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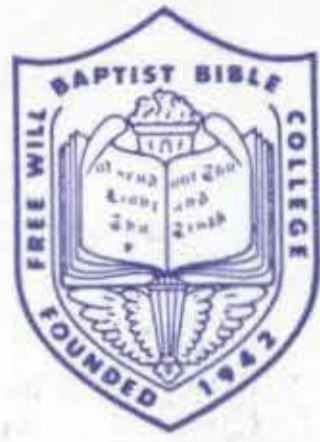
**Co-operative General Association
of Freewill Baptists**

HELD WITH

**The College Freewill Baptist Church
Tecumseh College, Oklahoma**

DECEMBER 26-30, 1917

TECUMSEH, OKLAHOMA:
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FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

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Rev. G. W. Million

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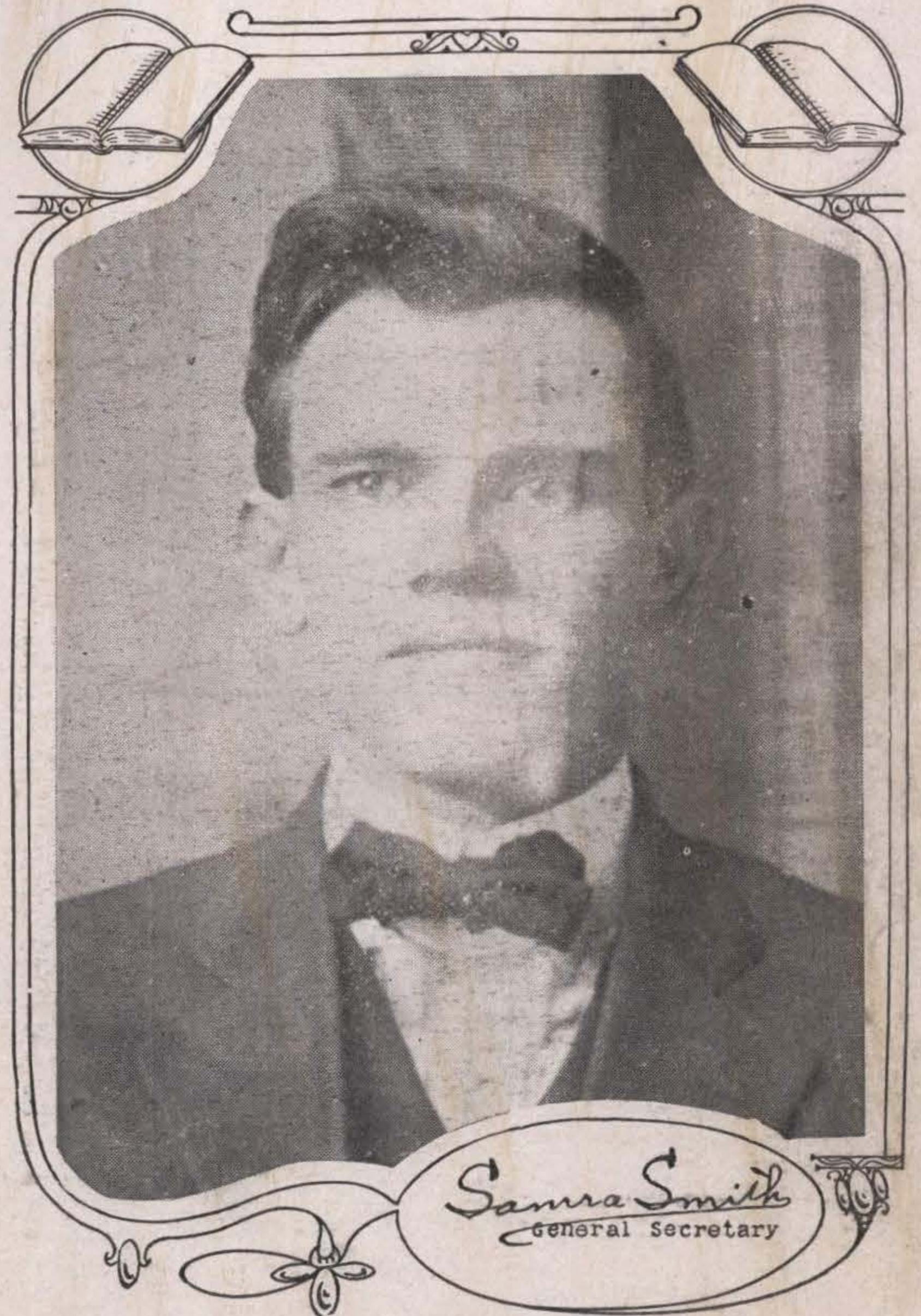
Rev. Ira Waterman, Eldridge, Missouri
Rev. T. C. Ferguson, Niangua, Missouri

FIELD SUPERINTENDENTS:

Rev. H. M. McAdams, Tecumseh, Oklahoma
Rev. R. F. Pittman, Ayden, North Carolina
Rev. Ira Waterman, Eldridge, Missouri

EDITORS NEW MORNING STAR:

Rev. S. L. Morris Rev. Samra Smith
Both of Tecumseh, Oklahoma



Samra Smith
General Secretary

P. O. BOX 206, TECUMSEH, OKLAHOMA

PROCEEDINGS

At 7 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, December 26, 1917, the *Co-operative General Association of Freewill Baptists*, met in the Tecumseh Freewill Baptist College, Tecumseh, Oklahoma, in an adjourned session from the first Tri-annual Session.

