cordova, Ala.
Rev. Arthur Barker	800 24 Ave. W. Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. A. L. Warren	Vernno, Ala.
Rev. P. J. Box	Addison, Ala.

#### BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Rev. Rufus Hyman	Slocomb, Ala.
Rev. J. O. Jones	Hackleburg, Ala.
Rev. J. T. Quick	Guin, Ala.
Bro. A. J. Smith	Trussville, Ala.

#### ORPHANAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. K. V. Shutes, Chairman	Leeds, Ala.
Rev. P. J. Box	Addison, Ala.
W. C. Patterson	Pell City, Ala.
A. J. Lambert	Sylacauga, Ala.
J. L. Walker	Gordo, Ala.
O. K. Morgan	Hanceville, Ala.
I. K. Boyette	Hamilton, Ala.
J. T. Quick	Guin, Ala.
H. A. Pitts	Brilliant, Ala.
V. R. Lay	Berry, Ala.
G. W. Nobles	Cottonwood, Ala.
E. P. Rowden	Florence, Ala.
Arthur Barker	Birmingham, Ala.



## MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Rev. R. K. Franklin	1629 36 Ave. N. Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. A. J. Lambert	Sylacauga, Ala.
Rev. J. J. Staab	2913 33 Ave. N. Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. L. V. Collier	Hamilton, Ala.
Rev. H. A. Pitts	Brilliant, Ala.
Rev. W. D. Glasgow	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. M. E. Carpenter	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. Roy H. Barnes	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. Newt Wright	Oakman, Ala.
Rev. K. V. Shutes	Leeds, Ala.
Rev. E. P. Rowden	Florence, Ala.
Rev. Marvin McCool	Greenwood Springs, Miss.
Rev. E. W. Graves	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. Charles Mayers	Carbon Hill, Ala.
Rev. W. H. Ryland	Eldridge, Ala.
Rev. Vester Burkett	Corona, Ala.
Rev. J. H. Reno	Hackleburg, Ala.
Rev. Marie Hyatt	Carterview, Mo.
Rev. C. A. O'Donnell	Ashville, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Lavender	Caledonia, Miss.
Rev. S. J. Hamilton	Carbon Hill, Ala.
Rev. T. L. Walker	209 17 St. Columbus, Miss.
Rev. Grady Hudson	Cordova, Ala.
Rev. A. L. Warren	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. R. P. Rich	Pell City, Ala.
Rev. Byrd Alexander	Guin, Ala.
Rev. C. E. Harbin	2173. Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. Arthur Barker	800 24 Ave. W. Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. J. T. Quick	Guin, Ala.
Rev. Rufus Hyman	Slocomb, Ala.
Rev. Ira D. Garrison	Delmar, Ala.
Rev. P. J. Box	Addison, Ala.
Rev. J. O. Jones	Hackleburg, Ala.

## DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

J. L. McNees	Vernon, Ala.
W. H. Clearman	Vernon, Ala.
Mack Wade	Oakman, Ala.
C. K. Evans	Birmingham, Ala.
W. C. Williams	Corona, Ala.
Clovis Howard	Leeds, Ala.
F. W. Bolin	Slocomb, Ala.
H. F. Farmer	Slocomb, Ala.
C. S. Collins	Vernon, Ala.
Welborn Beasley	Winfield, Ala.
A. J. Smith	Trussville, Ala.

## BY-LAWS

The adoption of By-Laws of National Association.

1. The clerk of the assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the association into conference if a quorum is present. The Moderator, or in his absence, the Assistant Moderator shall take charge; and if neither of them is present the senior minister in years shall act as moderator.

2. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll the delegates to the association who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the association. In case of questionable representation, however, the case under question shall be referred to the credential committee.

3. It shall be the duty of everybody belonging to this association to send a letter to every annual session of this association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any body belonging to this association which shall fail to report itself for two successive sessions may be dismissed from the association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer and shall be closed with prayer.

5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the moderator can be overruled.

6. This association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

7. This association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.

8. Any person not a member of this association may be allowed to take part in its discussion by obtaining permission from the moderator.

9. It shall be the duty of all members of the association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave from the moderator.

10. No member shall absent himself from the association during its meetings without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

11. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee provided the person nominated be elected.

12. The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

13. Anyone desiring to speak shall arise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation "brother moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

14. The "yeas" and "nays" may be counted on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.



15. No member of this association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator.

16. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

17. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

### CONSTITUTION

NAME—This body shall be known as the "ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST."

SEAL—This Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptist adopt the treatise of the National Association in faith and practice. Praying for the day when we shall be one in Christ.

SEC. II.—The officers of the State Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary and Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Executive Board.

These officers are elective. Other officers being appointed as Moderator may need or desire.

SEC. III.—This association shall be composed of all active, ordained ministers who are members of an Association or church, which is a member of this body and duly elected or appointed delegates of district associations or church.

One delegate for each church of each Association which is a member of this body.

SEC. IV.—No independent church may be a member of this body unless Association to which it belongs refuse to represent in the State body. Then the church may report independently. The fee of said church be the sum of \$20.00.

ARTICLE II—FINANCE.—Each district Association send the sum of \$15.00 annual fee and \$5.00 National Association fee with the annual report. And each minister and deacon pay the sum of \$1.00 registration fee to help carry on the expenses of the Association.

SEC. V.—The secretary shall be paid \$15.00 and the moderator \$10.00 annually for their services rendered. All other expenditures not specified shall be made at the directions of the body.

ARTICLE II—DISCIPLINE.—The State Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or practice that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing the State Association of Free Will Baptist churches or act upon any appeal that may be made by any body belonging to the State Association. Said appeal having been properly signed by the constituent body or bodies and its decisions shall be final.

SEC. VI.—All appeals coming before the State Association may be settled in either of the following ways: (1) By the State Association sitting in a committee as a whole. (2) By a special committee appointed by the Executive Board, whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

ARTICLE II.—The Moderator of the State Association of Free Will Baptist shall be regarded as an ex official member of all Boards or committees elected or appointed.

ARTICLE III.—Each elected officer shall serve for a period of two (2) years. Elections coming on the even years.

The appointed officers or committees serving at the direction of the Moderator or until dismissed by the Moderator.

ARTICLE IV.—MEETINGS.—The State Association of Free Will Baptist shall hold its regular meetings annually. Place of meeting to be decided by a vote of the body. The time of meeting to be on Thursday night before the second Sunday in November of each year. And to remain in session until its work is completed.

ARTICLE V.—This Constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the State Association by a two-thirds vote of members present; provided proposed amendment be presented in writing to the body and shall lie on the table at least from morning session till evening session, or from evening session till morning session prior to adoption and shall during that time be read at least twice in open session.



## ASSOCIATIONS

Mt. Moriah  
 Liberty No. 1  
 Cahaba River  
 Morning Star  
 Vernon  
 Progressive  
 Jasper  
 Liberty No. 2  
 Ala.-Fla. State Line  
 Ala.-Miss. State Line

## MODERATORS AND ADDRESS

Rev. M. T. Montgomery, Brownville, Ala.  
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 Rev. R. P. Rich, Pell City, Ala.  
 Rev. G. H. Jordan, Cottonwood, Ala.  
 Rev. I. K. Boyette, Hamilton, Ala.

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