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# FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented by*

Mrs. W. O. Martin

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### **ROLL OF OFFICERS:**

B. F. BROWN, Moderator; Tecumseh, Okla.  
W. E. DEARMORE, Assist.-Mod., Non, Okla.  
W. H. YORK, Clerk; Hannon Mo.  
W. G. FIELDS, Assist.-Clerk; Tecumseh, Okla.  
W. G. FIELDS, Treas. of Ex. Board, Tecumseh, Okla.  
B. F. BROWN, Field Supt.; Tecumseh, Okla.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

E. C. WHITEHEAD, Chr'm.; Anderson, Mo.  
W. G. FIELDS, Sec'y.-Treas.; Tecumseh, Okla.  
R. A. ROBERTS, Membr.; Alvarado, Texas.  
IRA WATERMAN, Membr.; Eldridge, Mo.  
A. B. EPPERSON, Membr.; Seminole, Okla.

### **NATIONAL EVANGELISTS:**

T. J. TOWNSEND, Wetumkeh, Oklahoma.  
IRA WATERMAN, Eldridge, Missouri.  
R. A. ROBERTS, Alvarado, Texas.  
J. A. EDMONSON, Seminole, Oklahoma.  
G. W. BENTON, Oklahoma.

### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:**

IRA WATERMAN, Chr'm.; Eldridge, Mo.  
LUSTER REGER, Sec'y.; Firth, Neb.  
W. H. YORK, Executive Treas.; Hannon, Mo.  
A. B. TALBART, Membr.; Drumright, Okla.  
LIZZIE McADAMS, Advisory Me'br.; Bedias, Tex.

### **CORRESPONDENCE TEACHERS:**

JOHN H. WOLFE, Haddam, Kansas.  
W. E. DEARMORE, Non, Oklahoma.  
IRA WATERMAN, Eldridge, Missouri.

### **PRINTING FORCE:**

Eld. W. A. HERRON, Editor, Tecumseh, Okla.  
Eld. W. L. FIELDS, Associate Editor, Tecumseh, Okla.  
Eld. IRA WATERMAN, Supt., of Publications.

### **COLLEGE FACULTY:**

Eld. B. F. BROWN, Pres.; Tecumseh, Okla.  
GRACE I. MORRIS, Tecumseh, Okla.  
CORA LAMAR, Tecumseh, Okla.

### **CLERK'S NOTE**

To the Free Will Baptist Brethren located here and there throughout the boundries of the Co-Operative General Association, also to all those into whose hands the pages of these minutes shall come; peace and greeting in Jesus Name, from your clerk.

Last year my minute work was not in very good shape, and the reason was, I left the manuscripts in our Star Printing Office at Tecumseh, Okla., in a very unfinished shape; expecting to return there to do the work myself, having been elected as editor of the star in the 1922 session. I had every preparation made for my return to the office, when suddenly, I was taken ill, with typhoid fever, which resulted in ten weeks in bed. Being advised to resign on account of my nervous condition and especially my eyes which was left in a very weak condition; I took the advise and resigned. This left the manuscripts there at the office in poor condition. So soon as my strength would allow, we had to move from where we were then living. My parents are left almost wholly to my care, so with those many cares I entirely forgot to send for the manuscripts in time to finish them, but thanks to the editor and his help for doing the work which I had ought to have did.

The contents of this minute work has been arranged in such order as to enable the reader to readily find any report when needed. All reports may be referred to by the titles they bear, such as: Roll of committees, Committee reports, Amendments, under the heading "AMENDMENTS" in order with other committees in the committee roll, etc.

In the roll of ministers and delegates you will find the names and addresses of each, to what church they belong and to what association, also state.

Hoping you will be pleased with my efforts to serve you, as ever I am, your humble servant, clerk.

Yours in Christ, Eld. W. H. YORK, Hannon Mo.



## PROCEEDINGS

The Co-Operative General Association of Free Will Baptists met in Tecumseh College Church, Tecumseh, Okla., July 31, 1923 in an adjourned session from the fourth triennial session.

### Tuesday Evening

Praise by congregation. First John third chapter was read by the Clerk, W. H. York. Prayer by Sister Lizzie McAdams.

