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For Years 1932-33

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Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Secretary of Foreign Missions	Lulu, Fla.

PROCEEDINGS

The Twelfth Annual Session of the General Conference of Free Will Baptist of the United States met with the Free Will Baptist Church in Bryan, Texas, June 15, 1932.

The session was opened with proper devotions conducted by the local pastor, Rev. E. C. Morris, after which the opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. R. Davidson of Glennville, Ga.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotions were conducted by Rev. K. V. Shutes. In the devotions a quartette was sung by Elders E. C. Morris, R. F. Pittman, I. J. Blackwelder and J. R. Davidson.

The body was called to order by the Moderator and the Credentials Committee was appointed as follows: Rev. J. L. Welch, of Tennessee, Rev. J. W. Alford of North Carolina, Rev. Joe Fort of Georgia, and Rev. K. V. Shutes of Florida.

At this point the Credentials Committee was asked to retire for the purpose of making out report to be presented to the body.

The welcome address was given by Rev. E. C. Morris, the local pastor to which the moderator of the Co-operative Association, Rev. W. E. Dearmore, responded.

Because of the fact that Rev. J. R. Bennette, superintendent of the North Carolina Orphanage, was compelled to leave the session the Moderator gave the floor to him for an appeal for orphanage work.

A leave of absence was given Bro. Bennette and special prayer offered for him and his sick relative.

Upon examination by the Credentials Committee the following conferences and associations were recommended to have seats in this body:

Georgia—South Georgia Association represented by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder. Georgia Union Association by Rev. J. R. Davidson. Midway Association by Rev. Joe Fort and James Cheshire.

Tennessee—Cumberland Association by Rev. J. L. Welch and Miss Fannie Polston.

North Carolina—Central Conference by Rev. R. F. Pittman and Rev. J. C. Moye. Cape Fear Conference by Rev. H. R. Faircloth. Eastern Conference by Rev. J. W. Alford. State League Convention by Rev. W. K. Jordan. By motion Rev. J. W. Alford was granted a leave of absence for the afternoon session.

According to schedule the Moderator gave his message, which was very inspiring. He pointed out many achievements that had been reached and emphasized the importance of continued unified work.

By motion the body adjourned until 9 o'clock Thursday morning. Benediction by Rev. Henry Melvin.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Devotions by Rev. Joe Fort. He used as a basis for his remarks Acts 7:60.

Sermon by Rev. J. L. Welch. Text II Kings 18:4. In his message Bro. Welch appointed for a change of methods for meeting the present conditions in the church.

Because of two vacancies on the Treatise Committee the following names were added: Rev. J. L. Welch and Rev. J. R. Davidson.

THURSDAY MORNING

Conference assembled at 9:30. Devotions were conducted by Rev. W. K. Jordan of Durham, N. C. In his message he appealed for tithing as the biblical system for financing the churches.

By request of the Credentials Committee the Moderator appointed Rev. H. R. Faircloth to serve temporarily in Rev. J. W. Alford's stead.

Appointment of committees:

Resolutions—Rev. J. C. Moye, James Cheshire and Rev. Joe Fort.

Education—Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. R. F. Pittman.

Missions—Rev. Henry Melvin, Rev. J. W. Alford and Rev. R. F. Pittman.

Finance—James Cheshire, Rev. K. V. Shutes and Rev. W. K. Jordan.

Obituaries—A. D. Ivey, Rev. E. C. Morris, Rev. J. C. Moye.

At this point a motion was brought before the body by Bro. Pittman. Motion follows:

1. On motion we appoint a statistician for each state in the Conference to assist the regular statistician in securing the number of members, churches, ministers, value of church property, indebtedness and any other information necessary to preparing a year book. Each appointee being responsible for his respective state.

2. That we ask all states who are not members of this Conference, yet having Free Will Baptists therein to co-operate with us in this work.

3. That we request each state to bear its own expense in securing this information.

4. That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a uniform letter upon which to secure said information. Motion carried and committee appointed as follows: Rev. E. C. Morris, Rev. I. J. Blackwelder and Rev. J. R. Davidson.

Report of General Secretary of League work. By motion the report was accepted with thanks for the splendid work done. (See report).

Report of General Secretary of Women's Work. Report adopted and thanks returned for the efficient work done. (See report).

It was carried to turn over all funds on hand for women's work to Sister Polston to be used in advancing said work. Amount on hand \$69.39.

