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# GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

FOR THE YEAR 1950-1951

<i>Moderator</i>	Rev. N. Bruce Barrow Snow Hill, North Carolina
<i>Assistant Moderator</i>	Rev. Homer Willis 1023 Longfellow, Royal Oak, Michigan
<i>Clerk</i>	Rev. Paul J. Kettelman Rural Route One, Pamplico, South Carolina
<i>Assistant Clerk</i>	Rev. J. Reford Wilson 1904 South Central, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
<i>Promotional Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Rev. Damon C. Dodd 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee



## CHAIRMEN AND SECRETARIES OF BOARDS

### GENERAL

Rev. J. L. Welch, *Chairman* . . . 1409 10th Avenue, N. Nashville, Tenn.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Rev. Winford Davis, *Secretary* . . . 202 Euclid, Monett, Mo.

### HOME MISSIONS

Rev. J. B. Bloss, *Chairman* . . . Rt., Columbia, Tenn.

### FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

Rev. C. F. Bowen, *Secretary* . . . 518 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.

### SUPERANNUATION

Rev. Joe Fort, *Secretary* . . . Lake Butler, Fla.

### PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE

Rev. J. C. Griffin, *Chairman* . . . 1409 Pasteur St., New Bern, N. C.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. John H. West, *Secretary* . . . 833 North Utica St., Tulsa, Okla.

### COLLEGE TRUSTEES

Rev. John L. Welch, *Chairman* . . . 1409 10th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.

### COLLEGE BUSINESS MANAGER

Rev. Henry Melvin . . . 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.



## BOARDS

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

**GENERAL BOARD**—Rev. Edgil Howard, Detroit, Michigan; Rev. Adam Scott, Ashland City, Tennessee; Rev. J. J. Staab, Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. John A. Henson, West Virginia; Rev. Jack Ketteman, Illinois; Rev. Homer Nelson, Wheelersburg, Ohio; Rev. F. S. Vanhooose, Paintsville, Kentucky; Rev. Stephen A. Smith, Beulaville, North Carolina; E. J. Kilgore, Virginia; Rev. E. C. Morris, Tifton, Georgia; W. G. Prude, East Tupelo, Mississippi; Rev. Seldon Bullard, Darlington, South Carolina; Rev. John M. Rich, Pensacola, Florida; Noah Cole, Texas; Rev. E. E. Morris, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Rev. Homer Parker, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Rev. O. H. Doss, California; Rev. Ben Scott, St. Louis, Missouri.

**FOREIGN MISSIONS**—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); Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri (1955).

**HOME MISSIONS**—Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tennessee (1951); Rev. Harry E. Staires, Oilton, Oklahoma (1952); Rev. James A. Evans, Wilson, North Carolina (1953); Rev. Willard Day, Wewoka, Oklahoma (1954); Rev. George McLain, Richmond, California (1955).

**FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE**—Rev. C. F. Bowen, Nashville, Tennessee (1951); Rev. R. B. Crawford, Bryan, Texas (1952) Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Ayden, North Carolina (1953); Rev. Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tennessee (1954); Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Tecumseh, Oklahoma (1955).

**SUPERANNUATION**—G. W. Cloud, Jacksonville, Florida (1951); Rev. D. W. Hansley, Ayden, North Carolina (1952); Rev. Joe Fort, Lake Butler, Florida (1953); Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, Durham, North Carolina (1954); Rev. F. C. Zinn, Flat River, Missouri (1955).

**PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE**—Rev. Ralph Staten, Red Bay, Alabama (1951); Rev. Daniel Pelt, Marianna, Florida (1952); Rev. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, North Carolina (1953); Rev. L. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tennessee (1954); L. E. Duncan, Tupelo, Mississippi (1955).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**—Rev. Luther Gibson, East Tupelo, Mississippi (1951); Rev. M. L. Sutton, Arlington, Texas (1952); Miss Gertrude Bowe, Chicago, Illinois (1953); Rev. William Mishler, Cedar Hill, Tennessee (1954); Rev. John H. West, Oklahoma (1955).

**TRUSTEES OF THE BIBLE COLLEGE**—D| B. Sasser, Revs. J. L. Welch and F. B. Cherry, terms expiring July 15, 1952; Revs. Ralph Lightsey, K. V. Shutes and Mr. Fred Powers, terms expiring July 15, 1954; Revs. Melvin Bingham, J. F. Miller, and J. R. Davidson, terms expiring July 15, 1956.

## MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

### ALABAMA

Knighton, H. L., 1911 Second Avenue, Phoenix City.  
Lambert, A. J., Route 3, Box 260-F, Sylacauga.

### ARKANSAS

Been, George, Springdale.  
Tucker, Wayne, Peach Orchard.

### CALIFORNIA

Austin, Earl, Route 4, Box 19, Visalia.  
Bias, Don, Oceanview.  
Callison, W. H.  
Cathey, Norman, P. O. Box 121, Sanger.  
Deaton, Austin, 2113 E. California Ave., Bakersfield.  
Davis, Lester L., P. O. Box 65, Selma.  
Dixon, H. E., Arvin.  
Finley, C. D., P. O. Box 658, Exeter.  
Florence, L. C., Route 1, Box 410, Delano.  
Freeman, Joy, P. O. Box 37, Kerman.  
Groves, Bob, Selma.  
Hampton, Ralph C., 251 Sierra View, Porterville.  
Hiatt, H. B., 2901 Meeker Ave., Richmond.  
Huddleston, W. A., 711 Holly Street, Sanger.  
Huddleston, Truman, Landers and C Streets, Turlock.  
Montgomery, John, P. O. Box 266, Hughson.  
Mooneyham, Joe, Route 3, Box 455-F, Tular.  
Moore, Dean, 224 California, Porterville.  
McCage, F. A., 1208 Eugene Avenue, Modesto.  
McLain, Geo. W., 440 S. 24th, Apt. 1-B, Richmond.  
McQuire, Guy, Route 1, Box 18, Arvin.  
Scroggins, O. D., 411 Parlier, Parlier.  
Shelton, A. C., 738 Empire Avenue, Modesto.  
Stinnett, C. O., Sanger.  
Thurman, Cecil, 593 Monroe, Arvin.  
Turner, Noel, 829 Baden Avenue, S. San Francisco.  
Waltman, J. L., 145 Eighth Street, Turlock.  
Woolery, A. E., P. O. Box 326, Selma.

### GEORGIA

Barnard, Laura Belle, Glennville—Kotagiri, India.  
Morris, E. C., Tifton.

### MICHIGAN

Riggs, Raymond, 206 California, Highland Park 3.  
Willis, H. E., 1023 Longfellow, Royal Oak.



## MISSISSIPPI

Gibson, Luther, Tupelo.

## MISSOURI

Beatty, Harry, 103 W. Murta, Fredricktown.

Scott, B. R., 4238 Swan Ave., St. Louis.

Scott, Geo. W., Mountain Grove.

Turner, Keneth, 206 Euclid Avenue, Monett.

Zinn, F. C., 306 Cedar, Flat River.

## NORTH CAROLINA

Alexander, D. W., Bethel.

Alford, J. W., Columbia.

Calvert, W. H., North Belmont.

Clayton, L. H., P. O. Box 1174, Kannapolis.

Davidson, J. R., Davis.

Evans, James A., 1108 S. Tarboro Street, Wilson.

Griffin, J. C., 1409 N. Pasteur Street, New Bern.

Hansley, David W., Ayden.

Kennedy, Rashie, 713 Simmons Street, Goldsboro.

Roach, Maurice W., P. O. Box 1201, Durham.

Williams, W. R., Kenly.

## OKLAHOMA

Bingham, Melvin, 1922 N. Lewis, Tulsa.

Blair, Joe, Route 1, Lexington.

Dixon, T. H., Checotah.

Hearron, Arthur, 4601 Melrose Lane, Oklahoma City.

Hood, C. C., Route 9, Box 470, Tulsa.

Jenson, Earl, 331 North "B" Street, McAlister.

Jernigan, Wade, Route 9, Box 412, Tulsa.

Morris, E. E., 2528 S. W. 33rd Street, Oklahoma City.

Pate, I. N., Antlers.

Riddle, Eugene W., Box 284, Haskell.

Stairs, Harry E., Oilton.

Stepp, J. D., P. O. Box 266, Haskell.

Sunday, Edward S., Box 313, Bixby.

Weatherman, Rex, Box 275, Ringling.

Wilson, J. Reford, 1904 S. Central, Oklahoma City.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Bullard, Seldon, 331 Syracuse Street, Darlington.

Ketteman, Paul J., Route 1, Pamplico.

## TENNESSEE

Bloss, J. B., Route 5, Columbia.

Dedd, Damon C., 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville.

Frazier, J. E., Ashland City.  
Johnson, L. C., 3608 Meadow Brook Ave., Nashville.  
Melvin, Henry, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville.  
Mishler, William, Route 3, Cedar Hill.  
Scott, Adam, Route 1, Ashland City.  
Welch, J. L., Nashville.

#### TEXAS

Barrow, Bruce, 109 South Baylor, Bryan.

#### VIRGINIA

Hales, W. A., 2601 Columbia Avenue, Norfolk.

### DELEGATES APPROVED BY THE ASSOCIATION

CALIFORNIA—J. S. Cox, Dewey Cumming, Mrs. O. H. Doss, Lucile Hampton, Winnie McLain, J. Q. Moore, Zella Ramsey.

FLORIDA—G. W. Cloud, Mr. W. E. Holly.

GEORGIA—E. J. Barker.

ILLINOIS—Trecie Adcock, Opal Hiltibidal.

MICHIGAN—Mrs. Hubert Sloan.

MISSOURI—Lucile Beatty, Mrs. F. C. Zinn.

NORTH CAROLINA—Mrs. Gertrude Ballard, Mrs. Wade Calvert, Mrs. L. H. Clayton, Mrs. J. R. Davidson, Mrs. Maurice Roach, Marion Howard, Mrs. Marion Howard.

OHIO—Alice Childers, Mary Elizabeth Darnell, Opal Doll, Zella Jacobs.  
Oklahoma—Verdun Bingham, Opal Hearron, Helen Seaton, Glenn Seaton, Mrs. Paul Stark, Mrs. R. R. Walker, Mrs. Jean Wilson.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Mrs. Seldon Bullard.

