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Boards

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

General Board—Rev. M. L. Sutton, Arlington, Texas; Rev. John West, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Rev. Mark Lewis, Myrtle, Mo.; Rev. Homer Parker, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Rev. Elzie Dixon, California; Rev. Edgil Howard, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. E. M. French, New Port, Tenn.; Rev. K. V. Shutes, Leeds, Ala.; Rev. F. S. Van Hoose, 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. Lewis 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. 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); Rev. D. C. Dodd, Flat River, Mo., (1953).

Home Missions—Rev. J. F. Miller, Farmington, Mo., (1949); Rev. C. B. Dees, Aurora, Mo., (1950); Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn., (1951); Rev. Harry E. Stairs, Tulsa, Okla., (1952); Rev. W. K. Jordan, Kinston, N. C., (1953).

Free Will Baptist League—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); Mrs. L. E. Ballard, New Bern, N. C., (1953).

Superannuation—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); Rev. Joe Fort, Jakin, Ga., (1953).

Literature and Publications—Rev. L. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tenn., (1949); L. E. Duncan, Tupelo, Miss., (1950); Rev. Ralph Staten, Pocahontas, Ark., (1951); Rev. K. V. Shutes, Leeds, Ala., (1952); Rev. J. C. Griffin, Morehead City, N. C., (1953).

Sunday School—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, Arlington, Texas, (1952); Miss Gertrude Bowe, Ashland, Ky., (1953).

Trustees of the Bible College—Revs. Melvin Bingham, Jas. F. Miller and J. R. Davidson, term expiring July 15, 1950; D. B. Sasser, Revs. J. L. Welch and F. B. Cherry, term expiring July 15, 1952; Revs. Ralph Lightsey, K. V. Shutes, and Bro. Fred Powers, term expiring July 15, 1954.

Ministers in Attendance

Alabama—K. V. Shutes, Leeds; H. L. Knighton, Phenix City; W. H. Ryland, Eldridge; H. A. Pitts, Brilliant; M. L. Hollis, Red Bay; Grady Hardson, Hamilton; T. O. Terry, Cordova; J. L. Strickland, Brilliant.

Arkansas—Homer Parker, Pine Bluff; Gilbert I. Pixby, Ft. Smith; R. E. Pixby, Edna, Saffell; W. C. Lakey, Sedgarick; Obie Eagan, Saffell; Henry Doyle, Newport; Doyle D. Dipboye, Ft. Smith; J. E. White, New Edenburg; Othniel Sabirt, Grubbs.

California—Ray M. Marshall, Redding; Lester Davis, Selma.

Georgia—Thomas G. Hamilton, Pearson; Ralph Lightsey, Briston; E. C. Morris, Tifton; A. L. Sellers, Quitman; F. B. Cherry, Glennville; J. O. Fort, Jakin.

Illinois—Wallace Malone, Sesser; Alpha Herrelson, McLeansboro; Mrs. Ellamae Hiltibidal, McLeansboro; Opal Hiltibidal, Walnut Hill; John W. Hiltibidal, McLeansboro; Wm. Buster, Sesser.

Kentucky—L. E. Colliver, Ashland; F. S. Van Hoose, Paintsville.

Michigan—Newton P. Gates, Detroit; Edgil Howard, Detroit; H. E. Willis, Hazel Park; Raymond Riggs, Detroit; William T. Newsome, Belleville; Daniel Cronk, Hazel Park.

Mississippi—Paul Long, East Tupelo; Quinsworth Crace, Meridian; Joe Haas, Tupelo; Luther Gibson, East Tupelo.

Missouri—Winford Davis, Monett; Harvey Hill, St. Louis; Marie Hyatt, Greentop; John Long, Patton; Mark Lewis, Myrtle; Geo. Lashun, Monett; John W. Rogers, Fredericktown; Rolla Smith, Mountain Grove; B. R. Scott, Mountain Grove; Kenneth Turner, Monett; H. S. Vandivost, Cabool; Geo. W. Scott, Mountain Grove; F. C. Zinn, Flat River; Billie Rogers, Myrtle; Cecil Campbell, Wheaton; Jas. F. Miller, Farmington; Charles Moyer, Flat River; Lester C. Jones, Bendavis; Damon C. Dodd, Flat River; Harold K. Dunlap, St. Louis; C. B. Dees, Flat River; Davis N. Combs, Couch; O. T. Allred, Monett; Harry H. Beatty, Fredericktown.

North Carolina—W. K. Jordan, Kinston; R. N. Hinnant, Micro; David W. Hansley, Folkstone; R. P. Harris, Kenly; E. G. Holland, Kenly; James A. Evans, Middlesex; W. H. Calvert, Belmont; Walter B. Carter, Rockingham; J. W. Alford, Columbia; L. M. Ward, Tabor City; S. A. Smith, Beula; F. A. Rivenbark, Wilson; Maurice W. Roach, Durham; S. M. Parks, East Rockingham; Billie Melvin, Durham; Paul Kettelman, Durham; Rashie Kennedy, Goldsboro; M. L. Johnson, Lucama; W. L. Jernigan, Bladenboro.

Ohio—Wm. J. White, Portsmouth; Homer Nelson, Wheelersburg; W. O. Doll, Waverly.

Oklahoma—W. S. Mooneyham, Shawnee; J. H. Burr, Durant; John H. West, Tulsa; Rex Weatherman, Ringling; J. Reford Wilson, Healdton; Harry E. Stairs, Tulsa; Charles Sapp, Shawnee; Mrs. Paul Pursell, Bristow; Paul Pursell, Bristow; Dennis H. O'Donnell, Cromwell; E. E. Morris, Oklahoma City; E. A. O'Donnell, Ada; Mrs. Leona Mayfield, Tulsa; Everett D. Hellard, Sapulpa; W. A. Hearron, Sulphur; John B. Elliston, Oklahoma City; Willard Day, Tulsa; Othel T. Dixon, Checotah; Thomas H. Dixon, Checotah; O. H. Dost, Wewoka.

South Carolina—Seldon Bullard, Darlington; T. M. White, Spartanburg; H. J. Sawyer, Rockhill; Paul J. Sheehan, Whitney; H. M. Mellette, Turbeville; A. F. Lanster, Lockhart; Louis A. Holliday, Manning.

Tennessee—C. F. Bowen, Nashville; J. L. Welch, Nashville; J. B. Bloss, Columbia; Robt. B. Crawford, Nashville; E. M. French, Newport; Huey Gower, Nashville; Geo. D. Dunbar, Chucky; L. C. Johnson, Nashville; Henry Melvin, Nashville; Adam Scott, Ashland City; C. B. Thompson, Nashville.

Texas—M. L. Sutton, Arlington; N. B. Barrow, Bryan; A. F. Ferguson, Weatherford; Alvin Halbrook, Bryan; Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Huntsville; J. L. Bounds, Houston; W. F. McDuffie, North Zulch.

Virginia—J. Wilson Addington, Bristol; W. B. Galloway, Norton; W. A. Hales, Norfolk; H. S. Wilson, Norton.

West Virginia—James M. Herrald, Tad; John M. Henson, Hurricane; J. F. Owens, Eskdale; Carl W. Vallance, Monaville.

Cuba—Mrs. T. H. Willey and Miss Bessie Yeley, Missionaries.

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Delegates Enrolled

Alabama—Wyman Holcomb, Harvey Clearman, Mrs. W. H. Ryland, D. J. O'Donnell.

Arkansas—Mrs. Helen Dodds, Mrs. A. D. Ferguson, Mrs. J. E. White.

California—Mrs. Pearl Davis.

Florida—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cloud.

Georgia—Ernest J. Baker, Miss Betty Joe Fort, A. D. Ivey, Mrs. A. D. Ivey, G. C. King, C. A. Parker.

Illinois—Mrs. C. J. Kettelman, Mrs. Frank Farris, Mrs. Belva Edens, Mrs. Howard Clampet, Frank Parris.

Kentucky—P. H. Borders, Ernest O. Griffith, Mrs. Ernest O. Griffith.

Michigan—David Allison, Mrs. Lottie Pearce, Mrs. David Allison, Mrs. Hubert Sloan.

Mississippi—L. E. Duncan.

Missouri—Francis Harbison, Myron Hyatt, Mrs. Ora George, Miss Wanda Filkins, Mrs. J. O. Filkins, Mrs. Winford Davis, Mrs. Ella Dotson, Mrs. Harry Beatty, Mrs. Roy Alyea, J. O. Filkins.