Praise by congregation.

Rev. Ira Waterman of Mo., Clerk, called the Association into Conference, then called for Rev. John H. Wolfe of Okla., the Moderator.

The Moderator took the chair and then called on Rev. J. F. Duckworth of Mo., Assistant Moderator, to read a lesson. The 103 Psalm was read, then prayer was offered by Rev. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams of Oklahoma.

A welcome address was delivered by Rev. Samra Smith, Pastor of the College Freewill Baptist Church in behalf of the Church. In behalf of the Freewill Baptist College a welcome address was delivered by President John H. Wolfe. Rev. J. D. Braly, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Tecumseh gave the welcome address in behalf of the churches of the city.

Rev. Chas. E. Mann of Missouri gave the response to the welcome addresses, and preached the Introductory Sermon, Rom. 8:12.

The Moderator declared the Association ready for the transaction of business.

The following were appointed as Credential Committee:

Revs. R. A. Roberts of Texas, C. E. Mann of Missouri, and G. S. Latimer of Kansas.

The following were appointed as Committee on Divine Service:

Revs. Samra Smith of Oklahoma, H. M. McAdams of Oklahoma and Deacon J. D. Fowler of Missouri.

Adjourned until 8:30 Thursday morning.

Benediction by Rev. J. D. Braly.

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Resolved, That we send to our brethren, Revs. M. A. Woodard, Moderator of the Georgia State Convention and Woods Springfield, State Evangelist of the Alabama State Convention, our heartiest thanks for their kind and highly appreciated letters of greeting to this body, and that we ask the brethren to come and join with us, and if possible send delegates next year.

Voted to purchase a cylinder press for the NEW MORNING STAR printing office. The money to pay for it was turned over to the Moderator, and a receipt was given to the Treasurer.

Voted that we pay Editor Morris of the NEW MORNING STAR, the balance of the one hundred dollars which was pledged to him last year. The money was paid to him and a receipt was given to the Treasurer.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Revs. H. B. Conley of Kentucky and Thomas Townsend of Oklahoma occupy the pulpit at 7 p. m.

Adjourned until 9 a. m. Saturday. Benediction by Rev. W. L. Fleet of Oklahoma.

SATURDAY MORNING

Praise by congregation.

Rev. Timothy Murphy of West Virginia read the 4th chapter of Nehemiah. Prayer by Rev. R. L. McAlvain of Oklahoma.

Minutes of the previous day read and approved.

Voted that we have a Custodian of History. Sister Delia S. Wolfe of Oklahoma was elected to this position.

Reports of Field Superintendents called for. Revs. H. M. McAdams, T. C. Ferguson, Ira Waterman and W. E. Dearmore reported. The reports were adopted.

Committee on Business recommends that this Association establish a Business Department in connection with our College at Tecumseh, Oklahoma. Report adopted.

Voted that the money for the printing of the minutes of this Association be taken from the Home Mission fund.

Voted to endorse the movement made by the Freewill Baptist State convention of North Carolina for Freewill Baptist Literature

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John H. Wolfe, Moderator



Ira Waterman, Clerk



THE FIRST COLLEGE FACULTY AT TECUMSEH
 Rev. Samra Smith Rev. S. L. Morris Mrs. S. L. Morris
 Mrs. Samra Smith Rev. John H. Wolfe Mrs. John H. Wolfe

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for a Young Peoples' Society, and ask if its agreeable, that this Literature come under the head of the Co-operative General Association of Freewill Baptists. Rev. Ira Waterman of Missouri was elected to work with the Committee which was appointed by the North Carolina State Convention in getting out this Literature.

The Business Committee reported as follows:

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father and our heartfelt thanks to our dear Bro. William Fuller of Elk Creek, Nebraska, for the endowment of the Fuller Professorship of Systematic Theology, already started by Bro. Fuller, for Freewill Baptist College at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, we heartily endorse this great move and, realizing the pressing need of this fund being raised to a much larger amount in order to successfully carry on the work of the College in the most aggressive way and, also knowing that this is the only permanent way the College Professorships may be raised to the highest standard and kept there, Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Co-operative General Association of Freewill Baptists raise, through its different agencies, and by the ministers of said Association the sum of \$20,000.00, to be added to this endowment already started. Be it further

Resolved, That all ministers belonging to this body shall do their utmost in the raising of this amount for the endowment of the College as early as possible.

Voted that we have a Freewill Baptist Song Book, and that Rev. Samra Smith of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, be chosen as Editor

Voted to adopt the following blanks: "Ministers Annual Certificate," "Certificate of Ordination for Deacon," "Letter from a Yearly Meeting, Association or Convention," "Letter from a Church to Quarterly Meeting, Yearly Meeting or Association," and "Pastors Annual Report."

