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For Years 1930-31

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Rev. Henry Melvin, Gen. Sec. of Young People's Work	Macon, Ga.

PROCEEDINGS

The Tenth Annual Session of the General Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of the United States met with Vernon Church, Vernon, Ala., June 11, 1930, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Conference was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. R. F. Pittman, of Ayden, N. C. After devotional services, song and prayer, Rev. T. B. Mellette, of South Carolina, delivered a spiritual message from II Cor. 2:14. After which, adjournment was taken for lunch and to reassemble at 1:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY 1:30 P. M.

The Conference reassembled for business. After devotional services of song, prayer and scripture reading of the 13th chapter of I Corinthians by Rev. E. C. Morris of Bryan, Texas; the Moderator, Rev. R. F. Pittman, called the house to order.

Rev. S. T. Shutes, pastor of Vernon Church, made the welcome address, followed by Rev. J. B. Bloss, President of the State Convention of Alabama. The response was made by Rev. T. B. Mellette, of South Carolina.

By motion the Moderator appointed the following Credentials Committee: M. L. Hollis, of Ala., K. V. Shutes, of Fla., Rufus Hyman, of Ga., W. A. Jackson, of N. C., T. B. Mellette, of S. C., and W. B. Davenport, of Tenn.

The Credentials Committee immediately went into executive session and requested all Conferences present to report at once. Their reports were made to the Conference and accepted as follows:

ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION.—Delegates: Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn.; Rev. S. T. Shutes, Vernon, Ala.

FLORIDA.—*Liberty Association.* Delegate: Rev. A. B. Nelson, Bonifay, Fla. *Salem Association.* Delegate: K. V. Shutes, Kynesville, Fla.

GEORGIA.—The Credentials Committee recommended that a committee be appointed to investigate the standing and soundness of the Benjamin Randall Association and report at the next session of this Conference and the present report be suspended. *South Georgia Association.* Delegates: Rev. E. B. Joyner, Alma, Ga., Rev. I. J. Blackwelder. *Georgia Union Association.* Delegates: Rev. B. F. Horne, Rev. C. J. Harvey. The delegates did not attend and the Association was represented by letter. *Midway Association.* Delegates: Rev. W. T. Wiley, Hilton, Ga., and W. B. Griffin, Milford, Ga.

NORTH CAROLINA.—*Pee Dee Conference.* No report. *Cape Fear Conference.* Delegate: W. A. Jackson, Cooper, N. C.; *Central Conference.* Delegate: D. W. Alexander, Davis, N. C. *Eastern Conference.* Delegate: Rev. J. W. Alford, Kenly, N. C. *State Convention.* Delegate: Rev. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—*South Carolina Conference.* Delegate: Rev. T. B. Mellette, Turberville, S. C.

TENNESSEE.—*Cumberland Association.* Delegates: W. B. Davenport, Ashland City, Tenn., and G. W. Frambrough, Neptune, Tenn.

Bro. J. L. Edge and wife, corresponding delegates from the State Convention of Texas, were gladly received into the Conference and elected to sit as members of the body.

The following visitors were present and made welcome by the Conference: From Alabama.—W. A. Mason, C. R. Maddox, Jasper; C. S. Collins, Vernon; Jesse Pike, Carbon Hill; Miss Emma Blanton, Red Bay; Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Byars, Milford; A. S. Gann, Gevin; Mrs. M. L. Hollis, Mrs. Olive Mink, Mrs. T. M. Keyton, Red Bay; P. A. Crawford, Samantha; T. M. Keyton, C. Barnes, Red Bay; Rev. Black, Methodist pastor, Vernon.

From Florida.—Miss Edith Ellis, Bonifay.

From Georgia.—T. H. Bowen and Joe Fort; M. M. Harvey, Edward Ivey, Jakin; D. S. Sheffield, Blakely.

From Tennessee.—G. T. Harris and Mrs. W. B. Davenport, Ashland City; Mr. and Mrs. Demps Teasley, Joelton; Mrs. Edd. Parker, Mrs. Alexine Slack, Mrs. P. P. Kerkeles, Mrs. O. C. Briley, Miss Agnes Cantrell, Nashville; Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Columbia.

From North Carolina.—Exum Griffin, New Bern.

From Mississippi.—Rev. J. M. Haas, Tupelo; J. L. Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Vail, Mrs. M. E. Vail, Miss Gladys Baxter, all from Caledonia.

