

MINUTES

of the

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

EASTERN GENERAL ASSOCIATION

of the

Original Free Will Baptists of the
United States

Which Convened With

Pearce's Chapel, Smithville, Miss.

June 8-10, 1938

Next Session will covene with Bryan Church, Bryan, Texas,
beginning on Tuesday evening after the second Sunday in
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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. LeFevere—Texas—Term expires 1942.
Rev. I. J. Blackwelder—Tennessee—Term expires 1943.

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 Mr. L. E. Duncan ----- Tupelo, Miss.

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 South Georgia Association ----- F. E. Crosby, Hazelhurst, Ga.
 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 Association ----- R. N. Hinnant, Micro, N. C.
 Eastern North Carolina Association ----- J. W. Alford, Kenly, 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., 309 E. 15 St. ----- Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn.
 Ohio River Yearly Assn. ----- W. H. Jacobs, Cheshire, Ohio.
 Alabama-Mississippi State Association ----- M. L. Hollis, Tupelo, Miss.

PROCEEDINGS

The Eighteenth Session of the Eastern General Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States convened with Pearce's Chapel, Smithville, Mississippi, on Tuesday evening, June 7, 1938.

The devotional services were conducted by Brother C. F. Bowen, of North Carolina; Elder R. P. Harris of North Carolina had charge of the song service. Elder C. B. Thompson, the moderator of the association introduced Elder W. B. Everett of North Carolina, who brought an inspiring message from the text of Joel 1:2.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The congregation was led in their singing by Mr. I. L. Stanley of Miss.

The devotional service was conducted by Elder B. A. Grant of Texas. Scripture lesson, John 16:16-22.

Roll call of Associations and Conventions and Enrollment of Delegates. North Carolina State Association, Elder J. C. Griffin.

Midway Association of Georgia, Brothers A. D. Ivey, and H. G. Harvey (Proxy for Willie Wiley).

Eastern Association of North Carolina, Mrs. J. R. Bennett.

Salem Association of Florida, Elder Chester Pelt.

Central Texas Association, Bros. Emmett Holland, and T. A. Cloud.

Central North Carolina Conference, Elder M. E. Tyson.

Progressive Association of Alabama, Elder A. J. Lambert and Robert Crawford.

South Carolina Conference, Brother E. D. Coker, and Elder Scottie Driggers.

Cumberland Association of Tennessee, Brothers G. A. Fambrough, and W. E. Coville.

Texas State Association, Elder J. R. Davidson.

Martin Association of Georgia, Elder H. L. Catrett, Brother W. L. Cleveland.

Western Association of North Carolina.

Alabama State and Mississippi Association, Elder M. L. Hollis.

Bear Creek Association of Alabama, Elder Ira D. Garrison.

Ohio River Yearly Meeting, by letter.

South Georgia Association, Brothers W. G. Cloud, and A. H. Quinn.

Texas Association of F. W. B., Elder T. W. Smith.

By motion the delegates were seated as enrolled.

Credentials committee appointed as follows: M. L. Hollis, Mississippi, Chairman; R. P. Harris, North Carolina; I. J. Blackwelder, Tennessee; W. L. Cleveland, Georgia; Chester Pelt, Florida; W. S. Driggers, South Carolina; A. J. Lambert, Alabama; R. C. Wiggs, Texas.

Moved that the credentials committee act as finance Committee.

Resolutions committee appointed as follows: Elders J. C. Griffin, J. R. Davidson, Brother W. E. Coville.

Obituary committee: Elders M. E. Tyson, Daniel Pelt, Brother G. W. Fambrough.

Mr. Stanley conducted a lively song service before the congregation was recessed a few minutes before the 11:00 o'clock service.

MIDDAY SERVICES

After congregational singing led by Mr. Stanley, a quartet number was rendered by Brothers Blackwelder, Davidson, Stanley, Catrett.

The moderator's message by Elder C. B. Thompson was very timely on the subject "Jesus the Good Shepherd," Scripture from 1 Peter 5:1-10.

Recessed for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Singing by the congregation.

Devotional Services conducted by Elder M. E. Carpenter.