Voted that we endorse Revs. H. M. and Lizzie McAdams as Foreign Missionaries to the Barbados Islands, and pledge ourselves to help support them while in the foreign field.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Revs. G. S. Latimer of Kansas and J. L. Tatum of Illinois occupy the pulpit at 11 a. m.

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Adjourned until 2 p. m. Benediction by Rev. J. L. Tatum.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Praise by congregation. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Caskey of Okla.

Business Committee reported as follows: In view of the fact that our National Congress has passed a resolution submitting to the several States of our Union for their ratification an amendment to the Federal Constitution for Nation-wide prohibition, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Co-operative General Association of Freewill Baptists, representing 300,000 members in many States of our Union, heartily endorse this proposed amendment and pledge our earnest support to secure its ratification. Report adopted.

Business Committee reported as follows: In view of the fact that Jerusalem, a city in Palestine where Jesus did His mighty works and planted Christianity, also the place of His crucifixion and resurrection, and where He gave the great Commission that we are under to-day, it having been in the hands of the Turks for over four hundred years, these same Turks deny and ignore the principles taught by the Son of God, but Jerusalem is now in the hands of a people who love and reverence the Christ, our Saviour, and His teachings, Therefore be it

Resolved, That this body use its influence in whatever way may seem best, to prohibit Jerusalem and the land of Palestine from reverting back to the Turks or any other heathen nation; also that the same influence be used to stop the slaughter and persecution of the Armenians. Report adopted.

Committee reported as follows: In order to enlarge and increase the circulation of our Sunday School Literature, published by our Ayden Freewill Baptist Printing Company of Ayden, N. C., and edited by Rev. E. T. Phillips of Ayden, N. C., it is the desire of this Association, if agreeable with Rev. E. T. Phillips, that Rev. John H. Wolfe of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, be associated with him in this work, and that this Literature be published under the head of the Co-operative General Association of Freewill Baptists. Report adopted.

Resolved, That we extend to our worthy Moderator a rising vote

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of thanks for his wise and impartial rulings and decisions during this session.

As the Co-operative General Association has now about completed the work of this session and

Whereas, we feel it the duty of the visiting brothers and sisters here assembled to express by a rising vote our heartfelt thanks to the good people of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, for the welcome given us, Therefore be it

Resolved, That we offer for them a united prayer and give them a standing vote of thanks for the kindness and hospitality shown us while here in session.—Revs. G. S. Latimer, R. F. Pittman and H. B. Conley, Committee.

Voted to have an adjourned session of this Association to convene at Paintsville, Kentucky, on December 25, 1918. Rev. S. H. Styron of North Carolina was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon and that Rev. D. B. Duniphin of Oklahoma be alternate.

Voted that Rev. Ira Waterman of Missouri superintend the printing of 3,000 minutes of this adjourned session of the Co-operative General Association of Freewill Baptists.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Revs. Ira Waterman of Missouri and H. M. McAdams of Oklahoma occupy the pulpit at 7 p. m.

Adjourned until 9 a. m. Sunday. Benediction by Rev. J. F. Duckworth of Missouri.

SUNDAY MORNING

Praise by congregation. Rev. C. E. Mann of Mo., read the 23rd chapter of Psalms, and then offered prayer.

Praise and prayer service continued until 10 o'clock. Rev. John H. Wolfe, President of Tecumseh College, presented to Rev. C. E. Mann of Missouri, Treasurer and Custodian of all legal papers of this Association, the Deed and Abstract of the College property showing no indebtedness. On receiving the Deed and Abstract Rev. C. E. Mann thanked the people of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, for the interest they had shown toward the College, and

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then thanked God for His great leading in the College work.

At 10:30 Rev. Ira Waterman read a scriptural lesson from II. Chron. 6: 12-22, and then offered prayer.

At 11 o'clock Rev. Robert F. Pittman of North Carolina preached the Dedicatory Sermon, dedicating the Tecumseh Freewill Baptist College to God. He preached an able sermon from Genesis 28: 17. The sermon was divided into four parts, as follows:

1. The necessity of the house of God.
2. The purpose of the house of God.
3. The work in the house of God.
4. The responsibilities of the house of God.

At the close of the sermon Rev. Samra Smith, pastor of the College Church, offered the prayer of Dedication. The congregation sang, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow." Adjourned until 2 p. m. Benediction by Rev. Hiram McAdams.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Praise by congregation. Prayer by Rev. G. S. Latimer of Kans. Committee on Divine Service reported that Rev. Timothy Murphy of West Virginia would lead an "old time Covenant Meeting." The Church Covenant was read and all took part in the service. A real feast followed.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Revs. I. W. Yandell and D. B. Duniphin, both of Oklahoma, occupy the pulpit at 7 p. m. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. Dell of Oklahoma.

Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Praise by congregation. Prayer by Rev. R. A. Roberts of Texas. Voted that all committees appointed to act only during this session be discharged. Minutes of entire session read and approved.

On motion we adjourn to meet in an adjourned session at 7 p. m. on Wednesday December 25, 1918, with the Paintsville Freewill Baptist Church, Paintsville, Johnson County, Kentucky. (Paintsville is on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad just half way between Ashland and Elkhorn City, Ky.)

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. D. B. Duniphin of Oklahoma.

