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General Officers of the National Association

For the Year 1947-1948

Rev. L. C. Johnson, Moderator	Nashville 5, Tennessee
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518 Woodland Street	
Rev. R. B. Crawford, Executive Secretary-Treasurer	Nashville 5, Tennessee
3609 Richland Avenue	

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Chairman or Secretary of Boards

General

Rev. J. F. Miller	R-3, Farmington, Missouri
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Foreign Missions

Rev. Winford Davis	202 Euclid, Monett, Missouri
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Home Missions

Rev. J. F. Miller	R-3, Farmington, Missouri
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Free Will Baptist League

Rev. C. F. Bowen	518 Woodland St., Nashville, Tennessee
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College Trustees

Rev. John L. Welch	1409 10th Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
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College Business Manager

Rev. Henry Melvin	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee
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Superannuation

Rev. J. O. Fort	Jakin, Georgia
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Publications and Literature

Rev. J. C. Griffin	Morehead City, North Carolina
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Sunday School

Rev. John West	8303 Utica Tulsa, Oklahoma
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Boards

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

General Board—Rev. H. R. Berry, Houston, Texas; Rev. John H. West, Tulsa, Okla.; Rev. Mark Lewis, St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. Homer Parker, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Rev. Edgil Howard, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. E. M. French, New Port, Tenn.; Rev. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.; Rev. F. S. Vanhooose, Paintsville, Ky.; Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, Wilson, N. C.; E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.; Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Moultrie, Ga.; Rev. D. E. Bias, Huntington, W. Va.; Rev. Wallace, Malone, Sesser, Ill.; Rev. C. J. Sizemore, Pedro, Ohio; L. E. 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. C. B. Thompson, Houston, Texas, (1948); Rev. Raymond Riggs, Detroit, Mich., (1949); Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., (1950); Rev. B. F. Rogers, Drumright, Okla., (1951); Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Goldsboro, N. C., (1952).

Home Missions—Rev. W. K. Jordan, Kinston, N. C., (1948); Rev. J. F. Miller, Farmington, Mo., (1949); Rev. C. B. Dees, Aurora, Mo., (1950); Rev. J. B. Bloss, Leeds, Ala., (1951); Rev. Harry E. Staires, Tulsa, Okla., (1952).

Free Will Baptist League—Mrs. Huey Gower, Nashville, Tenn., (1948); Rev. Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tenn., (1949); Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Shawnee, Okla., (1950); Rev. C. F. Bowen, Nashville, Tenn., (1951); Rev. Robt. B. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn., (1952).

Superannuation—Rev. J. O. Fort, Jakin, Ga., (1948); Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, Wilson, N. C., (1949); Rev. F. C. Zinn, Flat River, Mo., (1950); G. W. Cloud, Jacksonville, Fla., (1951); Rev. D. W. Hansley, Folkstone, N. C., (1952).

Literature and Publication—Rev. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C., (1948); Rev. L. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tenn., (1949); L. E. Duncan, Tupelo, Miss., (1950); Rev. Ralph Staten, Pocahontas, Ark., (1951); Rev. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala., (1952).

Sunday School—Mrs. L. E. Ballard, New Bern, N. C., (1948); Rev. R. B. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn., (1949); Rev. John H. West, Tulsa, Okla., (1950); Rev. Luther Gibson, East Tupelo, Miss., (1951); Rev. M. L. Sutton, Fort Worth, Texas, (1952).

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

Ministers in Attendance

Alabama—K. V. Shutes, Cordova; Harry L. Mitchell, Birmingham; J. B. Bloss, Leeds; H. L. Knighton, Phenix City.

Arkansas—Wayne Tucker, Pocahontas; Homer Parker, Pine Bluff; I. R. Gates, Peach Orchard.

Florida—C. J. Pitts, Jacksonville.

Georgia—F. B. Cherry, Blackshear; Paul Irvin, Leary; E. B. Joyner, Alma; P. E. Knighton, Blakely; E. C. Morris, Tifton; Ralph Lightsey, Moultrie.

Illinois—Gordson C. Olson, Berwyn; Miss Opal Hiltibidal, Walnut Hill; Leonard E. Harris, Chicago.

Kansas—Harold Hoover, Arcadia.

Kentucky—Horton Davis, Catlettsburg; F. S. Van Hoose, Paintsville; Herbert French, Catlettsburg.

Michigan—Raymond Riggs, Detroit; Edgil Howard, Detroit; C. R. Riggs, Detroit; H. E. Willis, Detroit; Newton P. Gates, Detroit.

Mississippi—George C. Lee, Calhoun City; L. C. Johnson, East Tupelo; Luther Gibson, East Tupelo.

Missouri—J. A. Miller, Farmington; Cecil Campbell, Wheaton; O. T. Allred, Monett; Mark Lewis, St. Louis; Mrs. Marie Hyatt, Centerview; B. R. Scott, Mountain Grove; John Rogers, Fredericktown; F. C. Zinn, Flat River; Winford Davis, Monett; Kenneth Turner, Monett.

North Carolina—L. B. Manning, Fountain; Chester H. Pelt, Office of Chaplain, Pope Field, Fort Bragg; F. A. Rivenbark, Wilson; R. C. Alexander, Robersonville; Billy Melvin, Durham; David W. Hansley, Folkstone; Maurice W. Roach, Durham; W. R. Williams, Kenly; Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Davis; S. A. Smith, Beulaville Henry Melvin, Durham; D. W. Alexander, Bethel; M. L. Johnson, Lucama; W. K. Jordan, Kinston; A. L. Reynolds, Rocky Mount; J. C. Griffin, Morehead City; E. G. Holland, Kenly; R. N. Hinnant, Micro; R. P. Harris, Kenly; J. W. Alford, Columbia; W. H. Calvert, North Belmont; Alva Ellis, Asheville; Jas. A. Evans, Middlesex; J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton.

Ohio—Russell Milam, Minford; Clarence Herles, Wheelersburg; W. O. Doll, Waverly; Jacob C. Lee, Sciotoville; W. J. White, Portsmouth; Homer Nelson, Wheelersburg; David Widdig, Wheelersburg.

Oklahoma—Marvin P. Dalton, Tulsa; Harry Stairs, Tulsa; Melvin Bingham, Oklahoma City; D. H. O'Donnell, Wewoka; E. A. O'Donnell, Ada; Bert F. Rogers, Drumright; Willard Day, Tulsa; Orbin H. Doss, Wewoka; John H. West, Tulsa.

South Carolina—David R. Cronk, Columbia; Paul J. Ketterman, Pamplico; Louis A. Holliday, Manning.

Tennessee—George Dunbar, Chuckey; Adam Scott, Ashland City; J. L. Welch, Nashville; Noah Tuttle, Ashland City; Huey Gower, Nashville; George Ludwig, Nashville; Robert Crawford, Nashville; Thurman Pate, Knox-

ville; J. R. Davidson, Nashville; E. M. French, Newport; Fred L. Bradshaw, Sparta; Clarence Bowen, Nashville.

Texas—C. B. Thompson, Houston; M. L. Sutton, Arlington.

Virginia—W. A. Hales, Norfolk; M. C. Roscholar, Norfolk.

West Virginia—D. E. Bias, Huntington; Harold Dunlap, South Charleston; James M. Herald, Tad.

Cuban Missionaries—Rev. Thomas Willey and Miss Bessie Yeley.

Delegates Enrolled

Arkansas—Mrs. Lorene White, Mrs. Homer Parker, Mrs. C. E. Williams, Mrs. Harry Mitchell, Daniel J. O'Donnell, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Mrs. Joe Ledlow, Mrs. J. B. Bloss.

Arkansas—Mrs. Lorene White, Mrs. Hober Parker, Mrs. C. E. Williams, W. S. Smith.

Florida—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Owen.

Georgia—W. R. Langford, G. C. King, S. O. Jones, Paul Irvin, Mrs. Ralph Lightsey, G. W. Cloud, Mrs. G. W. Cloud, Mrs. C. J. Pitts.

Illinois—Miss Lorene Norris.

Kentucky—B. H. Cox, Mrs. Ernest Griffith.

Michigan—Mrs. Anna Lee Collins.

Mississippi—Paul Long, L. E. Duncan, Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson.

Missouri—La Verne Miley, Mrs. Cecil Campbell, Mrs. Winford Davis, Mrs. Jewell Turner.

