MINUTES

of the

Eighth Annual Session

of the

GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION

of the

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

Which convened with Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, on November 13, 14, 15, 1944.

Next Session to convene with Double Branch Church 12 miles south of Hawkinsville, Georgia, 10 miles east of Pinehurst, Georgia, on November 13, 14, 1945.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

ELD. H. L. CATRETT, Chairman; W. R. BARBER, ELD. S. T. SHUTES, ELD. E. C. MORRIS, A. D. IVEY.

ELDER H. L. CATRETT,	Moderator	Colquitt,	Ga.
W. R. Barber, Secretary		Colquitt,	Ga
A. D. IVEY, Treasurer		Jakin,	Ga.

MINUTES

The Eighth Annual Session of the Georgia State Association of Original Free Will Baptist convened with Oak Grove Church, Colquitt, Miller County, Georgia, November 13-14-15, 1944 at 7:00 p. m. Song and Praise Service by congregation. Devotional led by the host pastor:

7:30 Sermon by Elder H. L. Knighton of Phoenix City, Ala. Subject: Evangelism. The speaker handled the subject very forcefully, laying a splendid foundation for the work of the Association. All visitors and delegates taken care of. The body adjourned until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Tuesday morning session: Song and Praise service. Prayer was offered by Elder R. B. Crawford. The devotional service conducted by Elder Floyd Cherry, using Col. 3:11.

Welcome Address by Sister Alma McDonald. Response by Elder J. D. Little.

Appointment of Credential Committee as follows:

Bro. W. L. Cleveland, Bro. E. C. Davidson and Bro. J. B. Kearns.

Temperance Committee: Elder L. A. Norris, Elder W. A. Sellers and Mrs. E. C. Davidson.

Resolution Committee: Elder E. C. Morris, Elder R. B. Crawford, Elder H. L. Knighton.

Moderators message using as a subject, Joshua 13:1. "There yet remaineth much more land to be possessed," which was very force-fully and timely, covering every phase of the associational work.

The Moderator then presented the field secretary, Elder E. C. Morris, who brought the associational sermon from Isaiah 54:2. Said sermon was considered a masterpiece in detail.

Recessed for dinner. Benediction by Elder Neal H. Parish.

Tuesday afternoon. Song service led by C. J. Faison. Devotional conducted by Elder C. J. Harvey, reading Exodus 14-15. Prayer by Elder H. L. Catrett.

The Moderator then presented Elder R. B. Crawford, National Executive Secretary, who brought a splendid message and report of the national work, after which an offering was taken amounting to \$66.35. Said offering being placed in state treasury.

Prayer offered by Elder S. T. Shutes. Report of Credential Committee. Motion carried that report be accepted and all delegates be seated. See report. Report of Religious Educational Board. Motion carried that report be accepted. See report. Motion carried that Mission report be tabled until Wednesday morning.

Report of Field Secretary. Motion carried that report be accepted. See report. Recessed all business until Wednesday morning. Dismissed by Elder W. A. Sellers. After dismission supper was spread at the church and everybody enjoyed the refreshments with tea and coffee.

Night Service: Song service led by C. J. Faison. Devotional was conducted by Elder Neal H. Parish, reading St. John 4-34:39. Sermon by Elder Ralph Lightsey, reading Romans 2-16. First Cor. 2-2. Dismissed by Elder E. C. Williams.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Song service led by C. J. Faison. Devotion conducted by Elder T. B. Mellette, reading 3rd chapter Rev. Motion carried that report be accepted. See report. Report of Temperance committee. Motion carried that report be accepted. See report.

Sister E. C. Davidson made the report of the Ladies' State Auxiliary Convention which was very inspiring. The body gave a rising vote of appreciation to the ladies for their splendid work of co-operation.

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Report of superannuation board. Motion carried that report be accepted. See report. Report of Resolution Committee. Motion carried that report be accepted. See report. Elder H. L. Knighton was elected to fill vacancy on mission board. Bro. E. C. Davidson tendered his resignation on the Superannuation Board. Said resignation accepted. By motion Elder Floyd Cherry was elected to Superannuation Board.

Motion carried that moderator appoint delegates to National Association. The following were appointed: W. L. Cleveland, Miss Anne Lewis, J. H. K. Jones, C. M. Chaffin and G. C. King.

