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Foreign Missions—Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri (1950); Rev. B. F. Rogers, Drumright, Oklahoma (1951); Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Goldsboro, North Carolina (1952); Rev. J. W. Alford, Columbia, North Carolina (1953); Rev. Raymond Riggs, Detroit, Michigan (1954).

Home Missions—Rev. C. B. Dees, Flat River, Missouri (1950); Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tennessee (1951); Rev. Harry E. Staires, Tulsa, Oklahoma (1952); Rev. James A. Evans, Middlesex, North Carolina (1953); Rev. Willard Day, Wewoka, Oklahoma (1954).

Free Will Baptist League—Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Tecumseh, Oklahoma (1950); Rev. C. F. Bowen, Nashville, Tennessee (1951); Rev. R. B. Crawford, Greenville, North Carolina (1952); Mrs. L. E. Ballard, New Bern, North Carolina (1953); Rev. Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tennessee (1954).

Superannuation—Rev. F. C. Zinn, Flat River, Missouri (1950); G. W. Cloud, Jacksonville, Florida (1951); Rev. D. W. Hansley, Folkstone, North Carolina (1952); Rev. Joe Fort, Lake Butler, Florida (1953); Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, Wilson, North Carolina (1954).

Publications and Literature—L. E. Duncan, Tupelo, Mississippi (1950); Rev. Ralph Staten, Pocahontas, Arkansas (1951); Rev. Daniel Pelt, Marianna, Florida (1952); Rev. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, North Carolina (1953); Rev. L. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tennessee (1954).

Sunday School—Rev. John H. West, Tulsa, Oklahoma (1950); Rev. Luther Gibson, East Tupelo, Mississippi (1951); Rev. M. L. Sutton, Arlington, Texas (1952); Miss Gertrude Bowe, Columbia, South Carolina (1953); Rev. William Mishler, Cedar Hill, Tennessee (1954).

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

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Pauley, G. E., Mt. Oak.
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Alabama—G. C. Bloss, C. K. Evans, Gravis Price, Mrs. H. A. Pitts, W. L. Adams, Franklin Sexton, Joddie Harris.

Georgia—G. C. King, Sam Parker, Ernest Parker, George Cloud, C. A. Parker, C. J. Faison, W. W. Burrow, W. R. Langford, R. B. Pyle, H. I. Douglas, T. D. Carter.

Illinois—Frank Farris.

Kentucky—Vera Vanhooose, Nellie Griffith.

Michigan—Mrs. Hubert Sloan.

Mississippi—J. C. Gibson, L. E. Duncan, Herbert Stalnaker.

Missouri—Jewell Campbell, Eunice Miller, LaVerne Miley, Thelma Lewis, Darlene Thomas, Flora Arbogast, Georgia McDaniel, Gladys Filmer, Mrs. Bob Hill, Lucy Ellen Wisehart, Myron Hyatt, Attis Martin, Clifford McGrow, Roy Alyes.

North Carolina—Levi Hill, W. O. Dewell, J. A. Fulford, Mrs. J. A. Evans, Mrs. R. P. Harris, Mrs. M. W. Roach, Clyde Cox, Mrs. Roy Rikard, Mrs. Wade Calvert, Mrs. Alice Lupton, Mrs. N. E. Harris, Mrs. M. L. Johnson, Mrs. S. A. Smith, Mrs. J. C. Griffin.

Ohio—Clarence Riddlebarger, Howard Riddlebarger, Mary E. Darnell, Zella Jacobs, Alice Childers.

Oklahoma—R. B. Tipton, Mrs. Bessie West, Eugene Riddle, Jack Hopkins, Mrs. Mildred Cash, Lamar Howell, T. H. King, Mrs. Gladys Elliston, Mrs. Verdun Bingham.

South Carolina—W. D. Sawyer, Lewis B. Hanna, Marion C. Todd, C. E. Lambert, R. C. Baggett.

Tennessee—Mrs. Fannie Polston, O. C. Briley, D. E. Teasley, J. E. Simpson, Mrs. O. C. Briley, E. C. Taylor, L. G. Ennis.

Texas—Clyde Goen, Mrs. N. B. Barrow

West Virginia—Sheffie Pettry, Maggie Bias, Catherine Pettry.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONS BY STATES

Alabama—Churches, 150; new churches, 10; members, 13,417; new members, 1,034; members dismissed, 183; licensed ministers, 18; ordained ministers, 178; Sunday schools, 121; Sunday school membership, 5,216; leagues, 32; league membership, 679; woman's auxiliaries, 20; auxiliary membership, 75; value church property, \$375,805; paid pastors, \$37,916.16; paid evangelists, \$8,088.34; paid orphanage, \$5,074.40; paid to missions, \$2,576.08; paid to superannuation, \$313.50; unified program, \$997.26; for improvements, \$25,593.00; paid to college, \$587.99; other expenses, \$12,394.85; Total paid out, \$93,541.58.

Arkansas—Churches, 128; ministers, 178; deacons, 102; church members, 5,389; leagues, 8; paid to missions, \$281.84. District associations, 9.

California—District associations, 3; churches, 19; members, 1,276; Sunday schools, 19; prayer meetings, 19; parsonages, 3; ministers, 41; leagues, 12; woman's auxiliaries, 3; paid pastors, \$17,980.42; paid evangelists, \$1,129.73; home missions, \$489.13; foreign missions, \$175.54; value church property, \$144,000.00. Total paid out, \$19,774.82.

Georgia—Churches, 113; members, 8,611; ordained ministers, 96; licensed ministers, 23; Sunday schools, 65; enrollment, 3,545; leagues, 28; enrollment, 1,435; woman's auxiliaries, 16; total raised for all purposes, \$72,510.92; value church property, \$238,200.00; value parsonage property, \$7,500.00; value denominational property, \$5,000.00.

Kentucky—New members, 1,233; total membership, 7,098; prayer meetings, 37; Sunday schools, 49; enrollment, 1,582; leagues, 4; membership, 244; paid pastors, \$800.00; paid evangelists, \$2,134.74; for building and repairs, \$2,948.50; other expenses, \$1,692.18; value church property, \$246,478.00; orphanage property, \$50,000.00; paid to foreign missions, \$1,142.45; home missions, \$626.00; education, \$145.00; for publications, \$407.54; budget money paid, \$953.67. Total paid out, \$10,900.08.

Michigan—Churches, 8; members, 792; ministers, 18; missionaries, 2; Sunday schools, 8; churches with leagues, 8; league enrollment, 268; woman's auxiliaries, 5; value church property, \$141,300.00.

Mississippi—Churches, 27; members, 2,915; ordained ministers, 18; licensed ministers, 2; Sunday schools, 20; enrollment, 1,238; churches with leagues, 7; enrollment, 341; woman's auxiliaries, 5; amount raised for all purposes, \$30,000.00; value church property, \$106,000.00; value parsonage property, \$10,000.00; value denominational property, \$1,000.00.

Missouri—New members, 471; total membership, 6,026; prayer meetings, 47; Sunday schools, 75; leagues, 72; league membership, 967; woman's auxiliaries, 18; membership, 318; paid pastors, \$35,126.07; paid evangelists, \$7,564.31; for building and repairs, \$20,174.29; for incidentals, \$8,637.32; value church property, \$171,578.00; paid to foreign missions, \$4,852.71; home missions, \$1,159.71; education, \$1,989.96; publications, \$3,021.31; budget money paid, \$126.65; state unified fund, \$2,323.45. District associations, 10. Total paid out, \$84,975.78.