North Carolina—Alton Reynolds, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Mrs. J. W. Alford, Mrs. J. R. Bennett, R. McLeod, Miss Zalene Lloyd, Mrs. Alice Lupton, Mrs. N. E. Harris, James O. Taylor, W. H. Dail, Levi Hill, Zeb Harrison, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. E. G. Holland.

Ohio—Mrs. Alice Childers, Mrs. Nona Yeley, Mrs. W. J. Sheppard, Mrs. Biane Riddlebarger, Mrs. David Widdig, Mrs. Iona Buchanan, Mrs. Lena Noxsell, Mrs. Burrell Milam, Mrs. Eva Kallner, Mrs. Zellie Jacobs, Mrs. Vina Henning.

Oklahoma—Mrs. Charlie C. Wilson, R. B. Tipton, R. L. Howell, Mrs. Melvin Bingham, Mrs. David Current, Miss Donne Wilson.

Tennessee—J. B. Reding, I. L. Stanley, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Miss Gertrude Bowe, Mrs. Fannie Polston, Mrs. J. E. Simpson, Miss Rebecca Stewart, Mrs. Thurman Pate.

Texas—Ray Trant, Mrs. Ray Trant, Mrs. P. K. Trant, B. B. Trant, Bobby Thompson, Mrs. C. B. Thompson, Mrs. M. L. Sutton, J. M. Lucas, G. R. Bassham.

Virginia—Mrs. Della Salyer, Mrs. Early Hobbs, Miss Edna Davis, Early Hobbs.

West Virginia—Charlie E. Smith, Lois Joanne Patterson, Mrs. Eula

An Error Corrected

On Page 6, under heading "Delegates Enrolled," the first two paragraphs should read as follows:

Alabama—Miss Fay Gilbert, Miss Hazel Cook, Mrs. Albert McSpadden, Mrs. Harry Mitchell, Daniel J. O'Donnell, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Mrs. Joe Ledlow, Mrs. J. B. Bloss.

Arkansas—Mrs. Lorene White, Mrs. Homer Parker, Mrs. C. E. Williams, W. S. Smith.

Nicho'as, F. E. Nicholas, Mrs. John Henson, R. W. Henson, Mrs. D. E. Bias, Mrs. R. W. Henson.

Statistical Reports of Associations by States

Alabama—10 district associations, 127 churches, 11,121 members, 201 ministers, 169 Sunday Schools, 29,342 enrolled in Sunday Schools, 29 churches have Leagues, with 1,473 enrolled, 28 Woman's Auxiliaries. Value of Church property \$230,130.00; Value of parsonage property \$38,000.00; Value of denominational property, F. W. B. Orphanage of Alabama, \$80,000.00.

Arkansas—3 district associations, 124 churches, 6,147 members, 177 ministers, 87 Sunday Schools, with 2,516 enrollment, 15 churches have Leagues with 350 enrolled.

Florida—5 district associations.

Georgia—7 district associations, 103 churches, 7,903 members, 64 Sunday Schools, 20 churches have Leagues, 12 Woman's Auxiliaries, 30 churches have weekly prayer services, 99 ministers. Value of Church property \$171,245.00; Total raised for all purposes \$43,050.03.

Illinois—34 churches with a membership of 2,500. 20 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 800. 6 churches have Leagues with an enrollment of 130. 11 Woman's Auxiliaries. Value of Church property \$100,000.00. Value of denominational property \$3,000.00.

Kentucky—5,238 members, 32 Sunday Schools with 1,480 enrolled. Churches having League 3. Value of Church property \$110,000.00. Raised for all purposes \$9,929.00.

Michigan—4 churches, 386 members, 9 ministers, 4 Sunday Schools, 3 churches have Leagues with an enrollment of 166 and 2 churches have Woman's Auxiliaries. Value of Church property \$43,000.00.

Mississippi—2 district associations.

Missouri—10 district associations, 5,192 members, average number of Sunday School members 1,056, League membership 520, Auxiliary membership 255. Value of church property \$109,160. Total raised for all purposes \$42,595.22.

North Carolina—12 district associations, 341 churches, 36,306 members, 512 ministers, 320 Sunday Schools, 26,400 in Sunday School, 150 Woman's Auxiliaries with 2,723 members. Value of church property \$1,308,300.00. Value of denominational property \$262,147.54. Paid pastors \$163,500.00. Paid out to missions, education, orphanage, etc., \$177,209.00.

Ohio—51 churches, 2,516 members, 76 ministers, 46 Sunday Schools with 2,225 members enrolled, 4 churches have Leagues. Value of church property \$121,800.00. Amount given for Foreign Missions \$1,100.00.

Oklahoma—11 district associations, 168 churches, 25 parsonages, 13,000 members, 253 ministers, 134 Sunday Schools with 6,000 members enrolled, 33 Leagues and 24 Woman's Auxiliaries. Value of church property \$205,000.00. Total reported raised \$51,000.00.

South Carolina—3 district associations.

Tennessee—87 churches, 8,168 members, 3 new churches, 71 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 4,605, 50 weekly prayer services, 24 Leagues with 555 enrolled, 23 Woman's Auxiliaries with 399 enrolled, 87 ministers. Value of church property \$354,763.50, raised for all purposes \$80,950.23.

Texas—5 district associations, 47 churches, 2,520 members, 1,070 enrolled in Sunday Schools, 147 enrolled in Leagues and 95 enrolled in Auxiliaries. Value of church property \$101,900.00. Raised for all purposes \$30,921.31.

Virginia—66 churches, 4,005 members, 101 ministers, 50 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 2,855, number of churches having Leagues 9, with an enrollment of 128, number of Woman's Auxiliaries 7. Value of church property \$107,500.00.

West Virginia—143 churches, 4548 members, 234 ministers, 133 Sunday Schools, 4,954 enrolled in Sunday Schools, 12 churches have Leagues with 200 enrolled, 12 Woman's Auxiliaries. Value of church property \$250,000.00. Value of parsonages \$4,000.00.

PROCEEDINGS

The National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States met in the Eleventh Annual session on July 15, 1947, with the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

The session was opened with a praise and prayer service, after which Rev. Edgil Howard, the Associate pastor of the host Church, gave the welcome address which was followed by a response by Rev. F. S. Van Hoose of Paintsville, Ky. The congregation was led in a hymn by Bro. I. L. Stanley, then the Moderator introduced Rev. M. L. Sutton of Fort Worth, Texas, who brought the Introductory sermon, based on Heb. 12:1. The subject used was "Weights of Sin." The message was very timely and delivered in an impressive manner. At the close of the message "Amazing Grace" was sung and the announcements made by the host pastor after which the meeting stood adjourned until 9:00 a. m., Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Association convened at the appointed time and the song service was led by Rev. Marvin Dalton of Oklahoma, with Rev. Noah Tuttle, conducting the devotions, after which the Clerk called the meeting to business order and turned the session over to the Moderator, Rev. L. C. Johnson.

Motion, that the Moderator appoint an assistant Moderator in the absence of the duly elected one. Rev. Jas. F. Miller was appointed in accordance with the above motion.

Motion, the delegates be seated subject to the approval of the Credentials Committee.

COMMITTEES

Credentials—Revs. F. B. Cherry, Louis A. Holliday, M. L. Johnson and Mark Lewis.

Committee on Committees—Mrs. J. E. Frazier, L. E. Duncan, Revs. R. P. Harris, Homer Parker and John West.

Then the assembly was led in a hymn by Mr. I. L. Stanley, after which the business was resumed.

Motion, the Program be adopted with necessary changes.

At this time, a report of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention was read by Mrs. Marie Hyatt and received as information by the body.

Motion, the report of General Board be received at proper time for discussion and disposition.

The congregation was led in a hymn by Rev. Luther Gibson.

The next item of business was the reading of a report from Free Will Baptist Press by Rev. D. W. Alexander and the same was received as information.

Motion, that the body be recessed until 11:00 a. m.

After a brief recess the Association re-assembled for the morning devotions and worship. The host pastor, Rev. Raymond Riggs, introduced Dr. William G. Coltman, who brought greetings from the City of Highland Park.

After the splendid message by Dr. Coltman, the moderator delivered his message according to the program, the message was a sermon of information, inspiration, and Biblical direction for the Association and denomination.

The Association adjourned for the noon hour.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The body re-assembled and was led in devotions by Rev. Homer Parker, after which the body was called into business session.

Motion, the partial report of Credentials Committee be adopted and the delegates officially seated.

