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OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

For Years 1930-31.

Rev. R. F. Pittman, Moderator	-----	Ayden, N. C.
Rev. Henry Melvin, Vice-Moderator	-----	Blountstown, Fla.
G. W. Fambrough, Recording Secretary	-----	Neptune, Tenn.
Jas. Cheshire, Treasurer	-----	Colquitt, Ga.
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General Secretary of Sunday Schools.		
Mrs. Fannie Polston	-----	Nashville, Tenn.
General Secretary of Women's Work.		
Rev. J. C. Griffin, Publicity Director,	-----	New Bern, N. C.
Rev. Henry Melvin,	-----	Blountstown, Fla.
General Secretary of Young People's Work.		

PROCEEDINGS

The Ninth Annual Session of the General Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of the United States met with Glennville Church, Glennville, Ga., June 12, 1929, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Conference was called to order by the Moderator, M. H. Mellette and after Devotional services held by Rev. R. F. Pittman, an able and inspiring sermon was delivered by the Rev. L. R. Ennis, Bible instructor at Eureka College, Ayden, N. C., from Romans First chapter, 14th verse. After the sermon adjournment was had for lunch.

WEDNESDAY, 1:30 P. M.

The Conference reassembled for business and after devotional services conducted by Eld. J. R. Hunt, of Macon, Ga., the address of welcome was delivered to the delegates and visitors, from the various states by Rev. J. A. Blanton, one of the pioneer pastors of Glennville, Ga. The response to the address of welcome was made by G. W. Fambrough of Neptune, Tenn. At this time a telegram was received from Rev. E. C. Morris, of Durham, N. C., who was elected clerk at the last Conference, stating that illness prevented his being present, and on motion G. W. Fambrough, of Neptune, Tenn. was elected to fill out his unexpired term.

The next in order was the announcement of the Credentials Committee by the Moderator, composed of J. A. Blanton of Ga., L. R. Ennis of N. C. and T. B. Mellette of S. C.

The Credentials Committee requested that all credentials be presented immediately, while the Committee held a session for this purpose, and their report was made to the Conference, and the following states were received and their delegates seated:

Alabama.—State Line Association. Delegates: Rev. G. W. Cherry, Dothan, Ala., Rev. O. A. Sellars of Cottonwood, Ala.

Florida.—Blountstown Association, Rev. Henry Melvin and Bro. F. M. Knight both from Blountstown, Fla., Liberty Association. Delegates: Rev. A. B. Nelson, Bonifay, Fla.

Georgia.—Midway Association. Delegates: Rev. Rufus Hyman, Damascus, Ga., and Bro. A. D. Ivey. Georgia Union Association, Eld. Neal H. Parrish of Hahira, Ga., and Layman R. M. McGlamory, of Seville, Ga.; Benjamin Randall Conference, Eld. J. R. Hunt, delegate, Macon, Ga. South Georgia, delegate Rev J. A. Blanton, Surrency, Ga.

North Carolina.—Pee Dee Conference, I. L. Russ, Bladenboro, N. C.; State Convention: Delegate Rev. L. R. Ennis, Ayden, N. C. Eastern Conference: Rev. W. B. Everett, Morehead City, N. C. Central Conference: Eld. R. F. Pittman, delegate, Ayden, N. C. Cape Fear Conference: Delegate Eld. J. C. Griffin, Goldsboro, N. C. The State Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. R. F. Pittman, Ayden, N. C.

South Carolina.—South Carolina Conference: Delegates, Rev. M. H. Mellette and T. B. Mellette, both of Turbeville, S. C.

Ohio.—No intelligence.

Tennessee.—Cumberland Association: Delegates, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Ashland City, Tenn., and G. W. Fambrough, Neptune, Tenn.

The following visitors, delegates, pastors and officers of the Conference were present and made welcome:

Alabama.—Rev. O. A. Sellars, Cottonwood; Rev. G. W. Cherry, Dothan;

Florida.—Rev. A. B. Nelson, Bonifay; Rev. Henry Melvin, Blountstown; Rev. James A. Evans, 3561 Fitch St., Jacksonville; I. J. Blackwelder, Dukes.