By motion the body adjourned for preaching. The Elder R. B. Crawford brought a message of deep inspiration after which the body assumed the regular business.

Motion that the body accept the invitation from the Georgia Union Association as their place for holding next session. Double Branch Church, 12 miles south of Hawkinsville, Ga., was selected as the host Church.

Motion that the Clerk have 800 minutes printed on competitive basis. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Oak Grove Church and community for their splendid hospitality shown us during this session. Motion carried that the body adjourn. Closing player by Elder J. B. Harris.

ELDER H. L. CATRETT, Moderator. W. R. BARBER, Clerk.

The addresses of Clerks and Ministers of the District Associations:

Martin Association: W. E. Lane, Clerk, Iron City, Ga.; Elder H. L. Catrett, Colquitt, Ga.

Chattahoochee Association: Elder B. T. Gill, Clerk, Thomaston, Ga., 458 North Main Street; Elder C. A. Huckaby, 1513 22nd Street, Phoenix City, Ala.; Elder A. L. Oswalt, Fortson, Ga.; Elder H. L. Knighton, Phoenix City, Ala.

Midway Association: W. B. Griffin, clerk, Leary, Ga.; Elder S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Ga.; Elder T. B. Mellett, Blakely, Ga.; Elder L. A. Norris, Blakely, Ga.; Elder E. C. Williams, Iron City, Ga.

South Georgia Association: Elder G. W. Cloud, clerk, Jackson-ville, Fla.; Elder Ralph Lightsey, Bristol, Ga.; Elder E. C. Morris, Glenn-ville, Ga.; Elder F. B. Cherry, Lake Butler, Ga.; Elder J. B. Harris, Odom, Ga.

Georgia Union Association: Earnest Baker, clerk, Rochelle, Ga.; Elder Neal H. Parish, Hahira, Ga.; Elder N. P. Sullivan, Unadilla, Ga.; Elder J. B. Langford, Pinehurst, Ga.

Union Association: Elder C. J. Harvey, clerk, Camilla, Ga.; Elder A. L. Sellers, Camilla, Ga.; Elder W. A. Sellers, Camilla, Ga.

Little River Association: Ben Baker, clerk, Ellington, Ga.; Elder J. D. Little, Sirleand, Ga.; Elder Joseph L. Tison, Winokur, Ga.

Ogeechee Association: J. F. Reardon, Metter, Ga.

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEES

Martin Association: Delegates, W. L. Cleveland, W. E. Lane\$ Midway Association: Delegates, Beauchamp Houston, C. G. Jor-	5.00
	10.00
Little River Association: Delegates, C. M. Chaffin	2.50
Ogeechee Association: Delegates, J. F. Reardon	2.00
Georgia Union Association: Delegates, J. C. Langford, M. H.	
Parrish	5.00
South Georgia Association: Delegates, J. B. Brigman, Miss Edith	
Brigman, Miss Anne Lewis, Mrs. Lorace Eunice	10.00
Chattahoochee Association: Delegates, Alfonse McCrary, L. B.	
Shirah, G. C. King	7.00
Union of Georgia Association: Delegates, J. H. K. Jones, Mrs.	
Clyde Harmon	5. 00
Open Pond Church: Delegates, H. H. Reeves	1.00
Midway Union Meeting: Delegates, O. F. Everson, W. B. Griffin	4.00
Harmony Church: Delegate, J. L. Brown	1.00
Union Sunday School and League Convention: Delegates, Mrs.	,
C. J. Harvey, Mr. J. B. Rice	2.50
Greenwood Church: Delegate, J. B. Kearns	1.00