Committee on Committees made report and same received and adopted, (See report).

The Executive Secretary read his report and the same was received and adopted by the body. (See report).

Report of Board of Publication and Literature was read and a motion made to take it up section by section for discussion and disposition. After discussing all items of the Report of Board of Publication and Literature it was adopted with certain amendments and substitutions. (See report).

The time now having arrived for an address, the Moderator suspended the business and Dr. H. H. Savage of Pontiac, Mich., a representative of the National Association of Evangelicals was introduced to the audience and he delivered a very forceful and inspiring message on the work of the N. A. E. After the message of the afternoon the business was resumed and various items of the report of the Board of Publication and Literature was discussed and adopted. Then a motion to adjourn was made and the meeting was dismissed with prayer by Rev. F. A. Rivenbark.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

At 8:00 P. M. the body re-assembled for the evening services. The entire evening was given over to Foreign Missions interests. Rev. Raymond Riggs, the Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board was in charge. Rev. T. H. Willey and Miss Bessie Yeley were present from the Cuban Mission Field, and both brought inspiring and helpful messages concerning the work in this particular field. Rev. Kenneth Turner, a foreign mission promoter, showed some picture slides which he recently made in Cuba. These pictures were greatly enjoyed by the vast audience. Rev. Winford Davis, Promotional Secretary and Treasurer of the Board read his annual report and recommendations which were received and adopted. At the close of messages and reports an invitation was extended for young people to volunteer their services to the mission cause and there were twenty who responded to the call, this was followed with a prayer of consecration. Just before the meeting adjourned there was an offering taken for foreign missions which amounted to \$291.80, the meeting was dismissed.

THURSDAY MORNING

The body was re-assembled and Rev. R. N. Hinnant led in a congregational hymn, the devotions were conducted by Rev. Harry Staires, then the Moderator called for the business of the morning.

The report was given of the Superannuation Board by the Chairman, Rev. C. F. Zinn. The same was discussed and adopted by the body. (See report).

Treasurer's report was read and adopted (See report).

Temperance Committee made report and the same was received and adopted (See report).

Motion, a copy of the Temperance report be sent to proper authorities in Washington, D. C.

Motion, the report of the General Board be read and disposed of item by item. After certain recommendations and amendments the General Board's report was adopted (See report).

At this time the Moderator recessed the business for the morning devotions and worship.

The body being assembled for worship, Dr. Leonard Earl Harris led in some worshipful hymns and rendered special hymns which were greatly enjoyed. After the song service, Rev. Ralph Lightsey was introduced as the speaker and he read for his text Luke 23:34. His subject was "The Death Cry of God." The message was delivered in a masterly way and it was believed to have created a greater compassion for the lost. The service was adjourned in usual order.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Re-assembled at appointed time with devotions being led by Rev. Geo. Dunbar and prayer by Mrs. Fanny Polston.

Report of Home Mission Board read and adopted (See report).

The next was the report of the Free Will Baptist League Board which was read and after due discussion it was adopted (See report).

At this time, Rev. Henry Melvin spoke on the Nation-wide League Conference which is to convene with East Nashville Church in 1948, and Rev. R. P. Harris spoke on the Cragmont Assembly. After these talks the business was interspersed with a song, "Wonderful Words of Life."

The Committee on Resolutions made their report consisting of five resolutions, all of which were adopted. (See resolutions).

The Nominating Committee made report and same received, with the results of the following being elected as officers for the coming year: Rev. L. C. Johnson, Moderator; Rev. F. B. Cherry, Assistant Moderator; Rev. E. C. Morris, Clerk; Rev. Clarence Bowen, Assistant Clerk; Rev. R. B. Crawford, Executive Secretary and Treasurer.

A special offering was taken at this time on the expense of entertainment. The amount of offering was \$82.40.

Motion to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Clarence Bowen.

THURSDAY EVENING

The final service of 1947 session convened at the appointed time. Rev. J. W. Welch, Chairman of the Board of Bible College Trustees, was in charge and presided over the evening session. The choir was composed of former students of the Bible College. Prospective students were also recognized

and requested to take part in the service. The Board of Trustees, the Business Manager, the Business Manager-elect and the President-elect were all accorded a place on the program, and were seated upon the platform. The song service was conducted by Rev. Luther Gibson of the 1946 class. Talks were made by Rev. J. R. Davidson, the retiring Business Manager, Rev. Henry Melvin, the elected Business Manager, Rev. L. C. Johnson, the elected President and Rev. J. W. Welch, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. After the talks, the Business Manager rendered his report for the Associational year, the same received and adopted. The entire evening session was very impressive and informative.

The session now having come to a close a motion was made to adjourn the Association to meet with the Pocahontas Church in Pocahontas, Arkansas in its 1948 session. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Homer Parker of Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Report of Credentials Committee

We, the Credentials Committee have examined the Credentials of the following associations and find them to be in order with proper fees: Alabama, \$60.00; Mississippi, \$25.00; Arkansas, \$25.00; West Virginia, \$35.00; Texas, \$35.00; Virginia, \$30.00; Ohio, \$20.00; Tennessee, \$20.00; Kentucky, \$10.00; Michigan (Wolverine), \$10.00; Missouri, \$60.00; Oklahoma, \$65.00; North Carolina, \$65.00; Georgia, \$50.00; Florida, \$35.00; South Carolina, \$15.00; Vouched for \$10.00.

Report of General Board

Minutes of the General Board of the National Association

Motion carried that we adopt the report of the Board of Publication and Literature as given by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

Motion carried that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting at Nashville, Tenn., April 2, 1947, be accepted as read by John H. West.

Motion carried that report of Foreign Missions Board be adopted as read by Rev. Raymond Riggs.

Motion carried that the report of the Executive Secretary be accepted as read by Rev. R. B. Crawford and the following recommendations be adopted.

1. That a revival be held in the month of March, 1948, in all of our churches, and the month of March be designated as National revival month of Information, Inspiration, and Dedication.

2. That we continue our association with the N. A. E., paying into their treasury 3% of our Unified Program Fund.

3. That the teachers of the Christian Workers Institutes be paid a salary of \$75.00 for each session of two weeks, plus traveling expenses.

4. That we continue to work for National Headquarters.

Motion carried that the National Headquarters be at Nashville, Tenn.

Motion carried that the National Association pay for the identification ribbons used at this sitting of the Association.

Motion carried that the report of the Sunday School Convention as given by Miss Gertrude Bowe be adopted as read.

Motion carried that the salary of the Executive Secretary be raised to \$65.00 per week, plus traveling expenses.

Treatise Revision Committee—Rev. J. C. Griffin, Rev. J. F. Miller, Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. Raymond Riggs, Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. S. F. Vanhoose, and Rev. L. A. Holliday.

Officers for General Board—Rev. J. F. Miller, Chairman; Rev. J. L. Welch, Assistant Chairman; Rev. John H. West, Clerk.

Minutes of Executive Committee of General Board

April 2, 1947.
Nashville, Tenn.

Meeting called to order by Rev. J. F. Miller.

Prayer by Rev. Raymond Riggs.

Reading of minutes of previous meeting by John H. West.

Report of Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. R. B. Crawford.

Motion carried to accept report.

Motion carried that we continue present plan of the Unified Program with allocations the same.

Program Committee for the National Association as follows: Rev. Raymond Riggs, Rev. J. F. Miller, Rev. R. B. Crawford, and Rev. L. C. Johnson.

Motion carried the Rev. L. C. Johnson deliver the Associational or Introductory message at the National Association when convened at Detroit, Mich., July, 1947.

Motion carried that traveling expenses of the Committee be paid to this meeting.

Motion carried to adjourn conference.

Rev. J. F. Miller, Moderator,
Rev. John H. West, Clerk.

Report of Executive Secretary-Treasurer and Statistician

Robert B. Crawford

Today I give to you a verse of scripture for you to think of while I report to you as Executive Secretary and Statistician. The scripture verse is Galatians 6:14: "But God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world." May we look for the scarlet thread through this report; it might be a pale red in some places.

In the cross we see the price paid "Who gave himself for our sins that He might deliver us from this present evil world according to the will of God

and our Father."—Gal. 1:4. We have needed more crucified persons unto the world to help save the ones who should be saved. The children of the night should be the children of light. Our denomination need not die, but it needs to die out or be crucified to the world. We have been a people grateful for the crown, but not grateful enough for the cross.

