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Free Will Baptists of the United
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**GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR THE YEAR 1946-47**

Rev. L. C. Johnson, Moderator.....East Tueplo, Mississippi
Rev. J. O. Fort, Assistant Moderator.....Bryan, Texas
Rev. E. C. Morris, Clerk.....Glennville, Georgia
Rev. C. F. Bowen, Assistant Clerk.....Nashville, Tennessee
Rev. R. B. Crawford, Executive Secretary and Treasurer.....
.....3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee

CHAIRMAN OR SECRETARY OF BOARDS

General—

Rev. J. F. Miller, Desloge, Missouri

Foreign Missions—

Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

Home Missions—

Rev. J. F. Miller, Desloge, Missouri

Free Will Baptist League—

Rev. L. D. Nance, Parrish, Alabama

College Trustees—

Rev. Henry Melvin, 1212 East Street, Durham, North Carolina

College Business Manager—

Rev. J. R. Davidson, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee

Superannuation—

Rev. J. O. Fort, Bryan, Texas

Publication and Literature—

Rev. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, North Carolina

BOARDS

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

General Board—Rev. Edgil Howard, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. E. M. French, New Port, Tenn.; Rev. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.; Rev. S. F. VanHoose, Paintsville, Ky.; Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, Wilson, N. C.; Rev. W. T. Large, Coeburn, Va.; E. C. Davidson, Glennville, Ga.; Rev. D. E. Bias, Huntington, W. Va.; Rev. C. J. Ketterman, Macedonia, Ill.; Rev. C. J. Sizemore, Pedro, Ohio; L. E. Duncan, Tupelo, Miss.; Rev. Louis Holliday, Manning, S. C.; Rev. J. M. Rich, Chipley, Fla.; Rev. H. Ray Berry, Houston, Texas; Rev. John H. West, Tulsa, Okla.; Rev. Mark Lewis, Mo.; Rev. Homer Parker, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Other members of this Board are the General Officers of the Association.

Foreign Missions—Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Goldsboro, N. C., (1947); Rev. C. B. Thompson, Paris, Texas, (1948); Rev. Raymond Riggs, Detroit, Mich., (1949); Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., (1950); Rev. B. F. Rogers, Drumright, Okla., (1951).

Home Missions—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, Aurora, Mo., (1950); Rev. J. B. Bloss, Leeds, Ala., (1951).

Free Will Baptist League—Rev. Robert B. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn., (1947); Mrs. Huey Gower, Nashville, Tenn., (1948); Rev. Henry Melvin, Durham, N. C., (1949); Rev. L. D. Nance, Parrish, Ala., (1950); Rev. C. F. Bowen, Nashville, Tenn., (1951).

Superannuation—Rev. D. W. Hansley, Jacksonville, N. C., (1947); Rev. J. O. Fort, Bryan, Texas, (1948); Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, Wilson, N. C., (1949); Rev. F. C. Zinn, Flat River, Mo., (1950); G. W. Cloud, Jacksonville, Fla., (1951).

Literature and Publication—Rev. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala., (1947); Rev. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C., (1948); Rev. L. C. Johnson, East Tupelo, Miss., (1949); L. E. Duncan, Tupelo, Miss., (1950); Rev. Ralph Staten, Pocahantas, Ark., (1951).

Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College—Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Rev. Henry Melvin, and Rev. K. V. Shutes, terms expiring July 15, 1948; Rev. Melvin Bingham, Rev. Jas. F. Miller and Rev. J. R. Davidson, terms expiring July 15, 1950; Rev. R. B. Spencer, Rev. J. L. Welch and Rev. F. B. Cherry, terms expiring July 15, 1952.

MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE

Alabama—

K. V. Shutes, Cordova; H. L. Knighton, Phenix City; N. S. Thomley, Robertdale; A. J. Lambert, Sylacauga; J. B. Bloss, Leeds.

Arkansas—

Wayne Tucker, Peach Orchard; Ralph Staten, Pocahantas; Homer Parker, Pine Bluff; O. B. Eagan, Southville.

California—

J. L. Waltman, Turlock.

Colorado—

C. B. Vanderberg, Denver.

Florida—

W. M. Patrick, Melino.

Georgia—

P. E. Knighton, Blakely; E. C. Morris, Glennville.

Illinois—

Wallace Malone, Sesser; Opal Hiltibidal, Walnut Hill.

Kentucky—

F. S. Van Hoose, Paintsville.

Michigan—

Edgil Howard, Dearborn; Raymond Riggs, Detroit.

Mississippi—

L. C. Johnson, East Tupelo.

Missouri

Jas. F. Miller, Desloge; Mark Lewis, St. Louis; Cecil H. Campbell, Weston; C. B. Dees, Aurora; B. F. Brown, Cassville; Geo. Scott, Mountain Grove; Winford Davis, Monett; F. C. Zinn, Flat River; Mrs. Marie Hyett, Center View; Kenneth Turner, Monett; H. B. Smith, Mountain Grove; B. R. Scott, Mountain Grove; Frank Linton, Tunice; Melvin Bingham, Flat River.

North Carolina—

D. H. Hansley, Jacksonville; F. A. Rivenbark, Wilson; W. K. Jordan, Kinston; J. C. Griffin, New Bern; Henry Melvin, Durham; E. G. Holland, Kenly; Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Davis; R. P. Harris, Kenly.

Ohio—

Walter Doll, Waverly; Homer Nelson, Whellerburg; W. J. White, Portsmouth.

Oklahoma—

E. E. Morris, Ada; Marvin Dalton, Bristow; Orbin Doss, Wewoka; Charles Sapp, Oklahoma City; W. A. Herron, Sulphur; F. A. McCage, Oklahoma City; M. M. McKee, Soper; B. T. Kirby, Oklahoma City; W. V. Woods, Stradford; Rex Weatherman, Ringling; Mrs. Leona Mayfield, Tulsa; John Bullard, Antler; J. A. Davidson, Antler; I. N. Pate, Antler; J. F. Hooper, Stradford; R. G. Lane, Bristow; R. L. Mounts, Cushing; Virgil Bradford, Sapulpa; Everett Hillard, Sapulpa; B. F. Rogers, Drumright; W. V. McPhail, Tulsa; Orvil Manning, Valliant; Thomas W. Welch, Wright City; S. R. Russel, Oklahoma City; Harry Stairs, Tulsa; John West, Tulsa; Paul Purcell, Wirt; R. C. Hampton, Shawnee; Reaford Wilson, Lexington; Willard Day, Haskell; W. D. McReady, Nelita; D. B. Hillard, Sapulpa; Dennis O'Donald, Wewoka; I. W. Yandell, Oklahoma City; Farlin Haskell, Ada; Mrs. Hattie Newman, Jennings; Mrs. Paul Purcell, Wirt; E. A. O'Donald, Oklahoma City.

South Carolina—

Daniel Cronk, Columbia.

Tennessee—

E. M. French, Newport; Norman French, Newport; C. A. Craft, Nashville; E. A. Craft, Nashville; Robert B. Crawford, Nashville; J. R. Davidson, Nashville; Paul Woolsey, Greeneville; C. F. Bowen, Nashville.

Texas—

J. O. Fort, Bryan; C. C. Hood, Denison; Alvin Hallbrook, North Zulch; C. B. Thompson, Paris; Miss Tommie Franklin, Huntsville; J. B. Lovering, Fort Worth; M. L. Sutton, Fort Worth; T. W. Smith, Iola; H. Ray Berry, Houston, Clearance Herron, Waco.

West Virginia—

Ernest Bias, Huntington; Dennis E. Bias, Huntington; Jessie Blankingship, Logan; Talbert Musick, Excelsior; Jas. M. Herald, Tad; Harold Dunlap, Charleston; John M. Henson, Hurricane.

Cuba—

Rev. T. W. Willey, Pinar Del Rio, Apartado 27.

DELEGATES ENROLLED**Alabama—**

Foster Holcomb, Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Mrs. Lucile May and Miss Belle May.

Arkansas—

Mrs. Homer Parker, Marion Clark, J. F. Prentis, and Horace Doyle.

California—

J. Q. Moore, Corresponding messenger.

Georgia—

Carl Ivey, Mrs. Alma McDonald, Alvin Day, Miss Marie Ivey and Mrs. G. W. Cloud.