Called off for preaching. Sermon on "The Church" by Rev. Henry Melvin, was rendered. He strongly emphasized the fact that the mission of the church is to bring the world to Christ.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Devotions by Bro. Pittman. Prayer by Bro. Morse of Nebraska.

Regular order of business called for:

Treasurer's Report read and adopted. (See Report).

Report of Foreign Missionary work by General Secretary. Report adopted, with thanks for the splendid work done. (See Report).

By motion and vote the Secretary of Foreign Missionary work be authorized to get in touch with Bro. Wood of India, who is a Free Will Baptist, and confer with him about his services for our Conference in the field where he is now laboring.

An inspiring message was brought in song at this point by four brethren from Oklahoma and Missouri.

By motion a committee was appointed to confer with the brethren from the Co-operative Association Committee as follows: Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. J. W. Alford, Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. Henry Melvin, A. D. Ivey and Rev. M. L. Morse.

On motion a committee was appointed to examine the work of the committee appointed at last session of this Conference to revise the by-laws of Women's Work. Committee as follows: Rev. E. C. Morris, Rev. J. C. Mays and Rev. R. F. Pittman.

Another wonderful message in song was brought by the Oklahoma-Missouri quartette at this point.

Report of Statistician.

By motion the report was adopted and thanks offered for the splendid effort, but since report was incomplete it is not to be published in these minutes.

By motion, Rev. Henry Melvin was elected as Assistant Publicity Agent.

Report of General Secretary of Sunday School Work. Report adopted with thanks and the facts to appear in minutes. (See Report).

By motion the clerk is authorized to leave the form of Constitution and By-Laws of Women's Work, which have appeared in the Minutes heretofore out of these Minutes.

It was moved and carried that Rev. I. J. Blackwelder be elected treasurer of the Foreign Missionary work, that the Conference treasurer be authorized to turn over all funds raised for missions to said treasurer and that all funds raised in the future be forwarded to him.

Report of song book committee was made by Rev. J. L. Welch and table until Friday's session.

One of the most impressive testimony services imaginable was at this interval, engaged in by most all present.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9 o'clock Friday morning.

THURSDAY EVENING

Devotions were conducted by W. E. Scoville, who used as a lesson for comment the parable of the Sower.

Sermon by Rev. R. F. Pittman. Bro Pittman brought a forceful message from the following text: "His Hand Clave Unto the Sword", II Sam. 23:10.

FRIDAY MORNING

Devotions were led by Rev. B. F. Rogers of Drumright, Okla. His theme was "Vision". Resumption of regular order of business.

Special committee reports:

1. Committee appointed to examine by-laws of Women's Work. It reports favorable to the adoption of by-laws as revised by special committee appointed a year ago. Report adopted.

2. Missions. Report adopted. (See report).

3. Supplementary report of Credentials Committee. Report adopted. (See report).

4. Finance report adopted. (See report).

5. Obituaries. A motion, which was offered by the chairman, was carried to discontinue the committee.

At this point the Moderator appointed a program committee. The names of committeemen are: Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. J. W. Alford, Rev. J. R. Davidson.

By motion this Conference asks the committee appointed three years ago, to superintend the erection of a monument to Rev. E. L. St. Claire, to rush its work to completion.

On motion Rev. R. F. Pittman and Rev. I. J. Blackwelder were added to the song book committee with Bro. Welch and the committee was asked to continue the work.

Report of Field Secretary. Report adopted. (See report.)

By motion petitions for next session of Conference were taken up. Petitions were presented by the East Nashville Church of Tennessee and the Co-operative Association. The Conference will convene with the East Nashville Church and a vote of thanks was extended to the Co-operative Association for its cordial invitation.

By motion the clerk is to have 1,000 Minutes printed and this to be done on a competitive basis. By motion \$40.00 is appropriated for Minutes work and this to be the maximum expended for Minutes.

By motion \$15.00 be given to each, the Moderator and Clerk for their services and the balance in treasury be turned over to the General Secretary of Young People's work for the expanding of the League work.

At this point a resolution was offered by Bro. Pittman and passed by the Conference. The resolution "Realizing the need of our publications being conducted in such a way as to unify our people in doctrine rather than to bring about division, be it, therefore resolved:

First, that this Conference, now in session, request the board of directors and manager of the Free Will Baptist Press and our other publishing houses to see to it that nothing be published in our papers that conflicts with our doctrine and that will have a tendency to draw brethren into controversy through our printed page and thus bring about discussions.