In the cross we see love expressed. There is greater love for God and one another expressed now throughout our denomination. There are trees that one time looked brown, today look green. If we will express sufficient love for God, then there is redemption for us. If we suffer with Him, we will reign with Him. We need to move from the persecuting law of Saul to the faith and the grace expressed by Paul through his redeemed life. When we are glorying in the cross, we are living clean lives. When we recognize the blood offering, then we will give a fruit offering of our first fruits.

Certainly to experience the cross we are forgiven of our past sins. In the life of the cross there is found our **companionship**, "Woman, behold thy son." The National Association recognizes it's sons and daughters; we are asking the states to "behold their mother." We see in the cross the words: Denomination, Denomination, why hast thou forsaken me? And we rally to the cry, we no longer will forsake you. We need the presence and strength of Jesus as He says, "I and my Father are one." With complete surrender we are determined to say, "It is finished" and look to Him and be of cheer for He has overcome the world.

A detailed report of all my activities has been given to your General Board. Detail reports will be given to you by different boards of our National Association. I now give to you a report as given to me by different state statisticians. District Associations or Quarterly Meetings, 170; Churches in the States, 3,467; Church parsonages, 138; Church members in the States, 255,127; Ordained ministers, 2,461; Licensed ministers, 362; Sunday Schools, 2,608; Pupils in Sunday Schools, 72,684; Free Will Baptist Leagues, 692; Enrolled in F. W. B. L., 3,236; Woman's Auxiliaries, 483; Prayer meetings, 1,591.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Value of buildings and equipment	\$3,633,834.41
Value of church parsonages	\$ 612,378.67
Value of Denominational property—camps, orphanage, printing press	\$ 860,727.21
Paid for pastoral and Evangelistic services	\$ 593,238.00
Paid for buildings and equipment	\$ 420,676.83
Paid out for all other purposes not included above as Christian Education, Orphanage, Missions	\$ 193,863.41

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR UNIFIED PROGRAM

Receipts

Balance in Bank—First of the year	\$ 128.90
Alabama	304.62

Florida -----	24.89
Georgia -----	49.75
Illinois -----	100.96
Kentucky -----	173.15
Michigan -----	58.50
Missouri -----	1,978.84
North Carolina -----	2,270.82
Ohio -----	78.31
South Carolina -----	50.00
Tennessee -----	648.74
Texas -----	30.64
West Virginia -----	69.84
National Woman's Auxiliary -----	284.60
National Association (Morris) -----	525.00
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	\$6,648.66

Disbursements

Rev. L. C. Johnson -----	\$ 50.00
Rev. E. C. Morris -----	76.89
Dr. R. L. Decker -----	25.00
Vandy Printing Company -----	18.50
Robert B. Crawford (travel expense) -----	406.33
Robert B. Crawford (Salary) -----	2,400.00
Robert B. Crawford (office rent) -----	20.00
Rev. J. R. Davidson -----	1,120.00
Rev. Winford Davis -----	840.00
Rev. C. B. Dees -----	560.00
Rev. J. O. Fort -----	280.00
Typewriter -----	51.25
Refund to Christian Worker's Institute -----	20.00
Stamps, etc. -----	12.00
Mrs. N. G. Tuttle -----	38.75
Ambrose Printing Company -----	275.20
Telephone and telegraph -----	8.24
Rev. J. C. Griffin -----	31.00
Rev. F. C. Zinn -----	20.00
Rev. J. F. Miller -----	21.50
Rev. John H. West -----	17.50
Rev. Henry Melvin -----	20.00
National Association of Evangelicals -----	100.00
Rev. J. L. Welch -----	78.78
Echo Publishing Company -----	6.65
Mrs. B. T. Young -----	5.00

 \$6,482.59

There is \$439.53 in the National Headquarters Fund.

Annual Business Report of F. W. B. Bible College

To National Association of Free Will Baptists

This will be my final report of the financial standing of our Educational Program to the National Association of Free Will Baptists. For nine consecutive years it has been my responsibility and privilege to keep this information before our people. Permit me to express thanks to all who have lent a helping hand in steering this cause around the rocks and into safe channels financially during the time in which I have labored from June, 1938, to the present. The Business Management of the College Office together with the Treasurership will be turned over to my elected successor the last of August. May God's richest of blessing be upon this little institution, and may the Holy Spirit steer it clear of liberalism, atheism, so-called modernism, and economic wrecklessness as it moves on into expanded fields of service.

My full financial statement for the associational year from July 1, 1946, through June 30, 1947, including income in sundry gifts by states and classifications of expenditures, follows:

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

July 1, 1946 through June 30, 1947

Receipts for Year Ending June 30, 1947

Alabama	-----	\$ 598.12
Arkansas	-----	142.08
Florida	-----	306.69
Georgia	-----	2,188.02
Illinois	-----	371.15
Kansas	-----	198.48
Kentucky	-----	208.06
Michigan	-----	369.12
Mississippi	-----	322.47
Missouri	-----	999.29
North Carolina	-----	6,206.57
Ohio	-----	101.08
Oklahoma	-----	771.52
South Carolina	-----	1,793.63
Tennessee	-----	2,024.83
Texas	-----	1,727.27
Virginia	-----	37.00
West Virginia	-----	227.08
National Unified Program	-----	1,120.00
National Woman's Auxiliary Convention	-----	385.69
Student Fees	-----	(3,192.55)
Room and Board	-----	(7,485.62)

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Books -----	\$ 847.48
Rent -----	200.00
J. R. Davidson, Revivals -----	257.50
Refunds on Salary, Traveling Expenses, and Tax -----	335.24
Inter-Semester School Offerings -----	171.21
Furniture -----	149.00
Zalene Lloyd, On Deposit with College -----	(300.00)
G. I. Fees from Government -----	1,009.82
Pictures and Cuts -----	125.68
Miscellaneous -----	498.31
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	\$34,670.51

Disbursements for Year Ending June 30, 1947

Labor -----	\$ 1,159.48
Salaries -----	12,321.71
Maintenance, Improvements, Equipment -----	2,924.33
Traveling Expenses -----	1,152.91
School Supplies -----	417.35
Telephone -----	189.02
Heat, Lights, Water, Laundry -----	1,127.47
Groceries -----	3,823.64
Kitchen and Household Supplies -----	161.11
Books -----	1,691.37
Honorary -----	430.20
Express -----	4.43
Room Rent -----	427.39
Withholding Tax -----	642.30
Extension Service -----	166.75
Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer, Private Music Fees -----	629.00
Student Refunds -----	216.88
Zalene Lloyd, Refund of Deposit -----	300.00
Student Medical Fees -----	85.00
Printing, Pictures, Cuts and Diplomas -----	228.44
Miscellaneous -----	1,146.78

\$29,245.56

Balance reported June 30, 1946 -----	\$ 6,646.13
Receipts for Year -----	\$34,670.51
Balance on hand June 30, 1947 -----	\$12,071.08

Cash on Hand June 30, 1947

In Third National Bank -----	\$ 5,676.69
In American National Bank -----	5,666.74
On Hand -----	727.65

\$12,071.08

Other Receipts and Accounts Payable

From L. R. Ennis' Salary	\$ 120.00
War Bond on Hand	\$ 100.00
Accounts Payable in Student Notes	\$ 212.05
Accounts Payable, Students in Arrears	\$ 283.18
Accounts Payable, G. I. Student Fees	\$1,083.10

Gifts of Books

Rev. John H. Wolfe, Pawnee City, Nebraska	97 Volumes
Rev. F. B. Cherry, Blackshear, Georgia	25 Volumes
Rev. George Waggoner, Mt. Vernon, Illinois	18 Volumes
Colonel Pendleton, Nashville, Tennessee	6 Volumes

Other Gifts

Shower of Canned Goods, Meats, Potatoes, etc., estimated value	\$37.00
Gifts of Bath Towels, hand towels, tea towels, dish cloths, bath cloths, scarfs, pot-holders, and pillow cases, estimated value	\$24.40

Annual Report National Foreign Missions Board

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Highland Park Church, Highland Park, Michigan, greetings:

We, the Board of Foreign Missions, beg to submit the following report:

Again, as in the years before, we come to the close of another associational year with noticeable gains having been made in the department of foreign missions. More of our people have been reached in the interest of missions, more of them have been enlisted to the support of missions, and more money has been given for the cause of missions than in any previous year. Our total receipts during the past year reached a new high of \$31,430.68 which is a gain over last year of more than three thousand dollars. Putting the brought forward figure with the receipts makes a sum total of almost thirty-seven thousand dollars. While we have been blessed with an appreciable gain in receipts our disbursements have also mounted. There are greater demands on the treasury continually. It increases considerably every year.

