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The next sessions of these bodies will be held with the Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo. The Sunday School Convention convenes Sunday night, July 9, 1944. The Women's Auxiliary Convention convenes Monday night following and the National Association convenes Tuesday night following, of the same week.



## OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR, 1943-1944

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. Robert Crawford, Executive Secretary	Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. C. F. Bowen, Statistician	East Durham, N. C.



## CHAIRMAN 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; D. J. O'Donnell, Ashville.

## Florida—

Daniel Pelt, Bascom.

## ✓Georgia—

E. C. Morris, Glennville; Ralph Lightsey, Bristol.

## ✓Illinois—

Delbert Hall, (?); Opal Hiltibidal, Walnut Hill; George Waggoner, Macedonia; Leonard E. Harris, Chicago; Paul Kettelman, Macedonia.

## ✓Kentucky—

S. F. Van Hoose, Paintsville.

## ✓Michigan—

Raymond Riggs, Detroit.

## Missouri—

Mark Lewis, St. Louis; F. C. Zinn, Monett; Myron Hyatt, Monett; Mrs. Marie Hyatt, Monett; O. T. Allred, Monett; Winford Davis, Monett; Kenneth Turner, Monett; John B. Rollins, Monett; Cecil H. Campbell, Cartersville; C. B. Dees, Desloge; J. F. Miller, Flat River; Frank Linton, (?).

## North Carolina—

J. C. Griffin, New Bern; R. C. Wiggs, Ayden; F. A. Rivenbark, Durham; J. A. Evans, Middlesex; N. B. Barrow, Snow Hill; W. J. Jordan, Goldsboro; David Hansley, Folkstone; L. R. Ennis, Goldsboro.

## Ohio—

J. A. Kemper, Wheelersburg; W. J. Sheppard, Sciotoville; Melvin Dunn, Wellston.

## Oklahoma—

B. F. Rogers, Drumright; W. E. Dearmore, Wanette.

## Tennessee—

Paul Woolsey, Greeneville; Damon Dodd, Columbia; J. R. Davidson, Ashland City; J. B. Bloss, Columbia; Robert Crawford, Nashville; Huey Gower, Nashville; Henry Melvin, Nashville; J. B. Parsons, Nashville; L. C. Johnson, Nashville; W. H. Oliver, Nashville; Robert Woodard, Nashville; Thurman Pate, Knoxville.

## Texas—

H. Ray Berry, Houston; J. O. Fort, Bryan; Miss Tommie Franklin, Denison; Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Huntsville; C. B. Thompson, Fort Worth.

## Virginia—

Mrs. L. M. Salyer, Dorchester; Mrs. Ethel Robins, Norton.

## West Virginia—

John Henson, Hurricane; D. V. Shaffner.

## Cuba—

T. H. Willey, Missionary to Cuba.

## BOARDS

Boards, with members' term of office in order as written, the General Board excepted, in which case all western members term expires at next session, other board members' one expiring each year, the 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., Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, Durham, N. C., Rev. W. T. Large, Coeburn, Va., E. C. Davidson, Glennville, Ga., Rev. John Hinson, Hurricane, W. Va., W. L. Williams, Bryan, Texas, Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla., Rev. John B. Rollins, Monett, Mo., Rev. C. J. Kitterman, Macedonia, Ill., Rev. W. J. Sheppard, Sciotoville, Ohio, D. K. Brown, Columbus, Miss. Other members of this Board are the General Officers of the Association

**Foreign Missions**—Rev. Elsie Curtis, Herrin, Ill., Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., Rev. B. F. Rogers, Drumright, Okla., Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Ayden, N. C., Rev. C. B. Thompson, Fort Worth, Texas.

**Home Mission**—Rev. M. L. Hollis, Red Bay, Ala., Rev. C. B. Dees, Desloge, Mo., Rev. A. B. Talbert, Tulsa, Okla., Rev. J. A. Kemper, Wheelersburg, Ohio, Rev. W. K. Jordan, Goldsboro, N. C.

**Free Will Baptist League**—Rev. Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. L. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tenn., Miss Jean Welch, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. Robt. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Huey Gower, Ashland City, Tenn.

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

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

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



# PROCEEDINGS

The Seventh Annual Session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States convened with the East Nashville Church, Nashville, Tenn., on Tuesday evening, July 13, 1943.

Rev. Henry Melvin, pastor of the local Church and also director of music for this session of the Association, opened the session by leading the congregation in several hymns, after which, Rev. B. F. Rogers read the Scripture and led in the opening invocation. After the choir rendered a special number the speaker of the evening, Rev. Dr. Bob Jones, founder of the Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tenn., was introduced by Rev. Melvin, the host pastor. Dr. Jones, read the 17th Chapter of The Acts from which he based his subject, "Evangelism and Character Building." The message was highly instructive and interspersed with wit and humor.

After the opening sermon, the Moderator called for a business session in keeping with the arranged program. The opening prayer of the business session was offered by Rev. E. C. Morris, then the welcome address was delivered by Rev. Henry Melvin and the response was given by Rev. John B. Rollins. Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. R. Davidson.

Election of general officers was called for at this time and by motion, all incumbent officers were re-elected. (see list of officers on front page).

The next on the program was the Moderator's message, which was delivered in usual order.

By motion, the session adjourn to meet according to the program on Wednesday morning.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Association came together at appointed time, song service and devotions were conducted by Revs. J. R. Davidson and R. C. Wiggs, after which, the Moderator took charge and called the body to business.

The following committees were appointed:

**Resolutions**—Revs. John B. Rollins, W. K. Jordan, W. J. Sheppard, John Hinson and Daniel Pelt.

**Temperance**—Rev. B. F. Rogers, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin, Mrs. Alice Lupton and Rev. Cecil Campbell.

**Nomination**—Revs. Joe Fort, Robert Crawford and W. E. Dearmore.

**Credential**—Revs. Ramond Riggs, John Kemper, Joe Fort, Bros. E. K. Brown and Levi Hill.

The General Board made a partial report at this time and same adopted.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Mrs. Fannie Polston read a report of the Women's Auxiliary Convention and the same was received with favorable comments.

A letter was read from the Statistician, Rev. C. F. Bowen and received as information. Rev. Mr. Bowen was re-elected as Statistician.



At this time, a report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College was made by the business manager, Rev. J. R. Davidson and after some discussion of praise for the work, the same was adopted by the body.

After the above report was made, the College President, Rev. L. C. Johnson, delivered a very timely address on the subject, "Ye Shall Know the Truth."

The hour now having arrived for the Associational sermon, the Moderator presented the Rev. L. R. Ennis, the Executive Secretary, who delivered the sermon based on Heb. 6: 1, 3. Subject, "Let us go on, and this will we do, if God permit." The speaker mentioned some of the great doctrines, such as repentance, faith, baptism, etc., but the emphasis of his message was placed on the practical side of our Christian experience such as progress, evangelism and Christian growth. The sermon was considered a masterpiece.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Association reassembled per adjournment and the devotions were conducted by Rev. Damon Dodd, after which the business was resumed.

The Executive Secretary read his annual report and the same adopted.

Report of the Promotional Secretary was read by Mrs. McAdams and the same adopted.

Report of the Board of Publication and Literature was read by the Chairman, Rev. J. C. Griffin and same adopted.

Proposed Constitution and By-Laws of the Board of Publication and Literature was offered to the body as recommended by the General Board, and it was adopted by the body.

After an address by Rev. E. C. Morris, on, "Our Debt to the Retired Ministers," was delivered, the Superannuation Board made its report which was adopted.

(Note: All the above reports will be found under the heading, "Reports of Boards and Committees").

By motion, the session was adjourned until the Evening hour.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

The Evening service was devoted to the Cause of Foreign Missions. The music director led the congregation in several hymns and Dr. Leonard Earl Harris rendered several solos by popular request.

The report of the Foreign Mission Board was read by the Chairman and same adopted. The proposed Constitution and By-Laws, by which the Foreign Mission Board is to be governed, was read and adopted.

The message of the evening was delivered by Rev. Thos. H. Willey, our Missionary to Cuba. Bro. Willey brought greetings from our churches and

brethren in Cuba. The message imparted information which was perhaps the most encouraging of any missionary report yet given to this body.

An appeal was made for a Bible School in Cuba and the Association passed a motion which provided authority for \$5,000.00 to be raised for such a School as suggested.

After the showing of pictures of the Cuban mission work, the Association stood adjourned until Thursday morning.

### THURSDAY MORNING

The Association met per adjournment with devotions being led by Rev. R. C. Wiggs.

The report of Credential Committee was read by the Clerk and same adopted. In this report the Committee recommended that the Liberty Association of Florida be admitted into this body. A motion was carried that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted, and the Liberty Association of Florida become a member of this body.

At this time the proposed Constitution and By-Laws of the Board of Superannuation was taken from the table, duly discussed and adopted.

Motion, That this Association approve the recommendation of the Board of Superannuation, for adoption by the several state associations in the Free Will Baptist connection, and that the Clerk of this body be instructed to publicize the recommended Constitution through our Church papers at his earliest convenience.

Report of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention was made at this time and same adopted.

Committee on Nomination made report and same adopted.

Committee on Resolutions made report and same adopted.

Committee on Temperance made report which was adopted.

(See reports elsewhere)

Motion, that a copy of the Temperance report be furnished the local pastor for publication in the local papers.

The final report of the General Board was read, received and adopted.

Report of the Free Will Baptist League Board was read, received and adopted.

On motion, the provision for the Executive Department be the same as of last year.

On Motion, the matter of Mrs. McAdam's salary be left with the Executive Committee.

By a motion, Mrs. McAdams was re-elected as Promotional Secretary.



By motion, the Clerk be authorized to prepare and have printed the same number of minutes as of last year.

The business of this, the Seventh Annual Session of the National Association having been transacted a motion was made that the body be adjourned to meet in its next session with the Church of Flat River, Missouri.

Benediction by Rev. F. C. Zinn.

### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Associations representing with delegates and fees:

#### Alabama:

State, Rev. K. V. Shutes	\$10.00
Progressive, Rev. C. M. Porter	5.00
Bear Creek, Delegate not present	5.00
Morning Star, Delegate not present	5.00
Cahaba, Delegate not present	5.00
Birmingham District, Delegate not present	5.00
Liberty, Rev. D. J. O'Donnell	5.00
Vernon, V. C. May	5.00
Total fees	\$ 45.00

#### Florida:

Liberty, by letter	\$10.00
Salem, by letter	5.00
Total fees	\$ 15.00

#### Georgia:

State, E. C. Davidson and Mrs. G. W. Cloud	\$10.00
Midway, A. D. Ivey	5.00
South Georgia, Mrs. E. C. Davidson and G. W. Cloud	5.00
Total fees	\$ 20.00

#### Kentucky:

State, Rev. F. S. Van Hoose	\$ 10.00
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#### Michigan:

Wolverine, Raymond Riggs	\$ 10.00
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#### Mississippi:

State, L. E. Duncan, J. F. Parker and E. K. Brown	\$ 10.00
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#### Missouri:

Marie Sherrill, Beulah Zinn, Christine Dees, Jewell Campbell, Mrs. J. A. Hunt, Eunice Miller, Erma Beny, Gussie Hamblin, J. K. Stephens and Hazel Scott	\$ 60.00
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#### North Carolina:

State, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Levi Hill, W. A. Jackson and Mrs. N. E. Harris	\$30.00
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Cape Fear, A. F. Balance	5.00
Eastern, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton	5.00
Total fees	\$ 40.00

#### Oklahoma:

State, Rev. W. E. Dearmore	\$20.00
First Oklahoma, W. E. Dearmore	5.00
First Mission, Rev. B. F. Rogers	5.00
Total fees	\$ 30.00

#### Ohio:

State, Mrs. Ione Buchanan, Mrs. Melvin Dunn, Mrs. Zella Jacobs, Mrs. Biance Riddlebarger and Mrs. John Henning	\$ 20.00
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#### Tennessee:

State, J. B. Reding, Miss Rebecca Stewart, Mrs. Paul Woolsey, Miss Trula Gunter and Mrs. J. E. Frazier	\$ 10.00
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#### Texas:

Rev. C. B. Thompson and Rev. J. O. Fort	\$ 10.00
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#### Virginia:

State, Mrs. Della Salyer, Mrs. Ethel Robbins and Mrs. Silas Culberson	\$ 10.00
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#### West Virginia:

State, Fred Nichols, Eulah Nichols, Eugene Hoover and D. V. Shaffer	\$ 10.00
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Total fees from all Associations \$300.00

### STATISTICAL REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONS BY STATES

Alabama reports 7 associations, 100 churches, 7,877 members and 160 ministers.

Florida reports 2 associations, 13 churches, 1,327 members, 12 ministers, 7 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 354, 6 Women's Auxiliaries. Value of church property \$10,000, \$5.00 reported raised for Christian Education.

Georgia gives no statistical report.

Kentucky reports 129 members received, 99 baptized, 8 dismissed by letter, 15 deceased, 4,496 resident members, 6 prayer meetings, 12 Sunday Schools with an average number of pupils 503. \$200.00 paid on building and repairs, values of church property \$64,990.00, amount raised for home missions \$458.00.

Michigan reports 6 churches, 300 members, 6 F. W. B. Leagues, 7 Sunday Schools, 11 ordained ministers and 3 licensed ministers. \$143.18 reported raised for the "Unified Budget Program," \$477.31 for Foreign Missions.



