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Rev. M. L. Hollis, Asst. Publicity Director ----- Red Bay, Ala.

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Rev. J. L. Welch, Secretary of Education ----- Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Secretary of Foreign Missions ----- Bryan, Texas

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PROCEEDINGS

The Thirteenth Annual Session of the General Conference of the Free Will Baptists of the United States, met with the East Nashville Church, Nashville, Tenn. on June 14th, 1933, at 10 o'clock.

The session was properly opened with devotions led by Rev. E. C. Morris of Waco, Texas. Song service was conducted by Bro. Stanley of Tupelo, Miss. Prayer by Rev. W. T. Wiley of Hilton, Ga. 1 Cor. 3:1-10 was read for the scripture lesson.

Bro. Morris made timely remarks, emphasizing the spirit of cooperative work as undertaken by the denomination, stating the fact that the outlook was very encouraging. Following the service led by Bro. Morris, Mrs. J. C. Moye of Snow Hill, N. C., gave a special message in song, the title of which was, "I am Satisfied with Jesus."

Rev. R. F. Pittman of Ayden, N. C., delivered the Conference Sermon. The message was brought with power and demonstration of the spirit. The subject of the discourse was, "The Spirit of God, the Strength of the Church." Text: Zech. 4:6.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

At 2:00 o'clock, the body assembled. Devotions were led by Rev. T. B. Mellette. The 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians was read, which is the "Love Chapter." Bro. Mellette urged the body to have Christian unity, and an outworking of our Christian experience in our service for the Master.

At 2:10 the welcome address was given in an inspiring way by Rev. J. E. Hudgens of Ashland City, Tenn. The response was by Rev. J. R. Bennette of Middlesex, N. C., after which the moderator called the house to order.

A motion was carried for the convening of the Conference for the transaction of such business as may come before it. The moderator emphasized the importance of doing all business promptly and in order.

At 2:30 the Moderator appointed the Credentials Committee as follows: G. W. Fambrough of Tenn.; Rev. R. F. Pittman of N. C.; Rev. T. B. Mellette, representing the South Carolina Conference; Rev. E. B. Joyner, representing the South Ga. Association of Lake Butler, Fla.; Rev. K. V. Shutes of Fla.; and Rev. M. L. Hollis of Ala.

The Moderator excused the Credentials Committee that it might retire, examine applicants for membership in this body and report back to the conference.

While waiting for the report of the Credentials Committee, a very interesting and inspiring song service was engaged in by the congregation led by Bro. Stanley.

As some considerable time was required for the Credentials Committee to get its report ready, the Moderator, Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, gave his message, speaking convincingly of the "Acute Needs of our Church."

At 3:40 the Moderator called for a message by Sister Marie Wilson of Bladenboro, N. C., who is preparing for Missionary Work in our church. She brought a message of a two fold nature both in song and a heart-searching talk on the following subject: "Extending the Kingdom."

Report of the Credentials Committee was called for and given as follows:

We recommend that the following brethren from the following states be seated:

ALABAMA.—(a) State Line Association by A. C. Womack, Rev. J. W. D. Stephens. (b) State Conference, Rev. M. L. Hollis.

FLORIDA.—Salem Association, by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

GEORGIA.—(a) Midway Association by Rev. W. T. Wiley, A. D. Ivey. (b) South Georgia Association, by Rev. E. B. Joyner, T. E. Harrison.

NORTH CAROLINA.—(a) Cape Fear Conference by Rev. J. C. Griffin. (b) Central Conference, by Revs. R. F. Pittman, M. A. Woodard. (c) Eastern Conference by Rev. J. W. Alford.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—Rev. T. B. Mellette.

TENNESSEE.—Cumberland Association by Rev. J. E. Hudgens, G. W. Fambrough.

TEXAS.—Texas State Convention, Rev. E. C. Morris, Rev. C. J. Turrentine.

NEBRASKA AND KANSAS.—The Nebraska and Northern Kansas Yearly Meeting by Rev. M. L. Morse.

The report of the Credentials Committee was accepted as read.

