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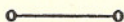


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Rev. J. R. Davidson ----- Moderator
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Rev. E. C. Morris ----- Clerk
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Lake Butler, Florida

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General Board—

Rev. H. Ray Berry, 1031 East 14th St. ----- Houston 9, Texas

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Rev. Winford Davis ----- Monett, Missouri

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Rev. L. D. Nance, 19351 Havana Ave. ----- Detroit 3, Michigan

Education—

Rev. J. R. Davidson, 3609 Ricchland Ave. ----- Nashville 5, Tennessee

Superannuation—

Rev. F. C. Zinn ----- Fredericktown, Missouri

Publications and Literature—

Rev. J. C. Griffin, 240 N. Pasteur St. ----- New Bern, North Carolina

B O A R D S

Boards with members' term of office in order as written, the General Board excepted, in which case all western members' term expires at the next session of the Association.

General Board—Rev. H. Ray Berry, Houston, Texas; Rev. John H. West, Wewoka, Okla.; Rev. Mark Lewis, St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. Homer Willis, Owasso, Mich.; Rev. E. M. French, New Port, Tenn.; Rev. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.; Rev. Millard VanHoose, Paintsville, Ky.; Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, Elizabeth City, N. C.; Rev. W. T. Large, Coburn, Va.; E. C. Davidson, Glennville, Ga.; Rev. Jas M. Herrald, Tad, W. Va.; Rev. C. J. Kitterman, Macedonia, Ill.; Rev. C. J. Sizemore, Pedro, Ohio; E. M. Duncan, Tupelo, Miss.; Rev. Louis Holliday, Manning, S. C.; Rev. J. M. Rich, Chipley, Fla. Other members of this Board are the General Officers of the Association.

Foreign Missions—Rev. B. F. Rogers, Drumright, Okla., (1946); Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Erwin, Tenn., (1947); Rev. C. B. Thompson, Fort Worth, Texas, (1948); Rev. Raymond Riggs, Detroit, Mich., (1949); Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., (1950).

Home Missions—Rev. J. B. Bloss, Leeds, Alabama (1946); Rev. J. A. Kemper, Wheelersburg, Ohio, (1947); Rev. W. K. Jordan, Kinston, N. C., (1948); Rev. J. F. Miller, Desloge, Mo., (1949); Rev. C. B. Dees, Monett, Mo., (1950).

Free Will Baptist League—Rev. L. C. Johnson, Tupelo, Miss., (1946); Rev. Robert Crawford, Nashville, Tenn., (1947); Mrs. Huey Gower, Ashland City, Tenn., (1948); Rev. Henry Melvin, Durham, N. C., (1949); Rev. L. D. Nance, Detroit, Mich., (1950).

Education—Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla., (1946); Rev. Henry Melvin, Durham, N. C., (1947); Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., (1948); Rev. J. R. Davidson, Nashville, Tenn., (1949); Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, Elizabeth City, N. C., (1950).

Superannuation—Rev. D. W. Hansley, Folkstone, N. C., (1946); E. C. Davidson, Glennville, Ga., (1947); Rev. J. O. Fort, Bryan, Texas, (1948); Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, Elizabeth City, N. C., (1949); Rev. F. C. Zinn, Fredericktown, Mo., (1950).

Literature and Publications—Rev. Charles R. Porter, Sesser, Ill., (1946); Rev. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala., (1947); Rev. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C., (1948); Rev. L. C. Johnson, Tupelo, Miss., (1949); E. M. Duncan, Tupelo, Miss., (1950).

Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College—Revs. R. B. Spencer, J. L. Welch and F. B. Cherry, terms expiring July 15, 1946; Revs. Ralph Lightsey, Henry Melvin and K. V. Shutes, terms expiring July 15, 1948; Revs. Melvin Bingham, Jas. F. Miller and J. R. Davidson, terms expiring July 15, 1950.

LIST OF MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE

Alabama—

K. V. Shutes, Cordova; Harry L. Mitchell, Birmingham.

Florida—

Floyd B. Cherry, Lake Butler.

Georgia—

S. T. Shutes, Colquitt; C. J. Harvey, Camilla; E. C. Morris, Glennville.

Illinois—

C. H. Curry, Sesser; W. R. Burton, Whittington.

Kentucky—

F. S. Van Hoose, Paintsville.

Michigan—

Horton T. Davis, Hazel Park; Daniel R. Cronk, Hazel Park; L. D. Nance, Detroit 3; J. C. Gillim, Detroit; C. E. Riggs, Hazel Park; Raymond Riggs, Detroit 3; Edgil Howard, Dearborn.

Mississippi—

L. C. Johnson, East Tupelo; Ralph Lightsey, Columbus.

Missouri—

Kenneth Turner, Monett; Effie P. Matthews, Desloge; Mark Lewis, St. Louis 4; Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge; Jas. F. Miller, Desloge; F. C. Zinn, Fredericktown; Cecil Campbell, Carterville; C. B. Dees, Monett; Winford Davis, Monett.

North Carolina—

W. E. Anderson, Morehead City; W. B. Everett, New Bern; Paul Jenkins, Kannapolis; Ray W. Allman, Durham; R. P. Harris, Enfield; W. H. Lancaster, Smithfield; W. K. Jordan, Kinston; J. Albert Harris, New Bern; J. W. Alford, Kenly; Clarence F. Bowen, East Durham; Walter B. Carter, Rockingham; J. E. Wooten, Ayden; R. B. Spencer, Ayden; O. M. Hilburn, Caroleen; Henry Melvin, Durham; J. C. Griffin, New Bern; F. A. Rivenbark, Elizabeth City; J. C. Moye, Snow Hill; J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton; W. H. Ivey, Selma; M. L. Johnson, Lucama; Robert Kennedy, Beulaville; W. L. Moretz, Swannanoa; E. G. Holland, Kenly; Rashie Kennedy, Goldsboro; Walter Williams, Kenly.

Ohio—

Melvin Dunn, Wellston; Jesse C. Sizemore, Pedro; Russell Milam, Minford.

Oklahoma—

Melvin Bingham, Tulsa; B. F. Rogers, Drumright.

South Carolina—

E. P. Kirby, Foreston; L. A. Holliday, Manning; Seldon Bullard, Darlington; Paul J. Ketterman, Columbia.

Tennessee—

E. M. French, New Port; Paul Woolsey, Greenville; J. P. Barrow, Nashville 5; E. C. Burkey, Greenville; Robt. B. Crawford, Nashville 5; J. R. Davidson, Nashville 5; L. R. Ennis, Nashville 5; Damon C. Dodd, Nashville; J. L. Welch, Nashville.

Texas—

J. O. Fort, Bryan; H. Ray Berry, Houston; Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Huntsville.

Virginia—

Monroe Hubbard, Wise; C. B. Dickenson, Wise; Cossie Meade, Glamorgan.

West Virginia—

Ralph H. Dean, Hamlin; Ernest Bias, Naoma; John M. Henson, Hurricane; Dennis E. Bias, Huntington; James H. Herrold, Tad; Geo. J. Childres, Charleston.

DELEGATES AND VISITORS ENROLLED**Alabama—**

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, V. C. May, F. W. Bolin.

Florida—

G. W. Cloud, C. T. Cook.

Georgia—

Mrs. C. J. Harvey, Mrs. J. F. Harmon, G. C. King, Mrs. G. C. King, E. C. Davidson, H. H. Reaves, Mrs. E. C. Morris, Miss Mary Kicklighter, Mrs. E. C. Davidson.

Kentucky—

Mrs. Ernest Griffith, Mrs. Zella Brown, Mrs. A. L. Prater, Gertrude Bowe, G. E. Ratcliff.

Michigan—

Mrs. Edgil Howard, Jack C. Hagan.

Mississippi—

Mrs. Ralph Lightsey, L. E. Duncan.

Missouri—

Mrs. Jas. F. Miller, Mrs. Bill Powell, Mrs. Evelyn Alyes.

North Carolina—

Mrs. Sarah Morris, W. C. Sasser, Miss Alethia Etheridge, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Levi Hill, Mrs. E. G. Holland, A. D. Ivey, Mrs. Sophie Hardee.

Ohio—

Mrs. W. J. Sheppard, Mrs. Grace Peach, Mrs. Clarence Riddlebarger, Mrs. Louvenia Henning, Mrs. W. H. Jacob.

Oklahoma—

Mrs. B. F. Rogers.

Tennessee—

W. E. Coville, Mrs. Paul Woolsey, Mrs. Fannie Polston, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Mrs. Alice White.

West Virginia—

Mrs. Hattie Perdue, D. V. Shaffer, Miss Ruby Pegram, Mrs. Ada Moore, Miss Loretta Moore.

States not given—

R. E. Dunlop, Vera Thomas, J. D. Ballance, Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Halbrook, Mrs. F. A. Blackwood, E. C. Burney, Mrs. Alice Childers.

PROCEEDINGS

The National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States met in the Ninth Annual session on July 10, 1945, with the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C.

The session was opened with a song and praise service led by Rev. Daniel Cronk of Michigan. The opening devotions were conducted by the Rev. E. E. Bias of West Virginia, after which, Rev. John L. Welch of Nashville, Tenn., was introduced by the Moderator, who had been designated to deliver the introductory sermon. His subject was "Meeting the World's Greatest Need," based on Mark 1: 30. In his message the speaker said, "The greatest need of the world is the gospel and the responsibility of getting the gospel to the world belong to the Church." This gospel, according to the speaker is not to be something new but the old gospel needs new emphasis. The message was declared to be very informative and inspiring.

After the message of the evening the Clerk of the Association called the body to the opening business session. The Moderator then took charge and called for the corresponding letters and after a quorum of delegates were assured the business proceeded by going into the election of officers.

The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: Rev. J. R. Davidson re-elected Moderator. Rev. J. L. Welch, Assistant Moderator. Rev. E. C. Morris, re-elected Clerk and Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, Assistant Clerk.

By motion, the election of Treasurer and Executive Secretary was deferred until later.

A motion was made providing for the moving up of the program and completing the business by Thursday evening if possible for the convenience of all concerned.

The Secretary of the General Board was asked to read the recommendations of the Board pertaining to the revision of the Constitution at this time.

By motion, the meeting adjourned to re-assemble at 9:00 a. m. on tomorrow, after which, Rev. J. A. Evans, Supt. of the Orphanage read assignments and arrangements for entertainment of the guests.