Elder B. F. Brown, Moderator, appointed a committee on program as follows:—J. A. Guilliams, Grace I. Morris, F. A. Strawn, J. A. Carr, Mrs. E. F. Reger, all of Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

Program committee announced W. H. York and T. J. Townsend to preach the introductory sermon.

Preaching services. Scripture read, I Cor. 16. Text I Cor. 15:58. Prayer by Eld. Ira Waterman.

This was a very interesting meeting. At the close of the service we had a friendly handshake greeting and by that act promised each other to pray God's guidance in all business sessions, endeavoring to keep the bond of peace in Christian Union.

Eld. B. F. Brown, Moderator. A motion carried to adjourn till 8:30 A. M. Wednesday morning.

B. F. Brown was present and opened all business sessions throughout the Associational period.

### Wednesday A. M.

Praise by Cong. Lesson Isa. 6. Prayer by T. J. Townsend.

Business period. A Quorum was declared present by

moderator. Corresponding letters called for. A letter from the Southren Illinois Conference of Free Will Baptists was read. (See report page.)

Moderator appointed a committee on Credentials as follows:—Eld's. Ira Waterman, W. H. York and W. A. Herron.

Motion carried, that the committee on credentials examine Eld. W. R. Spurlock, delegate, as to the harmony of the doctrine taught by the Southren Illinois conference of Free Will Baptists. Brother Spurlock answered all questions agreeably, and the report was submitted to the conference.

Motion carried, to adopt the report and that the Southren Illinois Free Will Baptists be admitted into the body, which admitted Eld. W. R. Spurlock and W. M. Jones to seats as delegates in the conference.

Credentials committee reported: that all representatives now enrolled are in good standing. Report adopted. Minutes of Tuesday evening read and approved.

Motion carried, to buy a permanent record for all our manuscripts.

Moderator appointed all committees as follows:—College, Finance, Publication, Education, Auditing, Evangelistic, Amendments, Financial Drive, Resolutions. (See Roll of committees on back pages.)

Roll Call. Twenty-one answered present. (See Roll of Ministers and Delegates on back pages.)

Motion carried, to adjourn business for divine services to be conducted by Sister Lizzie McAdams. This meeting was a spiritual feast and several interesting testimonial talks were made.

Preaching services by Eld's. J. W. Ragland and Eli



Pults, who gave us a helpful, spiritual service. Benediction by J. A. Williams.

### Wednesday P. M.

Praise by Cong. Scripture Isa 53. Prayer by W. L. Fleet, a visiting Church of God Minister.

Minutes of Wednesday morning read and approved.

Elder W. H. York, of Hannon, Mo., requested the endorsement of a book of Biographies of Free Will Baptist Ministers and the proceeds from the sale of the same to go into a fund to pension our aged and infirmed ministers. The proceeds from the sale of this work in each state to be placed in the hands of the Executive Boards in each state represented in this General Conference; to pension the ministers represented in that particular state.

Motion carried; to endorse the book of biographies as recommended by Bro. York.

Committee on Publication report adopted. (See back pages for report and brother Waterman's outlines.)

Preaching service by Eld's. M. T. Holley and J. A. Caskey. Lesson, Eccl. 12. Text, 2 Sam. 23:10. We gathered much helpful information spiritually from the brethrens discourse. Prayer by Luster Reger.

### Thursday A. M.

Praise by Cong. Lesson St. John 10; 1-13. Prayer by Moderator.

Minutes of Wednesday P. M. session read and approved.

Evangelistic Committee report, adopted. (See back pages for report and names of evangelists.)

Report of College committee, adopted. (See back pages for report.)

Report of Clerk, adopted. (See back pages for report.)

Forty-five minutes recess declared, so that all committees might make out final reports.

Called to order at 10:40 o'clock.

Motion carried, to adjourn till 2:30 P. M. Benediction by M. T. Holley.

Preaching service by Elder Spurlock of Illinois. Lesson, Mat. 7; 1-13. This was a very inspiring service. Prayer by A. B. Talbart.

### Thursday P. M.

Praise by Cong. Lesson 1 Cor. 9. Prayer by J. A. Caskey.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Committee on Education report, adopted. (See report on back pages.)

Treasurer of Executive Board report, adopted. (See report on back pages.)