At this point the Moderator appointed the necessary committees as follows:

1. Resolutions.—Rev. J. W. Alford, Rev. M. A. Woodard, and T. E. Harrison.

2. Finance.—Rev. E. C. Morris, J. H. Oliver, A. D. Ivey.

By motion the Conference adjourned till 9 o'clock A. M. Thursday.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Devotions were led by Bro. T. E. Harrison of Ga. He used Jno. 3:1-16 as a scripture lesson. He made some remarks that were very timely. Special music was rendered by the following brethren: R. F. Pittman, E. C. Morris, I. J. Blackwelder, and J. R. Davidson. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Moye of Snow Hill, N. C.

Another special message in song was brought before the sermon by Sister Marie Wilson, after which, Rev. J. C. Griffin of New Bern, N. C., brought the message of the hour. His message was to the point as he used Acts 4:34 for the basis of his discourse.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Conference reassembled at 9:15 at the call of the Moderator. After the song service, the devotions were conducted by Rev. M. A. Woodard of Win-

terville, N. C. He read a portion of the 19th chapter of John. Appropriate comment was made by Bro. Woodard; after which Rev. J. B. Bloss of Vernon, Ala. led in the prayer.

REPORTS OF STANDING SECRETARIES

1. The report of the Field Secretary was read and adopted. (See report).

2. The Statistical Secretary's report was read and adopted (See report).

In connection with the report, the committee appointed at the last session of the General Conference to propose a blank for the purpose of gathering information in this connection, made its report, presenting to the conference a suggestive report blank for the use of the various churches in sending in statistics of their churches. The report and blank were accepted.

3. The Free Will Baptist League Secretary's report was heard and adopted. (See report).

At this point the Moderator dispensed with the regular order of business to hear the remainder of the Credentials Committee's Report. There was a motion and second to receive the report. After considerable discussion, the matter was tabled till the afternoon session.

At the appointed hour, Rev. J. R. Bennette superintendent of the Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., brought a very forceful message from the following subject: "The Possibilities of the Free Will Baptist Church." By the request of the speaker, Sister Marie Wilson, preceded the sermon with a message in song, "Where He Leads me I will Follow." Also Rev. R. F. Pittman followed, singing, "I'm Going Higher Some Day." The service as a whole was very uplifting and the audience was greatly stirred.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Reassembled as appointed and the song service was conducted by Bro. Stanley of Tupelo, Miss. Devotions were conducted by Rev. C. J. Turrentine, of Ft. Worth, Texas. Bro. Turrentine brought thoughts to our minds that we feel sure will bring a reaction in many lives.

At this point, the Credentials Committee was called back before the house. The motion to accept the report was carried. (See report).

At 2:30 the reports of the various secretaries continued.

5. The report of the Educational Secretary was read and adopted. (See report).

6. The report of the Sunday School Secretary was read and adopted. (See Report).

7. The report of the Foreign Mission Secretary was read and adopted. (See report).

8. The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted. (See report).

At this point the Treasurer reported a loss of \$12.00 in a bank failure for which the conference voted to reimburse him.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. The Song Book Committee made report through Bro. Pittman. His report was that we have a splendid "Hymn Book" already off the Press, which was published by the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C. The title of the book is, "Songs and Hymns of Worship."

On motion the report of the Song Book Committee was adopted; and further that this conference offer its thanks to the committee, and especially to Bro. Pittman, with an urgent appeal to the churches to use this book in their services.

By motion the conference divert from the regular order of business and take up miscellaneous business.

At this point Rev. J. C. Griffin spoke in the interest of the "Free Will Baptist," printed at Ayden, N. C. and Rev. B. F. Brown spoke in the interest of the "Free Will Baptist Gem," printed at Purdy, Missouri.

On motion the conference adjourn until 7:45. Benediction by Rev. M. L. Hollis of Red Bay, Ala.

THURSDAY EVENING

Met at 7:45. Services were opened with song and prayer. Rev. T. B. Mellette brought his message on Sunday School Work. At the regular hour, Rev. J. L. Welch introduced Rev. B. F. Brown of Purdy, Mo., who brought the message from the following text: "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God, hath not life." 1 John 5:12. Bro. Brown brought out many things that were food for thought.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The conference reassembled at 8:15 with Rev. K. V. Shutes leading the devotions.