A very stirring Missionary Address by Elder J. K. Warkentin; Scripture Isa. 40:1-10.

By motion the association went on record as approving a national convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues.

The following Associations were received as members of the Eastern General Association: Bear Creek Association, Texas Association of Free Will Baptists.

The Delegates were extended a hand of fellowship by the body.

Moved to adjourn until Thursday Morning.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song and praise service under the direction of Elder J. K. Warkentin.

Devotional service by Elder Robert Crawford of Alabama.

In the absence of Elder J. L. Welch of Tennessee, Elder J. R. Davidson of Texas brought the evening message, using the selected subject, "The Church and Its Origin." The message was well delivered.

THURSDAY MORNING

Services opened with singing led by Elder J. R. Davidson.

Devotional services led by Elder T. W. Smith; Scripture 2 Cor. 5:1.

Minutes of the previous day read and adopted.

Elder J. H. Potts who came late was seated as a delegate from the Jasper Association of Alabama.

Singing led by Elder I. J. Blackwelder.

Motion made that Brother C. F. Bowen and wife be seated in the body as field secretaries of Free Will Baptist Leagues of North Carolina.

A very encouraging letter was read by National Secretary of Foreign Missions from Brother and Sister Thomas Willey, Missionaries to South America.

A free will offering was taken for Foreign and Home missions which amounted to \$66.54.

Motion adopted to send all foreign mission money to secretary of Foreign Mission Board (W. E. Coville, 705 Hart Ave., Nashville, Tennessee).

By motion the body adjourned for the midday preaching service and lunch.

Elder Floyd Cherry brought a very forceful message on the subject, "The Mission of the Church"; Text from Acts 1:8.

Refreshments.

LIST OF MINISTERS

Eld. Daniel F. Pelt, Marianna, Fla.	Eld. W. B. Everett, New Bern, North Carolina
Eld. M. E. Tyson, Middlesex, N. C.	Eld. F. E. Crosby, Hazelhurst, Ga.
Eld. I. J. Blackwelder, 1115 E. Douglas Ave., Nashville, Tenn.	Eld. J. H. Potts, Guin, Ala., Route 1
Eld. Robert Crawford, Samantha, Alabama	Eld. Lizzie McAdams, Huntsville, Texas
Eld. Floyd Cherry, Ashford, Ala.	Eld. K. V. Shutes, Glennville, Ga.
Eld. B. A. Grant, Box 865, Jacksonville, Texas	Eld. R. C. Wiggs, North Zulch, Texas
Eld. T. W. Smith, Henderson, Texas, Route 1	Eld. J. K. Boyatt, Hamilton, Ala.
Eld. W. S. Driggers	Eld. J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas
Eld. H. L. Catrett, Colquit, Ga.	Eld. J. K. Warkentin, 200 Prairie Avenue, Fort Worth Texas
Eld. H. M. McAdams, Huntsville, Texas	Eld. C. B. Thompson, Goldsboro, North Carolina
Eld. A. J. Lambert, Townley, Ala.	Eld. Chester Pelt, Greenville, N. C.
Eld. Ira. D. Garrison, Delmar, Ala.	Eld. L. C. Johnson, Alma, Georgia
Eld. E. A. Craft, 4609 Illinois Avenue, Nashville Tenn.	Eld. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C.
	Eld. M. L. Hollis, Tupelo, Miss.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Song service directed by Mr. Robert Woolley (Visitor)

Quartet by Blackwelder, Davidson, Catrett, Miss Johnson.

Devotional service by Eld. K. V. Shutes.

Solo by J. K. Warkentin.

Educational address given by Eld. I. J. Blackwelder. Elder Blackwelder pointed out the dire need of an institution of learning if we are to have a oneness of doctrine practiced in our church.

Remarks made by Eld. Haas concerning giving a tenth.

Eld. I. J. Blackwelder was elected on the executive board to fill the vacancy left by Eld. George Dunbar, whose term expired.