TENNESSEE—Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Mrs. William Mishler, Mrs. Fannie Polston, J. B. Reding, I. L. Stanley, Alice Woolsey.

TEXAS—Mrs. Bruce Barrow, Mrs. Joe Brotherton, Mrs. C. R. Maxwell.

VIRGINIA—M. E. Howard, Mrs. M. E. Howard.

### STATISTICAL REPORTS OF ASSOCIATION BY STATES

ALABAMA—District Associations, 12; churches, 140; new churches, 5; members, 11,659; new members, 877; members dismissed or expelled, 233; licensed ministers, 19; ordained ministers, 163; Sunday schools, 99; membership of Sunday school, 5,145; leagues, 27; membership of leagues, 1187; woman's auxiliaries, 19; membership of auxiliaries, 460; value of church property, \$358,474.00; paid pastors, \$33,955.00; paid evangelists, \$7,464.00; paid orphanage, \$4,509.00; paid to missions, \$860.00; paid to superannuation, \$175.50; paid to unified program, \$547.00; paid out for improvements, \$11,144.00; other expenses, \$14,189.00; paid out to education, \$199.00.



ARKANSAS—District associations, 10; local churches, 120; ordained ministers, 140; ordained deacons, 301; total membership, 7,265; new members, 584; baptized, 303; dismissed, 118; died, 68.

CALIFORNIA—District associations, 3; churches, 25; members, 1643; ministers, 53; Sunday schools, 25; prayer meetings, 25; auxiliaries, 7; leagues, 12; league membership, 457; parsonages, 4; paid pastors, \$25,070.60; paid evangelists, \$2,405.35; home missions, \$446.24; foreign missions, \$35.00; value of church property, \$177,557.00; total paid out, \$27,957.19.

FLORIDA—Churches, 42; members, 4,000; ordained ministers, 30; licensed ministers, 6; Sunday schools, 14; Sunday school enrollment, 1425; leagues, 10; league enrollment, 325; woman's auxiliaries, 10; value of denominational property, \$7,500.00; name of denominational property, Florida State Free Will Baptist Youth Camp—Memorial to Rev. J. C. Eldridge; value of church property, \$87,500.00.

GEORGIA—Churches, 112; members, 8,877; ordained ministers, 99; licensed ministers, 24; Sunday schools, 70; Sunday school enrollment, 3,340; leagues, 28; league enrollment, 1445; woman's auxiliaries, 23; Amount raised for all purposes, \$150,251.92; value of church property, \$322,000.00; value of parsonage property, \$12,000.00; value of denominational property, \$3,500.00.

ILLINOIS—Churches, 46.

KENTUCKY—Churches, 94; members, 8,127; ministers, 147; Sunday schools, 59; Sunday school enrollment, 2439; leagues, 6; new members, 1500; value of church property, \$318,000.00; value of denominational property, \$50,000.00.

MICHIGAN—Churches, 8; members, 753; ministers, 12; missionaries, 2; Sunday schools, 8; leagues, 4; league enrollment, 184; woman's auxiliaries, 3; value of church property, \$182,900.00.

MISSOURI—New members, 431; baptized, 298; dismissed by letter, 134; excluded, 16; deceased, 55; resident members, 4,809; non-residents, 1690; total membership, 6,499.00; prayer meetings, 35; Sunday schools, 75; pupils, 3,517; officers, 340; leagues, 25; league membership, 1010; woman's auxiliaries, 15; auxiliary membership, 331; amount paid pastors, \$38,161.63; amount paid evangelists, \$6,862.31; paid out for buildings and repairs, \$63,015.76; paid out for other expenses, \$9,796.23; value of church property, \$241,420.00; paid to foreign missions, \$2,470.04; home missions, \$1,633.09; education, \$1,596.93; Publications, \$3,374.67; missions, \$1,179.98; District associations, 11.

NORTH CAROLINA—Churches, 165; members, 25,904; value of property, \$1,600,334.40; baptized, 1,205; new members, 1,631; total amount raised, \$307,788.05; paid pastors, \$111,130.53; paid to Cragmont Assembly, \$1,370.82; missions, \$7,469.44; orphanage, \$19,774.39; education, \$10,519.79; superannuation, \$2,559.11; church finance, \$3,326.12; promotional service, \$9,366.62; miscellaneous, \$13,882.67; total spent for all purposes, \$490,-

885.51; amount sent to State Association, \$1,614.14; District associations, 9; Sunday schools, 175; woman's auxiliaries, 93.

OHIO—Churches, 56; membership, 3,092; ministers, 85; Sunday school, 51; Sunday school enrollment, 3,038; leagues, 11; woman's auxiliaries, 2; paid out to foreign missions, \$1,100.00.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Churches, 44; members, 4,260; ordained ministers, 42; licensed ministers, 10; Sunday schools, 44; Sunday school enrollment, 5,000; leagues, 24; league enrollment, 2000; woman's auxiliaries, 28; total amount raised for all purposes, \$58,406.79; value of church property, \$175,000.00; value of parsonage property, \$20,500.00; value of denominational property, \$48,000.00; name of denominational property, Original Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

OKLAHOMA—Churches, 159; parsonages, 24; members, 11,558; Sunday school enrollment, 8,226; league enrollment, 2,478; woman's auxiliaries enrollment, 420; ministers, 251; deacons, 372; value of church property, \$392,500.00; total paid out to all phases of the work, \$156,845.37.

TENNESSEE—Churches, 97; members, 9,373; new members, 942; new churches, 9; prayer meetings, 61; leagues, 34; league membership, 1,185; Sunday schools, 87; Sunday school enrollment, 6,878; woman's auxiliaries, 37; auxiliary membership, 551; ordained ministers, 97; licensed ministers, 6; deacons, 311; foreign missions, \$3,595.13; home missions, \$464.05; orphanage, \$6,859.93; Christian education, \$3,527.50; superannuation, \$803.90; paid on budget, \$2,382.16; paid out for building and repairs, \$62,323.71; paid out for local expense, \$28,071.31; value of church property of every kind, \$552,500.00; paid to evangelists, \$10,623.93; paid pastors, \$62,673.46; total amount paid out, \$181,325.08.

TEXAS—Sunday schools, 48; Sunday school enrollment, 1150; leagues, 16; league enrollment, 263; women's auxiliaries, 15; active members, 200; churches, 50; parsonages, 6; members, 2865; new members, 276; members dismissed, 89; members deceased, 30; paid pastors, \$26,325.28; paid evangelists, \$2,705.89; paid out for buildings and repair, \$12,509.67; paid out for incidentals, \$3,769.49; paid out to benevolence, \$34.00; to student loan, \$534.26; paid out to unified program, \$536.35; Christian education, \$30.00; foreign missions, \$205.00; home missions, \$446.92; orphanage, \$60.00; literature, \$173.64; miscellaneous, \$2,279.93; value of buildings and equipment, \$145,000.00; value of parsonages, \$22,000.00.

VIRGINIA—Churches, 74; members( 3955; Sunday schools, 67; ordained ministers, 131; licensed ministers, 18; woman's auxiliaries, 17; value of church property, \$164,600.00; leagues, 15.

WEST VIRGINIA—Churches, 127; members, 7,091; ordained ministers, 38; licensed ministers, 38; Sunday schools, 122; Sunday school enrollment, 5,723; leagues, 11; league enrollment, 256; woman's auxiliaries, 22; total amount raised for all purposes, \$356,756.44; value of church property, \$291,281.00.



# PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 11

The fourteenth annual session of the National Association of Original Free Will Baptist of the United States of America convened with the Free Will Baptists of California in the Richmond Church, Richmond, California, on July 11-13, 1950.

The Tuesday evening session of the association was opened by I. J. Stanley, Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Greenville, Tennessee, who led the vast audience in the songs "To the Work" and "Love Lifted Me." Rev. Dean Moore, California, conducted the devotions, using the third chapter of I John as a basis for his remarks. After these timely remarks, Rev. Henry Melvin, business manager of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, led the congregation in prayer. The devotions were continued by the congregation singing the hymn, "He's a Wonderful Saviour."

Following this period of praise and devotion, the clerk called the Association to order, presenting the moderator, Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Bryan, Texas, who presented the program. A motion was made to adopt the program with the amendment that the vacancies of the various boards of the National Association be elected immediately after the report of the boards in order that these boards might assemble and perfect their organizations before the close of the Association. The program thus adopted became the order of procedure during this meeting.

The moderator presented the assistant moderator, Rev. Homer Willis, Detroit, Michigan, who read the appointment of the members of the Committee on Committees. They were as follows: Rev. L. C. Johnson, Tennessee, Chairman; Rev. Luther Gibson, Mississippi; Rev. James A. Evans, North Carolina; Rev. O. H. Doss, California; and Rev. Wayne Tucker, Arkansas.

Rev. George McLain, host pastor, extended to the assemblage a cordial welcome giving a picture of the work in California, stating that all classes, groups, and nationalities are to be found hungering for the Gospel. Before the close of his brief welcome, he challenged us as Free Will Baptists to strive harder than ever before to present Christ to the world.

Mrs. Mary Moore, California, gave a beautiful rendition of the song, "Victory in Jesus."

The keynote address: "Every Free Will Baptist a Good Steward" was delivered by our moderator, who used I Peter 4:10 as the text for his message. Some of the things he stressed were as follows:

1. Stewardship is the acceptance from God of personal responsibility of all affairs of life.
2. Fear kills an aggressive spirit in us as Christians.
3. Faith plus nothing makes a Christian.
4. Faithful living proves our Christianity.

5. Faithful dying crowns our Christianity.

6. Jesus said more about earthly serving than heavenly bliss.

Following this inspiring and challenging message the song, "Footprints of Jesus" was sung by the congregation. Rev. F. C. Zinn, Missouri, spoke the benediction.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

The proceedings of the day were begun by congregational singing directed by the convention music director, I. L. Stanley. Rev. Homer Willis, using Mark 12:41-44 brought a short devotional message on the topic, "The Mite with Might." Mrs. J. L. Welch, Tennessee, led the congregation in prayer.

