

5th Session

# MINUTES

of the

**Free Will Baptist Bodies**

of the

**United States**

Which Convened in their

**Annual Sessions**

With the

**Drumright Free Will Baptist Church**

**Drumright, Oklahoma**

July 13-18, 1941



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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
of the  
**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**  
of the  
**Original Free Will Baptists**  
**Of The United States**  
and the  
**FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
of the  
**NATIONAL WOMEN'S AUXILIARY**  
**CONVENTION**  
and the  
**FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE**  
**NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**CONVENTION**  
which convened with  
**Drumright Free Will Baptist Church**  
  
**Drumright, Okla.**  
**July 13-18, 1941**

The next sessions of these bodies will be held with the Columbus Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss. The Sunday School Convention convenes Sunday night, July 12, 1942. The Women's Auxiliary Convention convenes Monday night of the same week.

# OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR, 1941-42

Rev. James F. Miller, Moderator	Novinger, Missouri
Rev. J. R. Davidson, Assistant Moderator	Bryan, Texas
Rev. E. C. Morris, Clerk	201 W. Cypress St., Elizabeth City, N. C.
Rev. L. C. Johnson, Assistant Clerk	Glennville, Ga.
Rev. F. S. Van Hoose, Treasurer	Paintsville, Ky.

## CHAIRMAN OR SECRETARY OF BOARDS

General Board—Rev. Henry Melvin	1211 E. Main St., Durham, N. C.
Foreign Mission—Rev. I. J. Blackwelder	1013 Chicamauga Ave., Nashville Tenn.
Home Mission—Rev. M. L. Hollis	Red Bay, Ala.
Free Will Baptist League—Rev. Henry Melvin	Durham, N. C.
Education—Rev. J. R. Davidson	Bryan, Texas
Superannuation—Rev. C. F. Zinn	Bristow, Okla.

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE

## Alabama—

M. L. Hollis, Red Bay; K. V. Shutes, Cordova.

## Georgia—

L. C. Johnson, Glennville.

## Illinois—

Marshall Jones, Thompsonville; Opal Hiltibidal, Walnut Hill; Elsie M. Curtis, 1104 South 12th., Herrin.

## Kentucky—

Millard Van Hoose, Paintsville; F. S. Van Hoose, Paintsville; C. C. Hall, Paintsville; L. E. Collins, 110 53rd. St., Ashland.

## Missouri—

O. T. Allred, Monett; Claud Timmons, Monett; W. K. Weston, Monett; John B. Rollins, Monett; Winford Davis, Monett; Kenneth Turner, Monett; Effie Matthews, Desloge; Melba White, Plattsburg; Floyd T. Jeffreys, Sheldon; Albert Halbbrook, Leadington; Alvin Halbbrook, Leadington; Damon Dodd, Flat River; James F. Miller, Novinger; Cecil Campbell, 309 S. Pine St., Cartersville.

## North Carolina—

C. B. Thompson, Ayden; J. R. Bennett, Goldsboro; L. R. Ennis, Goldsboro; L. H. Wetherington, New Bern; J. C. Griffin, New Bern; M. E. Tyson, Pikeville; E. C. Morris, Elizabeth City; Henry Melvin, Durham.

## Ohio—

J. A. Kemper, Wheelersburg; W. J. Sheppard, Sciotoville.

## Oklahoma—

Bert F. Rogers, 401 Patton Ave., Wewoka; E. E. Morris, 409 S. 20th. St., Oklahoma City; Marvin P. Dalton, 736 N. Atlanta Ave., Tulsa; Melvin Bingham, 833 N. Utica, Tulsa; Hinson Briggs, Tulsa; Evert Brown, Drumright; Harry E. Staires, Drumright; Hattie Newman, Drumright; G. H. Johnson, Drumright; W. E. Dearmore, Wnette; F. C. Zinn, Bristow; W. A. Land, Dale; E. J. King, McLoud; Rex Weatherman, Sapulpa; Elva Haley, Clinton; G. W. Hanks, Wilson; A. B. Talbert, 833 N. Utica, Tulsa.

## Tennessee—

E. M. French, New Port; I. J. Blackwelder, 1013 Chicamauga Ave., Nashville; Paul Woolsey, Greenville; Thurman Pate, Johnson Bible

College, Kimberlin Heights; Col. Geo. W. Poague, Dayton.

Texas—

J. K. Warkentin, 200 Prairie Ave., Fort Worth; M. L. Sutton, Fort Worth; Ally Ferguson, Fort Worth; J. R. Davidson, Bryan; M. T. Holly, Lubbock; H. M. McAdams, Huntsville; Lizzie McAdams, Huntsville, Tommie Franklin, Henderson.

#### LICENSED MINISTERS ATTENDING

Mrs. Alice Dicky, Liberal, Mo., Marie Thomas, Arcade, Kan., Paul J. Ketterman, Macedonia, Ill.

Note—There were probably more ministers in attendance at the Association, but the above names were the only ones obtained by the Clerk.

#### DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION

*Georgia*—State Association, R. T. Franklin, Sr., Miss Annie C. Zorn, Mrs. A. D. Ivey, Mrs. Tom Harvey and E. C. Davidson; Mid-way Association, A. D. Ivey.

*Kentucky*—State Association, Claude Preston, Elders Irvin Rice, C. C. Hall, F. S. and Millard Van Hoose.

*Mississippi*—North East Association, Mrs. Myrtle Duncan, L. E. Duncan and Jack Parker.

*Missouri*—State Association, Effie Matthews, Jewel Campbell, Esther Peterson, Glenn McCarty, Dan Cliff, Lucille Beatty, Pearl Allred, Howard Deweese, Geo. Mammon, Jewel Turner, Christine Dees, Noel Greenway, Floyd Jefferes and Darathy Rollins.

*North Carolina*—State Association, H. C. Wood, Raymond Sasser, R. McLeod, Mrs. Mable Bennett and Mrs. L. H. Wetherington. Cape Fear Association, W. B. Crumpler. Eastern Association, Mrs. Mildred Mallard.

*Ohio*—State Association, Mrs. Zella Jacobs, Mrs. Edward Carter, Rev. Edward Carter, Mrs. Iona Buchannon, William Jacobs and Mrs. Molly Shepperd.

*Oklahoma*—State Association, T. A. Priest, B. R. Hisaw, T. O. Dunn, Will Yeager, B. F. Mann, Valeta Hileman, L. E. Turley, Belva Zinn, Maurice Holmes and E. A. Nichols.

*Illinois*—Southern Yearly Conference, W. E. Gullede, Emma Moore.

*South Carolina*—State Conference, R. C. Baggette.

*Tennessee*—State Association, I. L. Stanley, N. A. Cobble, W. E. Coville, Mrs. Paul Woolsey, Mrs. Agnes B. Frazier and Miss Jean Welch.

*Texas*—Several brethren present but no designated delegates.

*Virginia*—State Association, E. J. Kilgore, H. D. Hess, Everat Dishman, Cleve Dye, Mark Fisher, J. F. Jessie and P. E. Preslay.

*West Virginia*—State Association, D. V. Shaffer, Mrs. D. V. Shaffer and Mrs. Ada Moore.

## NATIONAL MINUTES OF BOARDS

Boards, with members' term of office in order as written, the General Board excepted, in which case all western 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. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala., Rev. Millard Van Hoose, Paintsville, Ky., Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, Wilson, N. C., Rev. James A. Boatright, Verdi, Va., Rev. L. C. Johnson, Glennville, Ga., Rev. John Hinson, Hurricane, W. Va., W. L. Williams, Bryan, Texas, Rev. J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas, Rev. Harry Staires, Drumright, Okla., Rev. J. B. Rollins, Monett, Mo., Rev. Charles R. Barder, Sesser, Ill., Rev. W. J. Sheppard, Sciotoville, Ohio, Rev. Robert Crawford, Ashland City, Tenn. Other members of this board are the general officers of the Association.

*Foreign Mission*—C. F. Goen, Bryan, Texas, Revs. C. B. Thompson, Goldsboro, N. C., I. J. Blackwelder, Nashville, Tenn., Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., B. F. Rogers, Wewoka, Okla.

*Home Missions*—J. W. Addington, Clinchco, Va., M. E. Tyson, Pikeville, N. C., M. L. Hollis, Red Bay, Ala., J. K. Warkentin, Fort Worth, Texas, A. B. Talbert, Tulsa, Okla.

*Free Will Baptist League*—Everett Kieffer, Tulsa, Okla., Allene Reed, Ashland City, Tenn., Henry Melvin, Durham, N. C., Rev. L. C. Johnson, Glennville, Ga., Miss Jean Welch, Nashville, Tenn.

*Education*—Revs. J. R. Bennett, Goldsboro, N. C., Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas, Geo. Dunbar, Chuckey, Tenn., Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla.

*Superannuation*—E. C. Davidson, Glennville, Ga., Clyde Goen, Bryan, Texas, A. D. Ivey, Jakin, Ga., Rev. C. F. Zinn, Bristow, Okla., E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.

## PROCEEDINGS

The Fifth Annual Session of the National Association of the Free Will Baptists of the United States convened with the Free Will Baptist Church of Drumright, Okla., on Tuesday evening July 15, 1941.

The usual song service and devotions were conducted, after which, the Moderator, Rev. Jas. F. Miller of Novinger, Mo., delivered the opening sermon, (the Clerk being busy in the General Board Session did not get the full details of the opening service). The message was reported as being of a high order and greatly inspiring.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

The congregation assembled in the church auditorium at 9 a. m. and engaged in the devotions led by Rev. Kenneth Turner of Mo. After which the Moderator took charge and called for letters to be turned in to the Clerk. After the letters had been read and the delegates properly seated, the congregation was led in the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" and the right hand of Christian fellowship was extended the delegated body, then the Association was led in prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris of Oklahoma City, Okla.

By a motion, the assembly proceeded with the election of officers. Revs. Jas. F. Miller, J. R. Davidson, E. C. Morris, and F. S. VanHoose, were elected to succeed themselves in their respective offices. Rev. L. C. Johnson, Glennville, Ga. was elected to serve as Assistant Clerk.

Routine business was suspended at this time and the Pastor of the local church, who is also President of the Drumright Ministerial Alliance, introduced the Vice-President of the Alliance, Rev. G. C. Drake, pastor of the First Baptist Church, who in turn introduced the various members of the Alliance who were in attendance and then delivered the welcome address on behalf of the various churches of the city.

As the business was resumed, the Moderator appointed for a Committee on Committees: Revs. I. J. Blackwelder, M. L. Sutton and Melvin Bingham. For the Credential Committee, Revs. J. B. Rollins, C. B. Thompson and L. C. Johnson were appointed.

By a motion, the business was suspended for a recess and the morning devotions and sermon. The devotions consisted of some congregational singing and some special numbers, after which the Moderator introduced the speaker for the occasion, Rev. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo., who selected as a text Rom. 12: 1 and used as a subject "Consecration." The sermon was delivered in a very forceful manner, it was also logical and convincing. After the sermon, the Association was recessed for the noon meal and recreation.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Association reassembled at the appointed time and engaged in a devotional period conducted by Miss Jean Welch of Nashville, Tenn. Then the business was resumed.

The Credentials Committee made a partial report of their work and

the same was received. (see report)

The Executive Secretary, Rev. L. R. Ennis, made his report of general activities for the year to the Association and the same was received. (see report)

The report of the General Board was read by the Executive Secretary and by motion the report be received and disposed of according to usual custom. Motion carried.

Motion made to consider each resolution contained in the General Board's report separately until all are disposed of in order. The motion was tabled for a time in order to hear a report of the Tennessee Orphanage by I. L. Stanley, Superintendent. The report of the work under the supervision of Bro. Stanley at Greenville, Tenn. was received as information and expressions of appreciation were given for the Cause. After this report a brief period of praise service, rendered in song was engaged in.

The motion which was tabled regarding the resolutions offered by the General Board was taken from the table at this time and after each resolution being properly discussed, all from the first through the eighth were duly adopted.

Meeting adjourned until evening.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

The Association assembled in the High School Auditorium at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. J. K. Warkentin led the congregation in several inspiring hymns and arranged for several special numbers by various ones, after which, Rev. M. E. Tyson of Pikeville, N. C., was introduced as the speaker of the evening. The minister used as a subject, "The Model Church," using the Apostolic Church as an illustration. The sermon was delivered in a very efficient way and was filled with thought provoking statements. After the sermon, the audience was dismissed with the benediction by Rev. L. R. Ennis of North Carolina.

### THURSDAY MORNING

The Association was called in session at the appointed hour and after the usual devotions, which were conducted by Rev. K. V. Shutes of Cordova, Ala., the Moderator took charge and called for the business of the day.

