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# The National Association

## Enterprise Department

### Report of Executive Secretary

Adopted by the National Association

By Rev. L. R. Ennis, Goldsboro, N. C.

SINCE the National Association convened in Paintsville, Kentucky, two years ago, Free Will Baptists have witnessed some of the perils and blessings of general church organization. That these perils have cost us greatly in time, money, and progress no one will deny; but they have also brought their forbidden blessings. As a Christian denomination there is evidence of a deeper national consciousness now than has been known before to our generation. The spirit of good will and Christian fraternity has spread extensively among us in recent months; and again, we have been compelled to conclude that the wind that sways the tree promotes its growth. Of course there are still some among us who persist in saying *sibboleth* when they should say *shibboleth*; but are they not a sort of necessary evil, a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of satan sent to buffet us? If so, they will help to rationalize our zeal and thereby restrain us from recklessness.

General church organization is to the orthodox Christian *consecrated intelligence in action for the salvation of mankind*.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists should model this ideal. Doctrinally, we are sound; financially, we are poor; and educationally, we are ignorant. The apostolic church had exactly these; but oh! it had more—a fervent flaming love for Christ and a lost world. Without this our boasted orthodoxy is as trees without leaves and clouds without water. Would that we had more—

Give us a passion for souls, dear Lord,

A passion to save the lost;

O that thy love were by all adored,

And welcomed at any cost.

Jesus we long, we long to be winning,

Men who are lost, and constantly sinning;

O may this hour be one of beginning

The story of pardon to tell.

It now becomes my duty to summarize a report which I have given in detail to the General Board as a means of satisfying possible inquiry regarding the conduct of the Executive Office. First of all, it should be borne in mind that I am pastor of three churches whose total membership is approximately 800 in number. These churches are situated in three different associations in North Carolina, and represent a cross-section of Free Will Baptists in my State. In the capacity of a pastor I have preached 103 sermons, baptized 38 persons, taught two Sunday School study courses, taught one League course, and spent 50 days in revivals since our last National Association. These churches, which honor me with their care, have contributed \$1080.04 to our National Program since the first of last July. Please, let no one charge me with exaggeration when I say that there are multiplied thousands of Free Will Baptists who are eager to enter the service of Christ on a world scale.

During the past year I have striven arduously to discharge a few of the major duties which devolved upon me incident to my election as your Executive Secretary. Exclusive of the time devoted to official correspondence, the writing of manuscripts, and general promotional service in North Carolina, I have spent four months outside my native State in an impassioned effort to regiment Free Will Baptists under Christ for the promulgation of the gospel among all nations. In compensation for the service rendered I have received a total salary of \$1180.00, and the total expenses of the Executive Office have amounted to only



\$1789.53. The field of labor has been vast, and many problems have arisen; but the Lord has blessed in a remarkable way.

Immediately following the 1941-session of the Association a new institution was inaugurated for the advancement of our great cause—The Christian Workers' Institute. For many years Free Will Baptists have realized the need of a medium of fellowship, education, and inspiration that would go beyond the possibilities of our great associational meetings. It is an accepted fact among those who have attended the Christian Workers' Institute that it is the answer to this need. During the year 4 sessions have been conducted at strategic points; namely, Monett, Missouri, Erwin, Tennessee, Flat River, Missouri, and Tulsa, Oklahoma. There have been 163 students from 9 states enrolled in these sessions, and 91 certificates awarded. Gifts from the faculty, students, and visitors of the Institute to our National work amounted to \$576.18 for the year, and the salaries and expenses paid by the National Board of Education totaled \$783.15. It should be understood however that the salaries of the Executive Secretary and our missionary, Miss Barnard, are not included in this gross expense account. Undoubtedly the Christian Workers' Institute is one of the greatest unifying agencies among us. We need it. Let us keep it running.

Another forward measure which was adopted by the Association last year was the setting up of the Unified Program Fund. This Fund was established in response to a demand which had been made by many

of our people for a system by which consistent support might be given to all of our work through the making of undesignated gifts on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. It will be remembered that the Association adopted a resolution in the last annual meeting which provided for the distribution of this fund as follows: 10 per cent to Superannuation, 20 per cent to Home Missions, 30 per cent to Foreign Missions, and 40 per cent to Christian Education. During the year our National Treasurer has paid to the respective treasurers of these departments of our work \$2169.05. Approximately 15 per cent of the total given to our National program this year has come from the Unified Fund. These figures announce a signal success for the Unified Program Fund.

It will be inspiring to those who have labored in love for all of our work during the past year to know how figures speak in terms of progress. The Superannuation Treasurer reports receipts in the amount of \$324.48, the Home Mission Treasurer \$478.71, the Foreign Mission Treasurer \$4565.33 the Educational Treasurer \$8794.49, and the woman's Auxiliary Convention Treasurer \$977.42. Add to these items \$119.90 of undivided funds now in the treasury of the National Association, and we obtain a grand total of \$15,260.33. This amount reveals a financial increase over the previous associational year of more than 100 per cent. Who would forbid our gratitude for such progress. Money is not everything, but nothing goes very far in the Kingdom of God without it. Let us continue to show our faith by our works.

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## Annual Report of the Board of Education

*By Rev. J. R. Davidson, Chairman, Bryan, Texas*

It is with great delight that we file this report for appraisal and approval. Two great responsibilities have been placed upon your Board of Education for the year from July 1, 1941 to June 30, 1942. With a keen sense of our responsibilities we accepted the decision of this National Association a year ago, in which it became our duty to direct in an educational endeavor of Bible Institute work, and to purchase suitable property for the opening

and operation of a Bible School. In the fear of our God, and full confidence in the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we have endeavored to execute according to your orders. We are sure that all of our decisions and movements have not been above the criticism of man, yet we feel that the Lord is well pleased with the type of work which has been done, though we have failed to do as much as we would liked to have seen accomplished.



There have been four institutes conducted of two weeks duration each since the last session of the National Association, in which 163 workers have received training and 91 have received certificates for having completed all courses offered. Quite a few are now anxiously waiting for the opportunity to enlist for the completion of the fourth course and receive a normal diploma; which privilege shall be theirs immediately upon the close of this session of the Association. \$1,000.00 was appropriated a year ago for this cause of which amount we have used \$782.14. We feel definitely that the greatest accomplishment educationally among our people for a period of many years has been realized in this endeavor. We have realized maximum results with minimum expenditures. The revival spirit which has prevailed in each session has served to stimulate support to our cause in general, and the vision of our people has been wonderfully broadened.

In our school property we feel assured of the fact that the property, the price and the terms speak for the wisdom exercised in this matter. No instructions were given concerning the method to use in securing the funds with which to negotiate the deal, however the generosity of Mr. W. O. Terrill of Nashville, a member of the Presbyterian church, together with what we were able to raise in offerings, enabled us to make the down payment in the amount of \$5000.00, the

remainder being arranged according to the specified instructions recorded in the 1941 minutes of the National Association. The Lord has directed in such a marvelous way that we now feel certain that we shall be able to settle the entire account on the date the first annual payment falls due.

So far as your Board of Education is concerned, it is ready to hear from you as to your will concerning our actually opening of the Bible School this fall. This has been our plan, however it is our purpose to go forward only at the order of this body.

The following is our financial statement as from July 1, 1941 to June 30, 1942:

Miscellaneous Offerings.....	\$2,107.72
Unified Program Fund.....	913.47
Foundation Checks ready to be cashed.....	5,773.30
Post Dated Foundation Checks....	1,300.00
Total .....	\$10,094.49

*Disbursements:*

To miscellaneous causes.....	\$ 14.25
Balance due Executive Sec'y. from last year.....	78.22
Institute Expenses.....	780.15
Promotional Service to Rev. F. S. Vanhooose.....	720.00
Printing, cuts, mats, etc. ....	70.94
Traveling expenses of Board.....	284.19
Field Workers.....	284.19
Paid on Property.....	5,270.92

Total ..... \$7,408.17



## Missionary Department



Rev. Winford Davis, Chair.-Treas. National Board, Monett, Mo.



### CUBA

This man and wife had just been saved at the close of a message delivered by Rev. T. H. Willey in the thatched roof church building in the background. This man is a brother to our Pedro who is pictured below. A very precious service was enjoyed in this the San Ignacia church throughout the day.





This is Pedro Oliva our new native Free Will Baptist preacher in Cuba. Pedro has been preaching for some years and has had missionary experience in the country of Spain. He has been baptized recently by our missionary, Rev. Willey. He is taking the lead in helping open up Free Will Baptist work in the province of Pinar Del Rio, and is promising to be a great power in God's hands in and during this recent upward trend of Free Will Baptist work in Cuba. Other native workers are also being employed and are proving a great blessing. Free Will Baptist churches are now in the making in this westernmost province of the island. These native workers are consecrated, spiritual, intelligent, apt, and under the supervision of Rev. and Mrs. Willey and are doing a great good among their own dear people. Pray for them.



Here are two scenes in The Valley in the western province, Pinar Del Rio, Cuba. It is in this province that our native Free Will Baptist missionaries have entered, and are reaping an abundant harvest. The peo-

ple are hungry for the Gospel and are being converted to Christ. The recent awakening of Free Will Baptists to the cause of missions has made it possible for "Flaming Evangels" to go forth proclaiming the Gospel of Salvation in Cuba.

This is a typical Cuban family. They are eager to hear the gospel. They need your help and mine. Jesus died for these as He did for all the world. Their home is in the background, just a dirt floor and the roof made of leaves from the royal palm thatched on. Poverty and illiteracy prevail throughout the island. We may condense the Cuban picture into one statement





by saying, "It is a hungry Cuba". Hungry materially, mentally, and above all spiritually. Thousands of families are living as these pictured above. By your support our missionaries and native workers are contacting these families and taking to them the

glorious message of Jesus, and to many of them it is the first to ever hear the name. It is hard to feature that no farther from us than Cuba are people who never have heard of the Christ; but it is true nevertheless. Will we arise to the challenge?



This is Rufino Cjedo who is working for our Free Will Baptist interests in Cuba during the summer months. We might say he is loaned to us by Rev. Hugh Pain, and for this we are grateful. Of course, Rufino will be obligated this fall to return to the Cuban Evangelization Association school in Jaruco. The deputation party had the privilege of making the acquaintance of Rufino in Jaruco last winter. He is a fine boy.



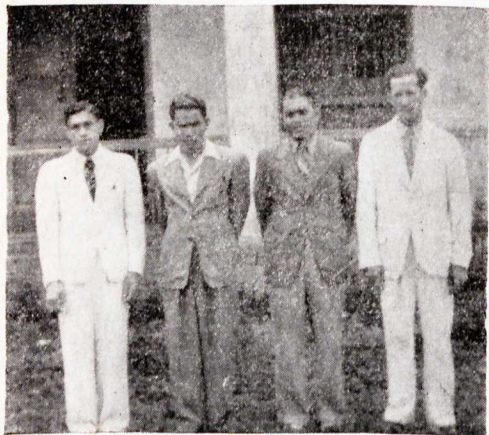
Above is Luis Diaz and his bride to be. Luis is doing a marvelous work in the province of Pinar Del Rio, in the city of San Juan Martinez. He has a fine group of believers in the city and six other groups around the city. He has been teaching the subject of Baptism to his people, and Brother Willey has lately baptized them. Luis is definitely a permanent Free Will Baptist preacher.