Eld. Ira Waterman National Evangelist report, adopted. (Report on back pages.)

Resolution report, adopted. (Report on back pages.)

Moderator appointed a committee on finance for a twenty-five thousand dollar drive. (See committee roll for names on back pages.)

The financial drive committee met and organized as follows: Pres. W. H. York, Sec'y. Luster Reger. Ira Waterman, as chairman of the committee and W. H. York as Pres. of the drive.

Motion carried to adjourn. Prayer by D. B. Duniphan.

8:00 o'clock P. M. Preaching service by Sister Lizzie



McAdams. Praise by Cong. Prayer by W. H. York. Lesson St. John 13; 1-34. Text 1 John 3; 16.

At the close of the service Sister McAdams took an offering for the college teachers amounting to \$13.79, and brother W. G. Fields sold a quilt for \$16.10, which went into the general fund for college use. Prayer by A. B. Talbart.

#### Friday A. M.

Praise by Cong. Lesson St. John 13.

Devotional services led by brother B. F. Brown, while the committees were out arranging their work. This was a very inspiring service, several interesting and helpful talks were made. Closing prayer by brother Quince Moore.

Called into session.

Minutes of Thursday P. M. read and approved.

Roll call, twenty-one present. (See list on back pages.)

Motion carried to adjourn.

11:00 o'clock preaching service by A. B. Talbart and A. B. Epperson. Lesson Esther 4. Text 14th verse. This was a very good service. Prayer by W. G. Fields. Benediction by Lizzie McAdams.

#### Friday P. M.

Praise by Cong. Lesson St. John 10; 1-31. Prayer by A. B. Epperson.

Minutes of Friday A. M. session read and approved.

Elder W. A. Herron, was elected as editor of the New Morning Star.

Motion carried, to suspend the rules and elect brother R. A. Roberts of Alvarado, Texas, to succeed himself as member on the Executive Board.

Motion carried, to suspend the rules and elect brother E. C. Whitehead of Anderson, Mo., to succeed brother W. A. Herron of Tecumseh, Okla., as chairman on the Executive Board.

Auditing committee report, adopted. (See report on back pages.)

Amendments committee report, adopted. (See report on back pages.)

Motion carried, for B. F. Brown as President of our college at Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

Financial drive committee report, adopted. (Report on back pages.)

W. G. Fields, Treasurer of the Executive Board states that he has paid out of his own money (\$138.75) for the work here at Tecumseh and was given in his report as due him, but he donated that amount to the cause, to be recorded as paid.

A unanimous vote of thanks was given to brother Fields for his liberal donation.

A motion carried, to adjourn. Prayer by A. B. Epperson.

8:00 o'clock preaching service by Ira Waterman. Lesson, Mark 2. Text Mark, 2-5.

#### Saturday A. M.

Praise by Cong. Lesson 1 John, 4. Prayer by Moderator. Minutes of Friday evening read and approved.

Motion carried, to adopt a bylaw to pay the Clerk of this association \$10.00, per session for his services.

Motion carried, to adopt bylaws as follows: Amendments committee report, adopted; on feet washing.

Motion carried, to refer payment of teachers salary to



the Executive Board to pass upon.

Motion carried, to let the Executive Board set the future salary of the College President.

Resolutions committee report, adopted; on instructions to the Treasurers.

Motion carried, to meet again next year in the second adjourned session from the fourth triennial session.

Motion carried, to meet on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in August, 1924.

Motion carried, to meet at Tecumseh college church, Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

Motion carried, to grant the clerk the right to superintend the printing of the minutes; and have whatever amount printed the treasury for same affords.

Motion carried, to grant brother Ira Waterman the right to superintend the publication of the Twenty-five Bible outlines submitted by him.

Motion carried, that brother Ira Waterman preach the introductory sermon next year.

Motion carried, to adopt the final report of the committee on Temperance and Necrology.

Motion carried, to adjourn till our next adjourned session in August, 1924.

Saturday evening preaching services by W. H. York. Lesson 1 Cor. 15; 21-58. Text Job. 14;14.

Sunday 11 A. M. preaching services by Ira Waterman. Lesson Rev. 22. Text S. John 10;24. This was a fine service and God was present in mighty power. Two young ladies were converted.

