

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE
OF THE
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST OF THE UNITED
STATES
HELD WITH
SALEM CHURCH
COTTONDALE, FLA.
June 15-17, 1927.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE:

REV. M. H. MELLETTE, Moderator.....Turbeville, S. C.
REV. D. T. ARMSTRONG, Vice-Moderator....Thomasville, Tenn.
REV. E. C. MORRIS, Recording Secretary.....Durham, N. C.
JAS. CHESHIRE, TreasurerColquitt, Ga.
REV. J. L. WELCH, Field SecretaryNashville, Tenn.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Seventh Annual Session of the General Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of the United States met with Salem Church, Cottondale, Fla., in the Salem Association, June 15, 1927 at 11:00 o'clock A. M.

The session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. John L. Welch, after a very timely message by him the Conference adjourned for lunch.

WEDNESDAY 1:30 P. M.

The Conference reassembled for business and after praise and prayer, the Moderator appointed the Credentials Committee consisting of: M. H. Mellette, C. I. Wells and Thos. E. Beaman. The committee thus appointed called for the credentials of those present and made report as follows:

ALABAMA.—Rev. J. W. Posey, Hartford, Ala., and Rev. J. A. Pettis, Slocomb, Ala., from Union Hill Association. Rev. J. M. Murdock, Ashford, Ala., and R. G. Hatcher, Bascom, Fla., from State Line Association.

FLORIDA.—Rev. Henry Melvin, Marianna, Fla., and E. S. Haddock, Alford, Fla., from the Salem Association. Rev. C. I. Wells, Graceville, Fla., and Rev. A. L. Pate, Blountstown, Fla., from Liberty Association. W. M. Duncan, address not given, and F. M. Knight, Blountstown, Fla., from Blountstown Association.

GEORGIA.—Rev. W. T. Wiley, Hilton, Ga., and Miss Dot Harvey, Jakin, Ga., from the Midway Association.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Rev. E. C. Morris, Durham, N. C., from the State Convention. Rev. A. E. Rouse, Dudley, N. C., from the Eastern Conference. Rev. Thos. E. Beaman, Morehead City, N. C., from the Central Conference.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Rev. M. H. Mellette, Turbeville, S. C., and Rev. T. B. Mellette, Colquitt, Ga., from the South Carolina Conference.

TENNESSEE.—Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Thomasville, Tenn., from the Cumberland Association.

Other officers and visitors were present as follows: Rev. M. M. Hicks, Hilton, Ga., J. C. Ingram, and J. C. Howell, Dothan, Ala., from State Line Association. Rev. J. C. Eldridge, Cottondale, Fla., Revs. G. L. Shutes, S. T. Shutes and K. V. Shutes, Kynesville, Fla., from the Salem Association. Rev. M. L. Hall, Carryville, Fla., and Rev. A. B. Nelson, Bonifay, Fla., from the Liberty Association. Rev. J. T. Knight, Blountstown, Fla., from Blountstown Association.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Alford, Kenly, N. C. and Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, New Bern, N. C., General Secretary of Y. P. Work, from the Eastern Conference. Rev. Jas. Evans, Jacksonville, Fla., from the Western Conference of N. C. Mrs. Fred Polston, Nashville, Tenn., General Secretary of Women's work and Rev. John L. Welch, Nashville, Tenn., Moderator, from the Cumberland Association.

After the delegates were seated and the visitors made welcome, the

Moderator called for verbal reports from the field. Great progress was reported from the various states which was very gratifying.

The following were asked to preach during the session: Wednesday 8:00 P. M. Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Thomasville, Tenn. Thursday 11:00 A. M. Rev. Thos. E. Beaman, Morehead City, N. C. Thursday 8:00 P. M. Rev. M. H. Mellette, Turbeville, S. C. Friday 11:00 A. M. Rev. E. C. Morris, Durham, N. C.

Conference adjourned until Thursday 9:30 A. M.

THURSDAY MORNING, June 16.

Conference met at the appointed hour and after praise service the business was resumed.

Minutes of previous day read and approved and roll of delegates and officers called.

The Moderator called for the reports of the General Secretaries and officers.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE YEAR 1926.