Benediction by Rev. R. C. Kennedy.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

At 9:00 o'clock, the Association re-assembled and Rev. Ralph Lightsey of Georgia led an inspiring devotion, after which the Moderator delivered his annual message. His subject was "Christian Fellowship the Test of Unity and Success." After this message the session opened for business.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Resolutions—Revs. J. R. Bennett, J. O. Fort, C. E. Riggs, Sister Eunice Edwards and Bro. G. W. Cloud.

Temperance—Revs. Ralph Lightsey, Damond C. Dodd, J. P. Barrow, Mark Lewis and Floyd B. Cherry.

Nominations—Revs. Henry Melvin, K. V. Shutes, Monroe Hubbard, W. R. Burton and Bro. V. C. May.

Credentials—Revs. C. B. Dees, Melvin Bingham, Paul Woolsey, J. W. Alford and Bro. W. E. Coville.

Obituary—Revs. R. B. Spencer, M. E. Dunn, Kenneth Turner, H. Ray Berry and Sister W. M. White.

At this time the business was interspersed with a hymn led by Rev. Ralph Lightsey, after which the Secretary of the General Board read the report of the Board and the body acted upon the report by sections until all were adopted with proper amendments to some.

(See report as adopted.)

Moved by Rev. Monroe Hubbard and seconded by Rev. C. R. Riggs, That the recommendation of the General Board relative to the incorporation of the Bible College; also to elect all trustees named in the recommendation be accepted. Motion carried.

Motion, That the business session be called off for the morning worship and Associational sermon.

The congregation was led in a brief song service, after which the Executive Secretary, Rev. Robert B. Crawford, was presented and he delivered the sermon, on the subject "Charting Our Course into an Unknown Future," based on the text, Josh. 3: 4, "For ye have not passed this way heretofore." The speaker placed great emphasis on the importance of following the leadership of Jesus in promoting the interests of the Church. The sermon was considered a master piece.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Body re-assembled on schedule time. A praise and testimonial service was conducted by Rev. K. V. Shutes which was concluded with a special number, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone," rendered by Revs. Henry Melvin, S. T. Shutes, Walter Williams and Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

At this time the Moderator presented Mrs. Eunice Edwards, President of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, who delivered a very enthusiastic report from the body she represented. Mrs. Fannie Polston gave a supplementary report of the Woman's work. These reports were received as information and appreciation expressed to the Women for their splendid achievements.

The report of the Board of Publications and Literature was read by the Chairman, Rev. J. C. Griffin, and after due consideration it was adopted. (See reports).

After the adoption of the above report, Rev. R. B. Spencer, Editor of the Free Will Baptist, was invited to the stand and he spoke on the subject "The Literature We Need." Editor Spencer covered the various phases of the Church departmental work in his talk, informing the audience of all literature available and calling attention to that which is vitally needed.

The remainder of the afternoon session was devoted to the hearing of reports, which included the Executive Secretary's, Treasurer's, and items of General Board, all of which were adopted after due discussion. (See reports).

By motion, The session was adjourned until 7:30 p. m. Benediction by Rev. S. F. Van Hoose.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

According per adjournment, the Association came together for the evening session and after several congregational hymns led by Rev. Raymond Riggs, Rev. W. R. Burton conducted a brief devotion, then the Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, Rev. Winford Davis, read a recommendation which the Board was offering to the Body with reference to adding Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd to the personnel of our Cuban Missionary group. The recommendation was adopted by a motion.

After the adoption of the above recommendation, the Chairman of the Board conducted a very impressive consecration service, setting Rev. and Mrs. Dodd apart for Missionary work in the foreign field.

During this service, Rev. and Mrs. Dodd rendered their valediction to the home folk in a very pathetic manner, then they knelt at the altar while Rev. Melvin Bingham offered the prayer of consecration. The climax of this service was the hand of Christian fellowship and expression of good wishes extended to the newly elected missionaries, together with an offering for Foreign Missions. The offering amounted to \$174.52.

The above part of the evening program being concluded, the entire report of the Foreign Mission Board was then submitted to the Body.

Motion, The report be adopted. (See report.)

In keeping with one of the recommendations of the F. M. Board, a rising vote of thanks was extended to our missionaries on the fields, after which, Revs. Thos. H. Willey and Winford Davis rendered a duet, "I Need Thee Every Hour," in Spanish. Then Rev. Mr. Willey delivered an address, the subject being, "Our Conquest of Cuba." Miss Olive Van Syoc, our missionary teacher in Cuba, was present and recognized during the evening service. At the close of this phase of the program, Rev. Kenneth Turner, an itinerant worker of the Board, showed moving pictures of the Cuban work, which was highly entertaining and enjoyed by all.

The next item was that of considering the concluding articles of the General Board, which were discussed after properly presented and favorably adopted.

By motion, we extend a rising vote of thanks to Rev. F. S. Van Hoose, for the splendid way in which he has served as Treasurer of the Association for the last nine years.

The Credentials Committee made report with recommendation that the State Association of Florida be received. The report was adopted and Rev. John L. Welch, the Assistant Moderator, extended the hand of fellowship to the delegate, Bro. C. T. Cook.

Motion, We adjourn until tomorrow morning, 9:00 o'clock.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Walter Carter.

THURSDAY MORNING

9:00 o'clock, the Body re-assembled. Devotions led by Rev. J. R. Bennett, after which the Moderator declared the session ready for business.

Committees on Obituary reported and same received with due regard

and memorial for the departed loved ones. Rev. W. B. Everett led the Association in the memorial prayer.

The Home Mission Board's report was read by the Chairman, Rev. J. F. Miller, and same adopted in usual order. (See report.)

A motion was made and carried, That we grant the Chairman of the Home Mission Board the privilege of rewording a particular phrase of the Constitution of the Board.

At this time, in keeping with the program, Rev. L. C. Johnson of Tupelo, Miss., addressed the assembly on the subject "Why Evangelize America?" The message contained startling information of conditions in America, especially in our great urban centers and also an appeal for greater efforts in our evangelistic program.

The Nominating Committee presented to the Body two invitations for its 1946 session, namely, The South Georgia Association, with the Glennville Church and the State of Alabama with the Orphanage Home at Eldridge. By vote of the body, the next session will be held at Eldridge, Ala.

The Nominating Committee offers the names of those to be voted on for the various boards as members, and same accepted.

On motion, Rev. Damon C. Dodd be released from the League Board and that Rev. Henry Melvin be elected.

On motion, We proceed to elect members as required to the Board of Education. (See Board of Education as listed.)

Report of the Board of Superannuation was read by the Chairman and the same adopted with recommendations. (See reports.)

By motion, the business session was suspended until the afternoon for the morning worship and sermon. The speaker of the hour was introduced by Rev. Raymond Riggs as the Associate Pastor of Highland Park Church,

REPORT OF TREASURER FREE WILL BAPTIST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Balance from last year ---\$	41.57	Tennessee -----	892.13
Association Dues -----	400.00	Texas -----	205.52
		Virginia -----	62.00
		West Virginia -----	72.49
Money from different States			
Arkansas -----	\$ 68.00	Total Amount Collected --	\$6,614.24
Alabama -----	390.91		
Florida -----	40.00	Amount of Money Paid Out of Expenses	
Georgia -----	94.11	7-31-44—J. F. Miller -----	\$ 45.00
Illinois -----	399.94	7-31-44—E. C. Morris -----	55.00
Kentucky -----	255.11	8-9-44—J. R. Davidson ---	45.00
Mississippi -----	28.57	1-22-45—Free Will Baptist	
Michigan -----	346.40	Press -----	250.00
Missouri -----	1,332.98	5-3-45—R. B. Crawford --	26.75
North Carolina -----	1,663.94		
Oklahoma -----	189.00	Total -----	\$ 421.75
Ohio -----	131.93		

Amount Paid to Unified Program			
9-12-44—J. O. Fort -----	\$	102.30	3-30-45—Winford Davis -- 354.38
9-12-44—C. B. Dees -----		204.59	3-30-45—J. R. Davidson -- 472.50
9-12-44—Winford Davis --		306.89	6-25-45—J. O. Fort ----- 208.22
9-12-44—J. R. Davidson --		409.18	6-25-45—C. B. Dees ----- 416.45
12-30-44—J. O. Fort -----		188.63	6-25-45—Winford Davis -- 624.68
12-30-44—C. B. Dees -----		377.25	6-25-45—J. R. Davidson -- 832.91
12-30-44—Winford Davis --		565.88	
12-30-44—J. R. Davidson --		754.50	
3-30-45—J. O. Fort -----		118.14	
3-30-45—C. B. Dees -----		236.25	
			\$6,614.24
			6,594.50
			Balance in Treasury ----- \$ 19.74
			F. S. Van Hoose, Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

We review the past year with respect and rejoicing. The Lord has been with us helping us mould destinies of His Creation. 1944-1945 has been a time of sacrifices, sweat, and tears for many Free Will Baptists. The Free Will Baptists are not blameless, yet we have done much, or we have labored together with God to make many achievements. We have extended our borders to more than a creed. The God of the nations is more than a creed; He is a certitude. He will capture, calm, and control us, and commandeer our ship through these turbulent waters, as governments collapse, as crowns crash, and as thrones crumble. Our God is motivated by love, is full of mercy, and will mete out justice. God is concerned about redemptive liberation. God would have our Denomination erected on a rock. Yes, there are few unwelcome winds blowing across the Denomination—but thank God, there is a greater rain, or reign, of righteousness, or rightness—Where sin does abound Grace does much more abound. By His Power we shall hold on and go on, even in days of deluges and disaster. "Duty is for man; destiny is for God."

A mighty fortress is our God
 A bulwark never failing
 Our helper He amid the flood
 Of mortal ills prevailing.

God is our refuge and strength. I know, as a Denomination, we are putting greater trust in Him. A deluge of sin engendered by a handful of dictators cannot defeat God. Their efforts are but the fumbling of paralytic fingers. Faith in God's Son will unlock hidden Spiritual resources which, in quiet times, slumber. Much of God's plan through His Son can be revealed through God's use of consecrated Free Will Baptists. To save the lost, rebuild ruined nations, purify polluted dens of iniquity, rebuild neglected altars, bring nations to their knees, right many wrongs must be our goal in the days ahead. God's Word tells us why we have war. (Judges 5: 8) "They chose new gods; then was war in the gates." When men defy God—and reject His Son's commission to men—the answer comes, "Vengeance is mine;

I will repay." God's hammers of justice resound on the anvils of time as He moulds the destinies of nations, denominations, and individuals. "He shall not fail, nor be discouraged, 'til He have set judgment in the earth: and the Isles shall wait for His law" (Isaiah 42: 4). Ours is a victorious God, even if the confederated forces of sin seem to deny and defy God. God is still on the Throne—even when many wonder if Heaven's smile has become a frown, its Light darkness, its balm bitterness. Men may snatch pleasure, and power for a while, but man cannot snatch tomorrow from God—God and His followers will be the victors.