The report of the committee on committees was read and received. A motion was made that we elect as a group the committees named in the report. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

Rev. James A. Evans, North Carolina, was appointed by the moderator as Parliamentarian for the session.

The report of the General Board was read and received for consideration to be adopted item by item. (This report, item by item, will be found in the section of the minutes reserved for reports.)

Motion to adopt item 1.

Motion to adopt item 2.

Motion to adopt item 3.

Motion to adopt item 4.

Motion to adopt item 5.

Motion to adopt item 6.

Motion to table item 7.

Motion to amend item 8 to read: "Assistant Moderator and Assistant Clerk shall receive the same benefits as moderator or clerk in the absence of either the moderator or the clerk."

Motion to table item 8.

At this point business was suspended in adherence to the program adopted in the opening of the session.

Rev. George McLain, host pastor, introduced to the audience the Vice-President of the local ministerial association and pastor of the Central Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond, California, Rev. Henry B. Hiatt, who heartily welcomed the association into the fellowship of the Richmond churches, and to the city of Richmond.

Returning to the consideration of the report of the General Board the assembly upon motion adopted item 9.

Motion made to adopt item 10.



Motion made that a committee be appointed by moderator to study item 4 to see if a constitutional change would be necessary for its adoption. The appointed committee was: Rev. J. R. Davidson, Chairman, North Carolina; Rev. Seldon Bullard, South Carolina, and Rev. E. E. Morris, Oklahoma.

Upon motion the report of the National Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary was accepted as information. (This report may be seen in the section of the minutes reserved for reports.)

Rev. Henry Melvin gave a glowing report of the Nationwide Christ-Controlled Free Will Baptist League Conference held at Norfolk, Virginia, June 13-15, 1950. He gave a carefully stated, brief resume of the history of our League Conference's growth, climaxing the report with the heart-touching account of the consecration service at the close of the conference and flinging a challenge to the National Association as the parent organization to give our youth a place in the vineyard of service.

Upon motion, the financial report of the Free Will Baptist League Board was adopted. (Report may be seen in the report section of the minutes.)

Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Promotional Secretary of the Association, Nashville, Tennessee, gave his report which was entitled, "Good Stewards Through Our Denominational Program." Motion to receive the report. (Report may be seen in Report section of the minutes.)

At this time the moderator discontinued the business for the morning and song leader, I. L. Stanley, led the congregation in the singing of praises to our God.

Rev. Luther Gibson, Tupelo, Mississippi, used I John 1 as a basis for his remarks in the devotional service. Following these remarks, Rev. L. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tennessee, led in prayer.

Special music was rendered by Mrs. J. Reford Wilson, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Fern Ray. They sang "Wonderful Jesus."

Rev. E. E. Morris, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, spoke a soul-stirring message on "The Stewardship of Life," using as his text II Corinthians 8:5, ". . . But first gave their own selves to the Lord." He stressed that before we can become good stewards we must surrender our all to God. He stated that a man's success or failure as a steward depends, to a great degree, upon his thinking. He concluded his message with the profound truth that if we are to be good stewards we must give ourselves to one another.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 12

The afternoon session opened with singing led by I. J. Stanley. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. A. Evans, Wilson, North Carolina. A duet, "They are Nailed to the Cross," sung by Mrs. Loy Ballard and Mr. Stanley, preceded devotional thoughts on "Radiant Leadership" by Rev. Evans, Exodus 34:29.

The committee appointed to find the status of the Sunday School Board in regards to the constitution, gave its report as follows:

"We recommend that Article 8 of the constitution of the National Association of the Free Will Baptists be changed so as to provide a Sunday School Board of five members."

The report was received by the body.

The report of the Credentials Committee was received and the delegates seated. (This report will be found in the section of the minutes reserved for reports.)

Mr. I. L. Stanley led the congregation in singing a hymn of praise.

A partial report of the Resolutions Committee was read and adopted. (See report in section reserved.)

The report of the Board of Publications and Literature, entitled "Stewardship Through the Printed Page," was given by the chairman, Rev. J. C. Griffin. The report was adopted. (This report may be seen in section of minutes reserved for reports.)

A partial report of the Nominating Committee was given. The committee nominated for the vacancies on the General Board the following:

Texas—Noah Cole

Missouri—Rev. Ben Scott

Oklahoma—Rev. E. E. Morris

Arkansas—Rev. Homer Parker

California—Rev. O. H. Doss

Motion was made that this report be accepted and elect by acclamation.

The Nominating Committee in another partial report, offered the name of Mr. L. E. Duncan to succeed himself on the Board of Publications and Literature. Mr. Duncan was duly elected by the body.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, chairman of the Home Mission Board, gave the report of the Board. The report was adopted.

The Nominating Committee offered the name of Rev. George McLain, California, to fill the vacancy on the Board of Home Missions.

Motion was made to adopt the partial report and elect by acclamation.

The report of the Foreign Mission Board, given by the chairman, Rev. Raymond Riggs, was adopted.

Rev. Winford Davis was nominated by the Nominating Committee to succeed himself in office. This part of the report of the committee was also adopted.

At this time a motion was made that we extend the time for business twenty minutes for the purpose of taking care of the business before the body.



The Resolutions Committee offered their completed report to the body for its adoption. Motion was made that the report of the committee be accepted and acted upon item by item. (Report, item by item, may be seen in section reserved for reports.)

Item 5 was adopted.

After some discussion on Item 6, a motion that we table the remaining items and adjourn for the day, was sustained.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 12

The evening session was opened by singing the hymns, "Revive Us Again" and "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart."

Rev. Raymond Riggs, Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, brought the evening message, using as a basis for his thoughts, I Corinthians 4:2, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." Brother Riggs pointed out that if Free Will Baptists choose to carry out Christ's commission "to go into all the world and preach the Gospel" as God expects us to carry it out, we must, as stewards of His:

1. Be faithful in Prayer.
2. Be faithful in Preaching.
3. Be faithful in Promoting the Mission Program.

At the conclusion of his message, Brother Riggs introduced our missionary to India, Miss Laura Belle Barnard, who spoke briefly concerning the work there. At the close of her address, pictures of the Indian Mission work were shown.

### THURSDAY, JULY 13

The morning devotions consisted of the singing of hymns, led by the Convention song leader, I. L. Stanley. A devotional message from II Timothy 4:1-8 was given by Rev. Homer Willis, Michigan.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, North Carolina, led the Convention in prayer.

Motion carried to elect a member to fill the vacancy occurring on the Free Will Baptist League Board. Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Oklahoma, was elected by acclamation to succeed himself on the Board.

Rev. L. C. Johnson, Tennessee, gave an inspiring and glowing report of the Stewardship Commission.

Discussion was resumed on Item 6 of the report of Resolutions Committee.

A motion was duly sustained that Item 6 be tabled for at least twelve months.

Item 7 of the Report of Resolutions Committee was adopted.

The Nominating Committee was excused in order to nominate the committee required in the adoption of Item 7. The committee recommended as follows: Rev. Henry Melvin and Rev. F. C. Zinn, to work with Rev. D. C. Dodd, the Promotional Secretary. They were elected.

Motion was made that articles tabled during Wednesday's session be removed from the table.

Item 7 of the Report of the General Board was adopted. (The Moderator ruled that Article X of the Constitution be changed to comply with Item 7 as this was implied by the 24-hours tabling of the item.)

Amended Item 8 of the report of the General Board was adopted.

The report of the committee appointed to find the status of the Sunday School Board in regards to the Constitution was made and adopted.

The report of the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by Rev. J. L. Welch, chairman. His report was entitled, "The Stewardship of Preparation." (See this report in section of minutes reserved for reports.)

The report was adopted.

A period of special prayer was observed in behalf of a denomination-wide revival that would in turn spread over the world.

Business was suspended for a period of worship.

The congregation sang "In the Vineyard of the Lord," after which Mrs. Fannie Polston, Tennessee, led in prayer.

Rev. Seldon Bullard, Darlington, South Carolina, used Psalm 42:4, "No man cared for my soul," as a text for his devotional message. Mr. Bullard stated that the condition of the world today is due to the failure of the church to express the love of Christ to the world.

A quartette, composed of former graduates of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, sang "Rescue the Perishing."

Rev. J. L. Welch began his message on the subject of "The Stewardship of Evangelism" with the statement, "To be entrusted with evangelizing the world is the most tremendous responsibility that has ever been laid upon the shoulders of man." Brother Welch used as his text Romans 1:14, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and the unwise."

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 13

The congregation sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," opening the afternoon session.

Rev. E. C. Morris, Tifton, Georgia, used Psalms 119:151 and Matthew 28:19 as text verses for his message, "Comfort to the Laborers."

The Nominating Committee made another partial report, nominating Revs. Melvin Bingham, J. F. Miller, and J. R. Davidson to succeed themselves on the Board of Trustees of the Bible College. The report of the committee was adopted.

Revs. D. C. Dodd, Henry Melvin, and Harry Staires were also nominated by the committee to secure a place for the National meetings next year. The report was adopted.



The report of the National Board of Superannuation was made by the chairman of the Board, Rev. F. C. Zinn, Missouri. (This report may be seen in the section of minutes reserved for reports.)

Motion was made to adopt the report with the recommendation provided that it be made a yearly report rather than two six months reports.

The Nominating Committee nominated Rev. F. C. Zinn to succeed himself on the Board of Superannuation. Motion made and sustained that we adopt the recommendation of the nominating committee.

The report of the Sunday School Board was made to the Association and upon motion was received as information.

The Nominating Committee nominated Rev. John West to succeed himself on the Sunday School Board. Motion made and sustained to adopt the recommendation of the committee.

Rev. Wade Jernigan, Oklahoma, gave the report of the Temperance Committee. (The report may be seen in the report section of the minutes.) Upon motion the report was adopted.

The National Treasurer, Rev. D. C. Dodd, gave his report. The report was adopted. (This report may be seen in the report section of the minutes.)

The report of the Mission Board in regards to the status of the work in Cuba was given by Rev. Rashie Kennedy, North Carolina. The report was received as information. (Report is included in the report section of the minutes.)

Motion was made and sustained that we extend the time of the business period long enough to elect the officers of the Association.

The Nominating Committee completed their report with the following nominations: (Completed report may be seen in the report section of the minutes.)