Mississippi reports 22 churches, 2,468 members, 17 ministers, 13 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 925, Leagues reported 5, with an enrollment of 305, number of women's auxiliaries 4. Value of Church property \$35,000.00. Value of parsonage property \$1,500.00. Amount raised for Christian education \$207.57, Orphanage \$1,400.00, Foreign missions \$24.85, Home missions \$160.00, Superannuation \$12.00.

Missouri reports 219 members received, 165 baptized, 53 dismissed by letter, 77 excluded, 60 deceased, 3,750 resident members, 1,891 non-resident members, total membership 5,461. Number of prayer meetings 31. Number of Sunday Schools 74, with an average number of pupils 3,441, number of officers 292. Number of Leagues 23, with a membership of 664. Number of Mission Societies 22, with a membership of 473. Amount paid pastors \$9,471.95, Evangelistic work \$2,189.34, for building and repairs \$4,679.64, for incidentals \$2,166.29. Value of church property \$80,350.00. Raised for Foreign Missions \$2,334.84, Home Missions \$1,588.60, for Education \$1,283.62, for Literature, etc. \$1,604.72.

North Carolina reports 2 associations, 23 churches, 3,300 members, 15 ministers, 23 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 3,100, 8 Leagues, 14 auxiliaries. Value of church property \$69,000. Amount raised for Christian Education \$65.00, Orphanage \$1,475.00, Foreign Missions \$50.00, Home Missions \$70.00 and Superannuation \$48.00.

Oklahoma reports 14 associations, 210 churches, 20,000 members, 274 ministers, 210 Sunday Schools, 50 Leagues, and 60 women's auxiliaries. Value of church property \$130,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$20,000.00. Other property \$3,000.00.

Ohio reports 51 churches, 2,731 members, 57 ministers, 48 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 2,411. Number of Leagues 5, number of women's auxiliaries 4. Value of church property \$100,000.00.

Tennessee reports 81 churches, 6,696 members, 81 ministers, 81 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 4,864. 21 leagues with an enrollment of 350. 27 women's auxiliaries with an enrollment of 405. Value of church property \$250,550.00, value of parsonage property \$8,000.00, value of denominational property \$24,000.00. Name of denominational, Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage. Amount raised for Christian Education \$2,326.15, Orphanage \$3,287.44, Foreign Missions \$712.90, Home Missions \$99.16, Superannuation \$6.80, Unified program \$272.10.

Texas reports no statistics.

Virginia reports 61 churches, 2,871 members, 99 ministers, 48 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 4,150, 6 Leagues with an enrollment of 360, 8 women's auxiliaries. Value of church property \$57,440.00. Raised for Christian Education \$304.00, Orphanage \$226.58, Superannuation \$35.00.

West Virginia reports members received 153, dismissed to form a Yearly Meeting 838, Total membership 1,532.

Note—Since no uniform system was used in making statistical reports, a table of statistics could not be arranged in the record. It is suggested

that the clerks of the various associate bodies use the letter blank found in the back of the minutes in making reports, in order that an intelligent table can be arranged.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Total amount of money received from States, Associations—

Dues and Donations ----- \$3,751.64

Amount paid out for minutes and expenses:

L. R. Ennis -----	\$134.80
Lizzie McAdams -----	78.46
J. F. Miller -----	60.00
E. C. Morris -----	40.00
Henry Melvin -----	50.00
Free Will Baptist Press -----	47.75
Free Will Baptist Press -----	170.00
W. J. Sheppard -----	14.50
Melvin Bingham -----	17.90
F. C. Zinn -----	20.00
Joe Fort -----	35.00
J. F. Miller -----	20.00
Jno. B. Rollins -----	36.00

Amount sent to different Treasurers—10 Per Cent

E. C. Davidson -----	\$ 24.57
E. C. Davidson -----	44.00
E. C. Davidson -----	96.30
E. C. Davidson -----	63.11
E. C. Davidson -----	28.51
E. C. Davidson -----	40.58

20 Per Cent—

M. E. Tyson -----	73.05
M. E. Tyson -----	57.06
M. E. Tyson -----	126.21
M. E. Tyson -----	49.15
M. E. Tyson -----	79.24
C. B. Dees -----	192.64

30 Per Cent—

Winford Davis -----	87.66
Winford Davis -----	85.59
Winford Davis -----	189.31
Winford Davis -----	73.73
Winford Davis -----	95.09



Winford Davis	288.96
40 Per Cent—	
J. R. Davidson	204.54
J. R. Davidson	114.12
J. R. Davidson	252.42
J. R. Davidson	98.30
J. R. Davidson	221.88
J. R. Davidson	385.28
Total	\$3,691.71
Balance in Treasury	\$ 59.93

F. S. Van Hoose, Treasurer.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Rev. L. R. Ennis

Another year of delightful history has been written by Free Will Baptists of the United States. Surely the Lord is among us and we know it: let every heart be glad; A unity of experience, faith, and method is proclaiming victories of eternal significance. Diverse obstructions, such as; imperfect organization, new and untried working plans, inefficient leadership, sparsity of population, inadequate means of communication, varied traditions, pre-occupation, and sin—all lead to the rational conclusion that Free Will Baptists are basically inconsistent and destined to fail. But I dissent. There is one evidential fact which changes the whole perspective—Jesus is alive among us. Yea, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." Has he not been the source of our power and wisdom? Let the achievement speak.

The Unified Program Fund is now an established financial system. Its gains for the past year justify the wisdom of its inauguration. There has been a total of \$3,841.44 received and \$2,972.50 allocated to the respective boards during the year. This system is a growing revelation of the cooperative ability of Free Will Baptists.

The Bible College and Foreign Missions reveal a trend in the thinking of our people. Trained Christian workers, who see the whole world as their field of labor, is our grand objective. The school and the mission field should be inseparable. The receipts of the College show a total of \$18,139.03 since the first of last July and the Foreign Mission treasury a total of \$8,769.71. We should be reverently thankful.

Seven sessions of the Christian Workers' Institute have been held in five states of the National Association since our last national meeting. An enrollment of 185, with 135 receiving certificates or diplomas, attended these sessions as registered students. In addition to 420 hours spent in class work, evangelistic services were held, promotional itineraries and rallies conducted.

and general meetings attended. Collections for the work of the Association as a whole in the amount of \$811.18 were received; and the actual cost, in salaries and expenses, of all institute work for the year amounted to \$796.50. The Christian Workers' Institute is the most potent promotional factor in existence among Free Will Baptists.

The responsibilities and duties of the Executive Office have steadily increased since its inception three years ago. The past year has been a delightful but difficult one; and, regrettably, may I say, physical strength has been too inadequate. Strictest economy has been enforced in all the functions of the office, as the following figures will show: Amount drawn from standing boards \$2,500.00; amount received in offerings and in registration fees from Institute students \$387.33; Total received \$2,887.33. The cost of maintaining the Executive Office for the year has been \$1,672.07. It is only proper that I inform this body of the liberality of my pastorate in the support of this great Cause. There has been forwarded to the treasuries of our various interprises by my churches \$1,258.67, or \$58.67 more than the Association has paid me for the past year. I desire to go on record in this report as favoring only the election of ministers to office in this National Association who lead their churches in supporting the entire program of the Association.

It is delightful beyond measure that our records show an increase again this year of over 100 per cent above the receipts of last year. We report to this Association the receipt of \$31,469.03 from July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943.

With great joy, I pledge to you and our Free Will Baptist people out over the states enduring gratitude for the cooperation you have given me as your Executive Secretary and the devotion you have shown to Christ during the past year. Let us continue to worship, work, and witness as Jesus leads us through to victory.

Respectfully submitted.

### REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL FIELD SECRETARY

From July 1942 to July 1943

For who has despised the day of small things? was a question asked by one of the minor prophets during some of his great experiences with God and surely we can't afford to despise the day of small things concerning our beloved denomination, and its wonderful mission to carry out the great commission of our Lord and Master. Our people for the past three years have been like the little fishes and loaves. They have been blessed, broken and passed out to the multitudes. When in the Masters hands though, small to begin with, you become great and you become pliable in His hands. On the field with the great National body behind me as your field worker, I tell our people we have the best plan in the world because it is a God given plan, it is a joy to unfold, the Unified Program to our people and tell them it was born in prayer and can't fail because it is of the Lord. Most places



they receive it with joy and the dear pastors are eager for their congregations to hear of our wonderful success for the past few years. In a few places it took time and patience to explain the Unified Program which is a joy to do. Like Paul of old I had a great leading to go back over the field and visit the churches and see how they were coming along. In a few places discouragement had crept in, but to learn of others that were going on brought new life and the work set going again with new courage to make the goal. This has been a wonderful year indeed, because our people are accepting the Unified Program and also our Auxiliary work. During the lectures on the Unified Program special stress is placed upon Christian Education and Missions. Home Missions is unfolded from every angle, for it is our foundation which to build our foreign work on. And, if we have a poor home mission work, we will have a slow foreign work. Too many of us have gone to Jerusalem and tarried, never got power, never got away, still in Jerusalem. Let's obey the great commission start in Jerusalem but don't stop till you have reached the uttermost part of the world. All of our foreign work is expanded with a heart full of love and sympathy for the poor souls that have never heard of Jesus. I give my own foreign mission lecture in many places which brings good results. It would take a long report to tell of the 7 states I have worked in this year, but we will let our statistical report show for the good that has been accomplished by your field worker. And I am sure every good pastor, every auxiliary worker, every Christian member of our different Churches have helped to make the year a fruitful, and long to be remembered one, because of their cooperation and prayer and may God continue to bless His people and give them strength to still be working at His blessed return.

Humbly submitted,

Lizzie McAdams.

#### Report of Field Worker from July 1942 to July 1943

All traveling Expenses	\$933.51
Postage, writing material and telegrams	40.55
Chests donated	\$ 26.83
Stickers for Banks	5.00
Sent Treasurer	100.00
Salary	573.00
Total	\$1,680.89
Received from Field	\$1,629.96
Received from Treasurer	51.94
Total Received	\$1,681.90
	1,680.89
A Balance of	\$ 1.01

Number churches visited	132
Number sermons preached	279
Number conversions	315
Number Mission lectures	115
Number Temperance lectures	6
Number Banks placed	872
Number Chests placed	96
Number Year Books placed	104
Number Manuals placed	130
Number Check Books placed for School	8
Number Auxiliaries organized	19
Number District Auxiliaries organized	1
Number letters written	508
Number cards written	384
Number Personal Service Calls made	556
Number Subscriptions to Church paper	17
Miles traveled about	18,000

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

State Conventions representing:

1. North Carolina.

District Conventions representing:

1. Central District Conventions of Union Association of Tennessee.
2. Northern District Convention of Union Association of Tennessee.
3. Cumberland District Convention of Tennessee.
4. Progressive Association of Alabama.

Local Churches representing:

1. St. Mary's Sunday School of North Carolina.
2. Ashland City Sunday School of Tennessee.
3. Coffers Chapel Sunday School of Tennessee.
4. First F. W. B. Church of Columbus, Mississippi.
5. Bethlehem Sunday School of Tennessee.
6. Glennville Sunday School of Georgia.
7. Good Spring Sunday School of Tennessee.
8. Third F. W. B. Sunday School of St. Louis, Mo.

Total number of District Conventions representing directly or indirectly, 9.

Total number of schools representing directly or indirectly, 85, plus the number from the Progressive Association of Alabama and the Cumberland District Convention of Tennessee, which number we were not able to secure at this time.



Amount of convention dues .....	\$44.00
Number of ministers present .....	29
Number of delegates present .....	12

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President .....	W. E. Coville
Vice-President .....	Rev. R. C. Wiggs
Secretary .....	Rev. George Waggoner
Assistant Secretary .....	Prof. Wm. Henry Oliver
Treasurer .....	W. S. Williams
Director of Organization and Education .....	Mrs. L. E. Ballard
Director of Denominational Enterprises .....	Rev. L. C. Johnson
Director of Records and Reports .....	Rev. Robert B. Crawford
Director of Literature .....	Rev. L. R. Ennis
Director of Publicity .....	Rev. John B. Rollins

We, the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention do hereby respectfully request the following:

1. To transfer the printing and publication of all supplies of the Sunday School Records and Reports from the Sunday School Convention to the Board of Publications and Literature of the National Association and that W. E. Coville, President of the Sunday School Convention, act as representative of the Sunday School Convention to co-operate with the Board in the execution of this transfer.

2. That the matter of publishing a textbook for the Sunday School be turned over to the Board of Publications and Literature of the National Association with Rev. L. R. Ennis, Director of Literature, directing and supervising the material and text of such a book.

3. That the Board of Publications and Literature of the National Association print the Standard of Efficiency on the inside of the front cover and the Three Year Plan of Progress on the inside of the back cover of each Senior quarterly for the period of one year, beginning with the next issue.

4. That the National Association carry the minutes of the National Sunday School Convention in the Association Minutes and that this service will be rendered without charge to the Sunday School Convention; It is further requested the annual Convention Report form be printed in connection with these minutes.

Respectfully submitted.

### REPORT OF GENERAL BOARD

#### 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 Association 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 Association Fund.

3. The General Board recommends the ascension of last year's action which provided that the salary of the Executive Secretary be set at \$1200 annually.

4. The General Board does hereby recommend the election of a full time Executive Secretary.

5. The General Board does hereby recommend that the office of the Secretary be located in Nashville, Tennessee.

6. The General Board does hereby recommend the election of Rev. Henry Melvin to the office of Executive Secretary and that the Executive Committee of the General Board be charged with the responsibility of negotiating the terms of the salary.