Georgia.—Layman Willie Wiley and daughter, Damascus; Elder J. R. Hunt and wife, 159 Jeff Davis St., Macon; Rev. W. T. Wiley, Hilton; Rev. W. H. Towers, Hazelhurst; Rev. E. B. Joyner, Alma; Rev. Rufus Hyman, Damascus.

North Carolina.—Rev. W. B. Everett and wife; Rev. J. C. Griffin and wife; Elder A. E. Rouse, Dudley; E. H. Russ, Bladenboro, R. 2; Rev. J. C. Moye, Snow Mill; Rev. L. R. Ennis, representing the Eureka College at Ayden.

South Carolina.—Rev. M. H. Mellette and T. B. Mellette, Turbeville.

Tennessee.—Rev. J. L. Welch, 1610 Arthur Ave., Nashville; Rev. W. B. Davenport, Ashland City; Mrs. Alexine Slack, Nashville; Mrs. Fred Polston, Secretary of Womens work, Nashville; Mrs. P. P. Kerkeles Nashville, G. W. Fambrough, Neptune; Miss Agnes Cantrell, Nashville; Rev. J. T. Williams representing the Jasper Association was welcomed; Mrs. Rufus Hyman, Damascus, Ga., Miss Laura Horne, Macon, Ga., Eld. B. F. Horne, Eastman, W. T. Peacock, Milan, Ga., C. J. Harvey, Pitts, Ga., J. H. Owens, Pitts, Ga., Eld. Grady T. Williams, Townley, Ala.

Note.—There were other visitors in attendance at the Conference but their names were not given to the secretary, hence they are not enrolled. It was announced by the Moderator that the Rev. James A. Evans of Jacksonville, Fla., deliver the sermon at 8 o'clock P. M. in which he preached a strong and spiritual sermon from John, Chapter 14, verses 15-21, 26. On motion we adjourned until Thursday, 9:00 A. M.

THURSDAY, 9:00 A. M.

Conference came together at the appointed time. Devotional services were rendered in scripture reading, song and prayer by Rev. J. C. Griffin of N. C. The Conference was declared open for business by Moderator, and after reading the minutes of the previous day, motion made that all visiting brethren from other denominations be invited to sit in conference with us.

The following ministers were appointed to preach during Conference: Eld. R. F. Pittman, Thursday 11 o'clock A. M.; Rev. J. L. Welch, Thursday, 8 o'clock P. M.; Rev. J. C. Griffin, Friday, 11 o'clock A. M.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Resolutions.—T. B. Mellette, A. B. Nelson, E. H. Russ.

Finance.—G. W. Cherry, W. T. Wiley, W. B. Davenport.

Education.—L. R. Ennis, Henry Melvin, G. T. Williams.

Missions.—Eld. J. R. Hunt, R. F. Pittman, O. A. Sellers.

Literature.—J. L. Welch, Miss Dot Harvey, C. K. Dunn.

Temperance.—Neal H. Parrish, I. L. Russ, I. J. Blackwelder.

Obituary.—E. B. Joyner, J. A. Evans, A. E. Rouse.

The various officers and committees were asked to make report and the following reported:

Report of Treasurer.

June, 1928, Balance on hand	\$ 24.09
Received from the finance committee, 1928	124.42
Received from the Midway Association, 3 cent membership	25.53
Received from the Georgia Union Association	10.00
Received from Finance Committee, 1929	115.30
Received from Mrs. Fred Polston	30.50
Total	\$329.84

Disbursements.

Paid Secretary	\$20.00
Mattie Parkerson	25.00
Mrs. Fred Polston	10.00
E. T. Phillips	11.00
Free Will Baptist Printing Press	62.50
J. L. Welch	15.00
Balance	\$186.34

Report adopted.

JAMES CHESHIRE, Treas.

Missions.—We your committee on Foreign Missions, respectfully submit that we recommend a fuller mission activity of our Denomination. We believe that our home mission activities are minature in action and deplore our utter lack of Foreign activity. We recommend that this Conference provide for the proper education of some acceptable men and women who give evidence of a divine call to foreign fields and that we provide for continual support of these missionaries. We further recommend that this body establish a Foreign Mission Board for the proper conduct of a Foreign program. (Report adopted.)

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. HUNT, Chairman.