Ira Waterman, Clerk.

John H. Wolfe, Moderator.



REV. C. E. MANN, TREASURER, AND FAMILY

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REPORT OF PRESIDENT

To the Members of the Executive Board and the Co-operative General Association:

GREETING:—Your Chairman of the Executive Board and President of the College would respectfully report his combined work covering the past year since our meeting in the Philadelphia church, Missouri, January 1st, 1917.

First of all we want to thank our Heavenly Father for the blessings and leadership during the past year, for without it all this work would have been a failure, but with it much has been accomplished for which on bended knees we as a people should humbly acknowledge these manifold blessings. He has not only been the author of the plans but He has helped move those plans to perfection and in many instances, so rapidly that we have been hurried to keep in sight of the advancing work. In others we have been led to feel that we must keep our hands off of the moving ark.

The first work done was our trip to Tecumseh, Oklahoma, Jan. 12th, to investigate the College proposition growing out of the vote to establish a College for the west and the southwest, having had some correspondence with a party here in this city. A meeting of the business men of the city was called by Mr. E. L. Rosebush, President of the Tecumseh National Bank, for the purpose of hearing our plans as to a location for our proposed Denominational College, resulting in a proposition that they would buy the Indianola Business College with its five acres of ground, lying just east of the City of Tecumseh, having one 3-story 40x60 ft. brick building and a frame building 30x40 ft., along with a cash consideration of \$1,000 to help in overhauling the buildings for our use. All of this to be a freewill offering to our denomination for College purposes. Immediately we began preparations to close up our affairs in Nebraska, and the Nebraska State Work with which we had been identified for nearly 20 years, and we moved here April 15th, spent the summer in overhauling of the buildings for College and the NEW MORNING STAR purposes.

There were two things necessary in establishing a College, viz: Buildings in which to hold forth a school, and a Faculty to teach. So in securing these we have spent the months preceeding the opening of the College work in getting these two necessary things, and had none in which to work for students; this perhaps being the main reason why so few with which to begin the work of the school part, and yet we feel that this was a blessing in many ways for in laying plans for a foundation of a College that would stand for CHARACTER one must not be crowded lest he forget that God was the leader.

The first work done was the moving of the NEW MORNING STAR from Weatherford, Texas, and establishing it in the frame building upon the College Campus, having done some repairing, such as repairing the roof, three new doors, changing windows and adding new lights, with a rest room in one corner, repairing the floor, giving the building a new coat of paint, and putting in office fixtures which add much to the efficiency of the office, and expected to have instaled a good Cylinder Press by the time this body met, but we lacked a little of the purchase price, and having started out with the principle to pay as we go and to incur no

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debt, we are waiting.

After having located the STAR in its own home with Bro. and Sister Morris at the helm, and having secured a good abstracted title to the property, we proceeded to the main work around and in the main building such as a new cement walk from building to street, repairing and painting the roof, and painting all other wood-work on outside of building, added a new roof to the deck, making stoop in rear of building, replastering where needed on all three floors, put in partitions on first floor to make four rooms out of one, varnishing all wood-work on the inside of the building and tinting all walls with from two to three coats, making platform and pulpit, with all the seats for the Chapel, installing electric lights on all three floors, purchasing chairs and teachers' tables for all the recitation rooms, and many other minor repairs. All of this was done with the \$848 paid in by the Business Men's Committee of the \$1,000 promised, of which the balance we feel sure will yet come in, and a little more used from the funds that came in for College purposes. This property is being turned over to the denomination free of any debt, along with the continued good will of the good people of Tecumseh and others. What more could we wish and for which we should humbly thank our good people of Tecumseh through the faithful and courteous work of their business men.

After completing the work in and upon the buildings and grounds, we held a COLLEGE OPENING DAY on Aug. 6th in recognition of our appreciation to those who had made it possible for us to have so beautiful a property and so nicely located. This social time was held in the College Chapel and was addressed by various ones representing the business of the city and county, passing a very profitable and pleasant evening.

Little could our three Field Superintendents anticipate the great work that would fall upon their shoulders when accepting the responsibilities of their office, and not knowing the needs that would come upon them, they must carry out their original plans in evangelistic work. Bro. W. E. Dearmore, who had moved with us to teach some of the preparatory branches and to take some work as a student, was asked by the Superintendents to go out in their stead to raise funds for the College and STAR, which he did, receiving only his traveling expenses, raising between \$600 and \$700, which has come as a God-send to the work here.

To select and transplant a Faculty without a dollar with which to call them to this great work may have looked at the beginning to have been an impossible task, but as with everything else the Lord came to the rescue and directed Bro. and Sister Morris with the STAR this way to lay all upon the Altar for both College and paper, which no one can understand only those who have been near and worked with them. And next came Bro. and Sister Smith, we believe prompted by the Lord to make a visit out this way and yielding to the call, are with us. And still more of the unexpected in being able to secure Rev. Ellen A. Copp, Madison, Wis., and Prof. and Sister Lawrence of Unicoi, Tenn., who like the others are laying all upon the altar. And we want to say right here that we doubt if any president of any institution of learning anywhere can show a more loyal and self-sacrificing set of men and women than we have in this noble band coming without one dollar of guarantee for sal-

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ary or living, willing to lay all upon the Altar of God and for the upbuilding of our beloved denomination and God's Kingdom.