This is Jose Jardines, another student worker coming to us from the school at Las Pinas, a city farther down toward the east end of the island. He also is working with Rev. and Mrs. Willey, our missionaries, during his summer vacation. The young people of the church in Tulsa, Oklahoma has been taking the responsibility of giving Jose's monthly salary. Thanks to the young folk of Tulsa.



Here is Santiago Delgado and his intended bride. You will readily agree that this is another fine looking couple. He, too, has connected himself with our Free Will Baptist missionary activities upon the invitation of Rev. and Mrs. Willey, and he is very promising in the forwarding of the great cause we represent. Some church could do no better deed than to take him as its native Cuban preacher and see that his salary is raised monthly. Until he is married, his salary will be \$15.00 per month. After he is married, his salary must be increased to \$25.00 per month.



From left to right is Jose Jardines, Luis Diaz, Pedro Oliva, and Rufino Ojedo. Two of these, Pedro and Luis (center) are definitely Free Will Baptist preachers. The other two are employed to work with them under the supervision of our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Willey, during their summer vacation from Bible school. These, as you will notice, are young men with a life of service before them. Please pray for them earnestly, and give worshipful offerings and gifts in order that the gospel may be preached throughout the island.

## INDIA

This entire group have assembled from houses in such close promimity that they could stand in their own respective "compounds" and carry on conversation without raising their voices. Usually, whenever the missionary (or any stranger) is seen in the neighborhood, the villagers draw near in order to find out what the sungathi (news) is. In this case they came with great haste because of the photo box (camera) they noticed in the missionary's hand. They would barter their dearest possession for a photograph, so when the camera was



focused on one woman sitting with her grain and brass utensils, others began to pour into the picture, pushing eagerly lest they be too late to pose. These are our own



people in a very real sense, as they belong to an outcaste village where our Kotagiri work has been centered. On the grass mat, grain is spread to dry in the sun. The other items are brass water pots and brass kitchen utensils.

Mark 16:15, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Rom. 10:14, 15, "And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

*PRAY! GIVE! GO!*

Typical old grandfather and small grandson. The building in background is a "line" of houses in which many families dwell. Kotagiri, Nilgiri Hills, South India.



And speaking of festivals — lovely Chinnammal had been one of our schoolgirls but because her father was an imbecile and her mother bedridden with a heart disease, the girl was forced to earn the living. By and by she grew into womanhood, and when Hindu custom would allow no longer delay ival. A small nook of the narrow veranda is enclosed with branches broken from the eucalyptus forest (shola), and Chinnammal makes this her restricted quarters for a period of 30 days. During this time she is not allowed to come out and associate with others nor to touch any household utensil. Each day some ceremonies are undergone, and at the close of the period of seclusion the young women of her family or neighborhood take part in bathing her, rubbing her skin with saffron, and dressing her in festal array. Meanwhile the news of the occasion has been duly spread abroad and eligible men notified of the impending event and its significance. Often, the girl has long been betrothed and this is the signal for the consummation of the marriage. If not, as in Chinnammal's case, a marriage



must be arranged as soon as possible. No greater disgrace can come to a Hindu girl than that she spend her life in maidenhood. Chinnammal was permitted to come out of her smothery den for a few brief moments

only out of respect for, and by special request of, the missionary, in order that this picture might be taken before returning to America. Note the disheveled hair and crumpled garments.



## VENEZUELA

In Upata, Venezuela, Miss Bessie Yeley represents Free Will Baptists as a missionary of the cross. Working in co-operation with the Mid-Missions Society, Miss Yeley is supported entirely by funds from the Free Will Baptist Board of Foreign Missions. A regular schedule takes our missionary and her co-workers into different parts of the town and country places, as well as into the nearby villages for evangelistic meetings. Bible classes in Upata for adults, young people, and children, a soul-winning class for young girls, Sunday School and mid-week prayer meeting, besides a busy program of house-to-house visitation in the interest of lost souls, comprise her task among people to whom she ministers. This work has received the blessing of the Lord in a remarkable way, attested by a steady ingathering of souls into the Kingdom. The picture shows our own Miss Yeley with two Venezuelan children whom she is seeking to train in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

## Continued Advancements in Cuba

*By. Rev. T. H. Willey, Missionary In Cuba*

THE following is a letter from one of our native Cuban preachers, Santiago Delgado, who has been working with us for a month.

My beloved brother in Christ Jesus:

I hope that when this finds you, you shall be in good health, both you and your wife and children, and that the abounding blessings of our Lord shall be over you.

Praying for the leading of the Lord, I was led out to a place called Saint Andrews. This place is five leagues (the equivalent of fifteen miles) from the valley of Vinales. I walked there a foot and was there from Friday to Sunday. Brother, I have found the field the Lord wants me to work in. There was a Baptist minister here ten years ago and had a church started. He commenced to demand of the people \$150 per person. They did what they could but were so poor and the preacher wanted more and

because he did not get it he abandoned the work and the church. I have found here three other places to preach and have passed these days singing, preaching and praying with them. I find in them a great hunger for the Gospel.

The first meeting I had all the people could not get into the house; there were 45 people present. The place we meet in is small. The other night we had a service with seventy-seven present, praying with much enthusiasm. They wanted me to preach Sunday night but I could not as I had to return to preach in the house of Frances Rey. Jose Palomino, the owner of the house where I preached, has placed his house at my disposal to live and preach. He will give me sweet potatoes and milk and I am happy to take advantage of this. They want to build a church and will find the land and material for the frame and roof but are not able to get the boards.



This is in the country near Saint Andrews up among the mountains. They told me that I would not have to go afoot again. They want you to come and spend some days with them to preach. Bring Mrs. Willey and the children if you can. This place is very beautiful. In front of the house there is a lake full of all sorts of fish.

Well, brother, I am hoping that you will come soon. It is a little hard to get here. I need a horse and saddle to reach the many places. I talked with one of the officials, a very religious man, he told me he wanted to see us have a great amount of success and to stay permanently there.

This is all that God has done in this day. You pray and I will carry on. The devil, as you know, is always on the job, and I must live very close to the Lord.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

— Santiago Delgado

Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Mark 16:15, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Heb. 13:5-8, "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and

I am leaving tomorrow morning to go up into the mountains with Santiago. I am taking a new worker with me, Manuel Lopez. We are hoping that some church will take the support of Manuel as has Brother Davis and Brother Bingham of Tulsa. Tommy is going with me and shall be a great help. We are greatly in need of three more horses to carry on: one for Luis Diaz, one for the boys in Vinales, and another for Pto Esparanas, and probably the fourth for Guane. Please pray about these needs. Then there are buildings to put up this will involve some expense. We are starting the school as soon as we get moved to Pinar del Rio. I shall search for a farm below for our center to work from.

Mrs. Willey and Barbara are in the States. We felt they just must return and place the needs before you. Pray for us as we carry on in this hard time of the year. I am sure we shall have many things of interest to tell you. We are now planning our first Free Will Baptist Conference in Cuba. I hope we might have some one from the States to visit this first work in the Island Republic

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## Do You Want to Do Something for Cuba?

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*By Rev. Winford Davis, Chair-Treas., Nat'l. Board of Foreign Missions, Monett, Mo.*

**T**HE following are present and urgent needs of our mission field in Cuba:

Five horses.....	\$20.00 to \$25.00 each
Five saddles.....	\$20.00 each
Berches.....	\$15.00 per church
Rent on church buildings,	\$5. to \$8 per mo.
Monthly salaries native workers,	\$10. to \$15.
Salary for man and wife,	\$25.00 per month
An undetermined amount of funds with which to purchase farm and erect school buildings.	

Why not your Woman's Auxiliary, young people's League, Sunday School class, or just you personally take one of the above named as a project and see that the money is raised for that particular thing? Or,

brother pastor, you might see that your church takes one of these as a church project. Let it be a horse, a saddle, the monthly salary of a native worker, or whatever. If you are at all interested please let me hear from you. Let us not close this great open door in Cuba by our lack of support.

We are happy to announce that Rev. J. C. Griffin, of New Bern, North Carolina, has already stepped out to lead this parade of spreading the gospel on horseback in Cuba by offering the price of one horse and one saddle for our native Free Will Baptist preachers. Brother Griffin's example is praise worthy and the Lord will certainly use his offering to His glory.

# Proceedings of National Foreign Mission Board

In Annual Session, Columbus, Mississippi, July 14-17, 1942

The meeting was opened by prayer by Mrs. T. H. Willey.

Mrs. Willey and Miss Barnard, our missionaries, were invited to sit in this session as advisory members of the Board.

As Mrs. Willey had just arrived from the field in Cuba, the Board asked her to relate the situation there. Mrs. Willey's report was a thrilling, detailed account of amazing developments in the Free Will Baptist mission field in Cuba, and included an urgent appeal for the following:

1. A missionary couple from the United States to go to Cuba immediately, with a view of opening a Bible training school and enlarging the missionary activities in general.

2. Funds for erecting and equipping a mission station, including necessary buildings for the school, and for assisting in the erection of some church buildings.

3. An increase in the allowance for promotional expenses sufficient to cover salaries for the eight Cuban workers already employed, and to cover incidental expenses incurred by our enlargement program.

4. Five horses needed immediately for use by the Cuban preachers who go long distances on evangelistic work.

Upon hearing the report and the appeal, the Board voted to increase the amount of the Cuban Promotional Fund to \$200.00 per month in order to cover the needs.

A motion carried that the Foreign Mission Board present to the National Association in session an appeal for a missionary couple to go to Cuba as soon as possible, and to recommend that Auxiliaries, Leagues, or other organizations undertake the financing of any of the items named above as pressing needs.

Miss Barnard was asked to say a word about the missionary situation in India as related to Free Will Baptists. It was stated that her Indian co-worker, Mrs. Mary Kanaka, had passed away in December, 1941, causing the work in Kotagiri to suffer a great loss. It was reported that at present the Tamil primary school is being carried on with blessing and satisfactory

success. The infrequent letters received from India indicate that some of the converts are continuing with a fervent witness, while others are disappointing. The evangelistic work among the Tamil outcasts is carried on but has of necessity been curtailed to some extent since the death of Mary Kanaka when the evangelist had to be placed in charge of the school. The tribe of Kotas are being visited by an evangelist once each week, according to communications.

The District of Purnea, in Bihar, India, is still unoccupied, and a cablegram received late in 1941 indicated that up to that time war conditions had not changed the situation and that it was still open to us and urging our entrance into it.

By way of a financial report, it was revealed that due to the death of Mary Kanaka and the cessation of her salary, and due to our having secured the services of an evangelist for less than we had expected, a fund had accumulated in India and it would not be necessary to send the usual \$35.00 per month to India for a while. It was voted, however, to resume the allowance of \$35.00 monthly to India whenever it should be required again.

