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### PROCEEDINGS

The Fourth Annual Session of the National Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of the United States convened with the Free Will Baptist Church of Paintsville, Ky., on Tuesday evening July 15, 1940.

The song service was conducted by Bro. J. C. Swafford of Mo. Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo., led the devotions. Prayer was offered by Rev. B. F. Rogers of Oklahoma and a quartett composed of ministers from Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas rendered special music, after which a few minutes were devoted to testimonies, in which many took part. After the devotions, Rev. J. C. Moye introduced Rev. L. R. Ennis of Goldsboro, N. C., who delivered the opening sermon. The text was taken from John 7:37-39 and the subject was "Rivers of Living Waters." The speaker used four major topics in his discourse. They were: First, Rivers of Christian Character; Second, Rivers of Christian Testimony, Third, Rivers of Christian Service; and Fourth, Rivers of Christian Intercession. This message was considered a masterpiece.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. M. E. Tyson of Pikeville, N. C.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Association met per adjournment with the song service under the direction of Rev. Clarence Bowen of N. C. The devotions were led by J. C. Griffin of N. C.

The Clerk, at this time, called the Association to business order, after which the Moderator took charge and declared the Association ready for business.

The first item of business was enrolling the list of ministers. (See Ministerial list)

Revs. L. H. Wetherington, C. B. Thompson and W. E. Coville were appointed as a Finance Committee.

Revs. Henry Melvin, Melvin Bingham and O. T. Allred were appointed Credential Committee.

At this time all the delegates were seated whose credentials had been passed upon.

Business was deferred for the time and other phases of the program rendered.

The welcome address was delivered by Rev. S. F. Vanhoose, in the absence of the local pastor, who was unable to attend; and the response was given by Rev. K. V. Shutes of Ga.

Election of Officers was entered into and nominations called for; Rev. James F. Miller was reelected Moderator and Rev. J. R. Davidson as Vice-Moderator. Further elections were deferred until the afternoon session, and by motion the business was suspended for preaching and worship service.

After a brief song service, conducted by I. L. Stanley, the speaker of the hour, Rev. Geo. Dunbar, Chuckey, Tenn., was introduced. He used for a text Neh. 4:6, "For the people had a mind to work." The message was very timely and instructive. The principal thought of the discourse was the need of a human leader who would lead a willing people to ultimate victory. In the mind of the speaker, such a leader as Nehemiah is needed today and that God will eventually raise up such a leader to head the forces of righteousness in our denomination.

At the close of the sermon, the congregation was invited to engage in an old time fellowship handshake, after which the session recessed for lunch.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Association reassembled at the appointed time, Rev. Marvin Dalton of Okla., in charge of the music and Rev. W. R. Spurlock of Illinois leading the devotions, after which the business was resumed. Minutes read and corrected.

On motion, all delegates not already seated be received and seated.

At this time the election of officers was resumed.

Rev. E. C. Morris was reelected to serve as Clerk and Rev. E. E. Morris of Oklahoma was elected as the Assistant Clerk. Rev. S. F. Vanhoose was reelected

Treasurer. Rev. Clarence Bowen was elected to succeed himself as Statistician.

Board members elected as follows:

Executive-Rev. M. E. Tyson, for a term of five years.

Foreign Missions.—Rev. Winford Davis, for a term of five years.

Home Missions-Rev. J. K. Warkentin, for a term of five years.

Sunday School-L. E. Duncan, for a term of five years.

Free Will Baptist League—Rev. L. C. Johnson, for a term of five years.

Education—Rev. Geo. Dunbar, for a term of five years.

Superannuation-Mrs. J. E. Simpson, for a term of five years.

The Moderator delivered his message at this time to the Association, which was very timely, and inspiring.

The Chairman of the Educational Board made report in part and after a brief discussion it was adopted. (See reports)

A Committee of Committees was appointed consisting of Rev. J. C. Griffin, Rev. C. B. Thompson, Rev. Millard Vanhoose, I. L. Stanley and C. F. Goen.

The Association stood adjourned until the evening session.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

The evening session convened at 7:30 o'clock. Song service under the direction of I. L. Stanley. Prayer was offered by the pastor of the Southern Methodist Church, in whose building all evening sessions were held. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Georgie F. Barnes of N. C., two children from the Tennessee Orphanage and a male quartet from N. C. Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Chairman, Sec-Treas., of the Foreign Mission Board, presented Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey, our Missionaries to Panama, to the Association. Mrs. Willey related the story of the "Black Christ" in her short introductory remarks and Bro. Willey brought a very stirring missionary message. At the close of the message a young lady came to the altar in response to an invitation to accept Christ, and made public confession of Christ as her personal Saviour. Just prior to the close of the evening session, Mrs. Lizzie McAdams was requested to take a missionary offering, which amounted to \$82.63. The session then stood adjourned until Thursday morning.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

The Association convened at 8:45. Song service was in charge of Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes. Rev. J. B. Rollins, Editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem, conducted the devotions, after which the Moderator took charge. Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Mrs. Fannie Polston read a report of the Women's Convention and a motion was made that the report be accepted with commendation. (See reports)

The report of Committee on Committees, which was read last evening, was duly adopted. (See reports)

At this time our various publications were represented.

The Home Mission Board made report and it was duly adopted. (See reports)
The Sunday School Board made report and same tabled until the afternoon.

The hour having arrived for the morning worship and sermon, Rev. Marvin Dalton led the congregation in some hymns, after which Rev. Clarence Bowen of N. C., delivered the sermon which was based upon the story of Elijah on Carmel, found in 1 Kings 18th. Chapter. In this message the speaker presented some of the problems we face which are similar to those of Elijah's time. Then he spoke of the power of God over the forces of evil and concluded the message by presenting Elijah's Program and making the application. The sermon was thought provoking and inspirational. After the message and a closing hymn, the meeting adjourned until the afternoon.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Association reassembled per adjournment with Rev. Robert B. Crawford of Ala., leading the devotions, after which business was resumed.

The Moderator appointed on the revision Committee, Revs. Winford Davis, Clarence Bowen, E. E. Morris, D. S. Jones and J. C. Griffin.

On motion, the Sunday School report be taken from the table for discussion and disposal. The report was duly discussed and adopted. (See reports)

At this time a letter of fraternal greetings was read from the Honorable Lyle H. Boren, Congressman from the 4th. District of Okla. A motion was made to authorize the Clerk to acknowledge the greetings, by a letter to the Congressman, expressing the appreciation of the Association for his friendship and interest in the Cause.

A report from the N. C. Free Will Baptist Orphanage was given by Bro. W. A. Jackson, Chairman of the Orphanage Board, and Rev. M. E. Tyson a former Superintendent.

The Orphanage work and efforts of the South Carolina brethren were re-

ported by Rev. M. H. Mellette.

The Tennessee Orphanage work was reported by the Superintendent, I. L. Stanley. He also introduced six of the children from the home who rendered a short musical program, which was greatly appreciated by the entire assembly.

The report of the Foreign Mission Board was made by the Sec-Treas., along with some recommendations. After it was duly discussed, the report and recom-

mendations were adopted. (See reports)

Petitions for the next session of the Association were considered next. An invitation from the Church of Drumright, Okla, was extended by the pastor to the Association to meet with them in their 1941 session. A motion was made that the invitation from Drumright Church be accepted and it was unanimously carried.

The Board of Education offered a proposed amendment to the Constitution affecting the 8th. Article which provides for the various Boards and their manner of elections. The report was read and placed on the table until the next day.

By motion, the report of the Nominating Committee on Sunday School Convention be adopted.

The Association was recessed until the evening session.

#### THURSDAY EVENING

The evening session was called to order at the appointed time and place. Rev. Chester Pelt of N. C., directing the music. Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn of Okla., sang, "Its Real," by popular request. Mrs. Marie Wilson Finney, Missionary from Japan, rendered a very effective solo. After the congregational singing and the special numbers, the Moderator introduced Rev. B. F. Rogers of Oklahoma, who brought a very forceful and interesting message from the text "Consider your ways" Haggai 1:5. After the sermon, there were some notices served of some proposed changes in the Treatise of Faith and the abolition of the Sunday School Board.

Benediction was pronounced by the local Methodist pastor.

#### FRIDAY MORNING

The Association met at 8:45 o'clock, Congregational singing was under the direction of Rev. Marvin Dalton. Devotional period was led by Rev. J. A. Kemper of Ohio. After the devotions, the Moderator took charge and called for the business of the day.

Committee on letter form was appointed as follows: Revs. E. C. Morris, Henry Melvin and J. R. Bennett.

The proposed ammendment to the Constitution, as submitted by the Board of Education on yesterday, was taken up at this time; and after it was thoroughly discussed, it was passed by a vote of the body.