Second, that they guard our cause and teachings with the utmost care.

According to arrangement Rev. J. C. Moye presented the cause of the Free Will Baptist Press, including the "Free Will Baptist", the organ of the church.

The presentation of the Randall Publishing Society was omitted due to the fact that Bro. Ballard, who was to present it, was absent.

Report of educational board read and adopted. (See report).

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Bryan Church and community for their hospitality extended to this body during its Twelfth Session.

The election of an educational secretary became the duty of the Conference to which office Rev. J. L. Welch was elected.

At this point Rev. W. E. Dearmore was given the floor to present the cause of the Western Free Will Baptist Publishing Company, which he did in an impressive way.

On motion the service was turned over to Rev. M. L. Sutton, who was to preach, and at the close of the service the Conference stood adjourned until the 1933 session. The audience was invited to stand to their feet while Bro. Sutton invoked God's blessings upon the work done, together with the cause at large, and thus the twelfth, and greatest session of the General Conference of Free Will Baptist of the U. S. A. came to a close.

REV. I. J. BLACKWELDER, Moderator.

REV. J. R. DAVIDSON, Clerk.

Report of General Secretary Free Will Baptist League

For the Year Ending June 1, 1932.

To the 12th Annual Session of the General Conference of Free Will Baptist in session June 15-17, 1932, at Bryan, Texas. Greetings:

We are happy to state in the beginning of our Annual Report that this year has been a most successful one. The youth of our church have acquitted themselves gloriously.

Encouraging reports have come to us throughout the year and hundreds of inquiries have been received concerning the work of the F. W. B. L. I am confident that the young people's work of our denomination is here to stay.

The Free Will Baptist League is firmly entrenched in 12 states, namely North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Illinois, Texas, Arkansas, and Missouri. Our records show that we have 180 Leagues in these states, against 130 reported last year. This is an increase of 50 Leagues, 10 more than our increase was last year.

These leagues are distributed in the various states as follows: Missouri, 19; South Carolina, 15; Florida, 8; Georgia, 30; North Carolina, 36; Oklahoma, 12; Tennessee, 10; Illinois, 2; Alabama, 25; Arkansas, 13; Texas 7; and Mississippi, 3.

These 180 Leagues reported the following facts during the year:

Florida—368 Leaguers; \$50.72 raised in dues; \$1.50 for local church; \$12.26 for education; \$6.12 for missions; total raised \$58.72; sent General Secretary \$6.59; Daily Bible Readers, Seniors 118, Juniors 23.

Georgia—1,192 Leaguers; \$174.05 raised in dues; \$9.06 for local churches; \$22.50 for education; \$11.42 for missions; \$5.00 for orphanage; total raised \$227.58; sent General Secretary \$16.38; number Daily Bible Readers, Seniors 470, Juniors 181.

Alabama—1,000 Leaguers; \$82.34 dues raised; \$81.61 raised for local churches; \$10.15 raised for education; \$5.50 for missions; \$2.20 for orphanage; total raised \$175.90; sent General Secretary \$10.55; Daily Bible Readers, Seniors 240, Juniors 74.

North Carolina—1,800 Leaguers; \$151.04 dues raised; \$105.26 raised for local churches; \$37.34 for education; \$4.70 for missions; \$20.00 for orphanage; total raised \$360.39; sent General Secretary \$20.02; Daily Bible Readers, Seniors 277, Juniors 70.

South Carolina—360 Leaguers; \$24.36 dues raised; total raised \$24.36; sent General Secretary \$2.85; Daily Bible Readers, Seniors 61, Juniors 29.

Tennessee—136 Leaguers; \$15.08 dues raised; \$5.00 for local churches; total raised \$29.56; sent General Secretary \$3.23; Daily Bible Readers 4.

Oklahoma—140 Leaguers; .90 dues raised; \$32.00 for local churches; total raised \$36.50; Daily Bible Readers, Seniors 21.

Illinois—18 Leaguers; Daily Bible Readers 49.

Mississippi—No reports.

Arkansas—352 Leaguers; \$15.00 raised for local churches; total raised \$15.00.

Texas—268 Leaguers; dues raised \$17.38; for local churches \$18.80; total raised \$38.47; sent General Secretary \$2.50; Daily Bible Readers, Seniors 32, Juniors 20.

