

MINUTES

of the

National Free Will Baptist Bodies

of the

United States

Which Convened in their

Annual Sessions

with the

First Free Will Baptist Church

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MINUTES
of the
Sixth Annual Session
of the
National Association
of the
Free Will Baptists of the United States
and the
Seventh Annual Session
of the
National Women's Auxiliary Convention
and the
Second Annual Session
of the
National Sunday School Convention
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The next sessions of these bodies will be held with the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. The Sunday School Convention convenes Sunday night, July 11, 1943. The Women's Auxiliary Convention convenes Monday night following and The National Association convenes Tuesday night following, of the same week.

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OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR, 1942-1943

Rev. James F. Miller, Moderator	Flat River, Mo.
Rev. J. R. Davidson, Assistant Moderator	Ashland City, Tenn.
REV. E. C. Morris, Clerk	Glennville, Ga.
Rev. L. C. Johnson, Assistant Clerk	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. F. S. Van Hoose, Treasurer	Paintsville, Ky.
Rev. L. R. Ennis, Executive Secretary	709 Park Ave., Goldsboro, N. C.
Rev. C. F. Bowen, Statistician	East Durham, N. C.



CHAIRMEN OR SECRETARY OF BOARDS

General Board—Rev. Henry Melvin	713 Russel St., Nashville, Tenn.
Foreign Mission—Rev. Winford Davis	Monett, Mo.
Home Mission—Rev. M. L. Hollis	Red Bay, Ala.
Free Will Baptist League—Rev. Henry Melvin	Nashville, Tenn.
Education—Rev. J. R. Davidson	Ashland City, Tenn.
Superannuation—Rev. F. C. Zinn	Bristow, Okla.
Literature and Publications—Rev. J. C. Griffin	New Bern, N. C.

LIST OF MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE

Alabama—

M. L. Hollis, Red Bay; K. V. Shutes, Cordova; M. C. Carpenter, Vernon;
A. J. Lambert, Parish.

Florida—

G. L. Shutes, Kynesville; G. C. Pitts, Jacksonville.

Georgia—

Ralph Lightsey, Bristol; L. C. Johnson, Glennville; J. O. Fort, Elmodel;
E. B. Joyner, Alma.

Illinois—

W. M. Jones, Thomasville; C. H. Curry, Sesser; G. R. Porter, Sesser;
William Buster, Theles; Opal Hiltibidal, Walnut Hill; Elsie Curtis, Her-
rin; Wallace Malone, Mulkeytown.

Kansas—

Marie Thomas, Arcadia.

Kentucky —

F. S. Van Hoose, Paintsville; G. C. Ratliff, Pikeville; Walter Happer,
Seco.

Michigan—

R. C. Dunlap, Detroit; N. P. Gates, Detroit; Raymond Riggs, Detroit.

Mississippi—

J. M. Hass, Tupelo; Geo. Lee, Calhoun; G. M. Pearson, Laurel.

Missouri—

John B. Rollins, Monett; George La Shun, Monett; Winford Davis,
Monett; Kenneth Turner, Monett; W. H. Gates, Monett; Mark Lewis,
St. Louis; C. B. Dees, Desloge; C. H. Campbell, Kartwell; Albert Hal-
brook, Leadington; Alvin Halbrook, Leadington; Damon Dodd, Flat
River; J. F. Miller, Kirksville.

North Carolina —

Chester Pelt, Durham; E. C. Morris, Elizabeth City; J. C. Griffin, New
Bern; J. W. Alford, Kenly; W. R. Williams, Kenly; J. A. Evans, Mid-
dlesex; R. C. Wiggs, Ayden; L. R. Ennis, Goldsboro; W. K. Jordan,
Goldsboro

Ohio—

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

Oklahoma—

W. E. Dearmore, Wanette; Melvin Bingham, Tulsa; F. C. Zinn, Bristow.

Tennessee—

Henry Melvin, Nashville; Robert Crawford, Ashland City; Paul Wool-

sey, Greenville; C. M. French, New Port; George Dunbar Chuckey; J. B. Parsons, Nashville.

Texas—

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

Virginia—

Mack Fisher, Calvin.

West Virginia—

James M. Harold, Tad.

BOARDS

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

General Board—Rev. Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala., Rev. Millard Van Hoose, Paintsville, Ky., Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, Wilson, N. C., Rev. Jas. A. Boatright, Verdi, Va., Rev. L. C. Johnson, Glennville, Ga., Rev. John Hinson, Hurricane, W. Va., W. L. Williams, Bryan, Texas, Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla., John 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—Revs. C. B. Thompson, Ft. Worth, Texas, Elsie Curtis, Herrin, Ill., Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., B. F. Rogers, Wewoka Okla. Chester Pelt, Durham, N. C.

Home Mission—Revs. M. E. Tyson, Stantonsburg, N. C., M. L. Hollis, Red Bay, Ala., C. B. Dees, Desloge, Mo., A. B. Talbert, Tulsa, Okla., J. A. Kemper, Wheelersburg, Ohio.

Free Will Baptist League—Allene Reed, Ashland City, Tenn., Rev. Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. L. C. Johnson, Glennville, Ga., Miss Jean Welch, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. Robert Crawford, Ashland City, Tenn.

Education—Revs. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., J. R. Davidson, Ashland City, Tenn., Geo. Dunbar, Chuckey, Tenn., Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla., Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tenn.

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

Literature and Publications—Revs. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C., L. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tenn., Mark Lewis, St. Louis, Mo., Charles R. Porter, Sesser, Ill., K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.

PROCEEDINGS

The Sixth Annual Session of the National Association of the Free Will Baptists of the United States convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Miss., on Tuesday evening, July 14, 1942.

The opening session was held in the First Baptist Church Auditorium. Rev. Henry Melvin directed the music of the evening and the invocation was offered by the Rev. Dr. Franks, pastor of the local Baptist Church. After some announcements by the Rev. M. L. Hollis, pastor of the entertaining Church, Rev. F. C. Zinn, Bristow, Okla., delivered the introductory sermon on the subject "A United Effort," Text I Cor. 1:10. The speaker related some of the efforts that should be put forth and exhorted the Association to be united in these efforts, in order that the Cause might prosper and that the Name of our Lord should be glorified.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Association assembled at the First Free Will Baptist Church according to the Program and engaged in the devotions led by Rev. F. S. Van Hoose, after which the Clerk called the session to the business order. The Moderator took charge and proceeded with the business of the day.

Revs. Paul Woolsey, Melvin Bingham and Chester Pelt were appointed as Credential Committee. All delegates were advised to submit their associational letters to the Credential Committee. After being passed upon by them, the letters were to be read to the body.

After being recommended by the Credential Committee, a motion was carried, that the Wolverine Association of Michigan and the State Association of Mississippi be accepted into the Body.

Rev. Melvin Bingham was appointed to serve on the Foreign Mission Board as proxy for Rev. B. F. Rogers, at the Board's request.

At this time, Rev. M. L. Hollis, local pastor, delivered the address of welcome on behalf of his congregation who is entertaining the Association. After assuring the delegates, ministers, and all visitors that he and his people were delighted to have every one present and that every thing would be done that is possible to make them feel at home and be glad they came. He introduced two of the City's pastors, Dr. Wrotten of the First M. E. Church and Dr. Marsh of East End Baptist Church, who in turn extended the welcome on behalf of the entire City. The response to the welcome addresses was given by Rev. Chester Pelt of Durham, N. C.

After a brief pause, the business was resumed.

A motion was made and properly seconded that the election of officers be attended to at this time.

All of the incumbent officers were re-elected as follows: Rev. Jas. F. Miller, Moderator, Rev. J. R. Davidson, Assistant Moderator, Rev. E. C.

Morris, Clerk, Rev. L. C. Johnson, Assistant Clerk and Rev. S. F. Van Hoose, Treasurer.

The hour having arrived for the Associational Sermon, Rev. Henry Melvin, the music director, led in a congregational hymn. Then the Gates Quartett from Michigan rendered a special number which was greatly enjoyed, after which, the local pastor introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. J. W. Alford, Kenly, N. C. The minister used as his text Mark 5:17. The sermon which was delivered in a very eloquent manner was logical, instructive and inspiring. After the sermon, the congregation was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Melvin Bingham.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

After the noon hour of recreation and refreshments, the Association came together at the appointed time, with the devotions being conducted by Rev. Paul Woolsey, Acting Superintendent of the Tennessee Orphanage, a special feature of which were some special numbers rendered by two of the Orphanage girls. After the devotions the business was resumed.

The General Board offered some revisions to the Constitution at this time, which was to lie on the table for twenty-four hours.

The Executive Secretary made his annual report and the same was adopted, together with a vote of thanks extended for the excellent service rendered by the Secretary.

Rev. L. R. Ennis was re-elected National Executive Secretary.

Bro. Charlie Hollis was introduced to the audience at this time and he made some timely remarks about the Educational Program and at the close of his remarks he presented a foundation check to the National Educational Board.

Next in order was a report of the Orphanage Home at Middlesex, N. C., made by the Superintendent, Rev. Jas. A. Evans. The Tennessee Orphanage report was given in the form of devotions at the beginning of the afternoon session.

The report of the Women's Auxiliary Convention was read by Mrs. Fannie Polston of Nashville, Tenn. The report was adopted and a rising vote of thanks extended to the Women for the great work they had done.

The report of the Sunday School Convention was read by Mrs. Chester Pelt of Durham, N. C. The same was adopted and some comments made thereupon.

By motion the session adjourned the business until the set time on tomorrow. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. H. M. McAdams.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The congregation assembled for the evening worship at the appointed time. Praise and prayer service was conducted by the music director, Rev. Henry Melvin. After several congregational hymns and special numbers

by the Gates Quartett from Detroit, Mich., Rev. Damon Dodd of Flat River, Mo., was introduced as the speaker of the evening. The sermon was delivered in a very forcible and convincing manner, interspersed with illuminating illustrations. After the sermon and a closing hymn, the assembly was dismissed until the morning.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Association was called in session at 8:45 o'clock and after the devotions, which was conducted by Rev. Jesse B. Parson, of Nashville, Tenn., the business of the day was called for by the Moderator.

Minutes of the previous day read and corrected.

Mrs. H. M. McAdams, our Home Missionary, made her annual report, and after due discussion the report was adopted.

Since the work of our Home Missionary has evidently been extended beyond actual missionary endeavors, it was suggested that there be a joint meeting of the Home Mission Board and the Executive Board for the purpose of determining the proper duties and place of Sister McAdams. The Moderator was authorized to appoint proxies for the absent members of the Home Mission Board. Revs. Paul Woolsey and L. C. Johnson were appointed to act on the aforesaid board for this session.

Motion, that a Resolution Committee be appointed. Revs. Chester Pelt, Mark Lewis and W. J. Sheppard were appointed.

Rev. M. L. Hollis was appointed as a Publicity Committee.

Report of Superannuation Board was read by the Secretary-Treasurer, E. C. Davidson, and the same adopted by the body.

The Moderator was requested to appoint a proxy to serve on the Superannuation Board and Mrs. J. E. Frazier was appointed.

The business was recessed until the afternoon, in order that the morning worship and sermon take their proper place on the program.

After a brief praise and prayer service, Rev. Raymond Riggs of Highland Park, Mich., brought the sermon message, based on Eph. 6:14. The speaker admonished the audience to stand firm in these evil days and be ready to meet the enemies of unrighteousness, fully equipped with the armour God provides. After the sermon, the assembly was adjourned until the afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Association came together on schedule time with Rev. Henry Melvin leading the devotions, after which the business was resumed.

The Free Will Baptist League report was read by the General Secretary of League Work and after some remarks the report was adopted.

Motion was made and seconded, also carried, that Rev. Mrs. H. M. McAdams, be elected to the office of Promotional and Field Worker and that her salary be raised to \$50.00 per month.

NATIONAL MINUTES OF

Report of the Educational Board was read by Rev. J. R. Davidson and after many commendable remarks were made, the report was adopted by the body.

Motion was made and carried that the Board of Education be authorized to proceed with the completion of all plans to open the Bible School in Nashville, Tenn., on September 15, 1942.

Motion, that this body give a rising vote of thanks to Rev. J. R. Davidson for his untiring and sacrificial service as Chairman and Treasurer of the National Board of Education, and that he be asked to lead us in a prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God for this victory. Motion carried.

Bro. Davidson requested the other members of the Board to assemble around the altar with him while the prayer of thanksgiving was being offered.

Rev. Winford Davis read the report of the Foreign Mission Board, and after some discussion, it was adopted. After the adoption of the report, by request, Miss Laura Belle Barnard gave a very interesting and informative talk on the Indian Mission Field.

A motion to adjourn being in order, it was made and the Association was dismissed until the evening service by Rev. Cecil Campbell.

THURSDAY EVENING

The evening service was devoted to a missionary rally. Several missionary hymns were sung after which Mrs. T. H. Willey, one of our Cuban Missionaries, and Miss Laura Belle Barnard, our Missionary to India, took charge and made some very interesting and inspiring talks. Revs. Winford Davis, Melvin Bingham, and others gave a report of their recent visit to Cuba and many scenes of the Cuban Mission Field were shown upon the screen. During the rally, an offering was taken for Foreign Missions which amounted to \$175.00. A great deal of interest was manifested in the cause of Missions and several dedicated their lives to the Will of God in regard to mission work.

