

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
of the  
**EASTERN GENERAL ASSOCIATION**  
of the  
**Original Free Will Baptists of the  
United States**

Which Convened With  
**Horse Branch Church, Turbeville, S. C.**

June 9-11, 1937

Next Session will convene with Pearce's Chapel, Smithville, Mississippi beginning on Tuesday evening following the First Sunday in June 1938, namely: June 8-10, 1938.



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## OFFICERS OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION FOR YEARS 1937-1939

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Mr. W. E. Coville, Asst. Treas.	Nashville, Tenn.
Eld. J. L. Welch, Field Secretary	Columbia, Tenn.
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Eld. Chester Pelt, Sec. Foreign Missions,	Cypress, Fla.
Eld. J. C. Griffin, Statistician	New Bern, N. C.
Eld. E. C. Morris, Publicity Director	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Eld. M. L. Hollis, Asst. Pub. Director	Tupelo, Miss.

## FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Bro. C. F. Goen, Chairman	Bryan, Texas.
Eld. Chester Pelt, Sec.	Cypress, Fla.
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## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

J. E. Wooten, Chairman	Ayden, N. C.
D. F. Pelt	Marianna, Fla.
E. P. Kirby	Cades, S. C.

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Eld. Selph Jones,	Mansfield, Mo.
Eld. E. E. Morris,	Blanchard, Okla.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Geo. Dunbar—Tennessee—Term expires 1938.
Bro. Geo. Owens—Florida—Term expires 1939.
Rev. M. L. Hollis—Mississippi—Term expires 1940.
Rev. M. H. Mellette—South Carolina—Term expires 1941.
Bro. LaFever—Texas—Term expires 1942.



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 Eld. Geo. Dunbar, Tennessee—Term expires 1938.  
 Bro. Geo. Owens, Florida—Term expires 1939.  
 Bro. LaFever, Texas—Term expires 1942.

## ASSOCIATION AND CONFERENCE CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESSES

Salem Association of West Florida ----- E. S. Haddock, Marianna, Fla.  
 Liberty Association of West Florida ----- N. E. Chesnut, Bonifay, Fla.  
 South Georgia Assn. ----- T. N. Tanner, Alma, Ga.  
 Midway Association of Georgia ----- W. B. Griffin, Leary, Ga.  
 Martin Assn. of Georgia ----- Jno. E. Drake, Bainbridge, Ga.  
 Cumberland Assn. of Tenn. ----- L. O. Burroughs, 4020 Colorado St.  
 Nashville, Tenn.  
 North Carolina State Assn. ----- Eld. E. T. Phillips, Ayden, N. C.  
 Eastern N. C. Assn. ----- M. C. Prescott, New Bern, N. C.  
 Cape Fear N. C. Assn. ----- W. A. Jackson, Cooper, N. C.  
 Western N. C. Assn. ----- Eld. R. N. Hinnant, Micro, N. C.  
 Central N. C. Conf. ----- E. C. Hines, Winterville, N. C.  
 South Carolina Conf. ----- Send minutes to E. P. Kirby, Cades, S. C.  
 Eastern S. C. Assn. ----- L. L. Moore, Hyman, S. C.  
 Texas State Assn. ----- J. L. Edge, Bryan, Texas.  
 Progressive Assn. of Ala. ----- Eld. J. B. Bloss, Cordova, Ala.  
 Ohio River Yearly Assn. ----- W. H. Jacobs, Cheshire, Ohio.

### *The following not represented*

Union Association of Georgia ----- W. L. Lee, Moultrie, Ga.  
 Georgia Union Assn. ----- C. J. Harvey, Cordele, Ga.  
 Union Assn. of Tennessee -----

## PROCEEDINGS

The time having arrived, the Seventeenth Session of The Eastern General Association of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of Christ of the United States met with Horse Branch Church, Turbeville, S. C. on Tuesday evening, June 8, 1937.

The devotional services on Tuesday evening were introduced by Eld. M. H. Mellette, and presided over by the moderator, Eld. J. R. Davidson. The song services were conducted by Eld. R. N. Hinnant. The sermon was delivered by W. A. Hales, Wilson, N. C. from the text of St. Jno. 4:35. Eld. Hales showed much interest in his discourse and his fervent love for the Church of Christ. He ably defended his subject, and brought his congregation face to face with the facts as they are.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

Song services were conducted by Eld. R. N. Hinnant who had charge of the music throughout the session.

Devotional services were led by Bro. W. E. Coville.

Scripture lesson, Num. 13:17-30.

Invocations by Bros. Coville, and J. R. Davidson.

Welcome address by Eld. M. H. Mellette. (In absence of the pastor, Eld. G. C. Vause.)

Response by Eld. I. J. Blackwelder.

### *Roll Call of Members Associations and Enrollment of Delegates*

Eastern N. C. Association, Eld. L. H. Wetherington.

Western N. C. Association, Eld. R. N. Hinnant.

N. C. State Association, Eld. J. W. Alford.

Central N. C. Conference, Elds. M. A. Woodard, and D. W. Alexander.

Cape Fear Association of N. C., Eld. M. L. Johnson.

Progressive Association of Alabama by letter.

South Carolina (Association) Conference, Eld. M. H. Mellette, and Eld. E. P. Kirby.

Eastern S. C. Conference Association, Eld. T. A. Williams, and Eld. L. L. Moore.

Cumberland Association of Tennessee, Eld. E. A. Craft, and Bro. W. E. Coville.

Union Association of Tennessee, Eld. Geo. D. Dunbar, and Eld. J. C. Howington.

Texas State Convention Association, Bro. Clyde Goen.

Ohio River Yearly Association, by letter.

Midway Association of Georgia, Bros. A. D. Ivey, and Z. A. Cheshire.

Martin Association of Georgia, Bro. W. L. Cleveland.

South Georgia Association, Eld. L. C. Johnson.

Salem Association of West Florida, Eld. Chester Pelt.

Liberty Association of West Florida, Eld. A. B. Nelson.



Brother and Sister Clarence Bowen were enrolled as workers of the N. C. State F. W. B. League Convention.

By motion the body seated all delegates and ministers as enrolled, and the body declared ready to transact all business according to the prepared program.

Credentials committee appointed as follows, namely: M. H. Mellette, Chairman, L. H. Wetherington, Geo. Dunbar, Clyde Goen, A. B. Nelson and A. D. Ivy.

Digest committee—J. W. Alford, Chairman, J. C. Howington, L. C. Johnson.

At this point praise and prayer were rendered by the congregation, and Eld. J. R. Davidson, moderator of the conference, brought forth the annual message which was well put and encouraging. His theme being My Church and Its Place in the World.

Midday Services—11 A. M.

Special music—Quartet by Messrs. Blackwelder, Davidson, Hinnant, and Morris.

Sermon—By Eld. Geo. Dunbar.

Text—Mark 16:15, 16.

Subject—A Violated commission.

Bro. Dunbar's message was spiritual, soul lifting, and inspiring.

Recess for recreation and refreshments.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Song service conducted by the director, R. N. Hinnant.

Devotions led by Eld. A. L. Davidson.

Scripture from Prov. 24:30-32.

Quartet rendered by Messrs. Tyson, Hinnant, Blackwelder, Melvin.

#### Miscellaneous

Resolution Committee—Elds. Henry Melvin, Milton Johnson, and E. A. Craft.

Finance Committee—Elds. M. E. Tyson, D. F. Pelt, and Bro. W. L. Cleveland.

Moved and sustained to elect a treasurer pro tem in the place of Bro. Jas. Cheshire deceased. Thereupon, conference stood in silent prayer to God whose will shall be done.

Bro. Z. A. Cheshire elected pro tem as Association treasurer.

Amendments offered and laid on the table for one day's consideration to amend the constitution by rescinding sec. 3 of article 3 of the constitution. Also, section five of the By Laws. See these sections.