7. The General Board does hereby recommend that the genius of the Unified Program Fund be proclaimed throughout the Associations that compose the National Association and that response to it be encouraged.

### REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION BOARD FOR YEAR 1942-43

During the past year has been witnessed the greatest advancement in the foreign mission department of the Free Will Baptist church ever to be known in any equal period of time in the history of the denomination. It has been true both in the interest manifested in the home land and in results produced on the foreign field. The Lord is crowning the denomination with an unusual missionary revival, and the fact that our people are adhering to the command of the Lord as given to us in the great commission may well strengthen our faith to believe He will bless and continue to bless in all other departments of our beloved church.

We have come to the close of the associational year with a cash balance in our foreign mission treasury which exceeds \$2,200. And let us remember this nice sum remains on hand after a current expense of from five hundred to six hundred dollars every month of the year.

In summarizing the blessings of the Lord upon the work in Cuba, we are permitted of Him to present the following:



Number of native preachers 6, number of Bible women 1, number of organized churches 5, number of preaching points aside from organized churches 34, number of horses 8, number of saddles 7, number of benches furnished at various preaching points 60, number of baptized believers 76, number of probationers awaiting baptism more than 200, number of prospective students for training in Christian service 15, area being evangelized approximately 100 miles.

While these marvelous results are a reality for which we are very thankful yet Bro. and Sister Willey with their band of Cuban co-workers have merely touched the service in that province of tremendous opportunity for missionary service. All along new doors of opportunity are swinging ajar, and the people are calling for services in their respective villages and communities.

During the month of February, 1943, your Board of Foreign Missions sponsored Rev. Henry Melvin in a tour of our work in Cuba during which time he assisted Rev. and Mrs. Willey in the organization of the work. On February 14 the first Free Will Baptist association was organized on the island of Cuba. It is known as the Free Will Baptist Association of Pinar Del Rio. Bro. Melvin's visit proved of great value to the work for which we are grateful. May the Lord indeed be praised for the wonderful progress being made in the work in Cuba.

As pertaining to the work in India the work started by Miss Barnard near Kotagiri, South India, is still in progress. During her absence, the work has been under the care of Rev. H. M. Clay. Rev. Clay kindly consented to look after the work until such a time when the war conditions might become adjusted so as to permit Miss Barnard's return to the field. We have been sending some money occasionally to Rev. Clay thereby enabling him to care for the work.

As to the prospects in Purnea District, it is understood the work is still open there for us. Rev. Alexander Banks, a former acquaintance of Miss Barnard, has consented to act as a go between for us in order to help get some native workers into this needy field; and in view of this, our board voted at the board meeting held in April of this year to send the sum of \$25 to Rev. Banks to be used in sponsoring an investigating tour in Purnea. This has been done and word has been received to the effect he received the money and stated that prospects were favorable. However, just recently the Department of State has notified Miss Barnard that they are ready to grant her facilities for travel to India, and so she is now making definite preparations to sail. For this, we are very grateful knowing that her heart is in India, and realizing as we do the great need over there. Of course, the human shudders for her when we reflect upon the danger of sailing the seas in these warring times; but, when we turn our minds and hearts to the greatness of the protecting and keeping power of our Christ, fears immediately vanish. Let us be much in prayer for her as she leaves us to return to that which is the desire of her heart. These late developments greatly renew our hopes for the work in India. Miss Barnard has served very beneficially during the past school year as teacher of the missionary course in our school in

Nashville; and, at the same time, acting as secretary for the school. Our board agreed last fall to release Miss Barnard for this work at which time she, of course, came under the supervision of the Board of Education for the school term.

Miss Bessie Yeley of Ohio, who for some years has been doing missionary work in Venezuela, South America, under the supervision of Mid Missions, returned to the states last August. Since that time she has been doing itinerate work in some sections of the country; and, on June the 12th, she went across to Cuba to help keep the work moving there while Bro. and Sister Willey are in the states for a few weeks rest and to attend this session of the National Association. Sister Yeley, however, expects to remain in Cuba, the Lord willing, and continue to assist in the work. She has good knowledge of the Spanish language which enables her to enter into the work immediately.

Your Board has been busy during the past year keeping in close touch with each other and with the work on the mission field by correspondence. We had a very splendid meeting at the school building in Nashville April 13, and 14 of this year. It was attended unanimously by the board. Several important items were transacted among which was the decision to send Miss Yeley to the field in Cuba. Bro. Melvin's report of his trip to Cuba was heard with great interest, and it was voted that he write up a constitution and by-laws for our board. Approval was given to the increasing of the Cuban promotional fund by \$50 on the month. The allowance to the Willey children was increased from \$10 each to \$15 each per month. Motion carried that we provide our missionaries with living quarters in addition to their salary, motion carried that the chairman of the Board compile and have printed a missionary phamplet for distribution throughout the bounds of our denomination or wherever opportunity affords. Miss Barnard's release from the work at the school was accepted, and she was placed again under the supervision of our Board at her former salary of \$50 per month and traveling expenses. She was also granted time for rest during the summer. Rev. Willey was appointed as Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Mission work in Cuba. In all, we had a very splendid board meeting, and we were fortunate in having two of our missionaries, Miss Barnard and Miss Yeley, with us at this meeting.

Our board has been busy since coming here to this session of the National Association. We feel that we are very fortunate in having Bro. and Sister Willey here to meet with us, and with whom we can council concerning the work in Cuba. After conferring with them, we felt led of the Lord to present to you as a body the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that steps be taken immediately to establish a Bible school in Cuba.
2. We recommend that plans be formulated whereby funds to the amount of not less than \$2,000 may be made available at the earliest possible date for the purpose of purchasing permanent property as a school and station center. Several other items of interest have been transacted as follows: Motion carried that all our missionaries be paid the same salary for



the coming year as they have been the previous year. It was further voted that the promotional fund to Cuba be increased to the amount of \$50 on the month, which will make three hundred dollars per month. Motion carried that the chairman be authorized to make an effort to secure a missionary teacher for the work in Cuba. Our corresponding secretary was authorized to send a message of greeting to Sister Barnard owing to the fact that she is absent from this meeting and is making preparation to take her departure from us on the condition, of course, she is able to secure passage. Motion carried that the chairman of the board be deputized to make a tour of the mission field in Cuba during the coming fall. Motion carried to approve the constitution and by-laws as drawn up by Bro. Henry Melvin, and a vote of thanks was extended him for his service in that capacity.

Bro. and Sister Damon Dodd appeared before our Board and expressed their willingness to go anywhere and any time the Lord and our people might see fit.

We express our sincere thanks for the splendid co-operation we have enjoyed on the part of our people at large during the past year. We are praying the Lord will give us a far greater response this coming year, even more than we have enjoyed during the past year, in the interest of our foreign missions program.

Suggested state quotas for the coming year were set as follows:

Missouri -----	\$3,500	Georgia -----	\$ 400
North Carolina -----	3,000	Alabama -----	300
Oklahoma -----	1,000	Kentucky -----	300
Tennessee -----	900	South Carolina -----	300
Ohio -----	600	Virginia -----	250
Illinois -----	500	Mississippi -----	200
Michigan -----	500	Florida -----	150
Texas -----	500	West Virginia -----	150
Total -----	\$ 12,550.00		

#### FINANCIAL REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

For Year Beginning July 1, 1942, and Ending June 30, 1943

Balance brought forward from last year ----- \$ 837.93  
Received by states during past year as follows:

Missouri -----	\$2,334.84
North Carolina -----	1,923.96
Tennessee -----	669.79
Michigan -----	534.31
Illinois -----	299.90
Ohio -----	260.00
Oklahoma -----	208.73
South Carolina -----	183.00

Texas -----	174.62
Alabama -----	163.47
Georgia -----	120.90
West Virginia -----	53.27
Florida -----	43.57
New Mexico -----	25.00
Kansas -----	7.75
Arkansas -----	1.25
Received from Unified Program Fund by	
National Treas., F. S. Vanhooose -----	820.34
Received from National Woman's Auxiliary	
Convention by Fannie Polston, Treas. -----	772.41
Offering received at National Association	
held in Columbus, Miss., in July, 1942 -----	175.00
Received from sale of missionary pictures --	9.60
Total -----	\$8,781.71

\$9,619.64

#### Expenditures

Salary to the Willeys -----	\$1,200.00
Allowance to the Willey children -----	270.00
To the Willeys for traveling expense -----	197.68
Special gifts to the Willeys -----	24.50
For promotional work in Cuba -----	2,850.00
To Willeys for house rent and lights -----	50.00
For horse and saddle in Cuba -----	38.90
For Henry Melvin's trip to Cuba -----	150.00
For literature to Cuba -----	10.00
For school equipment in Cuba -----	89.00
	\$4,880.08
Salary to Miss Barnard -----	\$ 175.00
Miss Barnard's traveling expense -----	50.00
To Rev. Clay for work in India -----	100.00
Cost of wiring money to India -----	10.80
Gift to Rev. Clay -----	3.00
To Rev. Banks for investigating tour in India -----	25.00
	\$ 363.80
Salary to Miss Yeley -----	\$ 550.00
Miss Yeley's traveling expense (including trip home from S. A.) --	429.90
Gift to Miss Yeley -----	3.00
	\$ 982.90
To Rev. L. R. Ennis for promotional work -----	\$ 750.00
Expense of calling Board meeting -----	138.75



For printing missionary phamplets .....	25.00
For picture cuts, telegrams, and cost of last year phamplets	
combined .....	62.41
Postage .....	22.96
Cost of wiring money .....	10.92
Stationery .....	15.00
Cost of making maps of India and Cuba .....	9.00
For development of missionary pictures .....	3.92
For motion picture film .....	5.65
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Total disbursements .....	\$7,270.39
Balance brought forward .....	\$2,349.25

Prayerfully submitted,

Board of Foreign Missions,

Winford Davis, Chairman-Treasurer,  
B. F. Rogers, Recording Secretary,  
C. B. Thompson,  
Elsie Curtis,  
W. B. Shepherd.

# PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS IN THE U. S. A.

Preamble. Realizing that the supreme mission of the Church is to win the lost to Christ, not only in the home-land, but throughout the world; we do ordain this Constitution and By-Laws for the guidance of the Board of Foreign Missions in the prosecution of the task of worldwide evangelism.

We shall desire to make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all peoples in all lands as their Divine Saviour, to persuade them to become His disciples, and to gather these disciples into the Christian Church.

## ARTICLE I.—Name and Object

The name of this organization shall be the Board of Foreign Missions of the Free Will Baptist Church in the U. S. A. Its objects are religious, philanthropic, and educational, designed to make Christ known as the Saviour of men and to diffuse more generally the blessings of Christianity in every part of the world.

## ARTICLE II.—Membership

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Free Will Baptist Church in the U. S. A. shall be composed of those members elected by the National Association of Free Will Baptists in accordance with its Constitution and By-Laws.

## ARTICLE III.—Authority

The Board of Foreign Missions shall have the right to regulate its own proceedings in accordance with its Constitution and By-Laws and the direction of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

The Board of Foreign Missions shall ever be responsible and answerable for its acts to the National Association.

The Board of Foreign Missions shall have the right to conduct a promotional campaign in the interest of missions through the borders of the Church and to ask for special offerings at any time a definite need justifies the action.

The Board shall have the right to buy, acquire, receive by gift, devise, and dispose of property; to secure, appropriate, and administer funds for its work; to sue and be sued, and to elect the necessary officers among its members for the proper execution of its work.

The Board shall have full oversight of all missionary activities of the Free Will Baptist Church in every land it may propose to carry the Gospel.

The Board shall establish a standard course of training for all missionaries in accordance with the field they may propose to serve. The appointment of all missionaries shall be done by the approval of the National Association in regular session, and none shall be appointed without the recommendation of the Board.

The Board shall have the right to set the salary of the missionary in accordance with the responsibilities incurred and the particular field in which he serves.

The Board shall have the right to recommend to the National Association new fields of labor; to accept, train and maintain workers, to secure and administer funds for the support of all work under its charge.

## ARTICLE IV.—Supervision of Fields

The Board shall have the right to designate a superintendent of missions in every field which the Church may carry the Gospel. It is understood that the designated Superintendent shall be furnished credentials setting forth this particular appointment and that all missionaries, both native and foreign, shall be under the direction of said Superintendent.

The Superintendent of missions in each field shall be answerable to the Board of Foreign Missions for the promotion of the work, the distribution of funds allotted and the general program of the work.

The Superintendent of Missions, shall upon the action of the Board, have the right to act with the power of attorney for the Board of Foreign Missions, in his particular field. The power of attorney covering the right to buy and sell, hold title to property, both personal and real, or mixed, the right to buy and sell in the name of the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptist in the U. S. A.



## BY-LAWS

Section 1. Any part of this Constitution and By-Laws that may conflict with the Constitution of the National Association of Free Will Baptists is hereby automatically repealed.

Section 2. This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote at any regular session of the National Association.