FRIDAY MORNING

At the appointed time, the Association reassembled. The devotions were conducted by Rev. Joe Fort of Elmodel, Ga., and then the business of the day was called for by the Moderator.

Minutes of previous day were read and approved.

By a motion the recommendations of the General Board, in regards to the revision of the Constitution, was taken from the table and acted upon section by section (See Constitutional Amendments).

The Committee on Resolutions made report and the same was adopted.

On Motion, the Board of Publication and Literature be inserted in Sec. 1 of Art. 8 of the Constitution, following the name of the Board of Superannuation.

The recommendations of the General Board were adopted by motion (See Recommendations by General Board).

By motion, the Committee on Nominations be authorized to nominate the Board of Publications and Literature along with other nominees for Board members whose term of office expires.

The report of the Statistician was read by the Clerk and the same was adopted.

The report of the Home Mission Board was read by Rev. L. C. Johnson and the same was adopted by the body.

At this time, Rev. Geo. Dunbar, a member of the Educational Board, made some announcements concerning the activities of the Board as to the plans of the operation of the Bible School.

Committee on Nominations made report and the same was adopted.

A motion was made and carried that Rev. J. K. Warkentin of Fort Worth, Texas, be granted a leave of absence at his request.

Rev. C. F. Bowen, East Durham, N. C., was re-elected Statistician.

Rev. J. C. Griffin made a report of the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., and Rev. John B. Rollins made a report of the Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Mo. These reports were received as information.

The Treasurer of the Association, Rev. S. F. Van Hoose, made his report and the same was adopted.

The final report of the Superannuation Board was read and adopted.

The Clerk was authorized to have two thousand copies of the minutes printed and distributed in the usual way.

An invitation from the East Nashville Church, Nashville, Tenn., was extended to the Association to hold the 1943 session with them. The invitation was accepted.

The final report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and adopted.

By a motion, the Association donated \$50.00 to the Free Will Baptist League Board from the regular funds.

The business of the 1942 session being all transacted, there was a motion made to adjourn. The final benediction was offered by Rev. L. C. Johnson. Final farewells were said with anticipations of meeting each other again with the East Nashville Church in Nashville, Tenn., at the usual meeting time in 1943.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Alabama State Association	\$10.00
M. F. Whitman, Mrs. Essie Collins.	
Progressive Association of Alabama	\$5.00
P. A. Crawford.	
Salem Association of Florida	\$5.00
By letter.	

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South Georgia Association -----	\$5.00
Delmon Wheeler	
Georgia State Association -----	\$10.00
E. C. Davidson (Paid last year \$10.00 to be applied to this year's representation)	
Southern Illinois State Association -----	\$10.00
Eld. Malone, Opal McClaren	
Kentucky State Association -----	\$10.00
Bro. G. E. Ratcliffe, Rev. F. S. VanHoose, Rev. W. L. Hooper	
Missouri State Association -----	\$10.00
Mrs. E. B. Dees, Jewell Campbell, Geo. Lashun, Unice Miller	
Mississippi State Association -----	\$10.00
W. A. Mason, Mrs. Troy Waldon, J. E. Smith, L. E. Duncan	
Mt. Vernon District Association -----	\$5.00
V. C. May	
Central Conference of North Carolina -----	\$5.00
Levi Hill	
North Carolina State Association -----	\$10.00
Raymond Sasser, Mrs. Alice Lupton, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. N. C. Harris, R. McLeod	
Oklahoma State Association -----	\$10.00
Mrs. Melvin Bingham, Mrs. Melvie Zinn	
Ohio State Association -----	\$10.00
Mrs. Mollie Sheppard, Mrs. Ione Buchanan, Mrs. Opal Doll, Mrs. Zella Jacobs, Mrs. Gladys-----	
Texas State Association -----	\$10.00
Rev. J. R. Davidson, Mr. F. D. Lefwere	
Tennessee State Association -----	\$10.00
J. B. Beadding, Miss T. Gunter, Mrs. Paul Woolsey, Mr. Sam Read, Mrs. J. E. Frazier	
Virginia State Association -----	\$10.00
Mrs. Grace Davis, Mrs. Sally Smith	
Virginia State Association -----	\$10.00
Rev. James M. Harold, Mrs. John Hinson	
Wolverine District Association of Michigan -----	\$5.00
Bro. Riggs	

REPORT OF TREASURER

Rev. F. S. VanHoose

June 30, 1942

Amount received from different treasurers -----	\$1,800.00
Letters, Penny-A-Day -----	2,331.96
Total -----	<u>\$4,131.96</u>

Amount paid out:

Rev. L. R. Ennis (Executive Office) -----	\$1,428.71
Rev. Lizzie McAdams -----	321.46
Minutes -----	125.00
League Work -----	100.00
Missionary Expenses -----	7.64
Superannuation Treasury -----	216.89
Home Missionary Treasury -----	425.50
Foreign Missionary Treasury -----	613.19
Education Treasury -----	913.47
 Total -----	 \$4,151.86
Amount paid out -----	\$4,151.86
Amount received -----	4,131.96
 Deficit -----	 \$ 19.90

REPORT OF FIELD WORKER

Rev. Lizzie McAdams

Number of churches visited -----	150
Number of sermons preached -----	237
Number of lectures Home and Foreign -----	158
Number of Conversions -----	135
Number of Local Auxiliaries organized -----	44
Number of District Auxiliaries organized -----	4
One in Kentucky, Virginia, Ohio, W. Virginia	
Number of banks placed -----	1070
Number of stickers ordered -----	350
Number of Jehoiada Chests placed -----	108
Number of Jehoiada Chests ordered -----	5
Number of Year Books placed -----	292
Number of Manuals placed -----	350
Number of letters written -----	241
Number of cards written -----	494
Number of subscriptions to Gem and Baptist -----	40
Number of miles traveled -----	22,000
All money received during the year from the field -----	\$643.76
Drew on Treas. for expense -----	148.79
Drew on Treas. for salary -----	182.40
 Total from the field and Treas. -----	 \$974.95
Car and all traveling expenses -----	\$751.11

Respectfully submitted,

NATIONAL MINUTES OF

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL FREE WILL BAPTIST
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

State Conventions representing:

North Carolina
West Virginia

District Conventions representing:

North East Association, Tupelo, Miss.
First Mission District Sunday School
Convention of Oklahoma
Sunday School Convention of the Cumberland Association of Tennessee

Local churches representing:

Open Pond Sunday School, Jakin, Georgia.
Cordova Sunday School, Cordova, Ala.
Glennville Sunday School, Glennville, Georgia.

Total number of District Conventions representing directly or indirectly	10
Total number of schools representing directly or indirectly	119
Amount of Convention dues	\$29.00
Number of Ministers present	19
Number of delegates present	14

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,

STATISTICAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S NATIONAL
AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Eleven states representing, four by state organizations, seven states that have one or more districts reporting 201 local Auxiliaries with a membership of 2664. We have raised and paid through these Auxiliaries as follows: Home Missions, \$258.53; Foreign Missions, \$293.35; Education, \$150.54; Orphanage, \$4,732.67; Jehoiada Chest Fund, \$682.21; total amount, \$6,117.30. We have 202 tithers, have held 49 stewardship classes, 65 Mission study classes, 43 Auxiliaries, and observed the week of prayer.

This report is nothing like complete but is given with a prayer on our heart that another year it will be better.

Respectfully submitted,
Fannie Polston.

REPORT OF STATISTICIAN

Membership Report

Number of churches	2,283
Number of members	144,023
Members baptized	3,456
Members received by letter	897
Members restored	182
Total received in all	4,535
Members died	445
Dismissed by letter	222
Excommunicated	129
Total loss of members	796
Increase in membership	3,739
Number ordained ministers	1,342
Number licensed ministers	201

Financial Report

Value of church property	\$2,094,109.00
Paid out for buildings and repairs	48,072.43
Paid pastors	173,871.43
Paid evangelists	5,800.79
Total paid pastors and evangelists	179,672.22
Paid orphanages	(See report)
Paid to foreign missions	(See report)
Paid to home missions	(See report)
Paid to Christian education	(See report)
Paid for all purposes	\$ 227,744.65

(NOT including what was paid to the last four items)

This is my report for the statistical table for the National Association in session 1942 at Columbus, Mississippi. I am sorry I cannot attend in person to read this report, but would certainly be there if it were possible. I am at this time attending a session in summer school at Campbell College, Buie's Creek, N. C.

I pray God's blessings on this session of the National Association.

Yours in Him,
 Clarence Bowen, *National Statistician*,
 Box 203, East Durham, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE

STATE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED	No. Churches	Total Membership	No. Ministers	No. Sunday Schools	No. Sunday School Enrollment	No. F. W. B. Leagues	F. W. B. L. Enrollment	No. Women's Auxiliary Societies	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	Value of Denominational Property
Alabama, Vernon -----	13	1,340	7						\$ 17,957.41	\$	\$
Alabama, Progressive -----	9	406	9						18,525.00		
Florida, Salem -----	13	1,327	12	6	230	1	50	5	9,300.00		
Georgia, State -----	66	4,969	71	42	1,881	21	453	24	65,100.00	25,000.00	
Georgia, South Georgia -----											
Illinois, Southern -----	33	2,600	58	25	1,200	8	800	12	74,000.00		
Kentucky, State -----	36	4,683	96	34					64,000.00		
Michigan, Wolverine -----	5	239	14	5	400	2	75		10,000.00		
Mississippi, State -----	21	2,642	16	14	950	7	333	5	31,350.00	1,500.00	
Missouri, State -----	108	7,060	149	91	3,979	21	778	26	98,383.33		
North Carolina, State -----	115	11,998		115	6,900	50		115	\$314,175.00		94,299.00
North Carolina, Central -----	55	6,000	42	50		15	150	55	125,000.00		
Ohio, State -----	49	2,904	65	48	3,651				58,000.00		
Oklahoma, State -----	210	10,500	274	210	12,000			60	130,000.00	20,000.00	3,000.00
Tennessee, State -----	104	9,663	112	86	5,764	6	105	22	250,000.00	8,000.00	48,000.00
Texas, State -----	15	2,100	30	12	500	10	300	10	45,000.00	4,000.00	
Virginia, State -----	61	2,887	93	46	2,773	8	140	8	54,600.00		
West Virginia, State -----	108	4,480	203						135,000.00		

RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL BOARD

Whereas, The National Association of Free Will Baptists is now composed of affiliated bodies which represent fourteen states of the United States, and as a Christian denomination is committed to the belief that *edifying the saved and winning the lost* is its divinely appointed mission; and

Whereas, the area occupied by Free Will Baptists is vast, the means of communication inadequate, national denominational consciousness passive, and material support for promotional work limited; and

Whereas, The Board of Education, at the direction of the National Association, has made generous appropriations for the past two years toward the advancement of the entire work of the Association, and that recurrences of such temporary measures are no longer expedient or feasible—now that the Board of Education must look toward the opening of the Bible School—

Therefore be it *Resolved*: 1, That the General Board of the National Association, in annual session this the 14th day of July, 1942, does hereby recommend that The Christian Workers' Institute be transferred from the Department of Christian Education to the Executive Department, and that it be conducted hereafter by the Executive Secretary as an extension and promotional service of the National Association. 2, That the General Board does hereby recommend the establishment of a budget for the Executive Department of the National Association in the amount of \$3,300.00 for the ensuing associational year, and that no expenditures in excess of this amount shall be allowed except that which may be provided by freewill offerings. From this budget shall be paid the salary of the Executive Secretary, all salaries and expenses incident to the operation of the Christian Workers' Institute, stenographer's salary, office supplies, traveling expenses, and any other items incurred in the promotion of the work in general. 3, That the General Board does further recommend that the established budget (\$3,300.00) for the Executive Department for the 1942-1943 associational year be paid as follows: 10 per cent by the Superannuation Board, 20 per cent by the National Home Mission Board, 30 per cent by the National Foreign Mission Board, and 40 per cent by the National Board of Education.

Approved and respectfully submitted,
General Board

Whereas, The progress of the National Association, and its subordinate organizations, has precipitated a need of the widest possible circulation of Christian literature in all of its departments; and the publication of essential tracts, pamphlets, and books, which deal with all phases of the Christian gospel and its implications, is found desirable for study classes, guidance of organizations, and personal service; and,

Whereas, The National Association owns no stock, nor plans purchasing any in a publishing house, maintains no authority over either of the publishing houses now owned by Free Will Baptists, and has no official representation in such institutions; therefore, be it *Resolved*:

1, That the National Association now convened in its 1942—annual session amend its Constitution so as to provide for a Board of Publications and Literature, which Board shall consist of five members whose term of office shall be one, two, three, four, and five years respectively with subsequent elections for a period of five years each.

2, That this Board of Publications and Literature shall have power to organize at will and to promote the interest of the National Association, and its subordinate organizations, as applied to the publication of essential literature for the general advancement of the work for which it is constituted.

RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE GENERAL BOARD

1, The General Board does hereby recommend that the Unified Program Fund be allocated monthly for the ensuing year according to the schedule of the previous year; namely, 10 per cent to Superannuation, 20 per cent to Home Missions, 30 per cent to Foreign Missions, and 40 per cent to Christian Education.

2, The General Board does hereby recommend that the general expenses of the National Association be paid from the Associational Fund. The printing of the minutes of the Association, the honorarium and traveling expenses allowed the Moderator and Clerk, the traveling expenses resulting from convening the Executive Committee of the General Board in called sessions, and any expenses incurred by the National Treasurer in discharging his official duties shall all be paid from the Associational Fund.

3, The General Board further recommends that the Executive Secretary and the National Statistician be authorized to prepare and publish at the expense of the Association suitable report blanks for the use of district and state associations representing in the annual sessions of the National Association.

4, The General Board also recommends that the salary of the Executive Secretary be set at \$1200.00 annually.

5, That the General Board does hereby recommend that the National Association follow the established rule of other Free Will Baptist bodies by charging the Executive Committee of the General Board with the responsibility of preparing the programs for the annual sessions of the Association.

Approved and respectfully submitted,
GENERAL BOARD.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS IN ANNUAL SESSION JULY 14-17, 1942, IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

To the Representatives of the Citizens of The United States of America,
In the Congress of the United States . . .

Gentlemen:

We would respectfully reaffirm our conviction that absolute and per-

manent prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages is the only wise and proper action for our Government to maintain at any time.

We would express the firm conviction that NOW in the time of war emergency that there are two considerations that justify our calling your special attention to the matter and asking your active support of the war.

1. We view with alarm the policy of our government that meets an emergency in the limited supply of sugar or any other commodity necessary in the proper feeding of our children and our families, BEFORE the absolute curtailment of its use in those unnecessary luxuries, such as the manufacture of alcoholic beverages.

2. We consider the permissive action of our Government in allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages to our men in service to be contrary to the announced purpose of training and developing these men to the highest degree of efficiency for the purpose to which they have been called.

We believe further that such a large percent of other objectionable features of life around our military camps is definitely associated with the use of such alcoholic beverages that the permissive selling of such beverages to our citizens definitely contributes to the moral break-down that we are so interested in controlling.

We therefore respectfully request that each of you, as representatives of the citizens of These United States:

1. Prohibit the manufacture and sale of any and all alcoholic beverages for the duration of this war, and for so long a time thereafter as men by conscription are kept in our armed forces.

2. Prohibit the use of sugar, or any other food product needed in the feeding of our children and families, in the manufacture of any form of alcoholic beverage before, and as a prior requisite to, the rationing of sugar, or any other necessary food product, for use in home consumption.

3. That copies of this Resolution be mailed to each of our church magazines. A copy given to the local Press and a copy be mailed to the Representatives of this District in which this session of the National Association is being held.

By the Committee

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

The First Resolution

1. Resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Columbus Free Will Baptist Church and its Pastor, Brother Hollis, for the excellent 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 ministers and churches of other denominations, especially The First Baptist Church, for their support and cooperation; the local broadcasting station, WCBI, the Mayor, The Commercial Dispatch, and others who have cooperated with the church and Pastor

in their untiring effort to make our visit in Columbus most pleasant, and to all others whom this committee may not know about who have helped to make this the most successful National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Reverend L. R. Ennis

Since the National Association convened in Paintsville, Kentucky, two years ago, Free Will Baptists have witnessed some of the perils and blessings of general church organization. That these perils have cost us greatly in time, money, and progress no one will deny; but they have also brought their forbidden blessings. As a Christian denomination there is evidence of a deeper national consciousness now than has been known before to our generation. The spirit of good will and Christian fraternity has spread extensively among us in recent months; and again, we have been compelled to conclude that the wind that sways the tree promotes its growth. Of course there are still some among us who persist in saying *sibboleth* when they should say *shibboleth*; but are they not a sort of necessary evil, a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of satan sent to buffet us? If so, they will help to rationalize our zeal and thereby restrain us from recklessness.

General church organization is to the orthodox Christian *consecrated intelligence in action for the salvation of mankind*. The National Association of Free Will Baptists should model this ideal. Doctrinally, we are sound; financially, we are poor; and educationally, we are ignorant. The apostolic church had exactly these; but Oh! it had more—a fervent flaming love for Christ and a lost world. Without this our boasted orthodoxy is as trees without leaves and clouds without water. Would that we had more—

Give us a passion for souls, dear Lord,

A passion to save the lost;

O that thy love were by all adored,

And welcomed at any cost.

Jesus we long, we long to be winning,

Men who are lost, and constantly sinning;

O may this hour be one of beginning

The story of pardon to tell.

It now becomes my duty to summarize a report which I have given in detail to the General Board as a means of satisfying possible inquiry regarding the conduct of the Executive Office. First of all, it should be born in mind that I am pastor of 3 churches whose total membership approximates 800 in number. These churches are situated in three different associations in North Carolina, and represent a cross-section of Free Will Baptists in my State. In the capacity of a pastor I have preached 103 sermons, baptized 38 persons, taught 2 Sunday School study courses, taught one

League course, and spent 50 days in revivals since our last National Association. These churches, which honor me with their care, have contributed \$1080.04 to our National Program since the first of last July. Please let no one charge me with exaggeration when I say that there are multiplied thousands of Free Will Baptists who are eager to enter the service of Christ on a world scale.

During the past year I have striven arduously to discharge a few of the major duties which devolved upon me incident to my election as your Executive Secretary. Exclusive of the time devoted to official correspondence, the writing of manuscripts, and general promotional service in North Carolina, I have spent four months outside my native State in an impassioned effort to regiment Free Will Baptists under Christ for the promulgation of the gospel among all nations. In compensation for the service rendered I have received a total salary of \$1180.00, and the total expenses of the Executive Office have amounted to only \$1789.53. The field of labor has been vast, and many problems have arisen; but the Lord has blessed in a remarkable way.

Immediately following the 1941 session of the Association a new institution was inaugurated for the advancement of our great cause—The Christian Workers' Institute. For many years Free Will Baptists have realized the need of a medium of fellowship, education, and inspiration that would go beyond the possibilities of our great associational meetings. It is an accepted fact among those who have attended the Christian Workers' Institute that it is the answer to this need. During the year 4 sessions have been conducted at strategic points; namely, Monett, Missouri; Erwin, Tennessee; Flat River, Missouri, and Tulsa, Oklahoma. There have been 163 students from 9 states enrolled in these sessions, and 91 certificates awarded. Gifts from the faculty, students, and visitors of the Institute to our National work amounted to \$576.18 for the year, and the salaries and expenses paid by the National Board of Education totaled \$783.15. It should be understood however that the salaries of the Executive Secretary and our Missionary, Miss Barnard, are not included in this gross expense account. Undoubtedly the Christian Workers' Institute is one of the greatest unifying agencies among us. We need it. Let us keep it running.

Another forward measure which was adopted by the Association last year was the setting up of the Unified Program Fund. This Fund was established in response to a demand which had been made by many of our people for a system by which consistent support might be given to all of our work through the making of undesignated gifts on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. It will be remembered that the Association adopted a resolution in the last annual meeting which provided for the distribution of this fund as follows: 10 per cent to Superannuation, 20 per cent to Home Missions, 30 per cent to Foreign Missions, and 40 per cent to Christian Education. During the year our National Treasurer has paid to the respective treasurers of these departments of our work \$2169.05. Approximately 15 per cent of the total given to our National program this year has come from

the Unified Program. These figures announce a signal success for the Unified Program Fund.

It will be inspiring to those who have labored in love for all of our work during the past year to know how figures speak in terms of progress. The Superannuation Treasurer reports receipts in the amount of \$324.48, the Home Mission Treasurer \$478.71, the Foreign Mission Treasurer \$4565.33, the Educational Treasurer \$8794.49, and the Woman's Auxiliary Convention Treasurer \$977.42. Add to these items \$119.90 of undivided funds now in the treasury of the National Association, and we obtain a grand total of \$15,260.33. This amount reveals a financial increase over the previous associational year of more than 100 per cent. Who would forbid our gratitude for such progress. Money is not everything, but nothing goes very far in the Kingdom of God without it. Let us continue to show our faith by our works.

Respectfully submitted,

REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS OF AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

This Institution is owned by Free Will Baptist people. The State of North Carolina with South Carolina and Tennessee through Conferences, Associations, Union or Quarterly Meetings, local churches with a few individuals, have invested approximately \$13,000.00, which amount is subscribed in \$10.00 shares. The representation is by duly elected representatives from bodies which have subscribed stock.

The Institution is chartered as a "non-profit sharing Incorporation" with stipulations that arrange for the Board of Directors to allocate all surplus dividends to religious activities in the bounds of the Free Will Baptist church, these allocations to be above the actual needs of enlargement and the necessary upkeep of the said Free Will Baptist Press. For several years it has been the idea of the management to enlarge the plant by building to the old plant or the purchase of new property. About three years ago a committee was appointed by the Board of Directors to investigate the purchase of certain property in the town, just across the street from the old plant. At that time the owners wanted \$7,000.00 for the property. After two years, or thereabout, this property was purchased for the sum of \$3,500.00, and the buildings repaired, at a cost of \$3,000.00. The machinery was moved and the new plant occupied.

More than \$1,100.00 have been given to the various causes in our church yearly for several years now, which includes \$12.50 per week to take care of Reverend E. T. Phillips, who served as Editor and Manager for many years at the sum of \$10.00 per week but was getting \$15.00 at the time of his retirement. The business has steadily grown for the past 20 years. The actual book value of the shares at \$10.00 purchase price has increased to more than \$30.00 per share.

Every retired and totally disabled minister of the Free Will Baptist

church is entitled to free subscriptions to the Free Will Baptist, the weekly magazine, upon request. The full subscription list is more than 2500 copies at present. Sunday School literature consisting of Advanced, Senior, Junior, Intermediate, Primary and Beginners Quarterlies, and cards, class books, etc., are printed and sold at prices in range of such supplies by other publishers.

The Six-Point Standard supplies, as set forth and published by the National Sunday School Convention of this Association, are kept in stock and sold to all who desire to order the same at publishers prices.

In addition to this a large stock of Bibles, religious books, pamphlets, and other literature such as leaflets for Mother's Day, Easter, Children's Day, and Playlets for religious exercises, etc., a catalogue of which may be obtained free upon request.

The issue of the Baptist as published July 8, carries a few of the facts concerning the new plant and the staff as composed of a few weeks back.

I am not officially connected with the Institution, but owing to the fact that Reverend R. B. Spencer, Editor, could not fill his place on the program, and Mr. C. K. Dunn's health being a barrier, which kept him from coming, I have been chosen to represent or make the report. A report was mailed to me I have been informed, but so far has not arrived, although a letter was received and a number of copies of the Baptist received.

I have no statistics to present, but do wish to say that the Free Will Baptist is ready to cooperate in all the activities of our church. All the columns of the Baptist are open to every department.

Yours,

J. C. Griffin.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

In Annual Session, Columbus, Mississippi

July 14-17, 1942

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Willey.

Mrs. Willey and Miss Barnard, our missionaries, were invited to sit in this session as advisory members of the Board.

As Mrs. Willey had just arrived from the field in Cuba, the Board asked her to relate the situation there. Mrs. Willey's report was a thrilling, detailed account of amazing developments in the F. W. B. mission field in Cuba, and included an urgent appeal for:

(1) A missionary couple from the United States to go to Cuba immediately, with a view to opening a Bible training school and enlarging the mission activities in general.

(2) Funds for erecting and equipping a mission station, including necessary buildings for the school, and for assisting in the erection of some church buildings.

(3) An increase in the allowance for promotional expenses sufficient to cover salaries for the eight Cuban workers already employed, and to cover incidental expenses incurred by our enlargement program.

(4) Five horses needed immediately for use by the Cuban preachers who go long distances on evangelistic work.

Upon hearing the report and the appeal, the Board voted to increase the amount of the Cuban Promotional Fund to \$200 per month in order to cover the needs.

Motion was made and carried that the Foreign Mission Board present to the National Association in session an appeal for a Missionary couple to go to Cuba as soon as possible, and to recommend that Auxiliaries, Leagues, or other organizations undertake the financing of any of the items above named as pressing needs.

Miss Barnard was asked to say a word about the missionary situation in India as related to Free Will Baptists. It was stated that her Indian co-worker, Mrs. Mary Kanaka, had passed away in December 1941, causing the work in Kotagiri to suffer a great loss. It was reported that at present the Tamil primary school is being carried on with blessing and satisfactory success. The infrequent letters received from India indicate that some of the converts are continuing with a fervent witness, while others are disappointing. The evangelistic work among the Tamil outcasts is carried on but has of necessity been curtailed to some extent since the death of Mary Kanaka when the evangelist had to be placed in charge of the school. The tribe of Kotas are being visited by an evangelist once each week, according to communications.