Moved and sustained to appoint by the chair a committee on resolutions of respect for our deceased.

Committee on Resolutions of Respect—W. E. Coville, C. B. Thompson, Rufus Hyman.

#### Board of Education Report

Report made by T. B. Mellette. See report.

Round Table discussion made by several of the members.

Educational address made by R. N. Hinnant, and followed by G. F. Shutes, T. B. Mellette, and I. J. Blackwelder.

Address rendered the conference by Eld. G. C. Vause on Goodwill, Christian fellowship, and Church Doctrine.

Eld. Thos. H. Willy followed with some very timely remarks.

Recessed with worship until 9:00 A. M. Thursday.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Services held with Pine Grove M. E. Church South at Turbeville. Missionary Program and address rendered as follows:

Presentation and introduction—I. J. Blackwelder.

Address by Mrs. T. H. Willy.

Address by Thos. H. Willy.

Presenting views of his travel in Central Latin America and the Canal Zone.

Collection for same, \$42.26.

#### THURSDAY A. M.

Devotions and prayer by R. P. Harris.

Scripture from Matt. 7:1-9.

Song services led by the director.

Publicity Director—E. C. Morris. Report made orally.

Report of Publicity Director accepted as information.

#### Foreign Missions

Report made by I. J. Blackwelder, sec. of Foreign Missions.

Moved and sustained to accept the report. See Report.

A round table discussion followed the report.

#### Tract Committee

Report made by R. N. Hinnant orally.

Report received as information.

Note—these tracts can be obtained from the F. W. B. Press, Ayden, N. C. at reasonable prices.

Moved and sustained to invite Eld. McCloud, pastor of Pine Grove M. E. Church at Turbeville to a seat and deliberations with us.

Moved and sustained that the chair appoint a member proxy on the mission board in the absence of R. F. Pittman.

Bro. C. B. Thompson was appointed.

#### Midday Services

Praise by the congregation.

Prayer by D. W. Alexander.

Duet—Melvin and Hinnant.

Sermons by Elds. Chester Pelt, Text St. Jno. 4:26-30—Sub. Discovering Jesus; L. C. Johnson, Text Eph. 2:11-15; Sub. Peace—So Making.

Recessed for refreshments.



## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Singing by the congregation.

Duet—R. N. Hinnant, and Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes.

Devotions and prayer, Eld. Floyd Cherry.

Scripture Psa. 121.

Some excellent and inspirational remarks were made by Eld. Cherry, a youthful pastor of the Ala. State Line Association.

### Reports

Free Will Baptist Press—Made by Eld. L. H. Wetherington, President of the F. W. B. Press located at Ayden, N. C.

An informal address on S. S. Literature made by Editor, J. E. Wooten. Moved and carried to have the reports of the press official received as information.

### Young People's Work

Report made by Henry Melvin, sec. of the work. This was a glowing report, and ably discussed by the secretary of the work.

Report received by the body. See report.

### Miscellaneous

Amendment rescinding sec. 3 of art. 3 adopted. See Constitution.

Amendment to sec. 5 of the By Laws defeated.

A motion to set aside the regular procedure of business and go into election of officers was defeated.

Moved and sustained to adopt the report of the Foreign Mission Board and that we give assurance to our missionaries that we will stand by them. See report of the board.

### Finance Committee

Report of Finance Committee made and adopted. See report.

### Digest Committee

Report of Digest Committee made and adopted. See report.

### Committee on Resolutions of Respect

Report of Resolutions of Respect made and adopted. See report.

### Statistician

Report of Statistician made and adopted. See Report.

Moved and sustained to excuse Elds. T. A. Williams, and M. A. Woodard.

Moved and carried to recess until Friday 9:00 A. M.

## THURSDAY EVENING

Services by the concert class of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage of Middlesex, N. C.

Eld. M. E. Tyson presided, presenting the class with special features and other attractions.

The program was enjoyed by all, and the class and its manager are to be congratulated together with the superintendent.

Collection for same amounted to \$41.01.

## FRIDAY MORNING

Devotional services conducted by M. H. Mellette.

Praise in song led by R. N. Hinnant.

Scripture St. Jno. 15:17.

Prayer by M. H. Mellette.

### Reports

Sunday School report made by R. P. Harris, secretary of S. S. work. Moved and carried to accept the report, which showed some manner of progress in this department. See report.

Ladies Auxiliary Convention report made by Mrs. Fannie Polston, secretary of Women's work.

Moved and sustained to accept the above report. See report.

Free Will Baptist Gem of Purdy, Mo. made by Thos. H. Willy.

Report of The Gem accepted as information.

A resolution offered Thursday by D. W. Alexander effecting Article VIII of the constitution was adopted. See constitution.

A resolution amending Article VIII changing date of meeting was defeated.

### Treasurer's Report

Report of treasurer pro tem made and accepted. See report.

### Miscellaneous

Resolutions Committee made report which was accepted. See report.

A resolution effecting Article I of the Constitution by striking out the word General offered by J. C. Griffin on Thursday was adopted.

A resolution calling for an adjourned session of The National Association was lost by a majority vote of the body.

Moved and sustained to excuse Bro. W. L. Cleveland, delegate from the Martin Association, from the rest of the session.

Moved to suspend the order of business and elect officers for the next term of two years. Motion carried.

Moved to suspend the regular order for the electing of officers as an emergency and proceed as the body sees fit.

### Moderator

C. B. Thompson elected moderator by acclamation.

### Vice Moderator

Henry Melvin chosen as vice moderator, and then made unanimous.

### Recording Secretary

Moved and sustained that the present clerk be reelected and the Vice-Moderator cast the unanimous vote.

Asst. Sec. elected—Vote cast by the secretary.

Treasurer—Z. A. Cheshire elected and vote cast by secretary.

Asst. Treas. elected and vote cast by the secretary.



Moved and carried to elect all departmental secretaries to their respective offices. See list in first of minutes.

Resignation of I. J. Blackwelder, Secretary of Foreign Missions accepted. Eld. Chester Pelt elected secretary of Foreign Mission in the place of I. J. Blackwelder.

Moved and carried to elect a board of three, including the secretary of Foreign Mission.

Board of Foreign Mission as follows, namely: Chester Pelt, W. E. Coville, and C. F. Goen.

Program Committee elected as follows: J. E. Wooten, D. F. Pelt, and E. P. Kirby.

*Assistant Statisticians reappointed as follows, namely:*

Alabama	D. F. Pelt, Marianna, Fla.
Georgia	L. C. Johnson, Alma, Ga.
Florida	A. B. Nelson, Bonifay, Fla.
North Carolina,	W. L. Moretz, Swannanoa, N. C.
South Carolina,	E. P. Kirby, Cades, S. C.
Tennessee,	W. E. Coville, Nashville, Tenn.
Texas,	C. B. Thompson, Bryan, Tex.
Kansas-Nebraska,	M. L. Morse, Kenesaw, Nebr.
Ohio,	Olin Gould, Wellston, Ohio

#### *Next Session 1938*

By vote Pearces Chapel near Smithville, Miss. was chosen for the 1938 session of the Eastern General Association.

Moved and carried to have the finance committee settle with the treasurer and the treasurer settle with those having claims against the treasurer.

#### *Report*

Report of the Mission Board made and accepted. See report.

Moved and sustained to have 3,000 minutes printed and 500 distributed among the different bodies of the Western Division of the National Association.

Note—all motions made and lost and resolutions lost or tabled do not appear in the minutes; also resolutions rescinded do not appear.

Moved and carried to adjourn with regular noonday services.

Note—Horse Branch Church and its management of the entertainment of the conference deserve special notice for their excellent hospitality, together with their friends and the cooperation of Bethany, and Newton Churches.

J. R. DAVIDSON, Moderator

T. B. MELLETTE, Clerk

#### *Noonday Services*

Praise by the congregation.