We now have ten in the Faculty, seven in the work now and the other three coming within the year. They are as follows, with their work as so far assigned:

John H. Wolfe, President and Head of Department of Theology, Philosophy and Fuller Professorship of Systematic Theology.
Rev. S. L. Morris, Secretary and Lecturer in Department of Sacred History, Apologetics.

Rev. Delia S. Wolfe, Department of History and Languages.

Mrs. Grace I. Morris, Department of Mathematics and Physics.

Mrs. Pearl K. Smith, Dean of Women and Head of Department of Preparatory Work.

Rev. Samra Smith, Department of Chemistry and Biology and Department of Expression.

Rev. Ellen A. Copp and Prof. George W. Lawrence and Angelia Lawrence, not as yet located as to work.

With all the material, buildings and work on hand, it was no small work to map out and arrange the Courses, allotting each respective student to an hour so as to have no conflict in any of the Courses. The following Courses have been outlined with their respective preparatory work: Classical, Philosophical and Scientific, Literary, and Classical Theological all with their three years of preparatory work, making seven-year courses. Our English Theological and the Department of Expression are each a four-year Course, and last comes the Normal, covering three years preparing teachers for their work. The writing the body of the Catalogue and all that went with that part of the work along with the setting of all the type and printing it, was no small task.

Bro. William Fuller of Elk Creek, Nebraska, a loyal and true Freewill Baptist, gave the first money on Endowment, giving \$500 and in honor of his being the first to contribute and in respect and appreciation for his long service in the work, we named the First Professorship in his honor. This fund is to be loaned on good farms and the interest only used.

We are forced to record some changes in the Executive Board just when the closest co-operation was needed, especially as the Chairman was doing double duty and had his hands and heart more than full every moment of the year. Bro. Hardin resigned as Treasurer and later from the Board. Bro. Mann was elected to serve as Treasurer and Bro. Fuller of Nebraska to fill vacancy.

We were fortunate in getting out the Edition of the Treatise as per vote of the General Association. This was made possible by the generous offer of Bro. and Sister McAdams to advance the money, \$150, for 500 copies, taking their pay from the sale of the books. Nearly the amount is now deposited in the Bank to their credit. The demand has been so great that this Edition is nearly exhausted and we must take steps immediately to have a larger number reprinted. The book was printed as per vote with the exception the body was made to correspond with our General Association policy and the addition (by vote of the Board) of the Foot-washing clause along with the Foot-note which has done more to harmonize our people than any other one thing. The "give and take" method that must be used in all this unifying work is one that we feel is prompted of the Lord to assist in getting these thousands of Freewill

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Baptists in a good harmonious working condition where as one man we can move forward in this great Field and Work. We feel grateful for the harmony thus produced and for the prospects of the ultimate coming together of all of our people.

The need of a Girls' Dormitory was soon made manifest for the successfully carrying on the work as far as the girls were concerned. I had bargained for the large square house opposite the College for an home for ourselves. This we have converted into a Dormitory with Bro. and Sister Smith located in the same to care for and manage the same, making an ideal place for the girls who may desire to either room and board out or to cheapen expenses to board themselves.

The College was formally opened for students September 12th with a few students, owing to the fact that we had made no effort for such, having given our whole time in getting things ready. And the second place that made the attendance light was the war, and local condition in gathering a large crop of cotton, thus keeping many out until this crop might be gathered. A few kept dropping in until we closed with a larger number and prospects for a larger number during the next term. We are not discouraged in any way but with our faces toward the future, we press on, sure of still larger success.

The work is going so nicely here and all over the denomination that we feel no need of recommending many new objects needing attention, but the rather cultivating the spots already under cultivation, with the exception of one or two interests that we can look after with perhaps very little if any more financial obligations than at present, viz: The adding of a Business Department to the College and just as soon as possible an Agricultural Department. The former is imperative as we are forced to turn away students every few days who are seeking Business training. The other pressing need for the denomination is a Field Secretary, and this need not at present add any further burden to the Association, and yet be of untold blessing to us at the present time. This matter I feel like fully recommending for your careful and prayerful consideration, and if adopted I want to recommend that Bro. Samra Smith be placed in that work if it can be accomplished without removing him from the College work as an Instructor.

Our POLICY as stated before has been and is "NO DEBTS TO BE MADE," so that all that has been done comes before you for your approval without one dollar of indebtedness upon it.