Delegates elected to national convention which meets with East Nashville Church on Tuesday evening following the second Sunday in November, 1938. W. E. Coville, Tennessee; T. A. Cloud, Texas; G. W. Cloud, Florida; Mrs. J. R. Bennett, North Carolina; I. L. Stanley, Mississippi; Mrs. C. F. Bowen,

North Carolina; E. D. Coker, South Carolina; A. D. Ivey, Georgia; E. K. Brown, Mississippi; J. E. Simpson, Tennessee.

Each delegate was given the right to appoint someone in his place if he does not attend.

W. E. Coville was elected by the body to attend the Western Association to try to bring about the consolidation of the two bodies into a national organization.

Motion made that the credentials committee make disbursement of the finance.

Motion was made that the Editor of the *Free Will Baptist* be asked to run Elder I. J. Blackwelder's tract, *Free Will Baptists in a Nutshell* in the paper.

Elder Blackwelder explained that the tract told in a brief way what the Free Will Baptists believe.

Motion made that a message of condolence be sent to Elder T. B. Mellette who is ill and in the hospital.

Invitations extended by the following churches: Bryan Church, Bryan, Texas; Satilla Church, Hazlehurst, Georgia; Piny Grove Church, Chipley, Florida. The body voted to meet with Bryan Church, Bryan, Texas.

Motion adopted to change the time of meeting of the association to Tuesday evening after the Second Sunday in June instead of Tuesday before the Second Sunday.

Motion made to adjourn until after the evening service, then to have an adjourned session to finish the business of this session.

THURSDAY EVENING—ADJOURNED SESSION

Splendid program given by the Orphanage Class from Middlesex, North Carolina. An offering was taken for the Orphanage.

Elder J. C. Griffin brought a message on the subject, "The Church and Its Final Victory."

Mrs. McAdams gave an oral report of her Home Missionary tour to various churches in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia.

Motion made to have 2,000 minutes printed of this session of the association. A rising vote of thanks given the Pearce's Chapel community for their hospitality.

By motion the body adjourned to meet with Bryan Church, Bryan, Texas beginning on Tuesday evening after the Second Sunday in June, 1939.

The following reports were adopted by a vote of the body.

Reports

LADIES' REPORT (SECRETARY)

The following is a summary of the report of the National Secretary of Women's work.

Two state conventions, North Carolina composed of six districts, and

Georgia composed of two districts; South Carolina one district convention; Tennessee 2 district conventions; Florida 1 district convention; Alabama 1 district convention; Texas 1 district convention.

These conventions are composed of 216 local units with a membership of 2669 women. 15 stewardship study classes held, 15 mission study classes, 19 declamation contests held, and 87 societies observing the week of prayer. These women have sent 866 subscriptions to the paper, paid \$1055.04 for missions, \$575.39 for education, and \$1,668.89 for orphanage.

We have received into our National Body this session three newly organized district conventions. I have report of 13 local societies not affiliated in any district convention.

LADIES' REPORT (TREASURER)

The following is a report of the treasurer:

On hand at the close of 1937 Convention	\$ 108.07
Received from Mrs. Blanch Loftin, Bailey, N. C.	1.50
Received from South Carolina	10.30
Received from Mrs. M. A. Woodard	6.00
Received from State Convention of Georgia	18.00
Received from Cumberland Association	
Received from District Convention of Tennessee	19.70
Received from North Carolina State Convention	53.25
Received from Eastern District of North Carolina	5.00
Received from Cape Fear District Convention of N. C.	2.00

LADIES' REPORT (FINANCE COMMITTEE)

Amount brought forward	\$ 108.04
Received from Mrs. Loftin of North Carolina	1.50
Received from Mrs. M. J. Coker, South Carolina	10.30
Received from Mrs. M. A. Woodard, North Carolina	6.00
Received from Mrs. Mary Lou Davis, Blackshear, Georgia ..	6.00
Received from Cumberland Association, Tennessee	19.70
Received from Mrs. Herman Nobles, North Carolina	53.25
Received from Eastern District, North Carolina	5.00
Received from Cape Fear District, North Carolina	2.00
Received from Georgia State Convention	12.00
Received from Mrs. McAdam's Mission Barrel	8.30
Mission money collected by Mrs. McAdams	142.65