By motion, section six of the Constitution and By-Laws, be so amended as to read thus: "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 conference in session."

This motion was laid over to be voted on at a later day.

By motion, the clerk correct Section 5, Article 1, by inserting in the Constitution and By-Laws the word "Two" before "Years" in line three; also insert the phrase "of five years", after the word "Term" in line four.

The Moderator announced that Rev. Henry Melvin would deliver the message at 8 o'clock P. M. His text was 12th chapter of Romans.

Motion carried to adjourn till Thursday 9 A. M.

THURSDAY 9:00 A. M.

Conference assembled according to adjournment. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. B. Bloss. Scripture reading was the 103rd Psalm. After song and prayer the Moderator, Rev. R. F. Pittman, declared the Conference opened for business. The minutes of the previous day were read and approved. Brethren from other denominations were invited to seats with us.

Ministers were appointed to preach as follows: Rev. J. C. Griffin at 11:00 o'clock service, and Rev. I. J. Blackwelder at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Resolutions.—E. C. Morris, M. L. Hollis, D. W. Alexander.

Finance.—W. T. Wiley, W. B. Davenport, O. C. Weaver.

Education.—J. C. Griffin, A. B. Nelson, Mrs. Fannie Polston.

Missions.—J. L. Welch, J. C. Griffin, M. R. Allen.

Literature.—W. A. Jackson, S. T. Shutes, Rufus Hyman.

Temperance.—I. J. Blackwelder, E. B. Joyner, T. B. Mellette.

Obituary.—J. W. Alford, Henry Melvin, J. B. Bloss.

The motion was called for that was made on Wednesday 11, as to the change in the Constitution and By-Laws. It was voted favorable.

At this time the Moderator, Rev. R. F. Pittman, made his annual address. He impressed upon the Conference to lay aside selfishness and look beyond our Associations and Conferences, into a National view. He admonished not to allow non-essential things to counteract that which was vitally essential.

Rev. J. L. Welch, of Nashville, Tenn., Field Secretary, made a strong and forceful address. He submitted the following report:

"My report of 1930 is necessarily brief. My work has been confined almost entirely to correspondence with individuals and organizations. In this way I have set forth the aims and objects of the General Conference and I have solicited applications for membership in this body.

"The work is somewhat encouraging and we hope that great good will result from the effort.

"We are happy to have a corresponding delegate at this session from the Texas State Convention, and we are hoping to have that state as a member of our Conference. We hope to have other states also to join in with us in a united effort for our cause.

"I am recommending (1) That we cultivate a more friendly attitude toward all Free Will Baptist. (2) That each minister assist in keeping our people together.

"Signed: J. L. WELCH."

The above report was adopted by the Conference.

Report of Secretary of Woman's Work

(ADOPTED)

June 9, 1930.

To the General Conference of Free Will Baptist when Convened at Vernon, Alabama:

This department stands at the portals of a new decade with experience gleaned from success and failure of the past. We are ready to go forward toward a great future.

During the year I have received more than two hundred letters. Have

written, with my own hand, three hundred. Bro. Welch helped me to arrange and print two hundred and fifty circular letters and most of them have been mailed together with two hundred and fifty programs for the week of prayer which was observed in November of last year by our women in several states.

The reports from this week of special prayer have been very gratifying and many requests have come expressing the hope that this effort would be repeated.

All movements have their beginnings. Our future, therefore, resolves itself into a process of choosing and striving. This new year calls us first to an outward and forward look. We also need the upward look for God's blessing and his vision. Ideas are like sparks that flash upward and outward, sometimes they are whirled away and die and sometimes they strike responsive thoughts in other minds and when carefully tended burst into flame, it is then the added fuel of thought, plan and prayers of many people who become fires, and eventually beacon lights.

The report of the work in general follows: Tennessee Convention of Ladies' Aid Societies met in August with 12 societies representing. They report one of the outstanding features of their work has been the study of Stewardship and Missions. As a result of this study a number have pledged themselves to tithe.

They, too, are greatly concerned because of the fact that we, as a denomination, are doing no foreign mission work.

A resolution was passed to pay 5 cents per capita to the General Conference to be used in the Women's Department. It was found that \$2,662.22 had been raised during the year. At least two churches have been built as a result of the women's work in this state.

They send \$10.00 for general work.

The report from Georgia is encouraging, they have a number of strong active local groups, and that, in the near future, their plans are to organize at least one district convention.