*Moderator*—Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Texas.

*Associate Moderators*—Rev. Homes Willis, Michigan.

*Clerk*—Rev. Paul J. Kettelman, South Carolina.

*Associate Clerk*—Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Oklahoma.

*Promotional Secretary*—Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Tennessee.

Motion made to elect officers separately, giving opportunity for nominations from the floor.

Officers were duly elected as they were nominated by the Nominating Committee.

The business of the fourteenth annual session of the National Association of Original Free Will Baptists having been completed, a motion was sustained that this body adjourn until the next annual session would be held.

Those who remained for the Thursday Evening services received a real blessing from the beginning of the service to the end. Brother Stanley led the singing in the opening part of the service. Mr. Grady Henly, a deacon

of the host church led the congregation in prayer. Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Oklahoma, was in charge of the devotions. Brother Wilson used I John 1:9 as the text around which he wove his message. Mrs. Mary Moore sang, "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone."

Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Promotional Secretary of the denomination, brought the closing message entitled, "The Steward's Personal Experience in Salvation." I John 5:18-21 was used as text for the message. He emphasized the following truths in the message:

1. The Steward knows that he is saved.
2. The Steward knows that he can be kept saved.
3. The Steward knows the secret of joy in service.

## Report of General Board

The General Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists makes its recommendation as follows:

*Recommendation*—No. 1. That the resolution pertaining to the merger of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards into a Church Extension Board be rescinded.

No. 2. That the agreement reached by the representatives of the Executive committee of the General Board of the National Association with the State Executive Board of Oklahoma relative to the change in doctrinal statement on page 37, chapter 22, paragraph 1 and 2 be adopted.

No. 3. That all matters pertaining to all literature be referred to the Board of Publications and Literature.

No. 4. That the National Sunday School Board be recognized as one of the standing boards of the National Association.

No. 5. That adherence be given to Robert's Rules of Order for all sessions of the National Association.

No. 6. That the annual meetings of the National League Conference, the National Sunday School Convention, and Woman's National Auxiliary be held consecutively in connection with the National Association.

No. 7. That a committee be appointed by the National Association to locate as quickly as possible a place where these meetings can be held.

No. 8. That Article 5, Section 2 of the Constitution of the National Association be changed to read as follows: The moderator and clerk shall receive an honorarium of \$50.00 annually plus 5c per mile travel expense to and from sessions of the National Association.

No. 9. That Rev. Damon C. Dodd serve as the denominational representative for the National Association of Evangelicals.

No. 10. That the chairman of all boards be designated as delegates to the National Association of Evangelicals and that the clerks of each of these boards act as alternates.



## 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. Reford Wilson, Oklahoma; Rev. W. A. Hales, Virginia; Rev. Adam Scott, Tennessee; Rev. E. C. Morris, Georgia; Rev. F. A. McCage, California.

*Resolutions Committee*—Rev. Rashie Kennedy, North Carolina; Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Tennessee; Rev. George Scott, Missouri; Mr. W. E. Holley, Florida; Rev. Ralph Hampton, California.

*Credentials Committee*—Rev. J. R. Davidson, North Carolina; Mr. G. W. Cloud, Florida; Rev. Melvin Bingham, Oklahoma; Rev. Dean Moore, California; Rev. A. J. Lambert, Alabama.

*Temperance Committee*—Rev. Wade Jernigan, Oklahoma; Rev. Wade Calvert, North Carolina; Rev. Harry Beatty, Missouri; Mrs. Hubert Sloan, Michigan; Mrs. Alice Childers, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee on Committees.

## Annual Report of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention

### I. MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Number of auxiliary organizations . . . . .	184
Number of members July 1, 1949 . . . . .	3419
Number of new members . . . . .	91
Number members reinstated . . . . .	5
Total number members received this year . . . . .	161
Number inactive members . . . . .	58
Number members dropped from roll . . . . .	40
Total loss of members . . . . .	98
Total membership July 1, 1950 . . . . .	3470
Increase in membership for year . . . . .	51

### II. FINANCIAL REPORT:

#### 1. Offerings for:

(1) Fifty-Thousand Co-Labourer Fund . . . . .	\$ 120.60
(2) Convention dues (10c per member) . . . . .	\$ 68.96
(3) Convention Literature . . . . .	\$ 110.17
(4) Special Offerings:	
Orphanage . . . . .	\$ 653.14
Scholarship or Student Loan Fund . . . . .	\$ 164.50

#### 2. Disbursements:

(1) Fifty-Thousand Co-Labourer Fund . . . . .	\$ 120.60
(2) Convention Expense . . . . .	\$ 68.96
(3) Convention Literature . . . . .	\$ 110.17
(4) Other purposes . . . . .	\$ 537.55

3. Total offerings for year . . . . .	\$6,595.00
4. Total disbursements for year . . . . .	\$3,800.00

### III. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY REPORT:

1. Stewardship study classes conducted . . . . .	37
2. Mission study classes conducted . . . . .	45
3. Manual of Methods study classes conducted . . . . .	42
4. Evangelism classes conducted . . . . .	4
5. Stewardship declamation contests held . . . . .	4
6. Number Auxiliaries observing pre-Easter week of Prayer . . . . .	30
Nine o'clock Prayer Hour . . . . .	2
One o'clock Prayer Hour . . . . .	3
Tuesday before Thanksgiving . . . . .	1
7. Number of Auxiliaries sponsoring Y. W. A's . . . . .	3
Number of Auxiliaries sponsoring G. A's . . . . .	4
Number of Auxiliaries sponsoring B. A's . . . . .	0
8. Number of Auxiliary members subscribing to Free Will Baptist Church papers . . . . .	230
9. Number of Tithers in auxiliary organization . . . . .	218
10. Number Auxiliaries having personal service committee . . . . .	14
11. Number Auxiliary members engaged regularly in directed personal service . . . . .	272
12. Number souls won as the result of personal service . . . . .	11
13. Number "A-1" Auxiliaries . . . . .	9
Number "B" Auxiliaries . . . . .	4
Number "C" Auxiliaries . . . . .	0

### Proposed Budget for Free Will Baptist League Board

JANUARY 1, 1950 - JANUARY 1, 1951

Estimated Income for the Year . . . . . \$1,500.00

#### *Proposed Expenditures for the Year*

(Based on Last Year's Expenditures with Slight Increase)

National Program . . . . .	\$ 100.00
Postage . . . . .	100.00
Supplies . . . . .	50.00
Traveling Expense . . . . .	100.00
Materials for Nationwide Conference . . . . .	300.00
Expense of Nationwide Conference . . . . .	200.00
Free Literature . . . . .	200.00
Secretarial Work . . . . .	300.00
Office Equipment . . . . .	50.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	100.00

Total . . . . . \$1,500.00

Rev. Henry Melvin, *Chairman*

Rev. C. F. Bowen, *Secretary*

Lucy Wisheart, *Assistant Secretary*



# Financial Report of National League Board

JULY 1, 1949 - JUNE 30, 1950

Balance brought forward July 1, 1949 . . . . . \$ 293.60

## Receipts

Regular offerings and gifts . . . . . \$1,164.10

Sale of league pins . . . . . 194.62

Total . . . . . 1,358.72

Total receipts plus balance . . . . . \$1,652.32

## Disbursements

National Program . . . . . \$ 60.00

Postage and mailing . . . . . 120.15

Printing . . . . . 112.09

Paid on league pins . . . . . 252.24

Secretarial work . . . . . 218.80

Transportation of Board members . . . . . 148.99

Supplies . . . . . 245.46

Municipal auditorium, Norfolk, Virginia . . . . . 314.65

Miscellaneous . . . . . 42.30

Total . . . . . \$1,514.68

Receipts plus balance . . . . . \$1,652.32

Less disbursements . . . . . 1,514.68

Balance in treasury June 30, 1950 . . . . . \$ 137.64

Number attending Third Nationwide League Conference . . . . . 1,023

C. F. Bowen, *Secretary-Treasurer*

## Report of Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee for the 1950 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists submits the following report:

The following states have submitted their statistical reports with delegates and required fees in cash or vouched for, which we wish to recommend to this body with regular democratic privileges.

	Cash	Vouched for
Alabama State Association . . . . .	\$ 70.00	\$
Arkansas State Association . . . . .	15.00	45.00
California State Association . . . . .	25.00	
Florida State Association . . . . .	30.00	
Georgia State Association . . . . .	40.00	
Illinois State Association . . . . .	10.00	
Kentucky State Association . . . . .	10.00	
Michigan State Association . . . . .	10.00	
Missouri State Association . . . . .	65.00	
North Carolina State Association . . . . .	55.00	

Ohio State Association . . . . .	20.00	
Oklahoma State Association . . . . .	65.00	
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	
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Total Cash . . . . .	\$530.00	
Total vouched for . . . . .		\$80.00
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Total . . . . .	\$610.00	
Gift to Association from Fellowship Church, Flat River, Missouri . . . . .	10.00	
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Total . . . . .	\$620.00	
By Credentials Committee		

## Report of Board of Publication and Literature

### TO THE GENERAL BOARD AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS—GREETINGS:

There have been no new publications during the past year. However we have been at work on manuscript for a "History of the Free Will Baptist" of the United States, a history suitable for the using as a text book in our Bible College, or by any one who might want to speak with authority. We are asking for \$1,200 for this work.

We have had one meeting during the year, namely, at the Bible College in Nashville, during April of this year, at which time after much discussion we decided to continue, bringing up to date historical facts. At this time Rev. Damon Dodd was added as a special member of the committee to search for facts, as he is on the field much and has a good opportunity to find much valuable truth for the work.

We are selling our booklets rather slowly, yet one agent has sold 200 copies this year of "Personal Soul Winning" by Mrs. Edwards. We have approximately two thousand copies of this helpful book on hand, or in the hands of the Publisher—The F. W. B. Gem, Monett, Missouri.

A number of the Auxiliaries of the East are using this book in their study courses and thus getting the benefits, and at the same time helping the denominational program.

We have several hundred copies of the "Why the Atonement Necessary" by Mrs. Marie Hyatt and also "The One Foundation" by your servant, which are being distributed through the F. W. B. Press at Ayden, North Carolina.