Total	\$ 374.44
Disbursements	317.26

Balance	\$ 57.18
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LADIES' REPORT (DISBURSEMENTS)

Paid out for 1936 minutes -----	\$ 15.00
Paid to Zion Bible School by Mrs. M. A. Woodard of N. C. -----	6.00
Paid out for 1937 minutes -----	25.00
Paid to Mrs. McAdams for work and expense -----	178.95
Paid to Mrs. Roxy Grimsley for printing programs -----	2.00
Paid to Mrs. Lupton for expense -----	11.31
Paid to Mrs. J. L. Welch for expense -----	10.00
Paid to Mrs. C. B. Thompson for expense -----	10.00
Paid to Mrs. Fannie Polston for expense -----	22.00
Paid to Miss Lola Johnston for expense -----	20.00
Foreign Missions -----	10.00
Orphanage -----	7.00
Total -----	\$ 317.26

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We the Credentials Committee make the following report:

(Associations Represented)

1. North Carolina State Association -----	\$ 10.00
2. Martin United F. W. B. Association -----	10.00
3. Progressive Association of Alabama -----	10.00
4. Eastern Association of North Carolina -----	10.00
5. Cumberland Association of Tennessee -----	10.00
6. Salem Association of Florida -----	10.00
7. Ohio River Yearly Association -----	10.00
8. North Carolina Central Conference -----	10.00
9. Western Association of North Carolina -----	10.00
10. South Carolina Conference -----	10.00
11. South Georgia Association -----	10.00
12. Midway Association of Georgia -----	10.00
13. Bear Creek Association of Alabama -----	10.00
14. State Association of Texas -----	10.00
15. Central Texas Association ----- (Vouched for)	
16. Alabama-Mississippi State Association -- (Vouched for)	
17. Texas Association of F. W. B. (Vouched for and paid)	2.50
Paid -----	\$ 142.50
Vouched for -----	\$ 27.50
Total -----	\$ 170.00

Recommendation

We, the committee, recommend that the following applicants for membership be received in full fellowship with this body:

1. Bear Creek Association of Ala. (delegate) ---- Eld. I. D. Garrison
2. Central Tex. Asso. (delegates) -- T. A. Cloud and Emmitt Holland
3. Texas Association of F. W. B. ----- Elder T. W. Smith

We also recommend that a letter of recommendation be granted the Texas State Association to the Western General Association.

M. L. Hollis, *Chairman*
Chester Pelt, *Secretary*

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

(1) *Resolved*, that the proceedings of this Eastern General Association be published in the Free Will Baptist Paper as early as possible following this association.

Mrs. J. R. Bennett

(2) *Recommendation*. We the Eastern Association of Free Will Baptists endorse and recommend that the following changes be made in our National Association Constitution and that an official delegation from this body be sent to the next meeting of the Western Association to consult with those Brethren in regard to these changes.

1. An annual meeting of the National Association. The place of meeting to be alternated each year—East of the Mississippi one year, and west of the Mississippi the next year.

2. Representation to the National Association to be by states. All ordained ministers who hold church membership and are in good standing shall have the privilege to represent and to vote. Each state Association shall be entitled to five delegates elected from the laity, regardless of the number of local associations, but, in addition to the five delegates each state shall be entitled to one delegate for each association within the bounds of the state.

Submitted by:
W. E. Coville

(3) *Resolved*, that this body elect the following boards to be composed of three members. The present Eastern Association Secretaries of the different departments to be chairman of their respective boards:

1. Home Mission Board.
2. Sunday School Board.
3. F. W. B. L. Board.

4. Educational Board.

Combined resolutions of several members.

J. C. Griffin, *Chairman*

(4) *Resolved*, that this Association extend a rising vote of thanks to Fearce's Chapel church and community for their hospitality in the entertainment of this body during this session.