Sunday evening preaching services by B. F. Brown our college President, who gave us a splendid sermon. Lesson S. John 1;1. Text 1st verse. Benediction by brother Waterman.

## Roll of Ministers and Delegates

| Name                  | Church            | Association                | Address            |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Eld. M. T. Holley,    | Elm Flat          | Dibble                     | Rush Springs, Ok.  |
| Eld. A. B. Talbart,   | Drumright,        | First Okla.                | Drumright, Ok.     |
| Eld. W.G.Fields,      | Tecumseh,         | Col. First Ok.,            | Tecumseh, Ok.      |
| Eld. W.L.Fields,Jr.   | Tecumseh,         | Col. 1st Ok.               | Tecumseh, Ok.      |
| Eld.J.A.Caskey,       | Box church,       | First Ok.,                 | Trousdale, Ok.     |
| Eld. Eli E. Pults,    | North View,       | First Ok.                  | Shawnee, Okla.     |
| Del. I.B.Dunaway,     | Box church,       | First Ok.                  | Trousdale, Ok.     |
| Del. W. A. Rayner,    | North View,       | First Ok.                  | Tecumseh Ok.       |
| Del. J.S. Karr,       | North View,       | First Ok.                  | Tecumseh, Ok.      |
| Eld. D.B.Duniphan,    | Golbey,           | Dibble,                    | Washington, Okla.  |
| Eld. Linnie Duniphan, | Golbey,           | Dibble,                    | Washington, Ok.    |
| Eld. W.A.Herron,      | Hawkins,          | Dibble,                    | Tecumseh, Ok.      |
| Eld. B.C.Munkus,      | Orange Chapel,    | Dibble,                    | Washington,Ok.     |
| Eld. Luster Reger,    | Blackwood,        | Neb. Yr. Mt. Firth,        | Nebr.              |
| Eld. Ada Reger,       | Grandview,        | Neb. Yr. Mt. Firth,        | Nebr.              |
| Eld.B.F.Brown,        | Hannon,           | S.W.Mo.&S.E.Kan,           | Tecumseh.          |
| Eld.W.H. York,        | Fairview,         | S.W.Mo.&S.E.Kan.           | Hannan,Mo.         |
| Eld. J.W.Ragland,     | Oakman,           | Center,                    | Ada, Okla.         |
| Eld. W.C.Austin,      | Let.from Sulphur, | Center,                    | Shawnee, Ok.       |
| Eld. T.J.Townsend,    | S. Grove,         | Canadian,                  | Wetumkeh, Ok.      |
| Eld.A.B.Epperson,     | Liberty,          | Canadian,                  | Seminole, Okla.    |
| Eld.W.R.Spurlock,     | New Beth.         | S. N. Ill. Yr. Mt. Bonnie, | Ill.               |
| Eld.W.M.Jones,        | Union Church,     | " "                        | Thompsonville,Ill. |

## Visiting Ministers

|                 |                  |                |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Lizzie McAdams, | Washington, N.C. | Bedias, Texas. |
| W. L. Fleet,    | Church of God,   | Tecumseh, Ok.  |



## Roll of Committees

### NAMES & COMMITTEES

#### Program

J. A. Guilliams  
Grace I. Morris  
F. A. Strawn  
J. A. Carr  
Mrs. E. F. Reger

#### Credentials

Ira Waterman  
W. H. York  
W. A. Herron

#### College

D. B. Duniphan  
Ada Reger  
J. W. Ragland

#### Finance

W. A. Herron  
B. C. Munkus  
I. B. Dunaway

#### Publication

Luster Reger  
Lizzie McAdams  
Ira Waterman

#### Education

W. G. Fields  
A. B. Talbart  
Linnie Duniphan

#### Auditing

M. T. Holley  
J. W. Ragland  
I. B. Dunaway

#### Evangelistic

T. J. Townsend  
M. T. Holley  
J. A. Caskey

#### Amendments

Ira Waterman  
J. W. Ragland  
W. L. Fields

#### Financial Drive

Ira Waterman  
Luster Reger  
A. B. Talbart  
Lizzie McAdams  
W. H. York

#### Resolutions

Chr. Eli E. Pults  
Mem. W. C. Austin  
Mem. A. B. Talbart

#### Obituary & Temperance

E. E. Pults  
A. B. Talbart  
W. C. Austin

## Report of College President

Your president of the college would respectfully report his work for the past year.