Illinois—

Mrs. Wallace Malone and Frank Farris.

Kentucky—

Mrs. Vera Van Hoose and Mrs. Nellie Griffith.

Michigan—

Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan.

Mississippi—

Paul Long, W. G. Prude and Mrs. L. C. Johnson

Missouri—

Mrs. W. L. Powell, Alton Powell, Christine Dees and Mrs. Eunice Miller.

North Carolina—

Mrs. Alice Lupton, Mrs. Bertha Griffin, Miss Alethea Etheridge, Mrs. N. E. Harris, Mrs. Gertrude Ballard, Miss Zalene Lloyd and Mrs. E. G. Holland.

Ohio—

Mrs. Opal Doll, Mrs. Vina Henning, Mrs. Mollie Sheppard, Mrs. Zella Jacobs, Mrs. Clarence Riddlebarger, Mrs. Alice Childers and Mrs. Grace Peach.

Oklahoma—

E. C. Ketchem, Claud Chism, Mrs. Glenna Stairs, Mrs. Ethel Armstrong.

Tennessee—

J. B. Redding, Mrs. Paul Woolsey, Mrs. Fannie Polston, Mrs. Trula Conk, Mrs. E. M. French, Miss Marie French, Miss Lucille French and J. E. Frazier

Texas—

Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Mrs. M. L. Sutton, B. B. Trant, Mrs. P. K. Trant, Mrs. J. R. Bullard, Mrs. Alvin Halbrook, Mrs. C. B. Thompson, Mrs. Bunn McMillan, Bobbie Thompson and Mrs. J. C. Hodges.

Virginia—

W. H. Murry.

West Virginia—

W. W. Henson and Mrs. Dennis Bias.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONS BY STATES**Alabama—**

Reports 11 district association, 120 churches, 10,632 members, 117 ministers, missed or expelled, 88 Sunday Schools, 21 F. W. B. L.'s, 23 Ladies' Auxiliaries, value of church property \$195,305.00, Value of parsonage property \$78,573.00, Amount of pastors' salaries \$21,374.42, Amount paid evangelists \$4,985.67, Amount paid to Orphanage \$2,761.45, Amount for missions \$2,683.86, Amount for Christian education \$1,042.16, Paid to Unified Program \$551.83.

Arkansas—

Reports 98 churches, 6,326 members, 146 ministers, 67 Sunday Schools, 1,400 enrolled in Sunday Schools, 11 churches with Leagues and 200 enrolled in Leagues.

California—

Reports 8 churches, 425 members, 20 ministers, \$4,492.00 paid pastors, \$960.70 paid evangelists, \$35,229.00 value of church property.

Georgia—

Reports 8 district associations, 117 churches, 8,652 members, 493 members, received during the year, 209 lost by death, letters and expulsion, 284 total gained, 59 Sunday Schools, 16 Leagues, 18 Auxiliaries, 19 weekly prayer services, \$19,835.77 paid pastors, \$4,771.53 paid evangelists, \$1,116.53 for missions, \$1,547.75 for Christian education, \$152,059.00 value of church property.

Illinois—

Reports 34 churches, 2,500 members, 48 ministers, 20 Sunday Schools, 800 enrolled in Sunday School, 6 League, 130 on League rolls, 11 woman's Auxiliaries, \$100,000.00 value church property, \$3,000.00 denominational property.

Kentucky—

Reports 145 members received, 108 baptised, 45 excluded, 14 deceased, 3,486 resident members, 1,594 non resident members, 5,080 total membership, 17 weekly prayer meetings, 22 Sunday Schools, 1,257 average attendance in Sunday Schools, 154 Sunday School officers, \$130,000.00 value of church property.

Michigan—

Reports 6 churches, 357 members, 15 ministers, 6 Sunday Schools, 3 Leagues, 135 enrolled in Leagues, 1 Auxiliary, \$43,000.00 value of church property.

Mississippi—

Reports 24 churches, 2,584 members, 18 ministers, 20 Sunday Schools, 997 enrolled in Sunday Schools, 7 churches have Leagues, 355 enrolled in Leagues, 4 Woman's Auxiliaries, \$64,000.00 value of church property, \$2,500.00 value of parsonage property.

Missouri—

Reports 347 members this year, 199 Baptised, 80 dismissed by letter, 26 excluded, 68 deceased, 3,831 resident members, 2,443 non-resident members, 7,109 total members, 48 prayer meetings, 79 Sunday Schools, 272 officers, 21 Leagues, 584 League members, 22 Auxiliaries, 375 Auxiliary members, \$22,779.18 paid pastors, \$5,378.96 paid evangelists, \$9,136.68 for buildings and repairs, \$6,742.52 for incidentals, \$103,940.22 value of church property, \$5,256.28 for Foreign missions, \$1,617.55 Home Missions, \$604.41 for education, \$2,295.05 for literature, etc., \$290.71 amount of budget money paid, \$2,038.69 State Unified fund.

North Carolina—

Reports seven district associations, 250 ministers, 300 churches and 30,000 members.

Ohio—

Reports 49 churches, 2,624 members, 84 ministers and 7 Leagues.

Oklahoma—

Reports 198 churches, 20,000 members, 275 ministers, 198 Sunday Schools, 50 Leagues, 25 Auxiliaries, \$37,770.82 paid pastors, \$4,458.36 paid evangelists, \$177,800.00 value of church property, \$200 for Foreign missions, \$300 for publications, \$60,000.00 denominational property.

South Carolina—

Reports making great progress but gives no statistics.

Tennessee—

Reports 84 churches, 7,009 members, 69 ministers, 72 Sunday Schools, 4,928 enrolled in Sunday Schools, 18 churches have Leagues, 337 on League rolls, 27 Auxiliaries, \$208,400.00 value of church property, \$8,000.00 value of parsonage property, \$24,000.00 value of denominational property.

Texas—

Reports 43 churches, 206 members received this year, 57 dismissed, 15 died, 2,985 total membership, 1,102 enrolled in Sunday Schools, 113 on League rolls, 5 Woman's Auxiliaries, 68 Auxiliary members enrolled, \$13,028.56 paid pastors, \$1,926.92 paid evangelists, \$3,248.74 for incidentals, \$859.22 for Foreign missions, \$259.73 for Home missions, \$476.60 Christian education, \$8,713.93 for building and repairs, \$13.60 for charity, \$95.40 for Superannuation, \$80,400.00 value of church property.

Virginia—

Reports 60 churches, 3,210 members, 103 ministers, 48 Sunday Schools, 5,000 enrolled in Sunday Schools, 20 churches have Leagues with an enrollment of 200, 10 Woman's Auxiliaries, value of church property \$200,000.00.

PROCEEDINGS

The National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States met in Tenth Annual session on July 17, 1946 with the Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The session was opened with a lively song service conducted by Rev. Marvin Dalton, Bristow, Oklahoma. The opening invocation was by Rev. Geo. Scott of Missouri. Rev. John West of Tulsa, Oklahoma, read the devotional Scripture followed by special music by Rev. Marvin Dalton, after which, the Moderator introduced the Rev. C. B. Thompson, State missionary from Texas, who had been designated for the opening sermon. The speaker based his message on the Acts of the Apostles 26:19. The emphasis of the sermon was placed on the fact that God has a purpose in the existence of the Free Will Baptists of America and this purpose will not be accomplished unless we abide in Christ and possess a denominational conscience. The message was considered very timely. This phase of the service was followed by a congregational hymn led by the song leader of the evening.

The time arrived for the opening of the business session, the Clerk called the Association to order and turned the session over to the Moderator, Rev. J. R. Davidson, who took charge and presided over the body. The Welcome Address was delivered by Rev. E. A. O'Donald, pastor of Capital Hill Church, one of the cooperating host churches of the City. The response to the welcome address was given by Rev. W. J. White of Ohio. After these addresses the Moderator called for the election of officers. Those elected are as follows:

Rev. L. C. Johnson, Moderator; Rev. J. O. Fort, Assistant Moderator; Rev. E. C. Morris, Clerk; Rev. C. F. Bowen, Assistant Clerk. The office of Treasurer was deferred by a motion.

The election of officers being completed for the time, the music director led the Choir in a special number, which was greatly enjoyed by the audience. Motion, the program be adopted with any necessary changes.