## HOME MISSIONS REPORT, 1943

## Miscellaneous Sources—

November 11th, 1942—Davis N. C. Church	\$ 10.00
December 8th, 1942—M. E. Tyson	196.16
January 4th, 1943—M. E. Tyson	126.21
January 4th, 1943—E. C. Davidson, So. Ga. Union	5.10
January 25th, 1943—Mission Association, Oklahoma	5.50
March 8th, 1943—Damascus F. W. B. Church, DeKalb, Miss.	16.20
March 11th, 1943—F. S. VanHoose	49.15
March 11th, 1943—Dawson Grove F. W. B. Church, N. C.	7.97
March 11th, 1943—H. A. S., Free Union Church	3.00
May 15th, 1943—Mission Association, Oklahoma	6.00
May 24th, 1943—F. S. VanHoose	79.24
May 26th, 1943—Hickory Grove Auxiliary, Missouri	1.00
June 3rd, 1943—Mary June Mayo, Mt. Vernon, Illinois	5.00
June 10th, 1943—Mrs. Emma Thomas, Hannon, Missouri	5.00
June 30th, 1943—F. S. VanHoose	192.64

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\$708.17

## By States—For \$1.00 per month—

Missouri	\$ 46.00
Mississippi	12.00
North Carolina	5.00
Tennessee	12.00

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\$783.17

## Disbursements—

National Association Expenses	\$322.22
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July 1st, 1943—Balance	\$460.95
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Rev. C. B. Dees, Treasurer,  
Desloge, Missouri.

## REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE BOARD

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists  
Assembled for its 1943 Session  
Nashville, Tennessee.

No department or phase of our work has suffered the inroads during the past year as has the work of the Free Will Baptist League. This has been due to the drafting of virtually all of the senior age boys into the armed forces of the Nation, and the shifting of much of the youthful population in defense work.

However, this is not intended as a pessimistic note, but rather a statement of a fact. The work of the Free Will Baptist League continues to move forward among the junior, intermediate and adult groups; with a fair maintenance of the work among the senior leagues.

Our literature continues to be edited and published as under the arrangement of former years. Up to this time, a more satisfactory method has not been found. The literature is fairly adequate for the needs and some definite plans are in progress for its improvement during the year. The Mss. has been completed for the revision of the general manual and is in the hands of the printer. This will be forth-coming within the near future.

To this Body, we desire to express our appreciation for every consideration shown and we pledge to you the best efforts of our youth in the general promotion of the program of the Church. We are yours to serve: command us! May we pause here for a word of prayer and commendation to the rich mercies of God's grace, all the youth of our Church that are in the armed forces of the Nation. By personal letter, and published page of the church paper, let us show our personal interest in them. We want them to return to the Church when the world conflict has ended.

Yours for the Kingdom,

Henry Melvin, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER, FREE WILL BAPTIST  
BIBLE COLLEGE TO THE 1943 SESSION OF THE FREE  
WILL BAPTIST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

July 14, 1943.

My work under the present plan of operation will be recognized as educational rather than mere solicitation. Since having been ordered to take up responsibilities as business manager for the Board of Trustees for the Free Will Baptist Bible College, I have engaged in the following activities:

The first week of September, 1942, was spent in Bryan, Texas, getting printed matter in shape for my work, and lining up support for the school program in that territory. Then I moved to Nashville, according to the order of the Board of Trustees, and began dealing with matters relative to the opening of the school, according to schedule. I launched out into the field of further duties by attending some assemblies, making personal calls, holding revivals, and engaging in Christian workers' institute work. Throughout the nine months from September 1, 1942, to June 30, 1943, I have gone forth with the best wisdom God has granted in the sundry duties which have developed on me by virtue of my responsible position. I have personally visited nine different states, having made one or more return visits to six



of these. I have traveled almost enough miles to average 2,000 per month, and the approximate total of 17,000 miles. I have attended thirteen different associational assemblies, visited fifty churches, spent 50 days in revival work, twenty days in Christian workers' institute service, sent special messages to more than sixty assemblies, corresponded with individuals in nineteen states and one foreign country, and prepared a number of manuscripts for publication.

I have executed the duties placed upon me as the business conditions have commanded to the best of my ability, and have attempted to avoid overlapping any responsibilities devolving upon others. I have seen a young cause which is dearer to my heart than gold flourish and grow far beyond my fond expectations. When asked before the opening for the year, I said, "I shall consider it a success if twelve to fifteen are enrolled." The records show that eighteen were enrolled. When asked what I thought of financial support, I said, "The last thing we shall do is to borrow funds with which to operate." A steady increase in cash balance has been realized since the retirement of the indebtedness on the college property on October 13, 1942. The work has been very strenuous, but the dividends realized have far more than balanced the investments made. A very fond dream of my Christian service has borne fruit of "good measure pressed together and running over." However, we have seen a mere beginning of God's plan in this great field of endeavor. I have contended for a making-out program for this year, hence in many cases the bare needs have been enjoyed by those associated with the institution. It seems that we are in line for some very serious emergencies with our present facilities. There is need of increased facilities for male and married students by September 8, 1943. I feel that wisdom will justify the purchase of another piece of property near the college for the meeting of at least a few of our acute needs.

In the months of July and August, 1942, the following cash receipts were realized and disbursements made:

## RECEIPTS:

Foundation Fund	\$ 2,925.00
General Fund	684.30
Total Receipts	\$ 3609.30

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Total	\$11,407.30
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This may be understood to include all the expenses incurred in purchases, travelling, necessary installations, etc., in July and August, 1943, and salaries, freight and express, kitchen supplies, lawn mower, other necessary tools, travelling expenses, transfer of \$5,000 from the First State Bank, Bryan, Texas, to the Third National Bank, Nashville, Tennessee, and check issued in retirement of indebtedness on property of \$3,914.55. Thus, the records were cleared with the Bank of Bryan, Texas, which handled the finances for the Board of Education for the National Association and business transactions necessary through a bank were transferred to the Third

National Bank of Nashville, Tennessee for the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The following is the financial statement for the ten months, beginning with September 1, 1942 and closing with June 1, 1943:

## RECEIPTS:

General Ledger	\$ 5,974.47—\$974.47
Foundation Fund	2,383.00
Furniture, Equipment	766.00
Endowment	4,466.65
Gifts (allocation included)	2,779.68
J. R. Davidson's salary from Bethlehem and revival work	797.34
Registration Fees	233.25
Room and Board	2,079.22
Miscellaneous Income	50.12
Total Receipts	\$19,529.73
	5,000.00
	\$14,529.73
	3,609.30
	\$18,139.03

## DISBURSEMENTS:

General Ledger	\$ 6,863.05
Accounts Payable	840.52
Labor	387.10
Salaries	5,102.05
Maintenance	215.14
Traveling Expenses	458.04
School Supplies	217.11
Telephone and Telegraph	122.77
Utilities and Laundry	1,519.58
Kitchen Supplies	17.31
Books	89.86
Donations, Promotional service and refunds	703.15
Express and Freight	135.50
Total Disbursements	\$17,023.40—12,023.40
Bank Balance and Cash on hand	\$2,406.88

It may be observed that the actual cost in salary for the services of the business manager amounted to \$31.97 per week. A grand total of \$1,502.66 for the period of ten months.

J. R. Davidson.



## Expenditures from Bryan bank in July and August:

Traveling Expenses .....	\$ 64.78
Postage .....	1.97
Telegrams .....	2.18
To Unified Program Fund .....	240.00
School Equipment .....	665.50
Installing Telephone .....	9.75

Total .....\$1,584.18

## Expenditures from Bryan bank in September:

Postage, materials, etc. ....	\$ 1.50
Salaries .....	460.00
Freight and express .....	91.00
Kitchen supplies .....	47.50
Renovating room for boys .....	33.57
Refrigerator, piano, lawn mower, hedge cutter, etc. ....	215.00
Traveling expenses .....	60.00
Transferred to Nashville bank .....	5,000.00
On retirement of indebtedness .....	3,914.55

Total .....\$9,823.12

July and August Expenditures .....\$ 1,584.18

September expenditures ..... 9,823.12

Total .....\$11,407.30

The above cleared matters with the First State Bank, Bryan, Texas.

J. R. Davidson, Business Manager.

## REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

We, the Board of Superannuation submit the following report:

The Chairman of the Board met with the Executive Committee of the General Board the Foreign Mission Board and the Education Board in a joint session at Nashville, Tennessee in April. At this meeting plans were made concerning the Superannuation work.

The plans are as follows:

Nationally, as a protective Service and as a benevolent Service by States, we as a board feel that this is a God sent plan. The Treasurer's report is as follows:

Brought forward from last year .....	\$1,059.85
Received this year .....	382.61
Disbursements .....	251.70
Balance in treasury .....	\$1,190.76

Signed,

F. C. Zinn, Chairman.

## CONSTITUTION

Proposed by the National Board of Superannuation of Free Will Baptists in the United States of America

## PREAMBLE

Whereas, The establishment and maintenance of a Minister's Protection Benefit has become the accepted obligation of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the United States, and the administration of this Benefit has been assigned, by constitutional provision, to the National Board of Superannuation; therefore, be this Constitution established as a basis of government and regulation for said Superannuation Board in its management of this Benefit throughout the National Association.

## ARTICLE I

This Board of Superannuation of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the United States shall consist of the following members and their successors in office, as provided in the Constitution of said National Association: Clyde Goen, Bryan, Texas; A. D. Ivey, Jakin, Georgia; Rev. F. C. Zinn, Fredericktown, Missouri; Rev. E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Virginia; and E. C. Davidson, Glennville, Georgia.

## ARTICLE II.

It shall be the purpose of this Board of Superannuation to promote and regulate, without profits or commissions, the writings of all-purpose life insurance on insurable Free Will Baptist ministers of the National Association on a basis of 50 per cent of the cost of maintenance being paid by the Board and 50 per cent by the insured. Insurance shall be issued only to qualified applicants and shall not be subject to cancellation, surrender, incumbrance, or conversion without the approval of the Board of Superannuation, and then, only 50 per cent of the cash or loan value shall be subject to incumbrance or surrender.

## ARTICLE III.

This Board shall adhere to democratic principles in organization and management. It shall elect its own officers, choose its seat of administration, and prosecute the purpose for which it was constituted. It shall have right to sue and be sued, to receive, hold, convey, disburse, and utilize all properties, real and personal, acquired by gift, trust, bequest, purchase, or otherwise, consistent with the will of the benefactor, the approval of the National Association, and the stipulations of this Constitution.

## ARTICLE IV.

A strict account of all funds received and disbursements made shall be kept in the administrative office, and detailed reports of same shall be made annually to the National Association—ad interim reports being made at the discretion of the Board. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be charged with the



duties of the administrative office and shall, at the direction of the Board or the National Association, furnish indemnity bond equal to his (her) liability.

#### ARTICLE V.

All salaries and expenses essential to the administration of the Minister's Protection Benefit shall be approved by the Board and paid out of the general fund, thus exempting all insured ministers of service charges.

#### ARTICLE VI.

This Constitution may be amended, or revised, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual session of the National Association.

#### BY-LAWS

(Proposed by the National Board of Superannuation)

Section 1. The officers of the Board of Superannuation of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the United States of America shall be a Chairman, an Assistant Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, and an Executive Committee. These shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Board. If, however, the Board, for cause, shall fail to convene in a given annual session, all officers shall be retained until the next annual meeting. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one member of the Board of Superannuation, or by anyone whom the Board may choose. The two offices thus combined shall bear the title, "Secretary-Treasurer." The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the Secretary-Treasurer, and one additional member of the Board.

Section 2. The Chairman and Assistant Chairman shall perform the usual duties of such officers. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have charge of the work of the administrative office and shall be allowed an equitable salary for the service rendered, said salary, with all the administrative expenses, being approved by the Board. The Executive Committee shall be charged with the direction of the work of the Board of Superannuation, not otherwise provided for, between the meetings of the Board, and subject to the approval of the Board. It shall make a complete report of its work and achievements at each session of the Board. It shall have power to fill any vacancy on the Committee that may be found necessary between the meetings of the Board.

Section 3. There shall be an annual meeting of this National Board of Superannuation at such a time and place as the Board or its Executive Committee shall determine. A general report, financial and otherwise, covering all phases of the work done and promotional plans to be launched, shall be reviewed and approved for subsequent adoption by the National Association. Special meetings for business only may be called at any time by the Executive Committee or the Chairman of the Board. Any members of the Board who may not be able to attend a stated meeting in person shall represent by proxies bearing written authority, it being understood that proxy representation shall be restricted to a minority of the Board members and that such

representatives shall be approved by the majority of the members in attendance at the particular meeting of the Board of Superannuation to which said proxies were appointed. A majority of the duly qualified members of this Board at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. The administration of the Minister's Protection Benefit shall be impartially and equitably regulated. A survey of the ministry shall be made periodically for the purpose of maintaining adequate information regarding the status of Free Will Baptist ministers. An accurate record of each insurance contract issued, together with the cost of maintenance, shall be kept in the Board's home office. All working plans, including an agreement with a desirable insurance company, together with essential advertising matter, and application forms shall be printed for distribution; and this Benefit shall be offered to ministers as a bonified, Christian superannuation service.

Section 5. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting of the National Association.

#### CONSTITUTION

##### Proposed for Free Will Baptist Superannuation Boards of State or District Associations

#### PREAMBLE

Whereas, The Superannuation of ministers of the Free Will Baptist denomination is now accepted as a mutual obligation incumbent upon both ministers and laymen; and the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the United States, through its Board of Superannuation, has established a Minister's Protection Benefit in the form of all-purpose life insurance for eligible ministers; and said National Association now recommends that its affiliated state associations (and district associations within states which have no state association) inaugurate a system of Benevolent Superannuation for retired ministers; therefore, be this Constitution established as a basis of cooperation with the Minister's Protection Benefit administered by the National Board of Superannuation, and as a means of regulating and executing an adequate system of Benevolent Superannuation for Free Will Baptist ministers affiliated with this -----

#### ARTICLE I.

This Board of Superannuation of the State Association of Free Will Baptists in North Carolina shall consist of the following members and their successors in office, as provided in the Constitution of said State Association: M. L. Johnson, F. A. Rivenbark, W. A. Hales, W. L. Moretz, C. F. Bowen, and Mrs. M. A. Woodard.