The report of the Women's Convention was read by Mrs. Fannie Polston of Nashville, Tenn., and after a brief discussion it was adopted by the body. In connection with the above report a motion was made and carried that the Association express its appreciation for the work the women are doing by giving them whole-hearted co-operation in word and deed during the coming year.

At this time, Miss Jean Welch, the acting Secretary of the Sunday School Convention, read the report for the Convention and the same was accepted in regular order. (see reports)

The next report to be read was that of the Home Mission Board, by Rev. M. L. Hollis, Chairman. The report was received and adopted after a lively discussion in a commendable way for the work done by the Board.

Special emphasis was placed upon the activities of Bro. Hollis and Bro. and Sister McAdams. After the above report was adopted an offering was taken for Home Missions which amounted to \$61.23.

A motion was made at this time and carried, that out of the Mission fund, Bro. and Sister McAdams be re-imburSED in the amount of 94.48 for expenses they had incurred in the execution of Home Mission work and that a gift to the amount of \$100.00 be given to Bro. Hollis for the splendid work he had done in the Home Mission Cause.

At this juncture, a five minute recess was given after which the assembly came to order for the morning worship and sermon. After the brief song service, Rev. Robert Crawford of Ashland City, Tenn. was introduced as the speaker. He used as a subject, "A Good Success," with the Scripture text being taken from Josh 1: 8. The message was of a high order, inspiring the entire audience to live a more active life in a consecrated way. At the close of the sermon the assembly adjourned for the noon recess.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

At 1:30 o'clock, the Association came together and proceeded with the program, the devotions being conducted by Rev. E. E. Morris of Oklahoma City, Okla. Then the Moderator called for the resumption of business.

The Chairman of the League Board, Rev. Henry Melvin, read the report of the Board, together with certain recommendations. The same was duly adopted after some discussion.

In compliance with the above report, an offering was taken for the benefit of the League work which amounted to \$17.67. The Associational Treasurer was authorized to make the amount out to \$100.00 or as near that amount as funds would allow.

The resignation of the Chairman of the Superannuation Board was considered and accepted at this time.

The location for the next session of the Association was considered at this period. Rev. M. L. Hollis, extended an invitation to the body to hold its 1942 session with the Church of Columbus, Miss. Telegrams were read from the Chamber of Commerce and Mayor of the city of Columbus, pledging the co-operation of the city in event the invitation should be accepted, in the entertainment of the body. The invitation was enthusiastically accepted and the Clerk authorized to send a telegram to the Chamber of Commerce of Columbus, expressing the gratitude of the body for their interest in the work.

A motion was made and carried, providing a change in the registration fee, raising it from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

The Board of Education made a partial report of its activities and the same was adopted. (see reports)

The proposed amendments which were read and placed on the Table yesterday were considered at this time. They were disposed of in regular order. The first one was read, discussed and adopted. The second one, pertaining to a Trusteeship for the General Board was tabled indefinitely upon a recommendation of the General Board.

## THURSDAY EVENING

Meeting at the usual time and place, the evening session was led in congregational hymns by Rev. Winford Davis of Mo. Also several special numbers were rendered by various ones. Rev J. C. Griffin conducted a brief devotion, after which, Miss Laura Belle Barnard, our missionary to India, was presented to the audience as the chief speaker of the evening. Miss Barnard related the conditions of India and spoke of the great opportunities there for evangelization. In her message she pled for more help on the mission fields of India whereby evil practices and superstitions of India's millions can be combated with the gospel. After the message and several announcements, the body was dismissed by the Moderator.

## FRIDAY MORNING

The Association came together at the appointed time. The morning devotions were led by Rev. Paul Woolsey of Greenville, Tenn. Then the Moderator announced the business period.

The third item of the proposed amendment to the Constitution was read and by a proper motion it was adopted.

At this time members were elected to the various boards as follows:

*General Board*—Rev. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala., Mrs. R. Sasser, Wilson, N. C., Rev. Millard VanHoose, Paintsville, Ky., Jas. A. Boatright, Verdi, Va., Rev. L. C. Johnson, Glennville, Ga., Rev. John Hinson, Hurricane, W. Va., Rev. Charles R. Barder, Sesser, Ill., Rev. W. J. Sheppard, Sciotoville, Ohio, Rev. Robt. Crawford, Ashland City, Tenn.

*Superannuation Board*—Rev. C. F. Zinn, Bristow, Okla., was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. J. E. Simpson, resigned, E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va., was elected to succeed himself.

*Board of Education*—Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla., re-elected.

*Free Will Baptist League Board*—Miss Jean Welch, Nashville, Tenn.

*Home Mission Board*—Rev. A. B. Talbert, Tulsa, Okla., and Rev. Chester Pelt, Ayden, N. C., was elected to serve as alternate for Rev. J. W. Addington on the Board.

*Foreign Mission Board*—Rev. B. F. Rogers, Wewoka, Okla., re-elected.

The Foreign Mission Board made a partial report at this time which was adopted. The Board presented five volunteers for the foreign fields to the Association; namely, the Halbrooks Brothers and the wife of one, the three which were from Missouri, and Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Warkentin from Fort Worth, Texas. The Association received their testimonies and then, as they stood at the altar with Miss Barnard, our missionary to India, pledged their support and prayers while extending them the hand of Christian fellowship.

A motion was made and carried that we elect the Executive Secretary for the ensuing year. Rev. L. R. Ennis, Goldsboro, N. C. was elected, after which he tendered his resignation and the same was accepted, however, he was nominated and elected again before the close of the session.

The final report of the Board of Education was made and same accepted by a motion properly carried.

A motion was made and carried at this time, that we send a telegram

to our missionaries who are on the fields, expressing our appreciation for their service and pledging our continued support for the work.

The Resolution Committee made their report to the body and the same was adopted. (see reports)

Rev. J. R. Bennett, President of the Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, N. C. read a report from the Press, and Rev. J. B. Rollins, Editor and Manager of the Free Will Baptist Gem Press read the report from the Press of Monett, Mo. These reports were received by the body.

The final report of the Foreign Mission Board was read and accepted.

Rev. Clarence Bowen, Durham, N. C. was re-elected as Statistician for the Association.

A motion was made and carried, that the Association pay Sister Lizzie McAdams \$25.00 per month plus traveling expenses for her service as a Home Missionary.

Committee on Committees made report which was adopted. (see report)

The Statistician's report was read by the Clerk and accepted.

The Clerk was authorized to have three thousands (3,000) minutes printed and distributed in the usual way.

A motion was made and duly carried that the session adjourn to meet with the Church in Columbus, Miss. next year as provided for in the Constitution, and with proper closing exercises another great session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists came to an end, and after parting words were said all were soon on their way to their respective homes in the seventeen states from which they came.

### TABLE OF STATISTICS

#### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1940-1941

##### *Membership Report*

Number of churches	1,543
Number of members	140,779
Members baptized	2,485
Members received by letter	772
Members restored	65
Total received in all	3,322
Members died	400
Members dismissed by letter	451
Members excommunicated	343
Total loss of members	1,194
Increase in membership	2,128
Number ordained ministers	1,504
Number licensed ministers	128

##### *Financial Report*

Value of church property	\$ 1,551,700
Value of denominational property	169,035
Total value of all property	1,720,735
Paid pastors	84,040.22

## NATIONAL MINUTES OF

Paid evangelists -----

6,638.91

Paid pastors and evangelists -----

90,679.13

No report on what was paid for orphanages, foreign missions, home missions, and Christian education.

Humbly submitted,

Clarence Bowen, *Statistician*

STATISTICAL TABLE

State and District Assns. Represented	No. Churches	No. Members	No. Ministers	No. Sunday Schools	No. Sunday School enrollment	No. Churches with F. W. B. Ls.	No. F. W. B. L. enrollment	No. L. A. S. Soc.	No. Mission Soc.	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	Value of Denomin- ational Property
Florida, Salem -----	13	1,323	12	9	321	1	44	5	--	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----
Georgia, State -----	66	4,969	71	42	1,881	21	453	24	--	65,100.00	-----	-----
Georgia, Midway -----	18	1,324	16	13	531	11	453	7	--	-----	-----	-----
Illinois, Southern -----	30	2,500	50	30	1,350	9	450	12	8	70,000.00	-----	-----
Kentucky, State -----	36	4,125	82	10	505	-----	-----	-----	-----	30,000.00	-----	-----
Mississippi, Northeast -----	15	1,851	9	9	637	5	300	5	-----	25,000.00	1,500.00	200.00
Missouri, State -----	103	6,387	123	86	4,709	23	734	-----	25	74,091.00	2,500.00	4,000.00
North Carolina, State -----	270	32,000	130	250	17,000	75	2,000	-----	-----	437,000.00	10,000.00	80,000.00
North Carolina, Cape Fear -----	23	3,163	14	23	2,600	6	200	14	-----	50,000.00	-----	-----
North Carolina, Eastern -----	78	5,802	37	60	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	75,000.00	6,000.00	-----
Ohio, State -----	49	2,352	67	-----	3,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	39,000.00	-----	-----
Oklahoma, State -----	210	10,500	274	210	-----	100	-----	-----	60	130,000.00	-----	-----
South Carolina, State -----	18	1,978	18	16	1,310	7	266	7	-----	35,000.00	-----	2,000.00
Tennessee, State -----	103	8,981	129	86	5,797	11	1,000	23	-----	250,600.00	-----	47,000.00
Texas, State -----	40	2,170	26	28	919	11	300	9	-----	35,000.00	4,000.00	-----
Virginia, State -----	57	2,676	83	40	3,000	7	-----	15	-----	47,782.00	-----	-----
West Virginia, State -----	106	3,795	193	81	3,920	-----	-----	20	-----	-----	-----	-----

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward from last session -----	\$ .84
Penny-A-Day Plan -----	309.32
Collections and Letters -----	505.77
Total -----	<hr/> \$815.93
Amount paid out:	
James F. Miller, Moderator -----	\$ 15.00
E. C. Morris, Clerk -----	15.00
Henry Melvin for League Work -----	100.00
Reserved for Minutes -----	125.00
Total -----	<hr/> \$255.00
Balance in Treasury -----	<hr/> \$560.93

F. S. VanHoose, *Treas. Free Will  
Baptist National Association*

## REPORT OF WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

In the present plan of the Women's Auxiliary, there are three vital features involved: Prayer, Organization, and Instruction. Prayer is mentioned first. That is where the Lord put it. We read that Jesus "continued all night in prayer." We may have devoted much time to organization and study, but we are not fully prepared for service until we have prayed.

We have organized work in eight states, four of whom have state conventions, and there are twenty districts in the other states who do not have state conventions. All of these are representing this time with approximately four thousand women carrying out the plan of work of Prayer, Organization and Instruction.

We specialize in benevolences such as ministerial relief, caring for the needy in our communities, orphanages, and assisting our church wherever there is need. We are serious about this. We believe we are facing a crisis which calls for much prayer and study of God's Word. We teach Missions and Stewardship, not only of money, but personality, time, talent and influence. We do teach tithing as the minimum, as a debt we owe and above that, offerings.

All these we believe belong to God after we have first given ourselves. We observe special days and seasons of prayer.

Through this convention effort we have been able to turn in to the treasury of the National Association \$234.06, to Foreign Missions \$52.46. We assess ourselves 10c per capita which is used for convention expense which the finance committee is called upon to disburse. Through fasting we were able to pay in \$44.60.

We believe the Women's Auxiliary is a vital part of the whole church's life and activity. It is an organization aiding the church in all its programs; supporting not only the spiritual side of the work, but advocating

the giving of time, talent, and money to advance the cause of Christ at home and abroad.

It furnishes a study course in which the members may meet and study the purpose of Missions, the conditions that exist at home and in the foreign fields, how to read the Bible in a profitable way, and how to pray individually and collectively.

The Auxiliary furnishes definite personal work for each member through which the blessed privilege of Christian fellowship is provided and a multitude of opportunities to others.

I believe the states which now are not affiliated with this National Convention will come in with us, and they with us have caught a vision of a lost world. After all, our main objectives are winning the lost to Christ.

In spirit, our women are following Bro. Hollis into the highways and the hedges of home missions; Bro. Blackwelder in his program to the uttermost part of the earth; Bro. Davidson and Bro. Ennis in establishing an Educational institution. To this end we invite the un-listed work and workers to join with us and we truly believe we will do you good.

Faithfully submitted,

Fannie Polston, *Nat. Secy.*

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Number of State Conventions representing	
Missouri	
North Carolina	
Tennessee	
Number of District Conventions representing	4
Oklahoma	
Mississippi (N. E. District)	
North Carolina	
Tennessee (Union Association)	
Number of local churches representing	4
Bryan Texas	
Alaboha, Georgia	
Glennville, Georgia	
Ebenezer, Georgia	
Total number of District Conventions representing	
directly or indirectly	14
Total number of schools representing directly or indirectly	217
Amount of Convention Dues	\$49.59
Number of ministers present	37
Number of delegates present	19
Outstanding Achievements of Year:	
Standard of Efficiency designed to unify work	
Record System, included in Standard	
Petition:	

We, the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention, do hereby respectfully request that the National Association carry the minutes of the National Sunday School Convention in the Association minutes. We further request that the National Association offer the Sunday School Convention this service without charge.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Welch, Assistant Clerk

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We your Committee on Committees, recommend that those named herein shall act as the Committees following:

Resolutions, Revs. Chester Pelt, L. H. Wetherington and D. Selph Jones.