Following the devotions a motion was brought before the house, to divert from the regular order of business in order to hear report of joint committee from General Conference and Cooperative General Association. The motion was carried, and the report was adopted. (See report).

By motion the details for the final merging of the bodies be left in the hands of the Executive Committees of the two bodies.

On the suggestion of Bro. Melvin, "Blessed be the Tie" was sung and a handshake was engaged in as a token of the reality of this tie. Prayer by Rev. M. L. Morse of Nebraska.

On motion the conference return to the order under which the matter concerning the Alabama Progressive Association was dealt with, and that a reconsideration be held and delegates from said conference be received under the watch care of the General Committee until the disorder locally may be regulated. The motion was carried. Delegates, Rev. J.B. Bloss, and Robert Crawford.

On motion the conference return to the regular order of business. By request of Bro. Melvin and Sister Polston, they were excused from deliver-

ing their messages on "Young People's Work." and "Ladies Aid Work."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Resolution Committee report:

Paragraphs One, Three and Four were adopted, two and five were rejected.

The Finance Committee's Report was adopted. (See report).

On motion funds turned in for Women's Work, be turned over to the General Secretary of Women's Work. Motion carried.

On motion the secretaries of the various departments of Auxiliary Work, keep their expenditures within their receipts, for said work. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At this point the body entered into the matter of the election of officers for this Conference, said officers to serve a term of two years. The following were elected:

Moderator.—Rev. J. R. Davidson; Vice Moderator.—Rev. Henry Melvin; Clerk.—Rev. T. B. Mellette; Treasurer.—Jas. Cheshire.

General Secretaries.—Motion was carried to reelect all secretaries. (See list of Officers in front of Minute).

Statistician.—J. C. Griffin.

By motion the Statistician be given authority to select aid from each state to assist him in gathering statistics.

Publicity Director.—Rev. E. C. Morris; Assistant Publicity Director.—Rev. M. L. Hollis.

On motion Bro. H. N. Baxter of Glennville, Ga. be asked by this body to proceed after thirty days from this date, and use what cash the committee for the "St. Claire Memorial" has on hand and purchase the class of goods, said funds will warrant.

The appointment for the place of the next meeting of the Conference was taken up. Two invitations were extended, and it was unanimously carried to meet with Open Pond Church, Jakin, Ga.

On motion by Rev. J. L. Welch, that this body extend a rising vote of thanks to Rev. I. J. Blackwelder for his efficient service and fair decisions during his term of office as Moderator of this body. The motion was carried and thanks rendered.

On motion this body authorize the Treasurer to pay to Bro. Blackwelder, Moderator, and Bro. Davidson, Recording Secretary, the remainder of the amount of money that has heretofore been allowed the Moderator and Recording Secretary for a term of office.

On motion the Recording Secretary has charge of the printing and distributing of the Minutes of this session of the Conference; and that 1,000 copies be printed, and the Treasury be drawn upon for the expenses of same.

On motion this body accept an offer of Rev. C. J. Turrentine of Ft.

Worth, Texas, to print the blanks to be used by the Statistician in gathering Statistics for the formation of a Year Book.

On motion each conference and Association in the United States be asked to adopt a uniform statistical report blank, and that their reports appear in their minutes.

On motion the Sunday School Secretary is to make direct appeals to the Sunday Schools for funds to cover the expense of his department, and that funds left in the Treasurer's hands, after paying expenses of this session be equally divided between the Statistician, Field Secretary and Educational Secretary.

On motion this body adjourn its 1933 session to convene with Open Pond Church, Jakin, Ga. on June 13-14-15, 1934.

CLOSING SERVICE

Song, "He Whispers his love to Me" by the Congregation. Special song by Bro. Pittman and Sister Moye, "Sweet Home of Rest." Sermon by Rev. M. L. Hollis. His message was short but to the point, and he held the attention of his audience even though many were leaving. He spoke on, "Taking this Mountain for God."

NOTE.—This body enjoyed the fellowship of the following brethren representing the Cooperative Association of the Free Will Baptist: Rev. G. W. Scott, Jr., Mountain Grove, Missouri; Rev. B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo.; Rev. Selph Jones, Mansfield, Mo.; Rev. Melvin Bingham, 1024 N. St. Louis, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Rev. Noel Turner, Granby, Mo.; Rev. Winford Davis, of Monette, Mo. These were seated as fraternal delegates and several of the brethren brought messages to the body in sermons.