Missouri—300 Leaguers; \$7.75 dues raised; \$36.65 for local churches; total raised \$47.98; Daily Bible Readers, Seniors 60; Juniors 20.

The Grand Totals are: 5,934 Leaguers; \$523.62 dues raised; \$305.88 raised for local churches; \$82.25 for education; \$27.74 for missions; \$27.20 for orphanage; total raised for all purposes \$1,014.46; total amount sent General Secretary \$62.92; Daily Bible Readers, Seniors 1,332, Juniors 404.

The N. C. State F. W. B. L. Convention will meet the 3-4 of July; the Tri-State F. W. B. L. Convention will meet June 21-23. Both of these Conventions are doing good work and bid fair to materially increase the work of the League within their bounds.

The Tri-State Convention has had a full time Field Secretary for 4½

months of this year. A summary of his work follows: Inspirational addresses delivered, 140; training courses conducted, 6; Leaguers enrolled in Study Courses, 204; Leaguers finishing study courses, 74; homes visited, interest of League work, 765; boys' conferences conducted, 547; number of Leagues organized, 5.

We have edited during the year the quarterlies used by our Leaguers and I desire to express again my deep appreciation to all of those who have labored faithfully with me in this particular phase of the work. Theirs has been no small task, and has yielded abundantly in benefits to our Leaguers.

The total sales for quarterlies are: Seniors 8,461; an increase of 1,300 copies over last year. Junior quarterlies 4,138; an increase of 803 copies over last year. This shows a decided increase in our publications; a sign that we have progressed far in the past year.

The following is our financial report for the year:

Balance from last year		\$ 14.70
Received from L. E. Ballard (on account)		10.00
Received from General Conference		25.00
Received from Leagues as 10% of dues		62.92
Total		\$112.62
Paid postage, stationery, various supplies	\$62.62	
Paid for traveling expenses	25.00	
	\$87.62	87.62
Amount on hand		\$ 25.00

The work of this department has increased by leaps and bounds during the year; the economic depression of 1931-32 has not affected the desire of our youth to train themselves for active Christian service. I have endeavored to faithfully perform all the duties this office has devolved upon me. Having done the work under many handicaps, time taken from a busy pastorate. There is much more that could have been done if time, money and equipment would have permitted. However, I offer no apologies for the greatest people of my church—its young men and women.

Yours for the Kingdom First,
HENRY MELVIN,
Gen. Sec. F. W. B. L.

Report of Sunday School Secretary

Hilton, Ga., June 11, 1932.

To the 1932 session of the General Conference, Bryan, Texas. Greeting.

As secretary of the Sunday School work of the General Conference for the conference year closing June 16, 1932, by correspondence, and such other information as I have at my command, I find our work in need of better

more efficient organization. In some instances I find the work moving forward along the line of missions and Christian education. Many Sunday Schools in the denomination do not use our own literature, however the majority do.

All the states wherein our church is organized do not have a centralized Sunday School movement, or convention. Many of the states have a fine Sunday School spirit, and the work is under good centralized movements.

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, North and South Carolina have Sunday School Conventions which meet semi-annually or annually. But these conventions are usually conference or association convention and not state conventions. The Free Will Baptist of Arkansas report a state convention with separate district conventions and a very good work. The Cumberland Association of Tennessee reports a good work; also the union Association of Tennessee has a good system, i. e. it is under an association supervisor assisted by the pastors and carefully looked into at each session of the association. This work is to be commended due to having a special Sunday School supervisor to carry on the work and assist the pastors. The South Carolina Conference Sunday School convention has some definite aims and some missionary work is being done.

In some instances the work is correlated with the League work and is carried on jointly.

In the census which I conducted I find many of the present organizations have no new ideas for improvement or progress, either at home or for foreign work.

Graded work is scattering, and the housing facilities for Sunday School work are limited mostly to the old method of the shoe box style house with no rooms or even curtains. While several churches have rooms as an addition to the church for housing the school, and these are serving as stimulus for others to grasp hold of the idea and provide new quarters for Sunday School work. I feel confident that within a few years this department will be much enhanced as people become better prepared and as the vision increases for the housing facilities and training of church and auxiliary workers are increased.