Ohio—Churches, 55; members, 2,729; ministers, 89; Sunday schools, 52; enrollment, 3,034; churches with leagues, 23; woman's auxiliaries, 2; foreign missions, \$1,100.00. District associations, 2.

Oklahoma—Churches, 210; members, 21,500; ministers, 225; district associations, 12; leagues, 48; enrolled in leagues, 1,000; enrolled in Sunday schools, 4,500; woman's auxiliaries, 25; value of church property, \$392,500.

South Carolina—Churches, 52; members, 4,385; new members, 474; new churches, 3; Sunday schools, 51; woman's auxiliaries, 29; leagues, 18; parsonages, 4; value of church property, \$168,000.00; denominational property valued at \$28,000.00.

Tennessee—Churches, 89; members received during year, 984; total membership, 9,328; new churches, 5; prayer meetings, 54; leagues, 28; league membership, 759; Sunday schools, 82; membership, 6,278; woman's auxiliaries, 30; membership, 455; ordained ministers, 90; licensed ministers, 8; deacons, 292; paid to foreign missions, \$3,142.58; home missions, \$336.69; home for children, \$7,478.64; for education, \$2,448.06; for superannuation, \$524.76; paid on budget, \$319.80; for building and repairs, \$24,211.44; for local expenses, \$8,972.45; value of church property, \$473,675.00; paid pastors, \$51,448.39; paid evangelists, \$9,347.69; total paid out, \$108,230.50.

Texas—Churches, 48; members, 2,550; ministers, 61; Sunday schools, 48; enrollment, 1,400; churches with leagues, 8; enrollment, 241; woman's auxiliaries, 7; value church property, \$143,000.00; value parsonage property, \$22,000.00.

Virginia—Churches, 67; membership, 4,001; ministers, 131; Sunday schools, 53; leagues, 13; league membership, 339; woman's auxiliaries, 4; value church property, \$72,500.00.

West Virginia—Churches, 161; members, 5,775; ministers, 235; Sunday schools, 155; enrollment, 10,663; churches with leagues, 11; enrollment, 253; woman's auxiliaries, 22; value church property, \$334,436.00; value parsonage property, \$10,000.00.

PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 12

The thirteenth annual session of the National Association of Original Free Will Baptists of the United States convened with the Free Will Baptists of Georgia in the Fine Arts Building, Columbus, Georgia, on July 12-14, 1949.

The Tuesday evening session of the Association was opened by Billy Melvin, Durham, North Carolina, who led the vast audience in the singing of hymns and choruses. Rev. E. C. Morris, Tifton, Georgia, conducted the devotions, using the sixth chapter of Hebrews as a basis for his remarks.

Following this period of praise and prayer the clerk called the Association to order, presenting the moderator, Rev. F. B. Cherry, Glennville, Georgia, who urged the Association to think well upon its many duties in this convocation.

At the call of the moderator, Rev. Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tennessee, chairman of the program committee, presented the program with appropriate explanations. The program was adopted in its entirety, the same to become the order of procedure during this meeting.

The moderator introduced Rev. H. L. Knighton, general chairman on local arrangements, who extended a cordial welcome to the assemblage and read a letter of welcome from the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. Following this the moderator introduced the general officers of the Association.

The following members of the Committee on Committees were appointed by the moderator: Rev. R. P. Harris, North Carolina, chairman; C. F. Goen, Texas; G. W. Cloud, Florida; L. E. Duncan, Mississippi; and Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Oklahoma.

The Gospeliers sang at this time, "I Love Him." Members of this quartet from our Bible college in Nashville, and who led the singing for the Association, were: Myrtis Carnes, Darlington, South Carolina; Billy Melvin; Wesley Calvery, Waco, Texas; Derald West, Detroit, Michigan; and their accompanist, Rev. Henry Melvin.

Preceding the moderator's message, Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Bryan, Texas, read John 15:5-9; Wesley Calvery sang "The Calvary Road"; and Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Tecumseh, Oklahoma, led the prayer. The moderator gave his keynote message, "Christ Is the Answer," stressing the moral, educational, religious, and political crises confronting America today, and emphasizing the fact that Christ is the everlasting answer to these and all our problems.

At the close of the sermon the clerk read a brief message from Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey, missionaries in India. Rev. John Barnes, Blakeley, Georgia, dismissed the audience with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 13

Reassembling at 9:00 a.m., the Association was opened with singing led by Billy Melvin, and devotions were conducted by Rev. H. L. Pitts, Brilliant, Alabama, who used Matthew 28:16-20 as a background for his remarks, after which the moderator opened the business session for the morning.

Motion to seat delegates and ministers subject to the report of the Credentials Committee.

The report of the Committee on committees was read by Rev. R. P. Harris, Kenly, North Carolina, and was adopted. (See report elsewhere.)

The report of the General Board was read by Rev. John H. West, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was adopted. (See report elsewhere.)

At this time Rev. H. L. Knighton introduced Rev. E. J. Grimes, president of the Columbus-Phenix City Ministerial Alliance, who extended the Association a most hearty welcome to the cities of Columbus and Phenix City.

Singing was led by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham after which Mrs. Marie Hyatt, president of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, gave a report on the work of the women for the past year.

Motion to change the procedure of the program in order to allow Rev. R. B. Spencer, Ayden, North Carolina, time to speak on the progress of the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden. Following this Rev. Reford Wilson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, led in the singing of several hymns and a general fellowship period.

The report of the National F. W. B. L. Board was read by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, vice-chairman, which was adopted. After this report Rev. C. F. Bowen, Nashville, Tennessee, delivered a brief message on the subject "Following the Living Christ for Youth's Answer."

A standing committee to receive applications for the chaplaincy in our armed forces was elected by the Association at this time. The committee is composed of Revs. J. R. Davidson, Davis, North Carolina; Henry Melvin; and C. F. Bowen. The nature of the work of this committee will be found in the report of the General Board.

A stewardship commission was appointed by the moderator which has as its members Revs. J. L. Welch, Nashville, Tennessee; Damon C. Dodd, Flat River, Missouri; L. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tennessee; R. B. Crawford, Greenville, North Carolina; and F. B. Cherry. (See the report of the General Board for the duties of this commission.)

Following a brief song service led by Billy Melvin, Rev. J. L. Welch gave the report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, which was duly adopted.

Prior to the principal message of the morning, the Gospeliers sang several spirituals and the audience was led in hymn singing. "Christ Is the Answer for Education" was the theme of the morning message ably brought by Rev. J. R. Davidson. Tracing the history of education from early times until the present, Mr. Davidson quite impressively stressed the dire need today of supporting genuine Christian educational efforts, with particular emphasis on our own.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. H. L. Knighton.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 13

At 2:00 p.m. the Association assembled for further business with the song service being led by Wesley Calvery. Afternoon devotions were conducted by Rev. Ralph Staten, Pocahontas, Arkansas. Reading from the fourteenth chapter of Matthew, the speaker dwelt upon the necessity of our giving the best we have, little or great, to the work of the Lord, with particular emphasis on the expansion of our educational facilities.

Motion to suspend temporarily the order of procedure that some action may be taken on the report of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention which was given earlier. Motion to receive said report as information.

The report of the Credentials Committee was adopted with an amendment providing the striking out of ministers' names as delegates.

Motion to adopt the report of the Radio Committee and to continue the same committee another year.

At this time the report of a special resolutions committee, appointed at the 1948 session, was made, the provisions of which were to be put into force beginning with the 1950-51 fiscal year. (This report, item by item, will be found in the section of the minutes reserved for reports.)