Next, a motion to adjourn until 9:00 A. M. Wednesday. Benediction by Rev. Henry Melvin. The host pastor, assisted by others, assigned the delegation and visitors to homes for the entire session.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Association reassembled at the appointed time, the devotions being led by Rev. R. P. Harris of North Carolina, after which, the Moderator announced the business session to begin, and the first item was that of appointing the session committees as follows:

Resolutions—Revs. C. F. Bowen, W. J. White, John West, Dan Cronk and J. O. Fort.

Temperance—Revs. Mark Lewis, F. A. Rivenbark, Homer Nelson, F. S. Van Hoose and Bro. G. W. Cloud.

Nominations—Rev. H. R. Berry, J. E. Frazier, Rev. John M. Henson, A. D. Ivey and Mrs. E. O. Griffith.

Credentials—Rev. Paul Woolsey, Edgil Howard, H. E. Stairs, E. A. Craft and R. P. Harris.

The General Board report was read by Rev. H. Ray Berry and a motion was made to take it up by items for discussion and disposition.

On motion, the report be tabled until the afternoon.

The report of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention was read by Mrs. Marie Hyett and the same was received as information and the women congratulated upon their progress in the work.

At this juncture, the Moderator declared the business suspended until the afternoon, and after a brief recess, the morning worshipful service was engaged in by the assembly. Rev. J. R. Davidson led in song service, after which, Rev. J. F. Miller of Missouri was presented to the audience as the speaker of the hour. The sermon message was based on the 7th chapter of Nehemiah and was delivered in a very interesting and informative manner. At the conclusion of the sermon the congregation was dismissed for the noon recess.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened with a song service, conducted by Rev. C. F. Bowen, and the devotions were led by Rev. S. F. Van Hoose. A feature of the devotions was a special song by Rev. Homer Nelson, after which the Moderator called for the business of the afternoon.

The Credentials Committee made report and the same accepted by a motion and vote of the body.

Next, was the report of the Board of Publication and Literature, read by Rev. J. C. Griffin, and after due discussion it was adopted.

The Executive Secretary read his annual report at this time and it was moved to adopt the report.

An additional report of the Credentials Committee was made and same received by a motion and vote.

Motion, that the report of the General Board be lifted from the Table and presented for discussion and adoption. All items recommending Constitutional changes were laid on the table until tomorrow. (See report for full detail.)

At this time, the Moderator introduced Dr. Roy S. Hollomon, a representative of the National Association of Evangelicals, who spoke to the body on the Aims and Purposes of the N. A. E. After this address, Rev. Henry Melvin spoke on "Progress Through F. W. B. Publications."

Rev. Marvin Dalton was requested to lead the Congregation in a hymn, after which the body was dismissed for the afternoon recess, benediction by Rev. Melvin Bingham.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

This being the Missionary service, the congregation was led in a lively song and praise service, by Rev. Raymond Riggs, a member of the Foreign Missions Board, after which, Rev. T. H. Willey, Superintendent of the Cuban missions, took charge. He introduced his children, Tommie and Barbara, who rendered their testimony in Spanish, then Bro. Willey gave a report of what the missionaries are doing in Cuba. The next phase of the service was the showing of pictures of the Cuban work by Rev. Kenneth Turner. After the showing of pictures and a congregational hymn, Mrs. Willey brought a gospel message, which was delivered in much earnestness. The message was convincing and inspiring, which was revealed by the fact that many young Christians came to an altar of consecration and dedicated their lives to a definite Christian service. At the close of the service, an offering was taken for Foreign Missions, which amounted to \$315.25. A prayer of thanksgiving was offered by Sister Lizzie McAdams. After the prayer, the Moderator called for a business session and there were two items presented which were placed on the table until the next day, then the evening session was declared adjourned until 9:00 a. m. Thursday. The benediction was offered by Rev. B. T. Kirby.

THURSDAY MORNING

The morning session was called to order with the song service being conducted by Bro. Foster Holcomb of Alabama, and the devotions being led by Rev. Edgil Howard of Michigan. Prayer by Rev. Daniel Cronk. After which the business of the day was resumed. The first item was to hear the report of the Superannuation Board, read by Rev. J. O. Fort. The same was duly discussed and adopted by a motion and vote of the body. Following the adoption of the report, Rev. F. A. Rivenbark of North Carolina, spoke on "Serving Our Servants". The address was well planned and designed to impress upon the audience the duty we owe to those who have spent their lives in the gospel ministry at a sacrifice.

The Home Mission Board report was the next to be heard, which was read by Rev. J. F. Miller. The report was voted adopted and followed by an address by Rev. John M. Henson of West Virginia, on the subject, "Free Will Baptists and unevangelized America". This topic was ably discussed and the information was revealing and admonishing.

At this time, the Treasurer's report was ready by the Treasurer, and the report was received and ordered a part of the proceedings.

The Temperance Committee's report was read by Rev. Homer Nelson of Ohio. The report was adopted and the Committee commended for their work.

According to a resolution which was adopted, calling for an offering to supplement the registration fee, the offering was ordered taken at this time amounting to \$103.50.

The time now having arrived for the morning worship and sermon, the Moderator suspended the business and Rev. J. R. Davidson was presented to the assembly, who brought the message of the hour. The text of the message was read from Romans 1:16-20. The subject being "Our Instrument". In the sermon, the speaker emphasized the responsibility envolved upon us and also the dangers confronting the Cause. At the close of the message Rev. Mark Lewis, led the congregation in a hymn of consecration. Noon recess followed.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Met 1:30 o'clock and devotions were conducted by Rev. J. B. Bloss of Alabama with Rev. Homer Nelson rendering a very impressive solo, after which the Moderator took charge and called for the business of the afternoon.

At this time an address was delivered by Rev. C. F. Bowen of Tennessee, emphasizing using our youth as we train them more efficiently.

A motion was made and carried to lift from the table the resolutions relative to Constitutional changes, as found in the General Board report.

(Rev. Robert B. Crawford was reelected Executive Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year.)

The Nominating Committee submitted their report, and it was received. By a motion properly seconded, a vacancy on the General Board be declared from Michigan. Rev. Edgil Howard was elected to fill the vacancy from Michigan.

Motion, that the session adjourn for the afternoon recess. Rev. K. V. Shutes pronounced the benediction.

THURSDAY EVENING

The Association convened at 7:00 P. M. and took up the final business of the session.

Motion. Since the National Association of Evangelicals require no definite fees for the associated members, we recommend that the various district associations make any contribution to this body they may deem advisable. Motion carried.

Rev. Robert B. Crawford was elected to serve as a member of the Board of Administration of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The business was suspended at this point and the meeting turned over to those in charge of the Special Educational Program for the evening. Rev. Henry Melvin, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Bible College, presided over this phase of the evening session. He first gave a summary of the Bible College History, after which Rev. J. R. Davidson, Business Manager of the College, gave a report of the financial standing of the past fiscal year.

A choir composed of former students of the Bible College rendered several numbers and testimonies rendered in behalf of the good which the College is accomplishing.

The Moderator again came to the chair and the business was resumed.

The Board of Trustees of the College made their report and it was voted to receive it.

Rev. D. E. Bias, 1670 Daulton Ave., Huntington, W. Va., was elected to the General Board for West Virginia.

Rev. J. R. Davidson submitted the report of the College as Business Manager and the same adopted by a vote of the body.

Motion, we defer the election of officers for the ensuing year until the close of the 1947 session.

Motion, that this session of the National Association be closed to meet in the next annual session with Highland Park Church, Highland Park, Michigan, on Tuesday evening after the second Sunday in July, 1947.

The closing exercises were under the direction of Rev. E. E. Morris, Moderator, Oklahoma State Association.

A male quartett rendered a very effective number, after which, Rev. E. E. Morris brought an inspirational message which was uplifting to all and the final phase of the session was a good fellowship period engaged in by every one. Another quartet number was rendered, entitled, "If We Never Meet Again", then the closing prayer by the leader.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We your Credential Committee have examined the credentials of the following state associations and find them to be in order with proper fees

Alabama.....	\$105.00
Ohio.....	20.00
Kentucky.....	10.00
Georgia.....	45.00
North Carolina.....	45.00
Virginia.....	30.00
Mississippi.....	20.00
Missouri.....	60.00
Michigan.....	10.00
Tennessee.....	20.00
Oklahoma.....	65.00
Texas.....	35.00
South Carolina.....	10.00

We have examined the petitionary letters from the State of Arkansas and the West Virginia State Meeting and find them to be in order and recommend that they be received into this body.