The proceedings of the Conference, the numbers in attendance, interest shown, and the zealously expressed caused all of us to rejoice, because the 1933 Session was in many ways the most successful of the thirteen sessions which are now in history. May we pray.

I. J. BLACKWELDER, *Moderator.*

J. R. DAVIDSON, *Clerk.*

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REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES

Foreign Mission Report

From June 1, 1932 to June 1, 1933.

Receipts from A. D. Ivey, Jakin, Ga.	\$ 10.00
Rev. Geo W. Scott, Mountain Grove, Mo.	3.00
Fifth Eastern Union of N. C. Rev. M. C. Prescott	10.00
Rev. Geo. W. Scott, Jr., Mountain Grove, Mo.	1.00
Senior F. W. B. League, Durham, N. C., Edgmont Ch.	3.95
George Webster, Washington, N. C.	3.00
Cumberland Association of Tenn.	125.00
South Georgia Union, by J. R. Davidson	5.00
Glennville S. S., Glennville, Ga., by J. R. Davidson	2.20
Ebenezer S. S. by J. R. Davidson, Glennville, Ga.	1.30
Robert Crawford of Ala.50
North Zulch Church, Texas, by E. C. Morris	2.30
Woodlawn Church, Texas, by E. C. Morris75
Bryan F. W. B. Church, Bryan, Texas	7.15

Total receipts for year

Balance brought forward

Grand total

Disbursements

To Paul August 17, 1932	\$ 30.00
To Paul November 21, 1932	30.00
To Paul February 16, 1933	30.00
To Paul May 22, 1933	30.00
Tax on 4 checks08
Tax on Transfer checks02

Total amount disbursed

Balance in Treasury

I. J. BLACKWELDER, *Sec. and Treas.*

Credentials Committee Report

We the Credentials Committee for the 1933 session of the General Conference of Free Will Baptist, beg leave to submit the following:

We recommend that the representatives from the following Associations and Conferences be seated as members of this body:

1. ALABAMA.—(a) State Line Association of Ala. and Fla., Rev. J. W. D. Stephens, A. C. Womack. (b) Alabama State Conference, Rev. M. L. Hollis.

2. FLORIDA.—Salem Association of West Florida, Rev. K. V. Shutes.
3. GEORGIA.—(a) Georgia Union Association, by letter. (b) Midway Association, Rev. W. T. Wiley, A. T. Wiley, A. D. Ivey. (c) South Georgia Association, Rev. E. B. Joyner, T. E. Harrison.
4. NORTH CAROLINA.—Central Conference, Rev. R. F. Pittman, Rev. M. A. Woodard. (b) Cape Fear Conference, Rev J. C. Griffin. (c) Eastern Conference, Rev. J. W. Alford.
5. SOUTH CAROLINA.—South Carolina Conference, Rev. T. B. Mellette.
6. TENNESSEE.—Cumberland Association, Rev. J. E. Hudgens, G. W. Fambrough.
7. TEXAS.—Texas State Conference, Rev. E. C. Morris, Rev. C. J. Turrentine.
8. NEBRASKA AND KANSAS.—Nebraska and Northern Kansas Yearly Meeting, Rev. M. L. Morse.

By motion the Committee accept the petitionary letters from the Texas State Convention, and the Nebraska and Northern Kansas Yearly Meeting. Motion carried.

After having heard and prayerfully considered the evidence relative to the Alabama Progressive Association, both pro and con; we recommend that the petitionary letter, together with the \$10.00, which they sent, be returned, and that the churches composing said Association, be asked to obtain letters from their former association and organize in regular form, and then petition to this Conference for membership.

By the Committee

G. W. FAMBROUGH, *Chairman.*
REV. T. B. MELLETTE, *Secretary.*

Report of the Joint Committee of the General Conference and the Cooperative Association

We the Joint Committee of the General Conference and the Cooperative Association, agree to the following:

We agree to accept the Articles of Faith of the 1901 Treatise, also the Church Covenant contained in the same Treatise, together with all the forms and usages set forth in same, with such amendments as may be made and approved by the body when perfected into one organization.