Motion to accept the special resolutions committee report and act upon it item by item.

Motion to table item 1 until constitutional provision may be met.

Motion to table item 2 until constitutional provision may be met.

Motion to adopt item 3.

Motion to table item 4 until constitutional provision may be met.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read by Rev. J. W. Alford, Columbia, North Carolina, and a motion prevailed that item 1 be referred to the General Board for a report at the next annual association. The rest of the report was adopted.

Rev. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, North Carolina, gave the report of the Board of Publications and Literature. Motion to adopt the report along with its recommendations.

The report of the Home Missions Board, read by Rev. C. B. Dees, Flat River, Missouri, was adopted.

Due to the lateness of the time, the report of the Foreign Missions Board was deferred until more time could be given to it.

Business was suspended for a period of worship, at which time Rev. Raymond Riggs, Detroit, Michigan, led the audience in praise and prayer. Rev. T. H. Willey, missionary to Cuba, presented Benito Rodriguez, a native teacher from our Cuban mission field, and served as his interpreter. The Cuban speaker used as his text Ecclesiastes 11:1 and in part said, "You have sent us the gospel, and now standing before you is part of the results of your efforts." His was a very dramatic and gripping message. Mr. Willey closed the service with a few words himself urging increased support and prayers for our mission work. A call for young people to dedicate their lives to a definite Christian service resulted in twenty-eight coming forward and standing with Benito Rodriguez at the altar of the church. It was a high and holy moment before God as the prayer of consecration, led by Rev. Henry Melvin, was offered to the Lord.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. L. C. Johnson.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 13

The evening session opened with a song service led by Billy Melvin. Appropriate devotions were conducted by Rev. Willard Day, Wewoka, Oklahoma, who spoke from Romans, the first chapter.

Rev. Raymond Riggs, chairman of the Foreign Missions Board, gave his report which was accepted. Rev. Riggs then read the following telegram from Miss Laura Belle Barnard, one of our missionaries in India: "India missionaries are with you in fellowship of prayer, faith, and loving service. Read Isaiah 33:16, 17, marginal rendering." Billy Melvin then led the congregation in chorus singing followed by "Were You There?" admirably done by the Gospeliers, after which Myrtis Carnes sang "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled."

The time for the evening message having come, Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, assistant moderator, presented Rev. Damon C. Dodd who spoke on the subject, "Christ Is the Answer in World Evangelism." The speaker deplored the prevailing lethargy and indifference among our people with particular reference to our support of foreign missions, and at the same time heartily commended the valiant efforts so many have made to send the gospel around the world.

Following the message, Billy Melvin led the unusually large audience of more than 500 in the singing of "My Jesus, I Love Thee," after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. H. L. Knighton.

After the benediction, Rev. Kenneth Turner, member of the Foreign Missions Board, showed some interesting slides on a screen with a projector. These pictures were taken on our mission field in Cuba.

THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 14

Following a spirited song service and devotions conducted by Rev. R. H. Doane, Bradley, West Virginia, who read from 1 Corinthians 13, the business session for the morning was entered into.

The report of the National Sunday School Convention was given at this time by Mrs. L. E. Ballard, New Bern, North Carolina, urging attendance upon the next convention in Bryan, Texas. The report was received as information.

Rev. Joe Fort, Jakin, Georgia, gave a report of the National Superannuation Board which was adopted. Mr. Fort recommended that more ministers make application for insurance with the Board. He also recommended that the insurance premiums remain the same for the time being due to uncertain economic conditions.

Motion to suspend order of business to allow the Nominating Committee to make nominations for the position of promotional secretary at this time.

Motion to accept a partial report of the Nominating Committee. The name of Rev. Damon C. Dodd was placed before the body.

The moderator asked for other nominations from the floor for the position of promotional secretary-treasurer. There were no other nominations. Rev. Damon C. Dodd was elected. Mr. Dodd was called upon to make a statement. Said he: "I have one great desire: to see Free Will Baptists do what they can do."

The Gospeliers sang "All Upon the Altar."

Rev. Edgil Howard, Detroit, Michigan, brought a message at this time, using the subject "Christ Is the Answer in Our Stewardship." The speaker stressed the urgency of our being good stewards in the Master's vineyard. Afterwards the congregation sang "I Need to Be Filled With the Spirit."

Resuming the business of the morning, an additional report of the Credentials Committee was adopted at this time. (See this additional report elsewhere in minutes.)

Motion that the items given in a special resolutions committee report which were placed on the table yesterday be considered at this time.

Motion to adopt item 2.

Motion to adopt item 4. (Item 3 was adopted in a prior report.)

Rev. E. E. Morris, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, asked that moderator present item 4 again for a vote, asking that two interpretations of the resolution be voted on separately. The moderator denied the request. Mr. Morris was then allowed to appeal to the body for an overruling of the moderator's decision. Motion to stay with the moderator in his decision prevailed.

The report of the Temperance Committee was read by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham and was adopted.

Petitions for the next session were considered at this time. J. J. Stabb, Birmingham, Alabama, spoke for his state. Rev. E. E. Morris spoke for California. Rev. Wade Calvert, Belmont, North Carolina, spoke for his state. In the vote, Alabama was eliminated and a motion was made to vote on the two highest states, California and North Carolina. California was selected. Motion to make the vote for California unanimous.

The report of the Nominating Committee, given at this time, was ruled out of order by the moderator due to conflicts with provisions in the recently adopted special resolutions committee report.

Motion that all officers of the Association and members of the boards be nominated and elected from the floor.

Motion that all persons nominating others clear himself before proceeding to nominate.

(See the slate of officers and board members elected at this time elsewhere in the minutes.)

Motion to accept the resignation of Rev. J. W. Alford as assistant moderator.

Motion to accept the resignation of Rev. John H. West from the General Board.

Motion to elect Rev. E. E. Morris to succeed Mr. West.

Motion to elect Rev. R. B. Crawford to represent this body in the assembly of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The report of the treasurer was given by Rev. E. C. Morris which was adopted.

Motion that clerk be authorized to express our appreciation to the local radio stations and newspapers for their splendid courtesy and help.

Special recommendations from the executive committee of the General Board were adopted. (See attachment with report of General Board.)

Motion to extend a rising vote of thanks to all outgoing officers.

Motion that the moderator be empowered to appoint a parliamentarian for future sessions of the Association.

The business of the thirteenth annual session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists having been completed, a motion was sustained that this body adjourn to meet at the usual time next year at Richmond, California.

The congregation sang the Doxology and was dismissed by Rev. F. B. Cherry.

REPORT OF GENERAL BOARD

The report of the General Board with the following recommendations was read and adopted.

1. We recommend that the title of Executive Secretary be changed to Promotional Secretary.

2. We recommend that Section 1 of Article 7 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Officers;

The officers of the National Association shall consist of a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, promotional secretary who shall serve as treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the close of each regular session.

3. In view of the need of a continuance of the executive department and the correlating and unifying of the National Program of the denomination, therefore, be it resolved:

A. That the executive department be continued and that an executive secretary be elected.

B. Be it further resolved that the executive secretary with a representative of each standing board be instructed to draft a national budget and program of work for presentation at the 1950 session of this body.

C. Since as a denomination affiliated with the National Association of Evangelicals, and being entitled to a quota of chaplains in the armed services of the United States, therefore be it resolved that a standing committee (three in number) be elected for a period of five (5) years, who shall receive applications for the chaplaincy, process same and make recommendations to the Committee on Chaplains of the National Association of Evangelicals, who shall be our official representative with the Chief of Chaplains of the armed forces of the United States.