Macedonia Church: Delegate, B. H. HoltThompson Church: Delegate, Mrs. Linda PowellNew Home Church: Delegate, Mrs. Ruby Sheffield	_ 1.00
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Glennville Church: Delegate, Mrs. E. C. Davidson	-
Georgia Union Quarterly Meeting: Delegate, R. H. Holms	
Pilgrim Home Church: Delegate, J. T. Hilburn	
Martin Union Meeting: Delegate, E. B. Bush	
Belview Church: Delegate, W. O. Brunson	
Oak Grove Church: Delegate, S. F. Boyd	_ 1.00
Double Branch Church: Delegate, M. R. Sullivan	_ 1.00
Union Meeting: Delegate, C. J. Faison	
New Salem Church: Delegate, D. J. Roland	2.25
Cedar Springs Church: Delegate, R. W. Odom	_ 1.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID IN	_\$ 82.50
FEES PAID IN FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	
Chattahoochee	\$ 5.00
Little River	_ 5.00
Union of Georgia	5.00
Midway	
South Georgia	5.00
Martin	5.00
Georgia Union	5.00
GRAND TOTAL	_\$117.50
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September 26th, received from New Home Sunday School	6.00
October 27th, received from Midway Union Meeting	
October 27th, received from Open Pond Church	
October 27th, received from Midway Union Meeting for	
tion	38.00
October 29th, received from Open Pond Church	5.50
November 6th, received from Midway Association	300.00
November 6th, received from Travelers Rest Church for	Edu-
cation, Superannuation, Missions and Ala. Orphanag	ge 95.00
November 6th, received from South Georgia Union	Meeting
for Education	12.20
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TOTAL RECEIVED	\$1,277.32
DISBURSEMENTS	
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November 17th, 1943: Paid Bro. Winford Davis for	-
Missions	
December 19th, 1943: Paid Board Members expenses	
January 18th, 1944: Paid W. R. Barber for Minutes and C	•
January 18th, 1944: Paid Rev. C. J. Harvey for Mission	
January 18th, 1944: Paid F. S. Vanhoose, National Treasu February 7th, 1944: Paid Rev. E. C. Morris for Printing	
Bills and Letter Heads	
May 11th, 1944: Paid Treasurer of Superannuation Boar	
May 13th, 1944: Paid Rev. J. R. Davidson, Treasurer for	
	61.59
May 13th, 1944: Paid Rev. Winford Davis for Foreign I	
May 13th, 1944: Paid Rev. C. J. Harvey for Home Mission	,
August 3rd, 1944: Paid Rev. Ralph Lightsey, traveling e	
August 17th, 1944: Paid Rev. E. C. Morris for National	Associa-
tion Fees	35.00
September 26th, 1944: Paid Rev. C. J. Harvey, expenses	s 7.5 0
October 27th, 1944: Paid Rev. J. R. Davidson, treasu	urer for
school	38.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
BALANCE IN TREASURY	\$625.14
A. D. IVEY, Treasurer.	
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REPORT OF TREASURER OF SUPERANNUATION	BUARD
December 23, 1944: Received from Glennville Church	\$ 10.00
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January 16th, 1944: Received from Glennville Church	2.50
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January 16th, 1944: Received from Ebernezia Church	5.00
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January 16th, 1944: Received from Ebernezia Church	Ga 5.00 Ga 5.00 meeting 7.50

May 3rd, 1944: Received from Union meeting	5.00
June 7th, 1944: Received from Glennville Church	3.00
June 7th, 1944: Received from South Georgia Union meeting	10.00
June 11th, 1944: Received from State Association	61.59
June 11th, 1944: Received from State Auxiliary meeting	21.80
August 9th, 1944: Received from Ebernezia Church	15.00
October 23rd, 1944: Received from South Georgia Association	18.75
November 6th, 1944: Received from South Georgia Union meeting	9.20
TOTAL RECEIVED\$	181.34

DISBURSEMENTS

Jun	e 13th,	1944:	Paid	Rev.	J.	O.	Fort,	National	Treasurer	of	
	Supera	ınnuat	ion –	·		_ <u></u> -	<u> </u>				34.59
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REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

Colquitt, Georgia, August 8th, 1944.

At this meeting this Board arranged with Rev. Ralph Lightsey to have printed some leaflets to set forth some of our aims; also to mail out this Literature to the various churches over the state. Also we employed Rev. Ralph Lightsey as a half time Evangelist to follow up these leaflets and further explain our program. He shall work in co-operation with this board.

His salary shall be \$75.00 per month of half time, with an allowance of 5c per mile for necessary traveling. He shall take an offering in each church he holds services. This offering to be turned into the treasury monthly with an itemized statement of his activities.