#### ARTICLE II.

It shall be the purpose of this Board to organize and unify all superannuation work throughout this State Association. It shall encourage the abo-



lition of duplicated district boards; and, as a central agency charged with the administration of all Benevolent Superannuation service within the Association, seek the commendation and authoritative representation of all Free Will Baptist organizations engaged in superannuation work in the State. It shall support and promote the patronage of the Minister's Protection Benefit of the National Board of Superannuation and strive through educational means and judicious management to make a Benevolent Superannuation service available to every retired Free Will Minister affiliated with this North Carolina State Association.

## ARTICLE III.

This Board shall adhere to democratic principles in organization and management. It shall elect its own officers, choose its seat of administration, and prosecute the purpose for which it was constituted. It shall have right to sue and be sued, to receive, hold, convey, disburse, and utilize all properties, real and personal, acquired by gift, trust, bequest, purchase, or otherwise, consistent with the will of the benefactor, the approval of this State Association, and the stipulations of this Constitution.

## ARTICLE IV.

A strict account of all funds received and disbursed shall be kept in the administrative office and reports of same shall be made monthly through denominational papers and annually to this State Association. There shall be a monthly allocation and payment made of 25 per cent of all general funds received, without deductions for expense, to the National Board of Superannuation for the maintenance of the Minister's Protection Benefit. Benevolent gifts and pensions shall be paid periodically on a merit basis to retired and disabled Free Will Baptist ministers of the Association; also temporary loans for personal medical, hospital, and surgical expenses shall be allowed at the discretion of the Board on adequate security with interest at the rate of 1 per cent per annum. The Chairman of the Board (who may be also elected as Treasurer) shall be charged with the duties of the administrative office and shall, at the direction of the Board or the State Association, furnish indemnity bond equal to his (her) liability.

## ARTICLE V.

All salaries and expenses deemed essential to the successful administration of this State program of Benevolent Superannuation shall be paid out of the general treasury of this State Board of Superannuation.

## ARTICLE VI.

This Constitution may be amended, or revised, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual session of this North Carolina State Association, provided that said amendment or revision has been previously approved by the National Association.

(Recommended by the Association)

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE

To the National Association or General Board of the Association of Free Will Baptist of the United States of America, when convened with the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, July 13-15, 1943.

With a deep sense of responsibility, and an appreciation for the opportunity of serving, we present to you the first annual report of the Board of Publication.

We met at the close of the 1942 session in the city of Columbus, Miss., and organized by electing J. C. Griffin, Chairman; and Rev. Mark Lewis, of St. Louis, Mo., Secretary.

At the time of our organization Mrs. Agnes Frazier appeared before us in regards to the publication of the Year Book of Programs for the Woman's Auxiliary and we instructed her to go ahead with her plans for the publication of the lessons for 1942-43. Also the following recommendations were offered and accepted by the board.

I. We recommend that this body request one lesson Quarterly on the Standard F. W. B. S. S. System to appear in the Quarterlies each Quarter for one year. The lesson to be prepared by our National Director of Literature. (Rev. L. R. Ennis).

II. We petition the F. W. B. Press to print the Standard of efficiency on the inside of the front cover of the Quarterlies, and the Three Year Program of progress on the inside of the back cover.

III. We petition the Board of Publication and Literature to supervise and finance the publication of a Sunday School text book. The manuscript to be furnished by W. E. Coville. And the profits from the sale of books to be divided 50-50 between the Board and the National Sunday School Convention." (copy).

As to the aforesaid recommendations we ran into difficulty. We were informed that the "Franchise" for sending the Quarterlies through the mails would have to be changed if these additions were made to the Quarterlies. As to the Third recommendation if anything was ever done the Chairman of the Board knows nothing of the said work. We certainly have not had the money to finance such a work, and we have heard of no profits.

The Board being widely located over the National field, has failed to have a meeting since the few minutes at the close of the session of 1942, and therefore we have had no opportunity to talk matters over and arrange plans for the future. However, the Chairman of the Board has talked at length with the National Executive Secretary and we are offering a set of By-laws for the governing of the activities of the Board, which are to be given in connection with our report.

I have communicated with Rev. John B. Rollins, Editor of the Gem and with Mr. C. K. Dunn, Sr., Manager of the Free Will Baptist Press and find that both of these gentlemen are anxious and ready to cooperate with the Board of Publications and Literature in whatever constructive methods that we may set forth for the work.



We find that both institutions are in shape to print and publish literature as may be desired in keeping with justice to all concerned.

"The Free Will Baptist Gem is owned and controlled by the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist" and "is free" from all debt including the building and all equipment." "It has a valuation of \$10,000" and "has served fifteen years in its present capacity." Brother Rollins, states, "We have a modern equipment and are capable of much greater service." "While our institution is State owned, we are in full co-operation with the National Association and serve Free Will Baptist throughout the many states without respect to any and with fairness to all."

"The capacity of our services is the publication of the Gem monthly; the publication of booklets, books, and minutes of the various associations" states Bro. Rollins.

The Free Will Baptist Press is owned by the various conferences, associations, district union, or quarterly meetings, churches and a few individuals of North Carolina with a few shares purchased by one of the Associations in Tennessee, and is chartered as a "Non-profit sharing institution" with stipulations "that all surplus beyond that needed for the safeguard and the enlargement of the institution shall be allocated to religious work in the Free Will Baptist church." Thus the institution has distributed to the Orphanage in North Carolina and to other causes when invited or requested, whenever its capacity to do so would permit, and it has recently been assured the Chairman of this Board, that an "allocation would be made to the National Association, or to the Board of Publication and Literature, in the near future." This assurance sounds good since the present Board has had no funds to do any work.

The Free Will Baptist Press is valued at \$35,000.00 in its new home, however, there is a small amount of debt, but sufficient funds to meet all obligations.

The business has grown in ten years from a \$9,668.00 to \$23,174.00 income, or an increase of \$13,506.00, however the expense has gone in this period of ten years from \$8,794.00 to \$19,408.00 or an increase of \$10,613.00 in round numbers, which shows a growth in the institution and also the denomination at large. This institution publishes and sells the Advanced, Senior, Junior, Intermediate and Primary Quarterlies, together with filling orders for the Standard of Efficiency, S. S. Records as prescribed and published under the direction of the National Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptist. Also it carries a large stock of Bibles, religious books and periodicals published by the leading presses of the United States, and last but not least, publishes the Free Will Baptist, a weekly magazine, true to its name.

We recommend that every Free Will Baptist subscribe to both the Free Will Baptist Gem, and the Free Will Baptist, and keep posted, as well as in the fellowship of the brotherhood throughout the world.

We, herewith, present the proposed By-laws for the government of this Board, thanking you for your patience thus far, and praying that the By-laws may be accepted and put into action, and that when the next annual

session of this National Association shall have convened that it will find us much advanced in the work of our Lord.

By the Committee—

J. C. Griffin, Chairman,  
Rev. Mark Lewis, Secretary,  
L. C. Johnson,  
K. V. Shutes  
Charles R. Porter.

### BY-LAWS

#### Proposed by the National Board of Publications and Literature

Section 1. The officers of the Board of Publications and Literature of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the United States shall be a Chairman, an Assistant Chairman, a Secretary-Treasurer, and an Executive Committee. These officers shall be elected from among the members of the Board at each annual meeting. Should, however, the Board, for cause, fail to convene in a given annual session, all officers shall be retained until the next annual meeting. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the Assistant Chairman, and one additional member of the Board.

Section 2. The Chairman and Assistant Chairman shall perform the usual duties of such officers. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have charge of the administrative office. He shall keep an accurate record of all business proceedings, contracts and agreements executed, funds received and disbursed, and expenses incurred. He shall promote, through correspondence, writing to church papers, circular advertising, the operation of book stands at general meetings, and any other worthy means, the use of periodicals, tracts, pamphlets, uniform and graded literature, books, and Bibles as a service to those concerned for the enrichment of their personal lives the advancement of the Church of Christ and the Free Will Baptist denomination. The Executive Committee shall have authority to manage and direct the work of the Board between its regular sessions, subject to the approval of the Board. It shall make a complete report of its accomplishments at each meeting of the Board and shall render full cooperation to the administrative office. It shall fill any vacancies on the Committee that may be found necessary between the meetings of the Board.

Section 3. There shall be an annual meeting of this Board of Publications and Literature at a time and place determined by the Board or its Executive Committee. A complete report, covering all phases of work done and plans for advancement, shall be examined and approved for subsequent adoption by the National Association. Special meetings for business only may be called at any time by the Executive Committee, or the Chairman of the Board. Absent members from stated meetings of the Board shall represent by proxies bearing written authority. It is provided, however, that proxy representation shall be restricted to a minority of the Board members, and that such representatives shall be approved by a majority of the members present at the particular meeting of the Board to which said proxies



were appointed. A majority of the duly qualified members of this Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. The work of this Board shall embrace the publication, distribution, and sale of Christian literature distinctly designed, or created, for the advancement of the general program of the National Association and its auxiliaries. It is provided, however, that literature and periodicals now published by Free Will Baptist institutions shall not be competitively duplicated, and that contracts which provide an equitable basis of cooperation shall be worked out with the Free Will Baptist Press, of Ayden, North Carolina, and the Free Will Baptist Gem, of Monett, Missouri.

Section 5. This Board shall have authority to employ authors, editors, stenographers, and typists; negotiate and execute contracts, appraise and commend manuscripts, advertise and sell its publications, allocate and disburse funds, receive gifts and bequests, and perform all the functions for which it was constituted.

Section 6. All salaries and expenses essential to the administration of a worthy literature service among Free Will Baptists and mankind shall be authorized by the Board and paid out of its general treasury.

Section 7. These By-Laws may be amended, or revised, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual session of the National Association.

### TEMPERANCE REPORT

We, your committee on Temperance, respectfully submit the following report and recommendations:

Intoxicating liquors have no place in the life or home of Christians. In recognition of this truth we urgently recommend that all members of the F. W. B. faith prohibit the use of intoxicants in their homes by visitors, boarders or other transients.

We protest against the sale of beer and other intoxicants in our Military training camp and adjacent territory. In addition to the protest we do hereby petition the National Association of Free Will Baptist to adopt this protest as a National movement, and resent the same to the proper military authorities in Washington, D. C.,

We believe in education and are interested in youth, therefore, we suggest that special studies of the effects of alcohol on the physical, mental, and spiritual man be included as a part of the curriculum of our F. W. B. School. We urge that all ladies of our association enlist and become active workers in the woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. E. Dearmore, Chairman,  
Sister Tommie Franklin,  
Rev. Cecil Campbell,  
Mrs. Alice Lupton,  
Mrs. Agnes Frazier.

### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Committee on Nominations submit the following report:

After carefully considering the three invitations for the next session of this Association, we recommend that we accept the invitation from the Church in Flat River, Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. Fort, Chairman.

### RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions respectfully submit the following:

Be it Resolved, That this 1943 Annual Session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States humbly tender our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the East Nashville and Coffers Chapel Free Will Baptist Churches and friends of these Churches for their gracious hospitality in entertaining this session of the National Association.

Be it further Resolved, That a rising vote of thanks to the general officers of the Association be given for their faithful and untiring labor among us.

John B. Rollins,  
W. J. Sheppard,  
John M. Henson,  
W. A. Jackson.



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## PROCEEDINGS

The third annual meeting of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention was held on July 11-12, 1943, at the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

The group met in joint session with the National Association for the worship services on Sunday evening, July 11, at which time the singing was directed by the Rev. Henry Melvin, pastor of the local church and the sermon was delivered by Prof. William Henry Oliver, also of Nashville, Tennessee. Prof. Oliver's subject was "Seeking, Teaching, Saving," the theme of the Sunday School Convention. The message was very ably delivered.

At 9:00 Monday morning, July 12, worship was again in order. Rev. J. R. Davidson of Ashland City, Tennessee, led the singing and Rev. Robert Crawford, also of Ashland City, conducted the devotional. His subject was "Seeking."

The president, W. E. Coville, declared the convention in session. In the absence of the secretary and assistant secretary both of whom were reported engaged in war work, the president asked for someone to volunteer to act as Secretary pro tem. Prof. Wm. Henry Oliver volunteered to act in this capacity.

The president reviewed the regulations laid down in the constitution relative to representation and dues.

The president appointed Rev. Robert Crawford, Chairman; Rev. J. A. Evans; and Rev. H. Ray Berry, to serve on the Credentials and Finance Committee.