Since this body has accepted the petitionary letter of the newly organized state meeting of West Virginia and received them into this body, all previous

representation is hereby superseded, therefore, we recommend that this body elect a member from the State of West Virginia to the General Board.

We also recommend that the letter from California be received as information and that the corresponding messengers be invited to sit in Council with us.

The Credential Committee

Paul Woolsey, Chairman

REPORT OF GENERAL BOARD

We your General Board wish to bring before the National Association the following recommendations:

1. That the National Association, convened in annual session this July 17, 1946, does hereby pledge gratitude and thanks to the Board of Education for the service rendered the denomination at large in the conduct of a program of Christian education and the establishment of the Free Will Baptist Bible College;

2. That the words "Board of Education" contained in Sections 1 and 2 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the National Association be deleted from the said Article;

3. That the Board of Education, composed of the following members, be and is hereby abolished: Melvin Bingham, Henry Melvin, Winford Davis, J. R. Davidson, and Floyd B. Cherry.

That Article IV Section I of the Constiution be changed to read after the word "elected" in sentence 6 elected "From within the bounds of the District Association."

ARTICLE IV

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 from within the bounds of the 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.

4. That the report of the Executive Secretary be adopted: Whereas the present operation of the various departments of the National Association are so widely scattered over the boundaries of the National Association—it being found confusing to the common interest of our work—we hereby resolve.

1. That the Executive Secretary lead in the accumulation of funds to buy or build suitable property as National Headquarters for Free Will Baptists. It being provided that the initial investment not to exceed \$15,000.00.

2. That all Departmental Boards and Conventions of the National Association, exclusive of the Bible College be required to set up administrative office in said property as soon as facilities have become available.

5. That the National Clerk shall prepare the manuscript of the minutes for publication, then turn them to the Executive Secretary to proof read, then type for the printer. The Executive Secretary secures a contract for printing and pays for printing.

6. That the Executive Secretary be ordered to pay all expenses of the Executive Department from the Unified Program Fund before making allocations to the various Board Treasurers.

7. We the General Board withdraw our recommendations to re-elect Rev. R. B. Crawford as Executive Secretary and that nomination be from the floor.

8. That Article 7 Section I of the Constitution be changed to read, "each of whom shall be elected at the closing of each regular session." And omit the last clause which reads "unless deferred by vote of the Association in assembly." The Article now reads:

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 closing of each regular session.

9. That the following recommendations be adopted: In as much as there seems to be a sense of a general need of a more adequate supply and better quality of denominational literature for the various phases of our work. We therefore recommend:

1. A closer co-ordination of effort on the part of those responsible for production.

2. Those responsible for productions in the field of Sunday School, League and Auxiliary confer freely with our Board of Publication and Literature relative to the needs and wishes of our people throughout the bounds of the National Association.

10. That the report of the Foreign Mission Board be adopted.

11. That the report of the Treasurer Business Manager of the Bible College be adopted.

12. We recommend that the National Association become an associate of the National Association of Evangelicals.

13. That we pay the travel expenses of Dr. R. L. Decker who appeared before the General Board, which amounted to \$25.00.

This report was passed upon by items and all were adopted.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

In Joshua 17:14-18 we read of a great task of a great person, Joshua, who was to divide the land of Canaan among the tribes of Israel. Joshua comes to the tribe of Joseph—"The children of Joseph spoke unto Joshua saying, why hast thou given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing **I am a great people**, forasmuch as the Lord hath blessed me hitherto"? Joshua replied: "If thou be a great people, then get thee up to the wood country, and cut it down."

1. **A great people is a people who depends mightily upon God.** This is characteristic of Israel and all of God's great through the unfolding generations. They have been the people who have looked to the hills from whence come their help. From the day Abram went out not knowing whither he went; from the hour his footfalls were heard in the overland march through the empires; from the time Joshua began serving the Lord until Israel settled in the Promised Land and on they depended upon God. The voice of God speaks, and those who depend upon Him **achieve**. Dependence upon God reveals faith in God and guarantees notable achievements. If you want to read a roster of some of the world's truly great, read again the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. All of these had a great faith. It is this same characteristic that throws light upon the starting of our denominational enterprises, on the faith of our fathers, upon the sacrifices of our people, upon the forward pace of our churches, and upon the expansion of our work.

2. **A people is great because it has done great things for God.** Only by concrete examples of devotion and faithfulness can one merit the right to be called great. "The Lord hath blessed me." Their beginning was small, but their progress and growth were marked. Their record was noble, thus their future was bright and challenging. Free Will Baptists believe in God's Word. I am more concerned that they continue so than to have all the oil fields, gold and cattle on a thousand hills. We must cling to the "pearl of great price." Let us cling to God and His Book as our dearest possession, our matchless message, and let us point the lost to it as their only hope.

3. **A great people will undertake great things for God.** To depend on God is great. To achieve is great, but most of all we must have ambitious adventure for the present—"I am a great people"—present tense. Joshua replied—"Thou art a great people, and hast great power: Thou shalt not have one lot only; but the mountains shall be thine." What a compliment, a challenge, but also a responsibility. If Joshua were here today he would bid us go out, and up, and on conquering the mountains, seas, and lands for the Lord. We must accomplish not just acclaim. We are not to construct a lounge for rest, but on our achievements use it as a spring board from which to leap to fields of greater action. We must prove our greatness by our love for lost souls. We must sacrifice with a heart warmed with love. Organization is not only good, but vital to do our best for the Lord. We cannot substitute organization for evangelization; if so a moral and religious stupor will follow; later spiritual paralysis. When the blood stream of Christianity becomes poisoned stagnation and spiritual paralysis takes place. We dare not, we must not betray a lost world. We must preach to lost people everywhere. We must teach and sing the story with Jesus—of Jesus and His love, of Jesus and His glory.

This is my message to you as Executive Secretary. A detailed report was given to the General Board. The activities of all boards will be found in their respective reports. Below are the statistics reported by the states to me:

NATIONAL STATISTICS

District Associations or Quarterly Meetings.....	145
Churches in the states.....	2,886
Church Parsonages.....	82
Church Members in states.....	221,317
Ordained Ministers.....	2,276
Licensed Ministers.....	383
Sunday Schools.....	1,438
Pupils in Sunday Schools.....	48,627
Free Will Baptist Leagues.....	629
Enrolled in F. W. B. Leagues.....	9,417
Women's Auxiliaries.....	263
Prayer Meetings.....	708

FINANCIAL REPORT

Value of church buildings and equipment.....	\$1,420,079.22
Value of church parsonages.....	121,273.00
Value of Denominational Property—camps, orphanages, printing presses, etc.....	172,620.00
Total paid for pastoral and evangelistic services.....	284,314.86
Total paid for buildings and equipment.....	226,183.54
Total paid out for all other purposes not included above as for Christian Education, Foreign Missions, etc.....	83,405.24

ANNUAL BUSINESS REPORT
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE
TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By **J. R. Davidson, Treasurer-Business Manager**

The increase in enrollment during the college year, 1945-46, has necessarily drawn upon those who are responsible for the direction of the college to take on added financial responsibilities. It has been necessary to invest several thousand dollars in additional property and equipment; hence we have realized quite an increase in cost of operation.

We now own property which is estimated to be worth a great deal more than the actual investments. The Administration Building was purchased for \$15,000 and is now estimated to be worth \$25,000. The Sword Building, purchased in October, 1945, for \$10,000, is estimated to be worth \$18,000 at this time. Equipment in use, including the library, would run our assets up to an approximate value of \$50,000. For the privilege of using these materials by the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the training of consecrated talent certainly provokes true gratitude in the heart of every worthy Free Will Baptist. I would like to recommend a season of thanksgiving in the college hour in this session of the Association. How marvelous the achievements in every way, and only four years of history behind us. Our God be praised for it all.