Amount on hand last report	\$ 92.28
Amounts received as follows:	
Eastern Conference, N. C.	10.00
Cumberland Association, Tenn.	10.00
Liberty Association of West Fla.	10.00
Salem Association of Fla., 1925 and 1926	20.00
Ohio Y. M. Association of Ohio	6.00
South Carolina Conference	10.00
Georgia State Convention	10.00
State Line Association of Ala.	10.00
North Carolina State Convention	10.00
Midway Association of Ga.	10.00
Georgia Union Association	10.00
Total Receipts	\$208.28
Disbursements:	
Paid Recording Secretary	\$ 15.00
Printing of Minutes	47.50
Postage	5.19
Paid Mrs. Alice E. Lupton	100.00
Paid Mrs. Fred Polston	25.00
Paid Rev. M. H. Mellette	10.00

Total Disbursements	\$202.69
Balance Cash on Hand	5.59

\$208.28 \$208.28

Jas. Cheshire, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF FIELD SECRETARY.

To the General Conference of Free Will Baptist, Greetings: As Field Secretary, I beg leave to submit the following report: We have endeavored to get in touch with as many new conferences and Associations as possible and have insisted on their representing in our body. Several have pledged to represent with us and have asked for information concerning our organization, its principles and objects which we have tried by correspondence to explain.

The prospects of our cause seem to be on the upward trend, our people as never before are beginning to realize the great need and advantages of co-operation for the advancement of our cause.

There is a good bit of enthusiasm being manifested by our people in evangelism and education, which we feel will work out for our salvation as a denomination and to the glory of God.

Our people are becoming more awakened to the advantages of our Press, and in a great many instances are waging special campaigns to get our paper in every Free Will Baptist home within our Conferences or Associations.

We wish to extend our thanks to this body for the co-operation we have received.

Yours for a greater Church.

M. H. Mellette, Field Secretary.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF WOMEN'S WORK.

To the General Conference of Free Will Baptist Churches when convened with Salem Church, Cottondale, Florida, June 15, 16, 17, 1927.

As General Secretary of Women's work, I beg to submit the following report:

My work for the year has been largely through correspondence. North Carolina and Tennessee both have an organized Women's Work.

In North Carolina their organization, which has recently been perfected, is called the Auxiliary Convention, and seems to be a very promising work for the future. I am bringing before the General Conference a copy of their constitution and by-laws, which they have requested to be adopted.

The work in Tennessee has been organized as a convention for 6 years, with a total of 20 societies reported at the last Convention, and an approximate membership of 375. The Societies composing this Convention, raised and paid through their respective churches, an amount totalling \$3,674, during last year. These Societies also adopted as a part of their program the promotion of Missions, Stewardship, Temperance and Orphanage, and have done some very constructive work along these lines in their local churches, having a Local Chairman for each of these Departments working with their President.

I have corresponded with the following States: Ohio, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Missouri, Florida and West Virginia. These States have no organized work, but most of them have some Local Aid Societies.

I have received from Bro. Jas. Cheshire, Treasurer of the General Conference, a check for \$25.00 to defray the expenses of the Women's work for this year, but inasmuch as my work has been largely through correspondence, I am returning the check herewith.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Fred Polston, General Secretary
of Women's Work.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF GENERAL SECRETARY OF FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 15th, 1927.

In entering upon the duties of general secretary of the F. W. B. L. June 1, 1926, I was at a loss to know where to start to work, however, after taking a mental survey of the field and with a prayer in my heart for divine guidance, I decided the first work claiming my attention would be to ascertain our strength, if possible, as to the number of Leagues and where located. This we did, although we failed to get the co-operation we had hoped for, however there were some interested enough to respond to our letters of inquiry.

We found that we had lost some ground, not only in Leagues, but interest had decreased shockingly in some places.

The next step in the work, was to secure State workers—some one in each State to have the oversight of the work and who would be loyal and dependable. This was a difficult undertaking, but we did the best we could, and while results show that ALL have not co-operated, we are glad to say that we have had splendid support from quite a number. The number of Leagues reporting in response to my inquiry was twenty-eight.

The third effort, was to outline plans for the work in general, mail a copy to each State worker, and also to each League, besides sending copies to various Churches throughout the South where we could secure the names of Church clerks. We did not stop there, but wrote to many of our preachers, enclosing plans for the work, and asking for their assistance.