On motion a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to constitute a foreign mission board. The Moderator appointed Elder J. R. Hunt, Rev. J. L. Welch and Rev. J. C. Griffin.

Field Secretary's Report.—To the General Conference: As your Field Secretary I am making the following report for 1929: Since our last session it has been my constant aim to reach through correspondence a large part of our people, who are not connected with this Conference, and to interest them in the things we are trying to do, but at this time we have no applications from new states for admission into this body. However indications of greater interest among Free Will Baptist of other states are encouraging and we hope to have several applications for admission during this year.

As your Secretary I am asking greater cooperation among our ministers in our effort to reach a greater number of Conferences and Associations, and bring them into this organization. (Report adopted.)

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. WELCH, Secretary.

The General Secretary's Second Annual Report on Sunday Schools.—In making this report we beg to say that we have looked carefully over the field of the General Conference with a view to a more correct solution to the problems of the Sunday School work as it presents itself with reference to the future. We have surveyed the field and find many encouraging features in this department of our denominational work. Of the survey we report as follows:

North Carolina.—Approximately 300 churches with 202 Sunday schools, 98 churches are without Schools. The churches largely speaking do not have sufficient accommodations in the way of school rooms, and adequate equipment adopted to the several ages of the pupils. We have a record of 22 churches that have been rearranging their buildings to meet the needs. The schools need Institutes at least once per year with competent instructors to teach better methods of conducting the Sunday school work, and other related subjects.

Several of the churches have had such institutes and they are advanced in their work far above the average.

Tennessee.—There are 102 churches in Tenn., but only 59 Sunday Schools. Some of the churches are changing their buildings by curtaining off spaces and the addition of Sunday School rooms. There is a fine work that could be done in this state through the General Conference.

South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.—There are approximately 210 churches in these three states with Sunday Schools, some of them according to reports run for only a few months in the year and this in the summer.

Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia.—These three states have a very few Schools in their churches of the original Free Will Baptist with practically no effort to enlarge and extend the work. There is fine prospects however.

Recommendations.—(1) A continuation of the department of Sunday School administration. (2) The organizing of and conducting of State and District rallies along the institute line in every state in the General Conference. (3) A closer cooperation of this department and our Press in the

output of Sunday School literature and a larger interest of the conference in our literature. (4) That all our schools use our own literature as far as possible. (5) That all churches contemplating the remodeling or building of new buildings seek assistance and cooperation from this department, and in this way valuable service can be rendered in helping them to properly plan for the Sunday School.

The \$25.00 appropriated for this work has been used in compiling necessary data for future work, and we believe that the recommendations that we have submitted herewith can be put into effect without further cost to the Conference since the preliminary work has been done.

There is before us a great future in the Sunday School field, and it is my sincere wish that this work be continued by you.

(Adopted)

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. E. BEAMAN, Gen. Sec.

Finance Committee.—Your committee reports as follows:

South Carolina Conference	\$ 10.00
Benjamin Randall Conference of Ga.	10.00
Cumberland Association of Tenn.	10.00
Central Conference of N. C.	10.00
State Conference of N. C.	10.00
Blountstown Association of Florida	10.00
Midway Association of Georgia	10.00
Pee Dee Conference of North Carolina	10.00
Eastern Conference of North Carolina	10.00
Cape Fear Conference of North Carolina	10.00
Georgia Union Association of Georgia	10.00
Liberty Association of Florida	5.30
Womens work of Tenn.	30.50
	\$145.80

Also have examined the report of the Treasurer and find it correct.
Committee, W. B. DAVENPORT, Chairman.

Obituary Committee report:

In obedience to the Great Command the following brethren have been called into the great beyond since our last Conference:

Eld. J. W. Valentine, and E. T. Lucas, and N. S. Lancaster, of the Western Conference of N. C.; Eld. J. E. Bigham of S. C. and Bro. Joe Hunter of State Line Association of Ga., and there were numerous members whose names we failed to receive but we send sympathy to all bereaved relatives and friends and we are continually pointing our living friends to the Great Master who is a friend to all.

Submitted,

E. B. JOYNER, Chairman.
A. E. ROUSE,
J. A. EVANS.

To The General Conference of Free Will Baptist Churches of The United States—1929—Report of Women's Work for Year 1928-29.