We heartily agree to the merging of the General Conference and Cooperative General Association into one body, and we urge that steps be taken immediately for the final consummation of such a union.

Assigned by General Conference representative, J. W. Alford.
Assigned by Cooperative Asso. representative, B. F. Brown.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions

We the Committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following:

1. Be it resolved that a vote of thanks be extended to East Nashville

Free Will Baptist people for their very able, generous and warm hearted hospitalities shown the body while in their midst.

3. Resolved that we urge our people everywhere to raise the standard of the Gospel ministry by requiring the applicants for ordination to finish High School, and attend a good Bible School for at least one year.

4. Resolved that any minister who shall undertake to undermine any other minister and attempt to obtain control of his work, by unethical or unchristian means or methods, shall be denied recognition in this Conference.

We recommend that any funds raised for any departmental auxiliary work can not be diverted to the support of any other department.

J. W. ALFORD.

T. E. HARRISON.

M. A. WOODARD.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Sunday School Secretary's Report for 1933

Sunday school work is very unsatisfactory as a general working unit for the church. We need an all-around Sunday School worker who can serve as an evangelist and do all phases of work relative to church building in youthful material.

I feel as the denomination grows and becomes better unified, our Sunday School activity will develop and our churches make modern conveniences for the training of youth in Christian character. As a matter of fact, from natural observation in many of our out-lying districts, this much needed work is meagerly supported and casually devoted to the church in its extension work. Yet the work at present is far in advance of what it was a few years ago.

We need a more varied scope of literature which will suffice in all instances of this work. However I want to urge the need of patronizing our own institutions of publications as a means of helping them to further their cause and encourage the publication of other periodicals. For instance a young people's magazine is needed and a teachers' Bible companion for the material and mental benefits of the teachers. Other periodicals are needed but we should encourage the publications of such periodicals as will furnish wholesome reading matter as a magazine issue given to religious education. Until we can better finance this department, I recommend that we consolidate the Sunday School work with the Young people's League work, and let one secretary attend to both matters. The economic condition of our General Conference warrants such a move and I prayerfully recommend such action.

Prayerfully submitted,

T. B. MELLETTE.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer of General Conference begs leave to make the following report. For the year ending June 1933.

Receipts

Balance on hand last report.	\$12.05
Received from Finance Committee.	70.00
Received from Georgia Union Association	10.00

Total Receipts \$92.05

Disbursements

Paid I. J. Blackwelder	\$15.00
Paid J. R. Davidson, Secretary	15.00
Paid Henry Melvin	12.00
Paid for Minutes	33.00

Total Disbursements \$75.00
 Balance in hands of Treasurer 17.05, \$92.05

JAS. CHESHIRE, *Treasurer.*

Report of Field Secretary

During the past year my work has been, as heretofore, confined to correspondence with individuals and with conferences in regard to becoming members of this body and supporting the organization in all of its enterprises. I am not able to state what amount of success my efforts have produced but I hope some good has been accomplished.

Since we have a statistician whose work is to gather information relative to the number of churches, members, ministers, etc., I have not dealt in that field of labor. My efforts have been directed toward promoting good-will among our people and offering encouragement to those who are engaged in active service. I find that the greatest task before us is of creating greater and better understanding among our members and in bringing the people of our denomination into closer fellowship and cooperation. Until this is done, the future of our work is not certain. I ask that we all work and pray to this end.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. WELCH.

Report of Educational Secretary

At the last session of the General Conference I was elected to act in the capacity of Educational Secretary without specific or definite instructions as to what my duties should be. It was my impression that I would be ex-

pected to make a survey of our entire field and study the existing conditions in regard to our school work and make a report, with recommendations, to this session of the conference. This, I have endeavored to do.

First—I will call your attention to the fact that at present we have no denominational school work within our connection except Zion Bible School at Blakely, Ga., which is doing splendid work among a limited number of students under the faithful leadership of Rev. T. B. Mellette. The college building at Ayden, N. C. as we know, was destroyed by fire.