D. With an increased consciousness of our responsibility in stewardship and the need of intensive instruction therein, therefore, be it resolved that a commission on stewardship be appointed by the moderator. This commission shall consist of five (5) members and shall be elected for a period of five (5) years. It shall be their duties to make a survey of the denomination in its relation to stewardship, and from this survey, write, or have written and approve stewardship books already written for intensive study courses throughout the church; utilizing the Sunday schools, Free Will Baptist leagues, woman's auxiliaries, and church study classes through which we would aim to reach the masses of our people with the message of stewardship.

This commission shall draft objectives and goals in the field of stewardship and present for adoption at the 1950 session of this body.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Relative to a contract with the Promotional Secretary-Treasurer,

We recommend that a budget of \$6,000.00 be set up for the office of Promotional Secretary-Treasurer.

The contract agreed upon with Rev. Damon C. Dodd is as follows:

Salary: \$60.00 per week, plus his rent and utility bills, moving expenses, traveling expenses, and the cost of maintaining an office necessary to carry on his work.

Relative to the grievance submitted by the Oklahoma State Association,

Motion carried that Rev. J. L. Welch and Rev. James F. Miller be empowered to meet with the executive board of the State Association of Oklahoma, to work out a mutual and better understanding of the changes made in the revision of the present treatise.

The Executive Committee of the General Board.

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE**

July 1, 1948 through June 30, 1949

Receipts for Year Ending June 30, 1949

Alabama	\$ 501.91
Arkansas	165.62
California	60.00
Florida	151.22
Georgia	2,401.13
Illinois	563.36
Kansas	35.57
Kentucky	726.50
Michigan	1,607.72
Mississippi	780.14
Missouri	1,396.29
New Mexico	20.00
North Carolina	4,627.83
Ohio	327.58
Oklahoma	1,203.89
South Carolina	1,425.50
Tennessee	3,245.88
Texas	1,435.69
Virginia	173.00
West Virginia	178.52
Senior Class Gifts for Expansion	59.36
Miscellaneous Expenses	191.73
Revival Services	225.00
Bible Conference Offering	173.57
Regis. & Mat. Fees	2,575.00
Tuition	3,599.39
Room and Board	9,162.95
Piano, Library and Medical Fees	673.92
Unified Program	828.92
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention	459.44
Quartet Itinerary Receipts	932.35
College Sunday School	75.33
Transcript Fees, etc.	28.00
Refund on Salaries	1,085.02
Refund on Travel	271.67
Refund on Telephone	28.28
Refund on Repairs to Station Wagon	15.85
Music Fees	319.00
Student Activities	55.91
Library Gift	50.00
Student Accounts Paid	3,187.76
Student Loan Fund Receipts	85.00
Books and Supplies	3,549.51
Gifts on Station Wagon	957.05
Total Receipts	\$49,617.36

Disbursements for Year Ending June 30, 1949

Operating Expenses:

Salaries	\$16,676.80
Labor	2,569.53
Maintenance & Repairs	1,432.34
Traveling Expense	1,550.94
School Supplies	448.57
Telephone and Telegraph Expense	496.90
Heat, Lights, Water, Laundry	1,365.42
Groceries	6,038.28
Kitchen and Household Supplies	552.59
Miscellaneous Expenses	287.67
Music Fees	715.00
Express and Freight	4.55
Honorarium	245.99
Extension Service	675.61
Rent	740.00
Withholding Tax	71.10
Printing	642.41
Insurance	161.75
Medical Fees	299.00
Student Activities	87.50
Office Expense	459.96
Library Expense	168.80
Truck Expense	140.15
Student Loan Fund	115.00
Station Wagon Fund	273.25
Refund on Expansion Gifts	125.00
Refund on Fees	35.00
Unified Program	740.00
Bible Conference Expense	146.49
Board of Trustees Expense	293.60
Subscriptions to Periodicals	44.70
Legal Expense	100.00
Oklahoma Scholarship Fund	50.00
Quartet Itinerary Expense	54.74
Books and Supplies	3,784.83
Total Operating Expenses	\$41,593.47
Purchasing of Equipment	3,782.26
Prepaid Insurance	221.25
Total Disbursements	\$45,596.98
Bank Balance Reported June 30, 1948	\$ 9,000.21
Receipts for Year	49,617.36
	58,617.57
Disbursements for Year	45,596.98
Balance on Hand June 30, 1949	\$13,020.59

Cash On Hand June 30, 1949

In Bank	\$12,092.10
On Hand	928.49
	<hr/> \$13,020.59

Accounts Receivable

Student Accounts	\$ 3,879.38
G. I. Student Accounts (Vet. Administration)	2,291.73
	<hr/> \$ 6,171.11

Inventories

Books and Supplies	\$ 794.25
Groceries and Food	102.56
	<hr/> \$ 896.81
Endowment Checks on Hand.....	\$ 1,330.00

ANNUAL REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949

The Foreign Mission Department of the National Association has come to the close of another year in a position to make another gratifying report. New strides have been made during the past year, new victories won and the blessings of the Lord upon the work have been in evidence continually.

Some outstanding moves have been made on our foreign fields during the past year. Moves which places the entire Free Will Baptist constituency under far greater responsibility than ever before. In India there has been a field assigned to Free Will Baptists, and we now have four missionaries located within the bounds of this allotted territory, and are at work opening up this new field. This is work being done, first, of course, in the name of Christ, and directly in the name of the Free Will Baptist denomination. Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk and Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey are at work in this territory allotted to us in the Purnea District. This is something which has been looked forward to since our first efforts in India in 1935. Concerning the other work in India, Miss Laura Belle Barnard is yet carrying on at Kotagiri and Miss Zalene Lloyd is in language school. Miss Barnard has been made official director over all the India work and is ably carrying on in this capacity from her station in Kotagiri.

In Cuba the work continues to go forward with great blessing. The school is progressing nicely; having graduated another class this spring, and a boys dormitory is now being erected on the school farm. New fields are being opened over the Western Province of Pinar del Rio and the revival spirit continues to abound. We have hopes of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong of Esther, Mo., entering the Cuban field in the very near future to assist Bro. and S's. T. H. Willey in the work; Mrs. Wilfong to serve as secretary-bookkeeper and Rev. Wilfong to serve as an all-around man on the field. Such a couple is very badly needed in our Cuban work.

Your Foreign Mission Board enjoyed a very splendid meeting at the college in Nashville, Tenn., in April. Each member was present except one. In this meeting we were also privileged to have Sister Willey sit with us a part of the time. The work in general was duly discussed and several important recommendations were formulated for presentation to this body, which recommendations appear further on in this report.

We suffered one financial slump during the year, but after appealing to our people they soon rallied, as they have never yet failed to do, and we were soon back to a safe basis financially. Our total receipts during the year have amounted to the nice sum of \$38,487.63, while at the same time our expenditures have amounted to \$43,264.85. Figuring in the amount brought forward from last year this leaves a balance in the treasury July 1st of \$2,914.38.

We are now paying our missionaries \$75.00 per month except our two directors in Cuba and India who receive \$90.00 per month. In addition to their salaries we provide them with living quarters, pay their way through language school, pay their traveling expense over the field, etc.