The District of Purnea, in Bihar, India, is still unoccupied and a cablegram received late in 1941 indicated that up to that time war conditions had not changed the situation and that it was still open to us and urging our entrance into it.

By way of a financial report, it was revealed that due to the death of Mary Kanaka and the cessation of her salary, and due to our having secured the services of an evangelist for less than we had expected, a fund had accumulated in India and it would not be necessary to send the usual \$35.00 per month to India for a while. It was voted, however, to resume the allowance of \$35.00 monthly to India whenever it should be required again.

Recognition was given to the very faithful and unstinted service rendered us by the Rev. H. M. Clay of Kotagiri, South India, in receiving and disbursing funds for our work there and assuming the responsibility of supervising the work generally. It was voted that the Chairman of the Board send to Brother Clay a letter of appreciation for his generous service.

A financial report, showing the detailed disbursements of the monthly allowance for Cuban promotional work was rendered to the Board by Mrs. Willey.

Motion was made and carried to retain Brother and Sister Willey on a salary of \$50.00 each per month, and to continue the school allowance of \$10.00 per month per child.

Motion was made and carried to retain Miss Barnard on a salary of \$50.00 per month as long as she is on deputation in America.

It was voted that the Board assume the expense of Miss Bessie Yeley's return to America from Venezuela, her furlough being due. It was estimated that \$300 would be needed for this return trip which, due to war conditions, would need to be made by air.

It was voted that traveling expenses of missionaries should hereafter include food and lodging incurred by trips in the direct interest of the work.

Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd appeared before the Foreign Mission Board and declared their intention to go to India. They made known their plans to enter Bible School in September, and further made known their readiness to go to India immediately if the Lord should open the way and so indicate. This was in view of the pressing need for a couple to open the work in Purnea District.

It was moved and carried that Brother Paul Woolsey be authorized by the Board to investigate some means by which our missionaries might gain passage and passport facilities to India in spite of war difficulties.

It was reported that the deputation trip to Cuba had been made with remarkable success, and the developments as outlined by Mrs. Willey are an outgrowth of the findings of the deputation party.

Quotas for the various states were set as follows:

Mo. -----	\$1,200	Va. -----	250
S. C. -----	300	W. Va. -----	150
Ky. -----	300	Ohio -----	\$ 600
Okla. -----	500	Miss. -----	200
Ill. -----	200	Tenn. -----	900
Mich. -----	500	Ga. -----	400
Tex. -----	\$ 500	N. C. -----	1,800
Ala. -----	300		
Fla. -----	150	Total -----	\$8,250

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Mission was read as follows:

Receipts

Brought forward from year 1940-41 ----- \$ 934.80

Received from states as follows:

North Carolina -----	\$1,124.93
Missouri -----	1,063.40
Tennessee -----	371.00
South Carolina -----	188.00
Georgia -----	187.54
Alabama -----	175.83
Oregon -----	10.00
Ohio -----	427.06

National Auxiliary Convention by Mrs. F. Polston ..	52.46
Sale of Missionary pictures by Marie Thomas ----	6.60
Allocation fund by F. S. VanHoose -----	613.19
Kentucky -----	4.08
W. Virginia -----	8.00
Illinois -----	135.75
Texas -----	114.56
Oklahoma -----	27.25
Arkansas -----	5.68
Michigan -----	50.00
Total from States -----	<u>\$4,565.33</u>
Total Receipts -----	<u>\$5,500.00</u>

Disbursements

To Miss Laura B. Barnard as salary -----	\$ 600.00
To Miss Laura B. Barnard, traveling expense -----	246.56
To native workers & Maintenance of work in India ----	350.00
To Miss Bessie Yeley as salary -----	600.00
To Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey as salary -----	1,250.00
To Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey as traveling expense ---	75.00
Allowance to Willey children for school -----	185.00
To National Treasurer for promotional fund of National Association -----	540.00
For expense of deputation party to Cuba, including taking car across and back -----	134.04
Sent to Cuba as promotional fund -----	360.00
To T. H. Willey for duty on keeping car in Cuba -----	90.00
To T. H. Willey for purchase of horse -----	42.00
Expense of called session of F. M. Board in Nashville May 5, 1942 -----	35.00
To Rev. I. J. Blackwelder as traveling expense -----	3.50
Miscellaneous, consisting of postage, telegrams, cable- grams, telephone calls, missionary pictures for church bulletin boards, missionary picture cuts, expense of wiring money, making of Cuban maps, etc. -----	148.00
Total Disbursements -----	<u>\$4,662.20</u>

Balance in treasury June 30, 1942 ----- \$ 837.93

Respectfully submitted,

Foreign Mission Board,

(Rev.) Winford Davis, *Chairman-Treasurer*

(Rev.) Elsie Curtis

(Rev.) Melvin Bingham,

Proxy for Rev. Bert Rogers.

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD

We, the Home Mission Board, recommend for adoption the following rules and regulations for the government of the activities of this Board:

The activities of this Board shall be confined to:

1. The support of workers who shall enter new fields under the instructions of this Board. It is understood however that no financial support shall be rendered to organizations endeavoring to buy, build, remodel, or repair their church buildings.

2. Giving financial assistance in the pastoral care of churches which are unable to sufficiently support a pastor. This Board shall render aid to these churches only after investigation has been made and approved.

We recommend that every Free Will Baptist Church within the National Association send monthly to the Treasurer of this Board the sum of One Dollar. Fifty cents of each dollar received shall be used in the respective states from whence it came. The remaining fifty cents shall be used at the discretion of the Board according to section 1 and 2 of these recommendations.

We further recommend that State and District Home Mission Boards promote this plan of finance in their respective fields, also supply information as needed and act as local supervisors of all work sponsored by this Board.

We further recommend that all state and district boards make monthly reports to this Board, who in turn shall make a monthly report to the office of the Executive Secretary for publication.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL BOARD TO THE NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

To The National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States of America, when convened with the Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Mississippi, July 14-17, 1942.

It is with great delight that we file this report for appraisal and approval. Two great responsibilities have been placed upon your Board of Education for the year, July 1, 1941 to June 30, 1942. With a keen sense of our responsibilities we have accepted the decision of this National Association rendered a year ago, in which it became our duty to direct an educational endeavor of Bible Institute work, and to purchase suitable property for the opening and operation of a Bible School. In the fear of our God, and full confidence in the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we have endeavored to execute according to your orders. We are sure that all of our decisions and movements have not been above the criticism of man, yet we feel that the Lord is well pleased with the *type* of work which has been done, though we have failed to do as much as we would have liked to have seen accomplished. There have been four Institutes conducted of two weeks duration each since the last session of the National Association, in which 163 workers have received training and 91 have received certificates for having com-

pleted all courses offered. Quite a few are now anxiously waiting for the opportunity to enlist for the completion of the fourth course and receive a normal diploma; which privilege shall be theirs immediately upon the close of this session of the Association. One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) was appropriated a year ago for this cause, of which amount we have used \$782.15. We feel definitely that the greatest accomplishment educationally among our people for a period of many years has been realized in this endeavor. We have realized maximum results with minimum expenditures. The revival spirit which has prevailed in each session has served to stimulate support to our cause in general, and the vision of our people has been wonderfully broadened.

In our endeavor to carry out your orders in the purchase of Bible School property we feel assured of the fact that the property, the price, and the terms speak for the wisdom exercised in this matter. No instructions were given concerning the method to use in securing the funds with which to negotiate the deal, however the generosity of Mr. W. O. Tirrill of Nashville, Tennessee, a member of the Presbyterian Church, together with what we were able to raise in offerings, enabled us to make a down payment in the amount of \$5,000.00, the remainder (\$10,000.00) being arranged according to the specified instructions recorded in the 1941 minutes of the National Association. The Lord has directed in such a marvelous way that we now feel certain that we shall be able to settle the entire account on the date the first annual payment falls due.

So far as your Board of Education is concerned, it is ready to hear from you as to your will concerning opening the Bible School this fall. This has been our plan; however, it is our purpose to go forward only at the order of this body.

The following is our financial statement as from July 1, 1941 to June 30, 1942:

Miscellaneous offerings	\$ 2,107.72
Unified Program Fund	913.47
Foundation Checks ready to be cashed	5,773.30
Post Dated Foundation Checks	1,300.00
Total	\$10,094.49

Disbursements

To miscellaneous causes	\$ 14.25
Balance due Ex. Sec. from last year	78.22
Institute Expenses	782.15
Promotional Service to F. S. VanHoose	720.00
Printing, cuts, mats, etc.	70.94
Traveling Expenses of Board	187.50
Field Workers	284.19
Paid on property, coal, insurance, etc.	5,270.92

Total **\$7,408.17**

REPORT OF NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD

The Superannuation Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists met in regular session on July 17, 1942, with members present as follows: Rev. F. C. Zinn, Chairman; Rev. E. C. Davidson, Secretary-Treasurer; Rev. Joe Fort and Mrs. J. E. Frazier were asked to sit in conference with the Board due to absence of the other three members.

Due to the present world conflict and the probability of an emergency which will doubtless arise following the war, the Superannuation Board desires to advise that no appropriations will be made to superannuated ministers for the ensuing year.

In order to have the information necessary to make definite plans for retiring our aged ministers in all associations which have and which are now participating in raising national superannuation funds, the Board plans to mail each district association clerk a blank report-form containing the information relative to each minister which has been requested by this body. Until this information is in the possession of the Board there is little or no plan which can be satisfactorily worked. Therefore, we prayerfully urge both ministers and clerks to prepare themselves for this survey.

Yours for the ensuing year,

The Superannuation Board.



CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
AS REVISED BY THE 1942 SESSION AT
COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

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 National Association shall be composed of its general officers, the members of all standing boards, or committees, the duly appointed delegates of Free Will Baptist organizations which actively promote and support the work of the Association, and all ordained ministers and missionaries who belong to general bodies which are affiliated with this National Association.

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 shall be elected by their respective district associations. Districts in states which have no state association, and those whose state organizations may not be affiliated with this body, shall elect and send their delegates directly 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 \$5.00 extra for each District Association composing the said State Association or Convention. District or subordinate associations representing directly, shall send the sum of \$5.00 with their reports.

Section 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall each be paid an honorarium of \$25.00 annually plus their traveling expenses to and from the sessions of the National Association. 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 beginning 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, the Board of Superannuation, and the Board of Publications and Literature. 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, the Board of Superannuation, and the Board of Publications and Literature. 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 Woman'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

This National Association shall hold its regular meetings annually, beginning Tuesday night following the second Sunday in July, and remaining in session until business has been finished. The place of meeting shall be agreed upon by the body while in regular session; however, where a necessity may arise the General Board or its Executive Committee may at its own discretion change the place of meeting.

ARTICLE X

Auxiliaries—The National Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the National Sunday School Convention shall be recognized as subordinate organizations to the National Association. They shall organize at their own discretion, and have power to create and adopt their respective constitution and by-laws, and maintain complete management of the work for which they are constituted. The scope and character of the work of these organizations shall conform to the general program and promotional plans of the Association. They shall report their accomplishments annually to the National Association.

ARTICLE XI

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.

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The second annual meeting of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention was held on July 12-13, 1942, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Mississippi.

The group met in joint session with the National Association for the worship services on Sunday evening, July 12, at which time the singing was directed by the Rev. E. C. Morris of North Carolina, and the sermon was delivered by the Rev. Henry Melvin of Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. F. C. Zinn led the song service at the beginning of the meeting on Monday, July 13. Rev. M. M. Louis of Missouri conducted the devotional.

The president, W. E. Coville, named Mrs. Raymond Sasser of Wilson, N. C., as Secretary pro tem to serve in the absence of both the Secretary and the assistant Secretary. Mrs. Sasser called the Convention to order and turned the meeting over to the president who made a few introductory remarks and appointed the following to serve on the Credentials and Finance Committee:

Rev. E. C. Morris, Chairman; L. E. Duncan and Rev. J. B. Rollins.

Fifteen ministers and twelve delegates were enrolled.

The Convention was given a hearty welcome by Rev. M. L. Hollis, pastor of the local church. The president responded to the welcome.

General Officer's 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 in Drumright, Oklahoma, in July 1941, the following services were rendered:

The President, Secretary and assistant Secretary made an intensive study of the type book that should be written and published for use as a text book in Sunday School Training Institutes. Definite arrangements were made and the writing of the book was started. A complete description of the proposed book, along with a sample copy showing type, size, etc., were mailed to the Free Will Baptist Gem for their scrutiny and an approximate estimate of the cost of making the book. The president was informed by the Gem office that before production could begin it would be necessary that the Convention advance the amount of \$700.00 (seven hundred dollars) to cover costs of outlay. It was suggested by Rev. J. B. Rollins, Manager of the Gem, that the type of book he proposed to make would retail for \$1.25 or \$1.50 each. The type book proposed by the president would retail for 40 or 50 cents. Since there was such a wide difference in the types and prices of the proposed book and due to the fact that the \$700.00 was not available, it was agreed that action in this matter be postponed until a later date.