Finance among schools of the denomination is limited. This, I think, is partly accountable for the depression and world wide panic, and the lack of visionary trained and disciplined leaders. Disinterested pastors and carelessness are also responsible for failures and none progressive movements.

The F. W. B. Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C. receives some support from the schools; and some home work is in progress. Otherwise little missionary zeal is apparent among us.

Due to lack of cooperation I am not able to give the report I anticipated. According to the business manager of the Press at Ayden, N. C. our publishing house is serving about 40,000 Sunday School scholars and about 800 schools. I cannot give any close estimate of the schools and scholars being served by union literature of independent publishing houses. Also, failure on the part of many associations and conferences to have definite organiza-

tions are obstacles handicapping the movement.

I recommend that the General Conference arrange for a Sunday School institute evangelist and supervisor to travel in the interest of the work. I further recommend that the work be pushed as rapidly as possible for the centralizing of a movement with a view toward missions, Christian education, and the general welfare and advancement of the denomination.

The work is to be commended and encouraged, and we should not forget that the work must be financed, and fellowshiped with co-operation if it is to succeed.

Further in my judgment the work should be correlated with the work of the League department until more definite steps can be taken.

Your humble in Christ,

T. B. MELLETTTE.

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Report of Secretary of Women's Work

To the General Conference of Free Will Baptists, When Convened at Bryan, Texas, June 15, 16, 17, 1932.

We have not accomplished all we set out to do as you will soon see by the reports but we have been successful in working out most of our plan. The program for the Week of Prayer was generally observed. I acknowledge with deepest gratitude the co-operation of Mrs. Alice Lupton, and Mrs. L. R. Tripp of North Carolina; Mrs. Vera Newberry of Georgia; Mrs. S. T. Shutes of Alabama; Miss Roxie Vause of South Carolina and Miss Mary Patton of Tennessee. They made it possible for me to distribute 600 copies of the program used. The entire week preceding Easter was given to united prayer for the specific purposes set forth in the program.

We have worked to finance some of the other objectives, namely, the book of devotional programs and the expense of revising the booklet containing the constitution and by-laws. I believe we have reached that goal and in the near future they will be in the hands of our women. This has been done through the effort to get ten cents per capita throughout the various conventions for the national work.

This study of stewardship has been given a very prominent place the past year. We mark progress by each convention taking over the whole program of prayer, study and gifts. We believe we need a revival of stewardship in the sense of a consecration of the money power of the church. Give the church the money to send out her workers and our churches will take on new life and enthusiasm. The door of opportunity stands open wide. Shall we enter upon the program Christ himself outlined for us. I am representing hundreds of women of the Free Will Baptist Church and we are asking for an enlarged program of education along this line.

Practically all my work has been done through correspondence. I have had many invitations, several urgent requests to come and help in the organizing and planning the work in the weaker conventions of the various

states but our funds have not been sufficient. However, I have been in close touch with all the conventions.

During the year, one district convention has been organized, making five district auxiliary conventions. Some of the problems are lack of leaders, need for spiritual growth, need of educational work and of a greater interest in the work of the church. From these problems comes the resolve to carry out more fully the auxiliary plan of organization, first, to deepen the spiritual life; second, to stress the educational department; third, to train leaders; fourth, to enlist every woman possible in the organization.

With these objectives in mind, we face the coming year with courage, feeling that such a resolution will bear fruit in renewed efforts for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ.

I have been unable to get a report in full from Alabama. They have one district convention and some wide awake people who are determined to develop their work. Also I have been in touch with some of our work scattered over other states. The ladies aid at Jacksonville reports a very live work, helping the pastor, providing food and clothing for the needy in the community of the church, contributing regularly to an orphans home, visiting and holding prayer services with the sick and helpless.

The more complete reports are as follows:

Tennessee: The auxiliary convention to the Cumberland Association met in August 1931 with a delegation from 14 societies representing 278 members. They made a net gain of 37 members during the year. Most of the societies reported the study of stewardship and missions in regular classes. They have raised during that year \$3,590.30 of which the greater part was used in local work. \$25.00 was sent to the chairman of the mission board and the expense of a delegate to the Tri-State Convention of Leagues in Alabama was paid. Their work is divided into four departments, Sunday School and League, orphanage, temperance and stewardship and stewardship and missions, with a superintendent over each department whose duty it is to encourage the local society to carry out the plan of work in that department. This convention has a sum of money, near six thousand dollars, which has been accumulating over a period of years for orphanage work. The week set apart for prayer was generally observed. They paid for national work \$27.80 which is ten cents per capita.