Second—I have found a strong and growing sentiment among our people for a centralized educational institution which might serve all of our students who desire to take the proper training to prepare them for Free Will Baptist work. I find, too, a feeling that we need and must have a school that will not only meet our needs but reflect credit on our denomination.

Third—I wish to remind you that it is my candid conviction that it will be futile for us to undertake a school work at any place unless our people throughout the whole country become of one mind and one heart in this undertaking. So long as we are divided in sentiment and purpose we cannot have a successful school. Therefore I would make the following recommendations:

First—That the question of a centralized educational institution be made contingent upon the merging of the Cooperative General Association and the General Conference into one national body. I am convinced that we must have the support of all our people in order to build and maintain a college. The school would then belong to all.

Second—That the location of the school, if we should decide to build one, should be chosen not only for convenience but to make it as satisfactory as possible to all concerned. While in this city I ask that you look over the situation here and decide whether you think Nashville offers a satisfactory place for such a school.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. WELCH, *Secretary.*

*Annual Report of General Secretary Free Will Baptist League
 For the Year Ending June 1, 1933*

To the 13th Annual Session of the General Conference of Free Will Baptists in session June 14-16, 1933, at Nashville, Tenn. Greetings:

This report closes four (4) years of work as your General Secretary, and five (5) years as the editor of the League Literature. In view of these two facts, it is fitting, I think, to present you a summary of the work for these years.

On June 1, 1929, there were eleven (11) states active in the interest of our young people, with a total of 93 organized Leagues. Interest in the work was at a low ebb. Only one state had an organized work for the promotion

of the League. Our literature consisted of one (1) Quarterly, supposed to supply the needs of both senior and junior ages. May I say here, this is no reflection on those who have labored before me—they have wrought faithfully and well—I am merely stating facts and figures.

Today, I can report the fact of a sure, steady growth—it has not been phenomenal, it is true, but permanent. Our records today show the following facts: There are organized leagues in fifteen (15) states, with a total of 283 organizations; four states now have organized work. Much interest is also being shown in district organizations within the bounds of various Conferences and Associations. Our literature now consists of three (3) Quarterlies, senior, intermediate and junior. The Leagues are distributed in the following states: N. C. 50; Mo. 25; S. C. 15; Ala. 30; Ga. 35; Fla. 16; Tenn 15; W. Va. 1; Ark. 15; Texas 12; Okla. 15; Ill. 3; Va. 1; Miss. 5; Total, 283.

During these four years, I have endeavored to unify the program material in our literature, and am now following the present plan of: Devotional, Bible Study and Doctrine, Church History and Doctrine, and Missionary programs. This, to my mind is yielding a great deal of influence, and tends to unify our Church. A very concrete result is seen in that the youth of our Church is becoming "foreign-missionary minded" from studying the missionary programs each month. Regular contributions come from our leagues for foreign missions.

After three years of study and observation, I deemed it prudent to reorganize the league system, and to revise the Constitution and By-Laws. This has been done on the following plan: instead of the senior, junior and primary leagues; senior intermediate and junior leagues take the place. Senior leagues include the ages of 17-25; intermediate from 13-16; junior from 9-12. This structure seems the more practicable, and is in line with all other young people's organizations. Space will not permit to note all the changes in Constitution and By-Laws (see copy). Constitutions and By-Laws have been drafted for the intermediate and junior leagues also. I have had 1500 copies of the booklet "On How to Organize and Conduct the Free Will Baptist League" with revised Constitution and By-Laws printed, and have distributed several hundred copies.

The Grand Totals for the year's work:

Total number of Leaguers, -----	8,543
Dues raised, -----	\$ 612.02
Raised for local Churches, -----	429.16
Raised for Education, -----	75.00
Raised for Home Missions, -----	30.15
Total raised for all purposes, -----	\$1072.08
Total sent General Secretary, -----	\$ 54.03

The Grand Total of the sale of Literature:

Senior Quarterlies, -----	6712 copies.
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Intermediate Quarterlies (2 quarters) -----	940 copies.
Junior Quarterlies -----	4052 copies.
Grand Total of all 3 Quarterlies, -----	11,704 copies.