One year ago, I was elected a member of the executive board, and the board elected me as their chairman. At the close of the association the board met and organized, and proceeded to take care of all the business that would lawfully come before it. Brother J. H. Wolfe, was offered the presidency of the college and the board did all it could at that time for the maintainance of the school. Brother Wolfe refused to take the presidency of the college, everything was practically at a stand still until the board meeting held at Tecumseh, November 10, 1922; and at this time all things and conditions connected with the Tecumseh work was carefully considered.

Brother W. H. York who was elected editor at our regular session in Aug. 1922, was by illness rendered unable to take up the work as was planned, finally resigned. So no paper was published until in November, of that year. Accordingly I was elected as editor of the paper by the board, but when it was learned that Eld. W. A. Herron, of Alex, Oklahoma, would take the editorship, I was asked to resign by the board which I did; and the editorship was given to brother Herron. The board then asked me to resign as chairman of the board, that they might legally give me the presidency of the college, which I did. Finally I consented to be President of the college provided that satisfactory terms could be reached. The result of the board meeting was, Brother Herron was elected as editor and I as president of the col-

The addresses of all the committee names either appear in the roll of ministers and delegates or in the program committee nominated during Tuesday evening meeting.



lege, in November 1922.

After spending six weeks out on the field in interest of our school and paper, I came back to Tecumseh to resume my work as President, January 3, 1923.

We had but few students; a total enrollment of twenty-one from January to June. The school was small but good work was done by nearly every one. So far as the school is concerned the work has been agreeable and pleasant. Those associated with me in the work were: Mrs. S. L. Morris, as principal of the high school department; Mrs. Cora Lamar, as instructor in the business department. Both of these are real Christians and splendid teachers. Much of the success of the work was due to their efficient work.

One of the main things needed to make Tecumseh College a real school is finance. With sufficient finance to pay expenses and make the needed repairs and improvements, Tecumseh College could be made an attractive place; and there would be no lack of students. All the students enrolled last year were residents of Tecumseh.

I feel that the college ought to be sustained, and that God will hear our prayers, that necessary funds will be sent in. This is our testing time. I am sure that when our people do the will of God, to go and do and speak as He leads, we will have plenty and to spare and our school and paper will then work to an accomplished end.

I thank God for Tecumseh college, and pray that whoever may be future president and teachers, will truly be God's people.

Brethren, let us have faith in God and one another, and leave it all to Him.

Yours for service,

B. F. BROWN.

### Corresponding Letter

Sesser, Ill., July 27th, 1923.

To the General Conference of Free Will Baptists, Tecumseh, Okla.

Greetings:—The state of religion of the churches within the jurisdiction of the Southren Illinois Free Will Baptist conference is very good.

The Sabbath Schools and social meetings are gaining every day.

The ministers of the yearly conference are trying to build up the weaker churches.

This conference is composed of the following named Quarterly Meetings:—The Freedom Free Will Baptist Q. M. and the Franklin County Free Will Baptist Q. M.

This conference has under its jurisdiction twenty-seven churches and thirty ordained ministers.

We send to represent us, in your honorable body, Rev. W. R. Spurlock, of Ina, Ill., and Rev. W. M. Jones of Thompsonville, Ill., whom we deem worthy to seat in council.

Praying God's richest blessing on our General Conference and trust that harmony will prevail and that this conference will do something both for our school and paper.

We are your brethren in Christ.

HOSEA SMITH, Moderator.

C.A.McBRIDE, Y.M. Clerk.



### National Evangelist Report

As your National Evangelist, I beg to submit the following report:

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|---------------------------------------|------|
| Sermons preached .....                | 384  |
| Professions witnessed .....           | 447  |
| Received in the church .....          | 128  |
| Baptized .....                        | 38   |
| Assisted in ordaining ministers ..... | 6    |
| Assisted in ordaining deacons .....   | 5    |
| Miles traveled .....                  | 4980 |

Yours in the work, ELD. IRA WATERMAN.