In the Union Association the auxiliary convention is new. They had 9 societies representing 202 members. Their collections for the year amounted to \$868.28 most of which was used to strengthen their local work. They send \$3.20 for national work.

North Carolina sent in a wonderfully fine and detailed report showing much good work done during the year. Their state convention met May 4, 1932 with four district conventions representing with a membership of 1,095 and 146 new members gained. They raised a total of \$2,924.34 which was used mainly to further their local work also contributing to their special objects which are orphanage, printing press, retired ministers, missions, educational work and local benevolences. They observed the Week of

Prayer very generally and are studying stewardship and missions. They have organized a new convention but did not have a report from it. They send \$25.75 for national work.

South Carolina: The auxiliary convention to the South Carolina conference met at the regular time with 10 societies representing 155 members. They raised during the year \$251.55 which was used in local welfare work. They observed the Week of Prayer with good results. They send \$8.87 for national work.

Georgia: The convention auxiliary to the Midway Association of Georgia reported at their last session 7 societies representing 56 members. They are studying stewardship and missions together with other valuable books. They have raised during the year about \$139.81. They observed the Week of Prayer quite generally. Their special objects have been contributing to church building and support of Zion Bible School. They report a net gain in membership for the year and send \$3.00 for the national work.

Financial report:

Received from General Conference 1931	\$20.00
Paid out for traveling expenses	\$12.50
Paid out for stamps, stationery, etc.	6.73

Total paid out	\$19.23	19.23
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Balance left from expenses77
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Received from South Carolina Auxiliary Convention	\$ 8.87
Received from Georgia Auxiliary Convention	3.00
Received from North Carolina Auxiliary Convention	25.75
Received from Tennessee Auxiliary Convention	27.80
Received from Union Association of Tennessee	3.20

	\$68.62
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Balance left from expenses77
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Amount on hand to date	\$69.39
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As we close this fruitful year, I do feel that perhaps through the educational department of the auxiliary work, we are realizing the truth of our Lord's saying, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." With this thought before us, and asking God's help that we may forge our way forward let us pour out ourselves in service to Him and His great cause.

Faithfully submitted,

FANNIE POLSTON, National Secretary.

NOTE:—After submitting the report as already given, I received the following from Alabama. They report 5 societies in their district convention made up of 34 members. They raised \$187.73 the most of which was spent on orphanage and mission work and the local church work. They are

doing social service in their local community. They send \$2.00 for the general work.

Also received from Mrs. L. R. Tripp of North Carolina \$2.40 more for the general work.

MRS. FANNIE POLSTON.

Report of Treasurer of General Conference

Treasurer of General Conference beg leave to make the following report.
For June 1932:

RECEIPTS

Conference due Jas. Cheshire, Treasurer	\$ 1.80
Received from Finance Committee	\$145.00
Received from I. J. Blackwelder	2.00
Received from Henry Melvin	13.35

Total Receipts	\$160.35
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DISBURSEMENTS

Paid R. T. Pittman	\$ 25.00
Paid I. J. Blackwelder	20.00
Paid Henry Melvin	20.00
Paid Mrs. Fred Poston	20.00
Paid Freewill Baptist Press	61.50

Total Disbursements	\$148.30
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Balance in hands of Treasurer	12.05
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	\$160.35	\$160.35
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Foreign Missions, in Treasurer's hands

at last Conference	\$30.13
Received from N. C. Conference by League	25.00
From Midway Association of Georgia	8.35

	\$63.48
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Disbursements

Paid I. J. Blackwelder	\$30.00
Balance in hands of Treasurer	33.48

	\$63.48	\$63.48
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Respectfully submitted,

JAS. CHESHIRE, Treasurer.

Missions Committee Report

We, the Committee on Missions submit the following report:

First, we recommend that the Committee on Missions be discontinued this session. Second, that all the mission activities of the General Conference be handled through the General Secretary of Foreign Missions. Third, we urge our people, everywhere, to send mission funds as rapidly as possible for the furtherance of the mission cause in our denomination. Signed:

HENRY MELVIN,
J. W. ALFORD,
R. F. PITTMAN.

Foreign Missions Report

From June 1, 1931 to June 1, 1932.