Rev. Ralph Lightsey is to begin our evangelistic work March 1st, 1945, and the treasurer is authorized to pay his salary on the first of the month or when he has filed report with treasurer. The following is a financial statement:

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Total paid into Home Mission fundNovember 14th: Mission from Martin Association	· ·
TOTAL	\$316.66
Paid Ralph Lightsey for Leaflets and Mailings	10.25
BALANCE NOVEMBER 15th,	\$306.41
Total Paid in for Foreign Mission	\$123.65
Check to National Treasurer, June 21stBalance November 14th, 1944	•
C. J. HARVEY, Treasurer.	

REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

A minute of our first meeting was published in the 1943 minutes. Our work has been somewhat limited to correspondence, except associations that we were permitted to attend. In this field (Education) the outlook is good. Our people are proving their deepening interest by more liberal offerings. A training process is on and we know that if the training is properly done that in due time the dividends will far exceed our expectations. Notice the amount raised in Georgia for this worthy cause, over \$900.00. Of course this is small, but an increase is noticed.

Since the name Promotional was added to this Board we feel the broadness of the scope which is included. We are to promote or help in the promotion of any phase that is Educational or where any training is going on. We feel that it will take some time for this Board to get in full swing; also the work in full swing with the Board.

We will name just a few of the training forces: The Training Camp which has wrought a good work and has the possibility of stirring a broad awakening in each phase of our work. We urge that some definite emphasis be placed on the League, S. S. and the Women's work.

The League is the training machine, while the S. S. is the teacher; the Ladies work is an opportunity for the outgrowth of an inworked grace. So we should endeavor to have all, for in these we can save many of our differences and problems in the prosecution of the Kingdom's Work.

We also urge that we put more of our means in the Educational hoppers to be slowly ground out through our best assets (our youth). Let's make 44 and 45 the greatest years of all. We further urge that all funds raised for Educational purposes be sent through our Treasurer or the amount be turned in so that we may be able to make a complete report.

We earnestly beseech you to join this day in the revolving fund for aiding worthy students, that we this day inaugurate a membership campaign for the sole purpose of raising money to loan worthy students in persuing Religious Training and that the membership fee be \$1.00. There is already \$13.00 in this treasury. We ask that we begin the use of endowment checks for the supporting of our National Education program.

S. T. SHUTES, Chairman, C. J. FAISON W. A. SELLERS E. C. DAVIDSON.

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Board met at the home of Bro. Barber near Colquitt, Georgia, August 9th, 1944 with Rev. E. C. Morris, chairman, presiding.

A budget was drawn as follows:\$	3,000.00
Education	800.00
Superannuation	600.00
Foreign Missions	800.00
Home Missions	800.00

The result of 1943 and 1944 budget can be seen by reading the Treasurer's report. We recommend that plans be worked out at the 1944 session of the Georgia State Association for the organization of a State Sunday School Convention.

It was recommended that the Georgia State Association surmise as to the advisability of taking over and sponsoring the State Training Camp under the auspices of the Promotional Education Board.

We ask that a Mission Board be set up in each local Association in the State. It shall be the duty of these Boards to work in full cooperation with the State Board and the Evangelistic in promoting the work for the glory of our Lord.

Elders: E. C. MORRIS,
S. T. SHUTES,
C. J. HARVEY,
Bro. W. L. CLEVELAND,
.Committee.

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We your committee, beg to submit the following:

- 1. Resolved that the State Association sponsor a Christian Worker's Institute and that the details of plans as to time, place and entertainment be referred to the Board of Religious Education.
- 2. That we tender to this church and community a rising vote of thanks for the very splendid manner in which they have entertained this session of the State Association.
- 3. That we allow a fee of \$15.00 for the service of our clerk, plus this session of the State Association. fee of \$10.00.
- 4. That the various Treasurers of the State Associations close their books on the fiscal year ending November 5th, and that our workers be urged to send in all funds for the year by this date.

E. C. MORRIS H. L. KNIGHTON ROBERT CRAWFORD

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee wish to submit the following: Knowing that intemperance brings illness, suffering, and disappointments. As man can be intemperate in many ways, we should be more concerned about the church's programs and their work. We should be temperate in all life's undertakings; in our conversation, actions, as well as drinking intoxicating drinks. May we pray, then practice Godliness. May we believe the Bible and practice its teachings and teach it to others.