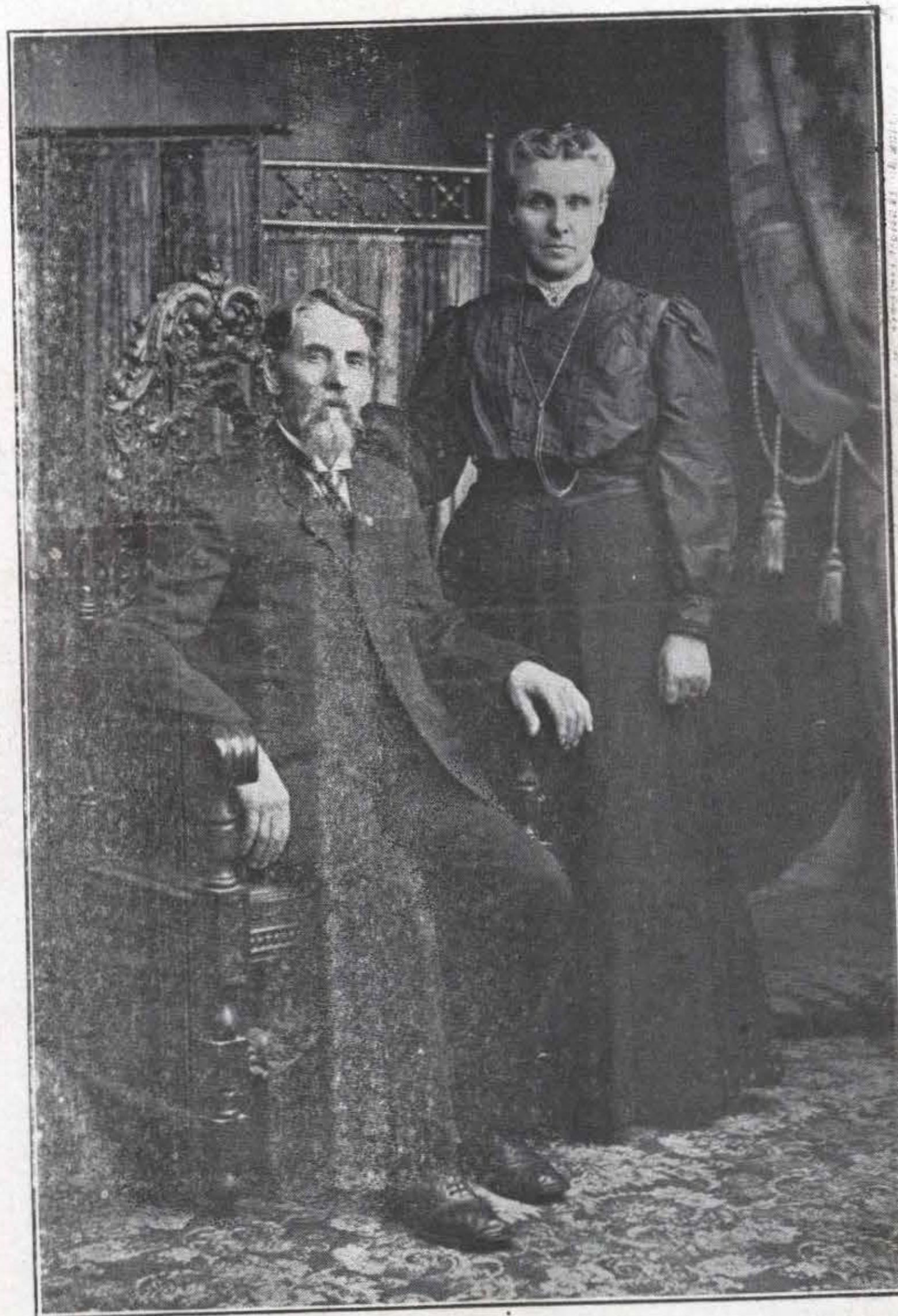
Financial Report:

A. RECEIVED:

1. From Treasurer	\$ 394.37	
2. From pledges, tuition and collections	276.70	
3. From miscellaneous, books and pasture	8.00	
4. From Business Men's Committee	848.00	
Total	\$1527.07	\$1527.07

B. PAID OUT:

1. Freight on STAR	\$ 50.00	
2. Freight on type	12.00	
3. Bought 8-point type	20.45	
4. Gallies and cuts	8.65	



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM FULLER, Who gave the first \$500 Endowment to the Tecumseh Freewill Baptist College.

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5	Cement walk	72.00	
6	Repairing and painting roof.....	122.50	
7	Electric lights	62.45	
8	Stoves and fixtures	59.35	
9	Chairs and tables	140.50	
10	Coal	23.25	
11	College insurance	38.25	
12	January trip to Tecumseh.....	25.00	
13	Incidentals, as stamps, drayage, freight.....	20.25	
14	On Consolidation of Pruning Hook.....	10.00	
15	Secretary's books	1.50	
16	Catalogue and other printing.....	44.70	
17	Use of electric lights	5.80	
18	Teachers' Text Books	7.30	
19	W. E. Dearmore to State Association	2.30	
20	W. E. Dearmore return, pledged to him	5.00	
21	John H. Wolfe, on living, July 15th	32.55	
22	Samra Smith, on teaching	33.00	
23	Delia S. Wolfe, teaching.....	10.00	
24	Grace I. Morris, teaching	33.00	
25	Pearl K. Smith, teaching	33.00	
26	W. E. Dearmore, teaching	33.00	
27	John H. Wolfe, teaching	33.00	
28	General overhauling, lumber, paints, plaster, var- nish, brushes, and work.....	512.57	
		\$1452.27	\$1452.27
			Balance \$ 74.80
C. ENDOWMENT FUND:			
1	Received from Bro. Wm. Fuller, Elk Creek, Nebraska.....		\$500.00
D LOANED OUT:			
1	Samra Smith, Tecumseh, Okla.....		\$200.00
2	John H. Wolfe, Tecumseh, Okla.....		300.00
			\$500.00

With gratitude to Him who giveth all good things and appreciation to our own people for their loyalty, and to the brethren of the Board, I humbly submit this our first report.