This did not meet with a general response, but we were able to obtain some worthwhile results.

The next work, as we saw it, was to arrange for Literature. This was quite a task, greater than many are aware of.

We had to decide first on the kind of literature needed, and second, secure an editor, arrange for printing, and third, plan for taking care of the financial part of it.

Believing that a quarterly would meet our needs better, perhaps than anything else, we decided in favor of this, and proceeded in the effort to secure an editor. After some delay, and anxiety, we were fortunate in securing the services of Rev. T. E. Beaman, of Morehead City, N. C., to arrange the lessons in proper form, selecting and outlining topics that would appeal to our young people and at the same time, give them the necessary training for Christian service.

Next we had to arrange for the printing and mailing.

Realizing how slow some of our people are to respond to appeals for money, and also confronted with the fact that we had to convince those who were doubtful regarding the work in general, we decided, instead of making numerous and stressing appeals for funds, that we would accept the proposition made by our own Printing Press at Ayden, N. C., through its managing Editor, Bro. C. K. Dunn, which was as follows:

The Printing Press would do our printing and mailing, selling the quarterlies at 10 cents per copy, bear all losses, and if the sales exceeded the expense, the Press would draw a percentage of the dividends, same to be agreed upon by parties concerned, this to be a temporary arrangement, or until the 1927 session of the General Conference.

This Literature has been published quarterly since October 1, 1926, with the following results:

Last quarter sales for 1926	456
First quarter sales for 1927	939
Second quarter sales for 1927	910
Total	2305

Realizing that our Primary League must be provided for, we wrote some of our State secretaries for suggestions.

After seriously considering various methods, we decided to act on a suggestion from Miss Dot Harvey, of Jakin, Ga., who thought it a good idea to provide programs through the columns of our Church Organ, The Free Will Baptist paper. This, in her opinion would serve two purposes; first, it would give the little folks an outline for their work, and second, increase interest in the paper. Miss Harvey kindly consented, though reluctantly, at first, to arrange these weekly programs, using topics found in the Quarterly simplifying same to meet the needs, this she has done with the assistance of some of her local co-workers, and so far as I know, this plan has been satisfactory.

Miss Harvey hesitated, when called upon for this work, only because she felt that someone else was better fitted for it. However, when she learned that it was our sincere desire that she take upon herself this responsibility, she did not try to lay the burden on some one else. She has cooperated in every possible way and has stood loyal and true in her endeavors to help the cause at large.

According to the best information I can secure, we now have about 64 Senior and Junior Leagues, with 58 of these buying our Literature.

Leagues in North Carolina	36
Leagues in Tenn.	4
Leagues in Georgia	4
Leagues in Florida	3
Leagues in Ohio	2
Leagues in Arkansas	1
Leagues in Alabama	4
Leagues in Oklahoma	3
Leagues in Illinois	1

Leagues in South Carolina	2
Leagues in Missouri	4
Total	64
Primary Leagues	18
Financial report:	
Received at the beginning of Conference year from the General Conference for the promotion of the work	\$100.00
Brought forward for dues	7.00
During the year from Tenn.	26.75
During the year from Ga.	10.00
During the year from N. C.	75.84
For dues from various Leagues	14.00
Total	\$233.59

Disbursements:

Rev. T. E. Beaman for expense of preparing manuscript for Quarterlies	\$ 51.75
F. W. B. Press for booklets on "How to Organize"	10.00
Fidelity Lodge, Morehead City, N. C., for letters	3.28
Alice E. Lupton, travelling expenses in interest of League Work ..	8.35
Printing letters and constitution	6.00
Postage and stationery	4.15
Total disbursements	\$83.53
Balance in treasury	\$148.06

During the past several months, we have been maintaining a Department in the Free Will Baptist paper, for League work, very ably edited by Mrs. L. E. Ballard of Kinston, N. C. It only needs the co-operation of the promoters of the Young People's Work to make it a success.

Our literature for the next quarter is being prepared, and we are urging our people everywhere, to secure a number of these quarterlies and organize their young folks into Leagues, thereby doing them a good turn and also assisting in boosting the work as a whole.