South Carolina has succeeded in organizing one district convention and report their work on the upward trend. Much interest is manifested in the special study of Stewardship and a determination to go forward. They send \$5.00 for general work and ask for literature.

North Carolina failed to give in a definite report of their work this time. However, they have a State Auxiliary Convention, composed of three district conventions. Their work is moving along fine under the capable leadership of their president, Mrs. Alice Lupton.

Alabama, Florida and Mississippi, have a number of local groups. I have tried to help them the best I could with the very limited amount of literature we have.

There is much to be done. Hundreds of churches today sit on lone hill sides or in flat barren fields with no organized woman's work, while the voice of God comes to us saying "Why stand ye idle"? Our hearts go out to those

who are not sharing in this great program. Let us go back to our respective fields of labor with a firmer determination to be more diligent and industrious so we can give a good account of our Stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. FANNIE POLSTON.

Report of General Conference Secretary of F. W. B. L. Work for Year Ending June 1, 1930

(ADOPTED)

*To the 10th Annual Session of the General Conference of Free Will Baptist
in Session June 11-13, 1930, in Vernon, Ala.—Greetings:*

I hereby submit my first report as your General Secretary of the Free Will Baptist League Work. First, I will present to you a survey of the field as I have found conditions during the past twelve months. On a whole our work is progressing as never before. I am confident that there has never been a time in our church when the interest has been manifested in the work of the youth as it is at the present time. Both minister and layman are joined in this great work. In this year as your general secretary, I have found a splendid spirit of cooperation manifested toward the work from every source. I do not recall a single instance where a "cold shoulder" has been turned to the work, nor to my efforts to accomplish a few things in connection with the work.

I find an awakening interest in the work from every point in the Union wherever there are Free Will Baptists. This, to me, is encouraging. Practically every mail brings to me inquiries concerning the work from fields where the League has never been established, and constant pleas are received as to how to improve the already established work. So, not only is the work still pioneering, but the established is constantly making improvement.

Two organized Conventions for League work are within the bounds of this Conference. They are the North Carolina State F. W. B. L. Convention, and the Tri-State F. W. B. L. Convention. The former, as the name implies is comprised only of the state of North Carolina. This Convention has made splendid progress since its organization, and will hold this year's annual session on July 3-4. The latter Convention held its fourth annual session on June 3-4-5. This Convention is comprised of the states of Ga., Fla., and Ala., and is a temporary organization, having for its main objective the bringing to pass in the not far distance three state conventions when the work shall have grown sufficient to maintain them. This Convention is making splendid progress; I am confident that the interest in these three states could not have been attained without this organization.

One thing in particular that I have found in my survey is that the League is truly filling its mission in the lives of the youth of our church—that of putting "The Kingdom of God First". Our youth is, as a whole, earnestly accepting the challenge of our organization and are endeavoring to show us

that they appreciate that which we are trying to do for them. Our church is already feeling the result of the League in the lives of scores of our youth. Ministers, missionaries, trained leaders for all departments of our church, and an interested, trained and intelligent laity is ours in the early future. In fact, that day is now dawning for us.

I would not be honest to my task if I were not to tell you of some of our needs. Above all things, we are in dire need of Field Secretaries. I do not mean "honorary" offices and officers, but men and women who are trained to be sent out into the field to preach, teach and train for more efficient League work. These secretaries will of necessity have to be paid. Here is a paramount need—Trained, and paid Field Secretaries. You ask how these are to be had. The answer, I do not know. However, the Tri-State F. W. B. L. Convention at its last session laid definite plans to put a secretary out into the field of their borders. It is understood that the secretary will begin definite work in the next few weeks. You ask how they are going to do it? The best answer I know is, "They are running on faith".

Another crying need with us is that we need training books on League work. Your General Secretary, has for the past year been working on a manual for work of this type and we hope to have it ready for the publishers in the very near future. Still this one book is not sufficient, surely there are those within our church that are capable of preparing books on this work. May I make this plea here: "Will they not consecrate that talent unto the Lord and give the book to our youth that they may be better trained in the service of our Master."

We need constant improvements to our League Literature. At the present time we have two Quarterlies. One for the Senior Leagues, and one for the Junior Leagues. So far as we know these two quarterlies are serving the needs fairly satisfactorily. As editor of these publications, I realize their imperfections—so if you are inclined to criticise, will you not lend us your support instead, for the task is not an easy one by any means.