Program, Revs. Winford Davis, M. L. Hollis and J. C. Griffin.

Submitted by:

I. J. Blackwelder,  
Melvin Bingham,  
M. L. Sutton

#### REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Resolutions, beg to submit the following report:

1. Resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Drumright Free Will Baptist Church, and their fine pastor, Brother Stairs, for the fine Christian spirit manifested in the many untiring efforts made to make our stay so pleasant while in their community, the splendid hospitality so generously extended by the entire community; the Ministerial Alliance for their support and co-operation; the local lodge of Free Masons for the use of their fine hall and its equipment; the Drumright School Board for the use of the splendid High School auditorium; the Mayor, his entire city and community for the untiring efforts to make every hour we have spent in their community most pleasant. Also appreciation to the person or persons who furnished the beautiful flowers for the church.

2. Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the local newspapers of Drumright to be published that a greater number of the citizens of the community might know of our appreciation.

3. Be it further resolved that the Treasurer of each standing board be requested to keep a separate record of money sent in by the churches and their Auxiliaries in order that their records may be more accurately kept.

Committee:

J. K. Warkentin, *Chair.*,  
L. H. Wetherington,  
D. Selph Jones

## NATIONAL MINUTES OF

## REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS, Inc.

Ayden, North Carolina

*By J. R. Bennett, President*

Realizing that the printing press is one of the greatest agencies for the promulgation of doctrines, ideas, and theories, not only in material things, but in Spiritual truths, we offer the following report of *The Free Will Baptist Press, Inc.*, of Ayden, North Carolina.

In order to clarify in the minds of our people everywhere the true spirit of our Press in its organization to serve the Christian people of our Denomination, I am taking the liberty to quote to you certain sections of our Constitution and By Laws which were contained in our charter of incorporation in the State of North Carolina.

## ARTICLE I

This Corporation shall be known as Free Will Baptist Press, Inc.

## ARTICLE II

The Home office shall be located in the town of Ayden, N. C. with the privilege of establishing one or more branch offices if conditions arise, making it necessary.

## ARTICLE III

Section 1. The Capital Stock of the corporation shall consist of 2000 shares of par value of \$10.00 each, or a total of \$20,000.00.

Section 2. This stock may be purchased and owned by individuals local churches, Union Meetings, Associations, Auxiliary Societies, District Conferences, State Conventions or other organized bodies of Free Will Baptists within the United States.

Section 3. The Capital Stock is to be non-assessable, non-taxable and non-profit-sharing. All profits earned by the operation of the business shall be used for the extension and enlargement of the business, or for missionary, educational or church extension purposes, under the supervision of the Stock Holders in session or the Board of Directors of the Corporation. No individual or other stock holder is to receive any profits or other valuable considerations by reason of the ownership of said stock.

## ARTICLE IV

Section 1. To publish the Free Will Baptist, a weekly church paper or magazine, in the interest of the Free Will Baptist Church of the United States, and such other church periodicals as may appear necessary and helpful in the future.

Section 2. To publish a series of Sunday School Quarterlies and helps, also quarterlies and helps for the Free Will Baptist Leagues, literature and helps for Women's Auxiliary Societies, or other literature of a general religious nature that may appear to become necessary for the welfare of the denomination.

Section 3. To enter into the printing of tracts, leaflets, booklets and books, having a moral and spiritual value to the public in general and to the membership of our church in particular.

Section 4. To encourage the writing of songs, poems, and music of value, to collect and hold title to these, to manufacture or have manufactured song plates, and to publish song books, from time to time, as circumstances permit, for the use of our Churches, Sunday Schools and other Auxiliaries, and for the sale to the general public.

Section 5. To purchase machinery, equipment and supplies, necessary for an up-to-date printing department, for the purpose of doing the necessary printing for our members and organizations, throughout the country, as well as for the general trade.

Section 6. To maintain and operate a general supply business dealing in the necessities and requirements for our churches and Auxiliary organizations.

Section 7. To purchase, own and control real-estate and other valuable property that may be necessary for a proper and successful business existence, and to convey same when the interest of the corporation may so dictate."

This ends my quotation from our by-laws dealing with the purpose of our organization. The balance of the by-laws deals with operations, etc.

I wish to present the following excerpts from our last auditor's report to the Stockholders by an independent auditor at the close of our fiscal year, ending August 31, 1940.

From the statement of Assets and Liabilities I find that on the date of the audit, we had on hand current assets of \$9,437.85. These assets include working cash on hand and in bank, Printing Supplies, and Printed Literature such as quarterlies, and Merchandise bought for resale, such as Bibles, etc. Our plant and equipment is valued at \$21,626.31, which includes our buildings, Printing machines, and equipment, and office equipment. The value of each machine runs from \$25.00 to \$3,000 or \$4,000. Our liabilities on the date of the audit were only \$1,997.29, of this \$1,400 was in notes of \$50 each to be paid monthly on a piece of new machinery which was purchased some time ago.

In addition to the report from our auditor's report, I wish to add that we have made another major addition to our plant to better serve our denomination. Just a week or ten days ago we completed the transaction of purchasing another building with 11,000 square feet of floor space, which was appraised by a board of appraisers at \$6,000.00.

This report further shows that we were printing and distributing to our denomination an average of over 250,000 pieces of literature annually, this not including song books. We are printing an average of 2500 or more copies of our Free Will Baptist paper which go into homes of our denomination in practically all states. These papers cost 2c each to the subscriber, or \$1.00 per year. This, as you will no doubt realize, is a service to the Christian people of our Denomination, since the printing of the paper is operated at a loss to our Printing Institution. Such loss is sustained from the other operations of our Press. The officers and stock-

holders of the Press are glad to be able to make this sacrifice for the benefit of our people, in order that our work may go forward in an orderly, business-like way, and in order that our people may have the opportunity to learn what their denomination is doing. All manuscripts are printed free of charge, and we extend, and have always extended to our people in all our states the privilege to use our paper for news of interest to our people.

We regret that our service has not been perfect, however, we are constantly striving to improve it, and we at all times solicit your criticisms and helpful suggestions, and will act upon them in-so-far as it is within our power.

I have been empowered by the Board of Directors, to offer for sale, to any other individual, church, or associated body of Free Will Baptists in the United States, the remainder of 887 unsold shares of stock at the par value of \$10.00 per share, not-with-standing the present actual book value is \$26.19 per share according to the Auditor's report. Arrangements are being made to put on a campaign for the sale of this stock. Anyone wishing to make a purchase, or desiring further information on this may contact me, or any member of our board of directors.

I wish to state also in this connection that this stock has always been available to anyone or body wishing to affiliate themselves with our institution which has been operated continuously for a quarter of a century. This business has grown from an impoverished liability, which was fed by offerings and gifts, to an institution valued at \$30,000, and is steadily growing. Representation in the annual stockholders meeting in September is granted to anyone or body holding one or more shares of stock, and all persons purchasing additional stock will be granted the same power and privileges.

There is an old true statement that the *free* press is the voice of a democracy and is one of the most important factors of keeping a free people free from any sort of dictatorship. That is our desire in operating our institution, in order that we may serve the people of our denomination. As our denomination grows, so grows the press, and vice versa.

J. R. Bennett, *President*

#### REPORT OF PUBLICATION—THE GEM

It is our firm belief that no organization can advance co-operatively without understanding. This can be obtained *only* through some system of communication. As we are kept in touch with one another and our working Program so we move forward as one living organism.

The system of communication practical to Free Will Baptists is the printed page as distributed through the circulating facilities of our church papers. These are worthy of the loyal support of every Free Will Baptist.

The Free Will Baptist Gem, published in Monett, Missouri, admits its deficiency in the extent of this service, but we are growing.

The following figures speak for themselves. The circulation reaches Free Will Baptists in 35 states and 3 foreign countries. Being a state

owned and operated institution, 49% of the circulation remains within the state wherein it is published, while 51% cross the boundaries of said state. Being published in the West, 28% crosses the Mississippi going East.

Our institution operates upon a strictly religious basis, supporting a whole program for our denomination. Being owned by the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, all excess profits are used to promote enterprises by the Missouri State Association.

John B. Rollins, *Editor*

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The history of the Free Will Baptist is a difficult text. But, from a cursory examination of the subject, one is impressed with three salient facts: First, the perpetual adherence of the Free Will Baptists to the apostolic faith. Second, their failure through the years to sustain a potent missionary zeal. Third, the recent awakening of denominational responsibility. Doctrinal soundness is a priceless heritage. Without it no religious denomination has the right to exist. Truly we may rejoice . . . "Faith of our fathers living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword." But when our emotions turn to reveling in wealth of our theological inheritance, the question arises, what rights to this estate can we establish? Gratefully and humbly, let us admit that we are debtors. We are debtors to Christ, the Great Head of the Church; we are debtors to every saint who dared to speak his name; and, we are debtors to our own denominational patriots whose sacrifice and service is perpetuated to this hour, and whose memory shall be hallowed through our faithlessness and loyalty until Jesus comes.

At the last National Association, the Free Will Baptists proclaimed a denominational emergency. They resolved that every loyal member should be mobilized. Already the war was in progress, and several battles had been won; but a concentration and co-ordination of fighting strength was found to be essential, would the Free Will Baptists make a solid front against Satan and his forces. Obviously, preparation to participate in the crisis of our times has engaged much thought, time, prayer, and labor during the past year. And while the gains have not been all that we had hoped for, yet we feel grateful for those achieved. I have traveled approximately 12,000 miles in the interest of the program of the National Association during the past year, spoken 171 times, written extensively to our church papers, taught in the Pastor's School of Texas, and assisted Revs. H. M. and Lizzie McAdams on a missionary tour in North Carolina which included 115 churches. The services rendered have been quite exasperating, but delightful.

It will doubtless be interesting to the Association to observe the response of our people to the Program during the past year. The National Board of Superannuation has received \$312.49, and has a total cash balance at this time of \$909.68. The Home Mission Board has received funds in the amount of \$244.13 and has a present cash balance of \$451.06. The Foreign Mission Board has received, during the year, \$3494.03 and has a present balance of \$824.89. In the response to a special appeal which has

reached many of our people in recent months through the "Penny-a-Day" system; an undivided fund in the amount of \$367.42 has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the National Association, the allocation of which will be determined by this body. The cause of Education has been favored with offerings, to the amount of \$2702.63 since our last Association, and there is in the treasury \$4955.18 at this time. The National Auxiliary Convention has enjoyed a delightful year, as will be seen from the check of \$234.06, turned over to the treasurer of the National Association by the Treasurer of the auxiliary convention at the close of the annual session July 15, 1941. The sum of the receipts to all departments of our Program for the past year amounts to \$7414.98 (?), and there is now a total of \$7508.23 in the hands of the several Treasurers of the Association.

The promotional plans and progressive measures which shall be presented by the General Board will doubtless point the way of Progress, and challenge our highest end.

Yours for the ensuing year.

L. R. Ennis, *Executive Secretary*

## RESOLUTIONS GENERAL AND SPECIFIC

### *Recommended by the General Board*

Whereas the unity of the body of Christ is designed to produce corporate worship and united service, therefore be it resolved:

1. That Christian unity is the equitable support of Missions, Education, and Benevolence besought through the establishment of a Unified Program Fund, and that all subordinate organizations, standing boards, officers, field-workers, and ministers of the denomination be and are hereby called upon to promote, patronize, and donate to this fund. It shall be allocated to the objects supported by the Association as the body may be pleased to direct in its annual sessions. Designated gifts to Missions, Education, and Superannuation may be sought at the will of those standing boards which promote these enterprises, and it shall be the privilege of churches and individuals to respond as the Spirit may lead.

2. That the receipts to the Unified Program fund for the ensuing year, 1941-1942, shall be allocated as follows: 10 percent to Superannuation fund, 20 percent to the Home Missions fund, 30 percent to Foreign Missions fund, and 40 percent to the Educational fund. It is provided, also, that the Penny-A-Day fund, and any other undivided funds, now in the treasury of the National Association, shall be allocated to the respective funds herein named on the percentage basis established for the ensuing year.

3. That the fiscal year of the National Association be and is hereby established as of July the first to June the thirtieth, and that the books of the Association, the General Board, and all standing boards shall be closed annually on June the thirtieth.