Duet—R. N. Hinnant, and Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes.

Sermon—Eld. C. B. Thompson.

Text, Acts 26:28.

Subject—To Be A Christian.

The sermon was well delivered and becomingly spiritual.

Prayer by Eld. E. C. Morris.

Adjournment with appropriate services executed.

#### *Ministers attending the Seventeenth Session of the Eastern General Association*

Eld. J. R. Davidson	Eld. L. H. Wetherington
Eld. I. J. Blackwelder	Eld. Henry Melvin
Eld. G. F. Shutes	Eld. Chester Pelt
Eld. J. A. Evans	Eld. E. A. Craft
Eld. M. L. Johnson	Eld. C. B. Thompson
Eld. W. S. Driggers	Eld. J. W. Alford
Eld. L. A. Norris	Eld. R. N. Hinnant
Eld. T. A. Williams	Eld. A. L. Davidson
Eld. Floyd Cherry	Eld. T. B. Mellette
Eld. D. F. Pelt	Eld. M. H. Mellette
Eld. L. C. Johnson	Eld. L. A. Holliday
Eld. E. P. Kirby	Eld. M. E. Tyson
Eld. A. B. Nelson	Eld. R. P. Harris
Eld. T. H. Willy	Eld. G. C. Vause
Eld. R. C. Wiggs	Eld. W. L. Hart
Eld. M. A. Woodard	Eld. J. C. Griffin
Eld. J. C. Howington	Eld. L. B. Manning
Eld. Geo. Dunbar	Eld. D. W. Alexander
Eld. Perry Buckins	Eld. Rufus Hyman
Eld. K. V. Shutes	Eld. J. E. Wooten
Eld. S. T. Shutes	Eld. Walter Carter
Eld. W. A. Hales	Eld. L. L. Moore
Eld. E. C. Morris	Eld. Hilburn

#### *Report of Finance Committee 1937*

We, the Finance Committee, make the following report:

South Carolina Eastern Conference for 1936	\$ 10.00
Cumberland Association (Tennessee)	10.00
South Georgia Association	10.00
Martin Association (Georgia)	10.00
Texas State Association	10.00
South Carolina Conference	10.00
North Carolina State Association	10.00
N. C. Cape Fear Association	10.00
N. C. Eastern Association	10.00
N. C. Central Conference	4.95
Liberty Association of West Florida	10.00
Midway Association of Georgia	10.00
Ohio Yearly Meeting	10.00
Progressive Association of Alabama	10.00



Salem Association of West Florida -----	10.00
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	\$144.95
N. C. Western Association—Fee vouched for by J. A. Evans and Henry Melvin -----	10.00
S. C. Eastern Conference—Fee vouched for (1937) by L. L. Moore -----	10.00
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	\$164.95

M. E. Tyson, Chairman  
W. L. Cleveland  
D. F. Pelt

#### *Report of Board of Education*

The Board of Education reports that only little has been done toward the raising of the \$10,000, asked for at last year's session of the Association. And since it was the pleasure for each state to set up a unit for the raising of this sum of money, we are again asking the various bodies to adopt a system whereby they may cooperate with the board in raising sufficient revenue for the establishing and maintaining a school.

The director of the board asked for college clubs to be organized and these volunteer units to constitute state volunteer units as a system for this purpose.

Money as follows:

Public collection at Glennville session -----	\$ 36.55
Donation by Eastern General Association -----	25.00
By Eld. Melvin Bingham -----	2.00
By Eld. J. B. Lovering -----	1.50
Salem Association of West Florida -----	2.00
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	\$ 65.05
Paid out on the Nashville Program -----	\$ 25.68
Paid out on the Weaverville Program -----	4.37
Paid out for printing and postage -----	11.85
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	\$ 41.90
Balance -----	23.15
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	\$ 65.05

The following Constitution and By-Laws are presented for the purpose of establishing a system whereby this money may be raised.

T. B. MELLETTE, Sec. of the Board

#### NATIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

*Preamble.*—For the purpose of making suitable preparation for the organizing and building a college that will serve the youth of our land and

give glory to God these *By-Laws* are outlined for the organizing clubs and societies who volunteer together as a unit working under auspices of the Board of Education of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and the Board's director for raising funds to be used as herein directed, and as the local unit will be governed.

*Section 1.—Agreement.* Article 1. We, the undersigned members agree to subscribe as volunteer workers to work together as a unit for the purpose of raising money to be used for the building and maintaining of a college in accordance with the plans of the National Board of Education of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Article 2. We also agree to be governed by these rules or to formulate rules that will be approved by the director of the Board of Education.

Article 3. We agree further to work and endeavor to follow a plan whereby we may be able to raise funds as herein prescribed, and to pay dues accordingly into the treasuries of the unit, and ten per cent of all dues to the treasurer of the Board of Education to be used for all necessary expense that may be incurred by the secretary-treasurer in pursuance of these plans in effecting the work.

Article 4. We also agree not to withdraw from the unit without first giving due notice by writing, or by word of mouth to the regular officers of the unit.

*Section 2.—Name.* Article 1. This unit will be known as -----  
----- College Club, or Education Society of -----  
Church located in ----- county and state of -----.

*Section 3.—Officers.* Article 1. Each club or society will have a president, vice president, and secretary and treasurer.

Article 2. Each unit will consist of ten members, more or less. If ten members can be found who will volunteer together to constitute the unit, then as many as can be found who will join. If as many as 20 members join then two units will be constituted.

Article 3. If thought best a unit and a second unit may be constituted where as many as fifteen may wish to join, and if more than 25 members join, then three units may be constituted in the same local church, etc.

Article 4. Dues. Each member will pay into the treasury of local unit as per the agreement agreed upon by the local unit monthly, or quarterly dues. Said dues will be no less than 10c per month, and they may pay as much above that as they may agree upon. Said money shall be kept in the hands of the local treasurer except as stated in article 3 of section 1. Dues may be 10c, 25c, or 50c for each member per month.

Article 5. When a Club or Society shall be constituted the Club or Society shall communicate to the secretary-treasurer of the Board of Education \$1 for fee to be used in the furtherance of the cause of Christian Education. This is additional to the 10 per cent dues collected monthly or quarterly as stated in article 3 of section 1.

*Section 4.—Duties of Officers.* Article 1. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at each meeting, and to see that disciplinary order will be maintained. He shall assist the unit in any and all undertakings as the



unit may wish by majority to perform, or he shall endeavor to have performed the directions of the director of the Board of Education. It being understood that request shall be reasonable.

Article 2. It shall be the duty of the vice-president to act in the absence of the president, and to assist the president in all duties and obligations; and to serve as may be assigned him on any duties.

Article 3. It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to keep a correct record of all transactions of the unit, and a record of all dues collected and paid out. Also, all money that may be raised by any special plan in helping the goal of the Board of Education. He shall, also, keep subject to the rules herein prescribed all money and pay out same as voted by the unit, or as is stated in article 3 of section 1, and article 5 of section 3. Too, the secretary-treasurer shall communicate with the director and secretary-treasurer of the Board of Education of the local units' transactions, and initiatives to help in the educational program of the Free Will Baptist Church.

*Section 5.—State and National Volunteer Organizations.*

Article 1. When ten or more clubs have been instituted in each state a state organization may be set up having its own officers, and regulation according to the direction of the director of the Board of Education.

Article 2. When it shall seem good to the director of the Board of Education of the Free Will Baptist Church a National Educational Association may be set up.

*Section 6.—Discipline of Members.* Article 1. Any member or officer of any local unit may be disciplined and expelled from the local unit by a majority vote of the members present for non-support of the Club or Society, or for any non-Christian conduct.