Recently, your chairman has received some manuscript from Rev. Paul Woolsey titled "THE QUACK DOCTOR," which we are considering the feasibility of printing into a small booklet.



We have a sample of a system of Sunday School records which may replace the old system as prepared many years ago and has being distributed through the Monett Press. This system is known as the "Seven Point Record System," which system was prepared by Rev. Sherman H. Oakes of Bessemer City, North Carolina. The Board has not had the time to analyze the System thoroughly, but we hope to do so in the near future.

We now present the minutes as passed upon in April for your consideration.

# COMMENTS

One of the most effective mediums for spreading righteousness is through the printed page. We have been woefully lacking in this field of sending forth Gospel truth. Not because we do not have the talent, but due to the fact that we have been content to use that which was and is prepared by writers of other denominations, too willing to support the institutions of other denominations and let ours suffer, but we are praying that the time will come, when even I shall see the desire of my soul in publications and literature. This can be, providing we will work together and pull for better things, with less destructive and more constructive criticism and a united heart and mind for the spreading of the Gospel of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Respectfully,

J. C. Griffin, *Chairman*

## Financial Statement of National F. W. B. Board of Publications and Literature

JULY 1, 1949 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1950

### Receipts

Brought forward . . . . .	\$804.60
Received from Promotional Secretary . . . . .	53.69
From sale of books in Columbus, Georgia . . . . .	27.97
Rev. Winford Davis—interest in "Personal Soul Winning"	
to November 30, 1949 . . . . .	28.46

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Total Receipts . . . . . \$914.72

### Expenditures

100 copies of "Personal Soul Winning" . . . . .	\$ 16.00
To Promotional Secretary . . . . .	108.00
Postage on books returned to publishers . . . . .	1.15
Bank exchange . . . . .	.40
Mileage paid to Board Members at April 1950 meeting . . . . .	42.50

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Total expenditures . . . . . \$168.05  
 Balance in Treasury . . . . . \$746.67

### Other Holdings

Value of Books on hand . . . . . \$ 14.30

S. S. 6-Point Record plates . . . . . \$200.00  
Interest in 6-Point Records . . . . . \$ 17.24  
Interest in "Personal Soul Winning"—have not received statement yet.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. Duncan, *Secretary-Treasurer*

## Annual Report National Foreign Mission Board

FOR THE YEAR 1949-1950

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists—Greetings:

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

We come to the close of another national year with a full realization that the Lord has again wonderfully blessed in our foreign missions department during another year. While we have experienced our reverses, yet we can claim great victory. We have had our financial emergencies during the year, yet at the same time we have handled more money than in any previous year; having handled a total of \$46,005.52 since July 1, 1949. Our financial emergencies have not been the result of a letting up in giving on the part of our people, but they have rather been the result of our undertaking to do more than in any year before. Due to our expansion in the work we have been compelled to operate during the past year on an extremely narrow margin, but we have great faith the picture will be an agreeably different one the coming year.

The work in both India and Cuba is going forward with great blessing. We have much on each field for which to be thankful. We have great open doors and our workers are moving into them just as fast as our people will make it possible.

The Board has held only one meeting during the past year, which was held at the college in April. In the meantime, business has been taken care of by correspondence.

During the meeting in April the following motions were passed: A form for an endowment check, designed to encourage and promote a continued support of Foreign Missions, to be used by our workers, was presented by Bro. Riggs. On motion we endorse the use of the card for the above stated purpose.

The Board discussed a revision of the Standard Requirements for missionaries under the head of "Practical Experience," and on motion Brother Riggs was instructed to prepare the revision, and submit the same by mail for approval.

It was decided to discontinue publication of the Missionary Review for the sake of economy, and on motion, Brother Winford Davis was instructed to prepare the material used in the Review and supply the same to the Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Missouri, and to The Free Will Baptist, Ayden, North Carolina, and any other Free Will Baptist publications, and ask them to give space for the same.

At the request, by cablegram, of Miss Zalene Lloyd, by motion, she was released by the Board as a Missionary to India. The Chairman, Brother



Riggs, was requested to publish the cablegram from Miss Lloyd, also copy of our reply to her.

Brother Damon C. Dodd came before the Board and made a report of his meeting with the National Evangelical Foreign Mission Association, held at Indianapolis, Indiana, April 18th-21st, 1950, which was highly informative. On motion, we gave Brother Dodd a vote of thanks for his splendid report.

Motion carried that Brother Riggs be our representative to the next session of the National Evangelical Foreign Mission Association.

Motion carried that the chairman be appointed to arrange the introduction and conclusion of the film showing our activities on the field in Cuba, and also the purchase of the film, with one duplicate copy—To explain, we might say that this is the film made of our Cuban work by Missions Visualized, Inc., of Portland, Oregon, which is an arm of E. F. M. A.

Motion carried that Brother Dodd be appointed to arrange a Missionary Conference to be held at the Bible College in Nashville during the week after the first Sunday in September of this year.

Motion carried that Brother Davis write to our church publications reminding our people that the Board is held responsible for the allocation of all funds, therefore the funds earmarked for special purposes will be used where, in the judgment of the Board, it is most needed.

Applications for appointment to foreign fields were presented by Miss Volene Wilson, Marion, North Carolina, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Carlisle Hanan.

Motion carried to approve the application of Miss Wilson for some foreign field, conditioned on her meeting the requirements, and securing the people's pledge for her support on the field.

Motion carried the matters concerning itinerate work be left wholly in the hands of the State Directors, including the selection of the itinerate workers.

Motion carried the applications of Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna and Miss Wanda Edwards be held under consideration until they have had time to meet the requirements of the Board.

Motion carried we recommend to the National Association for approval the following quotas and Directors for the year 1950-1951:

North Carolina—\$11,000.00—Rev. Rashie Kennedy, 713 Simmons Street, Goldsboro, N. C.

Missouri—\$8,000.00—Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri.

Tennessee—\$5,000.00—Rev. Adam Scott, Route 1, Ashland City, Tennessee.

Michigan—\$4,000.00—Rev. Homer Willis, 1023 Longfellow Avenue, Royal Oak, Michigan.

Oklahoma—\$4,000.00—Rev. Reford Wilson, 1904 S. Central Ave., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

South Carolina—\$3,000.00—Rev. L. A. Holliday, Manning, S. C.

Georgia—\$3,000.00—Rev. E. C. Morris, P. O. Box 553, Tifton, Ga.

Illinois—\$2,500.00—Rev. Geo. W. Waggoner, 605 S. 24th Street,  
Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Texas—\$1,600.00—Rev. H. Ray Berry, 1031 E. 14th St., Houston,  
9, Texas.

Virginia—\$1,500.00—

West Virginia—\$2,000.00—Rev. Carl Vallance, Monaville, W. Va.

Kentucky—\$1,200.00—Rev. Randell Goble, Box 36, Bypro, Ky.

Arkansas—\$500.00—Rev. Wayne Tucker, Peach Orchard, Ark.

Mississippi—\$850.00—Rev. Luther Gibson, East Tupelo, Miss.

Florida—\$800.00—Rev. John M. Rich, 4134 Jackson Street, Pensa-  
cola, Florida.

California—\$200.00—Rev. Geo. McLain, 440 S. 24th St., Apt. 1-B,  
Richmond, California.

Alabama—\$1,550.00—Rev. Harold A. Pitts, Brilliant, Alabama.

Ohio—\$2,000.00—

Motion carried we recommend the following budget for the foreign  
fields for the coming year:

India . . . . .	\$1,200.00 Per month
Cuba . . . . .	\$1,700.00 Per month

Following is the report of itinerate work done during the past year by  
Rev. Kenneth Turner and Rev. and Mrs. Maurice W. Roach:

#### REPORT OF REV. TURNER

To the members of the National Foreign Mission Board of Free Will Bap-  
tists—Greetings in the Lord:

We are glad to be able to submit a more favorable report this time  
than we had a year ago. We were able to be on the field more this past  
year, and we are happy to report success in the services we had.

During the year we had 3 itineraries, and held 50 services. We spent  
74 days on the field, had services in 4 different states and took 66 offerings  
of which the greater amount was sent in directly to the state treasurers.  
(We kept no record except for the offerings that were turned to us to send  
in.) We traveled approximately 8,560 miles.

Offerings as a result of our services between \$1,500.00 and . . . \$2,000.00	
Salary received . . . . .	\$343.00
Traveling expense . . . . .	165.00
Itinerary arrangement and projector expense . . .	68.98

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\$1,423.02

53 presented themselves for special service.

We also made a trip to Cuba in the month of March, spending 5 days  
visiting the Cuban field and securing pictures. The treasury was not bur-  
dened with the expense of this trip.

May God add His richest blessings to those who are striving to put our



mission program forward. May many be won to Him as a result of all the efforts.

A brother in Christ,  
Rev. Kenneth Turner

## REPORT OF REV. AND MRS. ROACH

### *Annual Report of Work Done in the Interest of Foreign Missions*

As we submit this report it is with regret that we can only report six and one-half months on the field due to the serious illness of Mrs. Roach. But in His name we have done the best we could and we submit the following:

6 States visited. 239 services held where offerings were received. (A number of services where no offerings were given.) 23,698 miles traveled.	
Total amount of offerings received . . . . .	\$6,135.31
Offerings sent through local church treasurer . . . . .	287.47
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Total offerings . . . . .	\$6,422.78
Total salary for year . . . . .	\$1,673.00
Total expense for year . . . . .	1,097.85
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Total salary and expense . . . . .	\$2,770.85
Total offerings . . . . .	\$6,422.78
Less salary and expense . . . . .	2,770.85
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Net total for missions . . . . .	\$3,651.73

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. and Mrs. Maurice W. Roach,  
Box 1201,  
Durham, North Carolina

We recommend Rev. and Mrs. Maurice W. Roach and Rev. Kenneth Turner as capable and conscientious field workers to be used in raising the quotas by the different states; under the supervision of the State Director.