Concerning the itinerate work, Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Roach have been very busy on the field during the past year. Their report is very gratifying indeed, and has resulted in a nice sum to the treasury. Their report follows herewith:

ANNUAL REPORT OF ITINERATE WORK FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS 1948-49

Traveled 16,607 miles; services in six states; 137 services where offerings were taken.

Total amount of offerings received for year.....	\$4,361.66
Salary at \$7.00 (137 services). Total salary.....	959.00
Expense account for year.....	751.86
Total salary and expense for year.....	1,710.86
Total amount (net) to mission treasury.....	\$2,650.80

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. and Mrs. Maurice W. Roach

Box 1201, Durham, North Carolina

Rev. Kenneth Turner has not done so much itinerate work the past year as usual due to being busy at other work a great deal of the time. He conducted one itinerary in North Carolina plus a few other services held at some associational meetings. Settlement for the North Carolina itinerary was made before he left the state with the North Carolina State Mission officials, therefore I have no entries on the book for settlement on this itinerary. Settlement was made however at the Foreign Missions Office for the other few services. We were informed by Bro. Turner that the receipts of the North Carolina itinerary amounted to \$953.33 plus. Rev. Turner's report follows herewith:

To the members of the National Foreign Mission Board of Free Will Baptists:

Greetings in the Lord. Another 12 months has passed and the National Association is here again. And we are so glad to report victory in the Lord in the few services that we had since the last conference. As we explained at the board meeting a year ago we could not plan to be so busy during the year, as we had other obligations to take most of our time for the year. However, we did take time to hold the few services that we are here reporting.

During the year we were able to have 34 services, we spent 37 days on the field; had services in 3 different states, received 42 offerings (some offerings were sent directly from the church to the state treasurer of which I have no record). We traveled 5,245 miles.

Offering received (which we have recorded)	\$1,455.87
Salary received	\$238.00
Traveling expense	176.40
Itinerary arrangement and projector expense	19.30
	418.70
	<u>\$1,037.17</u>

Thirty-nine presented themselves for special service.

Rev. Herbert Richards did some very good itinerate work in the state of Texas, under the directorship of Rev. A. F. Ferguson, who is Foreign Mission director of Texas. His report was very pleasing, and settlement was made with him through the Foreign Missions Office.

We present to the National Association the following recommendations:

No. 1—

We recommend that Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong, of Esther, Mo., be sent to Cuba immediately as helpers on the Cuban field. Rev. Wilfong to be an all-round helper over the field, and Mrs. Wilfong to serve as secretary-bookkeeper to the Cuban director, Rev. Willey.

No. 2—

We recommend the following as State Foreign Mission directors for the coming year:

Mississippi	L. E. Duncan, Tupelo, Miss.
Oklahoma	Bert F. Rogers, Turley, Okla.
Florida	John M. Rich, 4134 Jackson St., Pensacola, Fla.
Michigan	Homer Willis, 1023 Longfellow Ave., Royal Oak, Mich.
West Virginia	Kenneth Brown, Rt. 1, N. Tazewell, Va.
Texas	A. F. Ferguson, Rt. 1, Box 218 A, Weatherford, Tex.
Georgia	E. C. Morris, 606 Belmont, Tifton, Ga.
Kentucky	L. H. Winchell, Dunham, Ky.
Virginia	C. B. Dickenson, Wise, Va.
South Carolina	F. A. Sawyer, P. O. Box 144, Arcadia, S. C.
Tennessee	C. B. Thompson, 210 Foster, Nashville, Tenn.
Alabama	R. K. Franklin, 1629-36 N., Birmingham, Ala.
Missouri	Damon C. Dodd, Flat River, Mo.
North Carolina	Rashie Kennedy, 713 Simmons St., Goldsboro, N. C.

Ohio.....Appointment yet pending
Arkansas.....Ralph Staten, Walnut Ridge, Ark.
California.....Appointment yet pending
Illinois.....Wallace Malone, Sesser, Ill.
No. 3—

We recommend the following financial budget for the year 1949-1950:

PROPOSED FOREIGN MISSION BUDGET For Year 1949-1950

India field	\$1,200.00 per month	\$14,400.00 for year
Cuban field	1,700.00 per month	20,400.00 for year
Home field	500.00 per month	6,000.00 for year
Total	\$3,400.00 per month	\$40,800.00 for year

North Carolina	\$11,000.00
Missouri	8,000.00
Tennessee	5,000.00
Michigan	3,500.00
South Carolina	3,000.00
Illinois	2,500.00
Oklahoma	2,250.00
West Virginia	2,000.00
Ohio	2,000.00
Texas	1,600.00
Alabama	1,550.00
Virginia	1,500.00
Georgia	1,500.00
Kentucky	1,200.00
Mississippi	850.00
Florida	800.00
Arkansas	450.00
California	200.00
New Mexico	100.00

Total	\$49,000.00
Expected from other sources	1,000.00

\$50,000.00 \$50,000.00
40,800.00

Proposed reserve for new fields and emergencies.....\$ 9,200.00

The following resolution was adopted by the Foreign Missions Board during the annual board meeting in April of this year concerning the proposed budget:

"Whereas, much care and research has gone into the fields for the year, and whereas we are presenting preparation of the budget for each of our missionaries this budget to our people as our over all goal for foreign missions for the year 1949-50, therefore, be it resolved that we earnestly request of each of our mission directors in the fields of India and Cuba to operate within their assigned budget, and that any need over and above the budget be presented by the director to the Mission Board, which in turn will take final action on the matter and prepare and promote any and all drives, financial or otherwise."

ANNUAL REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN

MISSION TREASURER

Receipts by States from July 1, 1948-June 30, 1949

Brought forward from last year.....	\$ 7,691.60
Received by states during past year as follows:	
North Carolina	\$ 8,498.97
Missouri	5,730.67
Michigan	3,855.09
Tennessee	3,781.77
South Carolina	2,074.95
Illinois	1,542.77
Virginia	1,521.30
Kentucky	1,512.15
Texas	1,385.33
Ohio	1,369.06
Oklahoma	1,283.64
Georgia	1,238.50
West Virginia	926.99
Alabama	753.57
Mississippi	341.91
Arkansas	298.50
Florida	186.95
New Mexico	75.00
California	71.00
Kansas	27.00
Iowa	25.00
Colorado	5.00
National Auxiliary Convention.....	686.53
National Executive Department.....	485.75
Cuban Association on Loan.....	200.00
Offering at last National Association.....	214.69
Sale of books, "His Name Along All Nations"	178.00
Subscriptions to the Review.....	30.00
Sale of Picture Poster Sets.....	8.00
Gift by Miss Bessie Yeley.....	5.00
Refunds	174.54
Total	\$38,487.63 38,487.63

Grand Total	\$46,179.23
Total Disbursements During Year.....	43,264.85

Balance in Treasury July 1, 1949.....	\$ 2,914.38
Winford Davis, Promotional Secy.-Treas.	