May we show you where the hand of God and man have joined to make direct contribution to the work of the Lord as promoted by Free Will Baptists.

The Unified Program has made progress the past year. There has been six thousand six hundred and fourteen dollars and twenty-four cents (6,614.-24) collected, and six thousand, five hundred and ninety-four dollars and fifty cents (\$6,594.50) allocated to the respective Boards. There has been a twenty-five percent increase in receipts to this department. There is a slow, but sure and sound spirit of giving growing in our Denomination.

The Women's Auxiliary has shown marked increase. In the 1944 Convention they showed where they received two thousand, four hundred and seventy-two dollars and fifty seven (\$2,472.57) cents. This year they have received eight thousand, one hundred and fifty-eight dollars and sixty one cents (\$8,158.61) which is over three hundred and fifty per cent increase in their receipts in one year. Praise is due unto our noble women for following the leadership of the Lord.

Growth has been made during the past year in the department of Home Missions. Total receipts for the past year have amounted to one thousand, four hundred and thirty-two dollars and forty-seven cents (\$1,432.47). They have spent one thousand, one hundred and sixty-six dollars and thirty-two cents (\$1,166.32). They have a balance of one thousand, one hundred and sixty-four dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$1,164.38). In five years an increase in giving of over four per cent has been witnessed. Yes—We are doing a greater job in Jerusalem. We are tarrying for more power. The power is coming and we are using it.

Since the National Superannuation Board has had a definite plan of work for three years they have experienced an overall increase during this period of time of more than four hundred per cent. They received one thousand, two hundred and forty-three dollars and seventy-five cents (\$1,243.75). They disbursed one thousand, one hundred and twenty-nine dollars and sixty-eight cents; \$1,129.68). They now have a balance of one thousand, nine hundred and thirty-five dollars and seventy-five cents (\$1,955.75). We have much to expect from this department in the future for favorable helps in the work of our Lord.

A great stride has been made in the department of Foreign Missions—the mind and mission of Christ is known greater today than in years. The total receipts for the past year (\$22,112.95) twenty-two thousand, one hundred and twelve dollars and ninety-five cents with total disbursements of

twenty thousand, seven hundred and sixty-five dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$20,765.87). Over a period of five years there has been a six hundred and fifty-two per cent increase in giving to Foreign Missions. I have witnessed the confessions of seventeen young people to a definite call to Foreign Missions in the past year. How many have you witnessed? God has not called anyone to a foreign field without calling upon someone at home to send them. The call to send and the call to go are the same. In this age of Grace the Lord is saying "Go on out there and work. I would like to return but I cannot until this Gospel is preached to all nations." Matt. 24: 14; Mark 13: 10. The Holy Spirit is gathering out the Bride of Christ—or a people for His name. Acts 15: 14. The occasion is pictured in Revelation 7: 9—Kindreds, peoples, tongues, tribes. To make this prophetic picture a reality is a responsibility of Free Will Baptists. May we finish with glorious results the unfinished work of the Church.

The Bible College has grown during the past year. The Bible College, along with better organization in our Denomination has proven to be the source of our soaring so high in every department of our work. The Bible College will continue to be the main source of solution for Free Will Baptist problems, in producing better pastors, evangelists, teachers, missionaries, and Christian workers. The total receipts amounted to twenty-two thousand, five hundred and fifty-one dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$22,551.59). Disbursements totaled twenty-one thousand, ninety-nine dollars and thirty-five cents (\$21,099.35).

The Board of Publications and Literature is a growing reality. They Detroit, Mich., the Rev. Edgil Howard, who read 1 Cor. 10: 11, then compared the text with the story of Nehemiah building the walls and then made the application to our present task of building the Kingdom. The message, interspersed with appropriate illustrations, was considered very timely and practical. At the close of the message the assembly was dismissed with prayer by Rev. L. A. Holliday of South Carolina.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The congregation came together at 2:00 o'clock with Rev. L. A. Holliday leading the devotions, after which, the Moderator proceeded with the business in usual order.

The first item of business in the afternoon was the reading of the Sunday School Convention's report by Rev. Paul Kitterman, the acting President. The report was received in due order.

Next was the report of the Free Will Baptist League Board read by Rev. L. C. Nance, and the same adopted. After this report was received, there was an address delivered by Mrs. Albert Halbrook, on the subject, "Training Our Free Will Baptist Young People for Christian Service."

By motion, The office of Statistician be abolished and that the Executive Secretary be authorized to compile the statistics of the denomination.

Motion, That the revision of Constitution recommendations be removed

from the table for consideration. After due discussion, the revisions were adopted.

The final report of Credentials Committee was made at this time and same received. (See reports.)

Temperance and Resolutions Committees offered their reports and both were received in usual order. (See reports.)

By motion, The meeting adjourn until 7:30 p. m.

Benediction by Rev. C. B. Dees.

THURSDAY EVENING

The body re-assembled per adjournment with the Moderator leading in a congregational hymn and then declaring the house ready for business.

A motion was made providing for all necessary bills being paid.

The following motion was made and sustained: For the splendid work done by our missionaries on foreign fields, we rise in appreciation, and send greetings in the name of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Motion, We recess until 8:00 p. m.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Bruce Barrow.

Re-assembled at appointed time for the final session of the evening, with Rev. Russell Milan of Ohio leading in a brief devotions, after which, the Moderator called for business.

The Board of Education offered its annual report with recommendations to the body and same adopted in usual way. (See reports.)

By motion, A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Board of Education and the Bible School faculty for the splendid work done during the year.

At this time, the Moderator yielded the platform to Rev. L. R. Ennis, Acting President of the Bible College, who, after a few brief remarks, presented two of the Bible College graduates of the 1945 class, namely, Miss Alethia Etheridge of North Carolina and Rev. Daniel R. Cronk of Michigan, they in turn, rendered testimonies in behalf of the Bible College and what it had meant to their own life. These testimonies stirred the hearts of the audience to a greater degree of their appreciation of the Bible College and Christian education. At the conclusion of these talks, Rev. L. R. Ennis again appeared before the audience and brought a message on the subject, "Separated Unto the Gospel Ministry." This message was very informative and thought provoking. After this part of the service was concluded, Rev. J. R. Bennett, Moderator of the North Carolina State Association was invited to the platform, who made an appeal for an offering on the \$100,000 expansion campaign for the College and this initial offering amounted to \$318.75. This brought to a very successful conclusion the 1945 session of the National Free Will Baptist Association. After a motion was carried to adjourn, Rev. W. B. Everett, of New Bern, N. C., was requested to close the session with prayer.

Note—The registration fee and gifts to the Orphanage during the session of the National Association amounted to \$475.55, according to receipts handed to the Clerk.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee report as follows:

We recommend that the State Association of Florida and South Carolina be received as members of the National Association, they having come in the proper order and found to be in good standing.

All other associations having sent delegates are found in regular form and we are listing them with their fees.

State	No. Dist. Asso.	Fee Paid	Vouched for
Alabama	12	\$ 25.00	\$45.00
Florida	5	15.00	20.00
Georgia	8	50.00	
Illinois	1	10.00	
Kentucky	1	10.00	
Michigan (Wolverine)	1	10.00	
Mississippi	2	20.00	
Missouri	10	60.00	
North Carolina	8	50.00	
Ohio	2	20.00	
Oklahoma	10	60.00	
South Carolina	3	10.00	15.00
Tennessee	2	25.00	
Texas	5	35.00	
Virginia	3	25.00	
West Virginia	1	10.00	
		\$435.00	\$80.00

Committee:

C. B. Dees, Chairman,
 Melvin Bingham,
 Paul Woolsey,
 W. E. Coville,
 J. W. Alford.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONS BY STATES

Alabama reports 12 associations, 123 churches, 8,652 members, 288 ministers, members received the past year 469, deceased 46, dismissed and expelled 83, No. Sunday Schools 77, No. Free Will Baptist Leagues 14, No. Ladies Auxiliaries 11, new Churches organized 4, Value of Church Property \$376,632.80, amount paid pastors \$20,297.21, amount paid evangelists \$3,669.84, paid missions \$555.90, paid Christian education \$754.97.

Florida reports 5 associations, 40 churches, 3,600 members, 37 ministers, 24 Sunday Schools, 14 Auxiliary Societies.

Georgia reports 8 associations, 101 churches, 8,435 members, 47 Sunday Schools, 11 Free Will Baptist Leagues, 29 Auxiliary Societies, \$100,865.00 Value of Church property, \$4,000.00.

Illinois reports 1 association, 35 churches, 4,350 members, 55 ministers, 33 Sunday Schools with 2,750 enrolled, 18 Free Will Baptist Leagues with 1,750 enrolled, 19 Auxiliaries. Value of Church property \$100,000.00.

Kentucky reports 1 association, 172 members received, 65 baptized, 13 dismissed, 1 excluded, 5 deceased, 5,041 total membership, Value of Church property \$115,000.00.

Michigan reports 1 association, 8 churches 484, 20 ministers, 8 Sunday Schools with 545 members enrolled, 6 Free Will Baptist Leagues with 235 enrolled, 1 Woman's Auxiliary, Value of church property \$55,000.00.

Mississippi reports 2 associations, 21 churches, 2,580 members, 18 ministers, 18 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 1,400, 6 Free Will Baptist Leagues with 350 enrolled, 4 Auxiliaries, Value of Church property \$40,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$2,500.

Missouri reports 10 associations, 88 churches, 5,496 members, 122 ministers, 73 Sunday Schools with 3,177 members enrolled, 20 Free Will Baptist Leagues with 658 enrolled, 19 Auxiliaries, Value of Church property \$100,420.00, Value of Free Will Baptist Gem \$6,000.00.

North Carolina reports 8 associations, 28,000 members.

Ohio reports 2 associations, 50 churches, 2,566 members, 73 ministers, 48 Sunday Schools with 1,881 members enrolled, 5 Free Will Baptist Leagues, 4 Woman's Auxiliaries, Value of church property \$75,000.00, \$800.00 raised for Foreign Missions.