4. That the National Sunday-School Convention be and is hereby requested to call upon the Sunday-Schools throughout the denomination for a special offering to the Unified Program in the month of September, 1941, and that the National Free Will Baptist League Board be requested to

sponsor a special offering to this fund in December, 1941, and that the National Auxiliary Convention be petitioned to make a special offering to the Unified Program Fund in January, 1942.

That the Board of Education of the National Association be and is hereby requested to promote, plan, and direct, as may be found practical, Christian Workers' Institutes throughout the states of the National Association for the ensuing year.

6. That the National Home Mission Board be and is hereby directed to intensify its activities with a view to building up its treasury sufficient to meet the expenses of a General Home Missionary.

7. That the Foreign Mission Board be and is hereby directed to conduct an extensive Missionary Education Program, including institute classes, study courses in local churches, lessons in Sunday-School and League literature on Missions, newspaper correspondence and reports, and circular letters to national, state, and district officers.

8. That the Board of Superannuation be and is hereby directed to conduct a survey among those engaged in the ministry throughout the National Association with a view to disclosing their average age, years spent in service, income, training, general circumstances, and needs.

#### REPORT OF GENERAL BOARD

Upon the adjournment of the last session of the National Association the General Board, created in said session, convened in called session for the purpose of organizing for its duties and functions. After the election of the required officers of the Board, the Executive Committee was directed to secure and employ an Executive Secretary for the National Association. Due consideration having been given this duty by the Executive Committee, Rev. L. R. Ennis of Goldsboro, N. C. was employed at a salary of \$50.00 per week, it being understood that all compensation received from evangelistic meetings held, and pastorates served by the Executive Secretary should be credited on this salary. For the information of the Association, the Board wishes to state that from the funds made available by the Board of Education for the expenses of the Executive Secretary, there has been a total salary paid to date to him of \$1,056.00, the remainder of his salary having been paid from the funds received for evangelistic and pastoral services.

A call session of the Executive Committee of the General Board was held in Nashville, Tenn. May 6-8 of this year in which direction was given the Executive Secretary to prepare a proposed charter of incorporation for the General Board, and to report same at the annual session of the Board, which annual session was held yesterday. Other pertinent matters pertaining to the Executive Program were considered, the Board of Education having been called in council with the Executive Committee at this special meeting, which will claim our attention under the head of resolutions in this report.

The General Board convened in its first annual session, yesterday, July 15, 1941, and acted favorably upon an alternative to the proposed

Incorporation of the General Board. Other measures essential to the simplification and operation of the National Association and its various departments were approved for recommendation to the present annual session, but for the sake of order the Board wishes to recommend first of all the adoption of certain revisions and amendments to the Constitution of the National Association as a means of enacting these proposed measures.

*Proposed Amendments:*

The General Board serves notice upon the Body that these amendments after having remained on the table according to Constitutional requirements will be presented to the Body for approval.

*Proposed Resolutions:*

The General Board wishes to request of the National Association that it publish the adopted By-Laws in the Annual Minutes.

BY-LAWS OF GENERAL BOARD

1. The officers of the General Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States of America shall be Chairman, Assistant Chairman, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Executive Secretary, and an Executive Committee of seven members. The Chairman and Recording Secretary shall be elected at each annual meeting. The Executive Secretary shall be elected by the National Association as provided in its Constitution. The Recording Secretary and the Executive Secretary shall hold their offices until others have been chosen and qualified in their stead. The Executive Secretary shall not be a member of the General Board of the National Association.

2. The Chairman, Assistant Chairman, and Recording Secy. shall perform the usual duties of such officers. The Executive Secretary shall act as a general executive under the direction of the General Board and the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have general charge and direction of the work of the General Board, not otherwise provided for, between the meetings of the Board, subject to the instruction and approval of the Board, and shall make a full report to the Board at each meeting. It shall have the power to fill any vacancy in the Committee between the meetings of the General Board.

3. There shall be an annual meeting of the General Board at such a time and place as the Board or the Executive Committee shall determine. A general report, financial and otherwise, covering all phases of the work of the National Association and subordinate organizations, together with promotional plans for the ensuing year, shall be presented by the Executive Secretary at each annual meeting of the Board. The Executive Committee shall give previous examination to, and approval of such promotional plans. Special meetings for business only may be called at any time by the Executive Committee, or the Chairman of the Board.

4. The Executive Secretary of the National Association shall have charge of the home office of the General Board subject to the regulations and authority of said Board. He shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a monthly report of all designated and undesignated gifts received, allo-

cations and disbursements made, and expenses incurred, and shall publish same in two or more of the denominational papers, if such exists, or in lieu thereof he shall maintain a strict account of all the assets, liabilities, negotiations, promotional plans, achievements, and correspondence of the General Board. He shall provide an indemnity bond equal to the amount of his liability, or in such an amount as the Board may require. He shall promote the interests, plans, and undertakings of the General Board and the National Association by personal contacts, public addresses, direction of organizations and special workers, newspaper and personal correspondence, and render any other services that would encourage unity and co-operation in missionary, educational, and benevolent work. The amount of time required of the Executive Secretary and the salary which he may receive shall be determined by the General Board.

5. The Recording Secretary shall mail to each member a notice of the time and place of each meeting of the General Board, and shall publish such notice in at least two denominational papers, if such exist, said notice to be mailed and published not less than four weeks before the time for holding such a meeting. Any member of the board who may not be able to attend a stated meeting in person may represent by a proxy bearing written authority, it being understood that proxy representation shall be restricted to a minority of the Board members and that all such representatives shall be approved by the majority of the members in attendance at the particular meeting of the General Board to which they were appointed. A majority of the duly qualified members of the General Board shall constitute a quorum.

6. Each meeting of the General Board shall be opened and closed with prayer.

7. The order of business at meetings of the board shall be as follows:

- (a). Call to order.
- (b). Roll-call.
- (c). Prayer.
- (d). Reading minutes.
- (e). Report of committees.
- (f). Unfinished business.
- (g). Election of officers.
- (h). New business.
- (i). Adjournment.

8. These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the General Board.

#### PARTIAL REPORT OF EDUCATION BOARD

To National Association of Free Will Baptists in session with the Drum-right, Oklahoma, F. W. B. Church.

We are glad to report an ever growing and increasing enthusiasm and interest in Christian Education and the training of workers in every phase of our work and in every endeavor and activity of our beloved denomination. The contributions of the past year have not only been encourag-

ing because of the increase in volume, but also because of the various new localities represented.

In co-operation with our National Executive Secretary, the Educational Board, by articles in our church papers, by distribution of Christian Education pledge cards, by encouraging specific drives in the various churches and associations, by a special meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, May 6-7 of this year, has endeavored to keep the Education Program constantly before our people. The results by the blessing of the Holy Spirit have been most gratifying.

One result of the awaking of our people to the need of a militant, progressive and aggressive educational program, has been the conducting of training institutions and pastor's institutes in the various sections of our denomination. It is the desire of the Board to promote and encourage and aid the establishing of these institutes in every state and section of the National Work.

The Educational Board do hereby request the various delegates and ministers to urge the early construction and setting up of the necessary machinery to perfect the plans for these institutions. The various members of the Board are willing at all times to assist in any possible way. It is the opinion of this Board that possibly the Pastor's Institute is a logical beginning.

The Board would like to express its thanks for the co-operation, the accomplishments and achievements of our National Secretary, L. R. Ennis.

Whereas, the National Association of Free Will Baptist of the United States of America has made no constitutional provision for a Board of Trustees invested with power to take, hold, and control, at the will of the association, real and personal properties; and, whereas, the purchase of suitable property for a Bible School in the city of Nashville of the state of Tennessee is believed to be both urgent and wise, therefore it resolved:

That the National Association of Free Will Baptist of the United States of America do hereby empower, authorize, and direct the Board of Education of the National Association to purchase, hold, and control suitable real property for a Bible School in the city of Nashville of the State of Tennessee, the title to which property shall be vested in said Board of Education as a Board of Trustees. This Board shall have full authority to negotiate the complete transaction, including the incumbrance of said property as collateral to any unpaid balance which at the discretion of the Board of Education may be deemed wise and necessary. It is required, however, that the Board of Education shall not invest more than (\$15,000.00) fifteen thousand dollars in said Bible School property, and that the annual payment on any unpaid balance, or loan, shall not exceed (\$3,000.00) three thousand dollars in the interest and principal.

The Board of Education herein directed to purchase, hold, and control suitable real property for a Bible School is composed of the following members and their successors:

Rev. J. R. Davidson, Bryan Texas

Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

Rev. J. R. Bennett, Goldsboro, North Carolina

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Oklahoma

In as much as the National Association of Free Will Baptists, in regular executive session has asked the National Board of Education to obligate itself to promote, to aid, and establish institute work all over our denomination; Be it Resolved, That the Education Board set apart \$1000.00 for institute work.

In view of the fact that the tri-State F. W. B. people of Georgia-Florida and Alabama have shown much interest in Christian Education that this Board approve the conducting of an institute in Jakin, Georgia, and hereby offer the entire co-operation of the Board.

### NATIONAL HOME MISSION REPORT

I have held three tent meetings in towns where we had no churches with many accepting the Lord as their Saviour, and two new churches being established. The first of last November, I went to Vernon, Ala., without an invitation from anyone, and set up the tent on Monday, started services Monday night with very few people present. Interest increased from day to day, and before the meeting was over 28 members were organized into a church and \$1280.00 raised to begin a church building. A business man of the town, Mr. V. C. May, donated a nice lot right in the center of town for the church site. Brick were bought and many of them were placed on the lot before the close of the meeting, and work was started on the foundation. We have today one of the nicest little church edifices in that town, and only owe the small sum of \$600.00 on it. We held our meeting in this church beginning on the third Sunday in June and ran only a week, but the Lord blessed in a wonderful way and there were thirty new members added to the church in this short time. We have a good Sunday School and League going in this church with an average attendance of sixty.

The next meeting was held in Mantchia, Miss. with good results. 23 accepted Christ in this meeting. A strong desire was expressed by the people there for a Free Will Baptist church to be organized. However, I felt lead of the Lord to wait until another meeting might be held before starting with an organization there.

This Spring I went to Sulligent Ala. and conducted a tent meeting. The spirit of the Lord was manifest in a great way. Great crowds attended each service and many confessed Christ as their Saviour. I spoke of organizing a church the last service of the meeting, should we find enough interest, and twenty six came forward at the close of the services offering themselves for membership in a Free Will Baptist Church. Several hundred dollars was pledged for the building of a church. A committee was appointed to look out a location for the church site. We hope to return for another meeting this fall and get the work under way.

I have traveled more than eight thousand miles in the interest of Home Mission Work. Delivered 28 Home Mission Addresses, Written many articles

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in the interest of the work. Received from the National Home Mission Treasurer \$125.00.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. L. Hollis, *Chairman National Home Mission*

## REPORT OF NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD 1940-41

North Carolina -----	\$ 111.69
Mississippi -----	40.01
Illinois -----	20.78
Texas -----	18.55
Tennessee -----	17.00
Alabama -----	15.00
Georgia -----	13.10
Missouri -----	6.00
Virginia -----	1.00
South Carolina -----	1.00

Total -----	\$ 244.13
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Brought forward from last Association -----	\$ 337.78
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Offering at last Association -----	75.85
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Receipts since last Association -----	244.13
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Grand Total -----	\$ 657.76
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Expenditures -----	206.79
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Balance on hand -----	\$ 451.06
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M. E. Tyson, *Treasurer*

## REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

The Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists met in regular session on July 16, 1941, with all the members present as follows:

Rev. Winford Davis, Chairman; Rev. B. F. Rogers, Asst. Chairman; Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Secy.-Treas.; Rev. C. B. Thompson and C. F. Goen.

The first item of business considered had to do with the continued work and salaries of our four present missionaries. After prayerful consideration of the work on the respective fields and the needs of the missionaries, the members of the Board unanimously approved a motion to continue the support of our missionaries in the same amount as in the past year, namely, Miss Barnard, \$50.00 a month; Miss Yeley, \$50.00 a month, and the Willeys, \$100.00 a month. An extra allowance of \$35.00 a month was made to continue the work Miss Barnard has begun in Kotagiri, South India. Also, other financial considerations necessary for the support and education of our missionary children was considered, the amount to be determined later, as their needs come before us and the funds are supplied.

The apportionment budget for the present year was approved just as

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it stands, or the same as it was for the past year, with the understanding that it is to be increased as the growing demands of our work requires. The budget is as follows: 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, and North Carolina—\$1200.00.

Also, the Board approved a motion to communicate with the Willeys regarding the advisability of transferring them in India for the work there, with the understanding that, if the idea was found to be impracticable, a deputation should be sent to Cuba to investigate the work there.

A definite budget for work by our missionaries was found to be absolutely necessary, which budget is to be prepared by the Board as soon as possible. Also, the Board is to have power to alter the budget from time to time as necessity demands.