RECEIPTS

From five-dollar pledges	\$ 80.00
State Ladies' Aid Convention, Nashville, Tenn.	25.00
Ebenezer Church, Glennville, Ga.	3.00
Central Conference of North Carolina	25.00
N. C. State League Conv'n and others (by Jas. Cheshire) ..	63.48
Total receipts	\$196.48

DISBURSEMENTS

To the Ceylon and India General Mission for Paul, a native missionary in India:	
November 7, 1931	\$ 30.00
February 18, 1932	30.00
May 18, 1932	30.00
Total disbursements	\$ 90.00

Balance in treasury

I. J. BLACKWELDER, Secretary.

Finance Committee Report

We, your finance committee report as follows: Receipts for this session 1932, are \$70.00. Signed:

K. V. SHUTES,
W. K. JORDAN,
JAMES CHESHIRE.

Report of Educational Board

We, the Board of Education, after considering the handicaps of said Board do hereby recommend: First, that the Board of Education be discontinued,

and a Secretary of Education be elected instead, whose duty it shall be to promote the cause of education in every way possible among our people. Second, in as much as we are badly in need of a school for the training of our Christian workers, we recommend that we take steps toward establishing a school at some central point, the location to be decided upon later. We further recommend that said school be owned and controlled by the General Conference. Signed:

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Report of Credentials Committee

We have met with a number of brethren from the Co-operative Association who come to us as fraternal delegates from that body. After having conferred with them in regard to bringing the two bodies known respectively as the General Conference and the Co-operative Association together as one body have found that these brethren, as well as our own, are anxious to bring all our people together.

We therefore recommend: First, that these brethren be recognized by this body and seated among us, with the privilege to discuss questions coming before this session of the Conference. Second, that a committee of five be appointed by the Moderator to co-operate with the Executive Committee of the Cooperative Association in working out a satisfactory basis on which the two bodies may be merged; their report be submitted at the next regular session of the General Conference in 1933.

We have also met with Rev. M. L. Morse who represents the Nebraska and Northern Kansas yearly meeting and comes to us as a fraternal delegate. We recommend that he be received and invited to a seat in council with us. We also recommend that he be appointed as a member of the above named committee.

We further recommend that the delegation from the Texas State Convention and Bro. Pane Woolsey of the Union Association of Tennessee be received and recognized as fraternal delegates and that they be invited to seats with us.

We wish to make the following supplementary report: First, after careful consideration of the material in hand and owing to the conditions existing in the Benjamin Randall Conference and the attitude of some of its leaders toward our brethren and the General Conference we recommend:

First, that the letter together with the fee from said conference be returned to them.

Second, that we, the General Conference withdraw the hand of fellowship from said Benjamin Randall Conference until such time as said body may adjust its affairs with other bodies belonging to this Conference, and their leaders change their attitude toward our brethren. We further recommend that the letter from the Liberty Association of Florida be received and that they be retained as a member of this body on their promise to send their fee later. Signed:

COMMITTEE.

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 1933: 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 Auxiliary
organizations

Our Annual fee is \$.....

Name and address to whom minutes are to be sent

..... Moderator.

Address

..... Clerk.

Address

STATISTICAL REPORT BLANK

TO BE FILLED OUT BY ALL THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES IN TEXAS

For the year ending November 1, 19.....

N. B.—Pastor or Clerk, will you please see that this Statistical Blank is properly filled out and sent to the Statistician, Rev. E. C. Morris, P. O. Box 345, Bryan, Texas at once. This information is necessary, in order that a true status of the denomination in Texas may be reported.

Name of Church.....Name of
Association.....In or near what town.....
County.....

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Value of Church property \$.....Value of Parsonage \$.....
Indebtness on Church property \$.....Indebtness on Parsonage
—\$.....Paid pastor for the year \$.....Paid on building
and repairs \$.....Paid for all other purposes \$.....
Total expenditures \$.....

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Members received by baptism.....by letter.....by restora-
tion or otherwise.....Members lost by death.....by letter.....
by expulsion.....No. male members over 13 years of age.....
No. female members over 13 years of age.....No. members under
13 years of age.....Total membership.....

AUXILIARY WORK

Sunday School enrollment.....Free Will Baptist League or Christian
Endeavor, give name and enrollment.....
Ladies' organization and enrollment.....

On what Sundays do you have preaching services?.....

Pastor's address

Church Clerk's address.....