At the beginning of this Conference year, we decided to adopt about the same plan of work as followed heretofore.

The booklets containing Constitution and by-laws for local aids and missionary societies, District and State Auxiliary Conventions, have been distributed fairly well throughout the states which usually represent in the General Conference, and a few in other places, hoping we might get in closer touch with our people. I have written many letters trying to instruct and encourage the work. Practically all the work is done through correspondence, except in my own state. There I have spoken to Sunday Schools, Ladies Aids, Leagues and Church congregations whenever I had an opportunity, trying to get the importance of the general work before them. Interest is growing in every state, and I hope the time will soon come when our women will be well organized and working hand in hand helping our churches to carry out the commission given to them.

I am able to make a report of the work in the following states:

Tennessee.—The Convention of the Cumberland Association of Tennessee is composed of about 25 Societies; 13 represented at the last Convention, and reported approximately \$3,500 raised during the year and used in local work. These Societies paid into the Convention for state work, \$204.50.

A special Orphanage Fund is being sponsored by this Convention, and \$482.35 has been added to this fund during the year, making a total of \$4757.80 which is in the bank on interest.

Still more important than the raising of money, is the Departmental work. The outstanding feature of this year's work has been the study of Chas. A. Cook's Text book on "Stewardship and Missions", a class in which is to be held in each church if possible.

The 13 Societies attending the last Convention in Tennessee, reported a membership of 273, and the Convention is sending \$10.00 to the General Conference for the general work.

A District Convention in the Union Association of Tennessee was organized this year with 12 Societies representing. The prospects are bright for this new convention.

North Carolina.—At the state convention held in Wilson, North Carolina in May, this year, 29 Societies were represented, and 3 District Conventions. 3 new Societies were reported organized during the year. Funds as follows were paid into their State Convention for the State work:

From Ladies Aid Societies	-----	\$50.00
Missionary Societies	-----	6.00
District Conventions	-----	20.00
Philathea Classes	-----	2.00
Total	-----	\$78.00

Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina and Florida reports show

new societies organized during the year. I have been especially encouraged by so many pastors writing for literature and such helps as I could give, pledging themselves to the work and expressing a desire for a Society in each of their churches. Our people are interested and the work is growing.

I have had some scattered correspondence with our people in Ohio, Oklahoma, Indiana and Texas, but I am unable to make an accurate report of this work.

Financial Report.—Received from North Carolina State Auxiliary Convention 1928 \$10.00, 1929 \$10.00; received from Rev. K. V. Shutes of Ala. \$.50; received from Tenn. Convention \$10.00, a total of \$30.50 which is being turned over to the Treasurer of the General Conference.

Many things are bright on the horizon, but in order to keep them so, we must keep the smoke screen driven away. I believe we have an opportunity to attempt great things for God. We have a wonderful heritage for tomorrow. How will this record in the next decade read; that in meeting the challenge of present denominational needs we did attempt great things, or that we miserably failed? We are conscious of the fact that God doesn't require more of us than we can do; only in grasping opportunities for service do we grow in grace and develop in spiritual things.

Therefore, if it meets the approval of this body, I shall ask our women to come together on a specified day for prayer. Our aim is to unify our forces in one stupendous prayer effort. The need for this call is so wide and so compelling that every Free Will Baptist Woman should feel her responsibility in meeting the challenge; and out of this mighty impulse of prayer, may our eyes be opened to the ripened bending harvest fields of the world. And may there be born a new soul of stewardship in our churches.

We will pray for Christian leaders from among our young people, that they may find a definite Christian service, a life's work and the path to a larger happiness and usefulness in the world. We will pray for the leaders of the General Conference, the leaders of our state work, as well as the leaders of our local work, that they may be able to carry forward the work of our denomination with intelligence and consecration.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FANNIE POLSTON, Gen. Sec. of Women's Work.

To the General Conference of Free Will Baptist in its Ninth Annual Session, Convening with Glennville F. W. B. Church, Georgia:

Report of Gen. Secretary of Free Will Baptist League work for year ending June 12th, 1929.—We cannot say that the work has gone forward by "leaps and bounds" this year, but we are glad to report that much progress has been made. Although we have not attained the standard as we set for ourselves during the year, we have labored untiringly and earnestly for the best interests of the Young People's work, as we saw it.