Membership in the North America Conference of Foreign Missions is to be applied for by the Board, since it is to our advantage in securing passports for our missionaries.

The most outstanding thing with regards to this phase of our work was the applications of five of our beloved brothers and sisters for work on the foreign field. The applicants were Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Warkentin, of Ft. Worth, Texas; Rev. and Mrs. Albert Halbrook, and Rev. Alvin Halbrook, of Leadington, Mo. They were received by the Association with great rejoicing.

Finally, Miss Barnard was authorized to take definite and immediate steps to secure whatever papers are necessary in order to send out candidates, and to draw on the foreign mission treasury for any items of expense to this end.

Respectfully and prayerfully submitted,  
The Foreign Mission Board

## REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

July 1, 1940, to June 30, 1941

## RECEIPTS

<i>Alabama</i> —Cordova Church, By Rev. K. V. Shutes,		
Cordova Ala. ....	\$	2.35
P. A. Crawford, Samantha, Ala. ....		3.50
Rev. R. B. Crawford, Samantha, Ala. ....		7.00
Total from Alabama .....		\$ 12.85
<i>Arkansas</i> —Chas. A. Bagwell, Springdale, Ark. ....		1.00
Total from Arkansas .....		1.00
<i>Georgia</i> —Midway Association, from miscel. sources ---		37.68
Martin Association, from miscel. sources .....		28.01
South Ga. Association, from miscel. sources .....		216.76
State Association, by Miss Barnard .....		10.57

Cedar Spgs. L. A. S. Conv., by Mrs. Gordon Hudson -----	7.00	
Total from Georgia -----		300.02
<i>Illinois</i> —Iva Church -----	7.50	
Rescue Church -----	10.00	
Freedom Church -----	22.50	
Mount Vernon Church -----	3.45	
Iona Church -----	1.00	
Total from Ill., by Mrs. Emma Moore, Spring Hill, Ill. -----		44.45
<i>Mississippi</i> —Pearces Chapel, by Miss Maurine Millican, Smithfield, Miss. -----	3.10	
Total from Mississippi -----		3.10
<i>Missouri</i> —Missouri State Association, by Rev. Winford Davis, Monnett, Mo. -----	700.10	
Total from Missouri -----		700.10
<i>North Carolina</i> —State Association, by Rev. W. L. Moretz, Swannanoa, N. C. -----	110.50	
By Rev. Chester Pelt, Wilson, N. C. -----	553.10	
From miscellaneous sources -----	258.59	
Total from N. C. -----		922.19
<i>Ohio</i> —By Mrs. James Peach, Sciotoville, Ohio -----	385.00	
By Mr. Delbert Gould, Wellston, Ohio -----	10.00	
By Mr. Grover Gould, Wellston, Ohio -----	5.00	
Total from Ohio -----		400.00
<i>Oklahoma</i> —By Rev. B. F. Rogers, Wewoka, Okla. -----	29.02	
Total from Oklahoma -----		29.02
<i>South Carolina</i> —South Carolina Conference, by Rev. E. P. Kirby, Cades, S. C. -----	75.55	
Itinerary by Miss Barnard -----	216.16	
Miscellaneous sources -----	34.00	
Total from South Carolina -----		325.71
<i>Tennessee</i> —Cumberland Association, by G. W. Fambrough, Neptune, Tenn. -----	349.49	
Rev. Paul Woolsey, Greenville, Tenn. -----	1.00	
Harris Memorial Church, by Mrs. Fannie Polston -----	6.00	
Total from Tennessee -----		356.49
<i>Texas</i> —State Association, by C. F. Goen, Bryan Texas -----	84.76	
First Church of Ft. Worth, by Gee Moore -----	30.88	
Itinerary, by Miss Barnard -----	163.55	

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Itinerary, by Rev. T. H. Willey -----	77.62	
Miscellaneous gifts -----	21.57	
Total from Texas -----		378.38
Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Huntsville, Texas -----	1.00	
Offering at the 1940 session of the Association -----	82.63	
Total -----		83.63
<i>West Virginia</i> —Logan Yearly Meeting and S. C.		
Convention, by Rev. J. M. Henson, Hurricane, W. Va. -----	8.55	
West Va. State Association, by Rev. J. C. Wilcox,		
Hurricane, W. Va. -----	12.50	
W. Va. Yearly Meeting, by J. H. Henson -----	28.95	
Total from West Virginia -----		50.00
Total receipts for the year -----		3606.94
Balance brought forward -----		604.73
Grand total -----		\$4211.67

## Disbursements

Rev. T. H. Willey as salary -----	\$1200.00	
Rev. T. H. Willey for traveling expenses, pass port, special		
offerings, and miscellaneous items -----	233.73	
Total paid to Rev. T. H. Willey -----		1433.73
Miss Laura Bell Barnard as salary -----	600.00	
Miss Barnard for traveling expenses, boat and R. R.		
fair from India to Glennville, Ga., and miscel. items -----	611.69	
Total paid to Miss Barnard -----		1211.69
Miss Bessie Yeley as salary -----	600.00	
Total paid to Miss Yeley -----		600.00
Cablegrams to India -----		19.75
Postage and miscellaneous items -----		11.70
Total disbursements for the year -----		3276.87
Balance in treasury June 30, 1941 -----	\$ 934.80	

## REPORT OF LEAGUE BOARD

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists  
 Convened with Drumright Church, Drumright, Okla.  
 July 13-18, 1941

Your Board has not been able to function very efficiently as a Board due to the widely scattered locations of its members. However, we have tried to plan and promote the work as best we could.

It will be remembered that at the last session of this body, permission was granted to organize a National Free Will Baptist League Convention. Con-

siderable work has been done toward this but as yet we are unable to announce the date for the first session. It is the hope of the Board that it may be perfected during the current associational year.

A steady growth of our League organizations is noted throughout the bounds of our denomination. A more unified program of work is being followed and the work is better understood. A constant stream of better trained and more interested youth flows through our church as a result.

Our literature is still being published by the Free Will Baptist Press under the following contract: The publishing house pays for the editorial service, publishes the literature and distributes same. The editorial service is under the supervision of your national chairman.

Several state conventions, scores of district conventions and rallies are functioning for the promotion of the work in the various states. We have knowledge of four Summer Assemblies that are held for the purpose of intensive training and inspiration of our leaguers.

The youth of our church awaits the command of this body to serve in any and all capacities where its youthful energies are needed. We ask this body to remember that the future ministers, missionaries, teachers, and trained leadership will come from the ranks of the Free Will Baptist League.

To further perfect the work of organizing the National Association of Free Will Baptist Leagues, we, as a Board, ask this body for an appropriation of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Melvin, *Chairman*

L. C. Johnson,

Melvin Bingham

## CONSTITUTION

Preamble. From experience we, the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, being regularly baptized 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 co-ordination 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 and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of the various bodies composing the 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 is 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 district association. Districts in states having no state association shall elect and send their delegates direct to the National Association.

Section 2. This 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 Secretary shall be paid the sum of \$15.00 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 practice 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 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 VII

Officers—The officers of this National Association shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an assistant Clerk, a Treasurer, and an Executive Secretary, each of whom shall be elected at the begin-

ning of each regular session, unless deferred by vote of the Association in assembly.

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

#### ARTICLE VIII

Boards—All standing boards shall be composed of five members, exclusive of the General Board. Standing Boards include the General Board, the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, the Free Will Baptist League Board, the 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 named for a term of two years, the third named for a term of three years, the fourth named for a term of four years, and the fifth named for a term of five years. Successions to office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

Section 2. The personnel of the General Board shall be composed of the general officers of the National Association (The Executive Secretary shall not be a member of this Board), and the chairman of each of the following Boards: The Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, the Free Will Baptist League Board, 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 than one state. The president of the National Women's Auxiliary Convention and the president of the National Sunday School Convention shall be ex-officio members of this Board.

The term of office of those chosen within given State Associations shall be of two years; and so constituted that the expirations of the term of office of those residing east of the Mississippi River shall alternate with those residing west of the Mississippi.

Section 3. 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 4. 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 5. The General Board shall organize at its own discretion for the promotion of the work set forth in sections three and four of this

article. It is understood that an Executive Committee consisting of seven 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 6. 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.

#### 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: place of meetings to be decided by vote of the body. The time of meeting to be on Tuesday night 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 of members present, provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

# MINUTES

of the

1941 Session

of the

National Sunday School Convention

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## PROCEEDINGS

The first annual meeting of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention was held on July 13-14, 1941, at the Free Will Baptist Church, Drumright, Oklahoma.

The group met in joint session with the National Association for the worship services on Sunday evening, July 13, at which time the singing was directed by Rev. Marvin Dalton, and the sermon was brought by Rev. W. J. Sheppard, Sciotoville, Ohio.

Rev. Winford Davis led the song service at the beginning of the meeting on Monday, July 14.

The president, W. E. Coville, named Jean Welch, of Nashville, Tenn., Secretary *pro tem* to serve in the absence of both the secretary and the assistant secretary. Miss Welch called the convention to order and turned the meeting over to the president who made some introductory remarks and appointed the following to serve on the Credentials and Finance Committee:

Rev. Winford Davis, *Chairman*

Raymond Sasser,

Rev. Kenneth Turner

Twenty-seven ministers were enrolled with the secretary.

The Convention was given a hearty welcome by Rev. H. E. Stairs, pastor of the Drumright Free Will Baptist Church. This was responded to by Raymond Sasser, of North Carolina.

General Officers' Reports were called for and given as follows:

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In accordance with instructions of the Executive Board of the National Sunday School Convention while in session at Paintsville, Kentucky, in July 1940 after the National Sunday School Convention had been organized, the following services were rendered:

Five hundred leaflets were prepared, printed, and mailed to approximately 150 of our ministers and lay-leaders. One leaflet set forth the or-

ganization of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention and its Constitution and By-Laws. The other leaflet contained a brief statement of the Standard of Efficiency for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools, as adopted by the National Convention. Miss Griffith, secretary, gave valuable assistance in the preparation and mailing of the leaflets.

The Executive Board authorized the President and Secretary to secure bids from at least three reliable printing companies for the wholesale printing of Sunday School supplies, copies of which supplies were presented to and adopted by the Board. The President and Secretary were further authorized to award the contract for said printing to the company submitting the best bid.

Rev. J. B. Rollins, Manager of the Free Will Baptist Gem, was contacted relative to this matter while at Paintsville, Kentucky, in July 1940.

The manuscripts for all supplies were mailed to Rev. L. H. Wetherington, President of Board of Directors of Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, North Carolina; also a copy of the proposed contract. No bid was received.

In September, 1940 I visited the Free Will Baptist church at Lucama, North Carolina where I assisted in the organization of a State Sunday School Convention. While at Lucama I had an opportunity to go over the proposed contract and the manuscript with both Rev. L. H. Wetherington and Mr. C. K. Dunn, Manager of the Free Will Baptist Press. No decision was reached and no bid was submitted.

In December, at the invitation of Rev. J. R. Bennett, I attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press, held in Ayden, North Carolina. The Board remained in session several hours and again I reviewed the copy and contract. No bid was submitted and no subsequent bid has been forthcoming from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina.

In the meantime I received bids from McDaniel Printing Company and Williams Printing Company, both of Nashville, Tennessee. These bids remained unopened until the third and final bid was received from the Free Will Baptist Gem office in May, 1941. All bids were then studied by the secretary and me and we were agreed in our decision that the Free Will Baptist Gem had made the best bid. The contract for the wholesale printing of supplies was awarded the Gem Office, subject to rules and regulations set forth in the contract and agreed to by both the contractor and contractee. The contract was executed in duplicate and signed by the president and secretary of the National Sunday School Convention, and Rev. J. B. Rollins, representing the Free Will Baptist Gem. All signatures were notarized.

I was present at Cookeville, Tennessee in August, 1940, and assisted in organizing a State Sunday School Convention.

I was also present at Niangua, Missouri in September, 1940, and assisted there in the organization of the Missouri State Sunday School Convention.

I have written many cards and letters in the interest of Sunday School work and have contacted the several National officers from time to time regarding our work.

The program for the 1941 session of the National Convention was prepared by Miss Griffith and me.

Time and space do not permit a more detailed report of my activities as your president.

W. E. Coville, *President*

### REPORT OF SECRETARY

Greetings from Nashville, Tennessee! I greatly regret that I cannot be there with you.

It has been a pleasure to act as your secretary for the past year. I have enjoyed working with the president in doing those things which were authorized at the last meeting.

Immediately after the meeting last year a typed copy of the minutes and a record of the organization of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention were sent to the clerk to be incorporated in the minutes of the National Association.