T. B. MELLETTTE, Sec.-Treasurer  
Blackely, Georgia

*Mission Board's Report*

We your Mission Board of the Eastern Association Make the following report:

1. We endorse Elder Chester Pelt as Foreign Mission Secretary as elected by this Association.
2. The board has elected Eld. C. F. Goen for Chairman.
3. The board has elected W. E. Coville as treasurer.

*Resolutions Committee*

Be it resolved that this Eastern Association return to the good people of Horse Branch Church and this community a rising vote of thanks for their entertainment and hospitality during this session.

Also, for the use of their church for the women's work, we desire to express our thanks and appreciation to the Methodist Church at Turbeville.

HENRY MELVIN,  
E. A. CRAFT,  
M. L. JOHNSON, Committee

*Women's Work*

The following is a report of the National Secretary to the Eastern Division of the National Association—A summary of the report as follows:

- 1, State Convention composed of six district conventions in North Carolina. (1 con.)
- 2, District conventions in Tennessee. (2 con.)
- 3, District conventions in Georgia. (2 con.)
- 4, District conventions in South Carolina. (1 con.)

These conventions are composed of 95 local units with a membership of 1,685 women. 14 Stewardship study classes held.

14 Mission study classes held; 16 declamation contest held and 32 societies observing the week of prayer. These women have sent 273 subscriptions to the papers. Paid for missions \$495.18, for education \$240.64, for orphanage \$1,258.91.

The following is a report of the treasurer:

On hand at the close of 1936 convention	\$ 73.38
South Carolina	9:60
South Georgia	11.00
Midway Association of Georgia	3.00
Union Association of Tennessee	5.00
Cumberland Association of Tennessee	20.00
North Carolina State Convention (Donated)	15.00
North Carolina State Convention dues	8.30
Western District of North Carolina	2.50
Eastern District of North Carolina	5.00
Cape Fear Conference District of North Carolina	3.00
Local Society of Florida	1.30
Refund from Mrs. Phinney	2.13
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	\$159.21

*Disbursements*

President's expenses	\$ 11.83
Mrs. M. H. Mellette	3.00
Printing of Programs	2.68
Miss Lola Johnson	15.00
Mrs. Polston	13.00
Mrs. Welch	5.00
Telegram	.63
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	\$ 51.14

Amount in treasury ----- \$108.07

MRS. FANNIE POLSTON, Secretary  
Women's Work

*Treasurer's Report from June 1936 to June 1937*

*Receipts*

Amount on hand at last report ----- \$ 38.80



Received from Finance Committee .....	147.10
Received from S. C. Conference on acct. ....	10.00
Received from S. Eastern of Ala. on acct. ....	5.00
Received from Union of Georgia on acct. ....	11.00

\$208.90

#### Disbursements

Paid J. C. Griffin, Statistician, .....	\$ 4.50
Paid T. B. Mellette, Clerk .....	20.00
Paid for G. C. Minutes .....	75.00
Paid for National Asso. Minutes .....	40.00
Paid Henry Melvin, F. W. B. L. Secretary .....	10.00
Donated Board of Education .....	25.00
Paid S. S. Secretary 1936 .....	10.00
Paid J. R. Davidson, Moderator .....	12.50

\$197.00

Balance .....\$ 11.90

Z. A. CHESHIRE, Treasurer

#### Annual Report General Secretary Sunday School Work Campaign for Field Work

North Carolina an experiment:

Wrote letters to 262 Sunday Schools. Requested ten cents per member.

Response received:

Rose of Sharon, Central Conference .....	\$ 1.70
Hickory Chapel, Central Conference .....	5.55
Saratoga, Central Conference .....	2.50
Pine Level, Western Association .....	4.73
Hugo, Central Conference .....	4.00

Total .....\$ 23.08

#### General Sunday School Work

Corinth Sunday School, Midland City, Ala. ....	\$ 1.00
Mr. S. Jackson, Sec.-Treas.	
Springfield Sunday School, Ashford, Ala. ....	1.00
Mr. Fred F. Lamb, Sec.-Treas.	

Total amount received .....\$ 25.08

#### Expenditures

Stationery and stamps .....	\$ 5.60
Printing letters .....	3.00

\$ 8.60

Balance on hand .....\$ 16.48

R. P. HARRIS, Secretary

#### Digest Committee 1937

The Committee on Digest of Reports beg leave to say, that in view of the fact that so few associational letters were received, and all reports from officers, committees and boards, with the exception of the report of the Foreign Mission Board, and Free Will Baptist League were made orally, we find ourselves unable to present to you a credible and intelligent digest report.

We, therefore, recommend that hereafter any body, or association representing in this Association shall send by the hand of its representatives the associational letter, properly filled out, together with the fee required by this Association: and letters and fee shall be presented to the clerk on enrollment of representatives before such representatives shall be entitled to a seat.

We further recommend that hereafter all reports from officers, committees and boards be submitted in type written form, if possible.

ELD. J. W. ALFORD, Chairman

ELD. L. C. JOHNSON

BRO. W. E. COVILLE

#### Foreign Mission Board June 10, 1937

After carefully considering the plans of Eld. Thos. H. Willy for mission work in the interior of Panama, we the Foreign Mission Board make the following recommendations:

1. That Eld. Willey and family sail for Panama about August 1, 1937.
2. That we allow Eld. Willy \$250.00 for transportation expenses, which amount may be supplemented if necessary.
3. That we give Eld. Willy \$100.00 per month allowance for the support of himself and his family while they do the work for which they are going to Panama.

4. That we, as far as we are financially able, give Eld. Willy such additional support as we think necessary for the development of the mission work under consideration.

I. J. Blackwelder

C. B. Thompson

M. A. Woodard

#### Committee on Resolutions of Respect

In the rush of a busy mortal existence, it is becoming that we pause to pay proper respect to our departed faithful.

Since our last meeting of this association, death has invaded our ranks and in obedience to His summons four individuals, who have meant much to our cause, have gone out to that far distant land from whose bourne no traveler returns.

Bro. Jas. Cheshire, (1854-1937) who served with distinction for all the years save the first year, and perhaps the second year, served as treasurer of the General Conference, and now the Eastern General Association. Bro. Cheshire passed away May 25, 1937.

Bro. Robt. M. Mellette, (1862-1937) father of Elds. M. H. and T. B.



Mellette, also passed away on the same day as did Brother Cheshire (5-25-37).

Sister Mamie Francis Shutes, wife of Eld. G. F. Shutes and mother of Elds. S. T. and K. V. Shutes passed on to the reward of the faithful on April 21, 1937.

Eld. Thos. H. Bowen, (1911-1936) one of our young ministers, was suddenly called by an untimely death at the age of 25 on Aug. 11, 1936.

How often we hear it said at a funeral service, "We pay our last respect to the deceased." In the case of these whose names are mentioned we do not, even now, pay our last respect, for every time we shall think of them we shall remember them in the profoundest respect, and in the years to come we can only show how much these have meant to our cause.

In early life those mentioned above yielded themselves to God and in the channels of the Free Will Baptist Church, served faithfully in the cause, and to the glory of God.

Some ships sail east and others west,  
While the self-same breezes blow.  
Tis the set of the sail and not the gale  
That tells them where to go.

As the ships of the sea, so are the souls of men  
As they sail on the sea of life,  
Tis the set of the sail on the sea of life,  
And not the storms and strife.

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That this Association pause and stand with heads bowed for a minute in submission to our loss.

2. That these resolutions be made a part of our minutes, and also a copy be sent to the families of the deceased.

BRO. W. E. COVILLE, Chairman  
ELD. C. B. THOMPSON  
ELD. RUFUS HYMAN

*Foreign Mission Report*  
June 1, 1936, to June 1, 1937

The National Secretary-Treasurer of Foreign Missions of the Free Will Baptist Church of the United States of America is delighted to report that splendid progress in foreign mission work has been made during the past associational year. The allowances of the missionaries on the foreign fields are paid up to date. And though no new missionaries have gone to the foreign fields during the past year, we have been looking forward to sending Brother and Sister T. H. Willey, who are now ready to go to South America. Also we trust that our people are ready to send them to this neglected field, and that they will consequently soon be doing the work to which they and we feel the Lord has called them.