Oklahoma reports 10 associations, 210 churches, 20,000 members, 274 ministers, 210 Sunday Schools, 50 Free Will Baptist Leagues, 11 Auxiliaries, Value of church property \$137,419.70, Parsonage property \$20,000.00, Denominational property value \$23,000.00, paid pastors \$26,886.02, paid evangelists \$3,460.05.

South Carolina reports 3 associations, 45 churches, 3,500 members, 40 ministers, 40 Sunday Schools with 3,000 members enrolled, 20 Free Will Baptist Leagues with 500 enrolled, 25 Auxiliary societies, Value of church property 47,800.00, Orphanage property valued at \$13,000.00.

Tennessee reports 2 associations, 83 churches, 7,000 members, 91 ministers, 63 Sunday Schools with 4,860 members enrolled, 20 Free Will Baptist Leagues with 350 enrolled, 27 Woman's Auxiliary organizations with 348 enrolled, value of church property \$380,835.00, value of Tennessee F. W. B. Orphanage \$24,000.00, \$2,292.68 raised for Christian Education, \$3,298.36 raised for Orphanage, \$775.45 raised for Foreign Missions, \$127.95 raised for Home Missions, \$395.85 raised for Unified program, \$40.28 raised for Superannuation.

Texas reports 5 associations, 47 churches, 3,473 members, 33 ministers, 31 Sunday Schools with 823 members enrolled, 10 Free Will Baptist Leagues with 270 enrolled, 4 Auxiliaries, value of church property \$100,000.00, value of parsonage property \$8,000.00.

Virginia reports 3 associations, 51 churches, 2,558 members, 79 ministers, 36 Sunday Schools, 6 Free Will Baptist Leagues with an enrollment of 360, value of church property \$25,150.00, Raised for Orphanage \$1,964.00, Superannuation \$164.93.

West Virginia reports 1 association, 1,595 members, 99 ministers, 28 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 1,222, value of church property \$100,000.00. Amount raised for building and repairs \$7,000.00.

have met with much success in starting this most worthy and needed work. They have received eight hundred and forty-five dollars and forty-six cents (\$845.46), and spent two hundred and seventy five dollars and fifty cents (\$275.50). We predict a glorious future in active service for this Board.

Five sessions of Christian Workers Institutes have been held during the past year with a total enrollment of one hundred twenty-nine. Ninety-four have received certificates and four have received diplomas. Revivals have been held at night during each session of the Institutes. There have been thirty-eight additions to the Church, twenty-two reclaimed, and twenty-three who dedicated their lives for definite Christian service. Seven hundred and twenty-four dollars and eight cents have been expended for institute work. Five hundred and forty-eight dollars and fifty-seven cents were received for all purposes during Institutes. Figures do not estimate the worth of Christian Workers Institutes.

My task as Executive Secretary continues to be interesting and difficult. The challenge has been for courage; I have responded faithfully. The amount drawn from all Boards four thousand, four hundred and fifty dollars; received from Institute fees one hundred and twenty-nine dollars. The cost of maintaining the Executive Office was three thousand and fifty-eight dollars and forty-two cents. Have received for all purposes while on the field two thousand and eight hundred and sixty-nine dollars and ten cents.

All departments of the National Association received last year a total of sixty-two thousand, nine hundred and fifty-nine dollars and seventeen cents.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD

The meeting of the General Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists of America.

We, your General Board, while in session July 9, 10, 1945, in Middlesex, North Carolina, wish to make the following recommendations:

1. That we recommend to the National Association an amendment to the Constitution of the National Association; namely, Article VIII, Section 2:

"That the second line set in parenthesis, "The Executive Secretary shall not be a member of this Board" be omitted.

2. That the General Board approve for recommendation to the National Association resolutions providing for the incorporation and expansion of the Bible College.

3. That we retain the same percentage of allocation of the Unified Program Fund for 1945-46, as of prior years to wit: Education 40%, Foreign Missions 30%, Home Missions 20%, Superannuation 10 per cent.

4. That we recommend to the General Body, that Rev. Robert Crawford succeed himself as Executive Secretary for 1945-46 at the same salary.

5. That we recommend that the Board of Publications and Literature confer with the First Vice-President of the Woman's National Auxiliary

Convention and try to work out a solution to the publication of literature for the W. N. A. C.

6. That we recommend adoption by the National Association the proposed constitution and by-laws of the Free Will Baptist League Board.

7. That the clerk of the National Association be authorized to print and distribute 3,500 minutes.

8. That the Clerk shall provide for each press the highlights of the National Association to be printed in the respective papers.

9. That the Moderator and Executive Secretary of the National Association be empowered and requested to call the place for the convening of the 1946 session of the National Association, provided there is no specific invitation from any church; and that we ask the Executive Committee to investigate the advisability of the purchase of a camp, or assembly ground for the convening of all national bodies.

10. That the proposed Constitution and By-Laws of the Home Mission Board be adopted by the National Association.

11. That all previous regulations governing the Home Mission Board be annulled.

12. That we invite Dr. J. Elvin Wright, General Secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals to attend the next session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

13. That we recommend to the National Association adoption of the revisions to the treatise.

14. That the Constitution be printed on a separate sheet to be inserted in the treatise.

15. In order that we may be properly identified as a religious body, we do recommend that L. R. Ennis, R. B. Crawford and Henry Melvin be appointed as a committee to properly register the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the U. S. A. with the Federal Government in Washington, D. C.

16. Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee of the General Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists is hereby authorized to function in all legal matters in conferring the power of attorney to the Director of Missions in Cuba, for the purpose of acquiring and holding property both real and personal, to buy and sell, to sue and be sued in the name of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

17. That the National Executive Secretary be elected as National Treasurer for 1945-46.

18. We recommend adoption of Constitutional Amendment as follows: The Constitution as appears in all former treatise shall be eliminated and the Constitution as revised at Columbus, Mississippi, in 1942, be inserted with Article No. XI becoming No. XII, and the following becoming No. XI to-wit:

ARTICLE XI.

Should necessity arise, from war, or pestilence, or any cause which prevents a regular meeting whether such a condition is of a local or general condition, then the General Board shall be privileged to call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the National Association and the Church as a whole, providing whatever transactions passed shall be by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the said General Board, providing that such transaction shall not conflict with the purpose, and edicts of the Constitution as set forth in the preceding articles.

**REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION BOARD
FOR THE YEAR 1944-45**

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Greetings:

We come to the close of this past associational year clearly recognizing a marked increase in foreign mission interest among the Free Will Baptist of the United States. It is indeed gratifying to notice that each year we reach a new high in financial receipts as well as in many other manifestations of interest. Our total receipts for the year has amounted to the sum of \$22,112.95. Adding to this the amount brought forward which was \$3,111.84, we have a grand total of \$25,224.79. This is an increase of about \$8,000 over any previous year. May the Lord be praised for the opening of the hearts of our people to the worthy cause of carrying the gospel to other lands.

During the past year the Foreign Mission Board has set up its office headquarters in the town of Monett, Missouri. We have an office there now which commands the respect of any passer by. From this office we keep in touch with our entire foreign missionary activity both in the home land and in the foreign fields.

Another new development during the past year for which I am sure we are all extremely grateful is the returning of Miss Laura B. Barnard to the field in India. For this we have been joining her in prayer for a number of years. Now the Lord has heard and answered. May we indeed praise Him for her safe arrival.

Rev. Kenneth Turner has been employed during the past year with his motion picture equipment in the interest of our missionary program. He has been very busy practically the entire year. He has gone into different states and some of them have been pretty well covered. The Chairman-Treasurer of the Board has done considerable itinerate work in several states including Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan, and Alabama. The itinerate work, with the necessary expense attached thereto, has proven to be a marvelous blessing. The offerings taken on the field as a direct result of the itinerate services have far exceeded the expense of the same. And of course we must not forget to consider the future good which will certainly come from, and as a result of, these personal visits and contacts. There have been so very many places reached during the past year in the in-

terest of our missionary program which had never been touched before. This is especially true in the states of Kentucky, Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, and to say nothing of many places in other states. We desire to pay a word of tribute to Rev. George Waggoner for his extensive activity in the interest of missions in the state of South Carolina while there attending Columbia Bible College. The receipts and correspondence from S. C. have been very noticeable as a result of his labours among many of our churches there. Also the members of our board have been very faithful in pushing the work in their various states. For their splendid co-operation we are indeed grateful.

Our board held its annual meeting during the month of May, 1945, in the Highland Park Church at Detroit, Michigan. Each member of the Board was present. We are glad to report one of the best sessions we have ever held. We truly feel a number of good things were accomplished during the meeting. Rev. Damon Dodd came before the board at this setting and it was agreed that Rev. and Mrs. Dodd upon the approval of this body shall enter the field in Cuba about September 1st of this year, 1945. We proceeded at this meeting to draw up necessary report blanks on which our directors on the foreign fields shall report in detail to our foreign mission office monthly. We also drew up application blanks to be filled out by those desiring to go out as missionaries.

Two of our board members, Rev. Raymond Riggs of Highland Park, Mich., and Rev. R. C. Wiggs of Ayden, North Carolina, made a visit to the field in Cuba during the month of March of this year under the auspices of the foreign mission board. We also heard their report in the Detroit meeting. From various viewpoints their trip was surely a success and is proving to be of great value to us in furthering our acquaintance with the work and needs of the Cuban field. Free Will Baptist have suffered greatly through the years simply because of a great lack of acquaintance. And in the initial stage of this our missionary program we certainly feel the tremendous need of more personal contact both in the states and abroad.

All the work in Cuba is moving very nicely both at the Cuban School of Missions located on our missions farm and over the field as a whole. Concerning the work in India suffice it to say that the late communications we have had from Sister Barnard since her arrival on the field bring encouraging news and we of course have renewed hopes for our work there. It is understood of course that our outstanding need in India is more missionaries to labor with Sister Barnard. To this end we ask one and all to earnestly join us in prayer.

During the sessions of our Board here at this setting of the National Association we have passed upon the following recommendations which we desire to present to this body:

1. That Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd be sent to our mission field in Cuba on or about October 1, 1945 as missionaries of said field. In addition to his regular duties in learning the language and the missionary work in general that upon their arrival on the field in Cuba, Rev. Damon Dodd shall assume the office of business manager and as such be responsible for the keeping

of all books regarding the allocation of funds on the field, serve as co-signer on all checks and submit to the board a monthly report of the general business conditions of the field.