Copies also appeared in the Free Will Baptist and the Gem.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the National Sunday School Convention were put into leaflet form, as was also the Standard of Efficiency for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools. Copies of these leaflets were sent to all on our mailing list. To date this mailing list is made up of the names of the ministers registering at the last National Association, names of those from whom requests have come, and names appearing from time to time in the Free Will Baptist papers. I have been quite anxious to have the name and address of every Sunday School superintendent in the Convention.

I have worked with the president in securing bids for the printing of our Sunday School supplies and have helped in preparing the contract between the Free Will Baptist Gem and the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention. As voted at the last convention, this contract was signed before a Notary Public by both the president and secretary of the Convention and by Rev. J. B. Rollins, Editor and Manager of the Gem. (See president's report for detailed information about this.)

Necessary plates for the printing of the supplies have been made and forwarded to The Gem.

I have typed and mailed several letters written by the president to the officers of the Convention, in addition to a form letter recently written by him to all those on the mailing list. With this letter went a copy of the report blank to be filled and sent to the National Convention.

A typed copy of the price list and order blank for Sunday School supplies has been sent to the Gem to be printed.

I have worked with the president in the preparation and mimeographing of the program for this meeting.

I truly feel that it has been a great privilege to help in the launching of as great a program as that of our National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

*Gratefully,*

Mary Elizabeth Griffith.

# NATIONAL MINUTES OF REPORT OF TREASURER

Received from National Association, July 17, 1940 .....	\$ 40.00
Received from Mr. W. L. Williams (Loan), July 18, 1940 .....	200.00
Total receipts for year July, 1940 to July, 1941 .....	<u>\$240.00</u>

## Disbursements

July 26, to Miss Griffith, Secretary for postage .....	\$ 7.00
October 24, to McDaniel Printing Company for leaflets and envelopes .....	34.00
May 17, 1941 to Miss Griffith for mimeograph work and postage .....	20.00
May 31, 1941 to Free Will Baptist Gem, J. B. Rollins, Manager, cash advance on printing .....	75.00
June 6, 1941 to W. E. Coville for postage and registered mail fee .....	5.00
June 6, 1941 to Miss Griffith for plate made .....	40.00
June 15, 1941 to McDaniel Printing Company for old plates and new plates .....	37.50
Bank charges for year July, 1940 to July, 1941 .....	2.00
Total disbursements for year July, 1940 to July, 1941 .....	<u>220.50</u>

## Present Financial Status

Balance on deposit in Third National Bank July 1, 1941 .....	\$ 19.50
Financial obligations to be met, Miss Griffith for 2 plates .....	29.50
Deficit when all bills are paid .....	10.00

Approved, W. E. Coville, *President*  
Signed, W. L. Williams, *Treasurer*

## REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF LITERATURE

Adequate Sunday School literature treating on the Uniform lessons is now an achievement. The adopted Standards of Efficiency is based upon the use of this literature. The literature in which we are deficient is that which is devoted to the promotion of efficient Sunday Schools. This is on the way. The success of this service to the Sunday School cause will revolutionize our Sunday Schools. Please give your co-operation and support to the National, State, and District Conventions..

*Respectfully submitted,*  
L. R. Ennis

## REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZATION

Greetings in Jesus' name.

I wish to make the following report:

I have assisted in organizing one State Convention, wrote 40 or 50 let-

ters to other states, with little visible results, but hope it has helped in some way. As for mileage and time, God knows that.

Sorry things are so I cannot be with you in your Convention, as death has hindered some of our party. We hope to be there Monday evening or Tuesday morning.

Praying God's blessing on the meeting, that real plans may be laid for his cause.

Rev. William Reeves

The following officers gave oral reports:

Vice-President, L. E. Duncan.

Director of Records and Reports, Rev. L. H. Wetherington.

Director of Publicity, Rev. K. V. Shutes.

Director of Denominational Enterprises, Rev. L. C. Johnson.

The report of the Credentials and Finance Committee was made and received. There were enrolled 17 delegates representing three State Conventions, three District Conventions, and four local churches. Convention dues received amounted to \$59.59.

A motion was sustained that the Convention go into the election of officers, these to be elected by Australian ballot.

The following were re-elected by acclamation:

President, W. E. Coville.

Vice-President, L. E. Duncan.

Secretary, Mary Elizabeth Griffith.

Treasurer, W. L. Williams.

Director of Literature, Rev. L. R. Ennis.

Miss Jean Welch was elected Assistant Secretary by acclamation.

The following were nominated as Director of Organization: I. L. Stanley, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, and Rev. R. G. Lane.

Mr. Randall Davidson and Rev. L. C. Johnson were nominated as director of Denominational Enterprises.

Rev. Robert Crawford and Rev. L. H. Wetherington were nominated as Director of Records and Reports.

Rev. J. B. Rollins, Rev. L. E. Ballard, and Mr. Randall Davidson were nominated as Director of Publicity.

The following were appointed by the president to serve as an Election Committee to act on these nominations:

Rev. W. J. Sheppard, *Chairman*, J. R. Bennett, E. C. Davidson.

This committee submitted the following report during the afternoon session:

Director of Organization—Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

Director of Denominational Enterprises—Rev. L. C. Johnson.

Director of Records and Reports—Rev. Robert Crawford.

Director of Publicity—Rev. J. B. Rollins.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with songs led by Mr. I. L. Stanley, and a Devotional service was led by Rev. J. B. Rollins.

The president's message which followed was based on Joshua 3: 5, "Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Time was given to the enrolment of ministers and delegates who arrived after the first enrolment. There were 10 additional ministers, making a total enrolment of 37, and 2 additional delegates, making a total of 19.

A motion was sustained that the Chair appoint a Committee on Business Resolutions. These were:

Rev. Paul Woolsey, *Chairman*, W. L. Williams, Rev. George La Shum.

A report on the Institute Work was made by Miss Jean Welch. This was followed by an explanation of the Sunday School Training Institute Work and Diplomas and the requirements for a Standard Sunday School. These explanations by Mr. Coville.

Rev. J. K. Warkington led a congregational song, "We're Marching to Zion."

Mr. Coville introduced the Six Point Record System and Supplies and explained why the printing of these supplies is being done at the Gem Publishing House at Monett, Missouri. Attention was called to the fact that at the organization of the Convention the President and Secretary were authorized to accept bids on this work and to award the job to the lowest and best bidder, this being the Gem Publishing House. A contract was drawn up in duplicate between this Publishing House and the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention, and signed before a Notary Public by Rev. J. B. Rollins, W. E. Coville, and Mary Elizabeth Griffith.

Mr. Coville emphasized the responsibility of the Sunday School in evangelizing the lost, the place of the Sunday School teachers in winning to Christ those who are in the class, and the importance of using the new materials and methods to bring in a greater harvest of souls.

The report of the Committee on Business Resolutions was made. A motion was carried that all recommendations be read at one reading and then disposed of one at a time.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Be it resolved that the National Sunday School Convention petition the National Association to print the Sunday School Convention minutes in connection with the National Association minutes, this service to be rendered free of charge. (This petition was presented to the National Association in regular session and the request was granted.)

2. Be it resolved that the Assistant Secretary give a report of the National Sunday School Convention to the National Association. (Adopted.)

3. Be it resolved that the Assistant Secretary be authorized to accept voluntary pledges from any person wishing to contribute toward paying off outstanding debts. (Adopted.)

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. That the Constitution and By-Laws be amended so as to provide for a Director of Christian Education. (Adopted.)
2. That Section 1, Article 2, of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

"Each state convention reporting to the National Sunday School Convention shall send \$5 with report, each district convention send \$3, each local Sunday School, \$1, and delegates representing in National Sunday School Convention \$1 each." (Adopted.)

A motion was sustained that the Convention be adjourned.

Mary Elizabeth Griffith, *Secretary*  
Notes by Jean Welch, *Assistant Secy.*

## MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Drumright Free Will Baptist Church

July 17, 1941

The meeting was called to order by the president. Roll was called and it was found that a sufficient number were present to constitute a quorum.

Due to a lack of time during the meeting of the National Sunday School Convention, a Director of Christian Education was not elected. A motion was sustained to elect such a Director, authority having been given by the Convention. Mrs. L. E. Ballard of North Carolina, was elected unanimously.

There followed a discussion of a suitable textbook for the Sunday School Training Institute. Motion was sustained to authorize the president to write such a textbook. There was a suggestion that some Bible background be included.

The Six Point Record System and Supplies were presented and discussed.

A motion was made and carried authorizing the president to offer the Ayden Free Will Baptist Press an opportunity to act as a sales agency for the Sunday School Convention in the sale of Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School supplies. The Executive Board further authorized the president to offer the Ayden Press an opportunity to buy for cash at a 20 per cent discount of the established retail prices.

A motion was made and carried that the president be authorized to ask the Educational Board for \$100 for institute work.

A motion was sustained to adjourn.

Jean Welch, *Assistant Secretary*

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**Sixth Annual Session**  
of the  
**Women's National Auxiliary Convention**

which convened with

**Drumright Free Will Baptist Church,  
Drumright, Oklahoma, July 14, 15, 1941**

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*Officers of the National Women's Auxiliary Convention for years 1941-1943*

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, 240 N. Pasteur St., New Bern, N. C., President.

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 7624 E. Cahal Ave., Nashville, Tenn., 1st V. Pres.

Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton, N. C., 2nd Vice Pres.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala., Box 204, 3rd Vice President.

Miss Lola Johnson, Alma, Georgia, 4th Vice President.

Mrs. Elsie Curtis, 1104 S. 12th St., Herrin, Ill., 5th Vice President.

Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Huntsville, Texas, Field Secretary.

Miss Alice E. Lupton, 78½ New St., New Bern, N. C., Recording Secy.

Miss Rebecca Stewart, Ashland City, Tenn., Corresponding Secretary.

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

*Presidents—Names and addresses of State and District Conventions:*

North Carolina State Convention, Mrs. C. B. Thompson, Goldsboro, N. C.

Cumberland Association District Conv. Mrs. H. W. Christian, Ashland City, Tenn.

Union Association District Convention, Mrs. J. C. Howington Elizabeth-  
ton, Tennessee.

Missouri State Convention, Mrs. J. F. Miller.

Georgia State Convention, Miss Dot Harvey, Jakin, Georgia.

Oklahoma State Convention, Rev. Hattie Newman, Box 721, Drumright,  
Oklahoma.

South Carolina District Convention, Mrs. Lovering Pierce, Timmons-  
ville, S. C.

## DELEGATES

Mrs. Ida Seabury, Monticello, Fla.; Mrs. C. C. Moore, Chesapeake, W. Va.; Mrs. D. V. Shaffer, Chesapeake, W. Va.; Mrs. Kenneth Turner of Missouri; Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.; Mrs. Leone Mercer, New Bern, N. C.; Miss Opal McLerren, Illinois; Mrs. W. G. Reynolds, Texas; Mrs. Archie Willoughby, North Carolina, Mrs. J. R. Bennett, New Bern, N. C., National 2nd. V. Pres.; Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Huntsville, Texas, 3rd. National V. Pres.; Mrs. Mellia White, Missouri; Miss Dot Harvey, Jakin, Ga.; Mrs. Chester Pelt, Ayden, N. C.; Mrs. C. B. Thompson, Goldsboro, N. C.; Miss Jean Welch, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Paul Woolsey, Tenn.; Mrs. J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas; Mrs. Agnes Frazier, 1st. V. Pres; National Convention, Tenn.; Miss Rebecca Stewart, Ashland City, Tenn.; Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, Clarks, N. C.; Mrs. Raymond Sasser, Wilson, N. C.; Miss Christine Dees, Missouri; Mrs. Dona Kate Harrel, Ga.; Mrs. G. B. Van-Hook, Tenn.; Mrs. J. W. Maxey, Tenn.; Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Greenville, North Carolina; Miss Annie C. Zorn, Glennville, Ga.; Miss Mary Patten, Ashland City, Tenn.; Mrs. Sylvia Dodd, Mo.; Mrs. Eunice A. Miller, Mo.; Rev. Tommie Franklin, Texas; Rev. Effie Matthews, Mo.; Mrs. A. D. Ivey, Ga.; Mrs. Elsie M. Curtis, Ill.

## PROCEEDINGS

### MONDAY NIGHT

The Sixth Annual Session of the Women's Auxiliary Convention of the National Association convened with the Free Will Baptist Church of Drumright, Oklahoma, Monday evening, July 14th, 1941 at Drumright High School Building. After an inspiring song service led by Rev. Zinn, prayer was offered by Rev. Miller, President of the National Association. Miss Lilly Batson of Ashland City, Tenn. made a very inspiring talk on "Extending the Kingdom of God through Stewardship," basing her remarks on "The Talents," Matt. 14.

A special message in song was rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Zinn, followed with prayer by Mrs. Fannie Polston.

The message of the evening was brought by Mrs. L. E. Ballard of Greenville, N. C., after having been presented by Mrs. J. E. Frazier. She spoke on "Extending God's Kingdom through Service," using for her foundation, Psalms 116: 12-14.