On motion, the Moderator appoint a Nominating Committee of three to present

a suggestive list of names to the body for election on the General Board.

The Treasurer's report was read at this time and adopted (See report).

Report of the Statistician was heard and adopted (See report).

Report of the Superannuation Board was given and adopted.

By motion, the Publishers of the Free Will Baptist Gem and the Free Will Baptist were asked to confer with the Committee on Revision of Treatise, relative to the printing of the revised Treatise.

The Nominating Committe who were to submit names to the body for election on the General Board made their report and the same was acted upon.

On motion, the Moderator was asked to appoint a sufficient number on the General Board to act temporarily in order that a meeting might be held today.

Formal Resolution Committee made report and the same was adopted.

A motion was carried which authorized the Clerk to have 3,000 minutes printed and properly distributed as usual.

After singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds", the Association came to the close of what was considered a very profitable and enjoyable session.

## REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS Report of Statistician

Membership:		
Number of churches	1 185	1.047
Number of members		
Members baptized		
Members received by letter		
Members restored		
Total received in all	2 966	3 954
Members died		
Dismissed by letter		
Excommunicated		
Total loss of members		
Increase in membership		
Ordained ministers		
Licensed ministers		
Financial:		
Value of church property	_\$1,306,175,00	\$1,242,002.00
Value of denominational property		169,035.00
Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C.	_ 81,500.00	81,500.00
Orphanage at Greenville, Tenn.	_ 39,335.00	46,535.00
F. W. B. Press, Ayden, N. C.	_ 30,000.00	30,000.00
Dothan School Property, Dothan, Ala.	5,500.00	5,500.00
Zion Bible School, Blakely, Ga	_ 1,000.00	1,000.00
F. W. B. Gem, Monett, Mo.	4,500.00	4,500.00
Total value of all property	_ 1,468,010.00	1,411,037.00
Paid for building and repairs	_ 20,475.02	14,533.76
Paid pastors		84,534.91
Paid evangelists	3,031.78	4,827.43
Total paid pastors and evangelists	94,286.31	89,362.34
Paid to orphanages	44,179.30	25,463.25
Paid to foreign missions	_ 2,582.86	2,820.07
Paid to home missions (Not reported).		
Paid for Christian Education	_ 1,651.07	2,283.89
Total paid for all purposes	_ 163,988.96	134,463.11
Miscellaneous:		
F. W. B. L. enrollment	25,000	25,000
Sunday School enrollment		78,000

Clarene Bowen, Statistican, Box 203, East Durham, N. C.

## REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

We, the members of the National Sunday School Board, respectfully submit

During the past year the members of the Board have made an extensive study of the condition of our Sunday School work. A number of articles, in the interest of Sunday Schools and their work, have been prepared and published in our church papers. Through this medium, the Board has introduced to hundreds of ministers and lay-workers plans for the unification of systems and the coordination of efforts of our Sunday Schools and Sunday School workers everywhere.

We recommend the adoption of the following Standard of Efficiency for Free

Will Baptist Sunday Schools:

## THE STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY For Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools

#### SECTION 1

Local Requirements

1.

#### CHURCH CONTROL

The Sunday School is the teaching department of the church. The church shall elect all officers and teachers; the school shall make written monthly reports to the church. All regular and special offerings shall go into the general church treasury.

#### 2. SOUL SALVATION

The pastor, superintendent, and every teacher shall be deeply burdened for the unsaved. Teachers shall feel and realize that their chief objective is to lead their pupils to Christ. The pastor and superintendent shall give frequent opportunities for pupils to confess Christ publicly.

3.

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST LITERATURE

The Sunday School shall use Free Will Baptist literature throughout. All Scripture references used in the literature shall be taken from the King James Version of the Bible. If the school finds that the Free Will Baptist literature does not meet every need, the matter should be referred to the Director of Literature of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

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#### RECORDS AND REPORTS

The standard school shall use the Six Point Record System. Reports shall be made on report blanks provided by the Director of Records and Reports of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

5.

#### ENROLLMENT AND GRADING

The enrollment of the school shall equal at least eighty (80) per cent of the resident church membership, exclusive of the Cradle Roll and Extension departments.

The school shall be graded as follows: Cradle Roll, birth to 3 years; Beginners, 4-5 years; Primaries, 6-8 years; Junior, 9-12 years; Intermediates, 13-16 years; Young People, 17-24 years; Adults, 25 years and over.

The first Sunday in October of each year shall be observed as Promotion Day, when all Sunday Schools affiliated with the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention shall promote all pupils eligible for promotion.

HOUSING

Beginners, Primaries, and Juniors shall have separate quarters. This may

be done by use of walls, portable screens, or curtains. At least fifty (50) per cent of the remaining classes or departments shall have classrooms provided in the same manner as for the Beginners, Primaries, and Juniors.

## USE OF BIBLES

Eighty (80) per cent of pupils, teachers, and officers in attendance, above the Primary class or department, shall use their Bibles in the school. The King James Version is recognized as the Standard Bible for use in all Sunday Schools of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

## PREACHING ATTENDANCE

Eighty (80) per cent of the pupils, teachers, and officers in attendance, above the Primaries, shall attend the preaching service.

### OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

All officers and teachers shall be Christians whose membership is in the church in which they hold office or teach.

The school shall maintain a monthly officers' and teachers' meeting attended by at least seventy-five (75) per cent of the officers and teachers. Seventy-five (75) per cent of the officers and teachers shall hold Sunday School Training Institute diplomas for having completed the course of at least one Teachers' and Officers' Training Institute during the year.

The school shall conduct or attend at least one Teachers' and Officers' Training

Institute each year.

## 10. DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES

The Standard Sunday School shall actively promote and support the following Free Will Baptist denominational works: Missions, Home and Foreign, Education, and benevolent projects. The school shall carry on this work in keeping with the program as arranged by the Director of Denominational Enterprises of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention and shall as a school contribute each year to these worthy causes.

#### Section 2.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The school shall be a member in good standing in its District Sunday School Convention.

The school, through its District Convention, shall be a composite part of the State Sunday School Convention. If there is no District or State Convention in which the standard school may place its membership, it should cooperate with the Director of Organization of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention in an effort to organize a District and a State Convention.

The school, through its District and State Convention, shall be actively engaged in the work of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

The school shall support the program of work as outlined by the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

We recommend that a National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention

be organized during this session of the National Association.

We recommend that the National Sunday School Board serve as a nominating Committee in the election of the officers for the National Sunday School Convention. The officers to be elected are as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Organization, Director of Denominational Enterprises, Director of Literature, Director of Records and Reports, and Director of Publicity.

We recommend that the National Sunday School Convention meet annually

on Monday of the week of the National Association.

We recommend that the officers of the National Sunday School Convention be empowered to outline and present the plan of work of the Convention for the ensuing year.

W. E. Coville, Chairman

L. E. Duncan

Rev. L. H. Wetherington (Proxy for Rev. R. P. Harris) Rev. William Reeves (Proxy for Rev. Paul Purcell) Clyde Goen (Proxy for Rev. Aston Pegues)

## RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Paintsville, Kentucky, July 18, 1940

Immediately after the Convention officers were elected by the National Association, the business of the Convention was undertaken. The officers elected were:

W. E. Coville, President; L. E. Duncan, Vice-President; Miss Mary Elizabeth Griffith, Secretary; Miss Nellie Huggins, Assistant Secretary; W. L. Williams, Treasurer; Rev. William Reeves, Director of Organization; Rev. L. C. Johnson, Director of Denominational Enterprises; Rev. L. H. Wetherington, Director of Records and Reports; Rev. K. V. Shutes, Director of Publicity.

Motion sustained that the President and Secretary prepare and distribute two leaflets, one leaflet setting forth the organization of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention, the Constitution and By-laws as adopted by the Convention, and the scheme and scope of the program of work to be undertaken.

The second leaflet is to include a concise and orderly statement of the Standard

of Efficiency for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools.

Motion sustained that the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention authorize a request be made for a contribution of \$40.00 from the National Association. This amount is to be used for promotional service by the Convention. (This request was granted by the National Association, and the check for \$40.00 was given to the Convention.)

Motion sustained to adopt the Constitution and By-laws of the Convention,

as follows:

#### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

of the

#### NATIONAL FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Constitution

Preamble: In order to encourage and inspire the Sunday Schools of the Free Will Baptist denomination to engage in a definite plan of work, to labor together in unity, and to coordinate their efforts for a more successful plan of teaching God's Word, we, a representative body of Sunday School workers, do hereby organize the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Article 1.