No definite plans are arranged for, aside from the next quarter, the matter being now in the hands of the Conference.

North Carolina, so far, is leading in the number of Leagues, also in finance. We think the reason for this is, that since 1922, when this honorable body met with Marshall, N. C. F. W. B. Church, North Carolina has, to some extent, been active, through the various Conference districts in organizing and otherwise creating interest in the League work. Also, the State Convention has played an important part, by having an organized body of workers under the direction of Rev. T. E. Beaman, who is State manager of the campaign. The work has been organized until there are a goodly number in our State now engaged in this great cause.

Respectfully,

Alice E. Lupton, General Secretary.

By motion, it was agreed that the expenses of Mrs. Lupton and Mrs. Polston in attending this session of the General Conference be refunded them, at the same time an expression of gratitude for the splendid reports of the General Secretaries was voiced by the Conference.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator:

On Resolutions—A. E. Rouse, J. C. Eldridge and Jas. Evans.

On Finance—T. E. Beaman, Jas. Cheshire, and A. B. Nelson.

On Missions—T. B. Mellette, R. G. Hatcher and Henry Melvin.

On Sunday School—M. H. Mellette, K. V. Shutes and W. T. Wiley.

On Education and Literature—J. W. Alford, D. T. Armstrong and C. I. Wells.

On Auxiliary Work—Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Mrs. Fred Polston and Miss Dot Harvey.

Conference called off for refreshments.

THURSDAY, P. M.

Conference came together per adjournment and after praise and prayer by Rev. W. T. Wiley, the business was resumed. At this juncture, the Moderator recognized Rev. J. T. Knight, one of Florida's pioneer ministers, who related some of the events of his long successful ministry. His words were received with pleasure and gratitude.

The various committee reports were called for at this time.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION AND LITERATURE.

The Committee on Education and Literature notes with genuine pleasure, the increased interest in the field of general education, and particularly, the trend toward a better educated ministry, to the end that we may have spirit filled men who are thoroughly able to preserve the doctrine and ideas of the Free Will Baptist Church to the world.

We wish to discourage any idea, or effort to divide our educational efforts until we have thoroughly equipped the College at Ayden, N. C. We insist that the various conferences and associations require and assist the young men entering the ministry, to attend and obtain training at the above named college.

We urge all our people to read all Free Will Baptist literature available to them, giving particular regard to Sunday School and Young People's literature.

Committee:

J. W. Alford, Chairman,

D. T. Armstrong,

C. I. Wells.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We beg to recommend as follows:

I. That a Department of Finance be created to become a permanent part of this Conference.

II. That a Board of Finance be elected as other officers of the Conference consisting of five members. The duty of said board shall be to study the financing of our National Work.

III. That in order to better finance our work, we request the local churches to pay annually for the support of the conference the sum of three cents per capita annually to be apportioned as follows: General Fund, 70 per cent; F. W. B. L. Fund, 10 per cent; Sunday School Fund, 10 per cent; Women's Work, 10 per cent. Total 100 per cent.

IV. That the money so raised by the local churches shall be sent to the Conferences and Associations and their delegates shall bear same to the General Conference.

V. That the Board of Finance work out and submit to the next session a plan whereby all associations and conferences shall pay annual fees according to membership.

VI. That the Board shall make such plans and rules as it may deem best providing they are not in conflict with the general laws of the Conference.

Committee:

Thos. E. Beaman, Chairman,
Jas. Cheshire,
A. B. Nelson.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

We beg to recommend the following:

I. That our Sunday School work be placed upon a National basis and become a constituent part of the General Conference.

II. That a General Secretary be elected as are other officers of the Conference.

III. That the General Secretary shall have general supervision over the Sunday School work in America in the Free Will Baptist Church, the arranging for the financing of the National Work; the organization of State Work and the supervision of our Sunday School literature, and such other work as the General Conference may demand.

IV. That we urge the use of our own literature in our own schools.

Committee:

M. H. Mellette, Chairman,
K. V. Shutes,
W. T. Wiley.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

We the committee on Missions of the Free Will Baptist General Conference beg to report the following:

I. We find that the Cumberland Association of Tennessee is putting forth efforts to do mission work within its own bounds and have a special fund for the purpose of strengthening weak churches, establishing new

ones where possible and for helping worthy ministers in qualifying themselves for ministerial duties.