As you will note, by comparing this report with the previous annual foreign mission reports, the receipts for the past year are almost double what they have been during any previous year. However the present balance is insufficient to finance the work we hope to do soon; therefore we are asking our people everywhere to rally to this work as liberally as the Lord would have them support it. Besides the work we are doing at present, the call of the Willeys is ringing out to us for definite action and certain support.

Moreover I understand that there are others among us on whom the Lord has laid His hand for mission work. For these opportunities which are ours today we were definitely and earnestly praying just a few years ago, and even today we are still praying for the same. Let us therefore not neglect the opportunities that are knocking at our doors lest they leave us and not return.

The financial report of the foreign mission work for the past year is as follows:

*Cash Receipts*

Balance brought forward .....	\$ 245.90
Collection at General Conference last year .....	\$133.15
Liberty Church, by Rev. Lewis Holliday, Foreston, S. C. --	6.77
Women's Natl. Aux. Conv., by Mrs. Fannie Polston, Nashville, Tenn. ....	10.00
Harmony Church, by J. E. Waters, Lake Butler, Fla. ....	11.35
Geo. Webster, Washington, N. C. ....	40.00
Mrs. Rinza Fields, Millport, Ala. ....	2.50
Stacy Mission Circle, by Mrs. Minnie D. Mason, Stacy, N. C.	5.90
The W. Assn., by Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo. ....	363.04
Cumberland Assn. of Tenn., by G. W. Fambrough, Neptune, Tenn. ....	381.26
Central Conf. of N. C., by Mrs. F. McCoy Tripp, Winterville, N. C. ....	25.00
Mrs. L. M. Knight, Blontstown, Fla. ....	1.50
Circle Two of Bryan Church, by Mrs. H. H. Holligan, Bryan, Texas ....	5.00
Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey, Bryan, Texas ....	5.00
Parkers Chapel League, Mrs. P. W. Harris, Greenville, N. C. ....	2.53
Smyrna Church, by D. B. Cox, Blounts Creek, N. C. ....	6.25
Little Creek L. A. S., by Mrs. W. F. Stocks, Hookerton, N. C. ....	2.00
L. A. S. of Hull Road, by Mrs. Carl B. Barrow, Snow Hill, N. C. ....	3.30
Ohio River Yearly Meeting, by Rev. Olen Gould, Wellston, Ohio ....	5.00
Mrs. M. L. Hicks, Turbeville, S. C. ....	1.00
Fourth Union of Central Conf., by C. K. Dunn, Ayden, N. C.	15.00
Ladies Missionary Society, First Church of Durham, N. C., by C. K. Dunn, Ayden, N. C. ....	1.00



Mrs. C. Robins, by Mrs. S. K. Jackson, Ayden N. C. -----	1.00
Mrs. S. K. Jackson, Ayden, N. C. -----	1.00
Fifth E. Union, by R. W. Mallard, Trenton, N. C. -----	10.00
South Ga. Union, by Rev. J. R. Davidson and Bernice Davis, Blackshear, Ga. -----	70.00
Martin Union, by W. E. Lane, Jr., Iron City, Ga. -----	5.80
Pine Level L. A. S., by Miss Dolora Rigdon, Alma, Ga. -----	3.00
Texas State Assn. by E. S. Phinney, Bryan, Texas -----	274.28
Pupils of Gibbs School, by their teachers, Pamplico, S. C. --	5.70
Mrs. T. R. Minus, Damascus, Ga. -----	1.00
N. C. State Assn., by Rev. M. L. Moretz, Swannanoa, N. C. -	371.14
Rev. L. B. Manning, Fountain, N. C. -----	5.00
Black Jack Church, by Mrs. Julia Paramore, Grimsland N. C.	1.50
Glennville Church, by Rev. J. R. Davidson and K. V. Shutes, and Mrs. R. R. Purcelle, Glennville, Ga. -----	14.92
Pine Level Church, by Mrs. R. R. Purcelle, Glennville, Ga. --	8.00
Alabama Church, by Mrs. R. R. Purcelle and Rev. K. V. Shutes, Glennville, Ga. -----	8.35
Ebenezer Church, by Mrs. R. R. Purcelle, Glennville, Ga. ---	3.76
Mrs. Lucy Modes, Beaufort, N. C. -----	1.50
Miss Eula Jones, by Mrs. Lucy Modes, Beaufort, N. C. ----	1.50
G. A. Bachelor, Jonesboro, N. C. -----	10.00
Open Pond Church, by A. D. Ivey, Jakin, Ga. -----	34.44
Midway Assn., by A. D. Ivey, Jakin, Ga. -----	28.80
Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Ga. -----	2.00
Elizabethton Church, by Mrs. Rachel Nave, Elizabethton, Tenn. -----	4.30
Liberty Church, by Mrs. Rachel Nave, Elizabethton, Tenn. -	6.10
Midway Church, by Mrs. Rachel Nave, Elizabethton, Tenn. -	1.60
White Oak League, by Mrs. H. C. Adcox, Bladenboro, N. C.	2.00
White Oak L. A. S., by Mrs. D. J. Pait, Bladenboro, N. C. --	10.00
Goldsboro L. A. S. and S. S., by Mrs. J. Mitchell, Goldsboro, N. C. -----	5.00
J. B. Lovering, Blakely, Ga. -----	3.50
S. C. Union, by Rev. E. P. Kirby, Cades, S. C. -----	20.00
Horse Branch L. A. S. and Junior League, by Mrs. M. L. Hicks, Turbeville, S. C. -----	11.55
Mr. and Mrs. R. Parish, Columbia, Tenn. -----	5.00
Rev. R. C. Kennedy, by Mamie Howard, Middlesex, N. C. ---	1.00
Eastern S. C. Conf., by Rev. L. L. Moore, Hyman, S. C. ----	10.00
Union of Eastern S. C. Conference, by Rev. L. L. Moore, Hyman, S. C. -----	10.00
Rev. A. L. Williams, by Rev. L. L. Moore, Hyman, S. C. ----	15.00
Greenville Missionary Society, by Mrs. Lillie Smith, Greenville, N. C. -----	5.00
Rocky Mount S. S., by Mrs. O. C. Merritt, Rocky Mt. N. C. -	6.50
Sts. Delight Church, by Mrs. T. E. Skinner, Ayden, N. C. --	1.00

Antioch Church, by Mrs. W. A. Gaskins, New Bern, N. C. --	9.75
Laura Belle Barnard, Kotagiri, South India -----	20.00
Rev. T. H. Newsome, Spring Town, Texas -----	5.00
Columbia L. A. S., by Mrs. J. A. Sawyer, Columbia, N. C. --	3.00

Total receipts ----- \$2,100.14

Grand total ----- \$2,346.04

#### Disbursements

Mr. R. Paul, India -----	\$ 120.00
Miss Laura Belle Barnard, India -----	270.00
Rev. T. H. Willey, Bryan, Texas -----	1,485.00
Postage -----	4.00
Western Union -----	3.59
Bank deposit charge for one month -----	.50
Check fee on cashing one check -----	.10

Total disbursements ----- \$1,883.19

Balance, June 1, 1937 ----- \$ 462.85

I. J. BLACKWELDER, Sec.-Treas. of  
Foreign Missions

#### Statistical Report

To the Eastern Association of Free Will Baptist of the U. S.—Greetings—We submit the following:

	1936
Churches -----	878
Members -----	65,276
Value church property -----	\$1,052,895.00
Ministers -----	767
Gain over 1935 -----	1,167

	1937
Churches -----	1,142
Members -----	80,344
Value of church property -----	\$1,211,736.00
Ministers -----	1,090
Gain over 1936 -----	15,058
Churches reporting not reported before -----	264

A net gain of about 1,400 in newly received members for the church.