Financial report as follows:

### *Receipts by States*

Brought forward from last year . . . . .	\$ 2,914.38
Received by states during past year as follows:	
North Carolina . . . . .	\$11,678.02
Missouri . . . . .	6,085.55
Michigan . . . . .	4,410.08
Tennessee . . . . .	4,175.75
Oklahoma . . . . .	3,775.97
South Carolina . . . . .	1,879.06
Georgia . . . . .	1,590.69
Ohio . . . . .	1,138.25
Virginia . . . . .	1,128.30

Kentucky . . . . .	1,101.63
Texas . . . . .	1,077.29
Illinois . . . . .	1,051.02
Alabama . . . . .	873.49
West Virginia . . . . .	752.27
Arkansas . . . . .	440.15
Florida . . . . .	273.14
Mississippi . . . . .	164.06
New Mexico . . . . .	135.00
California . . . . .	58.85
Kansas . . . . .	28.00
Indiana . . . . .	15.00
Nebraska . . . . .	14.00
Louisiana . . . . .	2.00
National Woman's Auxiliary Convention . .	592.71
Cuban Association on loan . . . . .	300.00
Refund from Missouri Home Mission Board .	143.19
National Promotional Fund . . . . .	116.42
Sale of book, "His Name Among All Nations" .	70.25
Subscriptions to the Review . . . . .	21.00

Total . . . . .	43,091.14
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Grand total . . . . .	\$46,005.52
Total disbursements during year . . . . .	45,361.04

Balance in treasury July 1, 1950 . . . . .	\$ 644.48
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*Disbursements Itemized*

To the field in India . . . . .	\$14,400.00
To the field in Cuba . . . . .	20,237.99
Paid as designated for Mrs. Harold Stevens in Africa . . .	1,183.64
Salary to Promotional Secretary . . . . .	900.00
Rent on Monett office . . . . .	130.00
Postage (including mailing of Reviews) . . . . .	217.60
For office work . . . . .	76.65
Salary to Miss Gertrude Bowe . . . . .	510.00
Cost of paper for, and printing of 24,000 copies Review . .	570.91
Picture cuts . . . . .	45.98
Salary to Rev. and Mrs. Roach for itinerate work . . . . .	1,456.00
Travel expense of Rev. and Mrs. Roach in itinerate work . .	1,038.34
Salary to Rev. Kenneth Turner for itinerate work . . . . .	350.00
Travel expense of Rev. Kenneth Turner in itinerate work . .	170.35
Rev. Kenneth Turner for movie film, and repair machine . .	34.68
Rev. Kenneth Turner for cost of arranging itineraries . . .	13.30
Rev. Kenneth Turner for envelopes . . . . .	4.85
To State Directors for travel expense and postage . . . . .	15.83



Insurance on office equipment . . . . .	37.88
Treasurer's Bond . . . . .	12.50
Office supplies . . . . .	21.21
Telephone calls and cablegrams . . . . .	7.87
Circular letters, folders, envelopes and cost of addressing . . . . .	59.80
Check exchange charges . . . . .	4.65
Cost of returned checks . . . . .	12.35
Cost of printing Missionary Charts . . . . .	90.00
Express on charts from Detroit to Monett . . . . .	6.52
Mailing tubes for charts . . . . .	30.48
To Church World Service for handling charges on Atabrine . . . . .	35.00
Express on case of Atabrine to India . . . . .	30.93
Travel expense of official board members . . . . .	175.29
Annual membership fee to E. F. M. A. . . . .	100.00
Annual dues for eleven missionaries at \$4.00 each . . . . .	44.00
An additional 20% of \$44.00 asked by E. F. M. A. . . . .	8.80
Pamphlets printed for State of North Carolina . . . . .	11.40
Letters printed for South Carolina . . . . .	4.25
Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong passport and travel to Cuba . . . . .	95.00
Travel expense of Rev. Willey and Benito to the States . . . . .	187.58
Paid as designated for Laura B. Barnard's travel from India to the States . . . . .	910.54

*Designated to Missionaries as Follows*

To Miss Zalene Lloyd . . . . .	101.75
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk . . . . .	38.00
Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey . . . . .	10.00
Miss Laura B. Barnard . . . . .	25.00
Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong . . . . .	10.00
Salary as designated to Rev. and Mrs. Wilfong . . . . .	750.00
Travel expense of Promotional Secy. while on official business . . . . .	29.00
To National Promotional Department . . . . .	840.00
Paid as designated on dormitory in Cuba . . . . .	315.12

Total . . . . .	\$45,361.04
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Rev. Winford Davis,  
*Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*

## Annual Report as Presented to the Cuban National Association

APRIL 1949 TO MARCH 1950

Preaching Services . . . . .	1398
Prayer Meetings . . . . .	664
Bible Studies . . . . .	196
Cottage Prayer Meetings . . . . .	170
Special Services . . . . .	71
Sunday Schools . . . . .	1169
House to House Visitations . . . . .	14838

Tracts Distributed . . . . .	49850
Gospels Distributed . . . . .	1275
Bibles and New Testaments Distributed . . . . .	64
Souls Saved . . . . .	338
Tithes and Offerings Received . . . . .	\$2,166.71

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Purnea District  
Bihar  
July 2, 1950

To the National Association,  
Richmond, California

Greetings,

May the business and fellowship, exchange of ideas, and the spiritual tone of the Association be the best ever due the ever-presence of the Holy Spirit.

We feel one with you during this which we feel will be one of the greatest and most momentous sessions in the history of the denomination.

It is our prayer and hope as the Association grows geographically and numerically it may also grow spiritually and into an ever increasing knowledge of His Word.

We indeed feel proud to be numbered among your representatives for Christ in this country.

Your brother and sister in Christ,  
Paul and Nelle Woolsey

## Report of Home Mission Board

Report of your Home Mission Board to the National Association of Free Will Baptists, in session at Richmond, California, July, 1950.

Board meeting March 1st, 1950: The National Home Mission Board met at the South Side Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, with every member present, others present at this meeting were Rev. Benjamin Scott, Rev. Harvey Hill, Rev. Paul Pursell, and Rev. Damon Dodd.

Services opened under the direction of the Chairman by singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm," and prayer by Rev. James Evans.

(1) Motion carried *First* that we promote and operate in field of Evangelism. *Second* that we promote and operate in the field of Church extension.

(2) Whereas the Home Mission Board proposes to operate in the field of church extension, and whereas we, the Home Mission Board, feel that a merger between the Foreign Mission and the Home Mission Board would not be advisable at this time, be resolved that we go on record as requesting the General Board of National Association to use its influence against this proposed merger and the setting up of a Church Extension Board. Motion carried.

(3) Motion carried that we send Rev. J. B. Bloss as representative to the NEA Convention at Indianapolis, Indiana.



(4) Motion carried that we order 2500 emblems for license plates to retail at \$1.00 each, together with the expense of mailing.

(5) Motion carried that the secretary and Rev. Dodd work together by correspondence relative to the revival of the work in Nebraska and the several other places under consideration. Rev. H. E. Staires appointed to investigate the Indian work in Oklahoma and Rev. J. A. Evans appointed to investigate the Indian work in North Carolina.

(6) Motion carried that Chairman and Rev. Dodd try to work out a plan whereby Miss Bessie Yeley be sent to El Paso, Texas to try and establish a work with the Spanish speaking Mexicans, Maximum time one month, Maximum expense, \$250.00.

(7) Motion carried that we adopt the proposed plan of advertising to be carried out by the Chairman and the promotional secretary.

(8) Motion carried that the budget for the National Home Mission Board for 1950-51 be set at \$6,000.00, the allocations for each state to be made by the Secretary and the promotional Secretary.

(9) Motion carried that we extend a rising vote of thanks to the South Side Free Will Baptist Church and pastor and the Third Free Will Baptist Church and pastor for the splendid hospitality shown during this board meeting.

#### HOME MISSION BOARD

Receipts as follows from July 1st to June 30th, 1950:

7- 6-49—W. N. A. C.	\$ 11.64
9- 8-49—S. P. Easley	10.00
9-11-49—W. N. A. C.	37.77
10- 3-49—W. N. A. C.	10.93
10- 5-49—Wolverine Association, Michigan	16.65
11-19-49—A. F. Pierce	5.00
11-19-49—Fredricktown, Missouri, Church	9.00
11-19-49—W. N. A. C.	3.73
12-18-49—W. N. A. C.	20.04
12-18-49—Alabama Children's Home Church	10.00
1-12-50—W. N. A. C.	9.07
1-12-50—Wolverine Association, Michigan	14.93
1-23-50—Fredricktown, Missouri, Church	6.50
2-28-50—Loyal Chapel Church, Tennessee	85.00
3- 8-50—W. N. A. C.	23.37
3- 8-50—National Association	189.77
5-10-50—Rev. H. E. Staires (tags)	40.00
4- 1-50—Progressive Q. M., Alabama	2.00
4- 3-50—W. N. A. C.	40.75
4- 9-50—Wolverine Association, Michigan	13.35
5-10-50—Fredricktown, Missouri, Church	9.20
5- 5-50—W. N. A. C.	28.84
5-10-50—Rev. C. B. Dees (tags)	10.00
6- 1-50—National Association	83.09

6- 4-50—W. N. A. C. . . . .	4.96
5- 9-50—Sulphur Church, Oklahoma . . . . .	10.00
6-16-50—Rev. H. E. Staires (tags) . . . . .	75.00
6-25-50—Rev. J. B. Bloss (tags) . . . . .	201.00
6-25-50—Circular Letters . . . . .	36.00

Total . . . . .	\$1,017.59
Balance Brought Forward . . . . .	2,163.00

Balance . . . . . \$3,180.59

#### Expenditures July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950

11- 2-49—Oilton Church, Oklahoma . . . . .	\$ 200.00
2-10-50—Promotional Work . . . . .	300.00
3- 1-50—Rev. J. A. Evans (Board Meeting Exp.) . . . . .	89.90
3- 1-50—Rev. J. B. Bloss (Board Meeting Exp.) . . . . .	20.00
3- 1-50—Rev. Homer Day (Board Meeting Exp.) . . . . .	17.50
3- 1-50—Rev. H. E. Staires (Board Meeting Exp.) . . . . .	17.50
3- 1-50—Rev. C. B. Dees (Board Meeting Exp.) . . . . .	3.50
4- 3-50—Vandy Printing Co., 4500 Posters, 1500 Envelopes, 1500 Folders, 1500 Envelopes . . . . .	115.20
4- 3-50—Fred D. Wright, 2500 License Tags . . . . .	700.00
4-22-50—Promotional Work . . . . .	300.00
5-15-50—Rev. J. B. Bloss—Trip to N.E.A. Convention . . . . .	42.00
6-25-50—Express . . . . .	25.55
Telephone calls . . . . .	3.20
Envelopes for Tags . . . . .	24.70
Cut for Tags . . . . .	4.00
Stamps for circulars . . . . .	45.00
Postage for Tags . . . . .	2.07

Total . . . . . \$1,910.12

Balance June 30, 1950 . . . . . \$1,270.47

Rec. C. B. Dees, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

## Report of Special Committees of Home Mission Board

The reports of the special committees were as follows:

Rev. Harry Staires reports that the Home Missions Board sponsored a revival at Hobbs, New Mexico, which resulted in the organization of a Free Will Baptist Church with 18 charter members and a Sunday School of 45 members. Property has been purchased and a building program is under way.