The Midway Association of Georgia is also raising mission and educational funds for intensive work within its own bounds.

The South Carolina Conference is now putting forth efforts along this line and is raising funds for Eureka College and Mission work at home.

The North Carolina Conferences are also engaged in constructive work for mission and education.

We ask that this General Conference urge all Associations and Conferences composing same to begin constructive work in helping their ministers to qualify for better ministerial duties.

The Committee does not know of any other Associations that are doing constructive mission work and we urge our delegates and ministers to put forth efforts to begin constructive mission work.

Committee:

T. B. Mellette, Chairman,
Henry Melvin,
R. G. Hatcher.

Report adopted.

By motion, the regular order of business was dispensed and the officers for the ensuing year were elected.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. M. H. Mellette, Turbeville, S. C., Moderator.

Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Thomasville, Tenn., Vice Moderator.

Rev. E. C. Morris, Durham, N. C., Recording Secretary.

James Cheshire, Colquitt, Ga., Treasurer.

Rev. John L. Welch, Nashville, Tenn., Field Secretary.

Rev. Thos. E. Beaman, Morehead City, N. C., General Secretary of Sunday School Work.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, New Bern, N. C., General Secretary of Free Will Baptist League work.

Mrs. Fred Polston, 318 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn., General Secretary of Women's work.

Rev. A. L. Davidson, Pine View, Ga., member of Executive Committee for five years.

Board of Finance—M. H. Mellette, Chairman; E. C. Morris, J. C. Howell, John L. Welch and Henry Melvin.

By motion, the matter of the revision of the Constitution be referred to a committee, who shall make report at our next session; and that John L. Welch be the committee.

By motion, this Conference authorize the Treasurer to issue check for \$25.00 to Rev. John L. Welch, the retiring Moderator, as a gift for the splendid and most efficient manner in which he has presided over this body for the last seven years.

By motion, the regular order of business be again dispensed and that the petitions for the 1928 session be considered.

Rev. Thos. E. Beaman of Morehead City, N. C., presented the petition for Eureka College and urged the Conference to hold its next session there. All other petitions were withdrawn and a unanimous vote was given to accept the petition of Eureka College, of Ayden, N. C.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S WORK.

We your committee on Women's work, recommend the adoption of the Constitution and By-laws as herewith submitted.

2. We further recommend that the General Conference have 1000 of these printed, and distributed by the General Secretary of Women's Work.

3. We also recommend greater publicity of our activities during the coming year through the Auxiliary Department in the Free Will Baptist paper.

4. That each state make some effort through the women's organizations to send some funds to the General Conference each year to help promote the work at large.

Committee:

Mrs. Fred Polston, Chairman,

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton,

Miss Dot Harvey.

Report adopted.

Conference adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 17.

Conference met per adjournment and after devotional service the minutes were read and corrected.

By motion, there be 1250 minutes printed and 250 be sent to the Field Secretary and others distributed in usual way.

By motion, the Recording Secretary be allowed \$15.00 for his service.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

The committee on Resolutions have examined several resolutions prepared and recommend their adoption.

We ask that the Moderator appoint a Program Committee whose duty it shall be to arrange a program and publish same three months in advance of the next session of this Conference. We also request the Field Secretary to send several copies to the Moderator of the various Conferences and associations for distribution.

We want this body to express by a rising vote, its gratitude to this Church and community for the hospitality shown us while in this session.

Committee:

A. E. Rouse, Chairman,

J. C. Eldridge,

Jas. Evans.

Report adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Be it resolved that the Field Secretary be empowered to arrange for such finance as will be necessary for the successful prosecution of his office and present same to our next session and said amount be paid by the Conference.

Offered by T. B. Mellette.

Report adopted.

Be it resolved that we instruct our Secretary to prepare a special report blank and furnish to the secretaries of the various conferences and associations for making their reports and said reports to be recapitulated and embodied in the minutes of the General Conference.

Be it further resolved that we have special credentials to be submitted by the delegates, signed by the clerk and moderator of said applicant's conference or association, to be submitted at each session of the General Conference and no delegate shall be seated without such.