Upon the resignation of Rev. T. E. Beaman as Editor-in-chief of League Quarterlies, on or about July 1st, 1928, we were very fortunate in securing

the services of Rev. Henry Melvin, of Blountstown, Fla., for the position. This arrangement, so far as I know, has met the approval of the general public of Free Will Baptists.

The Quarterlies have, from time to time, received favorable comments and have been compared with similar work of other denominations with gratifying results. The work has been enlarged, in order to meet the demands, and Rev. Melvin has been constantly on the alert for anything that would promote or arouse the best interest for the League work at large.

Our next Quarters supply of literature will carry the Senior Quarterly as usual, and also a Junior Quarterly, which will sell, possibly for six or eight cents per copy.

We have been greatly handicapped during the year for lack of necessary funds. We have not been able to make any definite provision for the Primary department, although we have made special effort in this direction. Our booklets on How to Organize a Free Will Baptist League, are all gone and no substitute to take its place. There have been other things planned, but no funds to meet the expense, so they had to be abandoned for the time being.

Owing to some dissatisfaction about the Reading Course for the Leagues, that had previously been arranged by Rev. Thos. E. Beaman, it was deemed proper to discontinue it until the present session of the Conference, when it was hoped that some effort would be made to arrange for the work, especially as this course is one of ten points of the Standard of Excellence for the Leagues, and for which several are striving to attain. The Senior League of Open Pond Church, at Jakin, Ga., has the distinction and the honor of being the first and only one so far, to qualify for a certificate of a Standard of Excellence and who has received one.

During the year, through the splendid efforts of Rev. Melvin and his associates, we have added the design of a cross on our quarterlies. This brought about a loud clamor for League pins. After much thought and many suggestions from interested workers, we had no funds on hand with which to carry this into effect. After much earnest prayer, in which several were uniting for the mutual benefit of the cause, one of our worthy young preachers Rev. Grady Williams, of Townley, Ala., kindly offered to finance the proposition, the following terms agreed upon: That we would accept his generous offer, with the understanding that the pins were to be of solid gold, that they were to be made according to design on our quarterlies, that the Editor of the League literature, or the General secretary should manage the sales and receive the money, that a correct and honest account be kept of all funds derived from such sales and that when a sufficient number had been sold to justify it, that Rev. Williams be paid the amount he had used on the pins, with a reasonable interest on same. The pins are about ready to be placed on sale, and we believe they will prove a great incentive to the Leaguers everywhere. We trust we shall have the sanction of the Conference in this undertaking, as we conscientiously believe that it will work out to the advantage of our work at large.

Mrs. Henry Melvin, our new Editor for the Free Will Baptist League Department in the Baptist paper, has wrought a good work and given many timely helps, that has increased interest and given inspiration to many of our young people. We recommend Mrs. Melvin for her efficiency and her earnest endeavors along this line of service.

Last year we had eleven states reporting Leagues within their borders, this year we have thirteen. Literature was sold last quarter in all thirteen states, the number of Leagues being as follows:

Arkansas	5
Alabama	5
Florida	8
Georgia	13
Illinois	1
Missouri	13
Mississippi	1
North Carolina	19
Oklahoma	4
Ohio	1
South Carolina	12
Tennessee	6
Texas	2
Total Senior Leagues, April 1st, 1929	90

(An increase of 25 new League since June, 1928)

The nearest correct report of Junior and Primary Leagues we can obtain is, Juniors 18; Primary 20, total 38. Making a grand total of 128 Leagues at the beginning of the 2nd quarter this year. I have received reports from six new Leagues during the past month.

We are still receiving requests for the booklet on How to Organize, but we cannot fill them, however I am writing personal letters to all inquirers, giving out what information I can, until better arrangements can be made.

Report from the Free Will Baptist Press for the year is not complete, however the number of Quarterlies sold for the 2nd quarter this year, indicates that sales have been gratifying all along. Aside from the one thousand printed and sold for 2nd quarter, Bro. C. K. Dunn reports that he printed and sold Three hundred extra copies and then failed to meet the demand. He informed me that they would print two thousand in order to supply the needs of the third quarter.