JOHN H. WOLFE,
Chairman of Board and President.

BIBLICAL CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL.

In the Correspondence School, the Denomination has a medium through which to make possible, along with our Colleges, a fully equipped Ministry inasmuch as no one need go without a preparation for his life's work.

The School provides three FULL COURSES, covering the FUNDAMENTALS, as follows: Course No. 1—Systematic Theology and History of the Bible; myself as Teacher. No. 2—Church History and Evidences of Christianity; Rev. G. S. Latimer, Haddam, Kansas, Teacher. No. 3—Pastoral Theology and Practical Theology; Rev. Ira Waterman, Eldridge, Missouri, Teacher.

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Tuition is absolutely FREE as the only expense attached to the Three Courses is for the books, amounting to \$6.75, with a possible addition another year when a book in Pastoral and Practical Theology may be added in Bro. Waterman's Department.

So far there have been enrolled twelve, who are taking all three courses, part of whom have not as yet returned their first set of examination answers. It means an extra expense and added work for each one of the heads of the departments and no student should compell any of the Teachers to add to his already expense and time that of writing for the return of the examination questions and answers.

We are fully persuaded that this work fills a great need to all those who are not able to attend one of our schools and to those who may want to review his studies. During this past year, two hindering causes have been experienced, viz: I have been crippled in this work on account of my moving here last spring and having the extra work of getting all of the work connected with the College ready for its opening this last September and also from the fact that the Butler-Dunn Theology had become exhausted, from which we have been obliged to withhold enrolling students until the book could be reprinted. Trusting and praying and working for a reprinting of the Theology, and that we may have a still larger enrollment this coming year, we remain,

Yours for the Master,
JOHN H. WOLFE, Dean.

Humbly submitted to the Co-operative General Association of Freewill Baptists convened at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, December 26-30th, 1917.

REPORT OF EDITOR MORRIS

As Editor of THE NEW MORNING STAR I make the following report:

One year ago the General Co-operative Association of Freewill Baptists convened at old Philadelphia Church near Pattonsburg, Missouri in its first session. I was elected editor of THE NEW MORNING STAR at that time, and have tried to fill that position the best I could. The work has been very pleasant to me. Those with whom I have had to deal have seemed to try to make the work just as pleasant to the Editor as possible, and I want just here to thank one and all for their patience and faithful co-operation with me.

One year ago to-day the STAR Office was located in Weatherford, Texas with 500 subscribers. The subscription list has grown until it has almost doubled itself during the past year. The office is now located in a building on the College campus, Tecumseh, Oklahoma. Since moving the office there has been some new type bought, along with other needful things that has greatly improved the efficiency of the office. Then later Rev. Samra Smith, Editor of the BIBLICAL BEACON came with the proposition of consolidation, making the BEACON and the STAR one paper, and he placed at the disposal of the denomination his entire office fixtures, without money and without price. This has proven to be a great blessing to our work. It is hard for those who are not acquainted with Bro. and Sister Smith to rightly appreciate their real worth to the work here. In fact we feel that we

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cannot do without them in the STAR Office. And just here we wish to offer this suggestion: That Rev. Samra Smith be elected as one of the editors of the New MORNING STAR.

Then comes Bro. W. C. Austin, editor of the PRUNING HOOK with the suggestion of consolidation, and willingly turns his subscription list to the STAR, making one paper of the three.

Rev. John H. Wolfe has done very much as an associate editor since the Office has been moved to Tecumseh to improve the paper, as all have doubtless noticed.

We have gotten out a new edition of the Treatise, that has done much in the way of unifying our people. The cost of material and labor has made the price perhaps a little higher than we hoped for. We placed them at 40 cents each, with the understanding that no one should sell them to any individual for any more nor any less, treating all alike.

We are waiting patiently for the large cylinder press to be installed in the office, and yet it is hard to be patient when we realize the work is outgrowing the machinery that we now have.

If we can judge from the present, the Star has a bright future before it.
S. L. Morris.

REPORTS OF FIELD SUPERINTENDENTS

Rev. Ira Waterman of Eldridge, Missouri, reports much good work done by him along evangelistic lines with 583 conversions, and that he secured 107 subscriptions to the STAR, and \$1000 conditional pledges for the College. He also worked up a good interest for the Biblical Correspondence School, and sold 81 Treaties, at the same time doing considerable in scattering information from the Mississippi River to North Carolina.

Rev. H. M. McAdams of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, reports that he and Sister McAdams had held twelve revival meetings with 532 conversions, organized two new churches, one in Nebraska and one in Oklahoma. Considerable money was collected for the College and for publications, not forgetting Foreign Missions, and arousing a general interest for the Co-operative General Association.