Then, we need money. I do not think that it is necessary to argue this point, for surely we are that intelligent that we realize for real progress to be made that money is necessary to defray expenses. Money is needed to pay various overhead expenses for the operating of this department of the Conference. Then, too, until we can have a larger revenue we can never progress very far from our present attainment. One of the crying needs that we have for an increased revenue is that a fully qualified person should be employed, paying him a living salary, to devote full time to the office of General Secretary of the League work, as well as to the editing of the League literature.

Beginning January 1st, Miss Marie Nobles, of Ayden, N. C., has been editing our Junior Quarterly. The spirit that Miss Nobles is serving in is indeed commendable. She is giving of her best to the task for the magnificent salary of "nothing" per month. At this time, I want to acknowledge publicly my appreciation to Miss Nobles for the faithful and efficient service that she is rendering to our Juniors.

Now, for some of the concrete things that have been done:

As your secretary for the past year, I have acted in the capacity of secretary as well as editing the literature used by our Leagues. This has been no small task—but we have done the best we could. I have served in these capacities for the stupendous salary of \$5.00 per month which is paid by our Publishing House. This "salary" about covers stationery, postage, and other items necessary in the editing of the literature.

We have written and mailed out to Leagues, individuals and churches hundreds of pieces of literature, together with an equal number of letters.

There has been used by the Leagues, in both Senior and Junior departments several thousand copies of the Quarterlies.

A detailed report of the work is given below as gathered from the Quarterly Reports received by me during the year:

	No. Leagues	No. Leagues Reporting	No. Members			Av. Attendance	Dues	Other Funds	Sent G. Sec.
			Senior	Junior	Primary				
North Carolina	21	10	141	146	42	248	\$181.48	\$ 43.62	\$23.15
Georgia	18	9	137	79	--	161	104.48	131.58	10.89
Alabama	9	1	36	14	--	30	14.56	70.00	8.35
Arkansas	8	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Missouri	8	2	39	--	--	30	3.00	--	1.95
Florida	6	3	59	31	--	45	75.04	46.74	7.69
Mississippi	5	2	28	12	--	25	6.72	--	.10
South Carolina	5	1	15	--	--	15	8.60	18.00	2.10
Tennessee	4	2	29	30	--	45	23.31	59.70	5.33
Texas	4	1	30	--	--	24	8.00	--	1.23
Kansas	1	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Illinois	1	1	18	--	--	18	3.30	--	.33
Oklahoma	1	1	33	9	--	23	7.95	--	.85
	90	32	565	321	42	664	\$446.44	\$369.66	\$61.97

Using the above figures as a basis, our estimate is that we have about 1800 Leaguers enrolled within the bounds of the Conference; with about 1000 Leaguers in average attendance each Sunday night.

The following is our financial report for the year:

Received from Mrs. Alice E. Lupton (former secretary)	\$ 2.73
Received from Rev. M. H. Mellette	5.00
Received from James Cheshire, Conference Treasurer	39.84
Received from Leagues as 10% of dues	61.97
Total	\$109.54

Disbursements:

Paid for one ledger	\$.75	
Paid Macon Typewriter Co., (1 Typewriter)	40.00	
Paid S. W. Co., for cuts and drawings	7.50	
Paid Macon Typewriter Co. (1 Mimeograph)	30.00	
Paid for postage, stationery, various supplies	18.09	
Total	\$ 96.34	
Amount on hand	13.20	
		\$109.54 \$109.54

I take this method of thanking each and every one that has lent aid to this great work of our Church, in the last year. Especially do I acknowledge the faithful services of Revs. T. B. Mellette, Rufus Hyman, J. L. Welch, and brother M. B. Hutchinson. I also deeply appreciate the splendid cooperation given to this work by our Publishing House.

We have tried each week, as nearly as possible, to carry on our column in the "Baptist". We feel that this has been a source of inspiration, and help to our work, and again to our Publishing House are we indebted for this free space given to us.

This report brings to a close our year's work, many things have been accomplished and we have planned many other things that we believe will materially advance our cause as represented through the League work.

The new year lies before us—may I, in this closing paragraph, plead with this body, and the Church that it represents to faithfully cultivate the League field that we may in the very near future present a solid front of thoroughly trained and consecrated youth into the service of the Christ, and our Church.

With grateful acknowledgement for every favor shown me during the year, I am

Yours for the Kingdom First,

HENRY MELVIN,

General Conference Secretary Free Will Baptist League Work.