The full financial statement classified by states and special itemization is as follows:

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1946
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Alabama.....	\$ 672.50
Arkansas.....	10.00
Florida.....	543.75
Georgia.....	1,581.35
Illinois.....	313.30
Kansas.....	95.01
Kentucky.....	674.63
Michigan.....	574.90
Mississippi.....	240.78
Missouri.....	1,136.75
North Carolina.....	6,801.96
Ohio.....	154.00
Oklahoma.....	353.99
South Carolina.....	1,631.18
Tennessee.....	2,023.38
Texas.....	953.21
Virginia.....	549.00
West Virginia.....	254.99
Unified Program, Rev. R. B. Crawford.....	3,152.00
Cash Returned on Salaries.....	570.68
National Women's Auxiliary.....	155.00
Station Wagon Fund.....	64.91
Special Gift, National Association, 1945-session.....	318.75
Fund for Missouri Students from State of Missouri.....	32.76
Student Fees.....	1,750.90
Student Room and Board.....	5,176.52
Books.....	555.75
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	249.20
Total Receipts for Year Ending June 30, 1946.....	\$30,591.15

DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1946
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Groceries.....	\$ 2,372.94
Heat, Lights, Water.....	814.75
Telephone.....	166.07
School Supplies.....	732.04
Traveling Expenses.....	671.25
Salaries.....	11,219.62
Labor.....	887.41
Withholding Tax.....	614.07
Books.....	682.75
Promotional Services, Rev. R. B. Crawford.....	1,400.00
Investment in Property.....	10,000.00
Rent.....	249.92
Kitchen and Household Supplies.....	74.74
Maintenance, Equipment.....	1,703.40
Freight.....	21.99
Student Medical Care.....	145.00
Insurance.....	97.50
Honoraria.....	212.00
Bond for Treasurer.....	62.50
Miscellaneous Disbursements.....	618.47
Total Disbursements for Year Ending June 30, 1946.....	\$32,746.43

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance reported June 30, 1945.....	\$ 8,801.41
Receipts for Year.....	30,591.15
Total.....	\$39,392.56
Balance on hand June 30, 1946.....	6,646.13
Cash on hand June 30, 1946:	
In Third National Bank.....	\$ 3,331.91
In American National Bank.....	2,970.59
Cash on hand in college office.....	343.63
Total cash on hand June 30, 1946.....	\$ 6,646.13

FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONTINUED
OTHER RECEIPTS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

From Rev. J. P. Barrow on Salary.....	\$ 20.00
From Rev. L. R. Ennis on Salary.....	120.00
Rev. J. P. Barrow, gift on Swords' Property.....	100.00
Rev. L. R. Ennis, gift on Swords' Property.....	400.00
War Bond on Hand.....	100.00
Accounts Payable in Students' Notes.....	918.79
Accounts Payable, Students in Arrears.....	274.29
Accounts Payable, G. I. Students.....	134.00
Amounts Payable in Postdated Checks.....	387.00
Showers of Provisions valued at.....	53.88

Gifts of Books:

320 Volumes from Alabama Orphanage
45 Volumes from Rev. J. H. Wolfe, Oklahoma

Relative to the allotments given to each state in the Expansion Program during the 1945-session of this Association, I (we) wish to recommend the following adjustments:

Inasmuch as Michigan's allotment calls for a per capita support several hundred per cent above that allotted to any other state, and inasmuch as Arkansas is now a member of this body, my recommendation calls for a division of the Michigan allotment on a fifty-fifty basis with Arkansas. As Michigan's figures now stand, she is supposed to raise \$4,351.66 during the next thirty and one-half months. If this recommendation is adopted, Arkansas would be asked to raise \$2,175.83 by the last of 1948, and Michigan would be called upon for the same amount.

The other recommendation is that \$2,500 of Missouri's allotment be taken from her and given to the state of Oklahoma, which would give the two states an equal allotment of \$7,500.

ANNUAL REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1945-46

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists when convened in Oklahoma City, greetings:

Another year has come and gone. God has extended to us the Free Will Baptist denomination another twelve months in which to spread the gospel in the world. And thank the Lord many of our people have taken advantage of the extended opportunity.

During the past year we have attained unto new accomplishments in the foreign mission department of our denomination such as we have not done in any previous year. We have come into this new associational year with more missionaries on the field, more equipment on the field, more students in our mission schools and more money in the treasury than in any previous year. And with a far greater enlistment of supporters throughout the states than ever before.

Since the last National meeting Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd have gone to the field in Cuba and with them has gone a new jeep which is now proving to be a great blessing on the Cuban field. The people of the denomination purchased the jeep with all necessary attachments at a cost of about \$1,500.00. Plus approximately \$300.00 to cover the cost of shipping to Cuba. I am sure we are all very proud of this worthy investment. Also we are grateful for the fact that the Dodds seem to be so very happy with their new work and that the Lord's benediction is so definitely resting upon them, Bro. and Sister Willey and Sister Yeley as they labor together on the field in Cuba. Brother Willey remains Director over our entire work on the island, Bro. Dodd is Book Keeper-Business Manager and Sister Yeley is now serving in the district around the beautiful town of Vinales about 25 miles north and west of the city of Pinar Del Rio.

At the close of the school year during this past spring it was mutually agreed that Sister Olive Van Syoc would cease her activity with our work in Cuba and return to be with her mother in their home town of Milo, Iowa. Her mother being very ill and needing her care. Miss Van Syoc has been employed for the past two years as teacher of the two children of Bro. and Sister Willey, namely, Tommie and Barbara. She has done a splendid work and is indeed a very efficient teacher. And it is regrettable that she must needs leave the work. But her feeling the need so keenly of returning to her mother and owing to the fact we now have Rev. and Mrs. Dodd on the field who both have teaching ability therefore the agreement was made in a most satisfactory manner and we desire to pay the highest tribute of respect to Miss Van Syoc and to her labors of love with our workers while on the Cuban field.

During the past year we have succeeded in completing the incorporation of the foreign mission board. We are now duly incorporated under the laws of the

state of Tennessee and therefore are in a far better position to serve the denomination more efficiently. The actual cost of incorporation was only \$63.00 plus the necessity of calling the board together a couple times concerning the matter. We are now in a position to legally acquire property for the denomination in any country anywhere.

Another accomplishment for which we are very grateful is the finished payment of the appropriation made a few years ago for the establishing of the Cuban School of Missions. Some will recall that appropriation of \$5,000.00 made in the year 1943. The last \$2,000.00 of that amount was paid during the past year and our workers are now in the process of making some splendid additions to the buildings at the school which are being builded of material that bespeaks permanency in their structure. The buildings now being erected consist of a new kitchen, a new girls dormitory and some addition to the dwelling which is located on the school grounds.

The school was blessed with twenty two students the past year and the coming year promises even more. We now have a work in three of the six provinces in Cuba. Let's be much in prayer that we may be able to spread into every province of the island. And remember our hope lays in the success of the school in which we train the native ministers and workers.

Concerning the work in India, Sister Laura Belle Barnard writes that the Lord is blessing very graciously. Our school of missions located near Kotagiri is making marked progress. It has climbed from a student body of ten and twenty to a number now consisting of forty and fifty, with prospects for even more. Miss Barnard writes that the Lord is also blessing her personal ministry in a very precious way. Of course the crying need on the India field continues to be that of workers. One regrettable thing is that the great opportunity in Purnea District had to be turned down during this past year all because we had not enough workers there to man the field. We yet have no workers to send and Miss Barnard continues to plead for help. Miss Barnard is doing her best; but can only do so much. Let us continue to pray that the Lord will somehow supply this great need.

We are happy to report the book written by Miss Barnard, titled, "His Name Among All Nations", is now in the process of being published. The work is being done by the Ambrose Printing Company of Nashville, Tennessee and deliverance of the finished book is promised by September 1, 1946. The Chairman of the Board visited the Printing Company very recently and his report is very satisfactory concerning the quality and the progress of the work. This is a book on world wide missions, the last part of which is devoted exclusively to the progress of Free Will Baptist Missions, and promises to be a great blessing to our entire denomination upon its becoming available for use. Miss Barnard spent no little time in its preparation. Much labor and research has gone into this book. The book will be distributed from the Foreign Missions Office in Monett, Mo. You will please watch for the announcement of the same in our church papers.