She asked, in the language of the Psalmist, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits to me?" She stressed the importance of "heart service together with mental, lip, hand, and feet service, that "His Kingdom might be extended" and that we show to Him our gratitude for the blessed privileges we have in the service of stewardship. She very impressively urged the women of our National Auxiliary Convention to "carry on till Jesus comes, or calls us home to be with Him."

### TUESDAY MORNING

The Convention met at the Church at 9:00 A. M. Opening Song, "Jesus Like a Shepherd Lead Us." Prayer by Mrs. McAdams, after which Mrs. Elsie Curtis, of Herrin, Ill. who was in charge of the devotions, brought a stirring message on "The Responsibility of Extending God's Kingdom," Text, Mark 16: 15. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." She stressed the great need of vision, consecration, fellowship with God through the Holy Spirit, in making us ready to serve, and willing to make any sacrifice necessary that His Kingdom work may be extended. Congregational singing was led by Mrs. C. B. Thompson.

The welcome address was very impressively rendered by Miss Marjorie Smith, with a timely response by Mrs. L. H. Wetherington. Hymn, "Amazing Grace" was sung, followed by the registration of officers and delegates.

The President's message was delivered at this time, and stressed the importance of the responsibility of each delegate to the Convention and to their respective Conventions from which they had been sent, urging that they refrain from being absent, but remain in their places and pray and help in carrying on the work in keeping with God's will.

The Secretary called the list of officers. Only two were absent. A few remarks were made by the State President of Oklahoma, after which

it was moved and carried that Oklahoma be received into full membership with this Body.

*The following committees were appointed:*

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, N. C.; Miss Rebecca Stewart, Tenn.; Mrs. Hattie Newman, Okla.; Miss Opal McLerrin, Ill.; Miss Dot Harvey, Ga.; Mrs. J. R. Davidson, Texas; Mrs. Eunice Miller, Mo.; Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Ala.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Fannie Polston, (Treas.) Chairman; Mrs. Virginia Van Hook, Tenn.; Mrs. A. D. Ivey, Ga.; Mrs. Raymond Sasser, N. C.; Miss Tommy Franklin, Texas.

#### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Miss Mary Patten, Tenn; Mrs. Leone Mercer, N. C.; Mrs. G. W. Reynolds, Texas; Mrs. Archie Willoughby, N. C.

#### PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE

Miss Jean Welch, Tenn.; Mrs. Chester Pelt, N. C.; Miss Annie C. Zorn, Georgia.

The reports of the Vice Presidents were read and adopted. Mrs. Frazier, 1st V. Pres. stressed the need for a greater interest in proper Literature, including tracts, leaflets, etc. Mrs. J. R. Bennett, 2nd. V. Pres. urged the great need of maintaining vacation Bible Schools throughout the entire scope of Free Will Baptist activities. This was followed by remarks from Mrs. L. E. Ballard on the responsibility of our Auxiliary to the youth of our church.

On motion the following were given seats with us; Mrs. M. L. Hollis of Red Bay, Ala. Mrs. L. E. Duncan, of Miss. and Mrs. Ida Seabury of Monticello, Fla., also Mrs. D. U. Shaffer and Mrs. C. C. Moore of Chesapeake, W. Va.

At this time a letter from the General Board of the Association was presented and read by the Secretary, after which it was moved and carried that we show our appreciation by having the letter placed upon our minutes.

The business session was called off for the 11:00 service.

After an inspiring song service led by Mrs. Mollie Lawlis with Mrs. F. M. Prendergrast at the piano, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, the President, presented Miss Laura Belle Barnard, the speaker of the hour, who is vacationing in the Home Land after five years spent in India as a Foreign Missionary. Her message was impressive throughout. She gave vivid descriptions of the life in India, their language, customs, home life and other items of interest. She gave many experiences of her own during her stay in India, some of them very pathetic. She appealed to the women of the Convention in behalf of the women of India, that we might become burdened over their benighted condition, and to remember that God, who is over all, has wonderfully blessed us with churches, schools, messengers of the Gospel of

Peace, and many more untold inexpressible benefits, and that He is looking to us to uphold the hands of those who are going out to "seek and to save those who are lost." The President made a few well chosen remarks in behalf of the work in India and asked that an offering be taken for the Mission Cause. "Help Somebody To-day" was sung by the congregation while the offering was made, which amounted to \$52.35.

Adjourned for lunch.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15—The devotional service was led by Mrs. Mollie Lawlis, after which the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Mrs. Fannie Polston, general secretary made her report at this time, which was very inspiring and showed a marked improvement over that of last year.

The reports of the Vice Presidents were resumed and Mrs. C. B. Thompson, 5th Vice Pres., gave her report on the work of Ministerial Relief, orphanages and other work of benevolence.

Mrs. McAdams, 3rd Vice Pres. made a very glowing report of her work during the year, which brought to us a great feeling of gratitude to our heavenly Father for what her life and labors mean to our Cause.

The Resolution Committee rendered their report at this time, consisting of six Resolutions, which were, on motion, adopted as read. A rising vote of thanks and grateful appreciation to the Drumright Church, its pastor and the town at large, for their wonderful spirit of friendliness and hospitality, together with every kindness shown us, was rendered at this time.

The Plan of Work Committee made their report and on motion it was adopted as read.

Mrs. Frazier made some explanations regarding report blanks and how to use them, after which Mrs. L. E. Ballard sang, "The End of the Way." A copy of a little song on our "Standard of Achievement" was distributed to the delegates by Mrs. Frazier and was sung by Mrs. Ballard and others to the tune, "I Walk with the King."

The report of the Finance committee was heard at this time and on motion it was received as read.

Mrs. Polston made a report of the results, or response of the Fast and Prayer Day, in accord with her request for July 8th.

At this time the President declared all offices vacant, thanking each officer for their loyalty and co-operation during the year and soliciting the same for the new officers, when elected.

The Nominating Committee made their report and on motion the report was received and officers were elected in the usual manner.

Pleas were made by the President, also by Mrs. Frazier in behalf of our Church papers, both the Baptist and the Gem.

It was moved and carried that our Minutes be printed as heretofore, with those of the National Association.

The Convention adjourned with praise and prayer.

## NATIONAL MINUTES OF

## REPORT OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Remarks—It is tempting to dwell on the failures and the open doors we were not able to enter, but we feel it would be squandering time in lamenting these things. So with Paul we exclaim, "One thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3: 13, 14.

Convention time is a good time however, to take advantage of the opportunity to do two things—Look back, then look forward. We must press onward—so many people have not yet seen the great need of increased effort. We must continue to make the way of the Master known among men, through our written words as well as in other ways.

During four months of the year just closing, four pages were printed in the "Free Will Baptist Gem" as an experiment, with the hope of ascertaining some information about a change in Auxiliary Literature. Some very encouraging ones have been received about these pages, while some most discouraging ones have come to me. With all of the calls that are reaching us, there is an urgent cry for literature—tracts, leaflets, auxiliary magazines printed monthly, increased use of pages in our Church papers, all of which simply say, a full time worker in our Auxiliary Literature Department. The new Manual, approved at the last Auxiliary Convention in Paintsville, Ky. of which 1500 copies were printed, took about two months to get it ready for the press. I have also prepared manuscript for the Year Book of Programs, some of the Vice Presidents furnishing parts of the program for their departments. 2,000 copies have been put into use by our women.

We prepared a diagram, printed in poster size, to be used in the auxiliaries, the requirements considered necessary for efficient and accurate work in crediting and marking their standings on the Standard of Achievement. One hundred of these Wall Charts have been made available for use.

The Free Will Baptist Gem of Monett, Mo. printed the "Wall Charts" and the "Manual of Methods" from which sale, according to the contract with the Editor, I am to receive a small per cent of the profit on the Manuscript. This sum will be used in the publishing of tracts, leaflets and other literature, as there is an urgent demand for original work of this kind.

The Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, N. C. printed, as they have for the past nine years, the Year Book of Programs. We have been unable to make any kind of contract with this Press, whereby the Auxiliary might derive a small share of the profit, which could be used to increase efficiency of the Literature Department. The great need of extra effort in behalf of tracts, leaflets etc., was, and still is, my purpose for exacting a share of the profits resulting from the fruits of my pen—the Manual of Methods.

## STATISTICAL REPORT

I have written 76 letters, 10 Postal cards, 5 manuscripts for literature

of different forms. I have had a number of personal conferences with denominational leaders relative to literature improvements, made several visits and talks in the interest of our Auxiliary Program. Through this department 7909 pieces of good literature have been distributed, 16 Bibles and 66 Testaments were given out. 282 new members are reported and 758 subscribers to Church papers. Many other good things were done to enlist members and to keep them interested in this program of sending the Gospel everywhere. There is a deep feeling of appreciation in my heart because you have entrusted to me the responsibility of supplying your Literature needs. The services I have rendered have given me in return great joy. I trust they have been acceptable to God, and that they will also meet with your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes B. Frazier, *First V.-Pres.*

#### REPORT OF THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Number of Churches visited, 128. Sermons preached, 134. Home and Foreign Mission lectures given, 113. Number of conversions 167. Jehoiada Chests placed 130. Penny-a-Day Jars, 934. Churches accepting both plans 115. Auxiliaries organized 10. District Conventions 1. Subscribers to the Gem 12, to the Free Will Baptist 13. Year Books of Programs 81, Manuals 363. Cards written 409. Churches visited without offerings 16. Fast money turned in, \$44.60. Micro Church \$1.00. To General treasurer for Brother Willey \$5.00. Total \$50.60. Amount of money received \$434.44. Money paid out, Gas and oil \$167.48. Car payments \$110.85. Clothes and laundry \$76.74. Postage and writing material, \$15.60. Personal Postage \$4.81. Suit case and knife for Penny Jar plan, \$1.35. Sixteen churches visited making no offering. Tithes paid out \$73.40, offerings \$8.00. Total amount paid out \$458.23. Total received \$434.44. Total amount beyond collections \$23.79.

Collected on the Field and turned into Treasurer to be sent to National Association Treasurer, Rev. S. F. VanHoose of Paintsville, Ky. \$73.93.

A few reports came in too late to get them listed, however, Illinois reports five Missionary programs given, 200 tracts given on missionary work, secured 2 subscriptions to the Gem. They observed the week of Prayer and collected missionary offerings in the sum of \$25.78. One soul saved during the Prayer Week.

Georgia also reported that they had collected Octagon soap coupons and bought a 74 piece set of silverware for Miss Barnard, also some linen and a Movie camera outfit. Several societies observed the Week of Prayer, conducted Mission Study classes and collected for missions \$80.45.

Respectfully submitted,

Lizzie McAdams, *Third V. Pres.*

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL FIFTH VICE PRESIDENT

Realizing that the duties of the 5th Vice President is, in part, to encourage and promote interest in helping to care for our Orphanages, to

urge the need and the duty of our women in assisting in raising funds for Ministerial Relief and other benevolences, as well as a greater effort in personal service, I am hereby submitting the following report:

I have had no way of learning how many Auxiliaries observed the month set aside by our National Convention in the interest of Orphanage work, as I received no definite reports.

So far as I know, only two States, North Carolina and Tennessee are supporting Orphanages. All other States not having these Institutions were asked to help and contribute as generously as possible to one or both of these Orphanages if they would. Tennessee sent in one report from an Aid Society that has contributed to their Orphanage, however, I know there were quite a number of others who donated.

North Carolina sent me the following report; Donated to the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C. in cash \$1,868.11. Clothing, \$259.90. Produce and other items, \$454.26. Total donated \$2,582.27.

Our National Convention has no Superannuation fund, and all the funds raised for Ministerial Relief has been handled and disposed of through the various Churches.

As women who really yearn to serve to the best of our ability, our greatest responsibility along the line of benevolences is Personal Service. A great opportunity is ours and the Lord is looking to you and me to carry our part of the load.

May we not be more thoughtful and of greater service this coming Convention year in visiting those in need, the discouraged, those who feel friendless and helpless and who are reaching out pleading hands to us, and in every possible way, bring joy and gladness into their hearts in the name of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. B. Thompson, 5th V. Pres.

The Fourth Vice President, having charge of Stewardship, was not present and there was no report.

The Second Vice President made a verbal report and also made very timely suggestions regarding the Educational Program for another year. Her statistical report appears on another page.

The Resolutions Committee offered the following Resolutions, which were adopted as read:

We, your Committee on Resolutions, offer our sincere thanks to all who had any part in planning this Convention. It has been a great joy to be in Drumright and to feel the warm welcome we have received.

We particularly want to express our appreciation to the committee on local arrangements, to the pastor and his wife, to those who planned the meals, and to each of the other many committees that have helped to make this convention a success. It has been a great privilege and blessing to have with us our beloved Missionary, Miss Laura Belle Barnard.