North Carolina—Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Mrs. N. E. Harris, Levi Hill, Miss Zalene Lloyd, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton.

Ohio—Mrs. Alice Childres, John Henning, Mrs. Zella Jacobs, Mrs. Grace Peach, Mrs. C. Riddlebarger.

Oklahoma—R. B. Tipton, Mrs. W. A. Hearron, Tilford L. Davis, B. George Campbell, Cama Arnold.

South Carolina—Fred S. Powers.

Tennessee—Miss Betty J. Binkley, Miss Rebecca Stewart, Mrs. Verge Simmons, G. C. Bloss, Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Henry French, Mrs. Huey Gower, Lloyd Hodges, Mrs. Fannie Polston, Mary Patton, J. B. Reding.

Texas—Mrs. N. B. Barrow, Mrs. T. A. Blackward, C. F. Goen, J. L. Vance, Mrs. W. L. Scott, Mrs. M. L. Sutton, Mrs. J. L. Vance.

West Virginia—Mrs. John M. Henson.

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Statistical Reports of Associations by States

Alabama—105 churches, 10,074 members, 145 ministers, 81 Sunday Schools, 23 churches have Leagues, 17 Woman's Auxiliaries. Total amount raised \$40,782.29. Value of Church property \$1,706.55. Value denominational property \$30,000.

Arkansas—135 churches, 6,700 members, 177 ministers, 102 Sunday Schools, 3,115 Sunday School enrollment, 25 churches having Leagues, 550 Leagues' enrollment.

California—16 churches, 340 members, 170 baptized, 53 dismissed, 7 deceased. Total membership 1,117. Paid Pastors this year \$14,645.24. Paid Evangelist this year \$1,463.61. Building expenditure for the year \$18,392.71. Total expenditures for the year \$34,501.56. Value of church property \$101,500.00.

Georgia—114 churches, 8,992 members, 99 ministers, 65 Sunday Schools, 1,438 Sunday School enrollment, 20 churches having Leagues, 650 Leagues' enrollment, 15 Ladies Aid Societies. Value of Church property \$248,000.00. Value of parsonage property \$12,000.00. Value of denominational property \$3,500.00.

Illinois—37 churches, 3,600 members, 82 ministers, 37 Sunday Schools, 4,000 Sunday School enrollment, approximately 18 churches having Leagues, approximately 18 churches having Leagues, approximately 200 Leagues' enrollment, approximately 10 Ladies' Aid Societies. Value of church property \$114,000.00.

Kentucky—67 churches, 5,828 members, 133 ministers, 38 Sunday Schools, 1,959 Sunday School enrollment. Value of church property \$183,500.00. Value denominational property \$30,000.00.

Mississippi—25 churches, 2,709 members, 25 ministers, 20 Sunday Schools, 1,116 Sunday School enrollment, 7 churches having Leagues, 318 Leagues' enrollment, 4 Womens Auxiliaries. Total amount raised \$19,749.70. Value of church property \$63,700.00. Value parsonage property \$4,000.00.

Michigan—6 churches, 618 members, 13 ministers, 6 Sunday Schools, 652 Sunday School enrollment, 5 churches having Leagues, 211 Leagues' enrollment, 4 Woman's Auxiliaries. Total amount raised \$46,840.08. Value of church property \$96,450.00.

Missouri—110 churches, 5,936 members, 97 ministers, 72 Sunday Schools, 26 churches having Leagues, 998 enrolled in Leagues, 17 Woman's Auxiliaries. Total amount raised \$56,922.52. Value of Church property \$152,520.00. Value denominational property \$14,000.00.

North Carolina—348 churches, 37,242 members, 293 ministers, 327 Sunday Schools, 40 churches having Leagues, 460 enrolled in Leagues, 158 Wo-

man's Auxiliaries. Total amount raised \$393,453.00. Value of Church property \$1,544,840.00. Value of denominational property \$293,604.00.

Ohio—55 churches, 2,701 members, 84 ministers, 51 Sunday Schools, 2,335 Sunday School enrollment, 3 churches having Leagues, approximately 240 Leagues' enrollment, 2 Women's Auxiliaries. Value church property \$157,600.00.

Oklahoma—170 churches, 6,679 members, 163 ministers, 3,680 Sunday School enrollment, 37 churches having Leagues, 861 enrolled in Leagues, 23 Women's Auxiliaries. Total Amount raised \$83,226.93. Value of church property \$81,000.00. Value denominational property \$254,555.00.

South Carolina—49 churches, 3,911 members, 59 ministers, 49 Sunday Schools, 21 churches having Leagues, 230 enrolled in Leagues, 25 Women's Auxiliaries. Total amount raised \$52,416.03. Value of Church property \$130,500.00. Value of denominational property \$25,000.00.

Tennessee—89 churches, 8,170 members, 87 ministers, 77 Sunday Schools, 5,249 Sunday School enrollment, 25 churches having Leagues, 609 enrolled in Leagues, 30 Women's Auxiliaries. Value church property \$379,800.00. Value denominational property \$25,000.00.

Texas—47 churches, 17 Prayer meetings, 48 Sunday Schools, 8 Leagues, 6 Women's Auxiliaries, 1,148 Sunday School enrollment, 221 enrolled in Leagues, 2,819 resident members, 243 members received, 69 members dismissed, 21 members deceased, 90 Women's Auxiliary members. Value of Church property \$143,000.00. Value of Parsonage property \$22,000.00.

Virginia—67 churches, 3,420 members, 130 ministers, 53 Sunday Schools, 5 churches having Leagues, 85 enrolled in Leagues, 4 Woman's Auxiliaries. Value of Church property \$72,500.00.

West Virginia—154 churches, 5,115 members, 273 ministers, 122 Sunday Schools, 9 churches having Leagues, approximately 180 enrolled in Leagues, 11 Women's Auxiliaries. Value of church property \$331,000.00. Value denominational property \$6,000.00.

PROCEEDINGS

The Twelfth Annual Session of the Original Free Will Baptists of the United States convened with the Free Will Baptist Church of Pocahontas, Arkansas on July 13, 14, and 15, 1948.

The session was opened with a song and praise service conducted by Rev. Damon C. Dodd of Flat River, Mo. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham of Shawnee, Okla. After the opening service, Rev. Paul Long of East Tupelo, Miss., led in a devotional by prayer and reading of Rom. 8, chapter.

At this time the Clerk called the Association into the business session and turned the assembly over to the Moderator, Rev. L. C. Johnson, who took charge and delivered a brief message, then appointed the Committee on Committees which was composed of: Rev. N. B. Barrow, Ch'm., Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Rev. Luther Gibson, Bro. A. D. Ivey and Rev. Harry Stairs. After the appointment of this Committee, the Moderator introduced Rev. H. L. Pitts of Brilliant, Ala. The Clerk failed to record the text but the sermon was evangelistic with a fervent appeal. It was also logical, informative and inspirational.

At the close of the sermon, the host pastor, Rev. Ralph Staten, delivered a splendid welcome address which was responded to in a very grateful manner by Rev. N. B. Barrow of Bryan, Texas, after which, the announcements were made and then the closing prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Alford of Columbia, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Association reassembled at 9:00 o'clock with Rev. Clarence Bowen of Nashville, Tenn., in charge of the song service. Prayer by Rev. M. H. Mellette of Turbeville, S. C. Rev. Seldon Bullard of Darlington, S. C., led in the morning devotions, who read from the 133rd Psalms and then gave a short talk and prayer, after which the Moderator opened the business session for the morning.

Motion to seat delegates subject to the approval of the Credentials Committee.

Report of Committee on Committees by Rev. Luther Gibson and by a motion the report was adopted. (See Report elsewhere.)

At this time Rev. Damon C. Dodd led the congregation in the hymn, "To the Work," and then the Moderator called for the Report of the General Board. The Report was accepted as information, the resolutions and recommendations to be considered later on and disposed of in regular order.

The Report of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention was read by Mrs. Marie Hyatt, the President. The same was received as information and commendation given.

At this time the congregation was led in a hymn by Rev. Damon C. Dodd, after which the Host Pastor, Rev. Ralph Staten, introduced Dr. H. E. Williams, President of Southern Baptist College, who gave a welcome address on behalf of the community. The address was very timely and interesting.