This organization shall be known as the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Article II. OBJECT

Section 1.—The object of this organization is the encouragement and promotion of Sunday School betterments throughout the churches of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

Section 2.—Sunday School betterments shall include: A more definite objective, uniformity of system, a fraternal interchange of ideas, and the bringing together of Christian workers to transact business to the glory of God.

## Article III MEMBERSHIP

The members of this convention shall be the General Officers of the convention, Free Will Baptist ministers in good standing, and delegates duly appointed or elected by the organization which they represent. It shall be the business of organizations sending delegates to see that said delegates bear proper credentials as required in Section 2 Article II of the By-laws.

## Article IV REPRESENTATION

State Conventions shall be entitled to three (3) delegates. District Conventions shall be entitled to two (2) delegates, and each Sunday School shall be entitled to one (1) delegate. All delegates to be elected or appointed from the laity.

#### Article V OFFICERS

Section 1.—The officers of this convention shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer, a Director of Organization, a Director of Denominational Enterprises, a Director of Literature, a Director of Records and Reports, and a Director of Publicity.

Section 2.—All officers shall be elected at the beginning of each regular session of the convention.

#### Article VI BOARDS

The Executive Board shall be composed of the General Officers, five of which shall constitute a quorum.

#### Article VII MEETINGS

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

## Article VIII AMENDMENTS

The constitution of this convention may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting.

### BY-LAWS Article I

#### DUTIES OF GENERAL OFFICERS

Section 1.—President: The President shall preside over all meetings of the convention or Executive Board, appoint temporary committees, call the members of the Executive Board together when necessary, and perform the other duties usually devolving upon such an officer.

Section 2.—Vice President: The Vice President shall preside over meetings in the absence or at the request of the President, and assist the President in the general supervision of the work.

Section 3.—Secretary: The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all meetings of the convention or Executive Board, edit the minutes, notify officers of their election, and act as assistant to the several National Directors.

Section 4.—Assistant Secretary: The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary at all meetings of the convention and Executive Board and shall act as assistant to the several National Directors.

Section 5.—Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have charge of all convention funds. Expenditures shall be made only upon authorization by the convention when in session or by direction of the Executive Board. All orders on the treasury for disbursements must bear the signature of the President. The Treasurer shall make an itemized written report to the convention annually. All treasury re-

cords are the property of the convention and shall be audited by the Executive Board at its discretion. The Treasurer shall be bonded in an amount sufficient to cover funds in his charge at all times.

#### Article II DUES

Section 1.—Each Sunday School, either directly or indirectly affiliated with the National Convention, shall send to the National Treasurer the sum of one dollar (\$1.00)) per month.

Section 2.—Regular payment of dues, together with a letter of authorization and a report of the condition of the work, shall constitute the necessary credentials of the representatives.

## Article III

Expenses of the General Officers to all official call meetings shall be paid from the National Treasury. All other expenditures shall be made in accordance with Article 1, Section 5 of the By-laws.

#### Article IV REPORTS

The Secretary shall prepare and submit a written report of all meetings of the convention or Executive Board to the National Association at each regular session.

#### Article V AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting. Motion sustained that the President and Secretary of the Convention secure the publication of such Sunday School supplies as they may deem adequate to an introduction of the approved Standard of Efficiency for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools and that they have complete charge of all sales and orders. The expenses of publication incurred in this service shall be determined by the selection of the best competative bid from at least three (3) reliable printers.

Motion sustained that the National Convention accept the loan offer in the amount of \$200.00 from Mr. W. L. Williams, Bryan, Texas. This money is to be used as capital in the publication, sale, and promotion of Sunday School supplies. It is understood that this loan is to be non-interest bearing and of indefinite duration, but that it shall be paid in full or in part at any time that funds may be available and such application of said funds may be authorized by the officers of the National Convention.

#### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD

The National Superannuation Board wishes to make the following recommendations and suggestions to the National Association.

- 1. That the Board be allowed to devise plans for raising funds for National Superannuation.
  - 2. That the Board be given power to appoint workers in the various states.
- 3. That the Board be permitted to use any expense money necessary for the proper promotion of its work (not including salaries).
- 4. The Board recommends that the funds remain in the bank for at least one more year and that the plan for raising and distributing same will be submitted to the ministers and churches of the various states for their consideration, after which, the same plan will be submitted to the National Body for its approval.

#### This report submitted July 18, 1940 by

Mrs. J. E. Simpson, Chairman & Treas.; M. L. Johnson, proxy for E. C. Davidson, Clyde Goen, L. E. Duncan, Mr. Lee, proxy for A. D. Ivey, Rev. W. T. Large, prox for E. J. Kilgore.

## TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Amount received from each state:

Balance from last report		
North Carolina		
Virgina		
Tennessee		52.41
Missouri		49.80
Georgia		47.50
Mississippi		32.38
Alabama		28.46
Texas		15.91
Florida		10.89
Arkansas		9.40
Kentucky		1.00
Interest January 1, 1940		1.87
Interest July 1, 1940		4.66
Total		609.17
Paid out for posters & postage		11.10
Balance		598.07
Paid out items:		
124 Cards mailed		
181 letters mailed		
1 Telegram State Association	.32	
Posters mailed		
500 posters printed	3.25	
Large envelopes for mailing posters		50

Total \$11.10

#### MRS. J. E. SIMPSON, Treas.

#### REPORT OF TREATISE REVISION COMMITTEE

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Self Jones, Rev. Winford Davis presiding. The following revision was made:

Page 32, Article 3, to read as follows: "Washing the Saints Feet". "This teaches love, humility and service, and is the privilege and duty of every believer".

#### The following addition was made:

Chapter XVI. Tithing: Both the Old and the New Scriptures teach tithing as God's financial plan for the support of all his work. "And he gave tithes of all... (Gen. 14::20)". ". . .I will surely give the tenth unto Thee. (Gen. 28:22). Lev. 27:30-32, "Thou shalt truly tithe. . . . (Deut. 14:22)". Mal. 3:8-10; Matt. 23:23. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him. . .(1 Cor. 16:2). 2 Cor. 8.

In Articles of Faith, number 4 is listed "Tithing". Number 14 in present

Articles becomes 15 and number 15 becomes 16.

We have made no revision of Usage of Free Will Baptist Treatise, page 37 to and including page 64, owing to the fact that the section was revised by a previous committee.

#### Committee

REV. WINFORD DAVIS
REV. E. E. MORRIS
REV. SELF JONES
REV. J. C. GRIFFIN
REV. CLARENCE BOWEN

## REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD ON NOMINATION FOR NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

We the National Sunday School Board acting in the capacity of a Nominating Committee for the election of officers of the National Sunday School Convention do hereby place in nomination the followings:

President W. E. Coville, Nashville, Tenn.
Vice President L. E. Duncan, Tupelo, Miss.
Secretary Miss Elizabeth Griffith, Nashville, Tenn.
Assistant Secretary Miss Milda Huggins, Fredericktown, Mo.
Treasurer W. L. Williams, Bryan, Texas
Chairman of Organization Rev. Wm. Reeves, Fredericktown, Mo.
Chairman of Denominational Enterprise Rev. L. C. Johnson, Glennville, Ga.
Chairman of Records and Reports Rev. L. H. Wetherington, New Bern, N. C.
Chairman of Literature Rev. L. R. Ennis, Goldsboro, N. C.
Chairman of Publicity Rev. K. V. Shutes, Thomasville, Ga.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We your Committee, after much study and discussion select the following Committees:

- 1. Publicity—Revs. J. B. Rollins of Mo., E. C. Morris and L. H. Wetherington of N. C.
- 2. Business Resolutions—Rev. Paul Woolsey of Tenn., W. C. Sutton of N. C., and Rev. W. J. Sheppard of Ohio.
- 3. Formal Resolutions—Revs. K. V. Shutes of Ga., S. M. McFall of Va. and E. P. Kirby of S. C.
- 4. Petitions and Request-W. L. Williams of Texas, Revs. Self Jones of Mo. and B. F. Rogers of Okla.
- 5. Program for next session—Rev. E. E. Morris of Okla., W. E. Coville of Tenn. and L. E. Duncan of Miss.

#### Committee

J. C. GRIFFIN
C. B. THOMPSON
MILLARD VANHOOSE
I. L. STANLEY
C. F. GOEN

Boards, with members' term of office in order as written, the General Board excepted, in which case all the eastern members term expires at next session, other board members' one expiring each year, the last one named is for a term of five years.