At this time the Conference was called off till 1:30 P. M. It was announced that J. C. Griffin would deliver the sermon. His text was James 1:22. After the sermon, lunch was served.

THURSDAY 1:30 P. M.

The house was called to order by the Moderator. After the devotional exercises the regular business was taken up.

Report of the Mission Committee

(ADOPTED)

We, the members of your committee, are glad to report that an increased

interest in spreading the Gospel is found among our people, also a determined spirit to put into action the forces of our Church in this worthy effort.

In order to carry out this work more adequately, we recommend the following: (1) That the present Board of Foreign Missions be discontinued and instead a Secretary of Foreign Missions be elected at this session.

(2) That each state be requested to have appointed within their bounds a secretary who shall cooperate with the General Secretary in this undertaking.

(3) That all pastors preach more on this subject, and hold at least one service each year and raise funds for the work.

(4) That we call for volunteers from among our people to go into foreign work and that we undertake this effort at the earliest possible date.

J. L. WELCH,
J. C. GRIFFIN,
M. R. ALLEN, Committee.

Report of Temperance Committee

(ADOPTED)

We, your committee on Temperance, present and recommend the following: (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 the Conference go on record as opposing any movement that tends to abolish the Eighteenth Amendment to 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,
T. B. MELLETTE,
E. B. JOYNER, Committee.

Report of Finance Committee

(ADOPTED)

Funds from various bodies have been received as follows:

From Cape Fear Conference of N. C.	\$ 10.00
From Central Conference of N. C.	10.00
From Eastern Conference of N. C.	10.00
From South Georgia Association	10.00
From Cumberland Association of Tenn.	10.00
From State Convention of N. C.	10.00
From Midway Association of Ga.	10.00
From Liberty Association of Fla.	4.70
From Alabama State Conference	10.00

From Women's Department of Tenn.	15.00
From Women's Department of South Ga.	10.00
For Foreign Missions	27.90

Total received\$137.60

W. T. WILEY, Chairman of Committee.

Report of Treasurer

(ADOPTED)

June, 1929, Balance on hand	\$168.34
Received from South Ga. Association	10.00
Total	\$196.34

Disbursements:

Paid M. H. Mellette	\$ 25.00
Paid Mrs. Polston	20.00
Paid J. L. Welch	15.00
Paid Clerk	25.00
Paid for Minutes	71.50
Paid Henry Melvin	39.84

Total\$196.34

JAMES CHESHIRE, Treasurer.

Report of Obituary Committee

(ADOPTED)

We find that the following stalwart soldiers of the cross have fallen in action:

- Rev. J. L. Strickland, of the Western Conference, N. C.
- Rev. J. R. McCaskey, of the Central Conference, N. C.
- Rev. G. W. Cherry, of the State Line Association of Ala.
- Rev. G. B. Taylor, of the Vernon Association, of Ala.
- Rev. Stephen Jones, of the S. C. Conference.
- Rev. J. E. Bingham, of the S. C. Conference.
- Rev. J. T. Knight, of the Blountstown Association, of Fla.

We bow in humble submission to the will of the Father and extend to the bereaved ones our deepest sympathy.

J. W. ALFORD,
HENRY MELVIN,
J. B. BLOSS, Committee.

Report of Committee on Literature

(ADOPTED)

We, your committee on Literature, beg leave to make the following report: Realizing the great influence that the reading material that we use has upon the minds and life of people, therefore, Be it resolved,

(1) That we as a church recommend that we use the utmost care in the selection of literature we allow our young people to read.

(2) That we urge all our churches to use Free Will Baptist literature, published at the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, N. C., such as the Sunday School Quarterlies and League literature.

(3) That we ask our ministers to insist that the "Free Will Baptist," our Church organ, be placed in each home that goes to make up the membership of each church.

(4) We recommend that each conference and association create within their bounds a library of books and literature to be loaned to the ministers and other Christian workers.

W. A. JACKSON,
S. T. SHUTES,
RUFUS HYMAN, Committee.

Report of Educational Committee

(ADOPTED)

(1) Realizing that education may be constructive or destructive, and further, that we are taught "to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord." And we are commanded "to carry the Gospel into all the world." Therefore, we urgently request that our ministers "study to show themselves approved unto God, rightly dividing the word of Truth."