Twenty-nine ministers and twelve delegates were enrolled. The ministers were: J. R. Davidson, Ashland City, Tennessee; John M. Henson, Hurricane, West Virginia; J. E. Hudgens, Ashland City, Tennessee; J. C. Griffin, New Bern, North Carolina; Mrs. Ethel Robbins, Norton, Virginia; Mrs. Della Salyers, Dorchester, Virginia; F. A. Rivenbark, Durham, North Carolina; George Waggoner, Macedonia, Illinois; Mark M. Lewis, St. Louis, Missouri; Bert Rogers, Drumright, Oklahoma; Paul Junior Kettelman, Macedonia, Illinois; J. A. Evans, Middlesex, North Carolina; H. Ray Berry, Houston, Texas; Robert Crawford, Ashland City, Tennessee; R. C. Wiggs, Ayden, North Carolina; Lizzie McAdams, Huntsville, Texas; Paul Woolsey, Greenville, Tennessee; Wm. Henry Oliver, Nashville, Tennessee; Delbert Hall,

Sesser, Illinois; J. O. Fort, Bryan, Texas; W. J. Sheppard, Scioto, Ohio; J. A. Kemper, Wheelersburg, Ohio; F. S. Van Hoose, Paintsville, Kentucky; Damon Dodd, Columbia, Tennessee; Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tennessee; K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Alabama; F. C. Zinn, Fredricktown, Missouri; and J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tennessee.

The convention was given a cordial and sincere welcome to the Cumberland Association by Rev. J. E. Hudgens. Response to this welcome was made by Rev. J. O. Fort in the absence of Miss Annie C. Zorn.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Due to the unsettled conditions in our country, increased business and inadequate travel facilities, I have found it necessary to conduct the office more nearly as that of a secretary than as president. Many letters and communications have been received and answered. Information, advice, and instructions have been given out through the mails.

Acting upon authority vested in the office by the 1942 session of the convention, I presented the proposition of having the printing of a Sunday School text book financed by the National Board of Publications and Literature of the National Association. The convention agreed to furnish the manuscript and share equally with the Board in the profits received from the sale of the text books. I presented this matter in person to the Board at Columbus, Miss., and I was assured that definite consideration would be given our request. About four weeks later, I again called attention of the Board to the fact that no action had been taken and was informed that the Board was not adequately organized to transact business. I made no further contacts with the board and have not received any notice of definite action having been taken by the Board in this matter.

Contact with the Gem office relative to printing and replenishing record supplies has been made from time to time. I have advised with several of the National Convention officers relative to their specific duties and have carried on the routine work of the office.

W. E. Coville, President.

## REPORT OF SECRETARY

### GREETINGS!

It has been a pleasure to act as your secretary for the past year. I deeply regret that I cannot be present to perform my duties at this session. May God lead and richly bless the actions taken by the body throughout the meeting.

Soon after the convention last year, copies of the proceedings were prepared and mailed to the President and the Clerk of the National Association.

In accordance with the motion to ask for space in the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Quarterlies in which to print the Standard of Efficiency, and the Three Year Program of Progress, I wrote to the editor. This space was provided and these items appeared as designated.



I also contacted the Director of Literature, Brother Ennis, concerning an article on the Standard of Efficiency. He kindly consented to prepare such an article and it also appeared in the quarterly.

A letter of appreciation was written and mailed to Mr. W. L. Williams, concerning the \$200.00 loan. A copy was mailed to the President and one filed with the minutes of the National Sunday School Convention.

Copies of the program for this session of the National Sunday School Convention were prepared and mailed to persons whose names appear on the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Chester Pelt, Secretary.

(This report was read by the president.)

### REPORT OF TREASURER

Annual Report of the Treasurer of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention for the year July 1942-1943:

Balance on hand July 1st, 1942 ----- \$177.45

#### Receipts

July 13, 1942—Convention Dues ----- \$ 29.00

November 9, 1942—Gem, profit on Sunday School supplies ----- 12.43

Total Receipts ----- \$ 41.43

Grand Total ----- \$218.88

#### Disbursements

Bank charges for year ----- \$ 6.00

Postage, Stationery, etc. ----- 3.70

December 17, 1942—To Mr. W. L. Williams as payment on loan ----- 150.00

Total Disbursements ----- \$159.70

Balance on hand July 1, 1943 ----- \$ 59.18

Present obligation: To Mr. W. L. Williams—

Balance on loan ----- \$ 50.00

Present assets: Cash ----- \$ 59.18

Plates and stock of Sunday School supplies on hand ----- 455.00

Total assets ----- \$514.18

Present liabilities: Mr. Williams ----- \$ 50.00

To Free Will Baptist Gem for printing of supplies ----- 90.57

Total liabilities ----- \$140.57

#### Financial Condition July 1, 1943

Gross assets (including cash on hand) ----- \$514.18

Total liabilities ----- \$140.57

Present financial status after settlement has been made with Mr. Williams, Free Will Baptist Gem, and the National Board of Publications and Literature.

Cash on hand and due from the National Board of Publications and Literature ----- \$373.61

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

(This report was read by the President)

### REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND ORGANIZATION

To the National Sunday School Convention,  
Free Will Baptist Church,  
1943 Session, Nashville, Tennessee.

Greetings:

That which I have to report as Director of Organization for the past year, grieves my own heart. I report that there have been calls from far and near for the services that I have been supposed to render, and which I have wanted to render, showing that there are great and glorious possibilities for development of organizations, and for the education and training of workers in our Sunday Schools. This has brought a glow of joy to my heart, but to turn that joy to grief has been the ever present reality of the truth that I have not been able to do but very little to meet the challenge of this great need. Owing to travel conditions, funds not available for expensive trips, no gasoline for using our own car for travel beyond the needs of my husband's pastoral responsibilities, the best that I have been able to do has been to try to answer all letters, give the best advice of which I am capable by correspondence, endeavor, when possible, to refer inquirers to persons closer by who might help, pour out my soul in prayer, and shed tears of regret that I could not do more. I have had the privilege, and found it possible, to work some in my own state in endeavoring to help develop Daily Vacation Bible Schools, and other institute work in the interest of S. S. and youth education, but since this work has been done under the auspices of, and with the support of, our state organizations, detail reports are in order to be made to those organizations. Under present conditions, I feel that the success of our general Sunday School program is dependent more upon trying to co-ordinate in so far as possible our program with the various state and district programs, using the district and state workers as our promotion agents, rather than trying to maintain a separate field staff. We do badly need National Workers in the field, but unless they can have some support and backing, and unless some of the travel difficulties can be overcome, there is very little that they can do.

I appreciate the co-operation, encouragement, and confidence that has been given to me, and renew my pledge of interest and devotion to our



National S. S. Program—a pledge that is sustained more by the longing of my heart than by the record that I have made.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

### REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF RECORDS AND REPORTS

1. There was a great increase in order for the supplies for the Six Point Record System from both printing presses;

2. I have given out information to individuals, individual churches, and to quarterly meetings;

3. Also materials have been used in Christian Workers Institutes. Demonstrations have been given—materials explaining the system of records and reports have been sent from the Institutes to different churches; in different states;

4. Advertisements of materials have consistently run in church papers, both the BAPTIST, Ayden, North Carolina, and the GEM, Monett, Missouri;

5. Expense of the office: Materials, samples, etc. ----- \$2.94  
Postage and stationery ----- .84

Total ----- \$3.78

By Rev. Robert Crawford.

The following did not submit reports:

Vice-President—Rev. Chester Pelt, now a Chaplain in the U. S. Army.

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Raymond Sasser, absent.

Director of Denominational Enterprise—Rev. L. C. Johnson, in school.

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

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

All reports given were adopted.

Rev. Mark Lewis gave an excellent talk on "Teaching" in the absence of Rev. C. F. Bowen.

A motion was sustained to the effect that officers were to be elected by nomination from the floor.

Election of officers for the following year were as follows:

President—W. E. Coville.

Vice-President—Rev. R. C. Wiggs.

Secretary—Rev. George Waggoner.

Assistant Secretary—Prof. Wm. Henry Oliver.

Treasurer—W. L. Williams.

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

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

Director of Records and Reports—Rev. Robert Crawford.

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

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

Rev. F. A. Rivenbark presided over an open forum. Suggestions by pas-

tors as to how the convention may become a more successful agency for seeking, teaching, and saving, included the following:

1. The need of qualified teachers.
2. The need of interested pastors.
3. The place of the proposed textbook in preparing teachers for their work.

The morning session was adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. O. Fort.

### Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened with a devotional led by Miss Trula Gunter. She gave a splendid address on "Saving."

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

President W. E. Coville, delivered a splendid, brief message, challenging the convention to further progress.

A Business Resolutions Committee consisting of Rev. Damon C. Dodd, chairman, Rev. K. V. Shutes, and Rev. J. O. Fort, was appointed by the chair.

President W. E. Coville placed before the convention the matter of Sunday School supplies stating that the contract with the publisher had expired, that there was a limited supply on hand, and that the publisher did not wish to renew the present contract. The matter was referred to the executive committee.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Director of Organization and Education, asked that each state worker supervise a teaching program whereby district workers, under the guidance of state workers, hold an institute in each local church this year, the first course being "The Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School." The motion carried.

The matter of raising funds for and printing a textbook for training courses was referred to the executive committee.

### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

North Carolina State S. S. Convention ----- \$7.00  
Mrs. L. E. Ballard and Mrs. J. C. Griffin.

Central District S. S. Convention of Union Association of Tennessee -- 5.00  
Miss Trula Gunter and Mrs. Paul Woolsey.

Northern District Convention of Union Association of Tennessee ---- 3.00  
Cumberland District S. S. Convention (Tennessee) ----- 5.00

Miss Mary Binkley, J. B. Reading.  
Progressive Association S. S. Convention (District) of Alabama ----- 5.00

Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Mrs. K. V. Shutes.  
St. Mary's S. S. of North Carolina ----- 2.00

Miss Alice Lupton.  
Ashland City, Tennessee, S. S. ----- 2.00

Coffers Chapel S. S. of Nashville, Tennessee ----- 2.00  
Horace Ragan.



First F. W. B. Church of Columbus, Mississippi	2.00
Miss Gladys Baxter.	
Bethlehem S. S. of Tennessee	2.00
Glennville, Ga., S. S.	2.00
Miss Josephine De Loach.	
Third F. W. B. Church of St. Louis, Mo.	5.00
Good Springs S. S. of Tennessee	2.00
The report was accepted.	

### REPORT OF BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Resolutions Committee of the National Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptists submits the following report:

1. Whereas, there is a definite need for funds sufficient to carry on the activities of this body from year to year, and whereas, there is no definite system for raising such funds, therefore be it resolved that a new paragraph be inserted under Article 4 of Section 1 of the Standard of Efficiency for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools to read as follows:

"Each Sunday School shall pay an amount equal to five percent (5%) of all regular Sunday School Offerings each quarter for the purpose of supporting the promotional work of the National Sunday School Convention. These funds shall be sent from the Local Sunday School to the Treasurer of the District Convention to the Treasurer of the State Convention, and thence to the Treasurer of the National Sunday School Convention. Where there is no District, or State Convention, this amount shall be sent directly to the Treasurer of the National Sunday School Convention.

2. Realizing the need of the laity in the propagation of the National S. S. Program now in hand, we recommend that the Ministers strive to stimulate more interest on the part of the superintendents, teachers and officers in the District, State, and National Convention. We further recommend that more of the laity be used in programs of these conventions, hence, stimulating more interest.

3. Whereas, we find that there is a lack of uniformity in form 13 and form 10 of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention Blanks, we recommend that this matter be called to the attention of the Director of Records and Reports.

Prayerfully submitted,

Joe Fort,  
K. V. Shutes,  
Damon Dodd.

Motion sustained to print the constitution and by-laws of the convention in the minutes of the convention.

Motion sustained requesting the Board of Literature and Publications to print the Standard of Efficiency on the inside of the front cover and the Three Year Program of Progress on the inside of the back cover of each Senior Quarterly for the period of one year beginning with the next issue.

A motion was passed that with the permission of Miss Trula Gunter, a copy of her address, "Seeking," be sent to both church papers for publication.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard invited the sending of Sunday School news to Rev. L. E. Ballard, Greenville, North Carolina, for publication. Motion sustained to petition the National Association to print the Sunday School Convention minutes, including the Constitution and by-laws of the convention and a Convention Report Form, 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.)

A motion was sustained that the convention be adjourned to meet next year on Monday before the National Association of churches. The Convention was adjourned with prayer by Bro. Sheaffer.

The Executive Committee of the National Sunday School Convention met in special session on Wednesday evening to take care of some unfinished business:

After much discussion about the matter of printing Sunday School supplies, a motion was made and sustained to transfer the publication of all Sunday School Record and Reports to the Board of Literature and Publications of the National Association and that President W. E. Coville be authorized to cooperate with the Board in completing the transfer.

A motion was made and sustained that printing a textbook be turned over to the Board of Literature and Publications of the National Association. The Director of Literature, Rev. L. R. Ennis, was authorized to cooperate with the Board in selecting material for the textbook and in the matter of raising funds to have the book published.

Adjournment.

Rev. George Waggoner, Secretary.

(Notes by Prof. Wm. Henry Oliver, Assistant Secretary.)



## MINUTES

of the

## Eighteth Annual Session

of the

## Women's National Auxiliary Convention

which convened with

East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church,  
Nashville, Tenn., July 12, 13, 1943

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## PROCEEDINGS

The National Auxiliary Convention met at East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, Monday, July 12th, 1943, in the evening. The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. L. E. Ballard, of Greenville, North Carolina, in the absence of Mrs. Raymond Sasser, who was scheduled to lead. Mrs. Ballard used as her theme, "Ye are my Witnesses."