Most of our people are familiar with the fact of the financial crisis through which we passed during January, February and March of the past year. Those were indeed dark days for our foreign mission program; but, as is so often true, the Lord worked it all out to a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. As a result of the trying experience we are farther ahead in our missionary work by far than we have ever been before. It was good for all of us. It has proven definitely to be a blessing in disguise. We have found out more about what we can do. We have seen more clearly what we MUST do. It has left our missionary department more grounded and firmly established than it has been since its beginning. The foreign mission board wishes to express to all, their sincere gratitude for the way our people over the states arose and met the crisis immediately upon their being informed of the truth of the situation. It resulted in the receiving of six and one-half thousand dollars into the treasury in one thirty days, the like of which we have never done before in the department of foreign missions. The itinerate work continues to prove a great blessing. In every case it has brought to the treasury considerable more than the cost of carrying it on.

The Chairman of the board has not done a great deal in the itinerate work during the past year, having spent only a little over four and one-half weeks on the field. For this time spent, I have drawn \$235.00 and \$147.00 for travel expense. As a result of this, a little over four and one half weeks on the field, we received in offerings a total of \$648.37. However, we have been very busy a lot of the time in correspondence, reaching our people through our papers, contacting them with several thousand circular letters, and in the distribution of six thousand copies of a special missionary edition of the Free Will Echo. The results obtained by these contacts made through the mail have been very noticeable and indeed gratifying.

Rev. Kenneth Turner has been very busy most all the year with the missionary picture services. Having spent 310 days on the field, in which he conducted itineraries in twelve different states, holding 208 different services. The offerings taken in as a result of these services amounted to \$5,203.60. The total expense of carrying on this work amounted to \$2,828.63, leaving a balance clear of \$2,374.97. During these services 31 were in the altar for consecration to christian service.

In conclusion we would like to bring to your attention this fact, that is, a seven thousand dollar gain over that of last year. In fact we have been noticing a similar gain in receipts each year over a period of several years past. This year we have a grand total of over \$32,000.00 with a balance of considerable over \$5,000.00 in the treasury July 1st. We have been driving hard for a reserve in the treasury of at least ten thousand dollars and it is indeed gratifying to know we came into this new associational year with well over half that amount. May the Lord be praised and may our people continue to catch the vision of the whitened harvest fields the world around. The financial report follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1946

Brought forward from last year.....\$ 4,458.92

Received by states during past year as follows:

North Carolina.....	6,126.18
Missouri.....	5,241.94
Tennessee.....	2,013.62
Ohio.....	1,691.83
Alabama.....	1,188.55
Georgia.....	1,157.64
South Carolina.....	958.94
Kentucky.....	745.03
Texas.....	921.08
Michigan.....	837.62
Illinois.....	793.97
West Virginia.....	642.79
Oklahoma.....	365.05
Florida.....	352.49
Mississippi.....	229.55
Arkansas.....	201.58
California.....	161.25
Virginia.....	10.00
Kansas.....	10.00
New Jersey.....	5.00
New York.....	5.00
Idaho.....	2.00
Womens National Auxiliary Convention.....	1,660.52
National Unified Program Fund.....	2,364.00
Prayer Band at F. W. B. Bible College.....	23.00

Offering taken at Bible Conference.....	256.88
Offering taken at National Association 1945.....	173.52
Trinity Church and S. S. Nashville, Tenn.....	68.60
Turned in by Rev. Damon Dodd.....	59.47
Total.....	\$28,138.15
Grand Total.....	\$32,597.07
Total disbursements during past year.....	27,280.75
Balance in treasur July 1, 1946.....	\$ 5,316.32

Winford Davis, Treasurer

EXPENDITURES**INDIA**

Miss Laura B. Barnard, salary.....	\$ 720.00
Miss Laura B. Barnard, for living quarters.....	180.00
For promotional work in India.....	525.00
	\$ 1,425.00

CUBA

Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey, salary.....	\$ 1,800.00
Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd, salary.....	1,080.00
Miss Bessie Yeley, salary.....	720.00
Miss Olive Van Syoc, salary.....	600.00
Promotional fund for work in Cuba.....	5,400.00
For support of Cuban School of Missions.....	4,200.00
Rent on living quarters for missionaries in Cuba.....	495.00
For hospitalization of American Missionaries in Cuba.....	80.00
For additional building at Cuban School of Missions.....	2,000.00
For the purchase of an extra oxen in Cuba.....	75.00
	\$16,450.00

DESIGNATED MONEY

To apply on hospital bill of Tommie Willey.....	\$ 50.00
To apply on hospital bill of Cuca Josue.....	111.00
For the purpose of erecting a house for Miss Yeley.....	300.00
For the purpose of purchasing a pony for Miss Yeley.....	95.00
For the purpose of building a chapel in Cuba.....	150.00
For the purchase of a jeep for the field in Cuba.....	739.39
For the services of Damon Dodd as speaker at Bible Conference.....	50.00
To Miss Barnard as special gifts.....	185.00
	\$ 1,680.39

ITINERATE WORK

To Winford Davis for Itinerate Work.....	\$ 235.00
To Winford Davis, travel expense in Itinerate Work.....	147.00
Kenneth Turner for Itinerate Work.....	2,110.00
Kenneth Turner travel expense in Itinerate Work.....	595.84
Cost of Itinerary arrangement.....	217.31
Rev. Raymond Riggs travel expense in Itinerate Work.....	53.00
Rev. Frank Linton travel expense in Itinerate Work.....	50.00
	\$ 3,408.15

Paid out for office work	\$ 78.25
Upkeep of office including \$20.00 per month rent	301.00
Cost of calling board meetings	563.70
Travel expense of Chairman of Board while on official business	29.50
Travel expense of Missionaries	768.76
Paid to Executive Secretary for promotional work	1,050.00
Cost of advertising (getting out circulars, pamphlets, etc.)	563.81
Cost of incorporating the Board of Foreign Missions	63.00
Cost of communication (postage, wires, phone calls, etc.)	157.66
Initial payment on book which is being published titled "His Name Among All Nations"	500.00
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	\$ 4,075.68

MISCELLANEOUS

Cost of shipping organ to India	\$ 35.81
Cost of excess baggage to Cuba	34.20
Work on book of Recording Secretary	12.00
Henry Melvin travel expense on business trip to Atlanta, Ga.	27.67
Roll of movie film	4.85
Balance on travel expense of Rev. Wiggs and Rev. Riggs visit to the mission field in Cuba	27.00
To Miss Barnard as royalty on the book titled "His Name Among All Nations"	100.00
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	\$ 241.53
	1,425.00
	16,450.00
	1,680.39
	3,408.15
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	4,075.68
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	\$27,280.75

BOARD MEMBERS

Winford Davis
Raymond Riggs
Bert F. Rogers
C. B. Thompson

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists:

We, your Home Mission Board, wish to report on this important phase of our Lord's work. In shame we hesitate as we attempt to report, because of the neglect of this great cause, notwithstanding the fact that "Jesus said" in His commission to the Church, Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; and again we hear the words, But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

I feel that we, as a church, are failing to do the first part of this great commission by witnessing in Jerusalem or in other words at home, and unless there is a revival at home our work is going to suffer more in the future than it is now.