(2) That in order to establish at least one creditable institution of learning, we urge our people both ministers and laymen to come together with a united front in the support of Eureka College. That we strive to liquidate all of its indebtedness and to endow the same by taking special offerings and sending to the Hon. M. B. Prescott, acting treasurer for the endorsers committee, at Ayden, N. C.

(3) That we teach our children to give to the support of the church and its institutions by taking regular collections in Sunday School and League work.

J. C. GRIFFIN, Chm.
MRS. FRED POLSTON,
A. B. NELSON, Committee.

Report of Resolutions Committee

Resolved (1) That in as much as a Bible School has been established at Sowhatchee, Ga. (P. O. Blakely, Ga.), and to begin Sept. 9, 1930, and insist-

ing especially that Georgia, Alabama, and Florida, stand for the support of the school.

(2) That the General Conference indorse this movement.

(3) That the Conference indorse what books the Tri-State Free Will Baptist League may use in League Training Work; after said books have been approved by the General Secretary of League Work.

Resolved, That no delegate shall be seated in the Conference, who will not remain through the Conference Session without being excused by a majority of the Conference in session.

Resolved, That the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of 1000 minutes, and that he be allowed \$25.00 for the work.

Resolved, That we extend a rising vote of thanks to Vernon Church, Vernon City, to members of other denominations and the community at large for their kind hospitality shown the body during its session.

E. C. MORRIS,

M. L. HOLLIS,

D. W. ALEXANDER, Committee.

The above resolutions were all adopted by the Conference.

Motion. That upon request of Bro. J. L. Edge, President of State Convention of Texas, a delegated body be sent to their State Convention, which convenes on Tuesday before the first Sunday in November, 1930.

The motion was adopted and J. L. Welch, of Nashville, Tenn., and M. L. Hollis, of Red Bay, Ala., were elected to attend the Convention.

A motion was adopted that Mrs. Fred Polston, of Nashville, Tenn., be allowed \$25.00 to help to carry on the Women's work of the Conference.

A motion was adopted that Rev. I. J. Blackwelder be elected General Secretary of Foreign Missions and that he be allowed \$10.00 for stamps and stationery.

Moved that the treasurer be instructed to pay balance in treasury that he received from the Finance Committee and delinquent associations and conferences, to the Secretary of League Work, Rev. Henry Melvin, after all the above mentioned bills are paid. (Adopted).

The session adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock P. M., Thursday.

THURSDAY 7:00 P. M.

The Conference met according to adjournment and the following business was transacted:

A committee to investigate the Benjamin Randall Conference and report at the next sitting of this Conference was named by the Moderator as follows: C. J. Harvey, A. D. Ivey, T. J. Fort.

A motion was made that the selection of a place for the 1931 session be

taken up. Two petitions were presented; one from Florida and one from South Carolina. The Conference voted to go to South Carolina.

The Executive Committee was elected as follows: W. B. Davenport, of Tenn., for one year. J. C. Griffin, N. C., for two years. M. H. Mellette, of S. C., for three years. I. J. Blackwelder, of Ga., for four years. M. L. Hollis, of Ala., for five years.

Motion that Rev. J. C. Griffin be elected to take advanced orders for manuals. (Adopted).

Statistical Table

	No. of Churches	No. of Pastors	No. of Leagues	No. of S. S.	No. Ladies' Aid	No. of Members
State Convention of Ala.	124	100	--	43	--	10,455
Benjamin Randall Conference of Ga.	11	13	2	7	--	545
Salem United Asso. of Fla.	12	8	1	5	3	1,103
Midway Association of Ga.	17	8	7	14	4	1,466
South Georgia Association	20	13	--	4	4	1,400
Georgia Union Association	6	6	2	4	2	486
Cape Fear Conference, N. C.	23	13	6	23	12	2,879
Central Conference, N. C.	61	44	--	--	--	8,500
Cumberland Asso. of Tenn.	29	29	2	25	12	3,000
	303	234	20	125	37	29,834

The Moderator announced that the program of the Conference had been completed. The clerk announced that no further business was on his desk.

The Conference adjourned to meet with Horse Branch Church, Turbeville, South Carolina, on Wednesday following the Second Sunday in June, 1931.

R. F. PITTMAN, Moderator.

G. W. FRAMBROUGH, 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 representatives 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 two years. There shall be elected also, an Executive Committee of five, who shall serve a term of five years, 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 Conference in session.

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 Sundays
in June, 1931—*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 _____