EXPENDITURES

To field in Cuba, including salaries, promotional funds, support of school, support of students, etc.....	\$19,253.39
To field in India, including salaries, promotional funds, language fees, etc.....	9,460.00
Travel expense of missionaries to and from States, and while in the States.....	429.95
To Rev. and Mrs. Cronk in their getting out to India.....	2,454.17
To Miss Zalene Lloyd in her getting out to India.....	2,500.34

Paid to Rev. and Mrs. Cronk while in itinerate work.....	139.65
Paid to Rev. and Mrs. Cronk as travel expense while in itinerate work	19.00
Loan to Cuban Association for the purpose of buying printing press	800.00
To E. F. M. A. Annual Dues.....	100.00
To E. F. M. A. Assessment on Nine Missionaries.....	36.00
Paid to National Executive Department.....	560.00
Expense of State Directors on the Home Field.....	73.13
Stationery for Board Members and Itinerate Workers.....	66.75
Cost of Calling Board Meetings.....	173.00
Postage	295.03
Telephone Calls and Telegrams.....	65.59
For Office Work	285.70
For Office Supplies	63.51
Rent on Office	120.00
Cost of Putting Out Four Issues of the Review, 32,000 copies	820.29
For Printing	115.68
Check Exchange Charges.....	10.63
Salary to Promotional Secretary.....	900.00
Travel Expense of Promotional Secretary while on of- ficial Business	50.00
Travel Expense of L. C. Johnson to Cuba.....	175.55
Insurance on Office Equipment.....	53.78
For Picture Cuts.....	137.87
Freight on Paper	4.15
Janitor Work	8.00
Utility Bills	30.45
Salary to Rev. and Mrs. Roach for Itinerate Work.....	952.00
Travel Expense to Rev. and Mrs. Roach While on Itin- erate work	758.86
Salary to Rev. Kenneth Turner for Itinerate Work.....	21.00
Travel Expense to Rev. Kenneth Turner while in Itin- erate Work	17.00
Cost of Itinerate Arrangement for Rev. Kenneth Turner.....	8.25
To Kenneth Turner for Film Sent to Cuba.....	18.00
Herbert Richards, Salary for Itinerate Work in Texas.....	87.00
Herbert Richards, Travel Expense While in Itinerate work	111.71
To Rev. Winford Davis for Itinerate Work.....	21.00
Paid as Designated Support for Mrs. Harold Stevens.....	787.60
Paid as Designated Gifts to Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Cronk.....	259.00
Paid as Designated Gifts to Miss Zalene Lloyd.....	36.53
Paid as Designated Gifts to Miss Laura B. Barnard.....	92.75
Paid as Designated Gifts to Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey.....	562.50
Paid as Designated Gifts to Rev. and Mrs. Willey.....	111.30
Paid as Designated Gift to Miss Bessie Yeley.....	5.00
Paid as Designated for Support of Cuban School.....	66.00
Paid Out for Advertising.....	86.29
Miscellaneous	27.79
Total	\$43,264.85

Winford Davis, Promotional Secty.-Treas.

HOME MISSIONS BOARD REPORT

Report of the Home Missions Board to the National Association of Free Will Baptists in session at Columbus, Georgia.

Receipts as follows from July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949:

Missouri State Association, Mrs. Marie Hyatt.....	\$ 3.30
D. B. Hellard, Oklahoma.....	10.00
Floods Chapel Church, Mrs. J. C. Lamm.....	2.00
Loyal Chapel Church, Rev. J. B. Bloss.....	43.00
C. C. Winsett, Cordova, Alabama.....	10.05
McDonald County Conference of West Virginia, Mrs. W. H. Murry.....	7.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Newport News, Virginia.....	5.00
Tecumseh Church, Oklahoma.....	5.15
Union Meeting Association, Georgia.....	15.00
S. P. Easley, New Mexico.....	5.00
Wolverine Association, Michigan, Rev. Raymond Riggs....	44.32
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. Huey Gower.....	185.68
General Funds, Rev. E. C. Morris.....	448.05
Total	\$ 784.05
Balance Brought Forward.....	2,392.45
	<hr/> \$3,176.50

Expenditures:

Rev. Raymond Riggs, Breckenridge Church, Michigan	\$200.00
Rev. Homer Parker, Pine Bluff Church, Arkansas	100.00
Rev. J. L. Welch, Kansas City Church, Missouri....	200.00
Rev. A. B. Chandler, Portsmouth Church Virginia	100.00
Rev. E. C. Morris, Promotional Work.....	400.00
Printing	13.50
Total Disbursements	\$1,013.50
	<hr/> 1,013.50
Balance June 30, 1949.....	\$2,163.00
Rev. C. B. Dees, Secretary-Treasurer	

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE

To the General Board and the National Association,
Greetings:

The past year's activities have been limited as usual. We have published three thousand copies of a booklet "Personal Soul Winning" which publication is now on the list of sales and is well worth the price. In addition we had the revised treatise printed and received our royalty on the three thousand copies printed, however, in the transportation of the forms after all corrections, a line was lost from the forms, the make-up of which held up the sale until a reprint could be made. However, the error was the loss of the printer. We had some books left over from the book stand

of last year, some of which have been sold by your chairman at a profit for the Board. Thus we are offering to you the services of our book stand again this year which is under the direction of our treasurer, Brother L. E. Duncan of Tupelo, Mississippi. You will find one of the best selection of books to be had in the religious field. We invite you to see and purchase books that are sound and filled with truth.

We have urged the patronage of our people toward the use of safe, sound literature, and to refuse to patronize book agents that go from door to door with books that are contrary to the sound doctrines of the Bible, and especially books by the so-called Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists, Norman Elders and their associates. We say purchase no publication without careful examination and if you cannot satisfy yourself as to the soundness of the book, get your pastor or some one else who knows to give his opinion on the book.

We have urged our editors and those in authority to give us the best for every department of our work, and we have been informed that with the year 1950 a switch will be made from the International Sunday School Lessons to the text as arranged by the United Evangelical Action. This information came by the way of an editor. One hold up in the change is commentaries.

We need more cooperation in all of our departmental work. We can never make progress by criticisms which are of a destructive nature. We are blessed with two denominational publishing houses which are anxious to seek and to give the best service possible. We can help them by patronizing and cooperating with them in their efforts. Tell them what we want.

We are recommending a change in the Six-Point Record System, so as to bring the record to a more workable and practical method. It is not suited for our smaller Sunday schools and has never been used but by a few schools. Hundreds of schools have ordered the system, later returned it to the publisher, or just let it slide and ordered no more. So we hope that something can be worked out that will be better. This is our aim.

Let us push forward into greater fields of service in the printed page.

Financial Report from July 31, 1948 to June 30, 1949:

Balance Brought Forward.....	\$ 770.56
Profit on Books Sold at Association, 1948.....	24.21
From Sale of Left-over Books.....	9.00
From Sale of Books.....	1.00
From Rev. E. C. Morris, National Treasurer.....	54.47
Royalty on Treatise, Free Will Baptist Press.....	250.00
"Personal Soul Winning," Free Will Baptist Gem.....	12.10
"Six-Point Records," Free Will Baptist Gem.....	2.56

Total Receipts\$1,125.90

Expenditures:

3,000 Copies "Personal Soul Winning," FWB Gem	\$195.00
National Treasurer for Executive Budget.....	60.00
Traveling Expenses for Board Members.....	65.20
Bank Exchange	1.10
Total	\$321.30
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Cash Balance June 25, 1949.....	\$ 804.60

Other Holdings:

Sunday School Six-Point Record Plates.....	\$ 200.00
Books Brought Over from 1948 Session.....	11.50
Interest in Six-Point Records on Hand at Gem Office.....	17.24
Interest in 2,934 Copies of "Personal Soul Winning".....	586.80
Cash Receipts as Above.....	1,125.90

Total Assets\$1,941.44

In cash we are \$355.44 better off than we were at the close of last year.

Yours truly,
J. C. Griffin, Chairman

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE BOARD

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists in session July 12-14, 1949, Columbus, Georgia.