Recognition was given to the very faithful and untinted service rendered us by the Rev. H. M. Clay of Kotagiri, South India, in receiving and disbursing funds for our work there and assuming the responsibility of supervising the work generally. It was voted that the Chairman of the Board send to Brother Clay a letter of appreciation for his generous service.

A financial report, showing the detailed disbursements of the monthly allowance for Cuban promotional work was rendered to the Board by Mrs. Willey.

A motion carried to retain Brother and Sister Willey on a salary of \$50.00 each per month, and to continue the school allowance of \$10.00 per month per child.

A motion carried to retain Miss Barnard on a salary of \$50.00 per month as long as she is on deputation in America.

It was voted that the Board assume the

expense of Miss Bessie Yeley's return to America from Venezuela, her furlough being due. It was estimated that \$300.00 would be needed for this return trip which, due to war conditions, would need to be made by air.

It was voted that traveling expenses of missionaries should hereafter include food and lodging incurred by trips in the direct interest of the work.

Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd appeared before the Foreign Mission Board and declared their intention to go to India. They made known their plans to enter Bible School in September, and further made known their readiness to go to India immediately if the Lord should open the way and so indicate. This was in view of the pressing need for a couple to open the work in Purnea District.

It was moved and carried that Brother Paul Woolsey be authorized by the Board to investigate some means by which our missionaries might gain passage and passport facilities to India in spite of war difficulties.

It was reported that the deputation trip to Cuba had been made with remarkable success, and the developments as outlined by Mrs. Willey are an outgrowth of the findings of the deputation party.

Quotas for the various states were set as follows:

North Carolina .....	\$1,800
Missouri .....	1,200
South Carolina .....	300
Kentucky .....	300
Oklahoma .....	500
Illinois .....	200
Michigan .....	500
Texas .....	500
Alabama .....	300
Florida .....	150
Virginia .....	250
West Virginia .....	150
Ohio .....	600
Mississippi .....	200
Tennessee .....	900
Georgia .....	400
Total .....	\$8,250

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Mission was read as follows:

## RECEIPTS

Brought forward from year 1940-41..	\$934.80
Received from states as follows:	
North Carolina .....	\$1,124.93
Missouri .....	1,063.40
Tennessee .....	371.00
South Carolina .....	188.00
Georgia .....	187.54
Alabama .....	175.83
Oregon .....	10.00
Ohio .....	427.06
Nat'l. Auxiliary Convention	
By Mrs. F. Polston .....	52.46
Sale of Missionary Pictures	
by Marie Thomas .....	6.60
Allocation fund by F. S.	
Vanhoose .....	613.19
Kentucky .....	4.08
West Virginia .....	8.00
Illinois .....	135.75
Texas .....	114.56
Oklahoma .....	27.25
Arkansas .....	5.68
Michigan .....	50.00
Total from States .....	\$4,565.33
Total Receipts .....	\$5,500.00

## DISBURSEMENTS

To Miss Laura B. Barnard	
as salary .....	\$ 600.00
To Miss Laura B. Barnard,	
traveling expense .....	246.56
To native workers & main-	
tenance of work in India,	350.00
To Miss Bessie Yeley, salary	600.00
To Rev. and Mrs. T. H.	
Wiley, salary .....	1,250.00
To Rev. and Mrs. T. H.	
Wiley, traveling expense	75.00
Allowance to Willey chil-	
dren for school .....	185.00
To National Treasurer for	
promotional fund of Na-	
tional Association .....	540.00
For expense of deputation	
party to Cuba, including	
taking car across & back	138.04
Sent to Cuba as promotonal	
fund .....	360.00
To T. H. Wiley for duty on	
keeping car in Cuba ..	90.00
To T. H. Wiley for pur-	
chase of horse .....	42.00
Expense of called session of	
F. M. Board in Nashville	



May 5, 1942 .....	35.00	Cuban map, etc. ....	148.00
To Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, traveling expense .....	3.50	Total Disbursements .....	\$4,662.20
Miscellaneous, consisting of postage, telegrams, tele- phone calls, missionary pictures for church bul- letin boards, missionary picture cuts, expense of wiring money, making of		Balance in treasury June 30, 1942..\$	\$37.93
		Respectfully submitted,	
		(Rev.) Winford Davis, Chair.-Treas.,	
		(Rev.) Else Curtis,	
		(Rev.) Melvin Bingham, Proxy for	
		Rev. Bert Rogers.	
		Foreign Mission Board,	

## The Very Latest Action in Cuba

A Letter Written to Winford Davis by T. H. Willey, Our Missionary

Dear Bro. Davis:

One of my regrets is that I did not have this report that I am making now in to you in time for the National Association, but I am suggesting that you publish this in the two papers.

The work is progressing in such a way that it is almost unbelievable. A revival is indeed on back in these hills. We simply must have a fund sufficiently large in the bank here to advance to meet the challenge. I was forced to return from Pinar Del Rio for lack of funds and am here waiting, as are the boys below, to enter other fields with traveling expenses and sufficient to rent houses and halls and buy horses and saddles.

I arrived in Vinales with another new worker and made arrangements to visit our native worker back in the hill country. I tried to get horses but they were not to be had, so with one of my boys we walked 20 miles and preached that night in the beautiful valley of Saint Andrews to over a hundred people. We had one flickering torch, most of the people stood, and such hunger! The people came to me and said, "We want to be baptized and build a temple here. We will do the work and furnish the materials, but we are too poor to buy nails and plank and cement for the floors." One hundred dollars will build the benches, lay the floor and furnish rooms for the workers when in the building. We plan to have an itinerant school of religion such as our church is having in the States under the National Association. Rooms can be built and beds and cooking facilities provided and horses kept in each locality for us.

Santiago Delgando, who is in this valley and had just bought a little mare of 25 months old for \$20.00, returned to Vinales with us, riding an hour and walking an hour.

The next day Pedro and I went to Porto Esperanzas and met a school director of the public school. This man when living in sin had two wives and is the father of 21 children. He shows evidence of having found and known the Lord, and the people have confidence in him. He promised to aid us in every possible way, taking the boys into needy fields. We preached and witnessed all the time we were there. The boys are ready to go in there but must have money to rent a hall, a house to live in, and buy some furniture. If Pedro can get a good horse he can go there once a week and help our student, Rufino, whom we can station there. Pedro has a horse which the man is holding till the money comes for it. I can't begin to tell you of the extent of that field. We could place ten workers there easily if we had them. There is a fine Christian woman and her husband here now who want to and will work for us for a small sum.

Returning to Vinales, that night we had a service and 25 people stood declaring that they wanted to follow Christ and know more of Him. One of them, a Mulatto who speaks English very well and is one of the officers of the Department of Sanitation in Vinales, is a fine fellow. I gave him an English Bible, as this is all we have on hand now.

The following day Tommy and I left for San Juan and found Luis Diaz in Rio

seco, the American tobacco farm. That night there were over three hundred people packed in a dance hall to hear him. The owner of the hall has stopped the dances and turned the building over to Luis to preach in. Here in Rio Seco we have a great number to be baptized. The 24th of this month we will have that baptism there. We must furnish this building with benches to seat the people. Some walked great distances to be at the service, and such singing you never heard. Somebody must come down and see this thing.

The next day, Saturday, we went to Sabido, and two boys were there with three horses. We rode and walked in, and that afternoon there were about thirty people present. Children of seven and eight years are testifying with joy of having found Christ. One big fellow must be restrained from preaching. There are 36 people in this place to be baptized and this must be my task as director of the work. That night a great company walking and singing as they walked—men, women and children—went three miles to the next service. We had one smoking light and could not see to read our text. They sang and listened with rapt attention to the Word. There were no seats. Women had to stand for at least two hours. There is a good building in this place. The man has promised to clean out the chickens that roost overhead, but we must build them the benches. This will cost possibly \$30.00 to get the lumber in and build them.

A two-hour ride from there I shall, D. V., be serving as an American chaplain if everything works out. I cannot give you any details of this or the location. I will write later, but it is a great opportunity to do my country a service even if I have to provisionally enter the U. S. Army as a regular chaplain. I met a Christian aviator and he is thrilled with our plans. This will not affect my work but rather help things along.

In San Juan we must build a church. It will cost some more but not much. I shall investigate the possibility of getting the land this week. We have at least 24 to be baptized in San Juan. They do not want to wait any longer for baptism.

Luis has been instructing and examining them over a month.

Sunday night I preached a missionary message in the Baptist church in Pinar Del Rio to a packed house. We had four American sailors in the congregation. One was a member of a church in Florida and the other from New Jersey.

I had to return home Monday. Manuel Lopez returned with me. This boy had planned to work with us but position meant more to him apparently. God doeth all things well anyhow. There is another boy in Oriente who wants to work with us. We must send him his transportation which will cost \$10.00, but he is greatly needed to work with Luis Diaz. Luis is having a great deal of trouble with his throat because of preaching so much, three times a day. He now has seven preaching places, and there are seven more who are where we can permanently locate our school and home. To be safe it will be best to buy the land for this center. Brother, this means our people must get back of us in a larger way if we meet this challenge of the last days.

I am home now trying to catch up with correspondence. By the time you receive this Mabel shall have given you all some idea of the situation. For lack of time I cannot make a form letter. Will you have some extra printed for me when this is published and send them to my sister in Miami?

For the present this is all, with the exception that I must urge that we have a fund in the bank sufficient to meet our needs as they arise. How much you say? As much as you can put in there. \$10,000 if you can get it. Just what we do will depend on what we put into this. Can we permit the Russellites and the Adventists to get ahead of us on the truth? Well, they are going into some of these valleys and our boys must combat their teachings.

I must close and get this off to you. Have it published. Urge our people to pray and pray earnestly and definitely that each of these needs might be met.

Lovingly,

Thomas Willey.

Overcoming  
With Christ



## Woman's Auxiliary Department

The World  
For Christ



# Christ's Love Constraineth Us To Enlist

By Agnes B. Frazier, First Vice President

Woman's Auxiliary, Nashville, Tennessee

The following report of the National First Vice President is herewith published by the earnest requests of interested persons in several states.

— John B. Rollins.

At Jesus' command we have gone out this unusual year to fish for Him. Constantly we have beckoned for our partners, for we could not do the work alone. How grateful we are for these Auxiliary partners. Many have given themselves untiringly in service. Small would be the draught recorded in this report were it not for them.

### Nets Strengthened

Our Woman's Auxiliary nets have been strengthened this past year by numerous study classes, Christian Workers' Institutes, improved literature, and many new members. The Christian Workers' Institutes will be reported more fully, possibly elsewhere, but we want to register our belief that they have strengthened our Auxiliary nets materially.

The National Board of Education has greatly blessed and aided the Woman's Auxiliary enlistment and extension department. They gave us the opportunity through these Christian Workers' Institutes to present to our pastors the possibilities of Woman's Auxiliary. We know that we are dependent upon our ministers for our extension work and we believe when they know our aim and purpose they are friends of the Auxiliary. We are grateful to the ministers, in whose associations these institutes have been held, for making it possible for us to present auxiliary work to the unorganized churches there. We believe this is the best place to advertise the Woman's Auxiliary.