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1945-46

Sept. 5, 1945—R. B. Crawford.....	\$ 400.00
Oct. 20, 1945—Luther Reid.....	3.25
Oct. 25, 1945—R. B. Crawford.....	300.00
Dec. 7, 1945—R. B. Crawford.....	100.00
Jan. 7, 1946—D. B. Hellard.....	27.75
Jan. 7, 1946—Marie Hyatt.....	4.98
Jan. 18, 1946—R. B. Crawford.....	200.00
Jan. 18, 1946—W. A. Irby.....	5.00
Jan. 18, 1946—East Tupelo F. W. B. Church.....	5.43
April 2, 1946—Alice E. Dale.....	6.00
March 6, 1946—Marie Hyatt.....	3.57
April 2, 1946—Francis B. Hall.....	2.00
April 11, 1946—R. B. Crawford.....	140.00
April 17, 1946—L. E. Duncan.....	4.95
May 4, 1946—Mrs. Lester Hall.....	5.00
June 30, 1946—East Tupelo F. W. B. Church.....	4.80
June 30, 1946—Marie Hyatt.....	5.02
June 30, 1946—R. B. Crawford.....	116.00

\$ 1,331.75**EXPENDITURES**

Aug. 13, 1945—R. B. Crawford Promotional Expenses.....	\$ 100.00
Aug. 20, 1945—R. C. Wiggs for Norfolk, Va. Church.....	200.00
Aug. 20, 1945—H. Ray Berry for Huntsville, Texas Church.....	200.00
Sept. 5, 1945—R. B. Crawford Promotional Expenses.....	100.00
Nov. 13, 1945—R. B. Crawford Promotional Expenses.....	100.00
Jan. 18, 1946—R. B. Crawford Promotional Expenses.....	100.00
March 9, 1946—R. B. Crawford Promotional Expenses.....	100.00
April 11, 1946—W. K. Jordan Traveling Expenses to Board Meeting.....	25.00
April 11, 1946—J. B. Bloss Traveling Expenses to Board Meeting.....	11.40
April 11, 1946—J. F. Miller Traveling Expenses to Board Meeting.....	10.00
April 11, 1946—C. B. Dees Traveling Expenses to Board Meeting.....	30.00
May 29, 1946—R. B. Crawford Promotional Expenses.....	100.00

\$ 1,176.40

Receipts.....	\$ 1,331.75
Balance brought forward.....	1,155.71
	\$ 2,487.46
Expenses.....	1,176.40
Balance on hand.....	\$ 1,311.06

Proposed constitution and by-laws of the Board of Home Missions of the National Association of the Free Will Baptists of the U. S. A.

Names and Object

Article 1. The name of this organization shall be the Board of Home Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the U. S. A. The object of this organization shall be to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to people in the U. S. A. who have not heard of the salvation of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, or to people in the U. S. A. who have been neglected and are not receiving proper Christian training.

Membership

Article 2. The Board of Home Missions shall be composed of five members duly elected by the National Association.

Authority

Article 3. The Board of Home Missions shall organize at their own discretion with a chairman and secretary-treasurer, and shall supervise the program of Home Missionaries in the U. S. A. subject to the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Plan of Work

Article 4. The National Board of Home Missions proposes to work in co-operation with State Home Mission Boards where state organizations have State Home Mission Boards.

Article 5. It shall not be the policy of the Home Mission Board to engage in a building program for the time being.

Article 6. This Board shall ever be responsible and answerable to the National Association for all its acts, and shall give an account of all funds received and disbursed at each regular session of the National Association. The expenses shall be paid out of the Home Mission Treasury, salaries and traveling expenses of Home Missionaries shall be agreed upon and ordered by a majority of the members of the Board.

This constitution and by-laws may be changed or amended upon recommendation of the Board of Home Missions, to the National Association, said recommendations to be approved by the General Board.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

By J. C. Griffin, Chairman

Brother Moderator, Officers and Delegates of this great organization of Free Will Baptists,

GREETING:

Our report for the year is very short. We have considered various manuscripts, but due to the fact, that so many problems have arisen in the printing and publication business and the lack of a strong treasury of our own, we have gone a little slowly in our field of endeavor.

We purchased the manuscript from the Literature Department of the Women's Auxiliary and published the Year Book of Programs for 1946. This book has been sold through the Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, N. C., as we have no office of our own for distribution of periodicals, an institution that we hope to see in operation some time.

We have been selling "The One Foundation" which booklet is owned and published by our Board, and receiving a royalty that has turned us in a reasonable profit. We have about 1,000 copies of this booklet on hand with an estimate sales price of \$100.00, which means at a 50-50 profit allocation between our board and the printer we have about \$50.00 in surplus.

We published the new and revised Treatise, under great handicap due to the fact that print paper for extra periodicals has been hard to obtain. We have received a number of compliments from those who have examined the work. This edition of the Treatise sells at 30 cents per copy and is on sale by our denominational presses, at Ayden and Monett. Also can be obtained through the Board at list price.

While the monetary value is the small thing with us: the sole purpose of the institution being that of co-operation with every department of the whole denominational program in such a way that the needed supplies for every department, shall be obtained in the most efficient manner with the greatest of economy.

We have now in typewritten form the manuscript for a Minister's Manual—a book of forms for special services, and just as early as we can contract, we desire to have the work done. We have made some investigations and find that it will take about \$1,000, perhaps to print the book.

We have part of a manuscript on "Evangelism" by Rev. Floyd Cherry which book when printed will be suitable for Sunday School, League and Women's Organizations when in Institute work. This work is not complete in its fullest, but as far as we have gone it is among the best that it has been our privilege to consider.

Remember that the Board of Publications and Literature is a body constituted with great opportunities, but very restricted limitations. We are to use the words of Rev. L. R. Ennis, "Just another printing concern." We can only print or publish that which is donated or purchased, or originated by us. We have no power to confiscate manuscript or any periodical created by any department. Too, we are a new concern, the creative purpose of which is for the unification of the printing industry of the Free Will Baptist denomination. It will take time to accomplish the sole purpose of the creation. But with co-operation, prayers, understanding, long-suffering and patience, perhaps with many failures and unnecessary drawbacks, in a decade or more it can be worked out to the degree, that Free Will Baptists, in the States and foreign field will rejoice in the fullest with every phase of the literature needs realized. With a united front we can, and will succeed, but prayerful co-operation must be had. We cannot force Free Will Baptists to function in one channel, but we can educate them. Free Will Baptists will follow wise leadership, as has been demonstrated. So may we pray much and work patiently until rolling from one centralized institution Literature shall go into all the world.

We started the year with \$555.56 as an old balance. We received from the National Treasurer \$200.00 making a total of \$755.56 in cash. We have Six-Point-Record System plates at the Gem office valued at \$150.00 making a grand total of working capital of \$905.56. We have on hand with all debts paid a balance of cash \$772.27 which profit is from the sale of books and periodicals and royalties. These figures are gathered from the report of the Treasurer to our Board.

MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING

July 17th. Board called together by the Chairman. Prayer by Rev. K. V. Shutes. Report of the Chairman for the National Association was read and accepted and passed on to the National Association proper. Motion by Rev. K. V. Shutes, that Rev. J. C. Griffin be Spokesman to deal with each department as to publication, soliciting, co-operation with every department.

On motion by Rev. K. V. Shutes, and duly sustained; J. C. Griffin and L. C. Johnson, visit the Representatives of the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden at the annual meeting and placed before that body the needs of literature in the various departments.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Griffin, Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT TO NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD**Semi-annual July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945**

Balance brought forward from June 30, 1945.....\$ 1,955.75

Receipts

7- 1-45—F. S. Van Hoose, Unified Program.....	\$ 208.34
7- 6-45—C. L. Kilgore, Va. State Board.....	79.90
7-21-45—F. C. Zinn, Mo. State Board.....	19.50
7-31-45—Ralph Lightsey, Premium.....	6.78
8-21-45—M. L. Johnson, Premium from N. C.....	8.41
8-31-45—M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board.....	27.44
9- 1-45—R. B. Crawford, Unified Program.....	200.00
9-12-45—Brotherhood Quarterly Meeting W. Va.....	2.00
9-12-45—J. C. Clark, Oklahoma.....	6.00
10-25-45—Cecil Campbell, Missouri.....	25.00
10-25-45—M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board.....	16.59
10-25-45—R. B. Crawford.....	150.00
10-25-45—M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board.....	9.91
12- 4-45—Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Alabama State Board.....	18.46
12- 4-45—M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board.....	315.95

Total Receipts December 31, 1945.....1,094.28

Total Credit December 31, 1945.....\$ 3,050.03

Disbursements

7- 7-45—Secretarial Service.....	\$ 10.00
7-26-45—M. L. C. U. Premiums.....	39.50
7-25-45—Secretarial Service.....	10.00
8-20-45—F. C. Zinn, Traveling Expense.....	25.00
9-11-45—R. B. Crawford, Prom. Dept. of N. A.....	100.00
9-11-45—M. L. C. U. Premium.....	16.82
10-16-45—Secretarial Service.....	15.00
10-16-45—M. L. C. U. Premium.....	19.81
11-24-45—Cash for Stamps and Supplies.....	5.00
11-24-45—Secretarial Service.....	10.00
11- 2-45—R. B. Crawford, Prom. Dept. of N. A.....	50.00