2. We recommend for our missionaries in Cuba a three months vacation after three years service on the field. These vacations to alternate among the missionaries and to begin June 1, 1946.

3. We recommend that Rev. Kenneth Turner and Rev. Winford Davis continue with the itinerate work in the states and with the missionary picture services as they have been doing during the past associational year.

4. We recommend that a rising vote of heartfelt thanks be given in behalf of Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey, Miss Bessie Yeley, Miss Laura B. Barnard, Miss Olive Van Syoc, and also to the native workers for their untiring efforts in promoting the blessed gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the regions beyond.

Yours for the gospel to the whole world,

Signed by the Board as follows:

Rev. Winford Davis,
Rev. Bert F. Rogers,
Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Rev. R. C. Wiggs,
Rev. Damon Dodd, proxy for
Rev. C. B. Thompson.

FINANCIAL REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS TREASURER For the Associational Year 1944-45

Receipts as follows:

Brought forward from last year	\$ 3,111.84
Missouri	5,301.06
North Carolina	3,613.21
Illinois	1,892.11
Michigan	1,594.31
Oklahoma	1,060.86
Ohio	860.00
Tennessee	846.87
Alabama	801.07
Georgia	650.47
South Carolina	575.41
Texas	575.04
Arkansas	252.27
Kentucky	232.13
Florida	219.71
Mississippi	82.50
New Mexico	35.00
West Virginia	31.15
California	25.00

Nebraska	5.00
Received from Unified Program Fund by Rev. F. S. Vanhooose, Treasurer	1,851.83
Received from Nat'l. Aux. Convention by Fannie Polston, Treas.	959.40
Personal gifts to Miss Barnard subsequent to her departure for India	353.57
Offering taken at 1944 session of National Association	112.00
Trinity Sunday School at Nashville, Tennessee	105.87
Offering taken at Bible Con. at college	72.11
Total \$22,112.95	Grand Total \$25,224.79

Disbursements as Follows:

Salaries to missionaries	\$ 3,360.75
Provision of living quarters for missionaries	420.00
For promotional work in Cuba	5,181.00
For promotional work in India	450.00
For promotional work in the states	3,179.55
Cost of administration	685.02
Postage, telegrams and cablegrams	122.40
Support of Cuban School of Missions	3,250.00
Cost of setting up office in Monett, Mo.	355.09
Rental and maintenance of office	257.67
Travel expense of missionaries	940.76
Missionary literature	441.46
To Miss Bessie Yeley for medical care and hospital bill	53.60
For power plant on mission farm in Cuba	300.00
Special designated gifts to missionaries	368.57
To Executive Secretary for promotion of National Executive Dept.	1,400.00
Total	\$20,765.87
Balance in treasury July 1, 1945	\$ 4,458.92

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists in session at Middlesex, N. C., July 10-12, 1945, the National Superannuation Board makes the following report.

We are happy to report that a considerable amount of prayers have been made during the year. We have received more money for administration of the program this year than we have received in any previous year, but our expenses have been heavier due to the fact that we have, during this year, begun to place retirement annuity policies in the hands of some of our ministers. We have issued twenty-one of the anticipated fifty policies and have other applications pending. However, despite this extra drain upon our funds your offerings to us have exceeded expenditures by approximately \$300.

The Board met in call session at the Bible College during the Bible Conference this year, and, upon studying reports, decided to offer policies to the general officers of the National Association, including chairman of all standing Boards, and College instructors, in addition to our regular allotment. This has been made possible through your increased support to the program.

After a careful examination of our records and reports we find that our financial obligations for the next year will approximate the figures of our income for this year. Therefore, to increase the service to our ministers, it will be necessary for you to increase your financial support to the program. To make larger this possible service to the Brotherhood next year, we make the following resolution:

1. To engage in a greater campaign of publicity through printing of booster bulletins, and through articles in our Church papers.

2. That we strive to reach a goal of not less than \$2,400.00 in support of the program for the year to meet the financial obligations now binding upon us, and issue an additional twenty-five policies during next year.

3. That every pastor, who holds a policy with the Board, be diligent in urging his charges of work to make its contributions to National Superannuation large enough to at least equal the Board's obligation on his policy.

We offer the following challenge to you during the next year—That we support the program to such an extent that, by the next session of the National Association, we may be able to lift all restrictions and offer policies to all ministers and Christian workers who desire such. We feel that this is possible and it is our ultimate goal. You supply the money and we will be able to offer the services.

F. C. Zinn, Chairman,
J. O. Fort,
David W. Hansley,
F. A. Rivenbark,
E. C. Davidson.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD July 1, 1944—June 30, 1945

Balance brought forward ----- \$1,841.68

Receipts

7-31-44—M. L. Johnson—N. C. St. Bd. -----	\$ 2.25
8-3-44—Cecil H. Campbell—Mo. St. Bd. -----	6.37
8-4-44—C. F. Goen—Texas St. Bd. -----	6.48
8-31-44—M. L. Johnson—N. C. St. Bd. -----	14.64
9-12-44—F. S. Van Hoose—Unified Program -----	102.30
9-11-44—Cecil H. Campbell—Mo. St. Bd. -----	9.61
10-4-44—J. R. Davidson -----	3.00
10-15-44—M. L. Johnson—N. C. St. Bd. -----	37.13
10-20-44—Mrs. J. B. Bloss—Ala. St. Bd. -----	16.05
10-31-44—M. L. Johnson—N. C. St. Bd. -----	122.84

11-7-44—W. A. C. South Carolina—Mrs. B. M. Thomas (M. O.)	5.00
11-15-44—C. F. Goen—Texas St. Bd.	4.14
11-30-44—M. L. Johnson—N. C. St. Bd.	166.76
11-3-44—Cecil H. Campbell—Mo. St. Bd.	5.55
1-11-45—F. S. Van Hoose—Unified Program	188.63
1-11-45—M. L. Johnson—N. C. St. Bd.	16.42
1-12-45—A. D. Ivey—Ga. St. Bd.	27.62
1-20-45—M. L. Johnson—N. C. St. Bd., prem. on 6 policies (7th covered by money order)	51.65
1-23-45—Cecil H. Campbell—Mo. St. Bd., 2 prems.	17.97
2-13-45—M. L. Johnson—N. C. St. Bd.	19.26
2-13-45—M. L. Johnson—N. C. St. Bd. 3 prems.	25.02
2-23-45—Kenneth Turner—Mo. St. Bd., 1 prem.	9.25
3-6-45—Damon C. Dodd—Ala. St. Bd., 1 prem.	7.30
4-2-45—M. L. Johnson—N. C. St. Bd., prem.	8.68
4-6-45—F. S. Van Hoose—Unified program	118.14
4-6-45—M. L. Johnson—N. C. St. Bd.	9.14
5-1-45—Mrs. J. B. Bloss—Ala. St. Bd.	13.46
5-1-46—L. R. Ennis—premium	16.78
5-21-45—F. C. Zinn—(personal)	14.00
5-21-45—H. L. Knighton—premium	9.91
5-21-45—H. A. Pitts—premium	7.93
5-21-45—R. B. Crawford—premium	7.93
5-21-45—J. O. Fort—premium	8.68
5-21-45—E. C. Morris—premium	24.86
5-21-45—M. L. Johnson—N. C. St. Bd.	8.22
5-21-45—H. L. Catrett—premium	16.78
5-21-45—A. D. Ivey—Ga. St. Bd.	56.07
6-16-45—M. L. Johnson—N. C. St. Bd.	56.67
6-16-45—P. A. Brackens—Ala. St. Bd. (personal)	1.26

Total receipts for year\$1,243.75

Balance brought forward plus year's receipts\$3,085.43

Disbursements

7-14-44—R. B. Crawford—Prom. Dept. of N. A.	\$100.00
9-5-44—R. B. Crawford, Prom. Dept. of N. A.	40.00
9-7-44—Wallace Printing Co.—Survey blanks	35.50
9-13-44—W. C. Holmes Ins. Agcy.—Prem. on Treas.' Bond	5.00
10-9-44—R. B. Crawford—Prom. Dept. of N. A.	50.00
11-14-44—Haswell's—Stapling machine	6.75
11-28-45—Olive R. Hensarling—secretarial work	10.00
12-28-44—R. B. Crawford—Prom. Dept. of N. A.	50.00
1-11-45—R. B. Crawford—Prom. Dept. of N. A.	50.00
1-20-45—M. L. & C. U.—7 N. C. prems. less \$8.68	

(money order) -----	111.98
1-23-45—M. L. & C. U.—Mo. St. Bd.—2 prems. -----	35.94
1-30-45—Olive R. Hensarling—sec. work for Jan. -----	10.00
1-3-45—Olive R. Hensarling—sec. work for Dec. -----	10.00
2-13-45—M. L. & C. U.—N. C. St. Bd.—3 prems. -----	50.04
2-23-45—R. B. Crawford—Prom. Dept. of N. A. -----	50.00
2-23-45—M. L. & C. U.—Mo. St. Bd.—1 prem. -----	18.50
3-6-45—M. L. & C. U.—Ala. St. Bd.—1 prem. -----	14.60
3-6-45—Olive R. Hensarling—sec. work for Feb. -----	10.00
3-1-45—Haswell's — filing supplies -----	2.50
3-20-45—M. L. & C. U.—N. C. St. Bd.—1 prem. -----	17.36
3-29-45—Wallace Printing Co.—500 large envelopes ----	4.50
4-2-45—Olive R. Hensarling—March sec. work -----	10.00
4-2-45—J. O. Fort—stamps, erasers, etc. -----	5.00
4-3-45—J. O. Fort—Telegrams -----	3.59
4-3-45—Postmaster, Bryan Texas—stamps for office ----	5.00
4-12-45—David Hansley—expenses to Md. meeting -----	17.97
4-12-45—E. C. Morris—expenses to Md. meeting -----	17.92
4-12-45—F. C. Zinn—expenses to Bd. meeting -----	18.82
4-12-45—R. B. Crawford—Prom. Dept. of N. A. -----	50.00
4-17-45—J. O. Fort—expenses to Bd. meeting -----	50.00
4-24-45—M. L. & C. U.—prem. for L. R. Ennis -----	33.55
5-1-45—M. L. & C. U.—prem. for Fort & Crawford -----	33.20
5-1-45—Olive R. Hensarling—April sec. work -----	10.00
5-17-45—M. L. & C. U.—Alo. St. Bd.—1 prem. -----	15.85
5-17-45—M. L. & C. U.—Ga. St. Bd.—2 prems. -----	53.36
5-29-45—M. L. & C. U.—Lightsey prem. -----	13.55
5-29-45—Olive R. Hensarling—May work -----	10.00
6-12-45—R. B. Crawford—Prom. Dept. of N. A. -----	60.00
6-12-45—E. C. Morris—refund on prem. -----	24.86
6-12-45—M. L. & C. U.—Davidson prem. -----	14.54
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Total disbursements for year -----	\$1,129.68
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Balance in treasury June 30, 1945 -----	\$1,955.75
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	\$2,169.97

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

The report of the Board of Education is that of a report of the functions, status, and prospects of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. The making of history during the past year has constantly justified true praises to God for having wisely directed the course of the institution. Having been left without a staff of workers a year ago, the Board succeeded in securing the services of Reverend L. R. Ennis, who has been serving as Acting President. Through persistent effort of the Acting President and the Treasurer-Business

Manager, the services of the following were secured: Miss Lillie Herring, Household Supervisor and Dietitian; Mrs. J. L. Welch, Secretary; Miss Laura Belle Barnard, and Reverend J. P. Barrow, instructors. Miss Barnard having been granted passage back to the Mission field in India, we were able to secure the services of Reverend Ralph Lightsey to relieve the emergency for the last semester of the school year.