J. C. Griffin,
J. R. Davidson,
W. E. Coville

REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS COMMITTEE

To Secretary -----	\$ 20.00
To Moderator -----	12.50
For minutes -----	80.00
To National Association -----	50.00
To delegates to Western General Asso. -----	10.00
Total -----	\$ 172.50

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL BOARD

We the Board of Education of the Eastern General Association recommend that each state raise the equivalent of ten cents per member annually for Christian Education. These funds are to be sent to Rev. J. R. Davidson of Bryan, Texas, who is treasurer of the Board. Furthermore, feeling that our people are not able to establish and operate both a National School and a Sectional School, We therefore, recommend that all of our school efforts be concentrated on the establishment of a National F. W. B. School.

Respectfully submitted,
W. E. Coville, *Chairman*,
J. R. Davidson, *Treasurer*,
Mrs. J. R. Bennett, *Secretary*

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Realizing something of the importance of the work our missionaries are doing on their respective fields, of the sacrifices these servants of God are making, of the great opportunities that are presenting themselves to us as a church on the foreign fields, especially among the native Indians in

the interior of Panama, and of the financial needs of our missionaries in order that they may accomplish the work for which they have gone to their respective fields of service, we the Foreign Mission Board of the Eastern General Association, together with the National Secretary-Treasurer of Foreign Missions, sincerely and prayerfully make the following recommendations:

1. That Brother Willey be paid \$100.00 per month for living expenses.
2. That Brother Willey be given \$50.00 per month with which to carry on the work among the Indians of the interior of Panama.
3. That all material rights of financial consequence granted Brother Willey, whether they concern land or property, be legally made to and in the name of the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States.
4. That recommendation three of this report apply to all of our foreign missionaries.
5. That Miss Laura Belle Barnard be given \$50.00 per month as a personal salary.
6. That Miss Laura Belle Barnard be given \$50.00, or more if it is needed, with which to help meet the expense of her recent illness.
7. That the National Treasurer be privileged to supply any financial emergency of our foreign missionaries at his personal direction.

Signed,

Elder Chester Pelt, *Secretary*,
Elder J. R. Davidson,
W. E. Coville, *Treasurer*,
Elder I. J. Blackwelder, *National Secretary*

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD

We urge the people of this Eastern General Association to send in money as quickly as possible to the treasurer of the Board, Rev. J. K. Warkentin, 200 Prairie Ave., Fort Worth, Texas.

This money to be used for the church extension work, so we can immediately put an Evangelist on the field. We are looking to a day in the near future when we can have a man on the field in every state.

Elder K. V. Shutes, Glennville, Georgia,
Elder M. L. Hollis, Tupelo, Mississippi,
Elder J. K. Warkentin, 200 Prairie Ave.,
Fort Worth, Texas

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Since the last meeting of this Association, death has asserted itself and taken from our ranks one of our most beloved ministers, Rev. A. L. Davidson of Ayden, N. C.

We think it becoming and recommend that this body pause to pay proper respects to the memory of our departed Brother.

Rev. A. L. Davidson was born July 2, 1892 and departed this life January 14, 1938. He yielded his life to Jesus and united with the Free Will Baptist Church at the early age of eighteen. He was ordained to the gospel ministry at the age of twenty-eight.

In response to the call of God, he did work in the States of Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina.

In his passing we are definitely sure that our church has not as yet, been blessed with a more sincere Gospel minister. His humble, consecrated life is a challenge to his brethren left behind.

Therefore, be it *Resolved*:

1. That this association stand with bowed heads for one minute in submission to our loss.

2. That these resolutions of respect be made a part of minutes, and also, a copy be sent to his family at Ayden, N. C.

By Committee:

M. E. Tyson

G. W. Fambrough

Daniel Pelt

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

The Eastern General Association in its last session elected a General Sunday School Board. This Board met and formed the following report blank to be used by each Sunday School in reporting to their district conventions:

1. Name of Sunday School (or convention) -----

2. Secretary's name -----

Address -----

3. Number enrolled -----

4. New Members -----

5. Average Sunday Attendance -----

6. Average Daily Bible Readers -----

7. Amount raised during year -----

8. Amount paid out for:

A. Literature -----

B. Home Missions -----

C. Orphanage -----

D. Foreign Missions -----

E. Education -----

F. District dues -----

9. Delegates:

A. Name -----

Address -----

B. Name -----

Address -----

Note:—We recommend that this same report blank be used by the secretaries of conventions (District or State). Number 9 be omitted. District or state convention secretaries report with 10% of district dues.