Your Committee,

L. A. NORRIS W. A. SELLERS MRS. E. C. DAVIDSON

REPORT OF THE FIELD SECRETARY

As Field Secretary, I am submitting the following report of the field work for the associational year just closing:

First, may I say that the work has been a great source of pleasure. I have observed much which is encouraging and some things which are gloomy; however, on the whole we have just reasons to be optimistic.

Second: Here are a few of my activities for the year:

I have written 48 postal cards and 97 letters beside mailing 70 State Association Minutes to individuals and distributing the "Aims" Posters to key men in each association of the state. My revival work, which was not directly field work, however, I did take the advantage of the opportunity and did field work indirectly. I visited ten churches for revival services and sixteen churches in other services. I attended six Union meetings, one convention and five association sessions; namely: the Chattahoochee, the Georgia Union, the Little River, the Union of Georgia and the South Georgia. The other three districts were contacted by correspondence and their statistics secured for this report. My revival services and other visitations have taken me to each district of our state association.

Third, I am glad to report that your field worker has been cordially welcomed in all places where he has been and that the fellowship of the brotherhood has been on a high plain. I have found a progressive trend everywhere and with an intelligent, consecrated leadership, there is every reason to believe we are on the verge of a wonderful expansion in every line of endeavor. All evidence points to a full participation and co-operation in our State and National program. We have especially observed a growing interest in our denominational enterprises; such as missions, both home and foreign, Christian education, superannuation and expansion.

Fourth: It is not enough to view the bright side of the picture and refuse to see the dark side, so we are revealing to you our findings in the needy fields.

The statistics will show less than 50% of our churches have Sunday Schools, about 25% of our churches have auxiliary societies, about 10% have leagues and less than 10% report weekly prayer services. Now, these statistics may be somewhat unfair due to lack of properly reporting; however, it does show that there is a great field in which some much needed work is waiting to be done. Another woeful lack in the work is that of an adequately supported ministry. When our pastors are enabled to give more time to the study of the Word and to proper visitation and organization we will find these conditions greatly improved.

Our resources are great and need to be utilized. May we open our eyes and look upon the fields that are ready for the harvest, then may we pray for more laborers and for a willingness upon our part to enter the harvest fields.

THE STATISTICAL REPORT

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Number of District Associations		8
Number of Churches reported _		101
Number of total membership		
Number received by baptism		270
Number received by Letter		95
Number received by other ways		70
Total number received		435
Lost by expulsion		14
Lost by letters	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	117
Lost by death		90
Total number lost		221
Total increase for the year		214
Number of Sunday Schools		47
Number of Leagues		11
Number of Auxiliaries		29
Number of Prayer meetings		
Paid Evangelists for the year	\\	3,170.22
Paid pastors for the year	\$1	8,070.72
Paid for Missions		663.48
Paid for Superannuation		320.71
Paid for Education	~ 	1,056.52
Paid for buildings and repairs _	···	
Paid for all other causes	•	
TOTAL REPORTED PAID		34,544.87
Value of Church property	The state of the s	*
Number of Ordained Ministers	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	•
Number of Licensed Ministers		17
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Respectfully submitted,

E. C. MORRIS, Field Secretary.

BY-LAWS OF GEORGIA STATE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Section I.

- A. The State Superannuation Board of Georgia shall be composed of one member from each District Association composing the State Association, and their term of office shall be six years. One third, or the nearest possible number to that figure, of the number being elected each elective year. The first, third, or the nearest possible number to that figure, being elected for a term of two years, the second third, or the nearest possible number to that figure, being elected for a term of four years and thereafter all shall be elected as specified herein.
- B. The members of the State Superannuation Board of Georgia shall be elected by the State Association in regular session, upon recommendation of the District Associations.
- C. When vacancies occur either by death, or removal from office, or by resignation, the State Association shall fill the vacancy either by proxy or by election of officer to the vacancy at any regular session of the body and a proxy may be appointed by the body to fill the place of any absentee who does not attend the session.

Section II.

The officers of the State Superannuation Board shall be a Chair-man, Treasurer and a Secretary. These shall be elected each election year of the State Association.

Section III.