General Board—Rev. Henry Melvin, Durham, N. C., Rev. Robert Crawford Samantha, Ala., W. E. Coville, Nashville, Tenn., W. L. Williams, Bryan, Texas, Rev. J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas, Rev. Millard Vanhoose, Paintsville, Ky., Rev. M. E. Tyson, Pikeville, N. C., Rev. W. R. Spurlock, Bonnie, Ill., Rev. James A. Boatright, Verdi, Va., Rev. Harry Staires, Drumright, Okla., Rev. S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Ga., Rev. J. B. Rollins, Monett, Mo., Rev. John Kemper, Wheelersburg, Ohio, Rev. John Hinson, Hurricane, W. Va.

Note—The first five named on the list of the General Board constitute the Executive Committee of the Board, with Rev. Henry Melvin, Chairman, Rev. J. R. Davidson, Recording Secretary and W. L. Williams, Treasurer.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Rev. B. F. Rogers, Wewoka, Okla., C. F. Goen, Bryan, Texas, Revs. C. B. Thompson, Ayden, N. C., I. J. Blackwelder, 937 Seymour Ave., Nashville, Tenn., and Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

Home Missions—Revs. B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo., J. W. Addington, Clinchco, Va., M. E. Tyson, Pikeville, N. C., M. L. Hollis, Tupelo, Miss., and J. K. Warkentin, 200 Prairie Ave., Fort Worth, Texas.

Free Will Baptist League—Miss Esther Apple, Aurora, Mo., Everett Kieffer, Tulsa, Okla., Allene Reed, Ashland City, Tenn., Rev. Henry Melvin, 1211 E. Main St., Durahm, N. C. and Rev. L. C. Johnson, Glennville, Ga.

Education—Revs. J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton, N. C., Melvin Bingham, 833 N. Utica, Tulsa, Okla., Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas

and Geo. Dunbar, Chuckey, Tenn.

Superannuation—E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va., E. C. Davidson, Glennville, Ga., Clyde Goen, Bryan Texas, A. D. Ivey, Jakin, Ga., and Mrs. J. E. Simpson, 1310 Fatherland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE ON GENERAL BOARD

The following names were presented for election on the General Board of the National Association:

Rev. Millard Vanhoose, Painsville, Ky., M. E. Tyson, Pikeville, N. C., W. R. Spurlock, Bonnie, Ill., Jas. A. Boatright, Verdi, Va., Harry Stairs, Drumright, Okla., S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Ga., J. B. Rollins, Monett, Mo., John Kemper, Wheelersburg, Ohio, John Hinson, Hurricane, W. Va., Robt. Crawford, Samantha, Ala., Laymen W. E. Coville Nashville, Tenn. and W. L. Williams, Bryan Texas.

Committee

GEO. D. DUNBAR, Chairman WINFORD DAVIS L. H. WETHERINGTON

#### REPORT OF FORMAL RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Resolved, That we give a rising vote of thanks to the Paintsville Church, the town of Paintsville, the School Board, the Southern M. E. Church and pastor and the entire community for the generous way in which the Association has been taken care of and entertained.

And that we further pause to pray and thank God for Bro. Conley, pastor of the local church, and his efforts to expand the church and that he may yet have many days to be a witness.

Committee

K. V. SHUTES

S. M. McFALL

E. P. KIRBY

This report submitted July 18, 1940

#### REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

The Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists is pleased to present the following report of the work accomplished the past year and it prayerfully offers certain recommendations for the promotion of the work in the future:

#### TREASURER'S REPORT (see report) RECOMMENDATIONS

First, we recommend that Miss Laura Belle Barnard be given a furlough beginning as early as it is convenient for her to leave India, probably the first of September, 1940.

Second, we recommend the continuation of Miss Yeley's salary in the

amount of \$50.00 per month for the next year.

Third, we recommend that Brother and Sister Willey return to Panama next month and there resume the work they have begun. If they cannot re-enter Panama, we suggest that they go to Coloumbia and begin work among the Choco Indians of that country. Moreover, we recommend that the Willey's salary be continued in the amount of \$100.00 a month, and that they be allowed the necessary amount for traveling expenses and passports.

Fourth, we recommend the following budget for the year, July 1, 1940, to

June 30, 1941:

Missouri\_\$700.00, Texas\_\$300.00, Ohio\_\$400.00, South Carolina\_\$150.00, Alabama\_\$100.00, Mississippi\_\$50.00, Kentucky\_\$50.00, Florida\_\$50.00, Tennessee\_\_\$600.00, Oklahoma\_\_\$250.00, Virginia\_\_\$100.00, Georgia\_\_\$150.00, Illinois \_\_\$50.00, West Virginia\_\_\$50.00, North Carolina\_\_\$1,200.00.

Finally, we recommend that our missionaries give reasonably complete reports of their work at least quarterly. Their reports are to be published in our

church organs.

Rev. B. F. Rogers, Chairman, Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Sec.-Treas. Rev. Winford Davis, Rev. C. B. Thompson, C. F. Goen

#### REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER July 1, 1939, to June 30, 1940 Receipts

Alabama—By Rev. M. L. Hollis, Red Bay, Ala\$ 7.71		
Union Hill L. A. S 2.00		
Total from Alabama	\$	9.71
Georgia-Martin Union, by W. E. Lane, Iron City, Ga\$ 7.81		
Georgia League Rally 1.00		
Auxiliary Conventions 6.93		
South Ga. Association and Union 10.00		
Cedar Springs L. A. S. 5.00		
Glennville Church 24.50		
Total from Georgia	S	55.24
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Mississippi—By Rev. M. L. Hollis, Red Bay Ala. \$42.29		10.00
Total from Mississippi	\$	42.29
Missouri—State Association, by Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo. \$723.26		
Total from Missouri	\$	723.26
North Carolina—State Association, by Rev. W. L. Moretz,		
Swannanoa, N. C\$510.17		
Leagues and League Union 36.21		
Eastern Auxiliary Conv. and L. A. Societies 39.00		
Individual churches 8.00		
Geo. Webster, Washington, N. C 100.00		
Mrs. N. O. Hodges, Winterville, N. C. 1.00		
Total from N. C.	\$	694.38
Oklahoma State of Oklah Born B. H. B. W. J. Oklahoma State of Oklah Born B. H. B. W. J. Oklahoma	ė	004.00
Oklahoma—State of Okla. by Rev. B. F. Rogers Wewoka, Okla\$ 63.94		
W. S. Gardner, Springer, Okla.		
Total from Oklahoma	\$	73.94
Ohio—State of Ohio, by Mrs. James Peach, Sciotoville, Ohio\$293.00		
Ohio River Ass'n., by Rev. M. B. Hutchinson, Zaleski, Ohio 5.25		
M. B. Hutchinson, personal		
Onio Sunday Schools, by Delbert Gould, Wellston, Ohio 10.00		
Total from Ohio	\$	309.25
South Carolina—South Carolina Union, by Rev. E. P. Kirby,	-	
Cades, S. C. \$ 90.00		
S. C. Women's Auxiliary Convention 9.00		
W. J. Gibbs, Pamplico, S. C. 5.00		
Total from S. C.	\$	104.00
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Tennessee—Cumberland Association, by G. W. Fambrough, Neptune, Tenn\$440.66	
Women's Aux. Conv. of Cumberland Ass'n. 42.50	
Carrie West, Cookeville, Tenn 1.00	
Mrs. Redding, Adams, Tenn. 5.00	
Total from Tennessee	\$ 489.16
Texas—State Ass'n., by C. F. Goen, Bryan, Texas\$119.55	
First Church of Ft. Worth, by Gee Moore, Ft. Worth, Texas 46.89	
North Zulch League	
Total from Texas	\$ 166.55
Michigan—First Church of Hazel Park, Detroit\$ 16.00	φ 100.00
Highland Park Church, Detroit 15.00 Total from Michigan	\$ 31.00
Public offering at last Association	127.15
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Total receipts for the year	\$2,826.07
Balance brought forward	619.24
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Grand total	\$3,445.31
Disbursements	
To Rev. T. H. Willey as Salary\$1,250.00	
To Rev. T. H. Willey for miscellaneous expenses 119.80	
Total amount to T. H. Willey	\$1,369.80
To Miss Laura Belle Barnard as salary\$ 650.00	
To Miss Barnard as special gifts 10.00	
Total amount to Miss Barnard	\$ 660.00
To Miss Bessie Yeley as salary\$ 450.00	
To Miss Yeley for transportation to Venezuela 200.00	
Total amount to Miss Yeley	\$ 650.00
To I. J. Blackwelder for traveling expenses	27.50
For postage and phone call	9.25
For cable grams to India	24.03
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Total disbursements for the year	90 T/0 F0
	\$2,740.58
Balance in treasury July 1, 1940	\$ 604.73

#### REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL BOARD

During the past year diligent consideration has been given to methods and means by which the cause of Christian education might be promoted throughout our beloved denomination. Much thinking and prayer have preceded this report, and the tangible results of our efforts are just cause for united rejoicing. We have received in cash offerings during the year the sum of \$2, 929. 81.