### Enlarging the Draught

During this year, the love of Christ has constrained us to enlarge our work by co-

operating with our state, district, and even local officers, if requested by them, in the enlistment and extension work of their auxiliaries and also in the training of our youth. This work has necessitated much correspondence—enough almost to have kept a full time secretary busy. For such contracts I am deeply grateful to you and to my Father in heaven for the time in which to carry on this type of enlistment. As a result of this work many members have become actively engaged in Auxiliary plan of work, many programs given, and talks made in the interest of Woman's Auxiliary work.

But there are still many other Free Will Baptist women who should be enlisted, many never come to any meeting. Many never enlisted in any church work. If an automobile had as many useless parts as a church, it would not even run down hill.

There are so many Free Will Baptist women with incandescent light powers doing tallow candle shining, or none at all. So many Free Will Baptist women with diamond and ruby abilities doing pewter work. So many with locomotive powers doing push cart work. So many feminine Niagaras just a stagnant pool. So many with Winchester powers doing pop-gun work.

When only 551 new members were gained last year, and of our Woman's Auxiliary membership of approximately 4,000 only 223 are titheers, is there not need for the love of Christ to constrain you to enlist others to bring themselves first and then their tithes and offerings into the storehouse? So many Free Will Baptist women are living as if Jesus Christ had never lived, as though He had no claim on their abilities and love. Just as if there had been no baby's cry in Bethlehem long ago.



no sweet joyous child life, no Galilean ministry, no Jerusalem sorrow, no Calvary wounds and death, no open grave. The love of Christ should certainly constrain us to enlist these women. Many if enlisted will respond.

"As love pours out in service, God pours, And lo, to us comes spaciousness of soul."

We need spacious souls in this day of high tension, world upheaval, class hatred, bitterness, strife, envying and jealousies on every side. We need to be still and know God.

"Trusting in His love that never, never fails  
Trusting in His name that must forever prevail."

The love of Christ surely constrains every first vice president to enter with a determined zeal this enlistment campaign, not only for new members, but also for every woman in your church that she will become active in His great and joyous service. We have much land yet to possess as thousands of our women are yet unlisted. This, local first vice presidents, is the task which the Woman's Auxiliary Convention entrusts to your hands. Our records next July will reveal how faithful you have been to your trust.

Then, too, surely "the love of Christ constrains us" to magnify the education of all our members in all our states as is planned through our Convention Year Book of Programs and Manual of Auxiliary Methods. As we study these two books and other study course books which are now available for the first time in the history of organized woman's work, we will more fully comprehend what is the length and breadth and depth and height of Christ's constraining love and see how His transforming love in the hearts of His children the world around "passeth all knowledge."

The Woman's Auxiliary net has been broken in one place this past year, and some subscribers to our Year Book have been lost. We challenge our leaders to mend the net so there may be nothing lost. We praise His Holy Name that many new subscribers to our Convention Year Book have been won this past year.

The response from those whom we en-

listed for programs, and articles, for our next Year Book was so beautiful and impressive that I sat in tears of gratitude during most of its period of preparation which was about three months. No incident that I can now recall in my Christian experience has brought me more spiritual strength and courage than the preparation of our next Year Book of Programs. I trust its every page has been acceptable to the Lord Jesus and that it will also meet with your approval.

Because this has been a most trying year to me, I want to especially express my gratitude to you for remembering me in prayer. Had not you held me up with your prayers, the victory could not be so great today. God gave me perfect peace while I was passing through the deep waters and I know it was because you were praying.

Surely, first vice presidents, we are constrained by the love of Christ to return to our fields of service to give ourselves and all we have to the Lord. As problems arise, consider each one a challenge to go forward and make this a year of beginnings and above all a victorious year! We stand on its threshold with bright hopes and eager expectations, for the possibilities and opportunities are limitless. God alone knows the future. He holds the key. As "laborers together with God" the "love of Christ constraineth us" to accept this new year as a gift from the heavenly Father—three hundred and sixty-five days of challenge and promise.

"Today is the day of battle  
The brunt is hard to bear,  
Stand back all you who falter  
Make room for those who dare."

As in 1941, the success of the Auxiliary literature department depends on you, dear women, who have encouraged the use and the sale of the Auxiliary Manual and the Auxiliary Year Book and who have encouraged and interpreted the "hearth song" as you opened your minds and other minds to the doors of opportunity that are now ajar through the use of our enlarged Year Book.



# EDITORIAL



## National Association Harmoneous & Progressive

Free Will Baptists everywhere will be interested to know that the 1942 Session of the National Association, which convened in Columbus, Mississippi in July, was characterized by the harmony of spirit in which great steps of progress were made. July 1942 will go down in history on the merits of an active group of churchmen known as Free Will Baptists who met in a National Association and inaugurated plans of work which was of the greatest national and international blessing. These progressive steps will be published in detail in the Gem by the respective departments which have specified fields of service: as Education, Missions, Benevolence, etc.

The usually large delegation was present from the several states, with a Michigan association joining the National Association. The Church in Columbus entertained in a splendid manner.

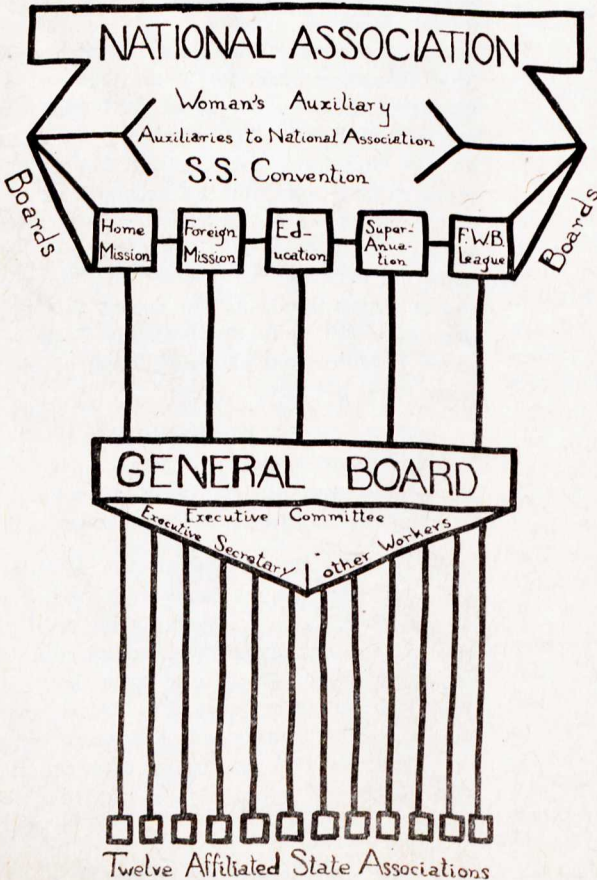
The General officers were re-elected for another year as follows:

- Rev. James F. Miller, Mod., Kirksville, Mo.
- Rev. J. R. Davidson, Ass't. Mod., Bryan, Tex.
- Rev. E. C. Morris, Clerk, Elizabeth City, N.C.
- Rev. L. C. Johnson, Ass't. Clerk, Glenville, Ga.
- Rev. F. S. Van Hoose, Treas., Paintsville, Ky.
- Rev. L. R. Ennis of Goldsboro, N. C. was also re-elected Executive Secretary.

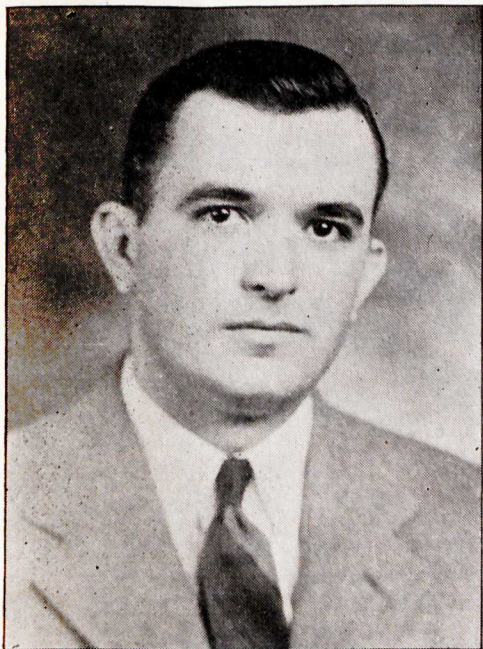
In addition to the regular departmental Boards, a Board of Publication and Literature was created to be responsible for the publication of essential literature for the National Association and all its auxiliaries.

The next annual session of the National Association will convene with the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. The Executive Committee of the General Board is authorized to prepare the program for the next session.

The success of the educational program in recent years, and particularly the past year, was accepted as adequate evidence that the support and sacrifice of Free Will Baptists is sufficient to warrant faith in the permanent maintenance of a Bible School; therefore, with unanimous approval, the National Association authorized the Board of Education to proceed with plans essential to the opening of the Bible School on September 15, 1942. How significant this date is destined to become among those who shall live after us.







**Rev. Linton C. Johnson**  
**President Bible School**

The National Board of Education has announced that it has chosen and secured Rev. Linton C. Johnson to be the president of the Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee. Brother Johnson is the pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Glennville, Georgia. The next issue of the *Gem* is scheduled to give detailed publicity on our Educational Institution incident to the opening of school on September 15, 1942.

Rev. J. R. Davidson, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Bryan, Texas, and Chairman-Treasurer of the National Board of Education was elected Business-Manager of the Bible School. Brother Davidson will retain his office as Chairman-Treasurer and move to Nashville that he may resume the general business management of our educational institution.

## INCREASING ACTIVITY

As the National Association has grown in activity and usefulness, and have published the various activities in the *Gem*, the subscription list to the *Gem* has grown accordingly. As our National Association

enters upon what promises to be its greatest year of activity yet experienced, we urge all our subscribers to renew their subscriptions promptly upon receiving a notice of subscription expiration. So many subscriptions expire during the season of associational meetings. No Free Will Baptist can afford to be without his church paper. The National Association, I am sure, would especially appreciate your subscription to your church papers, for it is through them that communication will be carried on for a more impassioned promulgation of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. The *Free Will Baptist Gem* in prepared to handle a much greater circulation and we ask our people everywhere to avail themselves of the opportunity of being informed and becoming a part of the great activities in which our denomination is so arduously engaged. The subscription price is 75 cents a year or 16 months for one dollar.



**Rev. J. R. Davidson**  
**Business and Financial Manager**



The Year Book, like any other child, costs more as it grows, but remember the parent receives increased joy in return for for the augmented expenditures for school and clothing. So the 1941-42 Year Book trebled in pages, must and did cost more. True to the analogy of the growing child, it did not increase in cost proportionate to the value and blessings it brings. Our last Year Book trebled in pages was but little more than doubled in cost.