#### Property Other Than Churches

Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex estimated value -----	\$ 55,000.00
Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C. -----	30,000.00
Zion Bible School -----	2,000.00
Value church property -----	1,211,736.00

Total value of property of the Eastern Association ----- \$1,298,736.00



NOTE—These statistics are not complete, and in some instances they are estimates, however, it is the best that we can do with information given by the various clerks and secretaries.

We hope to be able through the various Assistant Statisticians to give a complete, accurate report in the near future.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. C. GRIFFIN, Statistician

#### *Report of F. W. B. League*

Report of General Secretary of the Free Will Baptist League to the Seventeenth Session of the Eastern General Association of Free Will Baptists, which convened with Horse Branch Church, June 8-11, 1937. Greetings:

My report to this body is to me, the most encouraging that it has been my privilege to make. The work of our Free Will Baptist League is in its most flourishing condition. It has the zeal of youth, stability of years and the fervor of some 20,000 leaguers to give it momentum for an even greater stride in the future.

The work of the League within the bounds of this Association has gained materially by more than 200 organizations within the last year, this increase in organization has naturally resulted in a considerable increase in the circulation of our literature.

Some other definite "forward steps" have been the compilation and printing of a standard Secretary's Record Book together with the attendance slips to be used with the Record Book. There has been issued this year, also, a small song book particularly adapted for our leagues. These songs fit the business, social, devotional and pep meetings of the leagues.

Our dream of many years has at last been realized—the printing of a Free Will Baptist League Manual, which covers the organization and proper conducting of our young people's societies.

The Secretary's Record Book, attendance envelopes and the actual drafting of the Manual is the work of Mr. Clarence Bowen, Field Secretary for the State F. W. B. L. Convention of N. C. The author has given freely and generously of his time in the preparation of this work, and has been properly approved by the Secretary of this Department and is being offered for sale by the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

The various State Conventions of the League work are functioning in a very fine way. The South Alabama and West Florida Convention is rendering a very efficient service under the leadership of several fine young men and women. This Convention covers the area which the late E. L. Hughes, our first young people's worker, did his last work.

The South Georgia Convention is functioning in a highly efficient manner. This Convention will sponsor again this year a young people's Camp for the training of leaguers and Sunday School workers.

The State Convention of N. C. continues to operate in a very efficient manner. It will hold its eleventh session on July 3 and 4 in Elizabeth City. This Convention will be meeting on historic ground—as the cradle of our denomination. The Convention supports two (2) full time field secretaries.

A Summer Assembly held at Camp Leach is sponsored by this Convention also. This Camp was conducted May 30 June 5 this year. This was its second session and carried an enrollment of 66, with a very creditable staff of instructors.

It is the plan of this Department to conduct during the coming year a survey that will actually determine the full strength of our league. This survey will be conducted on a national basis.

We want to acknowledge our indebtedness to Rev. J. E. Wooten for his editorial services for the Senior Quarterly; to Mr. C. F. Bowen for editing the Intermediate Quarterly; and to Mrs. M. A. Woodard for her services in editing the Junior Quarterly. All of these have rendered a very faithful and efficient service. A service that should be thoroughly appreciated by our people at large.

All together, our report is a general one, but it is sufficient to say that the Free Will Baptist youth is not asleep on the job. They are awake to missions; Christian education; orphanage; evangelism and all other phases of the Kingdom work—for is not that their motto: "The Kingdom of God First?"

Hear them! See them! 20,000 strong this mighty army of the Church, "Marching on to victory."

Yours for the Kingdom,

HENRY MELVIN

#### *Treasurer's Report*

From June 1936 to June 1937.

##### *Receipts*

Amount on hand at last report .....	\$110.76
Received from committee .....	147.10
Received from T. B. Mellette for Union Association of Ga. --	10.00
Received from T. B. Mellette for S. E. Assn. of Ala. ....	10.00
Received of T. B. Mellette for Ohio Yearly Meeting .....	2.10
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	\$279.96

##### *Disbursements*

Paid Rev. J. C. Griffin, Statistician .....	\$ 4.50
Paid Henry Melvin, Secretary .....	10.00
Paid T. B. Mellette, Secretary .....	20.00
Paid T. B. Mellette, Board of Education .....	25.00
Paid J. R. Davidson, Moderator .....	12.50
Paid F. W. B. Press for minutes .....	125.00
Paid Telegrams .....	.60
Treasurer's Expense .....	5.92
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	\$203.52
Balance on hand .....	<hr/>
	\$ 76.44

Z. A. CHESHIRE



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
of the  
EASTERN ASSOCIATION  
of  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

CONSTITUTION

*Preamble.* We the official delegates to the General Conference of Free Will Baptists, while in session at Glennville, Georgia, June 16-19, 1936, in keeping with the requirements of Section 1 of Article III of the Constitution of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, relinquish the name "General Conference" and adopt the rules and principles which, as amended from time to time, are as follows:

ARTICLE I.

This body shall be known henceforth as the Eastern Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II

It shall be the purpose of this association to cooperate with the National Association in its efforts to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptist Church for the promotion of home and foreign missions, Christian education, Sunday School, Free Will Baptist League, and Ladies' Auxiliary work, and for the extension of the Kingdom of God in general.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. This Association shall consist of delegates duly appointed or elected by the organizations they represent, and of ordained Free Will Baptist ministers who are of good repute in the Free Will Baptist Church.

Section 2. Associations and conferences may represent in this Association on the basis of two delegates from each association and conference of one thousand members or less and one additional delegate for each additional thousand members or fraction thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

This Association shall have an Executive Committee of five members and a committee on Credentials which shall consist of one member from each state representing in the Association, and as many other committees, boards, and secretaries as it thinks necessary to carry out the program it may determine to promote, which shall be in strict cooperation with the program of the National Association.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and an Assistant Moderator, a Recording Secretary and an Assistant Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI,

All the officers of the Association, all members of its committees and boards, all its secretaries, missionaries and agents appointed by the Associ-

ation, or by any of its boards, shall be members of regular Free Will Baptist organizations cooperating with this Association.

ARTICLE VII.

All missionaries, teachers, and Christian workers approved, appointed, or supported by this Association must be fundamental in their views of the Bible and its teaching and in harmony with the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist Church. Also, they must give evidence of genuine Christian piety, of fervent zeal in the service of Christ, and of ability to do the work for which they are considered.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Association shall hold its meetings annually, each meeting beginning on Tuesday evening between the first and second Sundays in June and closing when the business is completed. Called meetings may be held at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX.

These Articles may be altered at any regular session of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, providing the change is recommended at least one day before the vote is taken.

BY-LAWS

1. A portion of the Scriptures shall be read and prayer offered at the beginning of each morning and afternoon session of the Association, and prayer shall be offered at the close of each session.

2. The Moderator or the Assistant Moderator shall call the Association to order at the hour designated by the Program Committee. When neither the Moderator nor the Assistant Moderator is present, the Executive Committee shall elect a Moderator pro tem, who shall call the Association to order.

3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to enroll the delegates to the Association who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their right to seats therein, and those enrolled by the Secretary shall compose the Association.

4. It shall be the duty of each organization representing in the Association to send a letter to the Association, giving as accurately as possible the information requested by the letter forms found in the minutes of each annual session of the Body.

5. Each organization representing in the Association shall send ten dollars (\$10.00) to the Association, and each organization representing with more than two delegates shall send an extra \$2.50 for each additional delegate sent to the Association. This money shall be used to meet the expenses of the Association and to promote the work it undertakes.

6. On the first day of the Association the Moderator shall appoint a Resolutions Committee to consist of three members. All resolutions not connected with the reports of boards and committees shall be referred to the Committee, which shall report on all resolutions referred to it, either with or without recommendations.