The educational sentiments of our people at large warrant our hopes of an institution of learning commensurate with our patronizing Grace. An institution in which men who have been called to the ministry may study as a means of equipping themselves for greater efficiency in their high and holy office is accepted not only as an expendient but the ideal without an alternative for the people called Free Will Baptist at this time. We regret to advise that wisdom would not be justified in an effort to open a school as herein mentioned, but we do recommend a goal

which we believe challenges our sincere interests in the cause, one which may be termed reasonably attainable. The amount is \$15,000.00. We further recommend an apportionment of this fund as follows: to promotional service \$5,000.00 and to the educational fund proper \$10,000.00. It is provided however that regardless of the amount contributed that the two to one ratio of ailocation shall be applied (\$2.00 for education to every \$1.00 for promotional service).

We also recommend that the General Board of the National Association, provided for in the constitutional amendment Number VIII, be advised to employ a national secretary whose duty it shall be to labor cooperatively with the Educational Board as well as with all other standing Boards. Finally we recommend that the proposed amendment and revision of Article VIII of our constitution be heartily adopted by this session of the Association, and that the provision set forth therein concerning the General Board be immediately carried into effect.

By the Committee

J. R. Davidson, J. R. Bennett, Geo. D. Dunbar, Melvin Bingham, Winford Davis

(At this time, certain amendments to the Constitution were proposed, which later were adopted by the Association. See the Constitution as Amended.)

#### CONSTITUTION

Preamble. From long experience we, the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a church; and to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination with us, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better denominational government.

#### Article I

Name. This organization shall be known as the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States of America.

#### Article II

Purpose. The object or purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of the various bodies composing this National Association, and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in connection with the various bodies in the Association, or that may hereafter be represented therein.

#### Article III

Composition. This Association shall consist of delegates duly appointed or elected by the organization they represent, and of all ordained Free Will Baptist ministers who are of good repute in the Free Will Baptist church.

#### Article IV

Representation. Representation to the National Association to be by states. Each state association shall be entitled to five delegates to be elected from the laity regardless of the number of district associations in the state; but in addition to the five delegates each state shall be entitled to one delegate for each district association within the state association. Said additional delegates to be elected by their respective associations.

District associations in states that have no state association shall elect and send their delegates direct to the National Association.

Section 2. This National Association shall have no Power to fill vacancies in the delegation from any composite body.

#### Article V

Finance. Each state association representing in this body shall send the sum of \$10.00 with its report. District or subordinate associations, representing directly, shall send the sum of \$5.00 with their report.

Section 2. The moderator and clerk shall be paid the sum of fifteen dollars each annually. All other expenditures not specified herein shall be made at the direction of the body.

#### Article VI

Discipline. This National Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or usage that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing said organization of the National Association of the Free Will Baptist Church or act upon any appeal that may be made by any body belonging to this National Association. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies, and its decision shall be final. Such appeals are to come before the National Association after having been appealed from the lower body to the next higher body.

Section 2. All appeals coming before the National Association may be settled in either of the following ways: (1) By the National Association when sitting in a Committee as a whole. (2) By a special committee whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

#### Article VIII

Boards: All standing boards shall be composed of five members exclusive of the General Board. Standing Boards shall include the General Board, the Foreign Mission, Home Mission, Free Will Baptist League, Board of Education and the Board of Superannuation. The personnel of each of the foregoing, exclusive of the General Board shall be elected as follows: The first named for a term of one year, the second, for a term of two years, the third, for a term of three years, the fourth, for a term of four years and the fifth, for a term of five years. Succession to office, therefore, shall be determined as time and order require.

Section I. The personnel of the General Board shall be composed of the general officers of the National Association, and the chairman of each of the following boards: The Foreign Mission, the Home Mission, the Free Will Baptist League, the Board of Education and the Board of Superannuation. There shall also be elected by the National Body one member from each affiliated State Association and one member from each affiliated association comprising one or more states. The term of office of those chosen within given State Associations shall be two years except that those resident East of the Mississippi River shall either retire from office or be elected to succeed themselves at the next annual session of the Association.

Section 2. The General Board shall have power to act in behalf of, and for the National Association from one regular session to another, and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the National Association.

Section 3. The General Board shall have power to fill irregular vacancies that may occur in its own body, and shall also have power to fill any irregular vacancies that may occur in any department of the work between sessions of the National Association. It shall be the duty of this Board to make written reports of all its work to each annual session of the Association.

Section 4. The General Board shall organize at its own discretion for the promotion of the work set forth in sections two and three of this article. It being understood that an Executive Committee consisting of five members shall be elected by the General Board from among its membership, whose duty it shall be to act on all matters coming within the scope of the work of the Board when said General Board is not in session.

Section 5. The duties of the various standing boards shall be to plan a

program and supervise its operation in their respective fields. They shall organize themselves and regulate their work as may become necessary, and as may be found in harmony with the principles and tenets of the National Association.

Section 6. The Moderator of the National Association shall be regarded as

an Ex-officis member of all standing boards.

Officers. The officers of this National Association shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, and a Treasurer, each of which shall be elected at the beginning of each regular session.

Section 2. Committees as necessary shall be appointed by the Chair unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until work is completed, or until their

successors are elected.

#### Article IX

Meetings. This National Association shall hold its regular meetings annually. The place of meeting to be alternated each year: east of the Mississippi River one year and west of the Mississippi the next year; and place of meeting to be decided by a vote of the body. The time of meeting to be on Tuesday following the Second Sunday in July, and to remain in session until its work is completed.

#### Article X

This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the National Association by a two-thirds vote provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

#### BY-LAWS

- 1. The clerk or assistant, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum is present the moderator or in his absence, the assistant moderator shall take charge; and if neither of them is present, the senior minister in years shall act as moderator.
- 2. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to enroll the delegates to the Association, who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the Clerk shall compose the Association. In case of questionable representation, however, the case under question shall be referred to a credential committee.
- 3. It shall be the duty of every body belonging to the Association to send a letter to every annual session of this Association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any body belonging to this Association, which shall fail to report itself for two succesive sessions, may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.
- 4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.
- 5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the moderator can be overruled.
- The Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.
- 7. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.
- 8. Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission of the moderator.
- 9. It shall be the duty of all members of this Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and any one wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.
- 10. No member shall absent himself from the Association during its meetings without first obtaining permission from the moderator.
- 11. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

- 12. The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.
- 13. Any one desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.
- 14. The "yeas" and "nays" may be counted on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.
- 15. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission of the moderator.
- 16. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat the delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.
- 17. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Progressive Association of Alabama	\$ 5.00
2. Texas State Association	
3. Ohio State Association	
4. Virginia State Association	
5. Oklahoma State Association	
6. Southern Illinois Yearly Meeting	
7. Kentucky State Association	
8. Eastern Association of North Carolina	
9. South Carolina Conference	
10. Missouri State Association	
11. North Carolina State Association	
12. Cape Fear Association of North Carolina	
13 North East Mississippi Association	W 0.0
14. West Virginia AssociationV	
15. Tennessee State Association	15.00
16. Midway Association of Georgia	F 00
17. State Association of Georgia	
18. Martin Association of Georgia	
19. South Georgia Association	
20. Benjamin Randall Conference of Georgia	
21. Union Association of Georgia	
22. Stone Association of Tennessee	
23. West Virginia State Association	
40. West Vitginia State Association	
Total	\$169.00

L. H. Wetherington

W. E. Coville

C. B. Thompson, Committee

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Paintsville, Ky., July 19, 1940

The Treasurer's report for this session is as follows:  Amount carried over last session\$ 47.84  Received from Finance Committee this session
Total\$216.84

#### Expenditures

Sunday	School	promotiona	work\$	25.00
Sunday	School	and League		40.00

E. C. Morris, Clerk service 15.00	
Jas. Miller, Moderator 15.00	
Clarence Bowen, Statistician 5.00	
J. B. Rollins, letter printing 1.00	
Total\$101.0	10
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Balance 115.8	34
Check returned uncollected 5.0	
Balance on hand\$110.8	34

#### F. S. VanHoose, Treas.

#### DELEGATES ATTENDING THE ASSOCIATION

Alabama-Progressive Association, P. A. Crawford.

Georgia-Midway Association, E. A. Reed; Union Association, W. L. Lee.

Kentucky—State Association, Byron Vanhoose, Frank Rice, Challie Hitchcock, Gobe Ratcliffe and Ike Jordan.

Mississippi-North East Association, Miss Gladys Baxter.