Acting upon the authority of the Executive Board of the Convention and following instructions given by the Board, I contacted Mr. Dunn, Manager of the Free Will Baptist Press, and proposed the plan whereby the Press would act as a sales agency for the Sunday School Convention in the sale of Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School supplies. The Press was offered an opportunity to buy supplies for cash at a twenty per cent discount off the established retail prices. A copy of the proposal sent to Mr. Dunn was sent to Rev. J. R. Bennett, Chairman of the Executive Board of the Free Will Baptist Press. Several weeks after the proposed plan was presented to Mr. Dunn I received a card from the Free Will Baptist Press, bearing no signature, which stated that the office was in the process of being moved and that consideration would be given the matter later. I have never had any further word from Mr. Dunn, Rev. Bennett or the Press relative to the proposal.

The Executive Board anticipated the publication of the Sunday School text book and the subsequent Sunday School Training Institutes to be held in which the book would be studied, and, as a result, I was asked to present the case to the National Board of Education and ask their indulgence of a \$100.00 donation. The approach was made to Rev. J. R. Davidson, Chairman-Treasurer of the Board and a check in the amount of \$100.00 was issued. Not any of this amount has been expended for Institute work nor for general expense of the Convention.

I have conducted the routine work of the office of president. Many cards and letters of inquiry have been answered. Contacts with the several Convention Officers have been made from time to time. Instructions have been given the Sunday School Department of the Gem regarding the replenishing of supplies for the record system and attention given the proper execution of the contract for printing of supplies. Suggestions have been made for the organization of Convention's both State and district.

All in all it has been quite a busy year with each day bringing to our attention the needs and opportunities that are ours.

W. E. Coville, *President*.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Of necessity my report must be brief. In fact, I must say that I have done very little correspondence this year. But, tho, I had no communications except from Mr. Coville and two or three others. At the beginning of the year I did prepare the Minutes of the 1941 Convention and send them to the printer. These Minutes you will find incorporated in the Minutes of the National Association.

Mary E. Griffith, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LITERATURE

As Director of Sunday School Literature I wish to make an important announcement and a recommendation.

Announcement: The Six-Point Record System is now in print, and can be purchased from each of our publishing houses.

Recommendation: All Sunday Schools, please place your orders today for the Six-Point Record System. Study it, master it, be honest with it, and it will help you to grow a larger and better Sunday School.

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

REPORT OF TREASURER

I, your Treasurer of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention, wish to make the following financial report for the year July 1941 to July 1942:

Deficit July 1, 1941 ----- \$ 10.00

Receipts

July 14, 1941—Convention Dues -----	\$ 59.59
July 16, 1941—From National Board of Education for Institute work -----	100.00
November 5, 1941—Gem, as profit on Sunday School Record supplies -----	31.71
June 10, 1942—Open Pond S. S., Jakin, Ga., for general funds -----	12.00
June 30, 1942—Gem, profit on Sunday School Record Supplies -----	36.00
Total receipts, general fund -----	\$139.30
Total receipts Institute fund -----	100.00
Grand Total -----	\$239.30

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Disbursements

September 9, 1941—To Gem for sample set of Record	
Supplies -----	\$ 3.25
September 16, 1941—To Secretary for plates and past due bill of \$10.00 (deficit at last report) -----	35.00
December 16, 1941—To Secretary for rental on typewriter and miscellaneous expense -----	15.00
June 25, 1942—To W. E. Coville for postage -----	2.60
Bank charges for year -----	6.00
Total disbursements -----	\$ 61.85
Balance in general fund -----	\$ 77.45
Balance in Institute Fund -----	\$100.00
Balance on hand all funds -----	\$177.45
Present obligation: To Mr. W. L. Williams, Bryan, Texas, on loan to National Sunday School Convention, July 18, 1940 ----	\$200.00

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

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND ORGANIZATION

To the National F. W. B. Sunday School Convention,
In Annual Session at Columbus, Mississippi.
Greetings in the Name of Christ:

It has been a great pleasure to me to be associated with the convention during the past year as Director of Organization and Education, a pleasure that is dimmed only by the fact that I have so little to report. Circumstances have made it impossible for me to heed the many calls that have come from outside my own state; and the revelation that has been given me through our work here of the need and the response of the people to the educational and organization efforts, make my regret the greater that I have been unable to go farther and do more. Surely the Voice of the Master is echoing to us in the Free Will Baptist Church today the second part of the great commission, "Go ye and teach all nations . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," with all the divine emphasis that was given this command when it was first uttered on the Mount of Olives two thousand years ago. And the blessing that has followed the feeble efforts of your humble servant has proven to me the promise "lo, I am with you," is still being faithfully kept by the Blessed Lord.

During the year I have held the office of Field Secretary in our N. C. Convention, and in connection with the office have been responsible for institutes, and other educational projects in the state. In connection with these duties I have not been unmindful of the National obligation. As I have visited our District Conventions throughout the state, and conducted institutes in local churches, and for groups of churches, I have always presented our National Sunday School Program, and plan of organization, and have had the pleasure of seeing many of the features of the National plan adopt-

ed by schools and conventions. The National S. S. Convention, and the enterprises sponsored by the Convention have been given a prominent place on our large educational chart, which is being carried from convention to convention, and from church to church, throughout our state as fast as we can get around. I have also sought to encourage in every possible way the use of the "Six-point record system" being promoted by the National Convention, and a number of our schools here in North Carolina have put the same into operation. Also the Standard of Efficiency has been presented with, I believe, gratifying results.

While, as I have stated before, I have not been able to visit other states, I have sought to be of help by correspondence. I have contacted leaders in our Sunday School work in seventeen states by correspondence, offering service that I could render to them and seeking from them information regarding the condition of the Sunday School work, especially with the respect to the promotion of State and District Conventions, and institutes. From this correspondence, and from various kinds of contacts, which I have been able to make, I have gleaned the following information, which may be of interest and help to the Convention:

Seven State S. S. Conventions: North Carolina, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Missouri, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Georgia.

During the year I prepared for publication in both our church papers an article suggesting ways and means for setting up District and State Conventions. I recommend other states to follow the example of North Carolina in providing a person for institute work.

I wish to express appreciation for all cooperation given me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

The following gave oral reports:

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

Director of Record and Reports, Rev. Robert Crawford.

Director of Publicity, Rev. John B. Rollins.

A motion was sustained to postpone election of officers until after lunch.

A motion sustained to allow the President to appoint a business committee. The following were appointed: L. E. Duncan, Chairman; J. B. Reding and M. M. Lewis.

The topic for discussion in Open Forum was "What can we do to make our Convention a more effective organization?"

Raymond Sasser, President of the N. C. Sunday School Convention, presented a Three-Year Program of Progress which has been adopted by the N. C. Sunday School Convention and is being practiced in the local schools. This is a plan by which any Sunday School may become a Standard school within a period of three years.

There was also some discussion concerning our need for field workers.

Bro. Ennis suggested that possibly within another year of training through the Christian Workers Institutes that this situation would practically be taken care of.

Rev. Chester Pelt made a suggestion that one Sunday during each quarter a lesson be devoted to a study of the six-point record and the Standard.

Mrs. J. E. Frazier suggested that a stewardship lesson be included each quarter.

The morning session was adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. E. Dearmore.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with a devotional led by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

The Convention was declared to be in session. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

A motion was sustained to go into election of officers and the following were elected for the ensuing year:

President—W. E. Coville, Nashville, Tenn., by acclamation.

Vice-President—Rev. Chester Pelt, Durham, N. C., by acclamation.

Secretary—Mrs. Chester Pelt.

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Raymond Sasser, Wilson, N. C.

Treasurer—W. L. Williams, Texas, by acclamation.

Director of Organization and Education—Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Greenville, N. C.

Director of Denominational Enterprises—Rev. L. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tenn.

Director of records and reports—Rev. Robert Crawford, Ashland City, Tenn.

Director of Literature—Rev. L. R. Ennis, Goldsboro, N. C.

Director of Publicity—Rev. John Rollins, Monett, Mo.

The President's message from I Chronicles 29:9 was very inspirational to all who heard it.

REPORT OF BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

We recommend that each State or District Sunday School Convention select and maintain an active Field Secretary for the promotion of our Standard Sunday School work.

A motion was sustained to accept the recommendation.

We further recommend that this body request one lesson quarterly on the Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School system to be taught from the Quarterly in local schools.

A motion was sustained to accept the recommendation.

A motion sustained that this Convention adopt the Three Year Program of Progress plan used in the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention.

A suggestion was agreed upon to petition the Press to print the Standard of Efficiency on the inside of the front cover of the Quarterly and the Three Year Program of Progress on the inside of the back cover.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

North East Mississippi S. S. Association—Erwin Brown	\$4.00
Ist Mission S. S. of Oklahoma—Mrs. Bingham	3.00
North Carolina S. S. Convention—Raymond Sasser, Mrs. Sasser, and R. McCloud	8.00
West Virginia S. S. Convention—E. B. Segge, J. M. Henson	5.00
Cumberland District S. S. Convention, Tenn.—Mrs. Frazier, and Mrs. VanHook	5.00
Glennville, Ga., S. S.—Annie C. Zorn	2.00
Cordova, Ala., S. S.—Ora Howell	2.00

Special prayer was offered by Brother Crawford in regards to the need of a Text Book on Sunday School Standard and a field worker.

Motion sustained to negotiate Board of Education to finance printing of S. S. text book, the Sunday School Convention to furnish the manuscript and share the profits 50-50.

Motion sustained to petition the National Association to print 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.)

The National Sunday School Convention gave a rising vote of thanks to the local church for the hearty welcome and the splendid entertainment given.

A motion was sustained that the Convention be adjourned to meet next year on Monday before the National Association of Churches.

Mrs. Chester Pelt, *Secretary*.

Notes by Mrs. Raymond Sasser, *Assistant Secretary*.

MINUTES

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Seventh Annual Session

of the

Women's National Auxiliary Convention

which convened with

**The First Free Will Baptist Church,
Columbus, Miss. July 13, 14, 1942**

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Officers of the National 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. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla., 2nd Vice-President.

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

Miss Lola Johnson, Alma, Ga., 4th Vice-President.

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

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

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, 78½ New St., New Bern, N. C., Recording Sec.

Miss Rebecca Steward, 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 Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. C. B. Thompson, Goldsboro, N. C.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Virginia District Convention, (new), Mrs. Della Salyer.

West Virginia District Convention, (new), Mrs. D. V. Shaffer.

Kentucky District Convention, Mrs. A. L. Prater, (new).

Ohio District Convention, Mrs. Mollie Shephard, (new).

DELEGATES REPRESENTING

Mrs. Ione Buchanan, Lucasville, Ohio, Rt. 2; Mrs. Annie R. Brown, Dukes, Fla.; Mrs. Margaret Hendricks, Greenville, Tenn.; Mrs. Trula Gunter, Greenville, Tenn.; Miss Mary Patton, Ashland City, Tenn.; Mrs. G. B. VanHook, Ashland City, Tenn.; Mrs. Paul Woolsey, Greenville, Tenn.; Mrs. Ernest Griffith, Ashland, Ky.; Mrs. F. C. Zinn, Bristow, Okla.; Mrs. John Henson, Hurricane, W. Va.; Mrs. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas; Mrs. Chester Pelt, 1212 E. Main St., Durham, N. C.; Mrs. Raymond Sasser, 815 Briggs St., Wilson, N. C.; Mrs. N. E. Harris, 225 Nashville Rd., Rocky Mount, N. C.; Mrs. Jewell Campbell, Cartersville Mo.; Miss Marie Thomas Arcadia, Kansas; Mrs. Gladys Lewis, Glennville, Ga.; Mrs. L. C. Johnson, Glennville, Ga.; Miss Annie C. Zorn, Glennville, Ga.; Mrs. Sallie E. Smith, Coeburn, Va.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION, JULY 13, 1942.

The Executive Committee of the National Auxiliary Convention met in a called session, Monday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, July 13, 1942, in one of the Sunday School rooms at the Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Miss. The following officers were present Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President; Mrs. J. E. Frazier, First Vice-President; Mrs. Elsie Curtis, Fifth Vice-President; Miss Rebecca Stewart, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Field Worker, and Mrs. Fannie Polston, Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order by the President, and opened with prayer by Mrs. Curtis, after which the President, in a few words, stated that she hoped the officers present, would work together as Christians during our convention, each one realizing her personal responsibility and that we would deliberate together in harmony, and love toward each other, and for the progress of our entire Auxiliary work as a whole. Mrs. McAdams presented some suggestions relative to her Field work, after which there was an extended discussion as to the best methods of handling the finances of the Convention, which would be likely to bring about the most gratifying results.

The funds from the Jehoiada Chest came in for special notice, as it was

thought by some that it should all be used for Missionary work. Mrs. Frazier defined her own ideas of Home Missionary work, and stated that "any one, or any group, who had had the Gospel of Christ preached to them, were in line for Promotional work, and not Missionary." Several short talks were made on the subject, resulting in the clearing up of some matters relative to the actual duties of the Field Worker. Mrs. Polston, the Treasurer, stated quite positively that she would not assume any responsibility in paying out funds to any one unless so directed through the proper course, or authority. A suggestion was made by the President that \$400.00 be retained in the Treasury, and be paid out to Mrs. McAdams, as needed, this to come from the proceeds of the Jehoida Chest. It was moved and carried that we recommend to the Convention that we hold \$300.00 of the Chest money for the purpose of Promotional work done by Mrs. McAdams, covering all Departments of our National Auxiliary.