The 1945-46 Bulletin shows an enrollment of thirty-one during the school year of 1944 and 1945, twelve of whom received diplomas, or certificates, on the seventh day of June, 1945.

Prospects are good for an enrollment this fall which will fairly well tax our present facilities, and the courses of study offered propose to produce maximum results in the lives of Free Will Baptists who propose to serve Christ through this denomination. We feel that no existing educational institution is prepared to render as efficient service in the training of Free Will Baptist talent as the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Hence, we recommend the application of all of our talent for enrollment in the Free Will Baptist Bible College on September 5, 1945, who plan to enroll in any institution this fall.

The Lord has marvelously blessed our institution in material support through the liberalities of a small percentage of Free Will Baptists in the states, in dollars and cents; to the extent that our financial report for 1945 exceeds that of our 1944 report by approximately \$2,750.00. The following is our financial report as filed by the College treasurer and audited by R. T. Doster:

Report of Receipts

Alabama	-----	\$ 432.80
Arkansas	-----	27.10
Florida	-----	297.25
Georgia	-----	1,395.96
Illinois	-----	416.61
Kansas	-----	124.10
Kentucky	-----	288.74
Michigan	-----	382.50
Mississippi	-----	282.00
Missouri	-----	926.22
North Carolina	-----	3,242.36
Ohio	-----	342.03
Oklahoma	-----	524.05
South Carolina	-----	648.42
Tennessee	-----	2,553.05
Texas	-----	916.42
Virginia	-----	216.75
West Virginia	-----	245.24
J. R. Davidson, Salaries	-----	722.50
Room and Board	-----	4,621.07
National Woman's Auxiliary Convention	-----	111.25

FREE WILL BAPTIST BODIES

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Registration Fees -----	616.00
Unified Program, National Treasurer -----	2,469.09
Station Wagon Fund -----	103.34
Books for Students -----	174.45
Expansion Program -----	211.00
Miscellaneous Receipts -----	261.29
Total -----	\$22,551.59

Note: Included in above are receipts as follows:

J. P. Barrow, on salary -----	\$ 60.00
L. R. Ennis, on salary -----	50.00
Ralph Lightsey, on salary -----	30.00
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Other receipts:

War Bond, Rev. Geo. Waggoner, -----	\$ 100.00
Accounts payable in students' notes -----	1,132.59
Open Accounts, students in arrears -----	231.51
Amount payable in post-dated checks -----	270.00
Showers of provisions valued at -----	100.00

Disbursements Year Ending June 30, 1945

Room Rent -----	\$ 605.52
Groceries and Kitchen Supplies -----	3,088.87
Heat, Lights, Water, Etc. -----	838.60
Telephone and Telegraph -----	216.81
School Supplies -----	299.42
Traveling Expenses -----	804.99
Maintenance, Equipment -----	2,257.09
Salaries -----	9,129.31
Labor -----	930.98
Withholding Tax -----	492.03
Promotional Services -----	1,800.00
Books -----	123.28
Honoraria -----	200.00
Miscellaneous Expenses -----	312.45

Total Disbursements ----- \$21,099.35

Cash Balance June 30, 1945

In Third National Bank -----	\$4,868.12
In American National Bank -----	2,613.66
Deposit American National Bank July 2 -----	1,293.75
Cash on hand -----	25.88

Total cash ----- \$8,801.41

Henry Melvin, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION AND EXPANSION OF THE BIBLE COLLEGE

Whereas, The National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States, convened in annual session in July, 1941, passed an act which invested the Board of Education, created by the said National Association, with trusteeship powers; and

Whereas, The National Association in the aforesaid annual session also directed its Board of Education, acting as a Board of Trustees, to purchase, hold, and utilize suitable property for a Bible school in the city of Nashville, of the state of Tennessee, said investment in Bible school property not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) in cost; and

Whereas, The Board of Education of the National Association purchased, September 25, 1941, certain real property in the city of Nashville, of the state of Tennessee, and has utilized the same in the operation of a Bible college as authorized and directed by the said National Association; and

Whereas, Free Will Baptists are confronted with the urgent obligation and privilege of training Christian workers, missionaries, pastors, and evangelists for service in the homeland and on foreign fields; and the present property and facilities of the Bible college are inadequate to meet the increasing demands of those who desire training for these phases of Christian work; and

Whereas, The Board of Education has deemed it expedient and opportune to inaugurate and conduct an expansion program as a means of providing adequate facilities for the educational ministry of the Bible college; and

Whereas, The most effective promotion, administration, and control of the Bible college may be obtained through its operation as a corporation under the control of the National Association; and

Whereas, The Board of Education has caused to be prepared a charter of incorporation and now proposes its approval by this National body; the said charter—a copy of which is attached hereto—being consistent with the recognized purpose of the Bible college, the regulations of the National Association, and the laws of the state of Tennessee; and

Whereas, Certain amendments to the Constitution of the National Association are basic prerequisites to the incorporation of the Bible college and the transference of its assets and liabilities to the said corporation;

Therefore be it Resolved:

First. That Article VIII of the Constitution of the National Association be revised as follows:

Following the words "General Board," at the end of the first sentence of the first paragraph, add—"and the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College"; and following the words "General Board" in line 6 of the first paragraph add—"and the Board of Trustees of the Bible college."

Second. That articles numbered IX, X, and XI respectively of the Constitution of the National Association be and are hereby changed and num-

bered to read successively, Article X, Article XI, and Article XII; and that the said Constitution be amended also to include as Article IX the following:

Article IX

"A Board of Trustees of not less than nine members nor more than fifteen shall be elected by the National Association and charged with the responsibility of establishing, organizing, controlling, and operating a Free Will Baptist Bible College in the city of Nashville, of the state of Tennessee. It is provided, however, that the first Board of Trustees shall be composed of nine members, who shall be classified and elected in groups of 3's as follows: The terms of office of the first three named shall expire July 15, 1946; the terms of office of the second three named shall expire July 15, 1948; and the terms of office of the last three named shall expire July 15, 1950. Successors in office thereafter shall be elected biennially in groups of 3's, each for a term of six years, and they shall continue in service until their successors have been chosen. Any trustee may be re-elected to office at the option of the National Association.

"In addition to the original nine trustees prescribed for the Bible college, the National Association may, at its option, elect six others to membership on the Board; but they shall be elected, two biennially, until six members have been added to the board. These elections shall coincide with the respective biennial elections of the original successive groups of 3's, and shall, in actual practice, effect or result in a re-classification and biennial election of all trustees in groups of 5's. Under this option, if elected, trustees shall be chosen by the National Association biennially in groups of 5's, each for a term of six years.

"The trustees of the Bible college shall have power to apply for and receive a charter of incorporation under the name and style of FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. It is provided, however, that the charter of incorporation, as proposed, shall be approved and authorized by the National Association previous to its submission for registration, and that no revision or amendment thereafter shall be sought without the specific direction of the National Association.

"The Board of Trustees of the Bible college shall also have power to organize at will and to create such by-laws as may be deemed essential for their government and for the control, administration, and promotion of the college, consistent with the provisions of its charter of incorporation and the constitution and regulations of the National Association."

Third. That the incorporation of the Free Will Baptist Bible College be and is hereby approved, authorized, and directed, according to the terms and provisions set forth in the charter of incorporation proposed for said college—a copy of which charter is attached hereto.

Fourth. That the following be and are hereby elected to become the incorporators and first Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College: R. B. Spencer, J. L. Welch, Floyd B. Cherry, Ralph Lightsey, Henry Melvin, K. V. Shutes, Melvin Bingham, James F. Miller, and J. R. Davidson. The trustees herein named and their successors in office, chosen by the Na-

tional Association according to its Constitution and the provisions of the proposed charter of incorporation mentioned above, shall constitute, when effected, a corporation continuously under the name and style of FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Fifth. That within a reasonable length of time subsequent to the incorporation of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, the Board of Education, now acting as trustees of the National Association in the control and operation of the Bible college, be and is hereby authorized and directed to transfer, convey, assign, and surrender all properties and assets—real, personal, or otherwise—held in trust by the aforesaid Board of Education, to the Free Will Baptist Bible College in its corporate capacity. It is provided, also, that, upon completing the transfer of all properties and assets, held in trust by the Board of Education, to the newly incorporated Free Will Baptist Bible College, the power of trustee vested in said Board of Education, shall thereupon cease, together with all authority granted for and exercised in the control, administration, and promotion of the said Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Sixth. That the trustees of the Bible college be and are hereby directed to conduct an intensive appeal among Free Will Baptists everywhere for funds with which to provide adequate buildings and equipment for the effective and efficient administration of the Bible college. It is authorized that a goal of \$100,000 be established as a means to this end, and that this amount be raised by the end of the year, 1948, according to the following schedule: \$20,000 by December 31, 1945; \$50,000 by December 31, 1946; \$75,000 by December 31, 1947; and \$100,000 by December 31, 1948. It is further proposed that the amount, designated to be raised during each interval, be allotted to Free Will Baptists of the several states on the basis of their numerical strength and past support of the Bible college. The following apportionment is recommended:

Alabama:

July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945	\$1,000	
January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946	1,500	
January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947	1,250	
January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948	1,250	
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Total	\$5,000	\$ 5,000