So first, to our heavenly Father we give thanks for providing us with the measure of health and strength which we have had to fill the place which you assigned to our hands and the rendering of which service has brought us untold blessings and joy.

To you who have been so faithful and co-operative throughout the year, I am truly grateful and appreciative.

It is only because the Lord Jesus has helped that this is a victorious report and our draught is so great because so many of us were "laborers together with God", and as such we were able to "overcome with Christ" every abstacle placed in our pathway.

We present our statistical and financial report:

1941-42 Statistical Report

Meetings presided over .....	3
Articles written for F. W. B. papers ....	27
Young peoples' programs prepared ....	18
Stewardship night programs .....	3
Mission programs prepared .....	2
Letters received .....	368
Cards received .....	105
Letters sent out .....	258
Cards sent out .....	90
Letters referred to other department chairman .....	41
Cards referred to other department chairman .....	10
Active members reported in 8 states ..	3297
Members re-instated (in 8 states) ....	0
Members suspended (in 8 states) .....	82
New members (in 8 states) .....	551
Increase in members .....	289
churches visited .....	8
Talks made .....	28
Study classes taught .....	23
Literature distributed (reported from	

8 states) .....	16,428
Pages of manuscript prepared for Study Course Books and Year Books,	1243

Financial Report

Receipts:	
2-20-42 — Sale of manuals .....	\$70.00
4-2-42 — Year Book sales .....	23.00
4-2-42 — Manual revision .....	10.00
4-15-42 — Tract donation .....	14.00
Total income from all sources ..... \$217.00	
Expenditures:	
2-28-42 — Manuals (3rd 1,000 copies),	\$80.00
4-15-42 — Editorial services .....	10.00
5-13-42 — Tracts .....	14.00
5-29-42 — Study Course III. ....	35.00
6-30-42 — Study Course IV .....	45.25
Total Expenditures ..... \$184.25	
Balance in Literature Department	
Treasury 7-1-42 .....	\$32.75

Will To Do

I prayed for added years that I might do some good.  
The granted years have slipped so speedily  
Intended half has not been done. Are Years worth while  
When dreamed-of labors cannot wholly be,  
When hungry aspirations hunger on and on?  
My will to do has kept life interesting,  
My hoped accomplishments been drawing power,  
The little wrought has been sure, promising  
Of something yet to do — of urge to try again,  
Perhaps some worthwhile work will crown my reach,  
Desire to do be scored in heaven's record book;  
Life lessons learned enable me to teach  
Some other hands to do the things that I could not.  
And let me keep on trying to the end;  
Years given, let me press to chosen deeds of good.  
Still upward may I journey on  
Close to thy side, Father, Friend.

The "Gem" keeps you informed



# Woman's Auxiliary Plan of Work 1942-43

By Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 1624 East Cahal Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee

## Think On These Things

### "Whatsoever things are of praise"

PRaise is becoming to all people. Praise is an employment in which self has no part. In praise we go out of ourselves and think only of the one worthy of praise. She who sincerely and enthusiastically praises others show herself to be *thoughtful, generous, and unselfish*. She who reverently and earnestly praise God reveals a grateful heart, engages in the highest form of worship and beings increased blessings upon her own head.

Christians should always have this praising spirit, constantly on the lookout for things to praise in everything.

Paul brings his list of "things to think on" to a climax with the words, "If there be any praise". We believe that he meant to say: "If you can find anything to praise—in anybody in any situation, in anything—think about that." He would have us forget the things that are wrong, the things deserving censure, and remember only the things that are good and worthy of commendation.

In our Woman's Auxiliary work we find many things to praise. Our splendid plans, our capable leaders, our improved and increased literature, our devoted missionaries, our wonderful achievements—any of these would inspire an anthem of praise unto Jehovah, that would resound around the world and to echo and re-echo in the hearts of Free Will Baptist women.

Those who planned our monthly program topics for this year have chosen things to invoke our praises throughout this entire year. As a mother never grows tired praising her child, so do we of the Woman's Auxiliary never grow tired of praising our Plan of Work which God has given us. We would take none of this glory to ourselves, for it all belongs to God.

The Plan of Work for Woman's Auxiliary for 1942-43 has a few additions which were adopted at the recent annual meeting at Columbus, Mississippi.

It was suggested that a copy of these

additions be sent our papers in order that those auxiliary workers throughout all states could "think on these things" find something to praise, think on that and go forth for Jesus' sake to do the work assigned to our hand this year.

## Report of Committee on Plan of Work 1942-43

We, the Committee on the Plan of Work, endorse the Woman's National Auxiliary Plan of Work as laid down in the Manual of Methods and recommend its adoption with the following additions:

Theme: The Great Commission—Our Mission

Hymn for the year: "I Love to Tell the Story"

Watchword for the year: "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us" (2 Cor. 5:14)

### I. PRAYER

1. That we emphasize the Family Altar; that we encourage making of prayer lists of the unsaved, and that we stress cottage prayer meetings in preparation of revival meetings.

2. That we observe October 20, 1942, as Mission Day of Prayer.

### II. ENLISTMENT AND EFFICIENCY

1. That we take as our slogan "Every Free Will Baptist Church organized, every Free Will Baptist woman utilized."

2. That we set aside October 12-17, 1942 as enlistment week when special emphasis be given to organizing new Auxiliaries and winning new members.

3. That as a means of more efficient work and workers, we recommend full co-operation with the course in "Woman's Work in the Christian Workers' Institute," conducted by the National Board of Education.

### III. MISSION STUDY

1. That the mission chairman in every Auxiliary plan for the mission study work of the young people in consultation with the second vice president. We suggest that during the summer a two or three day period be set aside for all auxiliaries to come to study in their separate groups



mission books as suggested by the mission department.

2. A reading course be sponsored in every auxiliary convention among both the women and the young people; and that recognition be given at the quarterly meeting (a suitable award, a mission book) to the members who has read the greatest number of books during the year.

#### IV. STEWARDSHIP

1. That the spirit of sacrifice and self-denial enter more fully into all our work (Rom. 12:1).

2. That there be a more thorough study of all stewardship plans by all stewardship chairmen.

3. That a stewardship study class be held early in the convention year in every Woman's Auxiliary.

4. That every resident woman member of the church be enlisted in the missionary offerings and in co-operating in all financial goals.

5. That a consecrated and enthusiastic woman be appointed in every convention to promote the study work and support the unified program of the National Association to which we are auxiliary.

6. That "urgency" and "sacrifice" be the thoughts which spur us on to faithful stewardship in 1942-43, that His way may be known upon the earth and His salvation among the nations.

#### V. MISSIONARY EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

1. That fostering and advancing Christian Education of our young people as presented in the book, "Working With Our Youth". (Order from Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Missouri) and as suggested in the year book.

2. That the corresponding secretary also continuously seek to secure subscriptions to the "Gem" and "The Free Will Baptist" through Woman's Auxiliary members and the young people themselves until there is a church paper in every home.

#### VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1. That special emphasis be placed on the support of our Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee.

2. That we encourage our young people to prepare for Christian service who have strong bodies, alert minds, good educations, attractive personalities, sincere purposes and growing experiences.

#### VII. GIFTS

1. That we take as our goal \$5.00 from each convention for the Bible School located in Nashville, Tennessee, by July, 1943.

2. That we accept as our monthly apportionment the amount of 10c per member to the Unified Program.

3. That we continue with the Jehoida chest fund as our mission fund which is to be used as follows: one third of all such funds be kept in the National Woman's Auxiliary treasury for the promotion of its home missions and field work, and two thirds of all such funds received by the National treasurer to be spent on the first of each month to the National Foreign Mission Treasurer.

#### VIII. PERSONAL SERVICE

1. That we intensify our efforts to carry out monthly the activities printed in the personal service calendar of the year book.

2. That every Auxiliary have a personal service committee whose responsibility it is to direct these activities.

#### IX. REPORTS

1. That the Convention annual report to the National Association be made on the blank as found in the back of the year book in order that a statistical record of Woman's Auxiliary work may be kept.

2. All funds contributed by the local auxiliaries for the different phases of the auxiliary work are to be sent monthly to the National Woman's Auxiliary Treasurer who in turn will forward all such funds to the proper treasurer of the National Association.

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The devil never takes a vacation because he doesn't need it; he has so much help from men that he doesn't get tired.

The peace of God is most often found in the pain of sacrifice.

Better is it to proclaim the name of Christ than to make a name for yourself.



# A Christian Workers' Institute in Alabama

By Rev. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Alabama

**A**RE you going to the Christian Workers' Institute?

**Where?** Free Will Baptist Church, Parrish, Alabama, on Southern Railroad, between Birmingham, Ala., and Columbus, Mississippi.

**When?** August 24 through September 4, 1942.

**What for?** To learn how to be an efficient Christian worker in all phases of church work.

**Write to** Rev. A. J. Lambert, Pastor of Free Will Baptist Church, Parrish, Alabama, and tell him you are coming.

Some of the best talent among Free Will Baptists will be there to teach. Many of our workers have never had the opportunity of going to Bible School, but this brings a Bible School to us. It will be an opportunity of a lifetime, so let us use it, preachers, deacons, Sunday school, league and auxiliary workers. We are looking for you. Don't fail the Lord, yourself and the National Association.

We are hoping that all the Christian workers of Alabama, East Mississippi, and Southern Tennessee will use this oppor-

tunity to try to better prepare themselves for the Lord's work.

From a study of some facts concerning Free Will Baptists in Alabama, I have found that there are more Free Will Baptists in this State than I had dreamed of, and so, I have compiled the following statistics for the State, but do not have all the minutes yet for a more complete report:

No. of members .....	15,149
No received by baptism .....	447
No. received by letter .....	178
No. expelled .....	84
No. deceased .....	104
No. ordained ministers .....	28
Value of church property ....	\$85,470.40
Amount paid to pastors .....	\$7,136.64
Amount paid for missions .....	\$181.25

This report is not complete as some of the associational minutes do not tell how much they paid pastors, for missions, etc.

Let us hope that our people will catch a new vision of the work as a church, and carry the gospel into new places. We have ministers enough to evangelize the State if they would get busy in taking the "good news" to the most needy places.

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## GOSPEL SERMONS

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### The World's Saturday Night

By Rev. F. C. Zinn, 700 South Hickory, Bristow, Oklahoma

"And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man" Luke 17:26.

**A**N age is like a seven-day week. It begins with the Sunday of a new revelation of God, and continues with the work days of human activity and effort. The tendency in every age or dispensation is downward. Degeneration, rather than improvement, is characteristic of the successive periods of human history. In the Saturday night of every age this tendency comes to a crisis, in the consummation of

iniquity and the consequent visitation of divine judgment.

Now the Lord Jesus Christ compared the Saturday night of this age with a Saturday night of long ago: The age before the flood. "For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" Matt. 24:38-39.

Of all the periods of human history, He



chose this one in particular because it bears a striking correspondence to the age in which we live. I want to point out *seven parallels* between the Saturday night of that age and the present one. The respectful attention of Postmillennialists is invited. Those who believe that the world is getting better and better are asked to answer the following questions in the light of discussion: How did Jesus describe the end of this age? Did He know what He was saying? Was He speaking of the day in which you and I live? Is He coming again?