The following is my Financial Report as Treasurer:

Balance from last year, -----	\$ 25.00
Received from General Conference, -----	12.00
Received from State League Convention, N. C. -----	10.00
Received for Foreign Missions, -----	8.55
Received from Leagues (10% of dues) -----	54.03
Total, -----	\$109.58
Paid for postage, stationery, various supplies, -----	\$ 56.03
Paid for travelling expenses, -----	45.60
Paid to Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Gen. Sec. Foreign Missions -----	8.55
Total, -----	\$109.58

The State F. W. B. L. Convention of N. C. is still functioning in a very satisfactory manner and will hold its annual session for this year on July 3-4, in New Bern. The Tri-State Convention will hold its annual session on August 15-16, in Glennville, Ga. Both Conventions are doing splendid work and afford wonderful inspiration to our Leaguers. The Tri-State Convention is still maintaining a full time Field Secretary: Rev. E. L. Hughes; who is doing a splendid work in visiting churches both with and without leagues. He seeks to organize in every Church where there is no organization, and teaches Study Courses in the Churches where there are Leagues organized.

Permit me to say that the youth of our Church is intensely interested in its progress; and they are asking: "Where do we go from here?" What answer will this Conference give to them?

The maintenance of the Department is now in the hands of this honorable body—literature is arranged for the next quarter—beyond that, it is up to this body. These four years that I have endeavored to serve this Department have been happy years; I have tried to give of my best to its furtherance, and whatever has been accomplished, I give Him the praise, whose Kingdom we are striving to enlarge and to put First.

Yours for the Kingdom,

HENRY MELVIN, Gen. Sec. F. W. B. L.

Report of Secretary of Women's Work

To the General Conference of Free Will Baptists, when Convened at Nashville, Tenn., June 1933.

I am happy to come before you today with a note of optimism running through my report.

When I promised the women of our churches, that we would provide, through this department, a year-book of programs for the devotional exercises of their meetings, a revised booklet of our constitution and by-laws, with other helps of various kinds, it was given because we believed we needed these things and that somehow our needs would be met. Through this effort, more than three thousand pages of literature have been distributed and made possible through the paying of ten cents per capita national dues.

Our studies on prayer, stewardship and missions have proved to be a great blessing to all who have shared in them. The week of prayer was quite generally observed. So many inspiring messages have come from this effort that our hearts have been made to rejoice. The study of stewardship has not been given the promise that I had hoped for this year, but the reports show where ever this subject has been studied the people have been greatly blessed.

May I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the help the secretaries of the various states have given me, namely, Mrs. L. R. Tripp of North Carolina, Mrs. M. H. Mellette and Mrs. Roxie Belle Gibbons of South Carolina, Mrs. Vera Newberry of Georgia and Mrs. M. L. Hollis of Alabama. Through the faithful cooperation of these, I am able to make the following report:

Georgia reports at their third session of auxiliary convention they had twelve auxiliaries represented with a total membership of 565. Their collections for the year was \$193.37. This fund was used mostly in the local churches with the exception of a donation to Zion Bible School. They observed the week of prayer and encouraged special study of the Bible and other suggested books. They send \$1.00 for national dues.

Alabama auxiliary convention met with six societies representing. While this report is incomplete, their records show they have done much good work in raising money for local church expenses, missions and other worthy causes. They observed the week of special prayer reporting that much good came from this effort. They send \$2.30 for the national work.

South Carolina auxiliary convention met in regular session with nine societies representing. Their report shows they carried out the prescribed plan of work, as far as possible, as outlined at the beginning of this conference year. They held regular classes in stewardship and missions, have done some work along educational lines, observed the week of prayer 100%. They send \$4.65 for national dues.

The auxiliary to the Cumberland Association in Tennessee met in regular session August 1932 with ten societies representing a total of 185 members. They report a net gain of ten members. They collected during the year \$289.70, which was used mostly in local work, such as building Sunday School rooms, improving church buildings, contributing to current expenses, etc. They are stressing the importance of Christian education, special attention being given to the study of stewardship of time, talents

and means. They have sponsored several classes in mission study which has had a tendency to create a spirit of missions as nothing else has been able to do. They observed the week of prayer quite generally. They send \$18.50 for national dues, which is ten cents per capita of the membership.