### Treasurer's Report

As treasurer of the Executive Board and for the Association, I beg to make the following report:—

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Bond fees for treasurer .....      | \$ 5.00 |
| Paid to banks .....                | 485.21  |
| Teachers salary .....              | 410.37  |
| For fuel expenses .....            | 41.30   |
| Paid to W. A. Herron, editor ..... | 132.00  |
| For minute work .....              | 39.00   |
| For minute work .....              | 48.00   |
| General expenses .....             | 230.37  |
| Typewriter .....                   | 50.00   |

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| Total expenditure .....                              | \$1441.25 |
| Total amount received .....                          | 1302.52   |
| Balance due W. G. Fields, Treasurer .....            | 138.73    |
| Donated by W. G. Fields, .....                       | 138.73    |
| Balance in treasury .....                            | \$ 000.00 |
| O. K. Typewriter Co., by G. W. Benton .....          | \$ 58.25  |
| Interest paid to Jan. 1st, 1923 on A. I. Mann, note. |           |

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Program Committee

The work of this committee was to name the preachers who were to occupy the stand at every service.

#### Credentials

This committee was to make investigation of the standing of all representatives enrolled in this conference. Reports were made during Wednesday A. M. session.

#### College

This committee was to investigate the general needs of the college building and to pass resolutions such as would be of general interest to college advancement.

We your committee on college beg to submit the following report:—We find the college building in need of plaster repairing and recommend that the work be done.

We find that the institution is a little delinquent with the teachers salary and recommend that all our ministers ask that all our members give twenty-five cents per capita to raise funds for the present need and that this action be taken by Sept. 1st, 1923.

We heartily endorse the work of the Executive head in all their efforts to build up the school to a standard of the state of Oklahoma.

We recommend that more insurance be carried on the college building. Report made during the Thursday A. M. session.

#### Finance

This committee is to investigate the general financial needs and recommend such measures as to aid in finan-



cial lines.

Having made investigation of the financial conditions of the Tecumseh Free Will Baptist College and Press, we find them in need of funds.

Be it resolved that we raise twenty-five thousand dollars to be expended by the Executive Board on the college and printing press the next two years.

Be it further resolved that this association create a permanent committee of not less than five members nor more than nine members to supervise and execute plans to raise said sum at the earliest possible date. This committee as created shall of their membership elect a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer; who shall receive all monies and give legal receipts for all monies collected and send all monies collected to W. G. Fields, Treasurer of the Executive Board.

This report was handed in during the Thursday P. M. session by the committee on resolutions.

### **Publications**

This committee is to report all advancements made along the line of publications if they are to be recommended and to recommend such other publications as would be helpful and available along all lines.

We your committee on publications beg to submit the following for your adoption:—Twenty-five outlined subjects on Free Will Baptist doctrine and recommend that they be taught to all Theological students of Tecumseh college. The following are the subjects in proper outline:—

1. Organic Church. 2. Water Baptism. 3. Holy Ghost. 4. Diety of Christ. 5. The Second Coming of

Christ. 6. Apostasy of Believers. 7. Gospel Ministry. 8. The Living Soul. 9. Judgment. 10. Faith. 11. Hell. 12. Ressionurrection. 13. The Christian Sabbath. 14. Repentance. 15. Santification. 16. Salvation. 17. Free Salvation. 18. The Devil. 19. The Lord's Supper. 20. Eternal Life. 21. Inorganic Church. 22. Feet Washing. 23. Prayer. 24. The Christian Life. 25. Sin.

This report was given during the Wednesday P. M. session, and adopted one subject at a time.

### **Education**

This committee is to recommend such measures as would advance and sustain the education and efficiency of our minister and laity.

We your committee on Education wish to submit the following:—Seeing the need of a better educated ministry and membership we recommend that our preachers and members avail themselves of the opportunity of attending our Free Will Baptist College; that as a denomination we use our influence to get our young ministers to attend and do our best to get our people to pay their expenses while in school.

This report was made during the Thursday P. M. session.

### **Auditing**

This committee is to examine the records of the Executive Treasurer and recommend them accordingly.

We your auditing committee have examined our Treasurer's books and find them correct.

This report was made during the Friday P. M. session.