Florida:

July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945	\$ 500	
January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946	750	
January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947	625	
January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948	625	
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Total	\$2,500	\$ 2,500

Georgia:

July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945	-----	\$1,500	
January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946	-----	2,250	
January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947	-----	1,875	
January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948	-----	1,875	
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Total	-----	\$7,500	\$ 7,500

Illinois:

July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945	-----	\$1,000	
January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946	-----	1,500	
January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947	-----	1,250	
January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948	-----	1,250	
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Total	-----	\$5,000	\$ 5,000

Kentucky:

July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945	-----	\$ 750.00	
January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946	-----	1,125.00	
January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947	-----	937.50	
January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948	-----	937.50	
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Total	-----	\$3,750.00	\$ 3,750

Michigan:

July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945	-----	\$1,000	
January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946	-----	1,500	
January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947	-----	1,250	
January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948	-----	1,250	
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Total	-----	\$5,000	\$ 5,000

Missouri:

July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945	-----	\$2,000	
January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946	-----	3,000	
January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947	-----	2,500	
January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948	-----	2,500	
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Total	-----	\$10,000	\$ 10,000

North Carolina:

July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945	-----	\$ 4,000	
January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946	-----	6,000	
January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947	-----	5,000	
January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948	-----	5,000	
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Total	-----	\$20,000	\$ 20,000

Mississippi:

July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945	-----	\$ 500	
January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946	-----	750	
January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947	-----	625	
January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948	-----	625	
Total	-----	\$2,500	\$ 2,500

Ohio:

July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945	-----	\$1,000	
January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946	-----	1,500	
January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947	-----	1,250	
January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948	-----	1,250	
Total	-----	\$5,000	\$ 5,000

Oklahoma:

July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945	-----	\$1,000	
January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946	-----	1,500	
January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947	-----	1,250	
January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948	-----	1,250	
Total	-----	\$5,000	\$ 5,000

South Carolina:

July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945	-----	\$1,000	
January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946	-----	1,500	
January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947	-----	1,250	
January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948	-----	1,250	
Total	-----	\$5,000	\$ 5,000

Tennessee:

July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945	-----	\$ 2,500	
January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946	-----	3,750	
January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947	-----	3,125	
January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948	-----	3,125	
Total	-----	\$12,500	\$ 12,500

Texas:

July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945	-----	\$1,000	
January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946	-----	1,500	
January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947	-----	1,250	
January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948	-----	1,250	
Total	-----	\$5,000	\$ 5,000

Virginia:

July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945 -----	\$ 750.00	
January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946 -----	1,125.00	
January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947 -----	937.50	
January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948 -----	937.50	
Total -----	\$3,750.00	\$ 3,750

West Virginia:

July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945 -----	\$ 500	
January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946 -----	750	
January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947 -----	625	
January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948 -----	625	
Total -----	\$2,500	\$ 2,500
GRAND TOTAL -----		\$100,000

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE

The board of Publications and Literature met according to the appointment in the Free Will Baptist Bible College Building October 24, 1944 to consider proposed manuscript for publications at which time we conferred with Miss Laura Belle Barnard, regarding manuscript for a playlet, but it being the opinion of the individual members that it was too big an undertaking for us as the sale would be so small for such a publication, as we reasoned. We desired to consider the Publication for the Book "His Name Among All Nations," but as the manuscript was not presented to the Board we had nothing to consider, in regards to the said publication.

Manuscripts for two booklets were presented to the Board, one "Why The Atonement was Necessary," by Mrs. Marie Thomas Hyatt, and another by the Chairman of the Board, which is titled "The One Foundation." The former was given into the hands of Rev. Mark Lewis to be published by the F. W. B. Gem office on agreement that we pay the production cost, the Gem sell the said booklet and divide the sales 50-50 with the Press and the Board of Publications and Literature, but owing to the fact that Brother Dees health failed him and other hindrances, caused by general conditions the said booklet has not been printed.

"The One Foundation" was to be presented to the F. W. B. Press on the same terms as set forth namely, production cost to be paid to the printer and the sale of booklets to be divided 50-50 between the Board and the Press, the Press to fill all orders and pay all Transportation cost.

According to the order passed by the Woman's Auxiliary and presented by Sister Sylvia Dodd, we found that we could not do anything with the manuscript for the Year Book of Programs, as Mrs. Dodd was tied by resolutions passed by her Auxiliary which prevented her from dealing with the Board. (See minutes of the Board of Publications and Literature.)

We are urging that Free Will Baptist cooperate with us in the Publication of much needed periodicals, such as text books for the various departments written and published by our own people, and that as soon as practicable that we arrange with our presses for the publication of all needed periodicals.

We are asking that the National Association donate, from its Executive department such a sum from year to year as can be given without impairing the operation of the said department, in order to help our department to get sufficiently founded to carry on from its own proceeds as earned.

July 10, 1945, Meeting of the Board of Publications and Literature, met in one of the class rooms of the Baptist church by the call of the chairman, Rev. J. C. GrGiffin. Prayer was offered by Rev. K. V. Shutes. In the absence of Rev. Mark Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. L. C. Johnson acted as Secretary pro-tem.

A letter received from Bro. Mark Lewis by the Chairman, in which he stated that he might not be able to attend the Association at this sitting, and whereas he asked not to be re-elected as a member of the said board, Brother L. E. Duncan, of Tupelo, Miss., was nominated by the board and his election recommended. The report of the secretary-treasurer, Rev. Mark Lewis, was accepted by the board, after which we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Griffin, Chairman,

Board of Publications and Literature.

Treasurer's Report of the Board of Publications and Literature, 1944-45

Income:

7-11-44—C. B. Dees as 50% share on 6 point record supplies	\$ 7.00
7-11-44—F. S. Van Hoose, Treasurer of Nat. Asso., gift	200.00
1-11-45—Gift from Woman's National Auxiliary Convention	100.00
7-20-45—R. B. Crawford, National Executive Secretary	500.00
Total	\$807.00

Expenditures

For Printing Checks	\$ 2.50
Purchase price of plates S. S. Six Point Record System from the S. S. Convention	150.00
Rev. Mark Lewis, travel expenses Board Meeting	17.00
Rev. J. C. Griffin, travel expenses Board Meeting	36.00
Rev. L. C. Johnson, travel expenses Board Meeting	10.00
Rev. K. V. Shutes, travel expenses Board Meeting	10.00
F. W. B. Press—Printing Booklet "The One Foundation"	50.00
Total	\$275.50
Total Balance in Treasury July 1, 1945	\$531.50
Received since then:	
F. W. B. Press—Sales	\$ 13.20

F. W. Gem—Office -----	11.26
Total Cash on hand -----	\$555.46
Stock on Hand:	
Six Point Record System at Gem Office -----	\$150.00
Estimated value of books on hand -----	100.00
Total Assets -----	\$805.46

REPORT OF NATIONAL FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE BOARD

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists
in session at Middlesex, North Carolina, 1945.

Greetings in His Name:

The Free Will Baptist League continues to be the training service of the church. A great deal of progress has not been made during the past year, but we are going forth with greater anticipation.

The National Free Will Baptist League Board has met twice this past year. The first meeting was held at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, April 13, 1945. Those present were: Rev. R. B. Crawford, Rev. L. C. Johnson, Mrs. Huey Gower, and Rev. L. D. Nance. Visitors were Rev. Henry Melvin and Rev. J. R. Davidson. Rev. Huey Gower acted as proxy for Rev. Damon C. Dodd. At this meeting there was a discussion of the present League Manual and the need for its revision. Brother Melvin said there was no general secretary, but that he has the League Board property, which consists of a mimeograph machine, a filing cabinet, and some money.

A motion was sustained that a committee draw up a constitution and by-laws for this Board, with the chairman of the Board being a member. Rev. R. B. Crawford and Mrs. Huey Gower were appointed to serve on this committee.

A motion was sustained approving Rev. L. D. Nance for a Field Worker to do promotional work among the leagues. His work was to be strictly on a faith basis until the meeting of the Board in July, 1945. The report of his work is as follows:

Visited in three states—Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama. Visited twelve churches. Helped organize one League. Preached twenty-two sermons. Seven professed Christ as Saviour. Received \$165.40 in offerings.

The second meeting of the National Free Will Baptist League Board was also held at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, in May, 1945. A discussion of a revision of the League Manual was the subject for this meeting. Rev. Clarence Bowen, author of the present League Manual, stated that he would be glad to do the revising under direction of the Free Will Baptist League Board and the Board of Publications and Literature giving us a General Free Will Baptist League Manual for nationwide use among Free Will Baptists.

A constitution and by-laws for the management of the national program

of the league work has been adopted by this body at this session of the National Association.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Due to the present emergency the President of our National Sunday School Convention, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, deemed it necessary to call off the 1945 session.

During the setting of this Associational body, the Executive Board held a called session, and laid plans for the ensuing year. We discussed the need of the National Convention's supervision of our Sunday School literature. Furthermore, it was ordered that all present bills consisting of debts made by previous sessions of the Convention, be paid by the treasurer. It was further moved and passed that the Director of Organization and Education and Director of Literature be instructed to produce a Teacher Training Text book for our Sunday Schools.

We are all conscious of the fact that a large percentage of our church membership comes through the gateway of the Sunday School. Therefore it behooves us as servants of Him and members of His glorious church to stimulate greater interest in our Sunday School movement.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul J. Ketteman, Acting President.

Gertrude Bowe, Secretary-Treasurer.

L. C. Johnson, Director of Enterprises.

Robert Crawford, Director of Records and Reports.

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

C. B. Dees, Director of Publicity.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Be it resolved:

First—That we extend to the Missionary Baptist and Methodist Churches, and the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., a standing vote of thanks for the wonderful way in which they have entertained and taken care of this session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States. We are particularly grateful to the Baptist Church for the use of their Church building and its facilities for our sessions.

Second—It is called to our attention that some Associations and other organizations constituting this body fail to send a proper letter. We urge that each delegate or representative hereafter make diligent effort to obtain the letter from their respective bodies, so that the Clerk can make proper record of representation.

Third—We urge our churches everywhere to support all the institutions and program of this Association, and earnestly beg each pastor to acquaint himself with these, that he may properly present them to his churches.

Fourth—That in as much as the Free Will Baptist Bible College is launching an expansion program, and which will require at least \$100,000 for its present goal, we urgently recommend that each State and District Association strive to attain the quota as has been recommended by the National Association, as soon as possible.