Contact has been made by the Board among 2,000 Choctaw Indians of Oklahoma. Plans are now in making to start a work among them to be sponsored by the National Home Missions Board.

Rev. James A. Evans reports that two trips have been made into the



Cherokee Indian Reservation in Western North Carolina. The population is 3,300 and some churches are at work among them. We can get help from the school officials there for holding services. A pageant is now being given which draws large crowds to the village. If the Board could match the State Fund of \$150.00, a meeting could be conducted this summer.

Realizing that we must make plans to participate in the revival which is now sweeping America, your Home Missions Board recommends:

1. That September 1, 1950, February 14, 1951, and May 1, 1951 be designated as special prayer days for revival and sufficient advertising and publicity be given that they will be generally observed.

2. That a series of simultaneous revivals be planned. For this purpose we should define our borders as follows:

*Eastern*—Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, North Carolina.

*Central*—Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana.

*South Eastern*—Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia.

*Western*—Arizona, California, New Mexico.

3. Each of these regions shall be organized for the campaigns with a regional director appointed by the Home Mission Board to work out the date, advertising, reports, and a list of co-operating churches. Careful records should be kept by the regional director of each revival in his area and reported to the Home Mission Board. A goal of 12,000 new members should be set for another year.

## Annual Report of the National Superannuation Board of Free Will Baptists

1949 - 1950

Balance brought forward July 1, 1949 . . . . . \$6,089.41

### *Receipts*

Alabama . . . . .	\$ 39.15
Georgia . . . . .	116.87
Michigan . . . . .	53.28
North Carolina . . . . .	968.01
Missouri . . . . .	14.35
W. N. A. C. . . . .	93.18
Tennessee . . . . .	22.61
Premiums and Applications . . . . .	644.53
Unified Program . . . . .	136.03
Refund M. L. C. U. . . . .	1.10

Total . . . . . 2,089.11

Total Receipts plus Balance . . . . . \$8,178.52

### Disbursements

Ministers Life and Casualty Union for Premiums and Applications . . . . .	\$1,313.52
Office Expense . . . . .	5.00
Secretarial Service . . . . .	120.00
Promotional Work of National Association . . . . .	380.50
Refund to Daniel Cronk on Rejected Application . . . . .	16.00
Traveling expense of Board members . . . . .	127.00
Traveling expense of two Board members to Nat'l. Assn. . . . .	200.00
Total . . . . .	<hr/> 2,162.02

Balance on hand June 30, 1950 . . . . . \$6,016.50

We recommend that our Promotional Secretary be granted authority to receive applications for insurance through the Ministers Life and Casualty Union.

Signed by Treasurer,  
J. O. Fort

### Budget for National Superannuation Board of Free Will Baptists

FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1950 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1951

To Payment of Premiums on Policies now held by insurees . . . . .	\$ 667.63
To Payment of Board's share of expense of Nat'l Promotional office . . . . .	650.00
To Payment of Secretarial Service . . . . .	120.00
To Payment of Traveling Expense of Board Members in Promotion of Program . . . . .	300.00
To Payment of Premiums on New Policies . . . . .	300.00
To Payment of miscellaneous, including stamps, paper, office supplies, etc. . . . .	25.00
	<hr/> \$2,062.63

### Report of the National Sunday School Convention

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists when in Session at  
Richmond, California,

Greetings from the Free Will Baptist National Sunday School Convention:

The National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention met at Bryan, Texas, August 16-18, 1949, as planned. Reports were that it was the best convention yet, and the program of inspiration and information was enjoyed by those present. Beginning on page 7 of the enclosed minute, you will find details of the 1949 Convention.

As voted in this Convention, the Free Will Baptist National Sunday School Board met October 4, 1949, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma; it met again unofficially on December 1, 1949, at the First Church, Tulsa; and officially April 25, 1950, at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee.



The 1950 session of the Free Will Baptist National Sunday School Convention will meet with the East Tupelo Free Will Baptist Church, East Tupelo, Mississippi, August 8 to 10. The Free Will Baptist National Sunday School Board meets August 8, at one p. m., preceding the opening of the Convention that evening.

The program of the Convention is ready and has been planned along the same lines as last year, with the addition of a feature speaker. This speaker will be the Rev. Paul Copeland, of the Assemblies of God, from Springfield, Missouri. These people have made real progress recently in their Sunday School work, and we believe Mr. Copeland will make a real contribution to our Convention.

The officers of your Sunday School Convention the past year have been Rev. LaVerne Miley, president; Rev. T. G. Hamilton, vice-president; and Gertrude Bowe, secretary-treasurer. No directors were chosen per resolution passed by convention.

The members of your Sunday School Board are Rev. John H. West, chairman; Rev. Luther Gibson, vice-chairman; Gertrude Bowe, secretary-treasurer; Rev. M. L. Sutton, and Rev. William Mishler. Mr. West's term expires with the meeting of the National Association, July 11 to 14, 1950.

"A Handbook for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools" is in the process of preparation now. A copy of the financial report for the year is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude Bowe, *Secretary-Treasurer*

## Treasurer's Report

National Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptists  
July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950

### *Receipts*

Balance in Third Nat'l Bank, Nashville, Tennessee, July 1, 1949	\$ 32.62
Received with report forms . . . . .	\$106.00
Received at 1949 Convention . . . . .	237.00
Gifts during year . . . . .	20.00
Refund on typewriter rental . . . . .	1.00
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Total receipts for year . . . . .	364.00
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Grand Total . . . . .	\$396.62

### *Disbursements*

#### Printing:

Folders . . . . .	\$37.00
Minutes . . . . .	34.80
Stationery . . . . .	14.50
Programs . . . . .	9.00
Postage . . . . .	1.50
Typewriter . . . . .	12.00

Traveling Expenses of Board . . . . .	83.90
Total disbursements . . . . .	192.70
Balance July 1, 1950 . . . . .	\$203.92
Balance in Third National Bank, Nashville, Tenn., July 1, 1950 . . . . .	186.42
Cash on hand July 1, 1950 . . . . .	\$ 17.50

Respectfully submitted,

(Miss) Gertrude Bowe, *Secretary-Treasurer*  
National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention

## Report of Temperance Committee

Seeing the moral decadence of our day, we, your Temperance Committee, make these recommendations:

1. That we pledge ourselves to adhere strictly to paragraph two of our church covenant which reads as follows: "We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

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.

Temperance Committee

## Special Committee on the Status of the Sunday School Board

We recommend that Article 8 of the Constitution of the National Association of Free Will Baptist be changed to provide for a Sunday School Board of Five members.

## Report of the Nominating Committee

Free Will Baptist League Board—Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

Superannuation Board—Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Sunday School Board—Rev. John H. West.

Trustees of the Bible College—Rev. Melvin Bingham, Rev. J. F. Miller, Rev. J. R. Davidson.

Moderator—Rev. Bruce Barrow.

Assistant Moderator—Rev. Homer Willis.

Clerk—Rev. Paul J. Kettelman.

Assistant Clerk—Rev. J. Reford Wilson.

Promotional Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

Committee on Location of National Meetings—Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Rev. Henry Melvin, Rev. Harry Staires.



# Report of Free Will Baptist Bible College

JULY 1, 1949 - JUNE 30, 1950

The Bible College has completed eight years of successful history, having registered in the past scholastic year seventy-six students from fifteen states and Cuba. Scores of her graduates are serving in the pastorates, Sunday schools, woman's missionary societies, daily vacation Bible Schools here in the home land, while five are in active service in foreign lands.

The Bible College has served well as a training institution for the leadership of our church, and the Board of Trustees at their last annual session voted to expand the curriculum so that the College would open in September, 1950, as a four-year Bible College, offering the A. B. degree in Biblical Education. Thus we move nearer meeting the need for training our leadership. Your prayers and money are coveted to that end. Herewith is the financial record as Free Will Baptists have written it in the interest of Christian Education for the past twelve months:

## Financial Statement of Free Will Baptist Bible College

FINANCIAL STATEMENT JULY 1, 1949 - JUNE 30, 1950

### INCOME:

#### *By States*

Alabama . . . . .	\$ 477.68
Arkansas . . . . .	22.00
California . . . . .	10.00
Florida . . . . .	648.24
Georgia . . . . .	952.57
Illinois . . . . .	336.69
Kentucky . . . . .	47.00
Michigan . . . . .	1,259.46
Mississippi . . . . .	680.66
Missouri . . . . .	1,352.92
New Mexico . . . . .	15.00
North Carolina . . . . .	4,728.86
Oklahoma . . . . .	1,602.86
South Carolina . . . . .	1,148.93
Tennessee . . . . .	2,463.31
Texas . . . . .	1,579.24
Virginia . . . . .	180.00
West Virginia . . . . .	74.45
Gifts from students, classes, etc. . . . .	100.41

Total Income from Gifts . . . . . \$17,680.28

### OTHER INCOME:

Registration and Matriculation Fees . . . . .	\$ 3,243.00
Room and Board . . . . .	12,628.80
Other Fees (Including Music, Medical, Library, etc.) . . . . .	2,242.40

Station Wagon Gifts . . . . .	1,005.55
Miscellaneous Income . . . . .	859.28
Tuition . . . . .	4,695.08
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention . . . . .	301.97
Quartet Itinerary Gifts . . . . .	1,336.42
Book Store Sales . . . . .	3,565.81