Rev. R. P. Harris, Kinston, N. C.,

L. E. Duncan, Tupelo, Mississippi,

R. C. Wiggs, North Zulch, Texas

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

JUNE 1, 1936, to JUNE 1, 1938 1938

The National Foreign Mission Treasurer is again delighted to report that splendid progress in foreign mission work has been made during the past associational year. The allowances of all our missionaries are paid up to date, and we have a nice balance on hand at present. Also, during the past year Brother and Sister T. H. Willey have gone to Panama where they are beginning a work among the native Indians in the interior of that needy country.

As you will notice, by comparing the present report with the report of last year, that there has been an increase in receipts for this great work this year. And though the increase is not as great this year as it was last year, we have evidence of the growing interest in foreign mission work among our people everywhere. Apparently the foreign mission spirit is growing more rapidly among our people than any other phase of our church work. Of this we are justly proud, for the foreign mission spirit is indicative of real Christian enthusiasm and church progress among any people.

As in the days of Christ, even today we need only to lift up our eyes and "look on the fields" and we shall see that they are still white to harvest.

Let us continue to pray, therefore, that the Lord of the harvest will send more of our people as laborers into His harvest.

The present financial report is as follows:

Cash Receipts

Cumberland Association of Tenn., by G. W. Fambrough	\$ 626.40
George Webster, Washington, North Carolina	120.00
Public Offering at Last Association	42.26
Women's Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina	88.99
S. C. Conference and Union, by Rev. E. P. Kirby	60.00
Texas State Association, by C. F. Goen	148.65
S. S. Class, by Mrs. D. F. Pelt, Marianna, Florida	5.00
Holly Springs S. S. Class, by Mrs. S. H. Alford, Kenly, N. C.	1.00
Martin Union, by W. E. Lane, Iron City, Georgia	8.75
South Ga. Aux. Conv., Miss Netherae Purcell, Glennville, Ga.	15.00
Parkers Chap. Leagues, Mrs. P. W. Harris, Greenville, N. C.	3.02
Kenly Senior League, by Miss Claire Pittman, Kenly, N. C.	2.90
White Oak L. A. S., by Mrs. D. J. Pait, Bladenboro, N. C.	2.00
New Hope Church, by Mrs. E. T. Tipps, Henderson, Texas	14.88
Fellowship Church, by J. O. Roberts, Henderson, Texas	17.12
Mt. Elon Church, by W. J. Gibbs, Pamlico, S. C.	5.00
Witherford School, by W. J. Gibbs, Pamlico, S. C.	2.00
Mr. G. A. Bachelor, Jonesboro, N. C.	20.00
Columbia L. A. S., by Mrs. J. A. Sawyer, Columbia, N. C.	6.00
Western Gen. Asso., by Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.	827.04
Open Pond L. A. S., by Miss Dot Harvey, Jakin, Georgia	7.00
Goldsboro L. A. S., by Mrs. D. M. Heath, Goldsboro, N. C.	5.00
Sts. Delight L. A. S., by Mr. J. J. Rouse, Hookerton, N. C.	2.00
Horse Branch L. A. S., Mrs. J. J. Roberson, Turbeville, N. C.	15.00
Hull Road Church, by Levi Hill, Snow Hill, N. C.	20.00
Pee Dee Union, by Mrs. Loy Hinson, Chadburn, N. C.	5.29
W. J. Gibbs, Pamlico, S. C.	15.00
Eastern S. C. Union, by Rev. L. L. Moore, Hyman, S. C.	33.00
Hull Road L. A. S., by Mrs. Carl Barrow, Snow Hill, N. C.	2.00
South Ga. Union, by Burnice Davis, Blackshear, Ga.	15.00
Fifth Eastern Union, by Rom Mallard, Trenton, N. C.	21.75
Georgia Ashmore, Tifton, Georgia	3.00
Mrs. Marion Mills, Greenville, N. C.	.25
Alabaha L. A. S., by Mrs. Ida Harrison, Waycross, Georgia	9.00
Miss Lucille Swails, Andrews, S. C.	1.00
South Georgia Assn., by G. W. Cloud, Jacksonville, Fla.	10.00
Miss Laura Belle Barnard, India	20.00
Glennville, L. A. S., by Mrs. R. R. Purcelle, Glennville, Ga.	3.00
East. S. C. S. S. Conf., Rev. A. L. Williams, Rock'gham, N. C.	8.00