Two new missionaries have been sent to the field during the past year, namely, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey to India. Reports are that they are getting settled in their work nicely so far, and we have great confidence that a new day has dawned for Free Will Baptist in India.

We come to this new associational year with several candidates for the fields of Cuba and India. Some few years ago we were searching diligently for missionaries to send out, now we have more applicants than we have money with which to send them.

Concerning Cuba, will say the work is moving forward there with blessing. We now have ten organized churches in the Pinar Association of Free Will Baptists, and approximately 40 preaching stations. Some of these mission stations are practically ready for organization into churches. The

work at the school has progressed nicely through the past school term. The student body this past year amounted to thirty-two in number.

We have a campaign on for the erection of a new and permanent set of buildings at the Cuban School. Some progressive work has been done on a dormitory building for the girls; but it is in great need of being finished. The completion of this part of the new building project is most compulsory before the opening of the next school year. Due to the fact this building campaign for the Cuban School was launched after the setting of our last National Association, we are therefore asking in this report that you, while assembled here in session, kindly approve this campaign the board has seen fit to launch. If you in your wisdom can be pleased to approve this move the board will appreciate it, and will expect to drive harder in the immediate future for the completion of this dormitory building, and for the completion of several other buildings over a period of the next few years.

A very gratifying move has been made during the past year in the interest of our work in Cuba in the securing of our title to the school farm. This is a matter which Bro. and Sister Willey and the Board have been mutually desiring might be taken care of for some length of time. At the time the farm was purchased the Board was in no position to receive title to property in another country. The only thing that could be done was for Bro. and Sister Willey to make the purchase. Therefore in the face of this condition the Board was immediately made an incorporation so as to be able to handle the matter, and your Promotional Secretary went over to Cuba in May of this year and duly received title to the farm for the denomination. We are happy to report that the work with the officials in Cuba went off very nicely, and all concerned were greatly relieved to know the matter was brought to a very agreeable finish. While receiving title to the school farm we also received legal title to the jeep and proceeded to grant Rev. T. H. Willey, our Director in Cuba, Power of Attorney which enables him to legally represent us in Cuba in all legal matters. The Power of Attorney was given with certain limitations which limitations were inserted not only for immediate and present purposes, but were set forth as a precedent for the good of the work in years to come. That you may understand more clearly we give here the exact motion as passed by the Board concerning the matter: "Motion carried that we grant Rev. Thomas H. Willey, our director over the Cuban field, Power of Attorney with limitations as follows: No purchase of any real property to be made which purchase involves a cost exceeding \$300.00 (three hundred dollars); no improvement on real property to be made which improvement exceeds a cost of \$300.00 (three hundred dollars); no real property whatsoever to be sold without permission of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the U. S. A. Purchases and improvements of property which cost exceeds \$300.00 (three hundred dollars) may be made by obtaining permission from the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the U. S. A."

It is with regret we report that Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd were compelled to return to the States in March of this year on account of Sister

Dodd's failing in health. Her Cuban Doctor required her to return to the States for a period of rest and complete relaxation. Let us be much in prayer that the time may speedily come when Sister Dodd's health will be completely regained, and they can make their return to the field. They did such a splendid work what little time they were on the island, and indeed there is much remaining there for them to do. They were dearly loved by the Cubans and it does seem tragic that they must leave; but we must rest on the "all things" scripture of Romans 8:28.

Concerning India we are indeed happy to be able to report that we have new recruits on the India field. It was surely a relief to Miss Barnard to have the safe arrival of Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey to assist her in the work on that great field. Mr. Woolsey took with him a great deal of very useful and helpful equipment—some twenty-four to twenty-six hundred dollars worth. Our people were very liberal in giving for the purchase of this equipment, for which liberality we are very grateful.

The Woolseys and Miss Barnard we are quite sure have plans in the making for the opening up of a new work somewhere in the northern part of India, and possibly will arrange for the continuation of the work in the Kotagiri section also. Let us pray for them earnestly as they shoulder this great responsibility of representing us and the Lord in that far away land. May God give them great wisdom and great grace. We hope that soon other recruits may be added to our staff of missionaries in India. Might say in conclusion of this paragraph that Bro. Woolsey has written very highly of the work Miss Barnard has been doing during the years she has been laboring there.

As to the itinerate work will say not a great deal has been done outside of what Rev. Kenneth Turner has done with his motion picture services. The Secretary-Treasurer has not done a great deal of itinerate work during the year. Have done some however, and have seen some gratifying results. I have done most of my work this year through the mails in mailing out circular letters, missionary papers, many personal letters, etc. Rev. and Mrs. Willey did some itinerate work during their stay in the States in the summer of 1946. Rev. Damon Dodd has also done some itinerate work, and some has been done by Rev. Paul Woolsey during the past year. Wherever and by whoever itinerate work has been done the results as a whole have been favorable. Referring again to Rev. Turner's work, he has spent 327 days on the field conducting itineraries in twelve different states. His total offerings during the year was \$6,161.24. He received \$2,640.00 for his services and the use of his machine, \$864.05 travel expense, and the cost of arranging these itineraries was \$373.05, leaving a balance for the treasury amounting to \$2,284.14. He conducted eleven itineraries in all and traveled 31,471 miles. Sixty-four persons presented themselves to the Lord in these services for special missionary work.

During the latter part of the winter Rev. Turner, together with Rev. Frank Linton, made a trip to the field in Cuba for the purpose of taking a new set of pictures. He was gone four weeks on this trip. However the cost

of this trip was not paid from the treasury. This trip was paid for by friends, and those interested in having the work done.

The Foreign Missions Board has held only one meeting since last National Association. However we have been very busy as a Board; but have tried to take care of most of our work by correspondence so as to save expense. The meeting we held was the annual meeting at the College in Nashville, Tennessee, in April.

Concerning the book written by Miss Barnard, titled, "His Name Among All Nations," will say we are indeed happy to have gotten this fine piece of work out to our people during the past year. We are sure it is proving a great blessing in creating missionary interest among our people. The book has not sold as fast as we had hoped; but of late months the sales have been increasing. We have negotiated with the F. W. B. Press at Ayden, N. C., and they are now handling the book. It may be ordered either from the Press at Ayden, N. C., or from the Mission Office in Monett, Mo. During the past year we received from the sale of this book in exact figures, \$674.00. The Board advanced \$1,712.45 in having between 1900 and 2000 copies of this book printed. This cost together with the Woolseys getting out in the early spring with a travel cost of \$1,500.00 came near causing us to suffer a financial crisis. However, by your help and cooperation we stemmed the tide and overcame the situation without too much hurt. However we are yet greatly in need, and are compelled to operate on a small, and therefore dangerous, margin. We are yet looking forward to the day when Free Will Baptists will become so greatly awakened to this great missionary challenge and will so rally to its support that we can operate on a much larger scale and with a full and established treasury.

We present the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATIONS

No. 1—We ask the National Association to please approve the campaign which was launched early in this association year for the erection of a new and permanent set of buildings at the Cuban School of Missions. The Board is asking that funds be raised not to exceed \$10,000 for this purpose. The buildings to be finished within three to five years.

No. 2—Whereas the Free Will Baptist Missionary program has grown even far beyond our expectations during the past twelve years, and whereas we are not receiving sufficient financial support to meet the demands incurred by this increasing number of volunteers, therefore we recommend the following plan as a means of increasing the support of our people over the many states so as to reach an annual total in receipts to the amount of \$60,000 by the year 1950. Each state which has heretofore been supporting missions in any substantial sum to be given a suggested quota to be raised by the time of the National Association in 1950. These respective quotas to be spread over the ensuing three years with the lesser amount to be given in 1947-48, an increasing amount to be given in 1948-49, and a still larger amount, which will finish the quota, to be given in 1949-50. These respective quotas as suggested based upon the support received from the respective states during the

last number of years, and this plan carried out with the intention of sending out at least two new missionaries each year.