And be it further resolved that we have a special pamphlet of mailing size prepared and printed for use by our Field Secretary, said pamphlet to contain statements and definitions and expositions of what the General Conference is and what it endeavors to do.

Above Resolutions Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS ON FREE WILL BAPTIST TREATISE AND DISCIPLINE.

Be it resolved that the General Conference at this session empower its Moderator to appoint a committee consisting of one to prepare a manuscript for a discipline and Free Will Baptist Treatise for the approval and adoption of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptist, said discipline to be used universally as the discipline of the Original Free Will Baptist, and that said committee submit the above manuscript to the 1928 session of our Conference.

Above Resolutions Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS ON SABBATH AND PROHIBITION.

Whereas there are so many people in our southland who are desecrating the Sabbath and violating the Prohibition law, it becomes our duty as a denomination to take a strong stand against those things, Therefore, Be it resolved: That this session of the General Conference, hereby, reaffirm our allegiance to the resolution adopted at Timmons ville, S. C., and that we insist on the observance of the Sunday Laws and pledge our support and influence to that end.

Offered by A. B. Nelson.

Above Resolution Adopted.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT AND ESTEEM FOR REV. J. G. HARRIS, DECEASED.

In Memorium.

The General Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist, convening

with Salem Church, Cottdale, Fla., feels it compelling, on its part, at this 1927 session to acknowledge the greatness of God in all his ways and especially in the death of our beloved brother J. G. Harris.

Elder J. G. Harris, an executive member of our Executive Committee, having died on the opening day of his respective association 1926, namely the Midway Association of Georgia, and whereas, Elder Harris was a faithful minister and laborer for our cause and faithful in the performance of his duties and all that was assigned him and knowing that he reflected credit to our people in every respect, especially to the school at Ayden, N. C., to the local association and the General Conference, therefore we deem it expedient to make mention of his life and death on our record and give such a place in our minutes.

Elder Harris was the Trustee of Eureka College for the Free Will Baptist of Georgia and was once a pupil in the institution. He was also active in local and state affairs from a civic standpoint, and was in every respect a 100 per cent American citizen and also 100 per cent minister and church worker.

Again in this, the General Conference bows in submission to the perfect, safe and sure good will of God.

We ask that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the widow of the deceased.

Above Resolutions Adopted.

By motion, that John L. Welch be elected Chairman of the Program Committee and that he be allowed the privilege of appointing two others to work with him. M. H. Mellette and E. C. Morris were appointed.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Conference with the closing sermon and appropriate devotions.

E. C. Morris, Recording Secretary.

John L. Welch, Moderator.

FORM OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF WOMAN'S HOME MISSION CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

Preamble.

Realizing the need and opportunity of doing a great work for the up-building of the kingdom of God through the Free Will Baptist church. We hope and shall endeavor to accomplish more in this field than we have in the past by uniting the societies herein mentioned, having one aim in common that of bettering conditions along the lines of Christian education, missions and church building. The funds collected from these organizations shall be used for the above named purposes.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This organization shall be known as the Woman's Home Mission Convention, and shall be established within the bounds of any conference or association.

Art. 2. The officers of this Convention shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee. These of-

icers shall be elected at each regular session of the Convention. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the president, secretary and treasurer.

Art. 3. It shall be the duty of the president to preside over all conventions; to state and put all questions properly before the Convention; to preserve decorum, to fill vacancies in office; to appoint all committees and to perform all duties usually pertaining to such an office.

Art. 4. The Vice-President shall occupy the chair in the absence of the president, or at the option of that office, and in this capacity shall perform all duties pertaining to that office.

Art. 5. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a full and true record of all the proceedings of the convention in a book provided by the convention for that purpose.

Art. 6. The treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to this convention, and shall use the same according to the conditions of the said convention, and shall produce a written report at each annual meeting of the convention of all money received and paid out. All orders for money during the year must be signed by the chairman of the Executive Committee.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to look after the local welfare in its respective district in organizing all Ladies Aid Societies, and Woman's Home Mission Societies and arranging a program for each convention, and such other duties as may evolve upon it.