After the address, a telegram was read from Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey, Missionaries to India. "God lead in deliberations." Upon reading this message a motion was made to call the Association to prayer on behalf of all our missionaries. Several took part in a series of prayers.

Report of the Board of Publications and Literature was read by the Chairman, Rev. J. C. Griffin. The report was received and the work approved. (See Reports.)

The next report was that of the Executive Secretary, Treasurer and Statistician, Rev. Robt. B. Crawford. This report was received in usual way.

Again the congregation was led in a hymn by the song director of the day, after which Rev. Mr. Hunt, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Poca-hontas, led in a prayer.

The hour now having arrived for the Associational Sermon, the Moderator presented the speaker, Rev. M. L. Johnson of Lucama, N. C., who read from Matthew 10:24, 25, then used as a subject "How Much Is Enough." This subject was handled in a masterful way. It was thought provoking and very instructive. At the close of the message, the song, "I Want to Be a Worker for the Lord" was sung and the benediction by Rev. J. B. Bloss.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The body assembled for the afternoon session according to the Program. The devotions being led by Rev. Homer Nelson of Wheelersburg, Ohio. Rev. C. D. Dees of Monett, Mo., led the prayer and after Bro. Nelson rendered a solo, "I'd Rather Have Jesus," the business was resumed.

Report of Credentials Committee was read by Rev. J. O. Fort and adopted. (See reports.)

Rev. Robt. B. Crawford read the report of the National Association of Evangelicals and it was received as information.

Motion, the business session be adjourned until 7:00 P. M. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Clarence Bowen.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The Evening Session was in charge of the Foreign Mission Board. Rev. Raymond Riggs, the Chairman, led the congregation in singing "Jesus Saves." Rev. Rashie Kennedy, a board member, led in prayer, after which a quartett, composed of Rev. Damond C. Dodd, Mrs. W. T. Willey, Miss Barbara Willey and Miss Bessie Yeley, sang "Have Thine Own Way Lord," in Spanish. The Report of the year's activities by the Board was read by Rev. Winford Davis, Secretary of the Board. The same was adopted by the body.

At this time, the Chairman of the Board, gave a report of the first graduation exercises of the School of Missions in Cuba, then Miss Bessie Yeley, one of the missionaries to Cuba, spoke on conditions in Cuba, after which Rev. Kenneth Turner, a field worker of the Board, showed some moving pictures of both Cuba and India, which were informative and interesting. The next phase of the evening program was an address by Mrs. Willey, on the subject of "Missions." At the close of this great message the audience was favored with a solo by Rev. Everett D. Hellard of Sapulpa, Okla., "Ready."

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Cronk and Miss Zalene Lloyd, elected missionaries

to India, were present in this missionary rally and each of them rendered a testimony, after which, a fervent prayer was offered in their behalf.

At the close of the evening session an offering was made for Foreign Missions which amounted to \$213.69. The session was dismissed with prayer by Rev. C. B. Thompson, a member of the Board.

THURSDAY MORNING

Met at 9:00 o'clock. Song service led by Rev. T. J. Hamilton, Pearson, Ga., and devotions conducted by Rev. Harry Beatty, Fredericktown, Mo. Prayer by Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Huntsville, Texas.

Moderator called for business, the first item was the report of the Board of Superannuation, read by the Chairman, Rev. F. C. Zinn. The report was adopted. (See reports.)

The next was a report of the National Sunday School Convention by the President, Rev. Paul J. Kettelman, and it was received as information.

At this time Rev. T. G. Hamilton led the congregation in a hymn, after which, an address was delivered by Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Goldsboro, N. C., subject, "The Training of Sunday School Teachers."

Report of the Treatise Revision Committee, was read by Rev. Robt. B. Crawford. The report was accepted by a large majority and a vote of thanks was given the Committee for their splendid work. (See Revised Treatise.) After the vote was taken the congregation sang, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," then Rev. T. G. Hamilton and daughter, Joanne, rendered a very beautiful duet. An offering was taken at this time to supplement the registration fees on the entertainment of the Association.

The time for the morning sermon now having arrived, the Moderator presented Rev. L. E. Colliver, Ashland, Ky., who brought a very brief message of encouragement and inspiration, which was greatly appreciated. After the message the session was dismissed until the afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Body reassembled per adjournment, singing led by Rev. Luther Gibson, East Tupelo, Miss., and Rev. M. L. Hollis, Red Bay, Ala., conducted the devotions in a very timely and interesting manner.

Report of the Home Mission Board was read at this time by Rev. C. B. Dees, and after due consideration the report was adopted. (See Report.)

Next, was the report of the Free Will Baptist League Board read by Rev. Henry Melvin. This report was duly discussed and then adopted. (See report.)

After the adoption of the League Board report, Booklets, telling the story of the First National League Conference, were distributed.

Report of the Temperance Committee read by Rev. M. H. Mellette and same adopted in usual manner. (See report.)

Report of Resolution Committee read by Mrs. J. E. Simpson. By motion, the report was taken up item by item. All items relative to changing of Constitution were tabled until the next Annual Session of the Association. All other items were adopted. (See report.)

At this time, the Treatise Committee offered additional report relative to the Usage of the Free Will Baptists. All items were acted upon separately and after being duly discussed all items were adopted. (Note changes in Treatise.)

The Nominating Committee rendered their report at this time and then the body proceeded with the election of officers as recommended by the Committee. The report was received and all recommendations adopted. (See Report.)

Motion, to elect a committee of three to report on Resolution Number 4, 5 and 6, at the next session of the Association. Committee: Rev. J. O. Fort, M. L. Johnson and Robt. B. Crawford.

THURSDAY EVENING

Association reassembled for the final business of this session. The evening Program was devoted to the promotion of the Bible College. Rev. Henry Melvin, Business Manager, led the congregation in the song service. The Choir for the evening was composed of former and present students of the College, a solo was rendered by Rev. Everett D. Hellard and several numbers by the Choir.

The final report of the Board of Trustees was read and discussed then adopted. The President of the College, Rev. L. C. Johnson delivered a message on the progress of the College. Rev. J. L. Welch, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, spoke on the necessity of expansion. The Business Manager presented along with the report a proposition for the removal of the College to a new location which is available and pictures were presented to the audience of the new property for inspection. After the proposition had been fully discussed a motion was made that the recommendation be accepted and that we fully concur in the endeavors of the Board wholeheartedly in regard to this expansion and new location. At the close of the College rally, pledges and cash offerings amounted to approximately \$5,000.00 for the expansion program.

After the College Rally, the General Board made their final report and same adopted in usual order.

In complying with Resolution No. 2, a National Radio Committee was appointed composed of Revs. C. F. Bowen, Raymond Riggs and M. H. Mellette.

Rev. Ralph Lightsey was elected as Executive Secretary and by motion, the Executive Committee be empowered to work out a contract with the Executive Secretary.

Motion, a vote of thanks be extended all retiring officers for the splendid manner in which they have served their office.

Motion, Rev. Robt. B. Crawford be elected to serve as representative to the National Association of Evangelicals.

Rev. M. H. Mellette rendered his resignation as member of the Radio Committee, his resignation was accepted and Rev. Robt. B. Crawford was elected to fill his place.

The business having been completed a motion was made to adjourn to

meet at the usual time and a place as may be arranged by the Executive Committee.

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds" was sung and the body was dismissed with prayer by Rev. L. C. Johnson.

Report of General Board

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Report of Executive Secretary read and motion carried that the report with the following recommendations be accepted as read:

1. That all Christian Workers Institutes be sponsored by the States where the Institute is to be held, and that the State pay the teaching staff. The names of teachers for Institute work can be secured by writing to the Executive Secretary of the denomination.

2. That revival month be again in March, 1949. A pamphlet be prepared by the Executive Secretary by December 1, 1948, advertising, giving helps, and suggestions as to the why of and what we expect to accomplish during revival month.

3. That the recording secretary of the National Association be in charge of the preparation, Printing and Distribution of the minutes, and minutes are to be in the hands of the State clerks by October 1st.

4. That we continue to work for the National Headquarters.

5. That we continue to associate with the National Association of Evangelicals. Urging individuals, churches, associations, and conferences to use the services of the N. A. E., also that contributions be made to all phases of the work, such as War-Relief, Evangelical Foreign Missions, Associations, etc. We will pay 3% of all funds coming into the General Treasury of the National Association.

Motion carried that the Executive Department pay for the printing of Ministers' Identification cards.