The suggested quota's for nineteen different states as follows:

Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Extension Campaign

Amt. Given In	STATE QUOTA'S FOR EXTENSION CAMPAIGN			
	1946-1947	1947-1948	1948-1949	1949-1950
\$ 6,469.04	North Carolina	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,250.00	\$11,000.00
4,546.75	Missouri	6,000.00	7,250.00	9,000.00
4,072.25	Tennessee	6,000.00	7,000.00	8,500.00
2,076.77	Michigan	3,000.00	3,500.00	4,100.00
1,717.52	Ohio	2,500.00	3,250.00	4,000.00
1,492.00	West Virginia	2,000.00	2,250.00	3,000.00
1,250.33	South Carolina	1,800.00	2,250.00	3,000.00
1,207.78	Oklahoma	1,800.00	2,250.00	3,000.00
1,186.13	Illinois	1,800.00	2,250.00	3,000.00
949.95	Alabama	1,200.00	1,550.00	2,100.00
837.27	Texas	1,200.00	1,550.00	2,100.00
581.82	Georgia	850.00	1,150.00	1,550.00
428.66	Kentucky	850.00	1,150.00	1,500.00
410.20	Florida	700.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
374.86	Mississippi	600.00	850.00	1,200.00
143.00	California	200.00	275.00	400.00
125.16	Arkansas	200.00	275.00	400.00
115.00	Virginia	200.00	275.00	400.00
70.00	Kansas	100.00	175.00	250.00
\$28,090.49	Combined Totals	\$39,000.00	\$47,500.00	\$60,000.00

No. 3—We recommend that Rev. Rashie Kennedy and Rev. Winford Davis be appointed to work out a plan for the promotion of this extension campaign in the appointing of one person in each state as a director and field man in the interest of foreign missions. Each state to have a month named as a month in which a special drive is to be made in the interest of Foreign Missions.

No. 4—We recommend Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk as missionaries to India; the time of their going to be subject to the acceptance of Miss Barnard, and the state of the treasury.

No. 5—We recommend Miss Louise Ferritinno of Durham, N. C., as secretary to the Director in Cuba. Her going to be at the option of the Director.

No. 6—We recommend that the churches over the states be solicited to support one native student each in the Cuban School of Missions to the amount of \$15.00 per student.

No. 7—We recommend that the Promotional Secretary carry on in his

work during the coming year under the same set-up as of the previous year.

No. 8—We recommend the same salaries be paid the missionaries, and the same amount of promotional funds be sent to the foreign mission field as of the previous year.

No. 9—We recommend that Rev. Turner continue his itinerate work with the picture machine on the same basis as of the previous year.

No. 10—We recommend Rev. and Mrs. Maurice W. Roach as field workers in the interest of foreign missions.

The financial report follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

Brought forward from last associational year	\$ 5,316.32
Received as by states during past year as follows:	
North Carolina	\$6,469.04
Missouri	4,546.75
Tennessee	4,072.25
Michigan	2,076.77
Ohio	1,717.52
West Virginia	1,492.00
South Carolina	1,250.33
Oklahoma	1,207.78
Illinois	1,186.13
Alabama	949.95
Texas	873.27
Colorado	656.69
Georgia	581.82
Kentucky	428.66
Florida	410.20
Mississippi	374.86
California	143.00
Arkansas	125.16
Minnesota	125.00
Virginia	115.00
Kansas	70.00
New Mexico	22.00
Nebraska	8.00
New York	6.00
New Jersey	5.00
Idaho	2.00
National Unified Program Fund	840.00
Received from sale of books, "His Name Among All Nations"	674.00
National Auxiliary Convention	419.97
Offering taken at National Association	328.71
Offering taken at Bible Conference	135.77
Given by Rev. C. Vandenburg	85.00

Received from sale of picture poster sets -----	1600
Given by Miss Laura B. Barnard of India -----	10.00
Received as subscriptions to the paper -----	4.00
Refund from the American Express Company -----	1.05
Received as from a friend -----	1.00
Total -----	\$31,430.68
Grand Total -----	\$36,747.00
Total disbursements during past year -----	34,613.71
Balance in treasury July 1, 1947 -----	\$ 2,133.29

Disbursements—Cuba

Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey, salary -----	\$1,800.00
Rev. and Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, salary -----	1,080.00
Miss Bessie Yeley, salary -----	660.00
Allowance for the schooling of Tommie and Barbara Willey -----	630.00
Rev. and Mrs. Willey, rent on house -----	480.00
Hospitalization for American missionaries in Cuba ----	144.00
For promotional work over the Cuban Field -----	5,400.00
For support of Cuban School of Missions -----	4,800.00
Designated for building program at the Cuban School --	1,987.71
Designated to apply on Miss Yeley's house -----	50.00
Designated as gift to Miss Yeley -----	14.15
Designated as gift to Rev. and Mrs. Willey -----	5.50
Cost of re-shipping the Jeep -----	250.00
Express charges on fruit sent to the Cuban School ----	5.26
Designated for typewriter in Cuba -----	60.00
	\$17,366.97

India

Miss Laura B. Barnard, salary -----	\$ 900.00
Allowance for Miss Barnard's living quarters -----	225.00
Promotional fund for India field -----	1,275.00
Designated for work in India -----	30.75
Equipment for Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey to take to India -	2,479.19
Travel to India for Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey, including Passport, visa's and innocations -----	1,548.00
Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey, salary for May and June -----	240.00
Designated for Miss Barnard, personal gift -----	247.00
Designated to purchase Miss Barnard a bed springs and mattress -----	63.00
Designated to support Santha, an orphan girl in India--	35.00
	\$ 7,042.94

Itinerate Work

To Rev. Kenneth Turner for picture services -----	\$2,640.00	
Rev. Kenneth Turner, travel expense in itinerate work--	864.05	
Cost of arranging itineraries for Rev. Turner -----	373.05	
Repair on Rev. Turner's picture machine -----	20.26	
To Rev. Turner for motion picture titles -----	25.00	
Paid out as designated on Rev. Turner's picture tour in Cuba -----	131.00	
Paid for color film \$5.00, cut film \$8.00, enlarging paper \$2.00, which was sent to Bro. Willey -----	15.00	
		\$ 4,068.36
To Winford Davis for Itinerate work -----	\$ 140.00	
Winford Davis, travel expense in itinerate work -----	92.00	
Rev. Damon Dodd, travel expense while in itinerate work	187.88	
Rev. Paul Woolsey, travel expense while in itinerate work	50.00	
Travel to Rev. and Mrs. Willey while itinerating in the States -----	332.04	
		\$ 822.42
To Winford Davis, salary for promotional and sec- retarial work -----	\$ 848.55	
Winford Davis, travel expense while on official business; including trip to Chattanooga, Tenn., to confer with Cuban Consul which was \$72.00 and the trip to Cuba to take care of property transfer which was \$200.00--	385.34	
Rev. Bert Rogers, travel expense while on official business	60.29	
Cost of assembling Foreign Missions Board for busi- ness meetings -----	270.52	
Cost of publishing the book by Miss Barnard, titled "His Name Among All Nations" -----	1,212.45	
Express charges on shipping the books, titled "His Name Among All Nations" -----	54.92	
Cost of copyright on book, titled "His Name Among All Nations" -----	2.00	
Cost incurred by legal procedure for receiving property title in Cuba as follows: Law firm in New York City for Power of Attorney instrument \$100.00; Cuban Consul in Chattanooga, Tenn., \$23.00; to Secretary of the State of Tenn., \$4.00; to County Clerk of Davidson County in Tenn., \$1.50; for Government translation work in Cuba \$34.00; to lawyer in Cuba for council and advice \$25.00; to lawyer Dominador in Cuba for handling transfer of property title \$180.00; Total -----	367.50	
Cost of printing 8,000 copies of special missionary edi-		

tion of Free Will Echo, two editions of F. W. B.	
Missionary Review, totaling 12,000 copies, total cost	434.30
Cost of printing several thousand circular letters	143.90

\$ 3,779.77

Cost Connected with Monett Office

Upkeep of office, including \$20.00 per month rent	\$ 303.18
Office equipment, including a mimeograph machine and a small addressograph machine	161.30
For office and secretarial work	196.00

\$ 660.48

For stationary for all members of Foreign Mission Board	21.00
Cost of advertising, including hand bills, picture cuts, picture poster sets, etc.	155.62
Cost of Cabling money	42.16
Postage	379.57
Telegrams, Cablegrams and Telephone calls	100.74
Travel expense to Miss Bessie Yeley on her return for vacation	50.00
For shipment of Rev. and Mrs. Willey's personal effects from Nicaragua to Cuba	50.00
Miscellaneous	73.68