Fifth—That the General Board be requested to study the Constitution of the National Association with a view to making such revisions as may be deemed essential to the exclusion of duplication of offices, and, that such revisions be submitted for consideration to the 1946 session of the Association.

Sixth—In view of the many veterans who are returning and who will be returning for many months to come, resolved that each pastor in our Association be entreated to set up in each local Church such organization as may be required to contact and draw into the Church these veterans and give them all spiritual sustenance and comfort to the end that they shall be spiritually rehabilitated.

Seventh—That we extend a rising vote of thanks to the officers of this National Association for their untiring efforts throughout this session.

J. R. Bennett, Chairman,
Mrs. Eunice Edwards,
C. E. Riggs,
G. W. Cloud
J. O. Fort.

REVISION OF THE TREATISE AND THE FAITH PRACTICES OF THE FREE WILL BAPTISTS

CHAPTER I.

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

These are the Old and the New Testament; they were written by holy men, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and are God's revealed Word to man. They are a sufficient and infallible rule and guide to Salvation and all Christian worship and service.

ORDINANCES OF THE GOSPEL

No. 3. WASHING THE SAINT'S FEET.—This is a sacred ordinance, which teaches humility, and reminds the believer of the necessity of a daily cleansing from all sin. It was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ, and called an "example" on the night of His betrayal, and in connection with the institution of the Lord's Supper. It is the duty and happy prerogative of every believer to observe this sacred ordinance.

CONSTITUTION

The constitution as appears in all former treatise shall be eliminated and the constitution as revised at Columbus, Mississippi, in 1942, be inserted with

Article No. XI becoming No. XII, and the following becoming No. XI to wit:

ARTICLE XI

Should necessity arise, from war, or pestilence, or any cause which prevents a regular meeting whether such a condition is of a local or general condition, then the General Board shall be privileged to call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the National Association and the church as a whole, providing whatever transactions passed shall be by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the said General Board, providing that such transactions shall not conflict with the purpose, and edicts of the Constitution as set forth in the preceding articles.

ARTICLE XII

Section VI—DISCIPLINE OF THE CHURCH

1. PERSONAL OFFENCES AND TRIALS, are to be settled according to Matthew 18: 15-17. Public offences are to be considered as against the church, which by its officers, as composed by, and set forth in "Section No. II" of Organization (with the Ruling Elders when a church has such officers). This Official Board or Committee shall pursue the course as set forth under Section III of Organization (c). regarding individual members.

2. When a minority of a church is agrieved with the action of the majority, a council may be called by mutual agreement or requested of the Conference or Association in which the church or individual shall hold membership. Such Council may be called simply for advice, or as a Board of arbitration whose decision shall be final, unless an appeal is made to higher bodies, as provided below.

3. When a member, without providential reasons, absents himself from the meetings of the church, or refuses its support for one year, it is considered a violation of the Covenant and sufficient reason for discipline.

4. Ministers who are subjects of discipline for un-Christian conduct, or for doctrine contrary to the Articles of Faith as set forth and believed by Free Will Baptists, shall be tried according to Matthew 18: 15-17, providing charges are made for public or private offences, by any ordained minister, who is in good standing in his respective church and Association (or Conference) when such charges are presented in writing properly signed, or by the church through its official Board, in which the minister holds membership or by a church which the said minister is pastor, providing all charges are duly signed by the presenter, or prosecutor.

(a) If the accused is dissatisfied with the decision of the Board or committee who tries his case, he shall have the privilege to appeal to the Annual Conference, or Association for consideration of the charges as preferred, and in case the higher body sustains the decision of the Committee or Council, the case is settled accordingly.

(The above revision shall take the place of the 1935-1940 revisions known as Section VI. DISCIPLINE OF THE CHURCH.)

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Whereas, God has seen fit in His infinite wisdom and mercy to call from our presence, since the last session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, several of our beloved Brethren who were active and much concerned about the national work, as Rev. W. J. Sheppard, of Sciotoville, Ohio, who was a member of the General Board of this Association

Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That the National Association of Free Will Baptists, assembled at Middlesex, North Carolina, bow in humble recognition of God's divine will and power, and in a solemn moment of prayer, give thanks to Him for His glorious method and manner of their departure into the realm of peace and rest; and

2. That we extend our sympathy to their loved ones and commend them to the care and keeping of the Lord, that they may have that blessed hope of reuniting with their loved ones in the presence of Christ Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. R. B. Spencer,
Mrs. W. M. White,
H. Ray Berry,
M. E. Dunn,
Kenneth Turner.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

Your Temperance Committee humbly presents the following for your consideration: Resolved,

1. That this body register an objection to the use of critical materials—sugar, all products of grain, fuel, motor vehicles, rubber, etc.—and labor in the manufacture, distribution, and sale of any and all forms of alcohol beverages. Furthermore, that a copy of this objection upon the action of this body be mailed to each of the following: the President of the United States, the War Production Board, the Office of Defense Transportation, the Office of Price Administration.

2. That this body go on record as favoring National Prohibition.

3. That our ministers preach uncompromisingly against the use of alcoholic beverages as well as all other forms of sin.

Ralph Lightsey, Chairman,
Floyd B. Cherry,
Linton C. Johnson,
Mark Lewis,
Jesse P. Barrow.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS REVISED BY
THE 1945 SESSION AT MIDDLESEX, N. C.

Preamble, From experience we, the members of the Free Will Baptist

denomination, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a church; and to preserve and maintain correspondence and co-ordination with us, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better denominational government.

ARTICLE I

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

ARTICLE II

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

ARTICLE III

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

ARTICLE IV

Representation—Representation to the National Association is to be by states. Each state association shall be entitled to five delegates to be elected from the laity, regardless of the number of district associations in the state; but in addition to the five delegates, each state shall be entitled to one delegate for each district association within the state association. Said additional delegates shall be elected by their respective district associations. Districts in states which have no state association, and those whose state organizations may not be affiliated with this body, shall elect and send their delegates directly to the National Association.

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

ARTICLE V.

Finance—Each State Association representing in this body shall send the sum of \$10.00 with \$5.00 extra for each District Association composing the said State Association or Convention. The district or subordinate associations representing directly, shall send the sum of \$5.00 with their reports.

Section 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall each be paid an honorarium of \$25.00 annually plus their traveling expenses to and from the sessions of the National Association. All other expenditures not specified herein shall be made at the direction of the body.

ARTICLE VI

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

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

ARTICLE VII

Officers—The officers of this National Association shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, a Treasurer, and an Executive Secretary, each of whom shall be elected at the beginning of each regular session, unless deferred by vote of the Association in assembly.

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

ARTICLE VIII

Boards—All standing Boards shall be composed of five members, exclusive of the General Board and the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Standing Boards include the General Board, the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, the Free Will Baptist League Board, the Board of Education, the Board of Superannuation, and the Board of Literature and Publications. The personnel of each of the foregoing, exclusive of the General Board and the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, shall be elected as follows, The first named for a term of one year, the second for a term of two years, the third for a term of three years, the fourth for a term of four years and the fifth for a term of five years. Successions to office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

Section 2. The personnel of the General Board shall be composed of the

general officers of the National Association and the chairman of each of the following Boards. The Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, the Free Will Baptist League Board, the Board of Education, the Board of Superannuation, and the Board of Publications and Literature. There shall also be elected by the National Body one member from each affiliated State Association and one member from each affiliated association comprising one or more than one state. The President of the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the president of the National Sunday School Convention shall be ex-officio members of the Board.

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

Section 3. The General Board shall have power to act in behalf of, and for the National Association from one regular session to another, and shall also have power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the National Association.

Section 4. The General Board shall have power to fill irregular vacancies that may occur in its own body, and shall also have power to fill any irregular vacancies that may occur in any department of the work between sessions of the National Association. It shall be the duty of this Board to make written reports of all its work to each annual session of the Association.

Section 5. The General Board shall organize at its own discretion for the promotion of the work set forth in section three and four of this article. It is understood that an Executive Committee consisting of seven members shall be elected by the General Board from among its membership, whose duty it shall be to act on all matters coming within the scope of the work of the Board when said General Board is not in session.

Section 6. The duties of the various standing Boards shall be to plan a program and supervise its operation in their respective fields. They shall organize themselves and regulate their work as may become necessary, and as may be found in harmony with the principles and tenets of the National Association.

ARTICLE IX

A Board of Trustees of not less than nine members nor more than fifteen shall be elected by the National Association and charged with the responsibility of establishing, organizing, controlling, and operating a Free Will Baptist Bible College in the city of Nashville, of the state of Tennessee. It is provided, however, that the first Board of Trustees shall be composed of nine members, who shall be classified and elected in groups of 3's as follows. The terms of office of the first three named shall expire July 15, 1946; the

terms of office of the second three named shall expire July 15, 1948; and the terms of office of the last three named shall expire July 15, 1950. Successors in office thereafter shall be elected biennially in groups of 3's, each for a term of six years, and they shall continue in service until their successors have been chosen. Any trustee may be re-elected to office at the option of the National Association.

In addition to the original nine trustees prescribed for the Bible College, the National Association may, at its option, elect six others to membership on the Board; but they shall be elected, two biennially, until six members have been added to the board. These elections shall coincide with the respective biennial elections of the original groups of 3's, and shall, in actual practice, effect or result in a reclassification and biennial election of all trustees in groups of 5's. Under this option, if elected, trustees shall be chosen by the National Association biennially in groups of 5's, each for a term of six years.

The trustees of the Bible College shall have power to apply for and receive a charter of incorporation under the name and style of FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. It is provided, however, that the charter of incorporation, as proposed, shall be approved and authorized by the National Association previous to its submission for registration, and that no revision or amendment thereafter shall be sought without the specific direction of the National Association.

The Board of Trustees of the Bible College shall also have power to organize at will and to create such by-laws as may be deemed essential for their government and for the control, administration, and promotion of the college, consistent with the provision of its charter of incorporation and the constitution and regulations of the National Association.

ARTICLE X

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

ARTICLE XI

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

They shall report their accomplishments annually to the National Association.

ARTICLE XII

Should necessity arise, from war, or pestilence, or any cause which prevents a regular meeting whether such a condition is of a local or general condition, then the General Board shall be privileged to call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the National Association and the Church as a whole, providing whatever transactions passed shall be by a two-third vote of the full membership of the said General Board, providing that such transactions shall not conflict with the purpose, and edicts of the Constitution as set forth in the preceding articles.

ARTICLE XIII

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