Motion carried that clerk of Association send enough Minister's Identification cards with the minutes to supply the Ministers of the state.

Motion carried that the report of the Treatise Revision Committee as given by Rev. J. L. Welch be accepted as read.

Motion carried that report of the Maintenance of the Executive Department Committee be accepted as read with the following recommendations:

1. That Christian Education, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Superannuation, Free Will Baptist Leagues, and Publications and Literature as sponsored by the National Association be known as "The National Program."

It is recognized that the National Sunday School Convention and the Woman's Auxiliary Convention are Auxiliaries of the National Association and are asked to contribute annually to the Executive Department.

2. We recommend that the office of Executive Secretary be continued.

3. We recommend that the Executive Secretary be the promotional agent of "The National Association."

4. We recommend the election of a full-time employee for the above named office.

5. We recommend the financing of the above-named office be by allocating of funds from the following boards which compose "The National Program."

Board of Trustees Free Will Baptist Bible College	37%
Board of Foreign Missions	28%
Board of Home Missions	20%
Board of Superannuation	10%
Board of Publication and Literature	3%
Board of Free Will Baptist Leagues	2%

6. We recommend that all monies received by the office of Executive Secretary for "The National Program" be allocated to the composite boards on the 37-28-20-10-3 and 2% basis respectively.

Motion carried that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare letter forms and that the clerk of the Association be chairman with Rev. Ralph Lightsey and Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark as members.

ORGANIZATION OF NEW BOARD

Rev. J. F. Miller	Chairman
Rev. J. L. Welch	Assistant Chairman
Rev. John H. West	Clerk

Motion carried that we meet Monday, 1:00 P. M., July 11, 1949.

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Annual Financial Report of Free Will Baptist Bible College

July 1, 1947 through June 30, 1948

Receipts for Year Ending June 30, 1948

Alabama	\$ 685.50
Arkansas	26.00
California	6.00
Florida	281.89
Georgia	1,877.31
Illinois	354.33
Kansas	189.02
Kentucky	110.00
Michigan	530.77
Mississippi	1,057.63
Missouri	1,131.82
Nebraska	650.00
New Mexico	30.00
North Carolina	4,606.33
Ohio	89.00
Oklahoma	1,011.77
South Carolina	872.25
Tennessee	2,269.08

FREE WILL BAPTIST BODIES

Texas	1,471.53
Virginia	37.50
West Virginia	144.53
National Woman's Auxiliary Convention	377.59
Student Fees	3,133.66
Room and Board	7,564.41
Books and Supplies	2,120.60
Music Fees	553.03
Refund on Damages to Sword Building	281.50
Bible Conference Offerings	307.05
Revival Services	407.53
Student Scholarship and Loan Fund	126.00
Student Activities	229.55
Refund on Salary, Traveling Expense	210.00
Miscellaneous	240.16
Sale of Capital Assets: Furniture, etc.	74.71

Total Receipts \$33,058.10

Disbursements for Year Ending June 30, 1948

Operating Expenses:

Labor	\$ 2,279.91
Salaries	13,927.93
Maintenance and Repairs	1,521.85
Traveling Expense	1,876.52
School Supplies	426.33
Telephone and Telegraph	311.48
Heat, Light, Water, Laundry	2,135.25
Groceries	5,251.32
Kitchen and Household Supplies	211.35
Books and Supplies	1,584.15
Honoraria	401.00
Room Rent	591.00
Withholding Tax	655.10
Insurance	192.30
Printing	518.83
Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer, Private Music Fees	762.62
Extension Service	315.10
Student Medical Fees	80.00
Student Activities	264.55
Miscellaneous	375.31

Total Operating Expenses \$33,681.90

Purchases of Equipment 1,329.59

Improvements to Library 540.58

Prepaid Insurance	576.90
Total Disbursements	\$36,128.97
Bank Balance Reported June 30, 1947	\$12,071.08
Receipts for Year	33,058.10
	<u>45,129.18</u>
Disbursements for Year	36,128.97
Balance on hand June 30, 1948	\$ 9,000.21

Cash on Hand June 30, 1948:

In Third National Bank	\$ 7,482.10
On Hand	1,518.11
	<u>\$ 9,000.21</u>

Accounts Receivable:

From Student Accounts	\$ 1,592.31
From G. I. Student Accounts	2,055.17
	<u>\$ 3,647.48</u>

Endowment Checks on Hand	\$ 1,869.00
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Inventories:

Coal	\$ 200.00
Books and Supplies	150.00
Groceries and Food	75.00
	<u>\$ 425.00</u>

Balance Sheet—Assets

Third National Bank	\$ 7,482.10
Cash on Hand	1,518.11
Prepaid Insurance	576.90
Equipment and Furniture 7-1-47	\$7,813.32
Less Sale of Furniture, etc.	74.71
	<u>\$7,738.61</u>
Add Purchases of Equipment during year	1,329.59
	<u>\$9,068.20</u>
Less Reserve for Depreciation	298.78
	<u>8,769.42</u>
Land	9,000.00
Buildings and Improvements 7-1-47	\$19,000.00

Improvements to Library during year	540.58
Less Depreciation Reserve	1,600.00
	<u>\$19,540.58</u>
	<u>17,940.58</u>
Accounts Receivable	3,647.48
Total Assets	<u>\$48,934.59</u>

Capital 7-1-47	\$46,476.30
Income—1947-48 Year:	

Receipts	\$33,058.10
Less Sale of Furniture	74.71
	<u>\$32,983.39</u>
Income Due from Students	3,647.48
Total Income for Year	<u>\$36,630.87</u>
Less: Operating Expenses	\$33,681.90
Depreciation for year	490.68
	<u>\$34,172.58</u>

Net Income over Expenses for Year	<u>2,458.29</u>
Total Capital	<u>\$48,934.59</u>
No Liabilities.	

Henry Melvin, Treasurer

Annual Report National Foreign Missions Board

For the Year 1947-48

The past national year has been an unprecedented year in the history of our foreign missionary program. We come to the close of this year under renewed obligation to give special thanks and praise unto the Lord for the accomplishments of the past year. At the same time we have the substantial growth of the past year, together with that of the past number of years, as a means of inspiring us and strengthening our faith for greater achievements in the future.

The most outstanding accomplishments of this year might be enumerated as follows: \$2,648.75 put into our building campaign on the school farm in Cuba, which resulted in finishing the girls' dormitory, completion of a nice dining hall and other construction work of smaller items; graduation of the first class from the Cuban School of Missions; preaching points established in new territory on the Cuban field; three more candidates in preparation for the field in India with every detail of preparation finished and now awaiting

actual embarkation; definite arrangements made in India for Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey to enter Purnea District in October of this year, which district has been one principle objective of our activity in India through the years; official appointment of Miss Barnard as Director over the India field; no financial crisis has in the least threatened the treasury during the past year, but rather the treasury has reached a new all-time high in its current balance; an increase in receipts from our people by almost \$7,000, the total amount of receipts for the year having reached a new figure of \$38,385.64; much evidence of a greater awakening among our people over the states; definite affiliation as member of E. F. M. A. Many more things might be enumerated in detail which space will not permit, but we set forth these as the most outstanding.

Beside the meeting at last National Association, the Foreign Missions Board has held but one meeting during the year, which was the annual meeting at the College in April. Agreement and understanding has been maintained by correspondence thus avoiding the cost of calling more than one meeting. The most important motions passed at the meeting in April was the authorization of the Treasurer to purchase bond which bond he has purchased with a coverage of \$5,000.00; the authorization that all financial books pertaining to the missionary program in Cuba, India and at the home office be audited by a public auditor annually and reports of same be published in our denominational papers; appointment of Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk and Miss Zalene Lloyd as missionaries to India with authorization to sail this summer; election of Miss Laura B. Barnard as Director over all Free Will Baptist work in India; motion to affiliate as member of the E. F. M. A. (Evangelical Foreign Missions Association); authorization of Miss Bessie Yeley to return to the states this summer for rest; several other things of minor importance were done, which we will not take space to mention here. Our board meeting was unanimously attended, and a sweet spirit of fellowship prevailed throughout the setting.

The plan as set forth last National Association, with a Missions Director appointed in each state, and a suggested quota for each state to raise has worked wonderfully well. The substantial gain in financial receipts as a result of this has been very noticeable. Our Directors on the most part have been very cooperative and have done a great deal of good in their respective states.