The first point of correspondence is that of

### Moral Ideals

I want us to think of the practical moral ideals—those held by the rank and file of the citizens. What were their ideals as incorporated in the individual? Who were the men and women of fame? Who were the "top notchers" in society? Who belonged to the "400" in Noah's day? The Bible leaves no doubt. "There were giants in the earth in those days (The Hebrew implies not so much men of great stature as of reckless ferocity, daring characters and moral degenerates.) and also after that when the sons of God came into the daughters of men, and they bore children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown." In the Saturday night of that age *the most notorious sinners were the men of distinction and fame.*

Who are America's popular idols? The movie harlots, the money making pugilists, the avaricious millionaires, the advocates of free love, the philosopher of anti-Puritanism or better named impuritanism. In the first named, Dr. Kohlsted has aptly said, "Too many stars of the first magnitude in the motion picture sky, idealized and idolized by impressionable youth, can qualify as legalized progressive polygamists to whom the sanctities of the marriage vow, the sacredness of the American home and the laws of the land mean little or nothing." It is well known that in many of these salacious, sex-saturated, liquor-soaked films, the harlot is the heroine and the gangster the popular idol.

The ideals of the ante-deluvians were *esthetical* rather than *ethical*. More attention was paid to what was beautiful—at least attractive to lust—rather than



Rev and Mrs. F. C. Zinn

what was right. "The sons of God (meaning the professed followers of God) saw the daughters of men that they were fair, and they took them wives of all which they chose." They were more interested in the beauty of skin than in the beauty of holiness. It is needless to add that the same situation prevails in America. Much more is spent on physical decoration than on spiritual cultivation. A "Miss America" clad in a bathing suit comes much closer to commanding universal admiration than does a two-fisted preacher of righteousness. He is but a voice crying in the wilderness.

### Thinking

The second point is thinking. What were their thoughts? What were their interests? What did they desire? Of what did they day-dream? The inspired record states, "And God saw the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that *every imagination* (Hebrew includes purpose and desire) of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" Gen. 6:5.

In a word, they *fed their minds on moral filth.*

What is the thinking of the masses in America today? Take a glance at a news stand, and by the tons of worthless paper and ink on display, it is evident what makes up the mental-menu of the majority. Again consider the movies providing food



for the minds. The important investigation of Motion Picture Research Council throws authoritative light on this question. In an analysis of 115 films taken at random there were 71 deaths and 449 crimes, an average of four to the picture. The motive of the leading characters in the order of frequency were: winning another's love, professional success, revenge, crime or gain, illicit love, and thrills for excitement. In many of these films there is an insidious and intentional portrayal of the sensual. Light is made of personal purity and sanctity of marriage. And yet, this is the stuff that is absorbed by the minds of 77 million movie attenders each week in America. If God were to express His verdict on moral conditions today might not the same indictment be used that served in the Saturday night of long ago?

### Lawlessness

At the close of the ante-deluvian age, there was wide-spread lawlessness. Crime was unrestrained. "The earth is filled with violence through them" is the testimony of the inspired record. Constituted authority was no longer respected. Conditions of that day and of this correspond exactly. It is estimated that there are 100,000 murderers loose in the United States today. But this is not just a local condition, it is world wide. It is a time of "abounding iniquity". I believe that the American people are in the mood to repeal the ten commandments if they had the opportunity.

### Apostacy

Another point is apostacy. The generation before the flood was corrupt before God. Faith had disappeared and worship had degenerated. So it is today. The diety of Christ is denied, the atonement through the shedding of blood is said to be merely a "left-over" from paganism, the authority of God's word is undermined. Even in thousands of protestant pulpits there has been a tragic departure from the faith "once delivered to the saints". A corresponding corruption has followed in worship. The discussion of some social economic question sandwiched between professional music makes up a church service.

### Animalism

Man departed so far from God in the ante-deluvian age that he forgot that he was a spiritual being. His whole life centered in the *FLESH*. Three times is this

significant word used, "And the Lord said my Spirit shall not always strive with man for that he also is flesh" Gen. 6:3.

"And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for *all flesh* had corrupted his way upon the earth" Gen 6:12.

"And God said unto Noah, the end of all flesh is come before me" Gen. 6:13.

That generation lived to satisfy the cravings of the flesh. Men and women were satisfied to eat, drink and engage in sexual indulgence. They degenerated to animalism.

"As it were in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." Jude speaks of certain "ungodly sinners" who will be living when the Lord comes "with ten thousand of his saints" as brute beasts, *filthy dreamers who defile the flesh and despise dominion*. The apostle Peter also speaks of scoffers coming in the last days "walking after their own lusts". The tendency toward animalism today, the nudist cults springing up here and there, supported by the barnyard ethics of philosophers, are certain evidences that the darkness of the Saturday night is upon the world, and from the fact of man's confirmed fleshliness, the sixth parallel follows:

### Useless Striving

"My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh." The Holy Spirit speaks to the conscience. He tries to awaken the higher spiritual faculties of man, but when the conscience is hopelessly seared, when the emotions are wholly perverted, when the state of the will has reached the point of a confirmed attitude, man has degenerated to the level of flesh and is no longer capable of responding to the spiritual. The Holy Spirit can no longer do anything with him, "for that he also is flesh". God will strive with sinners individually and collectively so long as there is hope. But when man rejects light until further striving becomes useless, God withdraws the Spirit of mercy and leaves man to face inevitable judgment. The most awful fact since the world has entered the twilight of the age is the absence of revival. In spite of world-wide depression and suffering there has been no turning to God of any great consequence. And if man will not repent there is only one outcome—tribulation such as the world has never seen.



### Preoccupation

The last point of this subject is preoccupation. The flood came upon an *unsuspecting, unbelieving and unprepared* world. "They knew not until the flood came and took them all away." In spite of Noah's preaching and the striking exhibition of his faith, the masses continued in eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until with terrible suddenness judgment came upon them. Our Lord also stated that "So shall also the coming of the Son of man be". In the Saturday night of this age, the masses are wholly pre-occupied, *unaware* that the age is about to culminate in the flaming fire of divine wrath. In spite of the increasing circulation of the Bible and the world-wide proclamation of the second coming of Jesus Christ, mankind will move straight into the great tribulation before waking up.

### Mercy Extended

There are, however, two comforting words in the records of that ancient Saturday night. They are the words "yet" and "but". "YET his days shall be an hundred and twenty years"—judgment tarried while mercy continued to beckon.

"BUT Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." God was ready to offer salvation to all that would accept it. So it is today. In spite of the approaching gloom, it is still the day of grace. God is still calling men to repent and find pardon through faith in Jesus Christ. God is calling, calling, calling. Before it is too late, e'er the Saturday night reaches the midnight hour of judgment, may many respond to the invitation.

"The Spirit and the bride say, come. And let him that heareth say, come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely" Rev. 22:17.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Since the National Association of Free Will Baptists have made definite plans to open a Bible School in Nashville, Tenn., September 15, we feel that it is the will of the Lord that we should enroll in that institution for the coming year. This will necessitate some changes in our plans as final arrangements had been made for our entrance to Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois, September 8, 1942. We feel that the privilege of attending this Free Will Baptist school is a direct answer to very definite and earnest prayer.

We have been advised by some of the brethren that there might be churches in the vicinity of Nashville in need of pastoral service. If so, we will be available to serve any church or churches within a radius of 75 miles of Nashville. Thus we take this means of making known our availability for pastoral service and any interested party may communicate with us by addressing us at Flat River, Missouri, Box 44.

For reference as to experience and ability, you may communicate with the Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Rev. L. R. Ennis, 709 Park Avenue, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

—Rev. and Mrs. Damon C. Dodd



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He who trusts God truly will trust himself to God for use.

"Small courtesies" are great factors in life's success.

No man is given strength today for to-morrow's burdens.



## Report of National Foreign Mission Treasury

*Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer, Monett, Mo.*

Missouri State Association .....	\$267.30	Young People's Class of Tulsa Church	20.00
From Allocation Fund by National		State Auxiliary Convention of North	
Treasurer, F. S. Vanhooose .....	95.90	Carolina .....	39.75
Highland Park Church, Highland		Woman's National Auxiliary	
Park, Michigan .....	25.00	Convention .....	100.00
Pearsalls Chapel of North Carolina ....	2.00	Ashland City Church, Ashland City,	
Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, S. C.	4.00	Tennessee .....	40.00
Community Singing held at Highland		Wolverine Association of Michigan ..	10.00
Park Church, Highland Park, Mich.	40.00	Offering at the National Association	175.00
From North Carolina by Rev. Chester		Loyal Chapel Ladies Auxiliary	
Pelt, State Treasurer .....	79.5	of Tennessee .....	20.00
Crover Could, Wellston, Ohio .....	5.00	Cumberland Association of Tennessee	200.00
Ladies Aid of Gum Neck Church,		F. W. B. Church, Cordova, Alabama	10.10
Columbia, North Carolina .....	4.00	Total .....	\$1,137.61

## Report of Missouri Treasury

*Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer, Monett, Mo.*

### Foreign Mission Fund

Amity Church .....	\$2.00
Monett Church .....	9.00
Shibleys Point Church .....	1.85
Mine La Motte League .....	2.70
Independance Church .....	20.00
The Willey Circle of Woman's	
Auxiliary of Flat River Church ..	10.00
Desloge Church .....	47.49
Aurora Church .....	3.20
Woman's District Auxiliary Con-	
vention of Southeast Missouri ....	13.03
Edith Marbut, Monett, Missouri .....	1.00
F. W. B. Sunday School, Buffalo, Mo.	1.75
Rock Chapel .....	2.00
Hannon Church .....	4.65
Blue Eye Church .....	.50
Wagoner Church .....	3.00
Rev. Eunice Edwards .....	1.00
Flat River Church .....	36.94

### New Machinery Fund

Winford Davis, Monett, Mo. ....	\$15.00
Old Mt. Zion Church of N. W. Arkansas	11.00
Verdella Church .....	2.00
Mrs. Pauline Henderson, Purdy, Mo. ..	1.00

### Benevolent Fund

Old Mt. Zion Church of N. W. Arkansas	
for Tennessee Orphanage .....	\$1.00

### Jehoida Chest Fund

Hickory Grove Church .....	1.00
Monett Auxiliary .....	1.00
Willey Circle Flat River Auxiliary ..	2.00
Hickory Grove Auxiliary .....	1.00
Macedonia Church .....	1.00
Hannon Church .....	1.00

### Educational Fund

Woman's Auxiliary Hickory Grove ..	\$1.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) Auxiliary .....	1.27

### Allocation Fund (Penny-a-day)

St. Louis Third Church .....	\$3.55
Carterville Auxiliary .....	2.30
Monett Auxiliary .....	5.20
Mrs. J. W. Allred, Rogers, Arkansas	4.24
Desloge Church .....	6.16
Aurora Church .....	1.26
Merls Chapel .....	6.25
Hannon Church .....	1.51
Mission Circle No. 1, Flat River ....	5.00
Macedonia Church .....	5.14





## Gold Nuggets



From the Mine of "Here and There"

**T**HE Union Free Will Baptist Church of Thompsonville, Illinois, is moving forward with Bro. McAnnaly, the pastor, bringing the messages with much power and force. The Sunday School and the Woman's Auxiliary are both doing fine. They are having cottage prayer meetings every Thursday evening which the Lord is greatly blessing. The second Sunday in June was the annual home-coming. Two deacons were ordained. The power of God was mightily felt as reported by Miss Opal McClerren.