The auxiliary to the Union Association of Tennessee, met in regular session August 1933 with a total enrollment representing of 235, a net gain of 12 members. They collected \$1,182.21 which was used in local work. They observed the week of prayer. They send \$2.00 for national dues.

The state auxiliary convention of North Carolina met in regular session May 1933 with 3 district conventions representing. They reported much work done in local churches along the line of missions, education, personal service and orphanage. These conventions raised, during the year, \$1,817.42, which was used for the above named purposes. They have studied the suggested book on stewardship and missions, observed the week of prayer quite generally and have carried out their plan of work very satisfactorily. Through their secretary, Mrs. L. R. Tripp, they collected \$14.30 on the ten cents per capita campaign for national dues, \$10.00 from the state auxiliary convention and \$1.70 sent directly to the national secretary, also .80 from Mrs. Tripp in Sept. 1932, making a total of \$26.80 sent in for this department this year.

Financial Report

Received from General Conference 1932	\$73.79
Paid out for F. W. B. Press printing programs	\$55.00
Paid out for express on programs	4.14
Paid out for mailing	12.18
Paid out stamps and stationery	4.40
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Deficit for the year	\$ 1.93
Received from South Carolina Auxiliary Convention	\$ 4.65
Received from Tennessee Aux. to Cumberland Association	18.50
Received from Tennessee Aux. to Union Association	2.00
Received from Georgia Aux. to Midway Association	1.00
Received from Mrs. Ella Lewis, Glennville, Ga.	2.00
Received from Alabama Auxiliary Convention	2.30
Received from North Carolina State Convention	10.00
Received from Mrs. L. R. Tripp, N. C. (10c per capita)	14.30
Received from Mrs. L. R. Tripp, 1932	.80
Received from Mrs. Hazel Holland, Selma, N. C. (local)	1.70
Total	<hr/>
	\$57.25

Success is always the direct result of definite purpose. Let us enter this new year with a firmer determination to be more diligent. Remember there is no church so barren or remote but that it can have an auxiliary work provided there is one person there who has the consuming love of Christ abiding in her heart. Let us set ourselves this year to such emphasis on our stewardship-mission study program as will make it a vital factor in bringing in a new day of missionary thinking and giving among our people. To this end we would urge each auxiliary to stress the study course of missions, suggested book, "Prayer and Missions," by Helen Barrett Montgomery. Not less than four hours spent in class work.

For the text book on stewardship, we recommend "The Larger Stewardship," by Chas. A. Cook. These books are undenominational and moderately priced. May we work this next year with no thought of self. Let us be interested only in results.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FANNIE POLSTON National Secretary.

Report of Statiscian

To the Free Will Baptist General Conference of the United States: Dear Brethren:—My report as Statistician has not improved since last session; as I have not received statistics from the State Statisticians that were appointed in 1932 at Bryan, Texas. I have never been informed or received the names of those men, so I am at a loss.

If you want me to continue my efforts and get a report that will be of service, then appropriate some funds for postage; otherwise I am now, tendering my resignation as Statistician.

I shall be glad to assist in any possible way for the furtherance of our cause of Christ; and I am praying that there may be a oneness of mind purpose and Spirit throughout this session. Pray for me.

Yours in service,

S T. SHUTES

Report of Finance Committee

We the Finance Committee submit the following:

State Line Association of Alabama	\$10.00
State Conference of Alabama	10.00
Midway Association of Ga.	10.00
South Ga. Association	10.00
Central Conference of N. C.	10.00
Cumberland Association of Tenn.	10.00
Texas State Convention	10.00
Salem Assocation of Fla.	1.50

Nebraska and Northern Kansas Yearly Meeting	10.00
South Carolina Conference, By T. B. Mellette	10.00

Total Cash ----- \$91.50

Vouched For:

Eastern Conference of N. C. By J. W. Alford	\$10.00
Cape Fear Conference of N. C. By J. C. Griffin	10.00
Georgia Union Association, By C. J. Harvey	10.00
Salem Association of Fla. By K. V. Shutes	10.00

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.

Section 1. 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 states 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 last Sunday in each May, 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 Sundays in June 1934: 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 _____