Missouri—State Association, Mrs. J. F. Miller, Mrs. O. T. Allred, Mrs. Kenneth Turner, Mrs. Gussie Hamlin, and Lloyd Jefferies.

North Carolina—State Association, W. B. Crumpler, Levi Hill, E. M. Prescott and W. A. Jackson; Cape Fear Association, Kirby West; Eastern Association, Mrs L. H. Wetherington.

Ohio—State Association, Mrs. Lovina Hemming, Mrs. Sarah Kemper, Mrs. Zella Jacobs, Mrs. Melvin Dunn, and Mrs. Hazel Lynn.

Oklahoma—State Association, Mrs. F. C. Zinn, Mrs. Marvin Dalton, Everett Hillard, Margie Weatherman, Martha Hillard, Mrs. P. R. Armstrong, Mrs. Melvin Bingham, Mrs. H. E. Staires, Hattie Collins and Davie Hutson.

Tennessee—State Association, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, I. L. Stanley, Mrs. H. W. Christian, W. E. Coville, Mrs. J. C. Howington, Mrs. Joe Robinson, Mrs. Paul Woolsey and Miss Mary Patton.

Texas—State Association, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde F. Goen, Mrs. Charles H. Moehlman and Randall Davidson.

Virginia-State Association, H. D. Hess and Mrs. S. M. McFall.

Illinois, South Carolina and West Virginia were represented by ministers (See list of ministers).

Corresponding messengers from the Michigan Association of General Baptist were received and made welcome. They were as follows: Fred Bolnjack, Fred Smith, Otto Suttles and Mrs. Mildred Suttles.

Note—Beside ministers and delegates there were many visitors who were in attendance and made welcome.

#### LIST OF MINISTERS ATTENDING THE ASSOCIATION

Alabama-M. L. Hollis, Red Bay; Robert B. Crawford, Samantha.

Florida-Col. Geo. W. Poague, 7007 Nebraska Ave., Tampa.

Georgia-K. V. Shutes, Thomasville; L. C. Johnson, Glennville.

Illinois—Marsh Harpole, Route 3a, Mt. Vernon; Elsie M. Curtis, 1104 So. 12th. St., Herrin; W. R. Spurlock, Bonnie.

Kansas-Roena Thomas, Route 1, Arcadia

Kentucky—Boyd Williams, Parrott; Millard VanHoose, Paintsville; F. S. Van-Hoose, Paintsville; L. E. Collins, 45th. St. Station, Ashland; Walter L. Hooper, Seco; Allen Castle, Paintsville; M. E. Provence, Tomahawk; Glen Wells, Staffordsville.

Michigan-N. P. Gates, Lock Box 41, Hazel Park.

Missouri—O. T. Allred, Monett; Kenneth Turner, Monett; Geo. LaShun, Monett; Virgil Greenway, Monett; John B. Rollins, Monett; Winford Davis, Monett; Mrs. Mary Welbaum, Santa Rosa; Jas. F. Miller, Box 44, Flat River; Wm. Reeves, Fredericktown.

North Carolina—J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton; Clarence Bowen, Box 203, East Durham; L. H. Wetherington, New Bern; W. R. Williams, Kenly; J. C. Griffin, New Bern; C. B. Thompson, Ayden; M. E. Tyson, Pikeville; J. C. Moye Snow Hill; Henry Melvin, 1211 E. Main St., Durham; L. R. Ennis, Goldsboro; E. C. Morris, 201 W. Cypress St., Elizabeth City; W. H. Lancaster, Smithfield.

Ohio-John Kemper, Wheelersburg; Melvin Dunn, 507 E. First St., Wellston; W. J. Sheppard, Route 2, Sciotoville.

Oklahoma—D. B. Hillard, Route 1, Box 370, Sapulpa; Rex Weatherman, Sapulpa; T. A. Sammons, Ada; Bert F. Rogers, 401 Patton Ave., Wewoka; E. E. Morris, 409 S. 20th. St., Oklahoma City; Drew Marchant, Route 1, Box 89, Sapulpa; Marvin P. Dalton, 736 N. Atlanta Ave., Tulsa; C. J. Fincher, Box 244, Drumright; George McLain, 420 Ash St., Ada; Everet Brown, Route 1, Box 5, Drumright; Melvin Bingham, 833 N. Utica, Tulsa; Harry E. Staires, Drumright; Sadie Fincher, Box 244, Drumright; Hattie Newman, Box 721, Drumright; W. E. Dearmore, Box 238, Wanette; F. C. Zinn, 700 S. Hickory, Bristow.

South Carolina—M. H. Mellette, Turbeville; E. P. Kirby, Cades; W. S. Driggers, Route 1, Lake City.

Tennessee—E. M. French, Newport; J. B. Parsons,820 Sevier St., Nashville; I. J. Blackwelder, 937 Seymour Ave., Nashville; Geo. D. Dunbar, Chuckey; Jesse Laws, Afton; Paul Woolsey, Greenville.

Texas—J. R. Davidson, Bryan; H. M. McAdams, Huntsville; Lizzie McAdams, Huntsville.

Virginia—Charlie R. Thompson, Fort Blackmore; B. W. Presley, Council; James A Boatright, Verdi; S. M. McFall, Georges Fork; Orville O'Quinn, Council; Henry A. Hess, Honaker; V. T. Large, Box 41, Coeburn.

West Virginia—W. I. Marlow, Chapmanville; A. H. Langdon, Chapmanville; Jesse Blankinship, Mallory; C. F. Ferguson, Wayne; John M. Henderson, Hurricane.

State and District Associations Represented	No. Churches	No. Members	No. Ministers	No. Sunday Schools	No. S. S. Enrollment	No. of F. W. B. Leagues	No. F. W. B. L. Enrollment	No. L. A. S. Societies	No. Mission Societies	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	Value of Denominational Property
Alabama, Progressive Assn	10			7	620	7	407	6		\$ 16,500	\$ 3,000	\$
Georgia, Midway Assn Georgia, Union Assn	18 15			13 20	619	10	412	6 5		10,000		
Illinois, Southern Assn.				30		15		30		50,000		
Kentucky, State Assn.		3,788		30		10		50		30,000		
Mississippi, North East Assn		1,796		8	533	4		4		26,000	1,500	
Missouri, State Assn	99			76	3,918		742		28	66,952	2,000	
North Carolina, State Assn	275	45,000	200		25,000			175		600,000	15,000	130,000
N. C., Cape Fear Assn	23	2,950	16	23	2,500	9	400	14		70,000		
N. C., Eastern Assn.	78	8,000	42	75	6,000		750	44	6	156,000	5,000	
Ohio, State Assn.	51	2,662	57	51	2,500					40,000		
Oklahoma, State Assn									50			
South Carolina, Assn				15	1,300					30,000		2,500
Tennessee, State Assn.	102			86	5,797	24	330	23		248,600		40,000
Virginia, State Assn	58			35						52,400		
West Virginia, Assn.	93	3,903	178								1000000	CHEST CONTROL M

Texas State, Georgia State, Martin of Georgia, South Georgia and Stone of Tennessee were represented without statistics.

### Women's Auxiliary Section

## OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION FOR YEARS 1940-41

President-Mrs. J. C. Griffin, 240 N. Pasteur St., New Bern, N. C.
First Vice-President—Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 7624 E. Cahal Ave. Nashville, Tenn.
Second Vice-President-Mrs. J. R. Bennett Bridgeton, N. C.
Third Vice-President-Mrs. Lizzie McAdams,
Fourth Vice-President-Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes, Lucama, N. C.
Fifth Vice-President—Mrs. C. B. Thompson Ayden, N. C.
Field Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Fannie Polston, 318 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.
Recording Secretary—Miss Lola Johnson, Alma, Ga.
Corresponding Secretary-Mrs. T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Ga.
Names and addresses of State and District Convention Presidents.
North Carolina State Convention Mrs. C. B. Thompson, Ayden, N. C.
Cumberland Association Dis't Con. of Tenn. Mrs. H. W. Christian, Ashland City, Tenn.
Union Association Dis't Con. of Tenn. Mrs. J. C. Howington, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Missouri State—Mrs. J. F. Miller, Flat River, Mo.
Georgia State-Miss Dot Harvey, Jaken, Ga.
Oklahoma State-Rev. Hattie Newman, Box 721 Drumright, Okla.
South Carolina District—Mrs. Lovering Pierce. Timmonsville S C

#### DELEGATES

Mrs. Cantrell, Tenn.
Mrs. Briley, Tenn.
Miss Mary Patten, Tenn.
Mrs. Ray, Tenn.
Rebecca Stewart, Tenn.
Mrs. H. W. Christian, Tenn.
Lillie Batson, Tenn.
Mrs. T. E. Beaman, N. C.