Mrs. Griffin, the President, brought Greetings from Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Second Vice-President, expressing her regrets at not being able to be present at this session, and also tendering her resignation, saying that it would be impossible for her to finish out her term of office.

There was a motion that we recommend to the Convention, that Mrs. Bennett's resignation be accepted, and that Mrs. Melvin Bingham, of Tulsa, Okla., be elected to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Bennett. Motion carried. The President, because of several inquiries regarding funds received by the First Vice-President, asked that all such funds be placed in the common treasury, and that it be paid out by the Treasurer, to the heads of the various Departments for which it is intended, in accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws. The question arose as to which Printing Company should have the publication of the Year Book. Last year, the President reminded that she instructed the First Vice-President to give the work for that year to the Free Will Baptist Press, at Ayden, N. C., because the "Gem" had published the Book of Methods, or Manual of Methods, and she thought it only fair that our printing be divided between them. Mrs. Frazier stated that why she did not comply with the President's wishes in this matter. After a short discussion, a motion was made that we recommend that the First Vice-President have the Year Books printed by whom she prefers, so long as she is an unpaid worker. Mrs. Frazier stated that a Study session would be conducted each morning during the week, and asked that we meet regularly and study together the work that is so vital to our progress.

Mrs. Fannie Polston arose at this time, and made an earnest plea that "we, as women whose hearts are aflame with the great work of our Auxiliary Convention, its unity and progress to work on diligently, pray with all earnestness, and uphold the love and unity that exists among us, regardless of what the men of our beloved denomination may do during their session of the Association, or later."

These minutes were read and approved. The meeting adjourned with prayer by the President.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, *President.*

Alice E. Lupton, *Recording Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

The National Auxiliary Convention met in annual session Monday evening, July 13th, 1942, at the Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Mississippi.

The Program, as previously arranged was effected as per plans, the theme being, "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us."

A short business session was held prior to the Devotional, at which time the President appointed the following Committees:

Greeting—Miss Mary Patton, Mrs. Mollie Shephard, Mrs. J. F. Miller.

Appreciation—Mrs. H. W. Christian, Mrs. Ernest Griffith, Miss Tommie Franklin.

Registration—Mrs. E. K. Brown, Mrs. R. R. Crossley, Mrs. Sallie Smith.

Plan of Work—Mrs. F. C. Zinn, Mrs. G. B. VanHook, Mrs. Chester Pelt.

Resolution—Mrs. Raymond Sasser, Mrs. N. E. Harris, Mrs. Melvin Bingham.

Obituary—Miss Annie Zorn, Mrs. John Henson, Mrs. Ione Buchanan.

Business session adjourned, after which the meeting was turned over to Song service and prayer, followed by an address by Mrs. H. W. Christian, who spoke from the subject of "A Book of Rules and a Kit of Tools." The Book of Rules, she asserted, is the Holy Bible. The Rules, she quoted from II Peter, 1: 1-10, as follows: 1st, Diligence—meaning, persevering effort; 2nd, Virtue—Energy, or power; 3rd, Knowledge, acquaintance with fact; 4th Temperance—Self-control, patience, forbearance; 5th, Godliness—God-likeness. 6th, Brotherly kindness—Good will, like a brother; 7th, Charity—sincerity.

The Kit of Tools, Mrs. Christian informed us, was:

1st, Body: a. Eyes—What do you see? b. Ears—What do you hear? c. Tongue—What to you talk about? d. Hands—How do you use them? e. Feet—Where do you go?

2nd, Mind: a. Directs the actions of the body; b. Abstains from thinking evil ;3. THE SOUL; The real self.

3rd, Workers: 1st, Princes and Kings—those high in authority; 2nd, Clowns—Entertainers; 3rd, Common People—You and me. (Plowman, Preacher, Teacher, Lawyer, Doctor.) Result. A Stumbling block, or a stepping stone—Which?

I give the outline to the address, that we may better recall, or retain in our minds the splendid and impressive manner in which Mrs. Christian presented these facts to us one by one, and her serious attitude, flavored with a bit of wit or humor as she unfolded the various rules for right living,

and the Kit of Tools each of us have in our possession with which to work.

The meeting adjourned with song and prayer.

TUESDAY MORNING

The Convention opened at 9:00 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Church, with Mrs. Chester Pelt in charge of the Devotional period. After the Praise and Prayer service, Mrs. Pelt spoke on the Theme topic, "Constraineth Me." Many points of interest were brought out, which did our hearts good and encouraged us to put forth our best efforts in adoration and service to our Master and Lord.

*The business session opened with remarks by the President relative to our limited time and the amount of work she hoped we would be able to accomplish, asking that we be much in prayer and that our meditations and conduct be governed by the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Delegates and Ministers were then enrolled and the President extended a cordial welcome to all Ministers and visitors.

Mrs. Frazier, the 1st Vice-President, asked for time, which was granted, to explain page 25 in the Year Book, relative to Report Blanks and how to compile same.

The Finance Committee was appointed at this time, consisting of the following: Mrs. L. C. Johnson, Mrs. Paul Woolsey, Mrs. J. R. Davidson, the Treasurer, Mrs. Fannie Polston, being Chairman of this Committee.

An invitation was given visitors from other States, by the President, to line up with our Convention, to register and to join us in our deliberations. Greetings from the Third Vice-President, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, who was hindered from being present, was read by the Secretary. Her written report was also given at this time. (See Reports). Greetings were also read from the Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. R. Bennett, with regrets at not being able to be present. Included in Mrs. Bennett's report, was her resignation as Second Vice-President. Reports of Mrs. Shutes and Mrs. Bennett were, on motion, adopted as read. It was moved and carried that Mrs. Bennett's resignation be accepted with regret, and that some one be appointed to fill her unexpired term. It was moved and carried that the action of the Executive Committee, in the selection of Mrs. Melvin Bingham, of Tulsa, Okla., during their recent session be indorsed and that Mrs. Bingham be elected to the office of Second Vice-President to succeed Mrs. Bennett. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Field Worker, rendered a very fine report of her work during the year. This report was so gratifying that hands went up all over the building, in appreciation of her splendid efforts. (See reports).

The Greetings Committee rendered their report and on motion it was adopted. Greetings from the General Board of the National Association was read at this time, by the Secretary and she was instructed to file same in the Minutes. The Committee on Appreciation was read and on motion, was adopted. The report of the Fifth Vice-President was read and on motion was adopted. (See reports).

Mrs. McAdams made a very impressive talk on "Serving with love in the States," which was much appreciated.

A very inspiring talk was given by Miss Laura Belle Barnard on "The Mission Plans for Cuba," which was received with interest.

At 11:00 o'clock, the business session took recess for a devotional service. After Praise and Prayer, a special selection was rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Zinn, after which the Convention Sermon was delivered by Rev. Elsie Curtis, her theme being, "Constraining Love." Mrs. Curtis spoke very feelingly and with conviction on the great need of more faith and love in our hearts for each other and for God, and urged that we give of our best to Him who loved us so well, that He gave His only Son to die on the cross for our redemption, pleading that we might be constrained, through the love of Christ to "bear one another's burdens," to love one another as He has commanded us and to refrain from harsh or unjust criticism and judgments." At the close of the service, business was resumed for a short period. The report of the Registration Committee was heard at this time and on motion, was accepted as read. (See Reports). The report of the Obituary Committee was read and on motion, adopted as read. The report of the First Vice-President was given and was very encouraging throughout. She reported that eight States had responded to her appeals, that there had been 551 new members reported during the year, with 82 suspensions for one cause or another, and that a total membership of 2,297 reported in the eight States. She said in part, that she felt sure there were many, many more than this number of enlisted women, and that she hoped we would do our best during the coming year to reach the un-enlisted women of our denomination and induce them to take a stand with us in this great work of the Master. (See report in full in record of reports). It was moved and carried that the report be adopted as read.

It was moved and carried that we adjourn for lunch. Benediction by the Secretary, Mrs. Lupton. (12:40 o'clock.)

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Convention re-assembled at 1:45 o'clock. Opening song, "Jesus Calls Us," followed with a Prayer by Mrs. Sallie E. Smith. Miss Barnard led the devotional service and made a splendid talk on "Our First Love," as a testing time comes in every life, which, unless we are rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, makes us forget our blessings and urged that we should be living epistles of God, with the likeness of Christ in our own lives."

The business session opened with the report of the Resolution Committee, which was adopted by a motion and second and voted upon unanimously, the first consisting of a rising vote of thanks and appreciation to the Church, its Pastor and to the City at large, for the fine spirit of co-operation and hospitality while in their midst. (See full report in record of reports.) It was moved and carried that the President be granted the privi-

lege of appointing a Committee to arrange a Memorial Service for deceased members at our next session in 1943. She appointed Mrs. Chester Pelt and Mrs. H. W. Christian to act as the Committee. There was a motion that the following States be received with a glad welcome, as members of our Auxiliary Convention: Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio. Motion carried.

The Committee on the Plan of Work made its report and same was adopted in its entirety.

There was a motion made that we adopt the Study Course Certificate used by the North Carolina State Auxiliary Convention, with any needed additions, same to be made by Mrs. J. E. Frazier. Motion carried.

The Corresponding Secretary called out the names of the A-1 Auxiliaries and asked the delegates to stand. 1, Paintsville, Ky., Mrs. Millard Van Hoose; 2nd, Cattlesburg, Ky., Mrs. James K. Maynard, represented these auxiliaries. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Field Worker, made an appeal for the "Fast Plan" during the coming year, urging that we sacrifice one meal a week, and save the price of same for the work before us.

A motion was made that the Program Committee be given a vote of thanks for the splendid arrangement of the Program for this session of our Convention. Motion carried.

At this time a special selection, "The Gospel Medley," was rendered by Miss Marie Wilson, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Cecil Campbell.

Miss Barnard distributed pamphlets on the Cuba and other Mission points, asking that we read them carefully, in order that we might better understand just what our Missionaries were doing, and hoping to do.

Mrs. Frazier made announcement that a Study Course of Woman's Work was in progress each morning during the week, and urged that as many of us as possible take advantage of this opportunity of learning more about the work in general.

The Treasurer's report, together with that of the Finance Committee was heard, and on motion was adopted as read. (See Reports.)

Mrs. McAdams made a motion that we make a "love gift" of \$25.00, to Mrs. Fannie Polston, as a token of our appreciation for her loyal service. Motion carried.

Mrs. Curtis called attention to the sacrificial service of our First Vice-President, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, and made a motion that a rising vote of thanks be extended to her. Motion carried.

A short talk on the progress being made with the Jehoida Chest, was given by Mrs. McAdams, who solicited our very best efforts in creating and maintaining a greater interest in this method of raising funds for the extension of the kingdom work of the Master. A very inspirational talk was made by Mrs. Sallie E. Smith, of Virginia, on the Auxiliary work in her State who expressed great appreciation to Mrs. McAdams for the wonderful vision they have taught through her service with them.

Congregational singing of "When Free Will Baptists all learn how to Tithe," was sung with much spirit at this time.

The Program Committee appointed to arrange the Program for next National Auxiliary Convention were as follows: Mrs. Raymond Sasser, Mrs. J. F. Miller and Miss Annie Zorn. (It is understood that the Second Vice-President is Chairman of this Committee.)

Registration Committee, Mrs. E. K. Brown for next year.

The minutes of this Convention were read and approved.

A motion was made for adjournment. Motion carried. Closing Hymn, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." Benediction by Rev. E. B. Joyner.

GREETINGS FROM THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

To the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention,
In annual session this the 14th day of July, 1942. .
Greetings:

The General Board of the National Association assembled in annual session this the 14th day of July, 1942, does hereby extend sincere greetings to your honorable body, and pledge an earnest prayer for your spiritual guidance in the conduct of the greatest session in the history of your Convention.

Respectfully yours,

Signed—Henry Melvin, *Chairman.*

John B. Rollins, *Secretary.*

RECORD OF REPORTS

The Greetings Committee reports as follows:

We, your Committee of Greetings beg to submit the following report; Expressions of our love and of our disappointment in their inability to be present in these most helpful and inspiring sessions of our Convention, were sent to Miss Iola Johnson, Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Miss Bessie Yealy and Brother Thomas Willey.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Patton,

Eunice A. Miller,

Mollie Shepherd,

Committee.

REPORT OF REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We, the Registration Committee, find that, there are 23 delegates to the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, fifty Ministers present, forty-five delegates to the Association, forty-two visitors and 137 officers registered.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. K. Brown,

Mrs. Sallie E. Smith,

Committee.

REPORT OF THE APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciation Committee, respectfully submit the following report:

We express our sincere appreciation to the members of the Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Miss., together with its Pastor, for the splendid reception accorded the Woman's Auxiliary Convention. We also wish to thank the people of the entire city, who are not connected with our Church, for their gracious hospitality.