With the consent of the Executive Board, Bro. McAdams appointed Rev. W. E. Dearmore to work in his stead. Rev. Dearmore reports \$639.00 secured in cash and pledges for the College and for publication, and that he secured over 200 subscriptions for the paper, and sold 36 Treaties. He also held six revival meetings with good results.

Rev. T. C. Ferguson of Niangua, Missouri reports that on account of his time being largely taken up in revival work, he was unable to properly carry the field superintendent's work, and asked that the Association accept his resignation. He suggested several items of business looking toward co-operation and unifying of interests with the General Baptists, who are similar to us in doctrine and polity.

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REPORT OF TREASURER

To the Co-operative General Association of
Freewill Baptists in session at Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

Greeting in Jesus Name:

Your Treasurer would respectfully report the following receipts and ex-
penditures from January 1st, 1917, to December 26th, 1917:

To College and Publication	\$2215.87.
By Expenditures	\$2173.07.
Amount on hand	\$42.80.
To Foreign Missions	\$77.39.
By Expenditures	\$74.64.
Amount on hand	\$2.75.
To cash on hand for Home Mis.	\$9.11.
To cash on hand for Business Col.	50.00.
Total amount received	\$2552.57.
Total paid out	\$2247.71.
Cash on hand	\$104.66.

Respectfully submitted, C. E. Mann, Treasurer, Santa Rosa, Mo.

Associate Editors New Morning Star

John H. Wolfe, G. S. Latimer, R. F. Pittman, Ira Waterman and
Mrs. Essie Hearron.

Editors Young Peoples' Society Literature

A. R. Flowers, R. M. Waterman, Alice Lupton and Ira Waterman.

Editors Sunday School Literature

E. T. Phillips and John H. Wolfe.

Biblical Correspondence School

John H. Wolfe, Dean, G. S. Latimer, Secretary
Faculty

John H. Wolfe, Systematic Theology and History of the Bible.

G. S. Latimer, Church History and Evidence of Christianity.

Ira Waterman, Pastoral and Practical Theology.

Special Offering Days

Education Day—First Sunday in March.

Publication Day—First Sunday in June.

Orphanage Day—Fourth Sunday in July.

Home Mission Day—First Sunday in September.

Foreign Mission Day—First Sunday in December.



**Our Missionaries to British West Indies
Revs. Hiram and Lizzie McAdams
Who Were Elected Recently.**



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ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES

Ministers.

Austin, W. C., Shawnee, Okla.
Bean, J. E., Lexington, Okla.
Caskey, James A., Wanette, Okla.
Conley, H. B., Paintsville, Ky.
Conley, G. W., Cushing, Okla.
Dearmore, W. E., Tecumseh, Okla.
Duckworth, J. F., Greentop, Mo.
Fields, W. G., Wynnewood, Okla.
Flynn, Mrs. Willie, Weatherford, Tex.
Grover, Ada, Edison, Nebr.
Huddleston, W. A., Non, Okla.
Latimer, G. S., Haddam, Kans.
Mann, C. E., Santa Rosa, Mo.
McAdams, H. M., Edgar, Nebr.
McAdams, Lizzie, Edgar, Nebr.
Morris, S. L., Tecumseh, Okla.
Murphy, Timothy, Charleston, W. Va.
Pittman, R. F., Ayden, N. C.
Rice, J. A., Antioch, Okla.
Roberts, R. A., Alvarado, Texas.
Rogers, Linnie, Tecumseh, Okla.

Skelton, A. D., Clinton, Okla.
Smith, Samra, Tecumseh, Okla.
Talbert, A. B., Drumright, Okla.
Tatum, J. L., Caddo, Okla.
Waterman, Ira, Eldridge, Mo.
West, W. R., Asher, Okla.
Wolfe, J. H., Tecumseh, Okla.
Wolfe, Delia S., Tecumseh, Okla.
Yandell, I. W., Maud, Okla.

Laity.

Easley, J. A., Provence, Okla.
Fowler, J. D., Greentop, Mo.
Latimer, Mrs. G. S., Haddam, Kans.
Morse, M. L., Denman, Nebr.
Nall, W. A., Edgar, Nebr.
Palmer, G. O., Asher, Okla.
Parsons, F. L., Rose, Kans.
Reger, E. F., Edgar, Nebr.
Rush, S. B., Non, Okla.
Russell, Eugene, Non, Okla.
Sudderth, J. L., Lexington, Okla.
Wright, G. W., Clinton, Okla.

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FREEWILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **The Bible.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **God.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe, and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. **Christ.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The Mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. **The Holy Spirit.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the reprover, comforter, guide and sanctifier of men.

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5. **The Government of God.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **The Sinfulness of Man.** Man was created innocent but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **The Work of Christ.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of Salvation by faith.

8. **The Terms of Salvation.** The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **Election.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. **Freedom of the Will.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. **Salvation Free.** God desires the salvation of all, the God invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take the water of life freely.

12. **Perseverance.** All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. **Gospel Ordinances, Baptism,** or immersion of believers in water, and the **Lord's Supper,** are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; **Feet Washing,** an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. **The Christian Sabbath.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. **Resurrection, Judgment and Final Retribution.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection life, and they that have done ill unto the resurrection of judgment; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and "to provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotion, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sabbath Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