7. The officers of the Association, the departmental secretaries the Executive Committee, and all boards shall be elected by the Association. All other committees may be either appointed by the Moderator or elected by the Association. The Association shall vote by secret ballot in the election of its officers, but in other elections the vote may be taken by ballot or by some other method of voting.

8. The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected for a term of five years each, except the first four elected, who shall serve a period of one, two, three, and four years respectively.

9. The duties of the Executive Committee are as follows: (1) To act for the Association in matters that demand its consideration between the regular annual sessions of the Association. (2) To have oversight of arrangements for meetings of the Association with the authority to change, if necessary, the time and place of meeting. (3) To fill vacancies in the Association that may be caused by death, resignation, etc., between the regular sessions of the Association.

10. It shall be required of all members of the Association to remain throughout the entire session, unless they be excused by a majority vote of the Body.

11. Any one desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator and shall wait until he is recognized before speaking further.

12. The Moderator shall not allow discussions that are unchristian in spirit and that tend to create envy and strife among the brethren, and any one resenting the ruling of the Moderator in this matter shall be liable to the censure of the Body.

13. No one shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes or twice on the same subject without permission of the Body.

14. The officers of this Association shall hold their offices for a term of two years.

15. These By-Laws may be altered at any regular session of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, providing the change is recommended at least one day before the vote is taken.

## Auxiliary Minutes

Minutes of the Second Annual Session of the National Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary Convention which convened with Horse Branch Church, Turbeville, S. C. June 9, 10, 1937.

Officers of the National Women's Auxiliary Convention for years 1937-1938.

President—Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, 40 Hancock St., New Bern, N. C.

First Vice-President—Mrs. J. L. Welch, 1017 Monroe St., Nashville, Tenn.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C.

Third Vice-President—Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Midway, Texas.

Fourth Vice-President—Mrs. M. H. Mellette, Turbeville, S. C.

Fifth Vice-President—Mrs. C. B. Thompson, 505 E. 29th St., Bryan, Texas.

Recording Secretary—Miss Lola Johnson, Alma, Ga.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Ga.

Treasurer—Mrs. Fannie Polston, 318 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.

Field Secretary—Mrs. Fannie Polston, 318 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.

## Proceedings

WEDNESDAY A. M.

The convention was opened by devotions led by the President, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton. The Scripture lesson was the 46th Psalm, after which the theme song "Jesus Calls Us" was sung.

The welcome address was made by Mrs. M. H. Mellette. Mrs. Frank Shirley of North Carolina gave the response.

The Presidents of State and District Conventions enrolled.

Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes, North Carolina State Convention.

Mrs. Frank Shirley, Central District Convention of North Carolina.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Eastern District Convention of North Carolina.

Mrs. E. C. Morris, Albemarle District Convention of North Carolina.

Miss Lola Johnson, South Georgia District Convention of Georgia.

### Delegates Enrolled

Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes, Western District Convention of N. C.

Mrs. Fannie Polston, Cumberland Association District Convention of Tennessee.

Mrs. T. B. Mellette, Midway Association District Convention of Georgia.

Mrs. Frank Shirley, State Convention of North Carolina.

Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Central District Convention of North Carolina.

Mrs. J. C. Howington, Union Association District Convention of Tenn.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, South Georgia District Convention of Georgia.

Mrs. Jack Bullard, District Convention of Central Texas.

Mrs. E. L. Mallard, Eastern District Convention of North Carolina.

Mrs. Jones Coker, District Convention of South Carolina.

At this time Mrs. T. H. Willey brought a wonderful message using 2nd Kings and 4th Chapter as a Scripture lesson. Faith was the theme of her message.

The morning session was closed with prayer by Mrs. Georgie F. Barnes.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

After an executive session, devotions were led by Mrs. T. B. Mellette the 103 Psalm was used for a Scripture lesson.

At this time the President brought a very fitting message in which she urged the Vice-Presidents from the local through the National Auxiliaries to carry out the work planned for them in the Hand Book.

A special song was rendered by Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes.

A call for a report from the 1st Vice-President was made but Mrs. Welch



being sick was unable to make a report. However it is known that Mrs. Welch has been very faithful in performing her duties as 1st Vice-President.

A report of the 4th Vice-President who has charge of the department of Stewardship was read (see report elsewhere).

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

##### *Finance*

Mrs. Fannie Polston, Chairman. Mrs. Frank Shirley, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Mrs. E. L. Mallard, Mrs. J. C. Howington.

##### *Resolutions*

Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Miss Annie C. Zorn.  
Adjournment.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

The morning session was opened by singing the theme song. Scripture lesson John 15:1-11 was read by Mrs. Lupton. Prayer by Mrs. J. C. Griffin.

##### *Reports from the Various Conventions were heard*

The report of the Field Secretary was read and received (see report in minutes of Eastern Association).

An address was made by Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes. She used as a subject, "Women as Christian Workers."

Adjournment.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Devotions were led by Mrs. Fannie Polston.

Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee was read and received (see report in minutes of Eastern Association).

The report of the 2nd and 3rd Vice-Presidents who have charge of the Department of Education and Missions respectively were read and received (see reports elsewhere).

Moved and sustained to send Mrs. Mary Welch the 4th Vice-President, a telegram of sympathy and good wishes for a speedy recovery from her sickness.

Moved and passed to pay Mrs. Mary Welch \$5.00 for expenses and work done.

Election of officers.

Convention adjourned the 1937 session in regular order.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

##### *Report of resolutions committee.*

The resolutions were voted on separately and adopted with the exception of Resolution 3 which was tabled.

Res. 1. Resolved that Article 3 on Elections in By-Laws be changed as Follows:

"The general officers and Field worker shall be elected by Private ballot every two years of the Convention."

Res. 2. Resolved that Page 30 of the Year-Book of Programs which

covers the Statistics of work done by Auxiliary Societies be revised to meet the present need of the National work.

Res. 3. Resolved that the Book of By-Laws and Constitution be republished so that organizations may secure them; and that the Hand-Book be included under the same cover.

Res. 4. Resolved that any working Unit conforming to the Rules and Regulations of the National Body, be accepted as an Auxiliary regardless as to name of the Organization.

Res. 5. Resolved that the plan of Stewardship work be revised as follows: that the Stewardship Chairman shall sponsor declamation contests among the young peoples' Auxiliaries of our Denomination. That the winners from each district compete in the State Contest where a *Stewardship Loving Cup* shall be awarded to the winner, to be held one year, said cup to be returned at the sitting of the Convention. Winners names shall be engraved on the cup each year. The winner from each State shall represent in the National Convention.

Res. 6. Resolved that the Women's National Auxiliary Convention convene each day of the Eastern General Association for a three hour business session after having observed the devotional period with the General Assembly. The program of this session shall be fitted in to coincide with the General Session. The program being arranged and published as early as possible after the publication of the Program of the General Association. This suggestion having been made by a number of women and hereby presented by the Resolution Committee.

Submitted by Committee,

MRS. GEORGIE FROST BARNES

ANNIE C. ZORN

MRS. M. A. WOODARD

##### *Report of the fourth Vice-President*

With pleasure we submit our annual report of the Stewardship Department for the year ending June 9th, 1937.

We have been handicapped by the need of sufficient literature and means of contacting the various State and District Conventions of our various states. However we have done our best through correspondence. We have written each District Auxiliary Convention President, whose address we have been able to secure, recommending to her that she urge each local society in her district to follow the plan of work laid down in our Auxiliary Hand Book, namely, a study class in a book on Stewardship and that each local society sponsor a Stewardship Declamation Contest for the youth of its Church. We have distributed sample Stewardship literature to each District President. We have had several Articles in the Baptist, Outlining the work of the department.