The plan inaugurated last association as a means of raising additional funds for the support of the Cuban School has also worked out with great blessing. All who would do so were asked to take the support of a Cuban student at \$15.00 per month. As a result twenty of these students were taken. It has supplemented the regular allotment to the school very acceptably.

Itinerate Work

The itinerate work has gone forth as usual with blessing. Our people always respond when the matter is placed before them. Rev. Kenneth Turner has been busy the greater part of the year on the field. Rev. and Mrs.

Maurice W. Roach did a great amount of itinerate work in the eastern states. Rev. Bert F. Rogers has done a small amount of work on the field, and the Secretary-Treasurer has done a small amount of itinerary work. A complete report of the work done by each of these as follows:

Rev. Kenneth Turner

Number of itineraries conducted in 13 different states	6
Miles travelled	21,095
Number services conducted	173
Number at the altar for consecration during these services	43
Total amount of offerings received	\$3,649.12
Salary paid Rev. Turner for these services	\$1,730.00
Travel expense while itinerate work	\$857.40
Cost of arrangement of above itineraries	\$259.29
Total expense	\$2,846.69
Balance to treasury	\$802.43

Rev. and Mrs. Maurice W. Roach

4 states visited.	
59 local churches.	
Traveled approximately 8,000 miles.	
25 churches pledged to give one offering per month for missions.	
Amount sent through local and state treasurers	\$ 500.75
Amount sent through National treasurer	1,183.11.
Amount designated for Roachs' expenses	406.65
Total amount collected	\$2,090.51
Less amount for expenses	406.65
Total amount sent treasurer	\$1,683.86

Rev. Bert F. Rogers

Number services conducted	5
Total offerings received	\$70.90
Salary paid Rev. Rogers for these services	35.00
Travel expense	15.00
Balance to treasury	\$20.90

Rev. Winford Davis

Number services conducted	6
Offerings from three of these services (other three unknown)	\$121.51
Salary paid Rev. Davis for these services	\$78.00
Travel expense	\$18.00
Balance to treasury—plus three offerings unknown	\$25.51

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Motion carried that the salaries of our missionaries for the following

year be as follows: Mission Directors on the foreign fields, \$90.00 per month; Other American missionaries, \$75.00 per month, plus their house rent and travel expenses.

2. Motion carried that Rev. Everett D. Hellard be appointed to formulate plans for an organization designed for the purpose of stimulating the morale of our missionaries, and present same to the Foreign Mission Board at a later date for approval.

3. Motion carried that Rev. Kenneth Turner be employed for itinerate work for the ensuing year at a salary of seven dollars (\$7.00) per service plus travel expense and the maintenance of picture equipment.

4. Motion carried that Rev. and Mrs. Maurice W. Roach be employed for itinerate service at a salary of seven dollars (\$7.00) per service plus travel expense. (All itinerate workers are to work in cooperation with the State Mission Boards and Mission Directors.)

5. Motion carried that we accept the proposed Standard of Requirements for prospective missionaries.

FINANCIAL REPORT—RECEIPTS

July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948

Brought forward from last year	\$ 2,133.29
Received during past year by states as follows:	
North Carolina	\$9,840.58
Missouri	5,819.07
Michigan	3,243.60
South Carolina	3,009.86
Tennessee	2,534.70
Illinois	1,900.96
West Virginia	1,378.06
Georgia	1,300.06
Ohio	1,185.45
Alabama	1,180.94
Oklahoma	1,101.73
Texas	616.03
Kentucky	575.11
Virginia	523.56
Mississippi	521.31
California	440.55
Florida	334.79
Arkansas	207.85
New Mexico	70.00
Kansas	28.00
New York	10.00
National Woman's Auxiliary Convention	755.78
Sale of books, "His Name Among All Nations"	532.00
Refunds	395.12
Taken up by Rev. T. H. Willey	374.73
Offering taken at last National Association	291.80

Personal gifts to Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk	180.00
Offerings for the Missionary Review	11.00
From India natives for work in Cuba	10.00
Sale of Picture Poster sets	8.00
Received from sale of linoleum	5.00

Total 38,385.64

Grand Total \$40,518.93
Total disbursements during year 32,827.33

Balance in treasury July 1, 1948 \$ 7,691.60

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries to Missionaries

Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey	\$ 1,800.00
Miss Bessie Yeley	780.00
Miss Louise Ferettino	550.00
Miss Laura B. Barnard	540.00
Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey	1,441.00
Allowance to Tommie and Barbara Willey	760.00
Promotional fund to Cuban Field	5,400.00
Support of Cuban School	4,800.00
Paid out as designated for support of Cuban Students	2,154.25
Rents to Cuba in providing living quarters for missionaries	480.00
Dues providing hospitalization for American missionaries in Cuba	100.00
Paid out as designated for support of a Cuban native missionary	40.00
Paid out as designated for building campaign in Cuba	2,648.75
Paid out as designated gifts to Cuban School	81.00
Paid by natives in India for the work in Cuba	10.00
Paid as designated for an organ in Cuba	125.00
Registration of papers relative to title of farm in Cuba	38.50
Paid out as designated gifts to Rev. and Mrs. Willey	41.40

Travel Expenses of Missionaries to and from the States and while in the States

Miss Bessie Yeley	150.00
Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey	74.00
Louise Ferettino	66.50
Travel for Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey from South India to school in North India	156.00
Promotional fund to India	810.00
Rents to India in providing living quarters for missionaries	294.00
School fees for Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey	355.00
Paid out as designated gifts to Miss Barnard	217.62
Paid out as designated gifts to Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey	17.00

Paid out as designated for work in India	25.00
Sent as gift to aged independent missionary in India—Rev. E. S. Jelly	25.00

Cost Connected with Monett Office

Rent	130.00
Office supplies, including new Allen Wales Elec. Adding Machine ..	322.94
For Office and Secretary work	170.66
Janitor work	5.00
Utility bills	1.50
Moving office equipment to Free Will Baptist Gem building	5.00
Insurance on office equipment	37.88

Money Paid Out to Promotional Secretary

Salary	900.00
Travel expense while on official business	28.00
Treasurer's bond with a coverage of \$5,000.00	12.50
Postage	226.73

Itinerate Work

Rev. Kenneth Turner for picture services	1,730.00
Rev. Kenneth Turner, travel expense	857.40
Cost of arrangement of Rev. Turner itineraries	259.29
Letterheads and envelopes for Rev. Turner	21.50
Hand bills for advertising Rev. Turner's itineraries	40.00
Rev. Bert F. Rogers for itinerate work	35.00
Rev. Bert F. Rogers, travel expense	15.00
Rev. Winford Davis for itinerate work	78.00
Rev. Winford Davis, travel expense	18.00
Travel expense of Rev. Riggs and Rev. Rogers as result of their attending graduation exercises at the Cuban School	315.00
Rev. and Mrs. Roach for work and travel while in South Carolina, as suggested by the South Carolina Missions Director	115.00
Cost of calling board meetings	392.00
Cost of putting out four issues of the Missionary Review, a total of 25,000 copies	663.62
Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, membership fee	100.00
Assessment by E. F. M. A. for seven missionaries	35.00
To Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk, as designated for equipment in preparation for India	864.43
To Miss Zalene Lloyd, as designated for equipment in preparation for India	900.00
Picture cuts	123.80
Cost of circular letters	15.50
Cost of advertising	75.75

Fee to Ayden press on sale of books, "His Name Among All Nations"	10.00
Telegrams, cablegrams and telephone calls	47.42
Check exchange charges	10.39
Advanced to Rev. Kenneth Turner which amount was refunded ..	200.00
Advanced to Rev. Bert Rogers which amount was refunded	85.00
Total	\$32,827.33

Signed,

Raymond Riggs, Chairman,
Winford Davis, Promotional Secy.-Treas.,
Rashie Kennedy, Member,
C. B. Thompson, Member,
Bert F. Rogers, (absent),
Foreign Mission Board.

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Home Mission Board Report

To the National Association of Free Will Baptist while in session at Pocahontas, Arkansas.

We, your Home Mission Board submit to you the following report;

We, your Home Mission Board, challenge you as the people of God comprising this National Association, to support us this year, that we might be able to answer the Mamedonian call that is coming to us from every direction. Never has there been such an appeal to this Board for help as there is now, if only we had the financial support, we could start dozens of new churches and revive dozens of others.

The time is ripe for a great revival in our Home Mission department and again we challenge you to help us that we may help some of these needy places.