Total Disbursements December 31, 1945.....301.13

Balance on Hand December 31, 1945.....\$ 2,748.90

Signed: J. O. Fort, Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT TO NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD**Semi-annual January 1, 1946 to June 30, 1946**

Balance brought forward from January 1, 1946.....\$ 2,748.90

Receipts

1-17-46—M. L. Johnson—N. C. State Board.....	\$ 268.02
1-17-46—A. D. Ivey—Ga. State Board.....	61.18
1-18-46—R. B. Crawford—Unified Program.....	50.00
1-18-46—M. L. Johnson—N. C. State Board.....	40.98
1-18-46—W. G. Prude—East Tupelo Church.....	10.78
1-18-46—Mrs. J. C. Clark—Okla. City W. M. Aux. Okla.....	7.00
1-26-46—F. C. Zinn—Mo. State Board.....	7.00

1-26-46—F. C. Zinn—Prem. for Albert Halbrook.....	\$ 11.69
1-25-46—A. D. Ivey—Ga. State Board.....	16.00
1-31-46—M. L. Johnson—N. C. State Board.....	28.05
1-19-46—M. O.—Miss. State Board.....	10.00
1- 5-46—R. B. Crawford—Unified Program.....	100.00
3- 6-46—M. L. Johnson—N. C. State Board.....	28.92
3- 6-46—M. L. Johnson—N. C.....	36.66
3- 6-46—M. L. C. U. (Refund).....	2.27
4- 8-46—M. L. Johnson—N. C.....	13.53
4- 8-46—M. L. Johnson—N. C.....	29.26
4- 8-46—R. B. Crawford—Unified Program.....	80.00
4- 8-46—L. R. Ennis—For Prem.....	25.03
4- 8-46—M. L. Johnson—Prem. for Barrow.....	12.53
4- 8-46—Mrs. Frances B. Hall—N. C.....	2.00
4- 8-46—Mr. Fell Moore—Ill.....	5.10
4- 8-46—W. G. Prude—Miss.....	2.47
4- 8-46—M. J. Johnson—Prem. for Rivenbark.....	13.53
5-28-46—R. B. Crawford—Unified Program.....	70.00
5-28-46—M. L. Johnson—N. C.....	24.50
5-28-46—R. B. Pyle—Ga.....	36.24
5-28-46—R. B. Crawford—Unified Program.....	40.00
5-28-46—M. L. Johnson.....	8.16
5-28-46—Damon Dodd—Prem. on Policy.....	10.87
5-28-46—Winford Davis—Prem. on Policy.....	16.86
5-28-46—Ralph Lightsey—Prem. on Policy.....	9.87
5-28-46—Kenneth Turner—Prem. on Policy.....	14.67
5-28-46—Cash.....	2.00
6-25-46—M. L. Johnson—N. C.....	30.00
6-25-46—H. L. Caterett—Prem. on Policy.....	27.32
6-25-46—R. B. Crawford—Prem. on Policy.....	12.07
6-25-46—R. B. Crawford—Unified Program.....	40.00
6-25-46—Mrs. J. B. Bloss—Ala.....	12.83
6-25-46—Homer Nelson—Prem.....	22.00
6-25-46—H. L. Knighton—Prem.....	16.06

Total Receipts June 30, 1946.....	1,255.45
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Total Credits June 30, 1946.....	\$ 4,004.35
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Disbursements

1-17-46—R. B. Crawford—Prom. Dept. N. A.....	\$ 50.00
1- 2-46—W. C. Homes—Prem. on Bond.....	5.00
1-22-46—Ledger.....	1.20
1-31-46—Secretarial Service.....	10.00
2-26-46—To M. L. C. U.....	81.11
3- 4-46—To M. L. C. U.....	120.11
3- 4-46—Secretarial Service.....	10.00
3-11-46—R. B. Crawford—Prom. Dept. N. A.....	100.00
4- 5-46—To M. L. C. U.....	140.14
4- 6-46—To M. L. C. U.....	27.06
5- 7-46—Secretarial Service.....	10.00
5-27-46—R. B. Crawford—Prom. Dept. N. A.....	50.00
5-27-46—To M. L. C. U.....	49.08
6- 4-46—To M. L. C. U.....	24.48
6- 4-46—To M. L. C. U.....	105.84
6-12-46—To M. L. C. U.....	18.62
6-12-46—Secretarial Service.....	10.00
6-18-46—To M. L. C. U.....	32.12

Total Disbursements June 30, 1946.....	\$ 844.76
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Grand Total Credits June 30, 1946.....	\$ 4,004.35
Grand Total Disbursements June 30, 1946.....	844.76
Balance on hand June 30, 1946.....	\$ 3,159.59

Signed: J. O. Fort, Treasurer

UNIFIED PROGRAM REPORT

R. B. Crawford, Treasurer

Money Received from States: Alabama—\$356.43, Florida—\$33.30, Georgia—\$7.31, Illinois—\$226.80, Kentucky—\$114.85, Michigan—\$265.64, Mississippi—\$10.00, Missouri—\$1,926.60, North Carolina—\$2,123.35, Ohio—\$166.62, Oklahoma—\$43.64, Tennessee—\$735.56, Texas—\$246.00, Virginia—\$108.59, West Virginia—\$33.68, National Woman's Auxiliary Convention—\$1,279.02, from Brother Van Hoose—\$20.50, Total from States—\$7,909.35.

Money Paid Out To: Rev. J. R. Davidson—\$3,152.00, Rev. Winford Davis—\$2,364.00, Rev. C. B. Dees—\$1,576.00, Rev. J. O. Fort—\$788.00, Total \$7,880.00. Paid out to Mrs. Gibson and Rev. R. B. Crawford but replaced—\$20.46, Total—\$7,909.35.

Money from States to Bank—\$7,909.35, paid out—checks, \$7,900.46, Total Amount in the Bank—\$8.89.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We, your Committee on Temperance, humbly and prayerfully submit the following report:

Whereas, there is a national and international shortage of bread and cereals made from grain; and

Whereas, We the Free Will Baptist Church of the United States of America, have already registered, in our Church Covenant, an objection to all the use and sale of Alcoholic Beverages; Be it resolved

No. 1. That this body register an objection to the use of grains, or potatoes in the manufacture of Alcoholic Beverages. Thereby taking food from hungry mouths to supply an unnatural, and damnable appetite.

No. 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent, by personal registered letter, to the President of the United States, and to the Speaker of the Congress Sam Rayburn, by our National Executive Secretary.

No. 3. That the Chairman of this Committee, Rev. Mark Lewis, be allowed to read to this body now in session, Resolution No. 3 of last year's report of Temperance Committee, and be given time, not to exceed ten minutes (10) to discuss same.

No. 4. That Resolutions Nos. 2 and 3 of the last year's report be re-adopted and put in the Minutes of this year.

Signed Your Committee.

Chairman—Rev. Mark Lewis
Secretary—Rev. Homer Nelson

Items 2 and 3 of the Temperance Report of last year are as follows:

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.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolved that registration cards be printed and distributed to delegates, ministers and visitors upon arrival at the annual sessions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists so that the moderator and others who need such cards may have the names of delegates for organizational purposes.

2. Resolved that the clerk of this association draft a letter of appreciation to the Board of Education of Oklahoma City for the use of the local school cafeteria.

3. Resolved that a standing vote of thanks be extended to the Free Will Baptist churches of Oklahoma City and all other churches and friends who have helped in any way to make this session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists a most enjoyable one.

4. Due to the excessive expense involved in entertaining this session of the association, and since the registration fees will not meet these expenses, the Resolution Committee recommends the receiving of a public offering at this time.

By the Committee

Chairman—Rev. C. F. Bowen.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS REVISED BY THE 1946 SESSION AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

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 coordination with us, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better denominational government.

ARTICLE I

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

ARTICLE II

Purpose—The object 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 in 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 the 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 from within the bounds of the District Association. Districts in the state 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.

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 paid 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 closing of each regular session.

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 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 three of 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 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 threes 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 threes, 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 threes, and shall, in actual practice, effect or result in a reclassification and biennial election of all trustees in groups of fives. Under this option, if elected, trustees shall be chosen by the National Association biennially in groups of fives, 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, 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.