Mrs. Gussie Hamblin, Mo. Mrs. Kemper, Ohio. Mrs. Joe Robinson, Tenn. Mrs. J. F. Miller, Mo. Mrs. W. S. Driggers, S. C. Mrs. Zinn, Okla.

Mrs. Shutes, Ga.

### PROCEEDINGS

#### Monday Night

The Fifth Annual Session of The Women's Auxiliary Convention of the National Association convened with the Free Will Baptist church of Paintsville, Ky., on Monday evening July 15, 1940. Song service was conducted by Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes. Prayer was offered by Rev. Tyson, and Rev. Wetherington. A special message in song "Why Should He Love Me So?" was sung by Mrs. Barnes. The opening message was delivered by Mrs. Lizzie McAdams of Texas. The sermon text used was the words of Jesus as he hung on the cross "It is Finished" A challenge to the women to fight on 'til Jesus Comes came from the message.

#### Tuesday Morning

The Convention met with the music director, Mrs. Georgia F. Barnes in charge. The devotions were led by Miss Cora Lee Pate. A song "Ready" was sung by the congregation. The scripture lesson was read from Romans 12; 1-2. A challenge to give Christ our Best was brought by Miss Pate. Prayer was offered by Rev.

Clarence Bowen. A special message in song was rendered by Mrs. Clarence Bowen.

The welcome address was given by Miss Opal Border and was responded to by Miss Lola Johnson of Georgia.

Minutes of Monday night meeting were read and adopted.

Finance and apportionment committee was appointed as follows; Mrs. Fannie Polston, Mrs. J. F. Miller, Lillie Batson, Mrs. Beaman.

Resolution Committee: Mrs. W. D. Ray, Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Mrs. W. S. Driggers.

The reports of the Vice Presidents were read and adopted.

At this time suggestions and words of encouragement were offered by various visitors.

At this time business was suspended for the morning worship. There was congregational singing directed by Mrs. Barnes after which a special number was sung. The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Henry Melvin. The subject used was "Our Challenge to Answer Youth". The question "What are We Doing to answer the Challenge was raised by the speaker.

#### Tuesday Afternoon

The afternoon session was begun by singing "To The Work". Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Moye. A special number was sung by the Ladies Quartet.

At this time Mrs. T. H. Willey brought a very soul stirring message on the subject "Our Challenge to a World Wide Responsibility". The text used was "Feed My Sheep".

The treasurer's report was read and adopted.

At this time the Stewardship Declamation Contest was held. Contestants entering were.

Intermediates: Carlton Regan, Mary Ellen Fields. Juniors: Helen Ruth Welch, William Swindel.

Winner from the Intermediate group was Mary Ellen Fields; from the Junior group William Swindel. The winners were awarded \$3.00 each. By motion \$1.00 each was paid to the contestants who didn't win.

At this time reports from the following State and district conventions were read. Okla., N. C. Mo., Ga., Cumberland Dis't Con., of Tenn. and S. C.

By motion the delegates from Okla., were seated in this body. The reports of the resolution committee was read and accepted.

A motion that the Sec., and Treasurer's Book used by North Carolina Conventions be used by the other State and District Conventions was carried.

By motion the report of the General Secretary will be printed in the Women's Auxiliary Convention minutes.

A motion was carried that the resignation of Mrs. Bowen as President be accepted.

A motion was carried to elect a President to fill Mrs. Bowens place. Mrs. J. C. Griffin was elected.

Adjournment.

#### REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions: We, the resolutions committee, submit the following report:
1. Resolved that the annual convention reports be in the hands of the Vice
Presidents at least 3 days before this annual convention.

2. Resolved that each National Vice President turn in a written report of the work accomplished in her department for the year to this convention.

3. Resolved that each local district, and State Association make special effort this coming year to see that each member of their respective organizations turn in to the National Treasurer at least ten cents (10c) per capita national dues.

4. Since our women feel very keenly the need of a Christian Educational Institution, we recommend that the 2nd. Vice President in every Organization put

on a special campaign during the month of June to raise finance for this school and same to be turned over to the National Convention Treasurer.

5. Inasmuch as this convention has been so wonderfully entertained and splendidly conducted, be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to Paintsville church and community for its hospitality and to our president and other officers who have made valuable contributions to this convention.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. W. D. RAY MRS. J. R. BENNETT MRS. W. S. DRIGGERS.

#### REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Women of the National Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptist submit the following report.

We met in regular session in Paintsville, Ky., July 15 and 16th. Eight States represented—seven by delegation and one by letter. We have three state organizations and 21 District Conventions. There are approximately 2124 women engaged in this work. 6 states reported stewardship study classes and 4 sponsoring declamation contests. The week of prayer was generally observed. Each state has made substantial contribution to each phase of the program outlined by this body, namely; Home and Foreign Missions, Education, and Benevolence, such as the distribution of good literature, ministerial relief, soul winning efforts, and helping provide for the unfortunate and poor. By teaching stewardship our women are learning proportionate giving, or tithing instead of depending on suppers, bazaars, and other such methods. We are happy to have Oklahoma to represent for the first time.

Some very constructive recommendations were made by a number of the Vice Presidents to improve the work. These were adopted and will be in the new manual and revised hand book.

This body of women want to pledge our full support not only to our local church, District, and State Associations, but also to this National body.

The Ladies from North East Association of Mississippi report several Local Missionary Societies. They are making plans for the organization of a District Convention soon.

Following is the Financial Report:

Balance in Treasury -

#### RECEIPTS

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Missions\$	3.68
President expense	18.50
1st Vice President expense	6.60
2nd. Vice President expense	11.00
3rd. Vice President expense	35.00
	11.37
5th. Vice President expense	10.00
Field Secretary expense	15.00
Rec. Secretary expense	20.00
Stewardship Dec., Contestants	8.00

\$139.15

# REPORT OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT (Department of Publications and Literature) Year 1939-1940, Ending July 15, 1940

In a survey of the Literature Department Activities in 1939 the record concerning the Standard of Achievement stands out as a striking item. For five years the Standard has been used by Women's Auxiliaries. Year by year these standards have increased in favor. The red seals or gold stars provide a simple, convenient and attractive method of marking the standard so that the society's record may be known at a glance.

In view of the important place the Standard of Achievement claims in this department it will not be inappropriate to consider other supplies furnished or that should be furnished by this department in the light of the connection they may have with points on the standard. To aid in the observance of point one, this department publishes annually a Book of Programs dealing with the five departments of our Plan of work. Surely there should be leaflets to aid in attaining point one, for each month a carefully selected group of leaflets relevant to the program topic would be of inestimable value. Then there should be special leaflets to fit into the observance of the week of Prayer, thus assisting in achieving point four. These various needed leaflets could be copies furnished by some of our own talented men, women, and young people, copies bought from other publishers, copies prepared by our missionaries, copies used by permission of other denominations, and those gathered from different sources, adopted for our use and printed in leaflet style by the courtesy of the authors or original publishers. All of these things, of course, will call for money which calls to our minds point three. If point three was observed by every woman member of our auxiliaries, we would have much more in our treasury this year than we now have. Then in a short time we could have some of these needed supplies.

Invitation cards for Women's Auxiliary members could be used as they always attract attention and usually get results when sent as a notice of meeting time and place. This was proved in our local society this year where we have had the best attendance we have had for several years. Of course, I had to make the cards and that requires a lot of time, more than I found I had after two or three months. If I could have purchased some invitation cards worded for Free Will Baptist Auxiliaries, this would have helped much, for this agreeable little messenger will help to win new members as required by the Standard's point two. Too, it will aid greatly in keeping the attendance up as specified by point nine.

Earnest attention should be exerted to keep up a good stock of leaflets, plays, playlets etc., dealing with stewardship. Any Auxiliary that can create in its members a strict sense of their responsibility as stewards is not likely to have trouble in reaching the Standard points seven and ten. The Stewardship Declamation contest has certainly created a demand for literature on this subject.

We also need leaflets, plays, pageants etc., on such subjects as mission fields abroad, missions in the homeland, enlistment, personal service, christian education, ministerial relief, etc. This form of literature can make its contribution toward the attainment of several points on the Standard. In our several religious magazines especially "The Gem" and "The Free Will Baptist" are many, many valuable, informative, inspiring articles written by our ministers and laymen that could and should be preserved in leaflet form for distribution among and study by our Women everywhere. So few of our people see the need of reading our most excellent denominational periodicals—the only channels of information our people have at present.