**T**HE Woman's Auxiliary of the Philip Cove Church of Tomahawk, Kentucky, reports that they are getting along fine, and that they meet every Thursday. They have quilted 18 quilts, bought paint for the outside of the church building and have money in the treasury to buy paint for the inside. They hope to pay off the small debt on the church building soon. The auxiliary has paid its convention dues and national dues; also paid two dollars on the expenses of Sister Griffith, our state delegate to the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

**T**HE District Auxiliary Convention of Kentucky met in Paintsville, Kentucky, June 14, for its first annual session. Reports from the different auxiliaries told of great work being done. Officers for the coming year are: President, Mrs. A. L. Prater, Lackey, Ky.; First Vice President, Mrs. Mavis Patrick, Paintsville, Ky.; Second Vice President, Mrs. Grace Sublett, Tomahawk, Ky.; Third Vice President, Mrs. W. L. Hooper, Seco, Ky.; Fourth Vice President, Mrs. C. W. McFadden, Tomahawk, Ky.; Fifth Vice President, Mrs. Zella Brown, Ashland, Ky.; Secretary, Mrs. James K. Maynard, Catlettsburg, Ky.; Treasurer, Mrs. Albert Vanhooze, Paintsville, Ky.; Field Worker, Mrs. Ernest Griffith, Ashland, Ky.

The next meeting will be held with the Philip Cove Church, Tomahawk, Ky., the second Sunday in June, 1943.

**T**HE Oklahoma State Young People's Rally was held June 24-25 at Old Ministers' Home and Camp Ground of First Mission Association near Drumright, Oklahoma. Inspiring talks were given during the session. Evert Brown was elected President; Paul Furcell, Vice President; Dovie Hudson, Treasurer; Norma Jeanne Sheriden, Corr. Sec'y.; and Rev. Harry Staires, Sponsor. A board of league directors, consisting of five members was elected.

—Norma Jeanne Sheriden, Corr. Sec'y.

**T**HE church at Columbia, Tennessee, reports a wonderful revival. Twenty-two souls were saved under influence of the soul-stirring messages delivered by Rev. George McClain of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Many Christians were also revived. The Columbia church recommends Brother McClain very highly as an evangelist. They also have a wonderful choir, consisting mostly of young people.

—Reported by Mrs. Gene Chance.

**T**HE Free Will Baptist Church at Drumright, Oklahoma, has been enjoying the wonderful blessings of God. They had a good singing school conducted by Brother Condry and had an attendance of over one hundred. They also conducted a Bible school which was a wonderful success. The pastor, Rev. Harry Staires, is now conducting a revival at the church. So far there has been seven souls saved.

—Lydia Robinson, Reporter

**T**HE Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church is being blessed in many ways. Their pastor, Rev. George McClain, spent two weeks at the First Free Will Baptist

Church of Columbia, Tennessee in a revival meeting. There were 27 souls saved. A group of the young people attended the League Rally at the Camp Ground near Frumright, Oklahoma. Miss Helen Rush, the church pianist, was recently married, July 7, to Mr. Wayne L. Easton of Camp Elliot, San Diego, California. Rev. McClain performed the marriage ceremony. Both of these young people are good Christians. Some of the members have started a mission in charge of Bro. Smithey. Revival services are being held each evening with Rev. I. W. Yandell doing the preaching.

**T**HE First Free Will Baptist Church of Weatherford, Texas, reports that they have been wonderfully blessed the last few months. Last August their church burned down. It looked for awhile like they would not be able to build it back, but through much prayer and work they now have a beautiful rock church building free of debt. The Sunday School is growing every Sunday. Rev. J. H. Measures is the pastor of the church. Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, of southern Missouri, visited the church and preached for them. Rev. Jeffreys has been stationed at Camp Walters, Texas, but he has been transferred from there. The church plans to start a revival meeting the second Sunday in July and they ask the prayers of all Christians that many souls will be saved.

— Mrs. J. H. Measures, Ass't. Clerk.

**T**HE third annual session of the Kentucky State Association of Free Will Baptists met with the church at Louisa, Kentucky, June 19-20, 1942. A very spiritual session was enjoyed with good gospel sermons being delivered. The business sessions were conducted in harmony, with Christ manifesting His Holy Spirit. The Louisa Church has only been organized two years with 14 charter members. The church now has 95 members and is still growing. The next session of the association will be held with the church at Paintsville, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1943.

Rev. F. S. Vanhooose, Moderator  
Wm. W. Moore, Clerk.

**T**HE Province Orphanage of Kentucky has already taken two homeless boys into its care—one 7 and one 9 years old. Bro. Province has opened his home to these orphan children and they are receiving the very best of care until the orphanage can be built.

**T**HE young peoples' league of the church at Tulsa, Okla., recently elected their new officers as follows: President, Earl Bingham; Vice President, Bradford Chaffin; Secretary, Susie Lindle; Ass't Sec'y., Dick Yocham; Cor. Sec'y., Alveta Bingham. Two of their league members, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Tuttle have moved back to their former home at Cushing, Oklahoma. They will be missed very much as they were wonderful teachers. — Alveta Bingham

**T**HE Sandy City Church of Catlettsburg, Kentucky, has been very busy with the different activities that come around this time of the year. The fourth Sunday in June was the annual singing convention and also the monthly jail service. Many special numbers were given at the convention. At the jail service Bro. Henry Geyer brought a short message which was well received by the men. The first Sunday in July was the annual Communion and feet washing services. Twenty-two women and twenty-two men took bread and wine and washed feet. There was a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit with much shouting. Rev. A. L. Jackson former pastor of the Pikeville church, preached at the evening service. At the July monthly business meeting the building fund treasurer reported \$673.96 on hand and the church treasurer reported a few cents over \$276.00. The annual Sunday school picnic will be held the first Sunday in August at the Armco Park. The church is planning to start a revival soon.

— Reported by Gertrude Bowe.

**T**HE young women of the Martin Chapel Church of Erwin, Tennessee, organized a junior auxiliary January 19, 1942, with eight charter members. This being a direct result of the Christian Workers' Institute held at the church the first part of January,



they decided to call the auxiliary "The Fannie Polston Circle" in honor of the National Auxiliary Treasurer, Mrs. Fannie Polston, who was instructor of the auxiliary work during the institute. Since their organization they have conducted a study course on Woman's Auxiliary Methods and one on Missions of the Bible; also participated in the Week of Prayer before Easter. They now have 19 members, of which eleven are active members. Six of these have become tithers, and twelve of them receive the Gem. — Virginia Anders.

**T**HE Mt. Olive Church west of Neosho on route 4 reports they have a good Sunday School and league work. Several of the young people are unsaved but they take an interest in the church work. Rev. B. F. Henderson, the pastor, preaches every fourth Sunday and Sunday night; also Rev. Norman Green preaches every first Sunday and Sunday night. Both of these ministers have been bringing inspiring messages. The fourth Sunday in May was the annual Lord's Supper and feet washing service. Sixteen took part. The church appreciates the gift of \$50.00 from the Oak Grove Church very much. They have used it to help finish their church building.

— Reported by Mrs. Ellen Middleton.

**T**HE New Hope Church of Joelton, Tennessee reports they have been blessed spiritually, financially, and numerically. Rev. E. A. Craft, their pastor, has been with the church eight years, and is a God-called, spirit-filled minister. The Sunday school enrollment is 169 with an average attendance of 125. The missionary society is composed of 39 members and they meet once each

month. The church also has a junior, intermediate, and senior league. Another important function is the weekly cottage prayer meetings, in which the Lord has been wonderfully blessing. The church had their annual homecoming July 5th, and also started a revival July 19th.

**R**EV. Winford Davis reports that he has just closed a two and one-half weeks' revival at the Free Will Baptist Church in Highland Park, Michigan. There were only eight souls saved; but there was a fine revival in the church. Rev. Raymond Riggs is the pastor of the church. The church broadcasts from their auditorium by remote control each Sunday evening. Bro. Davis also broadcasted from Station WEXL each Thursday morning while he was there. The time over WEXL was kindly given to him by Rev. Hall who has a regular 30-minute broadcast each Thursday. Rev. Hall is a Free Will Baptist minister. Rev. N. P. Gates, Rev. C. E. Riggs, Rev. Virgil Greenway and others also helped in the revival. Bro. Davis visited the First General Baptist Church in Flint, Michigan, where he pastored twelve months. Several of the people from this church also attended the revival services at the Highland Park Church.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I, Rev. Claude Lincoln of 3130 Caroline Street, St. Louis, Missouri, feel my call in the evangelistic field, and that I will be available for revivals throughout the summer or any time. Those interested in revivals may write me at the above address.

I am a member of the Third Free Will Baptist church of St. Louis, Missouri, and an ordained minister. If you desire further reference write to my pastor, Rev. Mark Lewis, 2043 Sidney Street, St. Louis, Mo.



Rev. Claud Lincoln



# Announcements of Associations

## MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

The 29th annual session of this association will be held with Mill Creek Church at Myrtle, Missouri, beginning on Monday night following the second Sunday in September, 1942.

Mission sermon on Monday night by Eld. Alice Dickey, Kansas City, Mo.; Eld. Melba White, alternate.

League sermon on Tuesday 11:00 a. m. by Eld. Damon Dodd, Flat River, Mo.; Eld. Marie Thomas, alternate.

Introductory sermon on Tuesday night by Eld. Frank Linton, Branch, Mo.; Eld. W. K. Weston, alternate.

Eld. James F. Miller, Mod., Kirksville, Mo.  
Eld. Winford Davis, Clerk, Monett, Mo.

## OLD MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION

The 101th annual session of this association will be held with New Hope Church beginning at ten o'clock a. m. on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1942.

Eld. Cecil O. Garrison to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. Willie Capps, alternate.

H. M. Knox, Moderator, La Rue, Ark.  
H. R. Neely, Clerk, La Rue, Arkansas.

## LACLEDE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The 45th annual session of this association will be held with the Lindloff Church, in Morgan County, Missouri, beginning at 3:00 p. m. on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1942.

The introductory sermon is to be preached by Eld. J. G. Kock; Eld. Curtis Wilson, alternate.

Eld. J. R. Reid, Moderator,  
Eld. Curtis Wilson, Clerk.

## HOPEWELL ASSOCIATION

The 49th annual session of this association will be held with the Hopewell Church near Coleman, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the third Sunday in August, 1942.

Eld. Ben Hill to preach the introductory sermon.