First Church of Ft. Worth, Texas, by Gee Moore	17.30
Mr. and Mrs. Clayborne, Farmville, N. C.	1.00
Sound Side L. A. S. and Leagues, by Miss Almeda Armstrong, Columbia, North Carolina	3.59
Antioch S. S. (Craven Co.), by Mrs. W. A. Gaskins, New Bern, North Carolina	5.50
Midway Association, by A. D. Ivey, Jakin, Georgia	15.00
W. S. Gardner, Springer, Oklahoma	10.00
Bethel L. A. S., by Mrs. C. W. Welch, Timmons ville, S. C.	5.00
Cedar Springs L. A. S., by Mrs. Gordon Houston, Cedar Springs, Georgia	7.15
Sound Side League, by Mrs. W. D. Morris, Columbia, N. C.	.54
Oak Grove L. A. S., by Mrs. D. E. Barrow, Vanceboro, N. C.	5.00
Sandy Plain L. A. S., by Mrs. Arthur Kennedy	5.00
Bryan League, by Mrs. J. M. Vance, Bryan, Texas	6.00
Cedar Springs Intermediate League, by Miss Eugenia Reed, Cedar Springs, Georgia	2.00
N. C. State Association, by Rev. W. L. Moretz	389.94
Mrs. Lillie Smith, Greenville, N. C.	1.00
Rev. Chester Pelt, Cleveland, Tennessee	1.00
Free Union Church, by Mr. Alton Paul, Pinetown, N. C.	19.40
Girls' S. S. Class, by Mrs. E. C. Hines, Winterville, N. C.	1.00
Central Conf. of North Carolina, by Mrs. Bertha H. Tripp, Winterville, North Carolina	75.00
Marsh Swamp L. A. S. and League, by Mrs. B. B. Loftin, Bailey, N. C.	3.00
Rev. L. C. Johnson, Cleveland, Tennessee	1.00
Mrs. D. C. Davenport, Winterville, N. C.	2.00
Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Georgia	2.00
Miss Mamie Howard, Chicago, Illinois	2.00
Corinth L. A. S., by Mrs. Jesse Waters, Jamesville, N. C.	2.00
Hugo Church, by Mrs. C. A. Eubanks, Kinston, N. C.	3.50
Hansleys Chapel L. A. S., by Miss Annie B. Price, Durham, North Carolina	2.00
Total Receipts	\$2351.15
Balance brought forward	462.85
Grand total	\$2814.00

Disbursements

Rev. T. H. Willey	\$ 1650.00
Miss Laura Belle Barnard	500.00
Mr. R. Paul	120.00
Cash Book	2.50

Phone Messages -----	3.10
Cablegram to India -----	9.84
Postage -----	5.70
My expense to Western Association ---	15.00

Total disbursements ----- \$ 2306.14

Balance in treasury ----- \$ 507.86

I. J. Blackwelder,
National Secretary of Foreign Mission

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. Association of Ala. ---	10.00
Received from T. B. Mellette for Ohio Yearly Meeting -----	2.10

\$ 279.96

Disbursements

Paid Rev. R. F. Pittman, expense General Conference -----	\$ 1.00
Paid Rev. J. C. Griffin, Statistician -----	4.50
Paid Rev. Henry Melvin, Secretary F. W. B. League -----	25.00
Paid Rev. T. B. Mellette, Board of Education -----	25.00
Paid Rev. T. B. Mellette, Secretary -----	20.00
Paid Rev. T. B. Mellette, S. S. Secretary work -----	7.50
Paid Rev. J. R. Davidson, Moderator -----	12.50
Paid Rev. J. R. Davidson—refund for telegram -----	.50
Paid telegram -----	.60
Paid F. W. B. Press for Minutes -----	125.00