### Evangelistic

This committee is to pass recommendations such as would be to broaden and advance the evangelistic field.

We your Evangelistic committee beg to submit the following report:—Whereas we see the great need of a broader evangelistic work, therefore if possible, place evangelists in the field.

This report was made during the Thursday A. M. session.

### Amendments

This committee is to get all by-laws and constitution amendments to be brought before the body in such shape as to be adopted or rejected.

Be it resolved: That we reaffirm our long standing position on the subject of feet washing, abiding by the treatise which says concerning the washing of feet as a gospel ordinance:—“Each member shall have the right to wash feet or not, as they can best answer their own conscience toward God.”

This report was given during the Saturday A. M. session.

Be it resolved that we adopt or reject, at our next regular session of the General Conference to be held in the year of 1924, to drop out the word “General” from our title “Co-Operative General Association.”

We recommend the repeal of the following articles of the Constitution:—

Article four of the Constitution we ask to amend to read as follows: “Each Association, Yearly Meeting, or other bodies composing this Organization shall be represented by one delegate for their Organization and one delegate for every three hundred members or major

portion thereof, together with all ordained Free Will Baptist ministers who hold church membership and are in good standing.

In article six of the Constitution we recommend to repeal “No member of the Executive Board shall be President of Tecumseh College.”

If repealed with additions will read:—“Any member of the Executive Board may be President of Tecumseh College, except the chairman. The President may manage and control the college with the advice and consent of the Executive Board.”

Again in Article six of the Constitution we ask to repeal:— “No one shall be elected college president for a longer term than three years, but may be re-elected at the discretion of the Association.”

If repealed will read:— “The College President may be elected for life, or any shorter term, but if found unworthy of office at any time may be removed, by two-thirds majority of all votes cast, in any regular or adjourned session; or by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board in their regular session and all members present.”

Again in Article six of the Constitution we ask the repeal and total elimination this clause:—“Of which the Executive Board shall be judge.”

In Article eight of the Constitution we ask to add the word “Treasurer” to the list of officers, to read as follows:—

OFFICERS, The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, and Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and Assistant Clerk, a Treasurer and an Executive Board whose Treasurer shall be the Treasurer of the



Association, etc."

This report was made during the Friday P. M. session.

### Financial Drive

This committee is to devise plans for raising the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars within two years.

We your committee on the \$25,000.00 drive beg to report as follows:—

Resolved, that W. H. York be general superintendent and treasurer of our twenty-five thousand dollar drive, and shall have full power and authority to manage and control it in every department and all money raised under this drive be sent to him; that each solicitor receipt the people for all money collected, they in turn shall be receipted by W. H. York, who in turn shall be receipted by W. G. Fields, Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Board: that we ask the editor for sufficient space in the "Star" for the superintendent to report the work of all solicitors once a month. Also that, should occasion demand a special meeting of this committee, the chairman shall call said committee, each member being duly notified of time, place and object of such a meeting, each member attending to have his actual expenses paid to and from place of meeting.

This committee reported during the Friday P. M. session.

### Resolutions

The work of this committee is to frame up resolutions expressing gratitude, doctrine, right living, charity, sympathy and general business items.

We your committee on resolutions report the following:

Resolved: That we maintain the Free Will Baptist traditions in upholding the Scriptures and that we unrelentingly denounce Darwinism as being antagonistic to the Bible and Christianity.

Resolved: That we adopt the tithing system for our financial support and instruct our ministers to teach their members to tithe.

This report was given during the Thursday P. M. session.

Resolved: That as we have come to an important place in our work here at Tecumseh, it will be to our advantage to make all things count in making up our records and confidence of the people in general; we recommend that both our Treasurers keep complete records of all monies received and the date received; for what paid out and the date paid out and from what state received.

We also recommend that we use five dollars from the sale of the quilt to pay for the bond to secure our Executive Board Treasurer, W. G. Fields. The rest of the quilt money to be used as necessity demands. The \$10.79 collection taken up by sister McAdams to be used to help pay the teachers salary, together with the \$3.00 handed in to brother Fields.

This report was made during the Saturday A. M. session.

Resolved: That we extend our heart felt thanks to the brethren and sisters and all the community for their kindness and hospitality to us during our stay with them. We also thank our Moderator for his wise, impartial rule during this session.