Bro. R. L. Bonds, Moderator, Folsom, Okla.  
Sister Ruth Swindell, Clerk, Colbert, Okla.

## LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

The fifth annual session of this association will be held with Rock Chapel Church, near Norwood, Missouri, beginning on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1942.

Eld. Widd McClanahan to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. John Mace, alternate.

Henry Long, Moderator, Phillipsburg, Mo.  
Vinita Broyles, Clerk, Grovespring, Mo.

## THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

The 9th annual session of this association will convene with the Friendship Church of Pell City, Alabama, on Friday 8:30 a. m. before the fourth Sunday in September, 1942.

Eld. O. B. Hamilton, Moderator, Alabama City, Alabama; Eld. C. L. Carlisle, Clerk, Pell City, Alabama.

## THE WOLVERINE ASSOCIATION

The first annual session of this association will be held with the Highland Park Church, Highland Park, Michigan, on October 3-6, 1942.

Rev. C. E. Riggs to preach the introductory sermon.

Rev. N. P. Gates, Clerk, Box 41, Hazel Park, Michigan.

## EASTERN OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

The third annual session of this association will be held with Cotton Wood Church, about six miles southeast of Muldrow, Okla., beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1942.

Rev. I. B. Dunaway, Mod., Stillwell, Okla.  
Mrs. Norma Wilson, Clerk, Muldrow, Okla.

## ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION

The 74th annual session of this association will be held with Mt. Pisgah Church at Boles, Arkansas, on Highway 71, beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1942.

Eld. A. R. Brooks to preach the opening sermon.

Eld. J. S. Lovett, Mod., Magazine, Ark.  
Dell Conley, Sec'y-Treas., Ratcliff, Ark.

## HARMONY ASSOCIATION

The third annual session of this association will be held with Liberty Church, beginning Thursday at 3:00 o'clock before the second Sunday in September, 1942.

Eld. John W. Silvey to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. O. L. Claxton, alternate.

Eld. T. B. Marler, Moderator, Ava, Mo.  
Orville Belvins, Clerk, R. 4, Seymour, Mo.

## FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

The 45th annual session of this association will be held with Tecumseh Church, Tecumseh, Oklahoma, beginning on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1942.

A ten day's camp meeting preceding the association will also be held at Tecumseh.

Eld. W. E. Dearmore, Mod., Wanette, Okla.  
Eld. Cleo Pursell, Clerk, Tecumseh, Okla.



## LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER ASSOCIATION

The 64th annual session of this association will be held with New Hope Church, New Hope, Arkansas, beginning Thursday evening before the first Sunday in September, 1942.

E. J. Oneel, Moderator, New Hope, Ark.  
R. D. Smith, Clerk, New Hope, Ark.

## INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION

The 30th annual session of this association will be held with Macedonia Church, near Purdy, Missouri, beginning on Monday night before the first Sunday in September, 1942.

The introductory sermon is to be preached on Tuesday night by Eld. B. F. Henderson.

Ministers' Conference on Monday night and Tuesday. Everyone welcome.

Eld. O. T. Allred, Moderator, Monett, Mo.  
Eld. John B. Rolins, Clerk, Monett, Mo.

## OKLAHOMA STATE ASSOCIATION

The 34th annual session of this association will be held with Wewoka Church, Wewoka, Oklahoma. The State Home Mission work convenes Monday night and the association Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1942.

Eld. E. E. Morris, Moderator, Ada, Okla.  
Winnie McLain, Clerk, Oklahoma City.

## BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA

The fourth annual session of this association will be held at Union Free Will Baptist Church, near Linns Park in Argo Settlement, beginning Friday night before the first Monday in September, 1942.

Eld. Douglas Harris, Mod., Birmingham.  
Brittie Hanks, Clerk-Treas., Adamsville.

## FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION

\* The 15th annual session of this association will be held at the Old Ministers' Home and Camp Ground Site, on Drumright-Salulpa Highway, beginning on Tuesday morning before the fourth Sunday in August, 1942.

Eld. Melvin Bingham, Mod., Tulsa, Okla.  
Eld. Elnora Gilbert, Clerk, Jennings, Okla.

## NORTHEAST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

The Northeast Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists will convene with the Sublette Church, 8 miles north of Kirksville on Highway 63, on September 3-6, 1943.

Elder C. A. Phillips is to deliver the introductory sermon with Elder Cecil Horner, alternate.

Elder Archie Cooper, Clerk, Novinger, Mo.

## PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

The 11th annual association will convene with Cordova Church, Cordova, Alabama, on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1942.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Mod., Columbia, Tenn.  
Dewey Kyle, Clerk, Cordova, Alabama.

## ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION

The next session is to convene with Friendship Church of Pell City, Alabama, on Thursday night before the second Sunday in November, 1942.

Rev. J. J. Stabb, Moderator,  
R. P. Ritch, Clerk.

## ROBERTS-MCGEE ASSOCIATION

The 42nd annual session of this association will be held with the Free Will Baptist Church of Fanshawe, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1942.

J. E. Yandell, Moderator, Red Oak, Okla.  
Mae Didway, Clerk, Cameron, Oklahoma.

## DIBBLE ASSOCIATION

The 35th annual session of this association will convene with Bryant Church, near Maysville, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday evening preceding the second Sunday in September, 1942.

C. L. Hudson, Mod., Blanchard, Okla.  
Fannie Smithen, Clerk, Alex, Oklahoma.

## HOPEWELL ASSOCIATION NO. 2

The 10th annual session of this association will be held with Wirt Church, Wirt, Oklahoma, beginning Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1942.

J. O. Hudson, Moderator, Clemseot, Okla.  
Clerk, S. I. Butler, R. 2, Ardmore, Okla.

## TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION

The 28th annual session to be held with Pleasant Mound Church, Bellevue, Texas, meeting Tuesday night before the first Sunday in November, 1942.

Rev. J. R. Davidson, Pres., Bryan, Texas.  
Thomas A. Cloud, Sec'y., Bryan, Texas.

## ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

The Arkansas State Association will convene with Pocahontas Church, Pocahontas, Arkansas, on Highway 62 in Randolph county, beginning on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in October, 1942.

Eld. Ralph Staten to preach the introductory sermon.

All coming from the west on 63 take 62 at Imboden, Arkansas, to the church. All coming from the north, follow 67 to Pocahontas. All coming from the south take 67 to the Y on west side of river at Pocahontas then take 62 to church.

Ralph Staten, Mod., Pocahontas, Ark.  
S. L. Woodard, Clerk, Warren, Arkansas.

**JASPER ASSOCIATION**

This association meets at Gum Springs near Brilliant, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1942.

**CAHABA RIVER ASSOCIATION**

This association meets with Talladega church on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1942.

**MORNING STAR ASSOCIATION**

This association meets with Union Chapel, five miles from Carbon Hill, Alabama, on Saturday before the Third Sunday in September, 1942.

**STATE LINE OF ALABAMA & FLORIDA**

This association meets with Pleasant Home Church, 7 miles southeast of Geneva, Alabama, on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1942.

**VERNON ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA**

This association meets at Belk Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1942.

**MT. MORIAH ASSOCIATION**

This association meets with Phillips Chapel, Tuscaloosa County, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1942.

**MUSCLE SHOAL ASSOCIATION**

This association meets with Flat Wood Church, five miles northeast of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1942.

**FLINT RIVER ASSOCIATION**

This association meets with Union Hill Church, Morgan County, on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1942.

**ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION**

This association meets with Friendship church, Avondale Mill Section, Pell City, Alabama, on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in November, 1942.

**C. W. MISSOURI & S. E. KANSAS ASS'N.**

The thirty-fourth annual session of this association will be held with Mt. Olive Church on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1942.

Eld. Arlie Hoover, Moderator,  
Thora Arbogast, Clerk.

**NORTHWEST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION**

This association will convene with the Mt. Zion Church north of Plattsburg, Mo., beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1942.

Eld. W. R. Rush is to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. John McKnown, alternate.

Ministers' Conference beginning Thursday morning.

Eld. W. R. Rush, Mod., Santa Rose, Mo.  
Eld. Melba White Clerk, Phattsburg, Mo.

**SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION**

The next annual session of this association will convene with the Pocahontas Church, Randolph County, Arkansas, beginning Thursday evening before the third Sunday in September, 1942.

The introductory sermon will be delivered by the pastor of the Pocahontas church, Eld. Ralph Staten.

**THE JOHN THOMAS ASSOCIATION**

The John Thomas Association of Free Will Baptists will convene on Friday before the second Sunday in September with the Mill Creek Church, Tenso, Virginia. This association is composed of the Letcher County (in Kentucky), the Dickenson County (in Virginia), and the Buchanan County (in Virginia) Quarterly Meetings.

**BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION**

This association will convene with the Barett's Chapel Church, 8½ miles east of Duble Springs, Alabama, on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1942.

**STATE LINE OF ALABAMA & MISSISSIPPI**

This association meets near Center Point, north of Greenwood Springs, Mississippi, on Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1942.



## OBITUARIES

**LAWLIS** — Estella Register Lawlis was born December 17, 1858, near Tallahassee, Florida, departed this life at her home in the Falba community on June 24, 1942; age 83 years, 6 months, and 7 days.

On February 11, 1878, she was united in marriage to George J. Lawlis of Emory, Texas. To this union was born ten children, five boys and five girls. She also leaves fourteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Grandma Lawlis was loved by all who knew her, and the memory of her kind, thoughtful words and deeds will live on in the hearts of not only her children and loved ones but of her many, many friends; the number which was evidenced by the large gathering that paid final tribute at the funeral services. Her life as a Christian was beyond reproach. She had been a member of the Free Will Baptist thirty-one years. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin, pastor of Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Henderson, Texas, June 25th, at 11:30 a. m. Her daughter, Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, in a few well chosen words paid a beautiful tribute to her mother at the close of the funeral message. She was laid to rest in the Falba cemetery.

— Written by a friend.

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You said good-bye to none  
By the beat of the heart and hand-grasp  
We knew that you were gone.

You did not fail to do your best,  
Your heart was true and tender,  
You worked hard for the ones you left  
And ever will be remembered.

A wonderful husband, father and aide,  
One that was better, God never made;  
A husband so loyal, faithful and true,  
One in a million that father was you.

God knew that you were suffering  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So he called you to His bosom  
And whispered, "Peace be to thine".

— Sadly missed by wife and children.

### IN MEMORY

In memory of Pearl Luney who passed away June 18, 1942.

As I stood quite near my doorway  
And watched them take her by,  
My heart was torn with sadness  
And I had to breathe a sigh.  
For fondest memories drew so near me  
As I thought of days be gone  
When at times we were together  
How I wish they could have lived on!

So many things we're made to think of  
Now that she has gone away;  
How she always saw the brightness  
On the gloomiest kind of day.  
What a lesson she has taught us  
As life's short path she trod  
Before she made her final exit  
There to dwell at home with God.

Sincerely written by one who was inspired by the golden moments spent in her presence when we were youths together.

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