We are grateful to those who have donated flowers to decorate the church during this session.

We tender our thanks to the members of the Program Committee for the well arranged program they prepared for this Convention, and to those who by appearing on the Program have contributed to the success of the Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. H. W. Christian, *Chairman*
Mrs. Ernest O. Griffith,
Miss Tommie Franklin,
Committee.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Obituary Committee, respectfully submit the following report of our deceased, since last we met:

We mourn with sister Lizzie McAdams in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Estelle Lawliss, and extend to her our deepest sympathy.

Brother C. R. Gettings, a deacon of Union Church, Thompsonville, Ill. We extend our sympathy to his loved ones, to his Church and to the many friends of this our brother in Christ.

Mrs. Mary Kanaka, Kotagiri, South India—Bible woman and teacher, beloved co-worker of our Missionary in India, Miss Laura Bell Barnard, who is a devoted servant of the Lord, and who was a member of our Free Will Baptist Mission Staff in India. She was called to higher service December 6, 1941, having loved not her life even unto death. Her home-going is a tremendous loss to our work, but like Abel, she being dead, yet speaketh. She rests from her labors—her works do follow her in India.

Respectfully submitted,

Miss Annie C. Zorn, *Chairman*
Mrs. John Henson,
Mrs. Ione Buchanan,
Committee.

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Since it has become necessary for the Federal Government to ration cer-

tain commodities, and since one of these essentials is absolutely necessary to the well-being of health and life, and whereas, we are informed that the brewers and distillers are allowed an almost unlimited quantity to convert into alcohol, which destroys life and happiness, Therefore be it resolved:

That we go on record as requesting the rationing Authorities to stop this allowance for alcoholic beverages, for the duration of the emergency, at least, to the end that the supply of sugar for food and home consumption may be increased. We further wish to appeal to our Government officials to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages generally, because a "drunken Nation is a lost Nation, and drunken armies win no wars."

We recommend that a place be put in all new Auxiliary blanks for the Jehoiada Chest.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Raymond Sasser, *Chairman*,
Mrs. N. E. Harris,
Mrs. Melvin Bingham,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY LITERATURE DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN'S N. A. C.

Mrs. J. E. Frazier Tennessee, *First Vice-President and Chairman*
of Literature and Publications
June 30, 1941 to July 1, 1942.

CHRIST'S LOVE CONSTRAINS US TO ENLIST THROUGH THE PRINTED PAGE

At Jesus' command the same old fishing net was let down and the catch was so great that it was necessary for Peter to beckon to his partners to help bring in the draught.

At Jesus' command we have gone out this unusual year to fish for HIM. Constantly we have beckoned for our partners, for we could not do the work alone. How grateful we are for these auxiliary partners! Our Mission Chairman, our Field Workers, our Stewardship Chairman, our Treasurer, our Benevolence Chairman, our Secretaries, our State, District, and Local Auxiliary officers—all have given themselves untiringly in service. Small would be the draught recorded in this report were it not for them.

NETS STRENGTHENED

Our Woman's Auxiliary nets have been strengthened this past year by study classes, Christian Workers' Institutes, improved literature, and many new members. The Institutes will be reported more fully possibly elsewhere, but we want to register our belief that they strengthen our nets materially.

The five Christian Workers' Institutes held in the different states have opened many eyes to the possibilities of bringing in a much larger draught.

Due to my illness, our national treasurer coached the fisherman in two of these institutes. We are grateful for whatever help may have been received. In three of these Institutes we were privileged to coach the fishermen.

The National Board of Education has greatly blessed and aided the Woman's Auxiliary enlistment and extension department. They gave us the opportunity through these Christian Worker's Institutes to present to our pastors the possibilities of Woman's Auxiliary. We know we are dependent upon our ministers for our extension work and we believe when they know our aim and purpose they are friends of the Auxiliary. We are grateful to the ministers in whose associations these institutes have been held, for making it possible for us to present auxiliary work to the unorganized churches there. We believe this is the best place to advertise the Woman's Auxiliary.

ENLARGING THE DRAUGHT

During this year, the love of Christ has constrained us to enlarge our work by cooperating with our state, district, and even local officers, if requested by them, in the enlistment and extension work of their auxiliaries; and also in the training of our youth. This work has necessitated much correspondence—enough almost to have kept a full time secretary busy. For such contacts I am deeply grateful to you and to my Father in heaven for the time in which to do this letter-writing. As a result of this type of work many members have become actively engaged in auxiliary work, and many programs given and talks made in the interest of our Plan of Work.

You recall how when Peter let down his OWN net, the same old net which he had possibly used for years, and had thus complied with Jesus' command he had results and what results! How we Free Will Baptist women need to comply with the demand for the deep. "Launch out into the deep" is still Jesus' command. The shore waters are largely over-fished. Out in the deep are fish that never nibbled at a hook. Fish that never caught sight of a net.

How we also need to beckon (enlist) to our partners, the women in our churches, who are doing nothing. Many never come to any meeting. Many never enlisted in any church work. You could do away with night services in our churches and some women would never know it for a year. If an automobile had as many useless parts as a church, it would not even run down hill.

So many Free Will Baptist women with incandescent light powers are doing tallow candle shining, or none at all. So many Free Will Baptist women with diamond and ruby abilities doing pewter work. So many with locomotive powers doing push cart work. So many feminine Niagaras just a stagnant pond. So many with Winchester powers doing popgun work.

When only 282 new members were gained last year, and of our Woman's Auxiliary membership of approximately 4,000, only 223 tithers! Is there not

need for the love of Christ to constrain you to enlist others to bring themselves first and then their tithes and offerings to God's house? So many Free Will Baptist women are living as if Jesus Christ had never lived, as though He had no claim on their abilities and love. Just as if there had been no baby's cry in Bethlehem long ago, no sweet joyous child life, no Galilean ministry, no Jerusalem sorrow, no Calvary wounds and death, no open grave. The love of Christ should certainly constrain us to enlist these women. Many if enlisted will respond.

"As love pours out in service, God pours in.
And lo, to us comes spaciousness of Soul."

We need spacious souls in this day of high tension, world upheaval, class hatred, bitterness, strife, envyings, and jealousies on every side—even in churches and associations. We need to be still and know GOD.

"Trusting in His love, that never, never fails,
Trusting in His Name, that must forever prevail."

The love of Christ surely constrains every first vice-president to enter with a determined zeal this enlistment campaign not only for new members but also for every woman in your church that they will become active in HIS great and joyous service. We have much land yet to possess, as thousands of our women are yet unenlisted. This, Local First Vice-President, is the task which the Woman's Auxiliary Convention entrusts to your hands. Our records next July will reveal how faithful you have been to your trust. "O, keep that which is committed to your trust."

Then too, surely "the love of Christ constrains us" to magnify the education of all our members in ALL OUR STATES as is planned through our convention Year Book of Programs and Manual of Auxiliary Methods. As we study these two books and other study course books which are now available for the first time in the history of organized women's work, we will more fully comprehend what is the length and breadth and depth and height of Christ's constraining love and see how His transforming love in the hearts of His children the world around "passeth all knowledge."

The Auxiliary net has been broken in one place this past year, and some subscribers to our Year Book have been lost. We challenge our leaders in that place to mend the net so there may be nothing lost. We praise HIS HOLY Name that many new subscribers to our convention Year Book have been won this past year, and there is little or no less in the total number sold.

Because this has been a most trying year to me, I want to especially express my gratitude to you for remembering me in prayer. Had not you held me up with your prayers, the victory could not be so great today. God gave me perfect peace while I was passing through the deep waters and I know it was because you were praying.

When Peter saw the great draught of fishes, he also saw himself and he fell on his knees confessing his sins. As we see what has been accomplished in our literature department this past year, we too feel like humbly bowing, and acknowledging our short-comings and our failures.

Surely, First Vice-Presidents, we are constrained by the love of Christ to return to our fields of service to give ourselves and all we have to the Lord. As problems arise, consider each one a challenge to go forward and make this a year of new beginnings and above all a victorious year! We stand on its threshold with bright hopes and eager expectations, for the possibilities and opportunities are limitless. God alone knows the future—He holds the key—"as laborers together with God"—"the love of Christ constraineth us" to accept this new year as a gift from the Heavenly Father—three hundred and sixty-five days of challenge and promise.

"Today is the day of battle
The brunt is hard to bear.
Stand back all ye who falter
Make room for them who dare."

As in 1941, the success of the Auxiliary literature Department depends on you, dear women, who have encouraged the use and sales of the Manuals and Year Books and who have encouraged and interpreted the "hearth song" as you opened your minds and other minds to the doors of opportunity that are now ajar through the use of our enlarged Year Book.

The Year Book, like any other child, costs more as it grows but remember the parent receives increased joy in return for the augmented expenditures for school and clothes. So the 1941-42 Year Book trebled in pages, must and did cost more. True to the analogy of the growing child, it did not increase in cost proportionate to the value and blessings it brought. Our last Year Book trebled in pages was but little more doubled in cost.

To our Heavenly Father we first give thanks for giving us the measure of health and strength which we have had to fill the place which you assigned to our hands and the rendering of which service has brought us untold blessings.

To you who have been so faithful and cooperative throughout the year, I am truly grateful and appreciative.

It is only because the Lord Jesus has helped that this is a victorious report and our draught is so great because so many of us were "laborers together with God," and as such we were able to "overcome with Christ," the obstacles placed in our pathway.

We present our statistical and financial report.

1941-42 Statistical Report:

Meetings presided over	3
Articles sent to denominational papers	27
Young Peoples' programs prepared	18
Stewardship Night programs prepared	3
Mission programs prepared	2

Letters received	368
Cards received	105
Letters sent out—(6 airmail)	258
Letters referred to other department chairmen	41
Cards sent out	90
Cards referred to other department chairmen	10
Packages sent out (tracts, booklets, programs, etc.)	11
Telegrams	2
Stationery received (250 envelopes and 3,000 sheets)	3250
Active members reported in states	2,297
Members re-instated in states	0
Members suspended in states	82
Members died in states	0
New Members in states	551
Increase in members	289
Churches visited	8
Talks made	28
Study Classes taught	23
Literature Distributed (report from states)	

FINANCE REPORT FOR 1941—1942

Receipts

February 20, 1942—Sales of Manuals	\$ 70.00
April 2, 1942—Year Book Sales	123.00
April 2, 1942—Manual Revision	10.00
April 15, 1942—Tract Donation	14.00
Total income from all sources	\$217.00

Expenditures

2-28-42—Manuals (Edition 3—1,000 copies)	\$80.00
5-13-42—Tracts	14.00
5-29-42—Study Course III	35.00
6-30-42—Study Course IV.	45.25
Total Expenditures	\$174.25
Balance in Literature Department Treasury July 1, 1942	\$ 32.75

WILL TO DO

I prayed for added years that I might do some good.
 The granted years have slipped so speedily
 Intended half has not been done. Are years worth while
 When dreamed-of labors cannot wholly be,
 When hungry aspirations hunger on and on?
 My will to do has kept life interesting,

My hoped accomplishments been drawing power;
 The little wrought has been sure, promising
 Of something yet to do—of urge to try again.
 Perhaps some worthwhile work will crown my reach,
 Desire to do be scored in heaven's record book;
 Life lessons learned enable me to teach
 Some other hands to do the things that I could not.
 And let me keep on trying to the end;
 Years given, let me press to chosen deeds of good.
 Still upward may I journey on
 Close to thy side, Father Friend.

Humbly submitted,
 Agnes B. Frazier.

REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

To the National Auxiliary Convention;
 Greetings:

I regret very much not being able to meet with you in this session of our Convention. I also regret not being able to make a glowing report to you of work done as your Second Vice-President, but circumstances have prevented me serving in this capacity as efficiently as I should have liked to have served.

I am sending the report from Oklahoma, just as it was sent to me. This is all the report I have to offer, except that I have been boosting Vacation Bible Schools among our people, and am planning to conduct two myself, during the month of August. I so much desire that all our churches would awaken to a realization of the need of such training among our youth.

I am praying that some one shall be elected to this office for the coming year, who shall be able to render a more efficient service than I have rendered. I shall always be deeply interested in this phase of our work, but I cannot serve any longer in this capacity.

I pledge you, however, my support in all phases of the work, as long as I am permitted to do so.

Yours in Christ,
 Mrs. J. R. Bennett,
Second Vice-President.

(Report combined with other statistics)

REPORT OF THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

(Being unable to attend because of ill health, the following written report was rendered.)

"I have written 17 letters and cards to individuals. Articles written to Church papers, 28.

Mission reports from various States:

1st—North Carolina, by Mrs. J. H. Oglesby; Various Mission projects, \$155.55. Total amount received for general Missions, \$1,108.72. Grand total received in North Carolina, \$1,264.27.

2nd—Georgia, by Mrs. E. C. Davidson; Total number of Mission studies, 39; Total number attending studies, 283; Total number observing week of Prayer, 23; Total number Mission Programs, 12; Total number of Mission services sponsored, 21; Total amount raised for Foreign Missions, \$283.82; Total amount raised for Home Missions, \$177.53; Grand total for Missions, \$461.45.