\$ 221.60

Balance on hand June 1, 1937 ----- \$ 58.36

Respectfully submitted,

Z. A. Cheshire, Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

From June 1937 to June 1938

Receipts

Amount on hand last report -----	\$ 58.36
Received from committee -----	134.95
Received from Mrs. Fannie Polston for 1936 minutes -----	15.00
Received from Rev. T. B. Mellette for Progressive Association of Alabama -----	10.00

\$ 218.31

Disbursements

Paid Rev. J. C. Griffin, Statistician -----	\$ 5.50
Paid T. B. Mellette, Secretary -----	20.00
Paid J. R. Davidson, Moderator -----	12.50
Paid Rev. Henry Melvin, Secretary -----	10.00
Paid Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Secretary -----	10.00
Paid F. W. B. Press for minutes -----	125.00

\$ 183.00

Balance June 1, 1938 ----- \$ 35.31

Respectfully submitted,

Z. A. Cheshire, Treasurer

To the Eastern General Association of Free Will Baptists in session June 14-17, 1938, Greeting: I present my report as your Secretary of the Free Will Baptist League.

I am always anxious to strike an optimistic note in my report and I am happy to be able to do that for this year's work. The youth of the Free Will Baptist church is rapidly awakening to its larger possibilities for Kingdom service through the Free Will Baptist church. My only fear is that perhaps we, as older members, are not quite ready to utilize and conserve their strength.

A rapid growth in the membership of the Free Will Baptist League is reported from all sections of the Eastern General Association. This is particularly true in the state of North Carolina as a result of the very efficient work of their field secretaries, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Bowen. I am working to the end that we may soon have field workers, giving full time, in all the various state conventions. The Free Will Baptist Publishing House is much gratified over the increased sales of literature. There was a time when our publications were more or less of "a white elephant" but that time has passed. We are now an established part of the publications of the denomination and paying our own way.

I am happy to report also that improvements in our literature are being made. Very capable editors are working constantly to issue the very best in program material for our leaguers. This program material is being prepared with the idea in mind of making our leaguers the most loyal Free Will Baptists possible. As a result of this idea, I find that our youth is keenly interested in the educational, evangelistic and missionary objects of the church. Then, too, you will find as a result of the unified study of the doctrines of the Bible and church that they are being developed into mature Christians, thoroughly loyal to the church of which they are a member, as well as developing a denominational pride, which I feel we need much.

Two summer assemblies are being held for our young people. One in North Carolina and one in Georgia. Both of these assemblies are doing a splendid work in the further training of our youth. I am recommending that other states join in this assembly movement as rapidly as possible. I am ready to help in any capacity in which I might be able to serve in order to establish other assemblies for our leaguers.

Plans are being perfected for a national organization of our young people on similar lines of the women's work. The organization to be answerable to the National Association. If this body approves the movement, I would appreciate your action on the matter. I feel that the time is about ripe for a great convention of as large number of youth as is possible in such an organization. It would afford a stimulus, both in a material and spiritual way, that can not be secured in any other manner.

May I solicit the earnest support of every minister together with the support of our various associations forming this body, to rapidly organize a league in every Free Will Baptist church. Lying dormant in the lives of untouched thousands of Free Will Baptist youth, are the possibilities untold, that if reached would speedily send the church on its great mission of evangelizing the world.

May I express my appreciation for the fine co-operation of the entire editorial staff, the Publishing House, the officials of this Association, the many interested pastors and laymen, and to the some 20,000 Free Will Baptist leaguers that make this great work possible.

In conclusion, may I pledge the strength of the youth of the Free Will Baptist church to the great Kingdom task as represented by our denomination. Challenge us! Command us! We stand trained, consecrated and ready to serve.

Yours for the Kingdom First,

Henry Melvin, *Secretary of Free Will Baptist Leagues for the Eastern General Association.*

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.

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.

How often do you have preaching services? -----

Pastor's name ----- Address -----

Church Clerks name ----- Address -----