\$ 872.77

Entire Total\$34,613.71

Winford Davis, Promotional Secretary-Treasurer

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD

For the Years of 1946-47

Amounts Received

August 27-46—Mrs. Fannie Polston	\$ 22.45
August 27-46—Rev. R. B. Crawford	160.00
August 28-46—Mrs. Marie Hyatt	.55
September 30-46—Mrs. Francis B. Hall	2.00
September 30-46—Rev. R. B. Crawford	160.00
October 8-46—W. G. Pride	4.80
October 14-46—Mrs. Fannie Polston	21.55
November 27-46—Mrs. Fannie Polston	33.50
January 20-47—Rev. R. B. Crawford	120.00
January 20-47—Mrs. Fannie Polston	26.36
January 23-46—W. G. Pride	5.43
March 10-47—Mrs. Marie Hyatt	5.00
March 14-47—Mrs. Elza Manning	2.00

March 29-47—Mrs. Fannie Polston	15.78
May 9-47—Mrs. Fannie Polston	29.08
May 10-47—Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Lovering	10.00
May 11-47—W. G. Pride	4.76
May 28-47—Rev. R. B. Crawford	120.00
June 30-47—Mrs. J. E. Baum	2.00
June 30-47—Rev. Oliver Preuitt	8.00
Anonymous	5.00
Total	\$758.26
Amount received for the year closing June 30th, 1947	\$ 758.26
Expenditures for 46-47	
August 6-46—Rev. R. B. Crawford	\$116.00
June 2-47—J. K. Rhoades	100.00
Total	\$ 216.00
Net Income	\$ 542.26
Balance brought forward	1,311.06
Total balance	\$1,853.32
Actual balance	\$2,013.32

Report of Board of Publications and Literature

To the General Board and the National Association:

Greeting:

Our work in the field of publications have been somewhat limited this year, due to the fact that we have not been presented with manuscript from the various departments, and we have not created any for ourselves. The printing of booklets have been unusually high for the past few years, however we have published one of the best booklets, that we have been privileged to see of its kind, namely the booklet, "Why The Atonement was Necessary," by Mrs. Marie T. Hyatt. Every Free Will Baptist should read this booklet. It sells for 15 cents per copy, delivered, or on special prices in lots. We are now considering other manuscript, that will be an asset to our work when published.

Our publications can be obtained from our denominational presses. In addition to the booklet mentioned above, we have sold a large number of "The One Foundation," written by your servant—J. C. Griffin.

Also we have sold about three thousand copies of the Treatise, as revised at Middlesex, N. C., in 1945, in the past two years.

Our receipts for the year with disbursements are as follows: These figures are taken from the Treasurer's books, which are open for inspection.
Brought forward, June 30, 1946

\$772.27

7-17-46—Royalty on "The One Foundation"	3.54
4-1-47—Royalty on Treatise of Faith and Practice	40.00
5-16-47—Royalty on "Why the Atonement was Necessary"	15.00
Total	\$830.81

Disbursements

7-17-46—To J. C. Griffin for traveling expenses, in connection with work for the Board	\$ 25.00
4-1-47—J. C. Griffin, traveling expenses	4.00
4-1-47—L. E. Duncan, traveling expenses	10.00
Total	\$ 39.00
Balance in Treasury 6-30-47	\$791.81

The foregoing report and recommendations are submitted with prayerful consideration with a desire that Free Will Baptist, everywhere, may be able to work together, and preach the doctrine with a solid front to the glory of God, and His church as given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

J. C. Griffin,

Chairman of the Board.

Our Recommendation

Realizing, that the present supply of Treatise will soon be sold, and that there are some of our brethren, who are requesting that we further declare ourselves on certain doctrines, so that all people will know as to where we stand, without any question, and further that there are those who desire a change of terms in disciplinary matters, and there are others saying that we are "Pre" and others saying "we are post" and others saying that "We are non-millennialist" we therefore recommend the following:

1. That the General Board recommend a committee of seven from its membership, and that each State Association or Conference, affiliated with the National Association, elect from its body one member to meet with this National Association electees and that these form a committee whose duty it shall be to draft such revisions as deemed wise and present these revisions at the sitting of the next annual session of the National Association.

2. We recommend those who are elected to this office, study the present Treatise and acquaint themselves with every phase of the work, and that those who come from the various states, take with them, or send to the committee, just such doctrinal articles, as the State body, respectively, has adopted, and that these be thoroughly analyzed and that a formation of a Treatise be made.

3. That this committee appointed here be instructed to organize at once and set time and place for their work and they be requested to stay in session until they complete their work.

4. When, and if, the desired revisions are adopted by the National Asso-

ciation, the manuscript shall go to press and be handled as denominational property, as heretofore.

Treasurer's Annual Report to National Superannuation Board

July, 1946, to June 30, 1947

Balance brought forward from June 30, 1946 -----3,159.59

Receipts

8- 5-46—M. L. C. L. -----	\$ 16.32
—M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board -----	4.10
—R. B. Crawford, Unified Program -----	58.00
—W. C. Prude, Miss. State Board -----	2.40
—M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board -----	40.00
—J. R. Davidson, Premium on Policy -----	22.31
9- 9-46—James F. Miller, Premium on Policy -----	32.62
—Drakes Luncheonette, North Carolina -----	23.50
—Mrs. F. B. Hall, North Carolina -----	2.00
—Mrs. Fannie Polston, National W. Auxiliary -----	11.23
—M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board -----	26.13
—R. B. Crawford, Unified Program -----	80.00
10- 4-46—Paul Woolsey, Tenn. State Board -----	132.75
—R. B. Pyles, Ga. State Board -----	22.55
—Bethlehem Church by Mrs. Luther Reid -----	3.00
—R. B. Crawford, Unified Program -----	80.00
—W. C. Prude, Miss. State Board -----	2.40
—M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board -----	6.68
11-13-46—Mrs. Fannie Polston, W. N. A. C. -----	10.80
—J. D. Vernelson by M. L. Johnson, payment on policy -----	16.06
—R. B. Pyle, Ga. State Board -----	70.30
—Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Ala. State Board -----	46.32
—Mrs. Rex Weatherman, Oklahoma -----	18.00
1-16-47—Rashie Kennedy -----	13.90
—M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board -----	392.40
—R. B. Pyle, Ga. State Board -----	52.32
—Mrs. Fannie Polston, W. N. A. C. -----	16.75
—M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board -----	205.67
—M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board -----	53.78
—Albert Halbrook, Premium on Policy -----	10.51
2-13-47—C. B. Thompson, Texas State Board -----	20.00
—M. L. Johnson, Premium on Policy -----	11.29
—M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board -----	55.92
—W. G. Prude, E. Tupelo, Mississippi -----	2.72
—R. B. Crawford, Unified Program -----	60.00

—James Evans, Premium on Policy	14.10
—Mrs. Fannie Polston, W. N. A. C.	13.08
3-21-47—Rashie Kennedy, Premium on Policy	13.90
—M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board	8.11
—M. L. Johnson, Premium on 3 policies	36.66
—M. L. Johnson, Premium on Policy	12.53
—R. B. Pyle, Ga. State Board	100.62
—James Evans, Balance on Policy	3.53
4-17-47—P. A. Paxton, Tenn. State Board	16.92
—M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board	8.59
—M. L. Johnson, Premium on 2 Policies	38.56
—Mrs. Fannie Polston, W. N. A. C.	7.89
5- 7-47—M. L. Johnson, Premium on policy	13.53
—W. G. Prude, E. Tupelo, Mississippi	2.25
—Winford Davis, Premium on Policy	16.86
—Mrs. Fannie Polston, W. N. A. C.	14.54
—Damon Dodd, Premium on Policy	10.87
6-10-47—M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board	43.33
—Ralph Lightsey, Premium on policy	9.87
—R. B. Crawford, Premium on policy	12.07
—H. L. Catrett, Premium on policy	27.32
—Kenneth Turner, Premium on policy	14.67
—R. B. Crawford, Unified Program	60.00
—Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Ala. State Board	26.83
Total Receipts	\$2,149.36
Total Credit	\$5,308.95

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT TO NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD

July 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947

Disbursements

7- 5-46—Secretarial service	\$ 10.00
7-23-46—M. L. C. U. Premium on policy	44.61
8- 1-46—Refund on application (refused)	8.16
8-14-46—M. L. C. U., Premium on policy	65.23
8-14-46—Secretarial service	10.00
9- 7-46—Secretarial service	10.00
10- 4-46—Cash for supplies	5.00
10- 5-46—Secretarial service	10.00
10-15-46—W. C. Holmes Insurance Agency	5.00
11- 8-46—Secretarial service	10.00
11-13-46—M. L. C. U., Premium on two policies	59.91
1-14-47—M. L. C. U., Premium on two policies	21.01
1-14-47—Secretarial service	15.00

2-10-47—Secretarial service	10.00
2-13-47—M. L. C. U., Premium on two policies	54.30
3- 7-47—M. L. C. U., Premium on three policies	73.32
3- 7-47—Secretarial service	10.00
3- 7-47—Office expense	5.00
3-17-47—M. L. C. U., Premium on 1 policy	28.58
3-26-47—M. L. C. U., Premium on two policies	77.09
4-16-47—Secretarial Service	10.00
4-16-47—M. L. C. U., Premium on two policies	55.45
5- 1-47—Secretarial service	10.00
5- 8-47—M. L. C. U., Premium on policy	27.06
5-26-47—M. L. C. U., Premium on one policy	29.34
6- 2-47—M. L. C. U., Premium on four policies	125.58
6- 2-47—Secretarial service	10.00
6- 2-47—Office expense	5.00
—Refund to Rashie Kennedy	13.90
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	\$818.54
Balance brought forward plus receipts	\$5,308.95
Less total disbursements	818.54
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Balance on hand June 30, 1947	\$4,490.41
Total number of policies in force	23
Total number of policies lapsed	2
Total applications pending	1
Signed: J. O. Fort, Treasurer.	

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

1. To extend the privilege to those who hold benefit policy of \$1,000.00 to increase them to \$2,000.00.
2. That each church member of the National Association be asked to contribute \$1.00 during the year to Superannuation.

Temperance Report

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

No. 1—Be it resolved that the use of alcoholic beverages in any form be discouraged and condemned by our people everywhere and in every way.

No. 2—That this association protest the public advertisement of intoxicating liquors on the pages of newspapers, billboards, or placards.

No. 3—That we co-operate with all other bodies working for ultimate national prohibition.

No. 4—That we encourage and insist that our church people everywhere, regardless of political party affiliation, refuse to support any candidate for any office known to favor the liquor traffic.

No. 5—That our ministers preach uncompromisingly against the use of intoxicating beverages as well as other forms of sin.

No. 6—That we ask our people to refrain from patronizing any business establishment which sells beer, wine, or any intoxicating drink.

Signed by your committee:

Rev. J. W. Alford, Chairman,
Rev. Luther Gibson,
Mrs. Biance Riddlebarger,
Rev. I. R. Gates,
Miss Lorene Norris.

Resolutions

The Resolutions Committee wishes to make the following report for your consideration:

1. Resolution by Rev. R. P. Harris. "Seeing the need of more evangelists, preachers, and Christian Workers in our denomination, let us resolve that we will spend more time in earnest prayer unto the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth more laborers into his harvest and this Association now in session spend time in prayer and petitions unto the Lord on behalf of this great work.

"Resolve also that this Association urge all our conferences to recruit lay workers to help fill up vacancies resulting from a preacher shortage."

2. That this body recommend that all ministers be furnished with an annual traveling minister's card endorsed by their state or district association. This card to be issued to ministers that are active and in good standing.

3. Our recommendation is that a uniform card be prepared by the Board of Publications and Literature to be used for this purpose.

4. Resolution by J. C. Griffin. Realizing the danger of modernism, that destroys the foundation of Fundamental teaching concerning the Holy Scriptures, and having learned that the National Association of Evangelicals stand for a solid front against the teaching of those who belittle the Virgin Birth of Christ; His Vicarious suffering; His death as a sacrifice for the sins of the whole human family; His literal resurrection; His ascension and coming again for the purpose of catching up His bride—the Church, which is His body,

Therefore, be it resolved

First. That we express our sincere appreciation to Dr. Savage for the enlightening and inspiring message delivered to this body, and that we instruct Rev. Raymond Riggs to bear this message to Dr. Savage.

Second. Since we are now affiliated with the N. E. A. that we support the organization with our prayers and that we urge our people everywhere to make such offerings or donations to the aforesaid organization as the Holy Spirit leads to give.

5. Resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the members of Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, the Wolverine Association and to

its pastor, Rev. Raymond Riggs for the hospitality shown in caring for the delegates and visitors to this session of the National Association.

From the Sunday School Convention

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists when in session
at Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, July 17, 1947

Greetings from the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention. Our Annual Convention was held on July 14, 1947. While we cannot say that there was a large delegation present, we do report a great deal of interest. Inspirational messages were given by the President and each of the directors present. The theme of the Convention was "Search the Scriptures." One Sunday School, one district convention, and one state convention sent delegates. Several ministers were present and interest manifested in reviving the Convention which had not met since July, 1944, at Flat River, Missouri.

Discussion was entered into concerning the creation of a National Sunday School Board, which resulted in the following recommendation being submitted to the General Board to be passed on to this Association: "We recommend that 'the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention be retained and that we petition the National Association to elect a National Sunday School Board consisting of five members to supervise and direct the work of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul J. Kettelman, President,
Gertrude Bowe, Secretary.

Committee on Committees

We, your Committee on Committees wish to submit the following report:

Resolutions—Revs. J. L. Welch, Tenn., Chairman; James Evans, N. C.; Ralph Lightsey, Ga.; Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Ala.; and R. W. Henson, W. Va.

Temperance—Revs. J. W. Alford, Chairman, N. C.; Luther Gibson, Miss.; I. R. Gates, Ark.; Mrs. Biance Riddlebarger, Ohio, and Miss Lorene Norris, Ill.

Nominating—Mr. I. L. Stanley, Chairman, Tenn.; Rev. F. S. VanHoose, Ky.; Rev. O. H. Doss, Okla.; Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Ala.; and Rev. Henry Melvin, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Chairman,
R. P. Harris,
John West,
Homer Parker,
L. E. Duncan.

Revision Committee on Treatise

Appointed by the National Association

Rev. J. C. Griffin, North Carolina; Rev. J. F. Miller, Missouri; Rev. J. L. Welch, Tennessee; Rev. Raymond Riggs, Michigan; Rev. K. V. Shutes, Alabama; Rev. S. F. VanHoose, Kentucky; Rev. L. A. Holliday, South Carolina.

Report of Nominating Committee

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following recommendations: For Moderator, Rev. L. C. Johnson. For Assistant Moderator, Rev. Floyd B. Cherry. For Clerk, Rev. E. C. Morris. For Assistant Clerk, Rev. Clarence Bowen. For Executive Secretary-Treasurer-Statistician, Rev. Robert B. Crawford.

ON GENERAL BOARD

Rev. Edgil Howard, Detroit, Mich., Rev. E. M. French, New Port, Tenn., Rev. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala., Rev. F. S. VanHoose, Paintsville, Ky., Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, Wilson, N. C., E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va., Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Moultrie, Ga., Rev. D. E. Bias, Huntington, W. V., Rev. Wallace Malone, Sesser, Ill., Rev. C. J. Sizemore, Pedro, Ohio, L. E. Duncan, Tupelo, Miss., Rev. Louis Holliday, Manning, S. C., Rev. J. M. Rich, Chipley, Fla.

BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. Rashie Kennedy on the Foreign Mission Board. Rev. Harry E. Stairs on the Home Mission Board. Rev. R. B. Crawford on the League Board and W. S. Mooneyham to serve the unexpired term of Rev. L. D. Nance. Rev. D. W. Hansley on the Superannuation Board. Rev. K. V. Shutes on the Publication and Literature Board. The newly created Sunday School Board members recommended are: Mrs. L. E. Ballard, term to expire in 1948, Rev. R. B. Crawford, term to expire 1949, Rev. John H. West, term to expire in 1950, Rev. Luther Gibson, term to expire in 1951, Rev. M. L. Sutton, term to expire in 1952.

We have an invitation from the State of Georgia and the State of Arkansas with the Church of Pocahontas to entertain the next session of the National Association.

Note—After the above report was received and all officers elected, the invitations for the next session were considered and the body voted to accept the invitation of Arkansas and express thanks for the Georgia invitation.

Constitution of the National Association

As Revised by the 1946 Session at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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 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 bounds of 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 the 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 of three years, the fourth for a term of four years and the fifth for a term of five years. Succession 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 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.