We bring you greetings from 25,000 Free Will Baptist leaguers who believe in and practice keeping the Kingdom of God first in their lives.

Much has been accomplished by the National League Board in the past twelve months and we herewith list our outstanding achievements:

I. The Second Nationwide League Conference. This conference was held at the First Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 14-16, 1949. An actual registration showed the number in attendance to be 564. An estimated number including those who never registered stands at about 800. Fifteen states were represented with more than 100 churches. It was a great occasion in following the living Christ. The next session of the nationwide league conference will be held at Norfolk, Virginia.

II. League Pins. Beautiful new league pins have been made and have already been placed on sale.

III. Literature. Efforts have been made to improve our league literature in every way. Some favorable results have been realized, though the results are far from the criterion for which the League Board has hoped. Continued efforts shall be made to secure commendable league quarterlies.

IV. Free Literature. Many new pamphlets and tracts have been published by the League Board. Among them are:

- A. Help for the general director.
- B. Aids for the Intermediate and Junior sword drill.
- C. The 1949 League Calendar.
- D. Leaflets on league pins.
- E. Six-page pamphlet on the second nationwide league conference.
- F. Sixteen-page book containing the program of the second nationwide league conference.
- G. Four-page folder previewing the above conference.
- H. Four-year program of expansion and training.

Most of this free literature is printed in two or more colors and all of it is done admirably.

V. League Manuals. Manuscript for the **Senior F. W. B. L. Manual** is in the hands of the printers. This manual should be ready for distribution by early fall. Manuscript for several other manuals is now being prepared.

VI. Offerings. The offerings sent to the National League Board for the past year under the ten per cent plan have doubled over

the past year. Every indication points to an overwhelming increase next year.

VII. Finances. We now give a brief financial report of the National League Board for the 12 months between July, 1948 and July, 1949:

Balance Brought Forward.....\$ 521.23

Receipts:

Regular Offerings	\$ 983.12
League Pins	151.56

Total\$1,134.68

Total	1,655.91
Paid Out	1,210.75
Balance on Hand.....	445.16

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. Mooneyham, vice-chairman NLB

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists when in Session at Columbus, Georgia

Greetings from the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention:

The National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention met at Glennville, Georgia, August 10 through 12, 1948, as planned. The Program committee presented a well-planned program of inspiration and information. Dr. Clarence H. Benson, Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, was the guest speaker. In the matters of business, the Convention voted to remain under the old Constitution and By-Laws, approved the Preliminary Training Course of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, and voted the secretary authority to prepare a report form for local Sunday schools. This report form is ready and has been mailed out. Rev. Crawford has copies and will be glad to furnish you one if you have not already received it.

Your officers for the past year have been Rev. LaVerne Miley, President; Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Vice-President; Miss Gertrude Bowe, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. H. W. Christian, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Rev. L. R. Ennis, Director of Literature; Rev. Luther Gibson, Director of Records and Reports; Rev. M. L. Sutton, Director of Denominational Enterprises; Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Director of Publicity; and Rev. R. B. Crawford, Director of Organization. The location of the Convention in 1949 and the planning of the program was left in the hands of the Executive Board, which met in called session April 5, 1949, at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. At this meeting the invitation from the Central Texas Association of Sunday Schools for the Convention to meet at Bryan, Texas, August 16 to 18, 1949, was accepted. The theme chosen for this convention is "Lift Up a Standard for the People" from Isaiah 62:10. The planning of the program was left in charge of the president as chairman and Mrs. Ballard and Mrs. Christian to work with him. The program is ready and has been planned along the same lines as last year. Publicity material has been prepared and is being mailed out now. A letter of resignation was read and accepted from Rev. L. R. Ennis, as Director of Literature. Rev. John H. West was chosen to serve Mr. Ennis' unexpired term. The Executive Board voted to continue the \$2 registration fee to be paid by each delegate and visitor to help with the expenses of entertainment.

Under the Constitution, each Sunday school is entitled to one delegate, district conventions to two delegates, and state conventions to three delegates. The Constitution also requires that each Sunday school send one dollar for each month in the year, or \$12 as their Convention offering.

A copy of the financial report of the Convention from July 1, 1948, through June 30, 1949, is attached.

In the spirit of '49, "go West" for the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention, August 16 to 18, 1949, at Bryan, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,
LaVerne Miley, President
(Miss) Gertrude Bowe,
Secretary-Treasurer,
National Free Will Baptist Sunday
School Convention

REPORT OF THE TREASURER **NATIONAL FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL** **CONVENTION**

July 1, 1948, Through June 30, 1949

Receipts

Balance in Third National Bank, July 1, 1948.....	\$120.83
Received at Convention, August 10-12, 1948.....	108.00
Total	\$228.83

Disbursements

Traveling Expenses and Honorarium to Dr. Clarence H. Benson.....	\$ 60.00
Traveling Expenses to Called Session of Executive Board, April 5, 1949.....	93.00
Telephone Calls by R. B. Crawford.....	6.94
Printing of Programs and Report Forms.....	22.77
Office Supplies and Postage.....	12.00
Service Charges at Third National Bank.....	1.50
Total	\$196.21

Balance in Third National Bank, Nashville, Tennessee, July 1, 1949	\$ 32.62
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Respectfully submitted,
(Miss) Gertrude Bowe,
Secretary-Treasurer,
National Free Will Baptist Sunday
School Convention

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REPORT OF TREASURER TO NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION **BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS** **Semi-Annual, January 1, 1949-June 30, 1949**

Balance brought forward January 1, 1949.....\$5,731.94

Receipts

Alabama	\$ 28.95	
Georgia	159.21	
Michigan	29.40	
North Carolina	441.51	
Tennessee	79.31	
Premiums and Applications.....	425.97	
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.....	95.37	
Treasurer National Association.....	190.65	
Refunds from Ministers Life and Casualty Union	66.33	
Total	\$1,516.70	1,516.70
Total Receipts Plus Balance.....		\$7,248.64

Disbursements

Ministers Life and Casualty Union, premiums and applications.....	\$ 813.22	
Secretarial service	60.00	
Traveling expense of Board members.....	131.13	
Expense of National Executive office.....	140.00	
Office expense	5.00	
Refunds to Individuals.....	9.88	
Total	\$1,159.23	
Receipts plus balance.....		\$7,248.64
Less disbursements		1,159.23
Balance in treasury June 30, 1949.....		\$6,089.41

J. O. Fort, Treasurer

NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts:

From former treasurer.....	\$ 986.13
National Program funds by states—	
Alabama	\$ 146.42
Georgia	11.40
Michigan	240.57
Missouri	1,336.35
North Carolina	298.86
Oklahoma	50.00
Tennessee	217.00
Texas	9.00
Total	\$2,309.60
National Headquarters Fund	\$ 22.20
Bible College and national boards, for Executive Department budget—	
Bible College	\$ 740.00
Board of Foreign Missions.....	560.00

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Board of Home Missions.....	400.00
Board of Superannuation.....	200.00
Board of Publications and Literature.....	60.00
Board of Free Will Baptist League.....	40.00
Total	\$2,000.00
Grand Total	\$5,317.93

Disbursements:

Membership dues to the NAE.....	\$ 82.93
Allocation of NPF to Bible College and National Boards	
Bible College	828.92
Board of Foreign Missions.....	627.28
Board of Home Missions.....	448.05
Board of Superannuation.....	224.04
Board of Publications and Literature.....	67.22
Board of Free Will Baptist League.....	44.82
Total	\$2,323.26
Miscellaneous accounts—	
Printing of 1948 minutes.....	\$ 345.00
Printing of ministerial certificates.....	11.50
Traveling expenses of officers.....	229.06
Phone calls and telegrams.....	7.78
Office supplies and postage.....	4.35
Labor on minute message.....	50.00
National Headquarters fund.....	22.20
Executive Department budget.....	2,000.00
Total	\$2,669.89
Grand Total	\$4,993.15
Balance on hand.....	\$ 324.78
Respectfully submitted, E. C. Morris, Treasurer	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, your Committee on committees, beg leave to present for your consideration the following named ministers and delegates for committee assignments:

Nominating Committee

Rev. Raymond Riggs, Michigan
Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Missouri
Rev. L. C. Johnson, Tennessee
Mrs. E. O. Griffith, Kentucky
Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, North Carolina

Resolutions Committee

Rev. J. W. Alford, North Carolina
Rev. J. B. Bloss, Tennessee
Mr. G. C. King, Georgia
Mrs. Melvin Bingham, Oklahoma
Mrs. Hubert Sloan, Michigan

Credentials Committee

Rev. J. O. Fort, Georgia
Rev. James A. Evans, North Carolina
Rev. K. V. Shutes, Alabama
Rev. W. A. Hales, Virginia
Rev. Luther Gibson, Mississippi

Temperance Committee

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, North Carolina
Rev. John M. Henson, West Virginia
Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Oklahoma
Rev. Wesley Calvery, Texas
Mr. Marion C. Todd, South Carolina

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists in session with the Georgia State Association, Columbus, Georgia, July 12-14, 1949, we, the Credentials Committee, 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.

Alabama State Association.....	\$ 60.00
Arkansas State Association.....	15.00
California State Association	25.00
Georgia State Association.....	45.00
Illinois Yearly Meeting.....	10.00
Missouri State Association.....	60.00
Kentucky State Association.....	10.00
Wolverine Association of Michigan.....	10.00
Ohio State Association.....	20.00
Oklahoma State Association.....	70.00
North Carolina State Association.....	55.00
South Carolina State Association.....	30.00
Tennessee State Association.....	20.00
Texas State Association.....	35.00
Virginia State Association.....	30.00
West Virginia State Association.....	35.00
	\$530.00

Motion passed that the Committee recommend the delegates of the Florida State Association be seated and that their voucher for \$30.00 fee together with the voucher for the statistical letter be accepted. Delegates approved are: C. E. Day and W. E. Holland. (Note: this \$30.00 will make a total of \$560.00.—Clerk.)

Respectfully submitted,
The Credentials Committee

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Resolutions Committee submits the following report:

We recommend that the Foreign and Home Mission boards be merged into one and a church extension board be established and maintained, and in order to accomplish this we further recommend that Article 8, Sections 1 and 2 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

(Note: Sections 1 and 2 were referred to the General Board for action at the next session.—Clerk.)

Section 1.—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 Free Will Baptist Bible College, the Mission Board, the Free Will Baptist League Board, the Board of Superannuation, the Board of Literature and Publications and the Church Extension Board. 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.

Also of Article 8, 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 Mission Board, Free Will Baptist League Board, Board of Superannuation, the Board of Literature and Publications, and the Church Extension Board. There also shall 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 Woman's National 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 with 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 River.

We recommend that this body extend a standing vote of thanks to the Georgia State Association, Phenix City, Alabama, the City of Columbus and its Chamber of Commerce, and pastors of these churches for their fine hospitality while we have been in session.

We also wish to express our sincere appreciation to Rev. E. J. Grimes for his fine message to our body.

We recommend that the clerk of this body be authorized to write a letter of appreciation and thanks to the Chamber of Commerce of this city for their fine cooperation during our session.

Respectfully submitted,

The Resolutions Committee

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The special committee appointed by the 1948 session to report on certain resolutions of that session submits the following report:

(Note: The entire report is given here, but it should be borne in mind that Item 1 was not adopted by the Association.—Clerk.)

Item 1.—That Article 7 of the National Constitution be amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph entitled "Officers":

"The Promotional Secretary-treasurer shall, along with his other duties, serve as ex-officio treasurer for all standing boards, and make reports to them periodically as they may require."

Item 2.—That Article 8, Section 6, of the National Constitution be amended by adding the following sentence:

"Each standing board shall prepare a budget of its proposed financial expenditures at the beginning of each fiscal year, and present same for approval of the National Association before any expenditures are made for the year."

Item 3.—That all monies received for the "National Program" be allocated to the composite boards on the following percentage basis respectively:

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 Publications and Literature.....	3%
Board of Free Will Baptist League.....	2%

And that all state organizations collecting funds for the "National Program" be permitted to retain 10% of the total before forwarding to the national treasurer.

Item 4.—That Article 8 of the National Constitution be amended by adding Section 7 which shall read as follows:

Section 7—No person shall fill more than one office at the same time, or any office and a place on any standing board, except as he may become a member of the General Board by virtue of his office. No person shall serve on more than one standing board at the same time, except as he may become a member of the General Board by virtue of being chairman of the board of which he is an elected member.

By the committee,

J. O. Fort

M. L. Johnson

Robert B. Crawford

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Inasmuch as we see the moral decadence of our day sweeping us down to destruction through the use of the number one enemy of America, liquor, wine, beer, etc., we, your Temperance Committee, make the following recommendations:

- (1)—That we pledge ourselves as followers of Christ to patronize no place of business that sells strong drink.
- (2)—That we use our influence and votes against the election of representatives and senators to our state and national legislative bodies and any other public officials who advocate the use or sale of strong drink.
- (3)—That we do not subscribe to any magazine that advertises strong drink, and that we protest such advertising to the editors. Furthermore that we protest advertising of strong drink over the radio.

And whereas we are conscious of other character-destroying evils, we also recommend:

- (4)—That we seek to lift the morals of our people by strongly disapproving indecency of dress in public, i.e. wearing shorts, mixed swimming of both sexes, etc.
- (5)—That we protest the use of popular gambling devices, i.e., slot machines, pinball machines, carnival games, card games, etc.
- (6)—That we take a positive stand against our youth attending Hollywood-inspired and Hollywood-made movies that are destructive to their character; that we discourage the reading of comic books and attending the dance.
- (7)—We further recommend that our state and national papers be more emphatic in crying out continuously against these evils.

Respectively submitted,
The Temperance Committee

REPORT OF RADIO COMMITTEE

Financial report of Radio Committee:

Received:

1. Home Mission Board, Cumberland Association.....	\$100.00
2. Henry Melvin	5.00
3. Arvil Pride, Maynard, Ark.	1.26
Total	\$106.26

Paid out:

1. Raymond Riggs, traveling expenses.....	\$ 17.25
2. Cut for letterhead.....	8.50
3. Postage, stationery, etc.	1.25

Total	\$ 27.00
Balance on hand.....	\$ 79.26

Respectively submitted,
C. F. Bowen, treasurer

CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

As Revised by the 1949 Session at Columbus, Georgia

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, promotional secretary who shall serve as treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the close 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 sections 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.

Each standing board shall prepare a budget of its proposed financial expenditures at the beginning of each fiscal year, and present same for approval of the National Association before any expenditures are made for the year.

Section 7—No person shall fill more than one office at the same time, or any office and a place on any standing board, except as he may become a member of the General Board by virtue of his office. No person shall serve on more than one standing board at the same time, except as he may become a member of the General Board by virtue of being chairman of the board of which he is an elected member.

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 5s, 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.