The League is receiving no funds from these sales. After the last Conference I talked with Bro. Dunn about dividing dividends with the League, as per our agreement in the beginning, that when the work reached a place when it was self-sustaining and that there were some profits, the League was to share in these. Brother Dunn informed me that the losses had been so great, he felt that they should be allowed some time in order to catch up, hence, the matter stands as in the beginning.

I have mailed out during the year the following amount of Literature:

Report Blanks 360; Booklets on How to Organize Leagues 132; personal letters 96; F. W. B. Quarterlies (Sample Copies) 41; total 629.

The League Convention of North Carolina held its second annual session on July 4th, 1928 with St. Mary's F. W. B. Church, New Bern, N. C., with splendid interest and good representation.

Through the efforts of Brother Henry Melvin and his co-workers, the Tri-State League convention has been organized, with its third meeting at Jakin, Ga., June 5, 6. Wednesday night and Thursday.

Altogether we feel very grateful for the success that has come to us during the year, and we realize that it has come through the support and cooperation of consecrated workers, and by leadership of the Holy Spirit, without whom, our entire lives and efforts would be complete failures.

There are many things we need to launch in the interest of this great cause. We need a Young People's Manual, that will embody necessary information and all questions of vital importance to the cause.

I hope this honorable body will endeavor to arrange some plan whereby the League work may make greater headway next year than it has at any time in its history. In my limited way, I have done what I could, without favors, compensations or hope of reward in this world.

Financial Report for Year.—Brought forward from June, 1928—\$ 46.50
 Received from donations ----- 25.00
 Received for League dues ----- 35.38
 Total ----- \$106.88

Disbursements.—To Rev Henry Melvin for expense of preparing MSS for League Quarterlies ----- \$60.00
 Dunn Printing Co., for letters and advt. matter ----- 6.00
 For Certificates of Standard of Excellence ----- 7.50
 Stationery ----- 6.50
 Etching and drawing of cross for quarterlies ----- 2.15
 For traveling expense in organizing and visiting Leagues ----- 8.30
 To Alice E. Lupton for postage ----- 12.46
 Total disbursements ----- \$102.91

Balance in treasury ----- \$3.97

Desiring the prayers of this Conference and all Christian people, and thanking you for all past favors, including your support and hearty cooperation, in the work, I am,
 Yours in the cause,

ALICE E. LUPTON, Gen. Sec. F. W. B. L.

The Credential Committee reported that Eld. Henry Melvin of Blountstown, Fla., representing the Tri-State F. W. B. Auxiliary work, and Mrs. R. F. Pittman of Ayden, N. C. representing the State Auxiliary convention of N. C. be seated as representatives of the respective works.

The Conference was called off at 11 o'clock and Eld. R. F. Pittman delivered a wonderful sermon on the subject: "The Kind of Church I would like my Church to be" after which a bountiful dinner was served.

The Conference was called to order at 1:30 P. M. by the Moderator, and after being favored by special music by Eureka Quartette, and also "solo" by Eld. R. F. Pittman with Mrs. Pittman at the Piano, motion made and adopted that the Conference go into the election of officers for the next two years, and the following were elected: Eld. R. F. Pittman, Moderator, Ayden, N. C.; Rev. Henry Melvin, Vice-Moderator, Blountstown, Fla.; G. W. Fambrough, Recording Secretary, Neptune, Tenn.; Jas. Cheshire, Treasurer, Colquitt, Ga.; Rev. J. L. Welch, Field Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Thomas E. Beaman, Secretary of Sunday Schools, Greenville, N. C.; Mrs. Fannie Polston, Secretary of Women's work, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. J. C. Griffin, Press Reporter, Goldsboro, N. C.; Rev. Henry Melvin, Secretary of Young People's work, Blountstown, Fla.

Moved that a rising vote be tendered Mrs. Alice E. Lupton for her untiring work as General Secretary of the Free Will Baptist League. (Adopted.)

Motion that the Moderator be authorized to fill all vacancies in the official ranks that may occur or which may have occurred. (Adopted.)

At this time several preachers pledged one day's support to Eureka College. Mrs. Fannie Polston of Nashville, Tenn., pledged \$1.00 per member from the East Nashville Church, and Rev. M. H. Mellette pledged \$1.00 per member from S. C. or else he leaves.