The activities of the Board has been limited this year because of finance.

We held a meeting at the Bible Conference in Nashville, at which meeting plans were made to investigate several prospects, which we have done and find several are very good. The plan of buying a tent was agreed upon, which we will say more about later in this report. A meeting was held during this National Association with Home Mission workers and officers of the different states, at this meeting there was great demonstration of interest and spirit of cooperation such as has not been shown in bygone years. This meeting makes your Home Mission Board more determined that we can and will make a great move forward this year.

Following is the work of this year that we are able to learn about, much more has been done that we have no record of.

South Carolina—Four new churches, one reorganized.

Missouri—One new church.

Oklahoma—Two new churches.

Alabama—Five new churches—prospects for another. The Home Mission Board has had two tents busy most of the year.

Arkansas—Three new churches.

Texas—One new church.

Mississippi—Two new churches.

Ohio—Four new churches.

Georgia—One new church.

Total of sixteen new churches—one reorganized.

We submit the following recommendations:

1. That funds be raised to purchase a Gospel tent for National Home Missionary program, and employ workers for the work.

2. The State and Local Home Mission Boards make a full and complete report of the years work to the Secretary of the National Home Mission Board by June 15th that a more accurate report might be made to the National Association.

3. Realizing that many of our people, especially young people, have left the rural communities and gone into the cities and find there no Free Will Baptist church, and are not willing to go to any other church. We appeal to you Free Will Baptist to first pray for the establishment of Free Will Baptist churches in the cities, second, support Home Missions that this might be done.

4. We recommend that one night's service be given the Home Mission Board at the National Association, that we may have a program that will revive and stimulate Home Mission interest.

5. We recommend that the month of October be designated as Home Mission month and each pastor is requested to preach a sermon on Home Missions during the month and special offerings be taken for Home Missions and sent to the Secretary-Treasurer of the National Home Mission Board, also continue your systematic way of support as you have, in connection with this.

Rev. C. B. Dees, Secretary-Treasurer.

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Home Mission Treasurer's Report

July 6-47—Mrs. Fannie Polston	\$ 44.17
July 6-47—Mrs. Marie Hyatt	2.74
August 17-47—S. P. Easley	10.00
August 17-47—Mrs. Emma Moore	11.46
October 5-47—L. E. Duncan	4.41
November 13-47—Mrs. Huey Gower	82.21
November 12-47—S. P. Easley	5.00
November 12-47—Mrs. Marie Hyatt	7.50
December 5-47—Mrs. Huey Gower	14.40
December 9-47—S. P. Easley	10.00
January 5-48—Mrs. Huey Gower	19.40
January 1-48—L. E. Duncan	4.38

January 28-48—Mrs. Myrtis Carnes	5.00
January 28-48—Arlene Sanderson	10.00
January 28-48—Rev. Raymond Riggs	134.12
February 9-48—Mrs. Myrtis Carnes	5.00
February 9-48—Mrs. Huey Gower	5.47
February 11-48—Mrs. Marie Hyatt	5.16
March 8-48—Mrs. Huey Gower	19.13
March 8-48—S. P. Easley	10.00
April 3-48—Mrs. Huey Gower	12.13
April 3-48—Colon Issette	1.00
April 12-48—Harold Baldwin	3.00
April 17-48—D. B. Hellard	5.00
May 7-48—Mrs. Huey Gower	24.74
May 7-48—Mrs. Marie Hyatt	2.77
May 9-48—D. B. Hellard	5.00
June 7-48—Mrs. Huey Gower	19.75
June 30-48—Mrs. Huey Gower	1.60
June 30-48—D. B. Hellard	8.70
June 30-48—Mrs. Marie Hyatt	7.21

\$ 500.63

Balance brought forward 2,013.32

Total \$2,513.95

Disbursement

January 5-48—Rev. Mark Lewis, Evangelistic services at Springfield, Missouri	\$ 50.00
April 7-48—Rev. W. K. Jordan (Travel expense)	25.00
April 9-48—Rev. C. B. Dees (Travel expense)	20.00
April 9-48—Rev. J. F. Miller (Travel expense)	20.00
April 9-48—Rev. J. B. Bloss (Travel expense)	4.00
April 9-48—Receipt Books	2.50

Total \$121.50

Total Balance \$2,392.45

Rev. C. B. Dees, Secretary-Treasurer.

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Report of Board of Publications and Literature

To the National Association of Free Will Baptist and the General Board thereof:

In Session in Pocahontas F. W. B. Church, Pocahontas, Ark.

Greeting:

Your Board met April, 1948, in the City of Nashville, at which time the

regular routine business was transacted, and some Committees, elected for specific activities; namely, a Committee to collect and compile Historic facts concerning the denomination. Also, a Committee to compile a book of "Special Services for Ministers." This book is to have forms for Baptisms, ordination of Deacons and Ministers and other officers, dedication services for Churches and other religious buildings, laying corner stones, Marriages, funerals, etc., in fact a book complete for special services. This work is almost complete. We thought to have it all ready by this Association, but it takes a lot of time to prepare such a book, but I think that it may be in print by the Fall of 1949, providing the Association approves of the work when prepared. It is the aim to have the book in perfect accord with the Doctrinal facts as set forth in the Treatise and Articles of Faith, thus it should be approved by the Association.

Up to date we have have sold out for cash, all booklets and periodicals, otherwise, than the Six-Point Record and Standard Sunday School Supplies, which work is under contract with the Gem Office in Monett, Mo., where such supplies can be obtained by those who desire to use the same.

We find that our publishing houses are very cooperative with the Board of Publications and Literature, and are willing to work for the on going of the larger denomination, but they are what we Free Will Baptist have made them, if we had given them better support we would have had a better set-up, but like our Educational Institutions we have been too prone to patronize and help other denominations to build up their work, thus our Literature and Institutions of learning have suffered.

What we need is a better cooperation between the publishing houses and the Denomination. This can be had with the proper, sane procedure possible by both sides. Let us work and pray to that end.

We have now in the hands of the printer, the Gem office, a book, which we hoped to have complete and on sale by this Association.

In keeping with our Constitution, we have set up book stores and at this Association for the past few years and are running the same here at this time, which bookstand is in charge of our very efficient Treasurer, Bro. L. E. Duncan.

Through the negotiation of your Board, we secured a gift of \$323.00 from the Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, when we were so pressed for funds to meet our expenses in the Executive Department in the early Spring of this year.

We were asked at the last Association to prepare a "Card of Certification" for our Ministers. This work has been completed and we have the cards present, to be distributed at your pleasure, the cost of which is \$11.50.

We recommend that we set our faces toward the day when we shall have a house of distribution of all literature for every department, and that from this one central clearinghouse the retail of all necessary Literature be distributed and that competition of departments cease to be, and that our

denominational Publishing houses be encouraged to enlarge their business as printers in order to meet every need of the Denomination, and that as far as possible, without necessary exceptions, that we give these institutions our whole-hearted support.

In conclusion we invite your patronage of the books and periodicals established by the Board. We urge that you visit our bookstand and look over and purchase at your will the books. We have a fine selection of books at your will the books. We have a fine selection of books and periodicals for the various departments. This book business is not simply to make money for our treasury, but to help to make possible for every one to be better acquainted with important facts in the field of knowledge. When you patronize the Board of Publications and Literature you help the denomination.

May God bless our efforts as a Denomination and that there be a perfect cooperation in every Department and between every Department.

Our Treasurer's Report is made an appendix to the report of your Chairman.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

J. C. Griffin,

Chairman of the Board.

Credits

Balance June 30, 1947	\$791.81
July 15, 1947, "The One Foundation"	7.40
1947—"One Treatise"	25.00
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	\$824.21

Expenses

4-5-48—Traveling Expenses of Board	\$50.45
To National S. S. Assn.	3.00
Bank Exchange	.20
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	53.65
Balance June 30, 1948	\$770.56

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Report of Free Will Baptist League Board

To the National Association of Free Will Baptist in session July 13-15, 1948, Pocahontas, Arkansas.

We bring you greetings from the Free Will Baptist youth—a vital functioning auxiliary of the Church.

1. The first Nation-wide League Conference was held June 15-17, 1948, in Nashville, Tennessee, with 411 registered from fourteen states and Cuba.

It was a session of inspiration, information and consecration that will prove our Youth as being "Approved unto God" as their energies are felt throughout the bounds of the Church.