This report was made at the close of the session Saturday A.M. session.



## Temperance and Necrology

This committee makes out the reports concerning the Honored dead, and resolutions on all lines of temperance liquor, cigarettes, and drug narcotics, etc.

### Temperance

We your committee on temperance submit the following report:

Resolved: That we as a body be enrolled on record as realizing this fact that intoxicating drinks is one of the greatest evils in our land. It destroys homes, starves children, wrecks individuals, makes men brutish, it burdens the tax payer, makes prostitutes of women, propogates white slavery. It destroys government, it destroys the peace and happiness of homes and individuals. Therefore, we condemn its use in any form whatever, the manufacture and sale of alcoholic drinks in any form we as a body stand squarely on the eighteenth amendment.

Realizing also the dreadful effects of narcotics, it destroys the health, reason, and mind of the user, through its dreaded influence and effects.

We further denounce the use of cigarettes which effects the mind, destroys manhood and womanhood, causing the race to become inherently intoxicated with it. It causes the users to become addicts to Tuberculosis and consumption which has a great tendency to weaken the race.

We want it to go down on our records that our preachers and members in general are using their influence and means, mingled with kindly advice and prayers to keep the boys from partaking of these awful curses.

### Necrology

We your committee on necrology beg to submit the following:—

For as much as death has visited the home of the chief executive head of our nation, called to the great beyond our Honored President, Warren G. Harding, we extend our sympathy to the home of our chief ruler. To his wife who has lost a husband, to the children who have lost a kind and loving father, to the worker of prohibition who have lost a co-worker and faithful friend.

With them we bow in humble submission to the hand of a loving Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well. May his blessings rest upon all the family and upon all the friends of the President, AMEN.

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Articles of Constitution to be repealed and amended, adopted or rejected, at our next session in 1924.

#### No. 1

Name:—This organization shall be known as the Co-Operative General Association of Free Will Baptists.

#### No. IV

Representation:—Each Association, Yearly Meeting, or other bodies composing this organization shall be entitled to representation by one delegate for the organization, and one delegate additional for each three hundred membership or major portion thereof, together with all ministers who shall be standing members.

#### No. VI

N. B. This is the wording taken from pages eleven



and twelve of the minutes of the regular session of 1922. The proposed amendments made on the 14th day of Jan., and adopted in the regular session, Aug. 1922.

"No member of the Executive Board shall be president of Tecumseh College, neither shall any one man have full control of the college; but by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Board the College President shall have full power and authority in the management of the college."

No one shall be elected College President for a longer term than three years, but may be re-elected at the discretion of the Association. But with good and sufficient reasons may be removed, by a two-thirds vote of the Association when assembled in conference; or by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board.

N. B. This script is taken from the Treatise, page sixty-seven; paragraph three.

This Executive Board shall keep a correct record of all work done, money raised, meetings held, and make a full and complete report at the next regular meeting of the Co-Operative General Association; and shall further receive, hold, manage, use, control or convey any property entrusted to said Association for any purpose; in accordance and only in accordance with the purpose of the donor or donors and in no case to divert it from its original object of which the Executive Board shall be judge, etc.

#### No. VIII

Treatise, page sixty-eight. OFFICERS. The officers, of this Association shall consist of a Moderator and As-

sistant Moderator; a Clerk and Assistant Clerk and an Executive Board, all nominated and elected by ballot at each regular meeting, etc.

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#### 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 devotions, 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 we are



able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principle 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.

### ADVICE

If fortune smiles and skies are bright,  
And golden days are filled with light;  
Come shade or shine, come woe or weal;  
Put your shoulder to the wheel.  
All together, steady, steady,  
All together ready NOW!  
Come shade or shine come woe or weal,  
Put your shoulder to the wheel.

### Prayer

And now may the God of all grace and peace richly dwell in our hearts, with that lovable, charitable, and sanctifying spirit of the Lord Jesus; endowing us with that power which shall enable us to firmly stand in the power of the Holy Ghost; and the faith of the Lord Jesus, enlivening our lives with a most quickening livelihood unto victory. Amen.

## 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.

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 inherit 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 Gospel 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 the 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 employments 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 of 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."