Art. 8. The members of the convention shall consist of delegates appointed by various local societies of this convention. All ministers shall have the privilege as officers and delegates.

Art. 9. This Constitution may be amended only by a two-thirds vote of delegates present at any regular session of the General Conference or a board appointed by the same for the promulgation of women's work.

Art. 10. The Convention may receive reports from the auxiliaries unless they are organized into separate conventions. But in every instance where there is such an organization, auxiliaries not mentioned in this constitution, shall represent in their respective conventions.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES.

In a meeting called to convene with Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist church, Nashville, Tenn., May 26-28, 1921, delegates from Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee met for the purpose of reorganizing the General Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of the United States and appointed a committee of five to draft a constitution and by-laws by which this organization should be governed. The following constitution and by-laws were adopted:

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the General Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of the United States.

Section 2. The object of this organization shall be to bring together our people throughout the United States for the purpose of counseling for the general interests of our denomination.

Section 3. The Conference shall be composed of the various Associations, Conferences, Yearly Meetings, and State Conventions, together with other like bodies of the same faith and practice, which may hereafter be admitted. Also members of various standing boards.

Section 4. Officers: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee composed of the foregoing officers. Also, Secretaries of such lines of denominational work as time and conditions suggest their expediency, with boards of five each.

BY-LAWS.

Article I.

Section 1. The Moderator shall preside over all meetings and appoint such temporary committees as the Conference may deem necessary. He shall call the Executive Committee together when necessary and perform such other duties as parliamentary usage demands of him.

Section 2. The Vice-Moderator shall preside in the absence of the Moderator.

Section 3. The Recording Secretary shall record and keep all proceedings of the Conference and Executive Committee, hold all valuable papers belonging to the Conference, and turn same over to his successor in office.

Section 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall serve as statistician, have charge of advertising and seek to bring other organizations mentioned in the Constitution, into the General Conference.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall have authority to call extra sessions of the Conference when it becomes necessary, and act as the Conference when it is not in session, such actions to be subject to the Conference.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall hold all monies sent in for sundry purposes and pay out same only as it is apportioned by the Conference or upon receipt of vouchers properly signed by the Moderator and Recording Secretary. He shall give bond as the Conference may demand.

Section 7. Field Secretaries of the different departments shall appoint Field Secretaries in each organization represented in the General Conference, except State Conventions and such other helpers as may be needed to promote their work, and make detailed reports of their accomplishments at each annual session of the General Conference. General Field Secretaries shall be appointed by the boards either in or out of its membership and in case they go out of their board membership to secure a Field Secretary, the Field Secretary shall have the same authority in the General Conference as a member of the board.

Section 8. Each organization represented in the Conference shall be required to donate not less than \$10.00 annually for the promotion of the general interest of the Conference.

Article II.

Section 1. The Conference shall meet annually on Wednesday before the third Sunday in June at such place as may be designated by the Conference.

Section 2. Each organization belonging to the Conference shall be entitled to two representatives for every 1000 church members or a fraction thereof except State Conventions which shall be entitled to only one representative.

Section 3. The representatives shall present credentials to the Credentials Committee and be governed during business sessions by parliamentary law.

Section 4. All officers and Boards shall serve for a term of two years and shall report annually to the Conference.

Amendments.

This Constitution and these By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all the members present in any regular session, provided, the amendment shall not be voted on until the day following the offering of the same.

(The above Constitution and By-Laws are to be adopted or rejected at the next session of the General Conference.)

LETTER TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

To the General Conference of Free Will Baptist of the United States,
to be held at _____
on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday between the Second and Third Sun-
days in June 1928: GREETINGS:

We send as delegates to represent the _____

(Name of Convention, Conference or Association)

(Name of delegates and address)

Praying that much and lasting good may be accomplished through
the General Conference.

The statistics of our body are as follows:

Number of Churches _____ Number of Ministers _____ Number

of Members _____ Number of Sunday School organizations _____

Number of Free Will Baptist Leagues _____ Number of Ladies' Aid

or Missionary Societies _____ Name and number of any other Aux-

iliary organizations _____

Our Annual fee is \$ _____.

Name and address to whom minutes are to be sent _____

_____ Moderator.

Address _____

_____ Clerk.

Address _____