Revs. J. L. Welch, J. C. Moye and M. H. Mellette were appointed to Rewrite the Constitution and By Laws with amendments, and submit at the next session of the General Conference for approval.

The Rev. J. L. Welch of Tenn. was announced to preach at the 8 o'clock service, at this time the Conference went as a body to the Ebeneza Cemetery to pay tribute to the late Dr. E. L. St. Claire, who had given his life for the Free Will Baptist cause. The Rev. W. B. Everett delivered the eulogy. Dr. St. Claire was born June 9, 1865, died Feb. 6, 1916.

The Conference adjourned to meet in special session immediately after the 8 o'clock services.

At the 8 o'clock services the devotional services were rendered by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder and the Eureka Quartette after which the Rev. J. L. Welch delivered one of his wonderful and inspiring sermons from 1st Cor. 15:10 in which he advocated the holding of good and wholesome things before the young.

THURSDAY NIGHT, 9:00 P. M.

The Conference was declared open for business by the Moderator. Rev. Henry Melvin, Secretary of the Young People's League, made an able address on the work and appealed to the Conference for financial aid, and it was voted that after all expenses had been paid that the balance in the treasury be paid to him to advance the Young People's work.

Moved that a marble slab be placed over the Tomb of Dr. E. L. St. Claire and a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to have this done

with the proper inscriptions on it. Committee appointed. D. W. Zorn, W. B. Everett, and J. A. Blanton.

Motion carried that our retiring Moderator be donated the sum of \$25.00 for expense.

Adjourned till Friday 9:00 A. M.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Conference met according to adjournment and after devotional services, the Moderator announced the Conference open for business.

Report of Temperance Committee.—We, your committee on Temperance, present and recommend the following report:

(1) That we examine ourselves regarding our temperance and that a strong effort be put forth to eliminate any intemperance that might be found among the ministry or laity.

(2) That this Conference go on record as opposing any movement that tends to abolish the Eighteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

(3) We recommend that our pastors and church officers put forth strenuous efforts to have our Discipline enforced in regard to the use and handling of intoxicating liquors.

I. J. BLACKWELDER, Chairman.

The proposed Treaties for the General Conference was called for and only three Associations had adopted it, they being the Midway Association of Georgia, Blountstown Association and Salem Association, of Florida. It was therefore carried over to the next meeting for consideration.

The Rev. J. C. Griffin was instructed to have 1000 copies of Conference Manuals printed for distribution, on sales.

We your committee on Religious Literature beg leave to report as follows:

We call attention to the progress that is being made by our Denomination to supply our people with the necessary periodicals and quarterlies to meet our particular needs. Our Publishing House at Ayden, N. C. has steadily grown under the efficient management of Bro. C. K. Dunn, from a small plant to an Institution that is sufficient to publish literature to supply the demands of our Sunday Schools, Leagues, etc.

Plans are being made to begin at an early date the publication of Additional help for our Sunday Schools and young people's work, together with such other printed matter as will be needed in our work, therefore we recommend, (1) That we give greater support to this Institution by buying larger quantities of Literature for our churches. (2) That we make a special effort during this next year to put our church paper, the Free Will Baptist, into the homes of our members. (3) That in addition to the F. W. B. L. Quarterlies we have a Manual prepared for this department by the secretary at the earliest date possible. (4) That this Conference sponsor a move to

have special tracts and pamphlets prepared to set forth our Doctrine, before our people. These tracts to be for free distribution. (5) That we urge our ministers to endeavor to place good wholesome literature in the homes of their congregations.

J. L. WELCH,
MISS DOT HARVEY,
C. K. DUNN.

Report of Committee on Education.—We your committee on Education, submit the following report. 1. We wish to thank every individual and every organization who, have at any time in the past contributed to Eureka College. 2. We indorse the Educational work being carried on at the Eureka College at the present time and solicit every Free Will Baptist to make some contribution to this institution between now and Jan. 1, 1930. 3. We wish to urge that every conscientious Free Will Baptist solicit students for the College, especially prospective ministerial students. 4. We recommend that Eureka College offer, as soon as possible ministerial courses that may be taken by correspondence. 5. We understand that the Board of trustees for the College is planning a campaign for the future to relieve the school of its present indebtedness. We recommend and urge that our entire denomination stand in whole hearted unity behind the campaign. 6. We recommend that a committee on education be appointed now to serve until the next session of the General Conference. We further recommend that as soon as possible a larger educational movement be started within the bounds of the Conference towards the establishing of other educational institutions. Adopted.