I have two objectives to offer for the years 1942-43. The first is that of establishing a Mission Library in our Churches, in order to get our people to read more literature on Missions, and thereby become more enlightened on the great need of getting the Gospel to a lost and dying world. Funds for this Library may be secured by sponsoring Mission Plays in our Churches, and in taking Free Will Offerings at the close of such plays, emphasizing to the congregations the purpose of same. If we would provide more wholesome and Christian literature for our Young People, they would not be reading so much undesirable and unwholesome literature.

My second objective is that of sponsoring Mission Schools in our Churches. These would be conducted somewhat like our Daily Vacation Bible Schools. We could have Courses from the Junior age through the Senior. Material for these may be secured from the Missionary Educational Movement, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. I have ordered some books for my own benefit, and to use in my local church, which I think are very good, and so I am recommending them to our National Convention. The first book, a Course for Juniors on "Far around the World," by Grace W. McGovran, price 60cts. Leaders may secure an accompanying Manual on "A Junior's Teacher's Guide," by same author, for 15cts. The second book, "A Course for Intermediates on "Twelve Negro Americans," by Mary Jenness, price 60 cts. Leaders may secure an accompanying Manual on "The Negro in America" price 25cts, by the same author.

The third book, a Course for Young People, or Seniors on "Comrades Around the World," by I. Franklin Mack, price 60cts.

The Leader's Manual for this is "Christ and the World Community," by Sue Weddell, price 25cts. Each of these books are instructive and inspirational, and I think will do much to enlighten our young people on Missions. All of the needed material for the Courses are suggested in the Leader's Manual, "How shall they know except they be taught?"

For a Study Course on Missions in our Woman's Auxiliary, I am recommending "Missionary Lessons from the Bible," by Mrs. A. L. Aulick. This can be secured from the Woman's Missionary Union of Oklahoma City, 223 1-2 West First St., Oklahoma. I think it would be nice if our own Publishing Houses would secure these books for us, and then for us to purchase and use them. This book helps us to study the Bible as a Missionary Book, to

also put into practice the missionary principles found in the Bible.

May God's richest blessings be upon you all during the Convention, and as you go out to extend His Kingdom work among men.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, *Third Vice-President*.

(You will notice that only two States made a complete report of funds raised during the year. May I have your full co-operation?)

REPORT OF FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT

This report is incomplete, but I am submitting that which has been sent to me.

Stewardship Reading Circles conducted	2
Number of books read	34
Number of reading Books	96
No. Tracts and other Literature distributed	125
Stewardship Programs	10
Talks on Stewardship	8
Number of tithers reported	111
Number of new tithers	10
Stewardship Study classes	23
Number of 100 per cent members	37

This report comprises Rescue Church, local Society, Whittington, Ill., Georgia State Convention, Oklahoma State Convention, and local Society of Monett Church, Monett, Mo.

With deep regret at not being able to be with you all in this Convention, I am, Sincerely yours.

Lola Johnson, *Fourth Vice-President*.

REPORT OF FIFTH VICE-PRESIDENT

My report of actual work must be limited, for I have received reports from only four States. Others have been more faithful, I am sure, to the work of the Master, than just reporting that which they have accomplished. Only \$82.80 was reported for Orphanages, and \$55.40 for Ministerial Relief, with special offerings of \$39.80.

All four of these States report directed Personal Service and some souls saved as a result. Also quite a number of sick visited, trays and flowers sent.

Have also written several articles for the Baptist and Gem papers.

Respectfully submitted,
Elsie M. Curtis, *Fifth Vice-President*.

REPORT OF FIELD WORKER

Number of churches visited	150
Number of Sermons preached	237

Mission lectures, Home and Foreign	158
Number of confessions, or conversions	135
Number of Local Auxiliaries organized	44
Number of District Conventions organized	4
(These were one each in Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia.)	
Number Banks placed	1070
Number Stickers for banks, or jars	350
Number Jehoida Chests placed	108
Number Jehoida Chests ordered	5
Number Year Books for Auxiliaries placed	292
Number Manuals for Auxiliaries placed	350
Number letters written	241
Number Cards written	494
Number Circular Letters	300
Number Subscriptions to Gem and Baptist	40
Number Miles traveled	22,000
Received from Mrs. Fannie Polston	\$250.00
Amount sent to Mrs. Polston	\$148.00
Received from Circular letters	\$155.35
Received from the Field	21.00
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Total amount received	\$176.35
Expense of Circulars—letters, cards, postage and writing material ..	\$28.35
Total expense	\$143.00

Respectfully submitted,
Lizzie McAdams, *Field Worker.*

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

A written report of the Annual Auxiliary Convention held with the Drumright Free Will Baptist Church in July, 1941, sent to the Free Will Baptist Press, at Ayden, N. C., and to the Gem, at Monett Mo. Two articles to both papers, concerning our National work, together with announcements and programs of our present Convention.

I have written 12 letters and 14 Post cards.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Stewart, *Corresponding Secretary.*

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

After paying all expenses of the Auxiliary Convention now in session at Columbus, Miss., this July 14th, 1942, We, your Finance Committee, recommend the following; That we reserve \$300.00 as ordered by the Convention, leaving a balance of \$432.98, and that since the "fields are white unto harvest, and labourers few" the "love of Christ Constraineneth us" to give Two Foundation checks for the National Bible School, in Nashville, Tenn., and \$100.00 for Foreign Missions, the balance of \$132.98, to be given to the

NATIONAL MINUTES OF

Unified Program of the National Association. Trusting this will meet the approval of the Convention, and asking God's blessings on us, we are,

Respectfully,

Your Finance Committee.

Signed—

Mrs. Fannie Polston, *Chairman*,

Mrs. J. R. Davidson,

Mrs. L. C. Johnson,

Mrs. Paul Woosley.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand at close of 1941 National Auxiliary Convention,

Held at Drumright, Oklahoma, in July, 1941:	\$ 98.17
Received from Illinois District Convention	6.60
Received from District Auxiliary, Union As'n, Tenn.	11.10
Received from District Auxiliary, Com. As'n, Tenn.	20.20
Received from Missouri State Convention	10.39
Received from Ohio State Convention	4.00
Received from Two local Societies, Florida	2.00
Received from Kentucky	7.60
Received from Oklahoma State Auxiliary	11.30
Received from North Carolina State Convention	65.62
Received from District Aux. Convention, St. Francois Qt. meeting ..	5.50
Received from W. Virginia District Auxiliary	2.00
Received from District Convention Central Texas, Ass'n	5.00
Received from North Carolina State Aux. Convention for Foreign Missions	39.73
Received from North Carolina State Aux. Convention for Foreign Missions	94.62
Received from North Carolina Aux. Convention, Donation	10.00
Received from Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Fast Plan	5.20
Received from Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Fast Plan	5.20
Received from Miss Tommie Franklin, Fast Plan	2.90
Received from Virginia Aux. Convention for dues	12.10
Received from Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Field Worker	\$157.00
Total amount received	\$419.23 plus \$157.00
Grand Total	\$576.23

Disbursements

To Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Recording Secretary, for having cards printed and for Postage	\$ 6.36
Travelling Expenses	10.00
Transcribing Minutes	10.00
Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President, Travelling Expenses	10.00
Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President, Expense	1.50

Mrs. Elsie Curtis, 5th Vice-President, Traveling Expense -----	10.00
To Mrs. McAdams, Field Worker, salary -----	250.00
To Mrs. McAdams, Field Worker, Traveling Expense -----	10.00
Miss Rebecca Stewart, Corresponding Secretary, Traveling Expense--	10.00
Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 1st V. President, Stamps and Stationery -----	5.20
Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 1st V. President, Telegrams -----	1.05
Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 1st V. President, Traveling Expense -----	10.00
Mrs. Fannie Polston, Treasurer-Stamps and stationery -----	12.00
Mrs. Fannie Polston, Traveling Expense -----	10.00
Mrs. Fannie Polston, Love Offering -----	25.00
Foreign Mission Treasurer of National Association -----	134.35
Total Disbursements -----	\$525.46
Balance on hand -----	\$ 50.77

REPORT OF MONEY DERIVED FROM JEHOIADA CHESTS

Oklahoma -----	\$ 9.00	Louisiana -----	1.25
Tennessee -----	23.75	Alabama -----	8.00
North Carolina -----	372.89	W. Virginia -----	14.00
Virginia -----	14.00	Georgia -----	9.50
South Carolina -----	5.00	Illinois -----	30.00
Ohio -----	36.18		
Texas -----	2 ⁸	Total received from Jehoida	
Kentucky -----	32.00	Chests -----	\$682.21
Florida -----	4.00	Respectfully submitted,	
Missouri -----	94.54	Mrs. Fannie Polston, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

THE FOLLOWING REPORT AND PLAN OF WORK WAS SUBMITTED
AND ADOPTED AT THE RECENT SESSION OF THE NATIONAL
AUXILIARY CONVENTION, AT COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

For 1941-1943

We, the Committee on the "Plan of Work, endorse the Woman's National Auxiliary Plan of Work, as laid down in the Manual of Methods, and recommend its adoption with the following additions:

THEME: The Great Commission—Our Commission.

Hymn for the year—"I Love to Tell the Story."

Watchword for the year: "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us." II Cor. 5:14.

I. PRAYER:

1. That we emphasize the Family Altar; that we encourage taking of Prayer lists of the unsaved, and that we stress cottage prayer meetings in preparation of revival meetings,

2. That we observe October 20th, 1942, as Mission Day of Prayer.

II—ENLISTMENTS and EFFICIENCY:

1. That we take our slogan, "Every Free Will Baptist Church organized, Every Free Will Baptist Woman Utilized."

2. That we set aside October 12-17, 1942, as Enlistment Week, when special emphasis be given to organizing new Auxiliaries and winning new members.

3. That as a means of efficient work and workers, we recommend full co-operation with the course in "Woman's Work, The Christian Workers Institute," conducted by the National Board of Education.

III—MISSION STUDY:

1. That the Mission Chairman in every Auxiliary, plan for the Mission Study work of the Young People, in consultation with the Second Vice-President. We suggest that during the Summer, a two or three day period be set aside for all auxiliaries to come to study in their separate groups, Mission books as suggested by the Mission Department.

IV—STEWARDSHIP:

1. That the spirit of sacrifice and self-denial enter more fully in all our work. Romans 12:11.

2. That there be a more thorough study of all stewardship plans by all Stewardship chairmen.

3. That a Stewardship study class be held early in the Convention year in every Woman's Auxiliary. (Order Stewardship Books from F. W. B. Press, Ayden, N. C.)

4. That every resident woman member of the church, be enlisted in missionary offerings, and in co-operation in all financial goals.

5. That a consecrated and enthusiastic woman be appointed in every Convention to promote the study work and support the Unified Program of the National Association, to which we are auxiliary.

6. That "urgency" and "sacrifice" be the thoughts which spur us on to faithful stewardship in 1942-43, that "His way may be known upon the earth and His salvation among the Nations."

V.—MISSIONARY EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE:

1. That fostering and advancing Christian education of our young people, as presented in the book, "Working with our Youth." (Order from F. W. B. Gem, Monett, Mo.)

2. That the Corresponding Secretary also continually seek to secure subscriptions to the "Gem" and the "Free Will Baptist paper" through Woman's Auxiliaries and the Young People themselves, until there is a Church paper in every home.

VI.—CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

1. That special emphasis be placed on the support of our Bible School in Nashville, Tenn.

2. That we encourage our young people to prepare for Christian service, who have strong bodies, alert minds, good education, attractive personalities, sincere purposes and growing experience.

VII.—GIFTS:

1. That we take as our goal \$5.00 from each Convention for the Bible School located at Nashville, Tenn., by July 1, 1943.

2. That we accept as our monthly apportionment the amount of 10 cents per member to the Unified Program.

3. That we continue with the Jehoida Chest Fund as our mission fund, which is to be used as follows: One third of all such funds be kept in the National Woman's Auxiliary treasury for the promotion of its Home Mission field work, and two thirds of all such funds received by the National Treasurer, to be spent on the first of each month to the National Foreign Mission Treasurer.

VIII.—PERSONAL SERVICE:

1. That we intensify our efforts to carry out monthly, the activities printed in the Personal Service Calendar of the Year Book.

2. That every Auxiliary have a Personal Service Committee, whose responsibility it is to direct these activities.

IX.—REPORTS.

1. That the Convention annual report to the National Association be made on the blank as found in the back of the Year Book, in order that a statistical record of Woman's Auxiliary work may be kept.

2. All funds contributed by local Auxiliaries for the different phases of the Auxiliary work, are to be sent monthly to the National Woman's Auxiliary Treasurer, who in turn will forward all such funds to the proper Treasurer of the National Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed—

Mrs. F. C. Zinn, *Chairman*,
Mrs. Chester Pelt,
Mrs. G. B. Van Hook.

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 1943.

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

Delegate _____ Address _____

Delegate _____ Address _____

Delegate _____ Address _____

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 Schools

_____ 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 _____

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as accurately as possible; but where accurate figures are not available
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