There shall be an annual meeting of the State Superannuation Board at such a time and place as the Board shall determine. A general report, financial and otherwise, covering all phases of the work done and promotional plans to be launched, shall be reported to the Association. Special meetings for business only may be called at any time by the Chairman or by a majority of the members of the Board. Any members of the Board who may not be able to attend a stated meeting in person shall represent by proxies bearing written authority, it being understood that proxy representation shall be restricted to a minority of the Board members and that such representatives shall be approved by the majority of the members in attendance at the particular meeting of the Board to which said proxies are appointed. A majority of the duly qualified members of this Board at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section IV.

The administration of the Ministers Protective Benefit shall be impartially and equitably regulated. A survey of the ministry shall be made periodically for the purpose of maintaining adequate information regarding the status of Free Will Baptist Ministers. An adequate record of each insurance contract issued, together with the cost of maintenance, shall be kept in the Board's home office. All working plans,

including an agreement with a desirable insurance company together with essential advertising matter, and application forms, shall be printed for distribution; and this Benefit shall be offered to Ministers as a bonified Christian Superannuation Service.

Section V.

The Superannuation Board shall administer Ministers Protective Benefit only. Benevolent work shall be left to the District Associations. The District Association keep 75% of funds for Benevolence; 25% to be sent to State Treasury for Ministers Protective Benefit Insurance policies.

Section VI.

These by-laws may be amended, or revised by a majority of the Board members present at any annual session of this Georgia State Superannuation Board, providing that said amendment or revision has been previously approved by the State Association.

The Boards of the State Association had a joint meeting December 12th, 1944, at Midway Church, Moultrie, Ga.

Called to Order by Elder H. L. Catrett.

Devotion by Rev. W. A. Sellers.

Members present: Elders H. L. Catrett, E. C. Morris, W. A. Sellers, H. L. Knighton, C. J. Harvey; Bros. E. C. Davidson, W. L. Cleveland, A. D. Ivey, C. J. Faison and O. F. Everson.

Motion carried to suspend preaching and enter into business. The Executive Board entered into business. After some deliberation this board agreed to go on record as being ready to render any possible service to any of the small boards.

Elder H. L. Knighton and A. D. Ivey were appointed to serve on the Educational Board by Proxy.

Motion carried that the Executive Board adjourn while the other boards assemble in business.

Luncheon was served by the good ladies of the local church.

Song service led by C. J. Faison, prayer led by Rev. R. L. Mc-Murphy.

Report of Planning Committee. Accepted. See report.

After all boards had deliberated and made oral reports the executive board again entered into business and passed upon all reports. Retaining Elder E. C. Morris, Field Secretary of the State Work. Upon recommendation of the Moderator, all boards extended a rising vote of appreciation to Glennville and Ebernezia Churches for their co-operation in sacrificing their pastor, Elder E. C. Morris for the work of the state at large. Agreed to hold an annual board meeting on September 11th, 1945.

The planning committee to find the place of holding same. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Midway Church for their hospitality shown. A splendid supper was served in the church.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet on September 11th, 1945. The place to be designated by the planning committee.

Closing prayer by Elder H. L. Knighton.

ELD. H. L. CATRETT, Moderator W. R. BARBER, Clerk.

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

We find in the treasury	\$625.00
We suggest that it be allocated as follows:	
Traveling expense for boards	\$100.00
Foreign Mission	100.00
Home Mission, National	100.00
Home Mission, State	
Leaving on hand for any emergency	25.00
	
TOTAL	\$625.00

We recommend that our State Association revise its constitution so as to provide a member from each district association affiliated to each board, except the Executive Board.

By the Planning Board,

E. C. MORRIS, C. J. HARVEY W. L. CLEVELAND

ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER

To the	Association of Free Will Baptists,
when convened with the	Church at
on_	19 We, the
church at	Church at
inCot	inty, send as delegates to represent us
Whom we pray you to rece	ive to sit with you in your deliberations.
The statistics of our Chu	rch is as follows:
MEN	IBERSHIP
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	By expulsionby death
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Total membership	
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attendance	
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	Publications \$ All
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Name and addresses of ministers	
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Licensed ·	
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Done by order of the Church Co	nference, thisday of
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pastor this year; his address	
and	will be our pastor the
ensuing year, his address	
Clerk	address
Our preaching days are	
Our Church petitions for the nex	xt session. Yes No
Remarks:	·
This letter form was author	rized by the Planning Committee and
·	nd recommends it to the various asso-
ciations for their use.	