2. The second nation-wide League Conference will be held in Tulsa, Okla., June, 1949. Plans for its sessions are already begun.

3. The Board has elected L. E. Ballard as literature editor for the next year. Plans have been perfected for the issuing of Four Manuals carrying all age, groups to take the place of the present general Manual.

Herewith we present our financial report:

Balance brought forward	\$256.85
Received from Dues	486.18
Received from East Nashville Church	25.00
Received from Free Will Baptist Press	50.00
Total	\$982.21
Paid out	\$460.98
Balance on hand	521.23
Total	\$982.21

Report of National Sunday School Convention

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists

When in session at Pocahontas, Arkansas,

July 13 through 16, 1948

Greetings from the National Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptists:

The National Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptists has not convened since July, 1947, when it was held with the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, Highland Park, Michigan. The Convention at that time voted to meet separate from the National Association, and in the Executive Board Meeting of the National Sunday School Convention, held during the National Association last July, August 10 to 12, 1948, was set for the next National Sunday School Convention.

The National Sunday School Board and the Executive Board of the National Sunday School Convention have had two joint meetings at the Bible College in Nashville in the past year, the first on December 3, 1947, and the second on April 6, 1948. Some important matters were considered in these meetings, including the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Sunday School Convention and the preparation of a manual of Sunday School Administration for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools.

The Preliminary Training Course of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association has been approved by the National Sunday School Board in joint session with the Executive Board of the National Sunday School Conven-

tion for the training of Free Will Baptist Sunday School officers and teachers. At this same meeting, Rev. L. R. Ennis, Director of Literature, was asked to undertake the task of writing a manual of Sunday School Administration for Free Will Baptists. At the meeting in April, the outline of this manual was approved, and Mr. Ennis was notified to continue with its preparation. A thorough digest of this manual is expected to be ready for presentation to the Convention in session August 10-12, 1948.

Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, pastor of the Glennville and Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Churches, at Glennville, Georgia, has invited the National Sunday School Convention to meet with the Glennville Church. Each local Sunday School is asked to send its pastor, superintendent, secretary, and two lay members as delegates. District conventions are asked to send three delegates, and state conventions five. In regard to finances, each Sunday School should send \$3, each district convention \$5, and each state convention \$10. Each delegate and visitor will pay a \$2 registration fee to help with the expense of entertainment.

There is \$120.83 in the treasury of the National Sunday School Convention.

A good program of information and inspiration has been planned for the Convention. Dr. Clarence H. Benson, General Secretary of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association and author of the texts for the subjects in the teacher training courses for Sunday School officers and teachers will be present to speak. Every Sunday School officer and teacher, with every person interested in our Sunday School cause is urged to attend this Convention.

We, the National Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptists, are yours for better Sunday Schools.

National S. S. Convention of F. W. Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul J. Kettelman, President,

(Miss) Gertrude Bowe, Secy.-Treas.

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Report of Executive Secretary-Treasurer and Statistician

Robert B. Crawford

It is with mingled feelings that I come to you with this report. There is a divine compulsion I feel in my life, and I want you to recognize this divine compulsion in your beloved denomination. This verse of Scripture is true, whether applied to an individual person, family, church, Association or denomination. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:6. As you think about this verse of scripture, you will see the occasion for each major point relating it to your denomination.

"He goeth forth"—a divine compulsion. Our denomination is on the

move, we are going forth. Every report coming to this great body will show marked signs of growth. Our going and growth must be determined and commanded by God. It's an interesting thing to go back through your Bible and study the men that go forth under such command. May I mention Abraham as one of them. "Now the Lord had said unto Abraham, get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house unto a land that I will show thee, and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and I will make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing. So Abraham departed as the Lord had spoken unto him." No measure can be made by any secretary or statistician as to the tremendous issues, running through centuries of time, that depended upon Abraham's going forth. All civilization has been affected by it. Israel was born of this going forth and with their history written, we find the virgin birth of our Christ was a product of this going forth. Moses also went forth and he led a great nation. He goeth forth under Divine compulsion to live a life divinely-empowered—many others like David against Goliath. In your New Testament, you have men like John the Baptist, Peter, Paul, Philip, and all the Apostles as His Sent Ones. Free Will Baptists are going forth, we know what our task is—we knew our Divine errand, under Divine appointment, with a promise of Divine power for life's accomplishments.

"And Weepeth"—A Human Compassion. There has not been enough weeping over personal sins in our denomination. We as a whole do not see a ruined world as Christ sees it. We look at Jerusalem, but we have not wept with our Christ as we should. The slightly lame home missions boards will show that to be true. Christ did weep over Jerusalem—and concluded—"Behold, now, your house is left unto you desolate." Christ wept at the grave of Lazarus when He remembered that "Sin, when it is finished bringeth forth death." The sinfulness of men, and their consequent sorrows, should occasion weeping on the part of Christians. We have listened to the perfumed theology, we have lost the smell of sin. It stinks no longer. Where there has been a great revival there has always been burdened, weeping, travailing, interceding souls back of its beginning. Our dry-eyed churches need to love and look and see people "Scattered as sheep without a shepherd," yea, even worse, "as sheep in the midst of wolves." There is a growth of wolves abroad in our land today—God deliver our denomination from them—but we must be "Laborers together with God," to kill them out. Brethren and sisters are we burdened? There are many in the valley of decision—may we weep, work, plan, and pray for them and be a blessing to them as an individual and as a denomination.

We have an important possession—"Bearing precious seed—Jesus said in Luke 8:11, "The seed is the word of God." There is our number one need as a denomination—the word of God." I do pray that the Holy Spirit will burn within our hearts, Isaiah 55:8-13. These are such glorious promises that Free Will Baptist ought to accept—as God's promise to us if we will preach the word. Then we will have A Triumphant Return. "He shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." As our individuals, our boards, and our denomination proclaim the work under the

direction of our Lord, showing an interest in people, will we come to this association and finally to the judgment with rejoicing bringing our sheaves with us. God help us to come always with better reports from year to year. What we do we must do it quickly.

A detailed report of my activities and some recommendations have already been reviewed by your General Board. There are some statistics I want you to have.

Revival month last March was a glorious success. There were reported over 2,500 people saved, reclaimed, and coming into membership in the Church. Denominational enterprises like Foreign Mission, the Bible College, etc., enjoyed an increase in offerings. Much information went out to our people last March.

The number of District Associations or Quarterly Meetings, 196; number of Churches in the state, 3,822; number of church parsonages, 174; number of church members in state, 273,366; number of ordained ministers 3,238; number of licensed ministers, 492; number of Sunday Schools, 3,347; number enrolled in Sunday schools 114,735; number of F. W. B. Leagues 2,108; Leaguers enrolled, 13,276; number of Woman's Auxiliaries, 803; number enrolled in Woman's Auxiliaries 8,371; number of Prayer meetings, 2,283.

Financial Report

Value of all church buildings and equipment	\$4,231,683.17
Value of church parsonages	\$ 872,187.11
Value of Denominational property—camps, orphanages, printing presses, etc.	\$ 938,804.79
Total paid for pastoral and evangelistic services	\$ 766,371.17
Total paid for buildings and equipment	\$ 528,255.26
Total paid out for all other purposes not included above as for Christian Education, Foreign Missions, etc.	\$ 236,784.60

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR UNIFIED PROGRAM

Receipts

Balance in bank first of year	\$ 160.38
National Association fees—E. C. Morris	545.18
Christian Workers Institutes	40.00
Alabama	271.54
Florida	37.00
Georgia	160.73
Illinois	154.30
Michigan	176.27
Mississippi	10.00
Missouri	1,995.30
North Carolina	767.40
Ohio	5.00
Oklahoma	125.00

Tennessee	952.50
Virginia	50.00
	<hr/> \$5,450.60

Disbursements

Robert B. Crawford—(Salary)	\$3,450.00
Robert B. Crawford—(Travel)	489.17
Telephone, telegraph, stamps	36.80
Vandy Printing Company	25.40
Mrs. Tuttle and Mrs. Wilson (Secretarial services)	48.35
Free Will Baptist Headquarters fund	5.30
J. E. Kincaid—Auditing of books	15.00
Wolverine Association of Michigan—ribbons at Nat'l Asso.	37.50
National Association of Evangelicals	150.00
Rev. LaVerne Miley—(Institute in Missouri)	92.00
Rev. L. C. Johnson—Honorarium and travel to Nat'l Asso.	61.00
Rev. E. C. Morris—travel and honorarium National Association	56.00
Rev. Raymond Riggs—Exec. Committee Meetings	17.50
Rev. J. C. Griffin—Treatise Revision and Exec. Committee	25.58
Rev. James F. Miller—Exec. Committee and Treatise Revision	40.00
Rev. Lewis Holliday—Treatise Revision	50.00
Rev. K. V. Shutes—Treatise Revision	11.30
Rev. John H. West—Exec. Committee Meeting	40.48
Mrs. Huey Gower—W. Va. Institute	100.54
Rev. J. L. Welch—W. Va. Institute	104.86
Mary Elizabeth Griffith—Treatise Revision Work	9.23
	<hr/> \$4,896.01

Free Will Baptist Press gave the minute job at a cost of \$325.00. There is \$1,404.34 in National Headquarters Fund.