## BUSINESS SESSION

The first business was that of enrollment of Delegates to the Convention, after which the Nominating Committee were elected as follows: Miss Tommie Franklin, of Texas; Mrs. Jewel Campbell, Missouri; Mrs. E. C. Davidson, Georgia; Mrs. L. O. Burroughs, Tennessee; Mrs. N. E. Harris, North Carolina; Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Alabama; Mrs. Ethel Robbins, Virginia; Mrs. Eula Cichols, West Virginia; Miss Gladys Baxter, Mississippi; Miss Opal Hiltibedal, Illinois.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Henry Melvin, and was very cordial throughout, ending with the words, "The Love of Christ constraineth me to bid you a heart welcome to East Nashville Church."

The response was given by Mrs. McAdams, in a few timely and well chosen words.

A musical selection, "Awake, Put on Thy Strength," was rendered by a mixed chorus from the Bible College.

At this time, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President, in a few well selected words, presented Rev. Eunice Edwards, of St. Louis, Mo., who was designated to bring the evening message. Mrs. Edwards read a part of the 13th chapter of Hebrews. She said that "Jesus had a Text for every occasion, and that her Text was the 13th verse of this chapter, 'Let us go forth therefore unto

him without the camp, bearing His reproach." The message was full of inspiration and we were reminded that "our work for and with Christ, would be found outside the camp of luxury, self indulgence, comfort, ease and indifference, that we must go outside the camp to Golgotha, to see the agony of Jesus, as He so patiently bore our reproach, and that outside the camp, we would find no praise for our efforts to follow Him, but must labor, as He did, under the ban of hardships and criticisms, but that though we received no acclaim here, we must bend every effort to glorify God in all our Christian service." Benediction.

## TUESDAY MORNING

The Convention met according to schedule at 9:00 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mrs. Marie Hyatt led the devotions. After congregational singing, "Jesus Calls Us," Mrs. Hyatt read a part of the 103rd Psalm, followed with a prayer by Mrs. McAdams.

## BUSINESS SESSION

The Minutes of the Executive session were read and adopted, after which the President made a short talk on "Our Duties, as they pertain to the wonderful opportunities we have in helping to carry out the Great Commission," and urged that we be more diligent in promoting Christ's kingdom, especially among our Service men and women.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards spoke on "The Illuminating Power of Personal Service," and that we must avoid the danger of forgetting that our real mission is in reaching out and leading the lost to Christ.

The Finance Committee was named as follows: Miss Gladys Baxter, Mrs. J. R. Davidson, Miss Tommy Franklin, Mrs. Jackie Culbertson, and instructed to work with the Treasurer, Mrs. Fannie Polston, who is the Chairman of this Committee.

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 1st Vice-President, recommended that we take up as a Stewardship study, "Money Grows on Trees," by Rev. Harvey H. Springer. Mrs. Polston endorsed the suggestion, saying that she had used it and knew its worth. She also gave information how and where it could be obtained. It was moved and carried that it be made a part of our Stewardship Program, and that our women everywhere use it in their Study Courses.

At this time a few moments were devoted to a Round Table discussion, with personal experiences, on Tithing.

The Nominating Committee made their report as follows:

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, of 1917 Pestalozzie St., St. Louis, Mo., President.

Mrs. Agnes B. Frazier, 1624 E. Cahal Ave., Nashville, Tenn., 1st Vice-President.

Mrs. Opal Bingham, Tulsa, Okla., 2nd Vice-President.

Mrs. Damon Dodd, Nashville, Tenn., 3rd Vice-President.

Miss Gladys Baxter, Columbus, Miss., 4th Vice-President.

Mrs. Elsie Curtis, Illinois, 5th Vice-President.



Mrs. Alice E. Lupton 78 1-2 New St., New Bern, N. C., Recording Secretary.

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

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

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

It was moved and carried that the report be received, the Committee thanked and discharged.

The President, Mrs. Griffin, asked all officers to come to the altar for a consecration Prayer. Mrs. Frazier, 1st Vice-President, stated that she could not serve in that capacity another year, except under two conditions, namely, 1st, "That all delegates and Officers become sales-ladies for our Auxiliary Literature, and 2nd, That she be empowered to keep in the Literature treasury, all money derived from the sale of Literature for the ensuing year for the purpose of supplying more and better literature for Auxiliary workers, and that permission be given her to select the Printer who would do the work the cheapest and that the mailing of the literature be in her hands."

It was moved and carried that Mrs. Frazier be given full control of all publications and all monies received through the Literature Department, to promote the work according to her best judgment.

The following Committees were appointed:

Registration—Mrs. Damon Dodd, Mrs. Marie Hyatt, Mrs. J. B. Bloss.

Appreciation—Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Mrs. Jewell Campbell, Miss Trula Gunter.

Greeting—Mrs. J. L. Welch, Mrs. Mollie Shepherd, Mrs. John Henning.

At this time there was a motion made and carried that we extend to all officers a rising vote of appreciation for their untiring service during the year.

The business session was called off for devotional service and a message by Mrs. Thomas Willey. "Send the Light," was sung, after which Rev. L. R. Ennis led in prayer.

Mrs. Willey read from John 4: 34, "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

She gave encouraging reports from the Mission field in Cuba, portraying vividly a description of life in Cuba, brought greetings from Christian Natives to their brethren of the North, and of the great opportunities for more missionary activities, if only they could secure other helpers from the Home land.

She gave some of her own experiences, many of them coupled with hardships, self-denial, and that they were wearing and bearing the scars for Jesus sake. She also earnestly and tenderly solicited the prayers of this Convention, in holding them up to the throne of grace, that they may always abound in this work in the Master's vineyard. She brought greetings from Miss Bessie Yeley, former Missionary to South America, but now in Cuba, while she and Mr. Willey are in the States. She said the people in Cuba are a patient people, and that their social standard is very high morally, and that our American way of life would shock them amazingly and that

even our Church life, from a general standpoint, would be discouraging to them. She said that the Gospel of Christ has not been handed down to them, through Christian generations, that about forty years will take in about all they know of the religion of Jesus Christ. Help must be given, she said, if we are to exercise our opportunity of saving Cuba for God, and in so doing, we hoped to make it a gate-way into South America. Mrs. Willey held her audience almost spellbound, as she depicted the many angles of life in Cuba, and of their work and plans for the future.

An offering was taken, and the convention adjourned with prayer until the afternoon session.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Convention re-assembled at 1:30 P. M., for the resumption of business. "Jesus, Blessed Jesus," was sung, after which the new President, Mrs. Edwards, was invited to take the chair during the devotional service, which was led by Mrs. Griffin.

Personal experiences and testimony were heard, after which reports were taken up.

Mrs. Ballard gave a report of the work of North Carolina women during the year, and warmly congratulated Mrs. McAdams for her fine work while in the State.

In the absence of the 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Opal Bingham, Mrs. Frazier gave her report on Christian Education, stating that illness kept Mrs. Bingham from being present.

At this time, the President, Mrs. Griffin, gave a detailed report relative to the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, as used by the women in North Carolina, and of the splendid results in enabling worthy young people to secure a higher education in Christian service.

The first Vice-President made her report, with a few remarks on the value of the "Printed Page," in our work of evangelism. It was moved and carried that the report be received.

The Treasurer made her report and on motion was adopted.

Mrs. McAdams asked that the Jehoiada chest be patented, made and sold as a means of raising funds for the extension of missions, and that the profits be used to promote missionary zeal and other activities. There was a motion that this matter be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee, and that a meeting be called for Wednesday P. M., to arrange plans for same.

Reports from the Greetings and Appreciation Committees were read and on motion were adopted.

The Plan of Work Committee read its report and on motion, it was decided to vote on them one by one. After some discussion, there was a motion that No. 1 of the Plan be adopted. Plan 2, was adopted, after discussion, with an amendment. It was moved and carried that Mrs. Frazier confer with the Committee in writing the amendment.



It was moved and carried that the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, be adopted as read. (See statistical reports.)

The Obituary Committee made report, and on motion was received.

Petitions from Missouri and Mississippi for membership were made and on motion were received.

The Resolution Committee, composed of Mrs. Paul Woolsey, Mrs. Della Sayers and Mrs. Eunice Miller, reported and on motion was received.

There was a motion that we follow Parliamentary Rules, in as much as possible, in the procedure of recording minutes of our National Auxiliary Motion carried.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, the 3rd Vice-President, reported the Mission work and also some recommendations for future plans. It was moved and carried that these be adopted. Miss Lola Johnson, 4th Vice-President, was absent, and there was no report. Mrs. McAdams made a strong plea in behalf of Christian Stewardship, stressing the fact that good stewards not only tithed their money, but our time, our talents and free will offerings, unto the Lord.

Mrs. Elsie Curtis, 5th Vice-President, was absent because of a recent major operation, but submitted her report through Mrs. Edwards. It was moved and carried that the report be received and that we pray earnestly for the recovery of Mrs. Curtis.

The Registration Committee reported that 31 delegates were in attendance from the various States, representing State and District Conventions.

It was moved and carried that all discussions relative to clearing up mis-understandings, or that is not strictly necessary in the promotion of our work, be struck from the minutes.

The minutes of the entire session were read and approved.

Several requests for prayer were made, after which Mrs. Edwards, the

Several requests for prayer was made, after which Mrs. Edwards, the new President, thanked the Convention for the honor conferred upon her, and expressed herself as being new in the work and that she hoped to have the prayers and full co-operation of each officer as well as assuring us that she would give her "best to the Master through the door which had been opened to her in this Convention."

The Convention adjourned with a prayer by Mrs. Agnes Frazier.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Retiring President,

Alice E. Lupton, Recording Secretary.

#### REPORT OF THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 1942-43

##### Enlistment and Literature Chairman

##### STATISTICAL REPORT

Articles sent to denominational papers, 5. Young peoples' programs prepared, 2. Stewardship programs prepared, 1. Mission programs prepared, 4. Letters received, 389. Letters sent out (6 airmail), 299. Cards received, 76. Cards sent out, 85. Packages sent out (tracts, leaflets, booklets, etc.), 12. Stationery purchased (250 envelopes; 3000 sheets), 3,250. Ac-

tive members reported by 5 States, 2,340. Members re-instated (reports from 5 States), 28. Members suspended (report from 5 states), 12. Members died, 2. New members (reported by 5 states only), 64. Churches visited (4 states), 6. Talks made on enlistment in auxiliary work, 12. Study classes taught, 12. Literature distributed (5 states reporting), 6,364. Manuscripts on hand for leaflets, tracts, etc., 10.

#### Report Relative to Auxiliary Supplies is as follows:

Manuals sold from July 1, 1942, to July 1, 1943	629
Year Books sold from July 1, 1942, to July 1, 1943	2,092
Charts (Standards) sold from July 1, 1942, to July 1, 1943	50
Tracts sold from July 1, 1942, to July 1, 1943	3,650
Study Course "Working Together for Jesus Sake"	55
Study Course "Working with Our Youth"	56

#### Financial Report from July 1, 1942, to July 1, 1943

##### RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand July 1, 1942	\$ 42.75
Year Book Commission	\$81.57
Manual Commission	36.66
Commission on Standard Charts	3.68
Commission on Tracts	10.82
Commission on Study Course IV.	13.38
Study Course III "Working Together"	13.78
Total Receipts	\$202.64

##### DISBURSEMENTS:

Typing year book manuscript	\$10.75
Tracts to Bible School pupils	1.40
Literature helps bought for special program requests	10.25
Tracts, leaflets, etc., for helps in Year Book preparation	3.25
(These are, of course, put into circulation as opportunity affords.)	
Year Book, Manual, tracts, etc., to new Auxiliaries	2.74
Total Disbursements	\$ 28.39

Balance on hand July 1, 1943	\$174.25
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##### DONATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

(These figures are estimated on the basis of payments made by the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C. 9/26/1939)

Manuscript of "Manual of Methods" (72 page book)	\$ 36.00
Manuscript of 1941-42 Year Book of Programs (96 page book)	48.00
Manuscript of 1942-43 Year Book of Programs (127 page book)	63.50



Manuscript of "Working Together for Jesus Sake" (70 page book) ..	35.00
Manuscript of "Working with Our Youth" (78 page book) ..	39.00
Manuscript for eight tracts ..	4.00

Total value of donated manuscript for Auxiliary Literature ----\$225.50

Humbly submitted,  
Agnes B. Frazier.

### REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

(Being unable to attend because of sickness in family, the following report was rendered)

#### Christian Education

In spite of the rapid advance in education, of the extension of public schools of growing efficiency to every section of our country, in spite of our city and country high schools with their splendid equipment and generous support, and the great universities of our land supported by the power of public taxation, we believe that our denominational school is more urgently needed by our people today than ever before in the history of Free Will Baptists.

The call is clear, by the spirit of both civil and religious liberty, for an education that will eliminate, in world life, elements that enthrone the few at the expense of the many, an education that discovers the individual, duly emphasizes both rights and duties, and champions the doctrine of equality in opportunity. With a spirit of obedience to the Great Commission Free Will Baptists are making a close relation between its forces of evangelism and education.

Poor equipment is the plea that most of us use when seeking to escape some duty God lays upon us. Moses, with no weapons, no chariots, no armies, with which to meet the might of Pharaoh, felt justified in refusing to undertake the liberation of his people. To Moses it seemed a hopeless task, but in the narrative found in Exodus 4, we realize, if we read it diligently, that God was teaching Moses some lessons that we also need to learn today. First, when there is a divine call, ways to prepare for and to perform that service are at hand. Second, an opportunity rejected becomes an enemy, an obstacle before us. Third, an obstacle grasped and mastered becomes the useful instrument of service.

Today Free Will Baptists have an opportunity laid at their door. This opportunity is a Bible School in which we can assist worthy, capable, healthy young men and women called to Christian service. A call to service is a call to prepare for that service.