1st. Realizing our great need of a better understanding of our plan of work, we recommend that the plan for a Study Course dealing with some phase of our Program be conducted each day of the National Association and that the Vice President whose Department is to be studied, be responsible for the arrangement and teaching said class.

2nd. That each Vice President be requested to review and suggest at least three Books for a Study Course in her Department, this list to be presented along with her suggested activities for her department for the ensuing year at each annual Convention.

3rd. That a Prayer calendar or individual Prayer at 9:00 o'clock each morning, wherever we may be, be observed by all members, for our Missionaries, our Ministers and all Christian workers.

4th. That our Stewardship goal for 1941-1942 be; Every resident woman member of the church give to missions and Christian Education and that a "Stewardship Church night" program be held in the various churches, early in the new Convention year, to emphasize offerings by every Church member.

5th. That each Vice President be required to present helpful suggestions and ideas for a more effective carrying out of her duties, as laid down in our Manual; the ideas to be printed in all church papers the month before her Department of work is to be stressed.

The months when no special department is being stressed, the Literature Chairman be required to fill in with whatever may be deemed an outstanding need.

Committee:

Miss Mary Patton,  
Mrs. Archie Willoughby,  
Mrs. Leone Mercer,  
Mrs. W. G. Reynolds

REPORT OF PLANS OF WORK COMMITTEE

We, the committee on Plans of Work, recommend that our women use the Plan of Work, found on page 34, in the Auxiliary Manual, and urge each delegate to attend the lectures to be given by Mrs. Frazier each morning through Friday of the Association.

Committee:

Mrs. Chester Pelt,  
Miss Annie C. Zorn,  
Miss Jean Welch

REPORT OF FIELD WORKER

Extending God's Kingdom through Field work, 1 Cor. 3: 11. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

The most tedious part of construction work is laying the foundation. Much time is spent in excavation. Week after week passes, yet little can

be seen of the actual work, for there are no beautiful pillars, no stately spires, nor fine architecture to inspire the hearts of the builders, but foundation work must be done.

The report from the Field that I have been able to secure, shows that our women have been trying to enlarge the foundation, which will in the future, we pray, undergird the marvellous building by which Free Will Baptist women shall, in spirit and in deed, as well as in profession, become "Laborers together with God." Last August, 1940, I had the privilege of attending the encampment of Young People of Ala. and Miss. I taught each day, a class of adult and young women in the Manual Methods. I also taught a class of men, women and young people each day in Stewardship. I shall ever be grateful for the experience, which was, in some respects, a revelation.

However, most of my work has been done through correspondence. I have had many calls and invitations, several urgent requests, to come and help in organizing and planning new Conventions in many of the States, where we do not at present have organized work. Our funds have not been sufficient to enable us to respond, although I have done the best I could through letters and cards. There are four State Conventions and twenty Districts reporting four thousand women engaged in carrying out the plan of work of enlistment, mission and stewardship study classes, observing our annual Week of Prayer, and in the department of benevolences, as well as contributing to ministerial relief, Orphanages and local assistance where needed, such as cottage prayer-meetings, visiting the sick, holding religious services in penal and charitable Institutions. Many conversions have been reported from these efforts. Practically every one reports assisting their respective churches in the program of the denominational work, raising funds for foreign missions, home missions, Christian education and Superannuation.

I have attended one Executive committee meeting, made one hundred and fifty talks, have written two hundred letters and five hundred cards, with a total expense of \$24.00.

In attempting great things for the Master, we have a wonderful heritage for "to-morrow," how will the record read in the next decade, shall we ask? Shall we meet the challenge of present denominational needs bravely and with a "mind to work"? I pray that we may press on in our efforts to meet them, in His name, as we have in the past, by grasping opportunities for service, for by this method we grow in grace and develop in spiritual things.

As we look back over the work in the years that are past, we are made to rejoice in the loyal co-operation of the representative women, who have so patiently and whole-heartedly, placed the stones which make our Structure secure. I pray that Christ, our Redeemer, shall always be the Chief Cornerstone in this Building (Our Women's Organization), in which even a greater

host of Free Will Baptists shall praise Him in obedient submission to His commandments.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Fannie Polston, *Field Worker Nat. Aux. Conv.*

# REPORT OF TREASURER OF NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION FOR 1940-1941

National dues; balance on hand -----	\$ 80.67
July 1940, received from Western District, N. C. -----	17.50
October 1940, received from Missouri State Conv. Aux. -----	5.80
April 1940, received from Central Texas District -----	5.27
June 1941, received from South Carolina -----	9.60
July 1941, received from Illinois -----	3.70
July 1941, received from N. C. State Aux. Conv. -----	64.30
July 1941, N. C. State Aux. Conv. donation -----	10.00
July 1941, received from Georgia Union District -----	5.00
July 1941, received from East Texas -----	1.60
July 1941, received from Tenn. Union Auxiliary Dis. -----	1.00
July 1941, received from Tenn. Cumberland Aux. Dis. -----	20.80
July 1941 received from Ga. State Aux. Convention -----	5.80
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Total amount received -----	\$231.04
Amount received Jehoida Chest Fund -----	\$234.06
Fast Plan offering -----	44.60
Foreign Mission offering -----	52.46
Penny Jar drive -----	9.72
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Grand total -----	\$571.88
Total Disbursements -----	\$473.71
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Balance on hand -----	\$ 98.17

## DISBURSEMENTS

From Jehoida Chest to National Association -----	\$234.06
From Penny Jar drive to National Association -----	9.72
To Mrs. J. C. Griffin, transportation -----	10.00
To Mrs. J. E. Frazier, stamps and stationary -----	3.66
To Mrs. J. E. Frazier, transportation -----	10.00
To Mrs. J. R. Bennett, transportation -----	10.00
To Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, transportation -----	10.00
To Mrs. Lizzie McAdams to deficit -----	24.95
To Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Love offering -----	50.00
To Mrs. C. B. Thompson, transportation -----	10.00
To Mrs. Fannie Polston, Field work expense -----	14.00
To Mrs. Fannie Polston, transportation -----	10.00
To Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Rec. Secy. expense -----	2.36
To Mrs Alice E. Lupton, transportation -----	10.00

## NATIONAL MINUTES OF

To Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, trans. minutes .....	10.00
To Free Will Baptist Press, N. C., for programs .....	2.50
To Foreign Mission Treasurer Nat. Association .....	52.46
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Total amount of disbursements .....	\$473.71
Expense of Mrs. McAdams .....	\$458.23
Amount she received on Field .....	434.44
Total amount of deficit .....	\$ 23.79
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Balance in treasury .....	\$ 98.17

*Respectfully submitted,*

Fannie Polston

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee, after careful deliberation and prayer, recommend the following to fill the offices of our National Auxiliary for the ensuing two years:

President, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, North Carolina; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Agnes Frazier, Tennessee; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, North Carolina; 3rd Vice President, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Alabama; 4th Vice President, Miss Lola Johnson, Georgia; 5th Vice President, Mrs. Elsie Curtis, Illinois; Field Worker, Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Texas; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, North Carolina; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Rebecca Stewart, Tennessee.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Mrs. L. E. Ballard,  
Mrs. Hattie Newman,  
Miss Opal McClaren,  
Miss Dot Harvey,  
Mrs Eunice Miller

## REPORT OF SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Amount received for Christian Education and paid to Treasurer of National Association Educational Board:

From Georgia .....	\$ 11.50
From North Carolina .....	397.20
From South Carolina .....	16.50
From Texas .....	51.80
From Tennessee .....	120.00
From Alabama .....	10.45
From Illinois .....	22.50
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Total amount raised and reported .....

\$629.95

*Respectfully submitted,*

Mrs. J. R. Bennett

Minutes read and approved.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, *President*,  
Alice E. Lupton, *Secretary*

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

In a session of the Executive Com. on Friday A. M. July 18, 1941, Mrs. L. E. Ballard who was elected on Tuesday as 2nd Vice President, tendered her resignation and on motion, Mrs. J. R. Bennett was elected to that office for the ensuing years.

Miss Rebecca Stewart, the Corresponding Secretary, was appointed chairman of the Program Committee, consisting of Mrs. J. R. Bennett and Miss Dot Harvey, to arrange the program for the next annual Convention.

There was some discussion relative to allowing our new Field Worker, Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, a stipulated sum each month to help in defraying her expenses. Realizing that our Treasury was not adequate enough to make the stipulation, Mrs. McAdams pointed out that she thought she would be able to collect enough on the Field to send to the Treasurer each month, enough to justify us in naming some sum, it was therefore moved and carried that we pay Mrs. McAdams the sum of \$25.00 per month from the general treasury.

Mrs. Polston, the Treasurer, was asked to confer with the National Home Mission Board, apprising them of the action taken by this Body and to ascertain if they felt inclined to assist in any way toward supplementing her salary expense.

There being no other business to come before the committee, on motion the session closed.

Benediction.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, *President*,  
Alice E. Lupton, *Secy.*

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the National Auxiliary Convention met in special session Monday P. M. at 2:30 o'clock in one of the Sunday School rooms at Drumright Free Will Baptist Church, with the following officers:

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 1st. V. P.; Mrs. J. R. Bennett, 2nd. V. P.; Mrs. Fannie Polston, Treas. and Field Worker, and Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Secy. Pro Tem. Other came in later.

The meeting was called to order by the President, after which Mrs. Polston led in prayer.

The Committee, after some discussion, realizing that our women needed to become better informed relative to our Manual, and that as Mrs. Frazier so kindly offered to conduct classes during the session of the Association, it was decided that we would meet each A. M. beginning at 8:15 on Wednesday A. M. and remain on class for the period of one hour during the re-

mainder of the session. The President brought up the matter of Report Blanks, and Mrs. Frazier explained the manner in which each officer should make out their reports. A Round Table discussion took place in which several items of interest were cleared up. It was stressed that the Pres. was wholly responsible for the reports of her V. Pres. and other officers.

It was urged that a more strenuous effort be made to interest our women everywhere in the purchase and study of our Manual and Year Book. There was some discussion as to the advisability of Mrs. Frazier visiting various States in the interest and promotion of the work at large. No definite action was taken. Mrs. Frazier suggested that all monies raised by the various Auxiliaries be sent direct to our National Treasurer and that she in turn send it to its designation, according to the purpose for which it was raised. No action was taken on this recommendation.

Mrs. Polston gave an interesting talk on the success of the Jehoida Chest and its wonderful possibilities in enlarging our Missionary activities. The matter was brought up about traveling expenses of the National Officers, however, this was dropped, as the amount is specified in our By-Laws and Constitution. Mrs. Frazier, who is in charge of Publications and Literature, discussed minutely, her plans for the incoming year, relative to enlarging our capacity for service in the way of our Literature department. Mrs. Polston also pointed out the great need of tracts, leaflets etc., on Stewardship, Missions, Temperance, Young People's work and other interests, and that we had talent enough of our very own, if put to use, to furnish us all of these necessary supplements to our already well advanced plans of good reading matter.

Mrs. J. R. Bennett, 2nd. V. P. urged us to talk and plan and work for a two weeks Vacation Bible School during the summer months in as many of our churches as possible, in order that our young people may be trained in the study of the Bible and other worth-while things pertaining to the work of the Kingdom.

The meeting adjourned to meet at 8:00 this evening in regular session at the High School building for Praise and Prayer service and for the message of the hour.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Alice E. Lupton, *Secretary*  
Mrs J. C. Griffin, *President*,

## LETTER TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States,  
to be held at \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning on Tuesday evening after the Second Sunday in July 1942.

Greetings: We send as delegates to represent the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of body representing)

Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Praying that much and lasting good may be accomplished at this session.

The statistical and financial standing of our organization follows:

No. of churches \_\_\_\_\_ Total No. members \_\_\_\_\_ No. of ministers

\_\_\_\_\_ No. Sunday Schools \_\_\_\_\_ Enrollment of Sunday School

\_\_\_\_\_ No. churches having leagues \_\_\_\_\_ Total enrollment of

Leagues \_\_\_\_\_ No. Ladies' Aid Societies \_\_\_\_\_ No. Missionary

Societies \_\_\_\_\_ Value of Church property \$\_\_\_\_\_ Value of par-

sonage property \$\_\_\_\_\_ Value of denominational property \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name of denominational property \_\_\_\_\_

We have raised the amounts for the purposes following:

Christian Education \$\_\_\_\_\_ Orphanage \$\_\_\_\_\_ Foreign Missions

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Home Missions \$\_\_\_\_\_ Superannuation \$\_\_\_\_\_

Our annual fee \$\_\_\_\_\_ is being sent herewith. Name and address  
to whom minutes should be sent \_\_\_\_\_

Moderator \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Note—The information asked for in this letter blank should be given  
as accurately as possible; but where accurate figures are not available,  
give estimates to the best of your knowledge.