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Total Income . . . . .	\$47,558.59
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EXPENSES:

Unified Program . . . . .	\$ 605.11
Salaries . . . . .	18,703.10
Labor . . . . .	5,273.50
Maintenance and Repairs . . . . .	4,785.97
Traveling Expense . . . . .	1,632.72
School Supplies . . . . .	150.31
Telephone Expense . . . . .	329.14
Heat, Light, Water, Laundry . . . . .	1,782.51
Groceries . . . . .	6,563.60
Kitchen and Household Supplies . . . . .	489.02
Miscellaneous Expenses . . . . .	328.20
Honorarium . . . . .	209.86
Extension Expense . . . . .	697.39
Rent . . . . .	1,060.00
Printing . . . . .	435.39
Insurance . . . . .	612.93
Medical Fees . . . . .	211.00
Student Activities . . . . .	11.00
Office Expense . . . . .	502.26
Library Expense . . . . .	77.63
Truck Expense . . . . .	171.07
Board of Trustees Expense . . . . .	366.95
Quartet Itinerary Expense . . . . .	487.53
Books and Supplies . . . . .	3,184.58

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Total Operating Expenses . . . . .	\$48,670.77
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Add—Depreciation Allowance for Year . . . . .	2,295.91
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Total Expenses . . . . .	\$50,966.68
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BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS:

Third National Bank . . . . .	\$ 7,315.37
American National Bank . . . . .	3,200.73
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Total Cash in banks . . . . .	\$10,516.10
Prepaid Insurance . . . . .	174.80
Accounts Receivable (Students) . . . . .	\$ 3,197.43



(G. I. Accounts) . . . . .	59.92	
		3,257.35
Student Loan . . . . .		30.00
Equipment and Fixtures . . . . .	\$16,725.47	
Less Depreciation Reserve . . . . .	3,207.86	
		13,517.61
Land . . . . .		9,000.00
Buildings and Improvements . . . . .	\$19,540.58	
Less Depreciation Reserve . . . . .	2,902.05	
		16,638.53
Inventory on Books and Supplies . . . . .		428.81
Total Assets . . . . .		\$53,563.20
<b>LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL</b>		
<i>Liabilities:</i>		
Withholding Tax Payable . . . . .	\$	103.50
<i>Capital:</i>		
At beginning of period . . . . .	\$56,867.79	
Expenses for 1949-50 year . . . . .	\$50,966.68	
Less income 1949-50 . . . . .	47,558.59	
		3,408.09
Total Capital at end of year . . . . .		53,459.70
Total Liabilities and Capital . . . . .		\$53,563.20
<i>Inventories</i>		
Library . . . . .	\$	8,000.00
Food . . . . .		144.41
Income Receivable from Endowment and Gift checks . . . . .		4,353.50
Office Supplies . . . . .		75.00
Total Inventories . . . . .		\$12,572.91
Total Assets . . . . .		53,563.20
Total Assets and Inventories . . . . .		\$66,136.11

It is to be noted from the above financial report that the income of the institution from all sources of the church actually amounted to \$20,224.22, while the receipts from the students for tuition, room and board, and various fees, amounted to \$27,334.37. Thus it is revealed that the denomination has invested \$1 to every \$1.50 that each student has put into his education.

We would like to offer this explanatory note relative to income and expenses, namely: The report reveals that our expenditures exceeded the in-

come by \$1,112.18. However, the report reveals that this was caused by the enlargement of one building and the complete renovation of two buildings on the campus, which is reported under the items of "Labor", and "Maintenance and Repairs." This is no cause for alarm as our balance sheet shows a wholesome balance and that our total assets and inventories which include the total worth of the institution to be \$66,136.11. This is an all-time high.

## Stewardship Commission Report

Organized in Nashville, Tennessee, November 19, 1949: L. C. Johnson, Chairman; D. C. Dodd, Secretary-Treasurer.

Outlined program for the year under four headings—1. Materials; 2. Teachers; 3. Methods; 4. Finance.

### I. *Materials*

1. Each member of the commission agreed to write articles for the various publications.
2. Stewardship study course material to be written and prepared for distribution.
3. A thorough program of advertising and publicity was to be launched.

### II. *Teachers*

1. Localities desiring teachers were to secure them through the commission.
2. The Christian Workers Institute was to present the course.

### III. *Methods*

1. Study Courses. 2. Preaching. 3. Writing. 4. Advertising.

### IV. *Finance*

The promotional department agreed to include the Stewardship Commission in its budget, inasmuch as no arrangements were made for financing the work.

#### *Statistical Report:*

- 5,000 folders "Facts you need to know about the Stewardship Commission" distributed.
- 10,000 Stewardship calendars prepared and distributed.
- 200 Stewardship study courses prepared and largely distributed.
- Expenditure for this purpose was \$178.10.

## Report of the National Treasurer to the National Association at Richmond, California, July, 1950

Balance brought forward from 1949 - 1950 (from E. C. Morris)

Regular fund . . . . .	\$1,284.29
Headquarters fund . . . . .	1,469.99
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Total Amount brought forward . . . . .	\$2,754.28



# Receipts

## Unified Fund:

Alabama . . . . .	\$ 211.46	(plus 4%)
Missouri . . . . .	1,435.71	(plus 7%)
Michigan . . . . .	370.55	(plus 12½%)
Georgia . . . . .	8.00	(less 28%)
North Carolina . . . . .	225.30	
Texas . . . . .	4.51	(less 50%)

Total received through unified fund . . . . . \$2,255.53

## Headquarters Fund:

Missouri . . . . .	\$ 58.05
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Total received . . . . . 58.05

## Promotional Fund:

Bible College . . . . .	\$1,110.00
Foreign Mission Board . . . . .	420.00
Home Mission Board . . . . .	600.00
Superannuation Board . . . . .	300.00
Publication and Literature Board . . . . .	90.00
Free Will Baptist League Board . . . . .	60.00

Total received through Promotional Fund . . . . . \$2,580.00

## Stewardship Gifts:

Two Meetings in Nashville, Tennessee . . . . .	\$ 37.00
By Rev. R. B. Crawford . . . . .	25.00
Cumberland Association . . . . .	150.00

Total Stewardship gifts . . . . . 212.00

Total Receipts from all sources . . . . . \$7,859.86

# Disbursements

## Unified Funds:

Bible College . . . . .	\$ 504.89
Foreign Missions . . . . .	465.75
Home Missions . . . . .	272.86
Superannuation Board . . . . .	136.03
League Board . . . . .	27.29
Publication Board . . . . .	40.94
N. A. E. Membership . . . . .	42.20

Total disbursements through Unified Funds . . . . . \$1,489.96

## Operational Expense:

Salary—D. C. Dodd, Promotional Secretary . . . . .	\$1,840.00
Rent and Utilities . . . . .	608.83
West Virginia Institute Expense . . . . .	34.00
Printing and Postage . . . . .	277.99
Travel Expense . . . . .	785.53

Moving D. C. Dodd (from Flat River, Missouri to Nashville, Tennessee)	175.38	
Office Supplies	8.89	
Advertising in College Annual	12.50	
Refund to E. C. Morris on overdraft of funds	30.04	
Secretarial Service	77.75	
Radio Commission	45.50	
Total disbursements through Operational Expense		\$3,896.41

Total disbursements	\$5,386.37
Balance on Hand	\$2,473.49

### BALANCE SHEET

#### *Unified Fund:*

Received	\$2,255.53
Disbursed	1,489.96

Balance	\$ 765.57
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#### *Headquarters Fund:*

Received	\$ 58.05
Disbursed	
On Hand	1,469.99

Balance	\$1,528.04
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#### *Operational and Promotional Fund:*

Received	\$2,792.00
On Hand	1,284.29

Total	\$4,076.29
Disbursed	3,896.41

Balance	179.88
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GRAND TOTAL in all Funds . . . . . \$2,473.49

All funds on deposit in Centennial Park Branch of American National Bank, Nashville, Tennessee.

## Report of the Resolutions Committee

The Resolution Committee submits the following report:

1—We recommend that this body extend a standing vote of thanks to the local church, the California state Association, and the Ministerial Association of the City of Richmond for their fine hospitality while we have been in session.

2—We recommend that this body extend a vote of thanks to those appearing on our program for their fine inspirational messages in word and



song which we have heard during this session, to the committee who prepared the program, and, also, to everyone who has had a part in making our stay here in California so enjoyable, especially those who have donated the very beautiful flowers each day.

3—We recommend that the clerk of this body be authorized to write a letter of appreciation and thanks to the ministerial association of Richmond, California for their splendid co-operation during this session.

4—We recommend that the Mission Boards in the respective states composing this National body cooperate in selecting a state missionary who will, with the assistance of the Promotional Secretary of the National Association, visit, work with, and teach the unaffiliated churches within the state until they are fully enlisted in the National program of Free Will Baptists. In those states where there is no state mission board, we recommend that the Promotional Secretary of the National Association, survey the situation and assist in setting up a workable program in these states.

5—We recommend that in the interest of unity and cooperation the following special days be recognized in all Free Will Baptist churches: the first Sunday in October, 1950, be set aside as Bible College Sunday; the first Sunday in February, 1951, as Foreign Mission Sunday; and the fourth Sunday in April as Home Mission Sunday.

6—We recommend that no change be made in our treatise, at the session in which the resolution is presented; but that the resolution be read in that session, then carried over to the next regular association for final reading and vote.

7—We recommend that a committee of two be appointed by this body to study the possibility of designing a symbol which could be used to identify a Free Will Baptist Church in any and all communities throughout the United States.

# CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

As Revised by the 1950 Session at Richmond, California

From experience we, the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and revealing 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 be hereafter 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 receive an honorarium of \$50.00 annually plus 5c per mile travel expense to and from sessions of the National Association. Assistant Moderator and Assistant Clerk shall re-



ceive the same benefits as Moderator or Clerk in the absence of either the Moderator or the Clerk.

## 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 Sunday School 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 Sunday School Board, the Board of Superannuation, and the Board of Literature and Publications. 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 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 provisions 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, at the time and place announced by the committee appointed by the Association while in session.

#### 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.