The Free Will Baptist Bible School, located in Nashville, Tennessee is founded for the purpose of training and sending forth Christian preachers, teachers, and leaders whose lives will be living answers to Romans 10: 14. This institution, we believe, will be a mighty spiritual agency for training workers who have given their lives to God's work upon earth. Because of

this it merits your understanding, your prayers, and your support. Its most vital need at present is endowment, the investment of money in the lives of students.

This Free Will Baptist School is founded upon the eternal truth, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Our denominational school is dedicated to the glorious, arduous, challenging task of bringing the world to recognize that truth and live by it.

Respectfully submitted,  
Opal Bingham.

### REPORT OF THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

Meetings presided over ..	12
Articles sent to denominational papers ..	19
Cards and letters sent out ..	20
Amount paid for stationery and postage ..	\$ .95
Number of Mission study classes conducted ..	36
Number of Mission programs conducted ..	46
Number of Mission services sponsored ..	26
Number of tracts and other literature on Missions distributed ..	249
Number of societies that observed the week of prayer ..	28
Amount paid to Missions through the Jehoiada Chest ..	\$ 765.45
Amount paid to Home Missions ..	433.37
Amount paid to Foreign Missions ..	475.14

Total amount paid to Missions ----\$1,673.96

Special Mission projects sponsored: North Carolina sponsored projects to obtain horse, radio, bicycle and wardrobe for our Missionaries. Georgia sponsored a project for obtaining moving camera outfit for Cuba, and sent two packages to the Willeys, also sent money to purchase one of the Mission horses for Cuba. Alabama sponsored project of obtaining mission horses for Cuba.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, 3rd Vice-President.

(No report from Fourth Vice-President)

### REPORT OF FIFTH VICE-PRESIDENT

(Sent greetings and her regrets at not being able to attend)

My statistical report is as follows:

Cottage prayer meetings ..	130
Donations to Orphanage ..	\$888.01
Ministerial Relief ..	\$374.25
Bibles given ..	107
Members visiting sick ..	476



Members making donations to charity	-----	77
Cash donations to charity	-----	\$185.60
Gifts to soldier boys	-----	\$10.00
Personal Service Committee	-----	8

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie Curtis, 5th Vice-President.

**REPORT OF TREASURER****Financial report for 1942-43**

Balance on hand at close of 1942	-----	\$ 300.00
Received Jehoiada Chest fund	-----	765.45
Received for Foreign Missions	-----	250.60
Received for Bible School	-----	187.61
Received for dues	-----	208.58
Received for unified programs	-----	76.40
Received for superannuation	-----	1.04

\$1,789.57

1,325.85

\$ 463.83

**Paid out for year:**

Paid out to Mrs. Lizzie McAdams	-----	\$ 300.00
Paid to Foreign Mission Treasurer	-----	760.90
Paid to Treasurer National Association Unified Program	-----	76.40
Paid to National Bible School	-----	187.61
Paid to Superannuation	-----	1.04

\$1,325.85

**National Women's Auxiliary Convention dues:**

Balance at close of 1942 convention	-----	\$ 58
North Carolina dues and donations	-----	115.60
Alabama dues	-----	19.70
Oklahoma dues	-----	2.50
South Carolina dues	-----	9.20
Ohio dues	-----	3.00
Illinois dues	-----	6.50
Georgia dues	-----	20.00
Florida dues	-----	1.00
Kentucky dues	-----	3.30
Tennessee dues	-----	22.00
Missouri dues	-----	2.80
Virginia dues	-----	1.00

\$208.05

**Receipts for Jehoiada Chest Fund:**

(Received from fourteen states as follows:)

Received from North Carolina	-----	\$380.25
Received from Virginia	-----	38.77
Received from Florida	-----	24.00
Received from Ohio	-----	25.00
Received from Kentucky	-----	28.00
Received from West Virginia	-----	11.00
Received from Illinois	-----	78.92
Received from Oklahoma	-----	16.00
Received from Texas	-----	28.01
Received from Missouri	-----	52.00
Received from Tennessee	-----	39.61
Received from Mississippi	-----	13.00
Received from Alabama	-----	18.89
Received from Georgia	-----	12.00

\$765.45

**Received for Foreign Missions  
1942-43**

North Carolina	-----	\$205.85
Tennessee	-----	14.90
Georgia	-----	15.65
Oklahoma	-----	3.20
Illinois	-----	11.00
	-----	\$250.60

**Received for Bible College  
1942-43**

North Carolina	-----	\$158.65
Tennessee	-----	13.00
Oklahoma	-----	6.16
Ohio	-----	5.00
Mississippi	-----	4.80
	-----	\$187.61

**Received Unified Program:**

Tennessee	-----	\$50.47
Oklahoma	-----	21.23
Florida	-----	3.72
	-----	\$76.42

Mrs. Fannie Polston, Treasurer.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Letters — 35	-----	\$1.05
Cards — 24	-----	.24
Printing	-----	2.25
Stationery	-----	.30
	-----	\$3.84

Alice E. Lupton, Recording Secretary.



## REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL WORKER

Number of Churches visited	132
Number of Sermons preached	272
Number of Conversions	315
Number of Mission Lectures	115
Number of Temperance Lectures	6
Number of Banks placed	872
Number of Chests placed	76
Number of Year Books placed	104
Number of Manuals placed	130
Number of check books placed	8
Number of auxiliaries organized	19
Number of District Auxiliaries organized	1
Number of letters written	556
Number of cards written	384
Number of personal service calls	556
Number of subscriptions to papers	17
Number of miles traveled	18,000
Salary received from National Auxiliary Convention	\$300.00
Turned in to treasurer on Fast Plan	\$10.40

Lizzie McAdams, Promotional Worker.

## REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE

We have three national officers absent from this meeting because of illness or death. Mrs. Opal Bingham, 2nd Vice-President, absent because of illness; Miss Rebecca Stewart, our corresponding secretary, because of death; Mrs. Elsie Curtis, 5th Vice-President, who has had an operation.

We recommend that our secretary send cards to Mrs. Bingham and Miss Stewart and a telegram to Mrs. Curtis, each expressing our love and appreciation of their work last year and pledge our cooperation next year.

Mrs. J. L. Welch, Chairman,  
Mrs. John Henning,  
Mrs. Mollie Sheppard,  
Committee.

## REPORT OF REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Delegates 31                      Visitors 28

Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Mrs. D. C. Dodd, Marie Thomas Hyatt.

## REPORT OF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, your appreciation committee, submit the following report:

1. For the kind hospitality shown us by the Woman's Auxiliary of the East Nashville Church, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks.

2. For the efficient and faithful services of our retiring officers, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. K. V. Shutes and Miss Lola Johnson, we wish to express our gratitude, praying God's blessings on them in their future efforts for the extension of God's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Chairman,  
Miss Trula Gunter,  
Mrs. Jewell Campbell.

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following report:

President—Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Missouri.  
1st Vice-President—Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Tennessee.  
2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Opal Bingham, Oklahoma.  
3rd Vice-President—Mrs. D. C. Dodd, Tennessee.  
4th Vice-President—Miss Gladys Baxter, Mississippi.  
5th Vice-President—Mrs. Elsie Curtis, Illinois.  
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Alice Lupton, North Carolina.  
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Rebecca Stewart, Tennessee.  
Field Worker—Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Texas.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Fannie Polston, Tennessee.

Tommie Franklin, Chairman.

## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Resolutions respectfully submit the following report:

1. Be it resolved that we go on record as appealing 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."
2. We urge that steps be taken to provide literature for vacation Bible School for our children.
3. Be it resolved that the National President of the Women's Auxiliary Convention, be urged to visit personally this convention year as many of the States representing at this body as possible with her expenses paid.

Mrs. Paul Woolsey,  
Mrs. Della Salyer,  
Mrs. Eunice A. Miller.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE PLAN OF WORK

We the Committee on the plan of work of 43 recommend the plan of work already laid down with the exception of a few additions and subtractions—omitting the "Theme Hymn" — "watchword" as it will be in the year book of programs—order mission Study part III we recommend.

I. That the National Women's Auxiliary Convention support through the National Foreign Missionary Board a native missionary in Cuba and in India.

II. That each National Department Chairman remind regularly her subordinate officer about carrying out definitely the plan of work as suggested in the year book of programs.

III. That a Stewardship Study Class be held early in the convention year in every woman's auxiliary, using the book adopted at the 1943 session.

IV. That special emphasis be placed on the support of our Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee, by a regular monthly donation.

V. That each convention district and state give at least \$5.00 to Bible School located in Nashville, Tennessee.

VI. That the 4th Vice-President in each convention make special effort to work with 4th Vice-President in each local auxiliary to secure 100 per cent cooperation of the membership in tithing.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Chairman,  
Mary Patton,  
Mrs. G. B. VanHook,

The Committee.

## PETITIONS FOR ADMITTANCE TO CONVENTION

River Mines, Mo.  
7-9-1943

To the National Women's Auxiliary Convention which convenes in Nashville, Tennessee, July 12-13, 1943.

By authority of the State of Missouri Women's Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptist, having properly submitted our Women's Work in accordance to the national plan, and abiding thereby,

We ask that we be admitted as a member of the National Auxiliary Convention, at this meeting of said convention.

This item of business submitted by proper vote, at the last meeting of our State Convention which convened at Myrtle in said State of Missouri.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hazel E. Scott,  
River Mines, Missouri,  
State Secretary and Treasurer.

## The Mississippi and South West Woman's District Auxiliary

Dear Co-Workers:

We are a new district auxiliary convention just organized with a small report not enough to use the blank in year book. We were organized by Sister McAdams, our National Field Worker. We have several local auxiliaries, but only three were present on account of gas conditions. We send to represent us as delegates, Sister L. E. Duncan and Larue Marcy, along with \$6.20 dues and a request to join the National Convention. We believe we have a good staff of officers that can bring in a good report next year. Pray for us.

Secretary and Treasurer,

Lucille May.

Passed on and recommended to the Convention that these States be admitted as members of our Convention at this session.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Committee of the National Auxiliary Convention met in a business session Monday P. M. at 2:00 o'clock, at East Nashville Church.

The meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. McAdams, after which the roll was called with the following members present: Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President; Mrs. Agnes B. Frazier, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. K. V. Shutes, 3rd Vice-President; Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Promotional Worker; Alice E. Lupton, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Fannie Polston, Treasurer.

On motion of Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Eunice Edwards was made proxy for Mrs. Curtis, 5th Vice-President. Motion carried. Mrs. Frazier reported the serious illness of Mrs. Curtis, and special prayer was offered for her at this time.

Greetings from the President to visiting women were given and a hope that they would be benefitted in gaining a greater knowledge of our work during the session.

A letter was read from Mrs. Opal Bingham, 2nd Vice-President, expressing regret at not being able to be present, because of illness. Mrs. Frazier explained the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Rebecca Stewart, as caused by death in her family.

Discussion led by Mrs. McAdams, on the vital need of Field Workers in each State, that would co-operate with the National Worker, was very inspirational, and very revealing as to definite results, if we are to enlarge our work among other States. A new organization at Birmingham, Ala., was reported by the Promotional Worker, in which said, "They are a very enthusiastic group, and in need of training in our Manual and Methods of work." Short talks by various ones present were made, with some questions



asked and answered, after which the President urged full support during the session of the convention.

#### Adjournment.

The Executive Committee was called in special session by the new President, Mrs. Edwards, Wednesday P. M., for the purpose of hearing Mrs. McAdams present a plan concerning the Jehoiada chests. The meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Dodd. Mrs. McAdams suggested that the Chests be remodeled, that we endeavor to have it patented, and that we strive whole-heartedly to put it to a more extensive use, as a means of securing larger contributions to our Mission cause. It was moved and carried that the matter be left entirely in the hands of Mrs. McAdams, as she has had charge of it from the beginning of its use, and that we pledge our co-operation in her plans concerning it. Mrs. McAdams expressed appreciation for this confidence, and reminded us that we were now expected to place Two Dollars per month, instead of the \$1.00 as formerly, in the Chests, in order that we may have funds to take care of the two Native Missionaries, one in Cuba and the other in India, we agreed to support in our Convention the day before. Appointed on the Program Committee, to act with Mrs. Bingham, who is Chairman, was Miss Gladys Baxter and Miss Rebecca Stewart.

It was moved and carried that we authorize our 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Agnes B. Frazier, to carry on with the Literature Department, and negotiate with the Board of Publications and Literature of the National Association relative to printing and distribution. A motion was made that we change the date of our literature year from October the 1st, to January 1st, to correspond with the Calendar year. Motion carried. It was moved and carried that the Corresponding Secretary, prepare the announcement of this plan and send copies to the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, N. C., and to the Gem at Monett, Mo., also that she send the Plan of Work to both papers. On motion the meeting adjourned.

#### Benediction.

Having overlooked the naming of the salary to be paid our Promotional Worker for the ensuing year, the Executive Committee was called together Friday at noon, by the 1st Vice-President, in the absence of the President. Meeting was opened with prayer.

It was moved and carried that we pay Mrs. McAdams the sum of twenty-five dollars per month out of the one third retained in the Jehoiada Chests for Home use.

There was a motion that we ask the National Association to print our minutes with theirs, as heretofore, and that they present to our Auxiliary body our part of the expense. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer by Mrs. Frazier.

Mrs. Agnes B. Frazier, Chairman and 1st Vice-President.  
Alice E. Lupton, Secretary.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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