Many inquiries concerning literature suited to specific needs were answered this year and suggestions offered. Some letters and cards could not be answered because of reasons we are unable to overcome, such as lack of signature, street address or post office, or for lack of funds in the literature department. So far, all work done for Program Book, Hand Book, leaflets, declamations, etc., is free so far as contributions are concerned and the Ayden Press has been handling the publishing of these at a very small and most reasonable price. We cannot afford to give these books away for the Publishers must be paid: No one receives one penny for contributions in these books. I believe that is why our literature department is so depleted. People who are capable of preparing manuscripts for these suggested needs are in demand for other work which pays them a nice salary. They have to live. They can't afford to give their time and talent too. So when we, as an organization, are willing to employ a few full time paid workers we will go places in our Master's service. Until then we must be content with the little that can be accomplished. We have people who are willing to sacrifice time and talent, too, for a meager living, in order that our women may have this needed literature.

The aim and purpose of the literature department of the Women's Auxiliary is to serve Free Will Baptist women who are busy about the Master's business. But we must have contributions and be willing to pay the contributors and publishers. We thank God for the privilege of service and press on trying to reach His standard of diligence, courtesy, and helpfulness.

In Ecc, 11: 4, we read; "He that observeth the wind shall not sow and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap".

While He walked among men, the eyes of the Master watched with intense interest the sowers. He taught with force and power the importance of sowing, the condition of the soil, about the destroyer of the seed, and the multiplied abundant harvest one might assuredly reap.

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention caught a spark of such power for Kingdom extension when she began to sow through her Year Book of Programs, and Hand Book of Methods. 2000 copies of our Year Book was sold in 1938-1939. We hope a noticeable increase will be found when 1939-1940 records are completed. 262 Handbooks were sold. Since requests for a revision of our present Hand Book have been coming in from different sources for a year or more now, it was decided after much prayer that our Hand Book be revised.

Although the general arrangement of the Hand Book is different and much new material inserted, large portions of the book are the same. The work has been done with a threefold object in mind—namely, to bring the work up to date; to enlarge the scope of its usefulness, and to make its teaching more adaptable to the needs of the various states comprising our National Women's Auxiliary Convention. So this new edition of the Hand Book, if accepted, goes forth with the earnest desire to serve the great missionary causes which Free Will Baptist Women represent, with a prayer for divine blessing upon every leader of every Woman's Auxiliary, whether this Auxiliary is a Missionary society or ladies aid. Auxiliary includes both.

How we long that every F. W. B. woman might see and understand what a power for Kingdom extension is our Year Book of Programs and our Manual of Methods and that because of its sowing, abundant harvest is gathered and trained reapers are prepared to do work for Christ in Kingdom extension through Auxiliary organization Auxiliaries. Ours is an the local church on through associational, state and national organizations. we cooperte and work with the larger organizations for all causes fostered by the National Association of Free Will Baptist. Our offerings go through our local Association (or should) to support all the benevolent and missionary causes of the National Body. We have built churchhouses, equipped churches, built Sunday School departments, orphanages, etc., throughout our denomination, but we hold deeds to none of this property-it all belongs to the church or Boards of the Association. We pay the salaries of pastors, much toward salary of missionaries, aid in educating young men and women, but all our gifts go (or should go) through the regular channel of local, State, Home, and Foreign Mission Boards. But these books, the value and need of which I am trying to impress upon you, are ours. So may each F. W. B. State, Home and Foreign Mission Boards. But these books which I am trying to impress you with concerning the value and need of, are ours-so may each F. W. B. Woman purchase one of each and study them earnestly and prayerfully in her Auxiliary this coming year. We challenge you to the heights above the clouds of discouragement that the Son of God might reveal to you His plan and purpose for the future of our cause. We plead with you to sow not regarding the winds nor observing the clouds. Remember Paul planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. We invoke God's showers of blessings on our literature department and plead for greater publicity, more earnest prayers, and some definite gifts to this cause.

There are just five things that I urge or recommend to you:

- 1 That our Year Book of Programs, Manual of Auxiliary Methods, denominational papers be given greater emphasis on all state and district programs this coming year.
- 2. That state and district first Vice-Presidents make greater efforts to interest more individual societies in the use of these books.
- 3. That our present Hand Book be revised and to do this work, that this department be given a committee composed of the following Women: Mrs. J. C. Griffin, N. C.; Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Ga.; Mrs. R. C. Wiggs, Texas; and Mrs. Herman Christian of Tenn.
  - 4. That some large wall charts of the Standard of Achievement be published.
- 5. That every Woman's Auxiliary member here pledge herself to see that a day in her society is spent in the study of our New Manual of W. A. methods because it is a tragic fact that too few of our most intelligent women know very much about what the Women's Auxiliary stands for. A day spent in familiarizing themselves with this Manual will prove an "eye opener" to them.

### LITERATURE DEPARTMENT STATISTICAL REPORT YEAR-1940

Church Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary Location National Standard of
Achievements received6
Number of subscribers to Free Will Baptist Paper in your Churches689
Number of subscribers to Free Will Baptist Paper in your Societies489
Number of temperance leaflets distributed1,783
Number of temperance programs given172
Number of any good tracts or leaflets distributed15,027
Number of Bibles given81

OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 31			
Total number of pieces of good literature distributed			
Agnes B. Frazier, First Vice-President, Nashville, Tenn.			
REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT,			
East Tennessee			
Movements encouraging F. W. B. Educational Institutions9 Students assisted8 Program material for Auxiliaries furnished8			
Year Book of Programs compiled			
Number of study classes conducted for youths4  Number of worship programs conducted in churches48			
Educational Fund for Educational Institutions by 5 societies\$84.15			
Number of special studies of handbook conducted9			
North Carolina			
Anna Phillips loan chart sponsored by the State Auxiliary Convention.  Vacation Bible Schools for the youths, conducted in various churches.			
Anna Phillips loan Fund\$53.00			
Christian Education to State Treasurer\$19.28			
Program Material furnished for Auxiliaries23  Number of Young People's Organizations6			
Christian Education to National Treasurer\$26.65			
Number of worship programs conducted in church31			
Students assisted by local Auxiliary			
Vacation Bible Schools held1 Study classes for youths1			
Respectfully submitted,			
Mrs. J. R. Bennett			
MISSIONARY REPORT			
Dear Mission Workers:  As your 3rd Vice-President on Missions, we wish to give in brief our year's report. After our Convention in Bryan, we returned to Henderson, Texas, and			
built a new church, which is now free of debt and has been dedicated.  Number of local Auxiliaries organized4			
Number of Mission Lectures given, Home and Foreign15			
Number of churches visited			
Number of hand books and program books donated\$2.00 We have encouraged study classes everywhere for our women.			
REPORT OF THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT			
Report of North Carolina.			
Missionary Programs			
Amount to Foreign Missions\$176.43 Amount to Home Missions\$79.70			
Tennessee Cumberland Association of Women.			
Missionary Programs 17			
Week of Prayer conducted6 Special day of prayer24			
Mission Classes conducted4			

Number attending		250
100 per cent pupils		24
Amount of offerings to Mi	ssionaries	\$160.10
Societies, reporting Mission	plan of work carried out	7

#### Respectfully submitted, Lizzie McAdams

#### REPORT OF STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR

North Carolina.	
Number Districts reporting	6
Number Contests conducted	
Number Taking part in contests	
Number Stewardship classes held	
Average attendance at classes	
Stewardship programs held	
Number tithers in State	
New tithers this year	
Stewardship reading circles held	6
Societies observing week of prayer	
Tennessee, report of 4th Vice-President.	
Stewardship declamation contests conducted	
Number taking part in contests	
Stewardship study classes held	
(a) Per cent of attendance	
(b) Number of 100% pupils	
(c) Number attending classes	127
Stewardship talks made during the year	25
Stewardship programs held	16
Number of tithers in societies	64
Number of new tithers this year	7
Stewardship Reading Circles conducted	4

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. Essay Contest on the subject of Stewardship (a more specific subject to be selected by 4th Vice-President) to be conducted for the Senior Group.

I have had no report from the other States as to how many studied the required book for the year.

I am asking that we study one book on Stewardship for the coming year, "Stewardship Parables of Jesus" by Long, Priced 50 cents. This may be used as a study course in connection with the regular program or used as a day course of study. A group may meet at the church for a day of study, take their lunch and spend the day in prayer and study, or they can meet in a home centrally located, take their lunch and spend the day in study around the dining table. Another way to use it would be to call a group of nearby churches together and have a day of study.

That Point 7 of Standard of Achievement be changed to read, one book on Stewardship be studied during year.

I hereby recommend that we discontinue the National Stewardship Contests and spend more time on the work of Stewardship in furthering its study. That we encourge our women to be tithers that we may better carry on the work of our master.