We have used literature from various publishing houses which has been good therefore we trust we shall continue to order from these companies for our reading circles and we are hoping that in the near future we can arrange to have Stewardship Literature of our own.



We have received a number of reports of work done but not a sufficient amount to determine a definite amount of work that may have been accomplished by this department.

The following report is what has been reported to me.

State	Classes Held	Local Contests	Dist. Contests
N. C.	7		1
S. C.	2	2	
Ga.	1	2	2
Tenn.			1

We have spent for literature, stationery and postage \$3.00.

Our recommendations are that we set as our goal:

That each local society conduct a study class in Stewardship.

That each local society sponsor a Stewardship Declamation Contest and arrange for their winner to attend the District Contest.

That each District President urge each local society to strive to attain the standard of achievement outlined in the Hand Book.

That we use all available literature from the Free Will Baptist Press.

That we lay plans at this meeting to arrange Stewardship Declamation Leaflets for future use.

That our women put forth a strenuous effort to practice Stewardship with our time, talent, means, words and deeds that we may prove ourselves workmen that need not be ashamed before God.

Thus may we through our lives keep Christ lifted up before all men, that He may draw all men unto Himself.

MRS. M. H. MELLETTE,

*Fourth Vice-President*

#### *Report of the Second Vice-President*

##### *Personal Report*

Letters Written .....	23
Young People's Services Directed .....	92
Vacation Bible School Held .....	1
Addresses on Education .....	3

##### *Financial Report*

###### Disbursements:

Posters Stamps .....	\$3.50
Cardboard .....	3.00
Stationery and Wrapping Paper .....	.20
Postage (Letters and Posters) .....	.99
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	\$7.69

###### Received:

Amount last Conference .....	\$6.50
Payment for Posters .....	.32
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	\$6.82

Refund on Cardboard .....	\$3.00
Amount Enclosed .....	2.13

MARIE WILSON PHINNEY

#### *Report of the Third Vice-President*

To the Women's Auxiliary Convention:

Dear Co-Workers in Christ:

The time has passed so quickly we haven't been able to do as much as we hoped to. We have visited 22 Churches, organized 3 new Auxiliaries. These Churches embrace 3 States, Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri. Many of these places are wide awake and have a real mission spirit. We found some places with Foreign Mission Societies organized. We offer this suggestion: If we could get the foreign work organized, Say have an Auxiliary composed of men and women and meet once a month at night and start with a very simple method of raising funds and praying for the workers in the field and also ask God to send out more workers.

We submit this with prayer for a great success.

MRS. LIZZIE MCADAMS

#### CONSTITUTION

##### Article I. Name

This organization shall be known as the National Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church.

##### Article II. Object

The object of this Convention shall be to bring the women of each state together for the purpose of transacting business pertaining to the promotion of the work in general.

##### Article III. Membership

This convention shall be composed of the officers of said convention together with the presidents and delegates from the state or district conventions which will include one delegate at large and one for each 25 members or major fraction thereof.

##### Article IV. General Officers

The officers of this convention shall be a president, five vice-presidents, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer and field worker and these officers shall compose the executive committee, five of which shall constitute a quorum.

##### Article V. Annual Meeting

This national convention shall meet annually at a time and place selected by the Convention while in session.

##### Article VI. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Convention by a two-third vote of the members present.

#### BY-LAWS

##### Article I. Duties of Officers

Section 1. President: The president shall preside over all meetings, appoint such committees as may be needed, call the executive committee to-



gether when necessary and perform such duties as usually devolve upon such an officer.

Section 2. First Vice-President: The first vice-president shall act as president in her absence or by her request and shall be in charge of the department of publications and literature.

Section 3. Second Vice-President: The 2nd vice-president shall act as president in the absence of the president and 1 vice-president and shall have charge of the department of Christian Education.

Section 4. Third Vice-President: The 3rd vice-president shall act as president in the absence of the president and 1 and 2 vice-presidents and shall have charge of the department of Missions.

Section 5. Fourth Vice-President: The 4th vice-president shall act as president in the absence of the president and the first three vice-presidents and shall have charge of the department of Stewardship.

Section 6. Fifth Vice-President: The 5th vice-president shall act as president in the absence of the President and the first four vice-presidents and shall have charge of the department of Benevolences.

Section 7. The Recording Secretary: The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record, in a well-bound book provided by the Convention, of all annual meetings of the Convention and of meetings of the Executive Committee; shall notify all officers of their election or appointment and edit the minutes of all meetings held. She shall take care of all papers of value and turn them over to her successor in office.

Section 8. The Corresponding Secretary: The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all necessary correspondence for the Convention, send out report blanks and award winners for Standard of Excellence.

Section 9. Treasurer: The treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to this Convention and shall pay out same only when authorized by the Convention at its annual meetings on order from the secretary signed by the President. She shall keep a correct record of all funds received and disbursed and shall give a detailed, written report at the annual meeting.

Section 10. Field Worker: A national field worker, or organizer, shall be elected annually by the Convention, who shall compile statistics from the district Conventions and present them to the annual meetings of the national convention.

Section 11. The Executive Committee: The duty of the executive committee shall be to maintain an oversight of the work at large, fill vacancies in the interim of meetings, and act for the Convention, same to be subject to the will of the Convention at its regular meeting.

#### Article II. Directors of Departments

The Vice Presidents shall originate and direct plans of work for their department in harmony with the plan of work arranged and approved by the Convention, secure reports and compile them for report to the annual meeting and to be printed in the minutes.

#### Article III. Elections

The General Officers and Field Worker shall be elected by acclamation at the annual meeting of the Convention.

#### Article IV. Expenses

The expenses of the General Officers and the Field Worker to all official meetings shall be paid from the National treasury. The expense of printing the minutes shall be paid from the treasury and an appropriation of ten dollars be made to secretary for transcribing and superintending printing minutes. Postage and stationery shall be furnished the General Officers and Field Worker. Other appropriations may be decided upon by the Finance Committee and passed on by the Convention.

#### Article V. Committees

Section 1. Credentials: The National Corresponding Secretary shall be chairman of the Credentials Committee and other members may be appointed by the President.

Section 2. Finance: The National Treasurer shall be chairman of the Finance Committee and four other members may be appointed by the President.

#### Article VI. Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any regular annual meeting of the National Convention.

### LETTER TO THE EASTERN GENERAL ASSOCIATION

To the Eastern General Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States, to be held at \_\_\_\_\_  
convening on Tuesday evening following the First Sunday in June 1937:

#### 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk.



## STATISTICAL REPORT BLANK

*To Be Filled Out By All Free Will Baptist  
Churches in The United States*

*For The Year Ending -----193---*

N. B. Pastor or Clerk, please see that this statistical report blank is properly filled out and sent to the statistician appointed for the State of ----- whose address is ----- This information is necessary in order that a true status of the denomination may be reported to the General Statistician for the purpose of compiling a denominational year book.

Name of Church ----- Name of Association or -----  
Conference ----- in or near what town -----  
County ----- State -----

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Value of Church \$----- Value of Parsonage \$-----  
Indebtedness on Church \$----- Indebtedness on Parsonage \$-----  
Paid Pastor \$----- On building and repairs \$-----  
For benevolent purpose \$----- Total expenditures \$-----

### MEMBERSHIP

Received by baptism ----- by letter ----- by restoration or otherwise -----  
Lost by death ----- by letter ----- by expulsion ----- Number  
male members over thirteen years of age ----- Number female members over thir-  
teen years of age ----- Number members under thirteen years ----- Number  
of ordained ministers on the Church roll ----- Total membership -----

### AUXILIARY WORK

S. S. Enrollment ----- F. W. B. L. Enrollment ----- L. A. Society, or Missionary  
Circle Enrollment ----- Any other auxiliary organization enrollment and name.  
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How often do you have preaching services? -----

Pastor's name ----- Address-----  
Church Clerks name ----- Address-----