HENRY MELVIN.
GRADY T. WILLIAMS.

On motion J. L. Welch, M. H. Mellette and L. R. Ennis were appointed as program committee for the next Conference.

On motion, that the Conference appropriate \$20.00 for Mrs. Polston's use in executing the Women's work and that the field Secretary be allowed \$15.

Motion that we go into the election of a place for the next session of the Conference, South Carolina and Alabama, petitioned for it and there being such a strong petition from the officials and business men and women of Vernon along with the church, the delegate from S. C. withdrew his nomination and it was voted unanimously to meet with Vernon church, at Vernon, Ala., on Wednesday following the second Sunday in June, 1930.

Motion that the clerk have 1500 copies of the minutes of this Conference printed and distributed and he be allowed \$25.00 for his services.

Motion that Rev. J. C. Griffin and Rev. R. V. Self be elected as national Evangelists for the Conference. (Adopted.)

Motion that we continue the 3 cents per member for national dues that we may be able at the next Conference to place missionaries in the foreign fields.

(Note.—There is not a pastor in the bounds of this Conference who has a church under his care but what can raise this amount. CLERK.)

Resolution Committee Report.—Resolved that the General Conference of Free Will Baptist in the town of Glennville, Ga., in the Free Will Baptist church, now in session extend a vote of thanks to the church, the town and to Ebenezer church and to the members of the other denominations and to the community at large for their cordial welcome and the hospitality shown the Conference and delegates at large while in this sitting and that the Editor of County paper share in this vote for the publicity given.

Resolved that a vote of thanks be tendered to our retiring officers for their impartial rulings and their faithful service during the past sessions.

Motioned that Rev. J. C. Griffin be elected by the Conference as Press reporter, and that his office be for a term of two years. Carried.

The moderator announced that the program of the Conference had been completed and the clerk announced that no further business was at the desk, the Conference adjourned to meet with Vernon, Ala. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday following the Second Sunday in June 1930.

M. H. MELLETTE, Moderator.

G. W. FAMBROUGH, Clerk.

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 officers 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.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

PREAMBLE.

In a meeting called to meet with Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist church, in which meeting was represented the Original Free Will Baptist of the following states: Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Ohio, and Tennessee. In this meeting a committee of five was appointed to draft a Constitution and By-Laws, by which this organization shall be governed.

The following was submitted by the Committee and adopted by the Conference:

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

Section II. The object of the organization shall be to bring together our people throughout the United States, for the purpose of counseling for the general interest of our denomination.

Section III. This organization shall be composed of the various Associations, Conferences and Conventions of the above named states, together with other like bodies of the same faith and practice, which may hereafter be admitted.

Section IV. Each Association or Conference shall be allowed two representatives, and the State Convention of the state shall be allowed one representative each. However, a minister in good standing in his Conference or Association, shall have full right to counsel with us in all our discussions, but the right to vote is allowed only to the legal representative of said Conference or Association.

Section V. Article 1. The officers of this organization shall consist of a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, a Secretary and Treasurer, which shall be elected for a term of years. There shall be elected also, an Executive Committee of five, who shall serve a term except the first four mentioned, who shall serve for a term of one, two, three and four years respectively.

Article 2. This organization shall have a credential committee composed of one representative from each state, the moderator exercising authority to appoint said committee, and such other committees as the body may deem proper.

Article 3. Each Association, Conference or Convention belonging to this body shall be requested to donate the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) annually for the promotion of the interest of this organization.

Article 4. Each representative shall be required to present credentials together with a report from the body represented.

Article 5. The members of this organization shall be governed by the usual parliamentary rules and usages of deliberative bodies.

Section VI. This body shall hold its sessions annually, convening on Wednesday before the third Sunday in each June, at such place as may be designated by the Executive Committee.

Section VII. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds majority of the members present in any regular session; but vote on the amendment shall not be taken until the day following the offering of said amendment.

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 1930: 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 _____