Report of Credentials Committee

To the National Association of Free Will Baptist in Session with the Pocahontas Church, Pocahontas, Arkansas, July 13-16, 1948, we the committee on credentials submit the following report:

We have examined the letters of associations as follows, and recommend that they become members of this body with delegates seated as named:

1. Alabama State Association	\$ 55.00
2. Arkansas State Association	15.00
3. California First F. W. B. Association	10.00
4. Georgia State Association	45.00
5. Southern Illinois Yearly Meeting	10.00
6. Missouri State Association	60.00

7. Mississippi State	20.00
8. Kentucky State	10.00
9. Wolverine Association of Michigan	10.00
10. Ohio State	20.00
11. Oklahoma State	65.00
12. North Carolina State	50.00
13. South Carolina State	30.00
14. Tennessee State	20.00
15. Texas State	35.00
16. Virginia State	30.00
17. West Virginia State	35.00
	<hr/> \$520.00
On Hand	\$520.00

Respectfully submitted,

Alvin F. Halbrook, Chairman,
J. O. Fort,
Walter Carter,
Orbin Doss,
H. A. Pitts,
Committee.

Report of Resolutions Committee

The Resolution Committee wish to submit the following report:

1. We recommend that inasmuch as the National Association of Free Will Baptist has grown to the extent, that the entertainment of same is a burden on the local church or association and inasmuch as many of our churches in many localities are not equipped to offer necessary facilities for the welfare of all concerned. Therefore, be it resolved: That all arrangements pertaining to the entertainment of the association meetings be under the supervision of the executive committee of the General Board.

2. Since there are so many states that do not have Free Will Baptist Churches and whose people are uninformed as to the doctrine of our church, we recommend that a Radio Committee be appointed to arrange for a weekly broadcast over a National Hook-up to be designated as "Free Will Baptist Hour."

3. Be it resolved that everyone who handles associational funds have all books audited annually by a public Auditor.

4. We recommend that in accordance with the provision under Article IX of the Constitution of the National Association relative to additional Trustees for the Bible College, that two members be added at this session to serve in this capacity. (Tabled for one year.)

5. Whereas there is urgent need for economy in the overall program of the National Association as demonstrated by crises which arose in some

phases of our work during the current year, and whereas, there is considerable overlapping in administration under the present system which entails excess expenditure.

Be it therefore resolved:

1. That the duties of all standing boards be henceforth limited to that of legislation and policy formation.
2. That administration of all business be placed under the National Executive Secretary.
3. That each board include in the plans a budget for the next year of operation to be approved by the National Association in each Annual session. (Tabled for one year.)

(National Budget System)

6. Be it resolved that
 1. Each board of the National Association present annually to the Executive Secretary its financial needs for the incoming year at least sixty days prior to the annual National Association meeting. These financial goals of all boards are then added. The sum is proportioned out to representing states according to church strength reported for current year.
 2. That this proportionate part be raised monthly, or, however the states desire, and sent accordingly to the National program Treasurer who divides this fund on whatever percentage basis the National Association authorizes.
 3. In order to create more state interest in the National program that some plan whereby each state can receive a small percent of National program money: For example, deduct 10% of all such funds and send balance to the National Treasurer.

(General Officers and Board Membership)

7. Whereas the work of this body is so delayed because of present membership or National boards:

Be it resolved that a special Committee be appointed at this session whose duty shall be to revise Article VIII of the Constitution of the National Association and thus make it illegal for one person to hold more than one office in the National Association, or to serve on any board while serving as National officer, or any two boards at one time.

8. We recommend that this body extend our heart-felt appreciation to this church, its fine pastor, to the City of Pocahontas, and Community for their fine hospitality.

We recommend also that we express to our guest speaker Dr. H. E. Williams our thanks for the fine message to this body.

Damon C. Dodd, Chairman,
W. A. Hales,
Mrs. Melvin Bingham,
Mrs. J. E. Simpson, Secretary,
M. L. Hollis.

Report of Nominating Committee

Your Nominating Committee humbly and prayerfully submit the following:

We have felt led by the Spirit and the National interest to suggest some changes in the administrative offices. Those now serving have done their work honorably and well and your committee feels that these honors and responsibilities should be shared by others. To this end we offer the following list subject to your approval.

Associational Officers

Rev. Floyd Cherry ----- Moderator

Glennville, Georgia

Rev. N. B. Barrow ----- Vice-Moderator

Bryan, Texas

Rev. Clarence Bowen ----- Clerk

Nashville, Tennessee

Rev. Joe Fort ----- Assistant Clerk

Jakin, Georgia

General Board

M. L. Sutton ----- Fort Worth, Texas

John West ----- Tulsa, Oklahoma

Mark Lewis ----- Myrtle, Missouri

Homer Parker ----- Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Rev. Elzie Dixson ----- California

Foreign Missions

Rev. D. C. Dodd ----- Flat River, Missouri

Home Missions

W. J. Jordan ----- Kinston, N. C.

League Board

Mrs. L. E. Ballard ----- New Bern, N. C.

Superannuation

Rev. Joe Fort ----- Jakin, Georgia

Literature and Publications

Rev. J. C. Griffin ----- Morehead City, N. C.

Sunday School

Miss Gertrude Bowe ----- Ashland, Kentucky

Trustees Bible College

Rev. M. L. Johnson ----- Lucama, N. C.
 Rev. K. V. Shutes ----- Leeds, Alabama
 Rev. Luther Gibson ----- East Tupelo, Mississippi
 Fred Powers ----- Timmons ville, S. C.
 Rev. Ralph Lightsey ----- Jakin, Georgia
 D. B. Sasser ----- Wilson, N. C.

It is understood that only four of the above are to be elected unless the association votes to comply with the provision of the Constitution on page 38, paragraph one of the 1947 Minutes.

The Committee recommends a return to provision of the Constitution and elect a separate Treasurer.

We offer the name of Rev. E. C. Morris, Tifton, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. Dunbar, Chairman,
 R. P. Harris,
 Ralph Staten,
 F. S. Van Hoose,
 G. W. Cloud.
 Committee.

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Report of Temperance Committee

We, your Committee on Temperance, wish to request that the same articles be adopted this year as was adopted last year, and in addition that the Clerk of the National Association be instructed to draw a suitable memorial to the National Congress and Senate of the U. S. asking for repeal of the Amendment to the National Constitution, whereby strong drink has been legalized. Copy of said memorial be sent to the speaker of the house and President of the Senate.

Rev. M. H. Mellette, Chairman,
 Rev. H. E. Willis, Secretary,
 Mr. John Henning,
 Mr. Frank Farris,
 Rev. John Henson.

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Committee on Committees

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

Credentials

Rev. Alvin Halbrook, Chairman
 Rev. H. A. Pitts Rev. O. H. Doss Rev. Walter Carter Rev. Joe Fort

Resolution

Rev. Damon Dodd, Chairman
 Rev. E. A. O'Donnell Rev. W. A. Hales Mrs. J. E. Simpson
 Rev. M. L. Hollis

Temperance

Rev. M. H. Mellette Rev. John M. Henson Mr. John Henning
 Rev. Homer Willis Frank Ferris

Nominating

Rev. George Dunbar, Chairman
 Geo. Cloud Rev. R. P. Harris
 Rev. F. S. Van Hoose Rev. Ralph Staton

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. N. Barrow, Chairman,
 Mrs. J. E. Frazier,
 Rev. H. E. Stairs,
 A. D. Ivey,
 Rev. Luther Gibson,
 Committee.

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 FREE WILL BAPTIST BODIES 39

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.