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GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1953-1954

Moderator.....	Rev. E. E. Morris 2528 S. W. 33rd, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. W. A. Hales Argonne and Pershing Streets, Norfolk, Virginia
Clerk.....	Rev. George W. Waggoner Okawville, Illinois
Assistant Clerk.....	Rev. Thomas G. Hamilton Glennville, Georgia
Executive Secretary-Treasurer.....	Rev. W. S. Mooneyham 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee

CHAIRMEN AND SECRETARIES OF BOARDS

GENERAL

Rev. E. E. Morris, <i>Chairman</i>	2528 S. W. 33rd, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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FOREIGN MISSIONS

Rev. Raymond Riggs, <i>Promotional Secretary</i>	3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
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HOME MISSIONS

Rev. Harry E. Staires, <i>Secretary</i>	516 S. 61 W. Ave., Tulsa, Oklahoma
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FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

Rev. C. F. Bowen, <i>Secretary</i>	3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
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SUPERANNUATION

Rev. Joe O. Fort, <i>Secretary</i>	Lake Butler, Florida
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PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE

Rev. J. C. Griffin, <i>Chairman</i>	New Bern, North Carolina
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. William Mishler, <i>Chairman</i>	3523 Cadillac Blvd., Detroit, Michigan
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BIBLE COLLEGE TRUSTEES

Rev. John L. Welch, <i>Chairman</i>	1604 10th Avenue N., Nashville, Tenn.
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RADIO-TELEVISION

Rev. J. D. O'Donnell, <i>Secretary</i>	209 17th St., South, Columbus, Mississippi
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Boards

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

General Board—Rev. John Elliston, Oklahoma; Dr. Noah Cole, Texas; Rev. Ralph Hampton, California; Rev. O. T. Dixon, Arkansas; Rev. George Scott, Missouri; Rev. A. J. Lambert, Alabama; Mr. Ernest Owen, Florida; Rev. E. C. Morris, Georgia; Rev. C. J. Kettman, Illinois; Rev. F. S. Van Hoose, Kentucky; Rev. George Ritter, Michigan; Mr. W. G. Prude, Mississippi; Rev. Wayne Smith, North Carolina; Rev. Russell Milam, Ohio; Rev. Seldon Bullard, South Carolina; Mr. J. E. Frazier, Tennessee; Mr. E. J. Kilgore, Virginia; Rev. John Henson, West Virginia.

Foreign Missions—Rev. Raymond Riggs, Tennessee (1954); Rev. Mark Lewis, Michigan (1955); Rev. Reford Wilson, Arkansas (1956); Rev. Rolla Smith, Missouri (1957); Rev. J. W. Alford, North Carolina (1958).

Home Missions—Rev. Willard Day, Missouri (1954); Rev. Homer E. Willis, Kentucky (1955); Rev. J. B. Bloss, Tennessee (1956); Rev. Harry E. Staires, Oklahoma (1957); Rev. R. H. Jackson, North Carolina (1958).

Free Will Baptist League—Rev. Henry Melvin, North Carolina (1954); Mr. Van Paschall, Michigan (1955); Rev. C. F. Bowen, Tennessee (1956); Rev. Robert Crawford, North Carolina (1957); Rev. W. B. Raper, North Carolina (1958).

Superannuation—Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, North Carolina (1954); Rev. Lloyd Jefferys, Missouri (1955); Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Florida (1956); Rev. D. W. Hansley, North Carolina (1957); Rev. J. O. Fort, Florida (1958).

Publications and Literature—Dr. L. C. Johnson, Tennessee (1954); Mr. L. E. Duncan, Mississippi (1955); Rev. Charles Thigpen, Michigan (1956); Rev. Rufus Hyman, Florida (1957); Rev. J. C. Griffin, North Carolina (1958).

Sunday School—Rev. William Mishler, Michigan (1954); Rev. Charles Sapp, Texas (1955); Rev. LaVerne Miley, Tennessee (1956); Mr. Earl Smith, Arkansas (1957); Rev. John West, Oklahoma (1958).

Trustees of the Bible College—Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Tennessee; Rev. K. V. Shutes, Georgia; Rev. Fred S. Powers, South Carolina (terms expiring July 15, 1954); Rev. Melvin Bingham, Oklahoma; Rev. James F. Miller, North Carolina; Rev. J. R. Davidson, North Carolina (terms expiring July 15, 1956); Rev. Luther D. Gibson, Mississippi; Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, North Carolina; Rev. J. L. Welch, Tennessee (terms expiring July 15, 1958).

Radio-TV—Rev. Ralph Staten, Oklahoma (1954); Mr. I. L. Stanley, Tennessee (1955); Rev. J. D. O'Donnell, Alabama (1956); Mr. John Oliver, Tennessee (1957); Rev. Harry Beatty, Oklahoma (1958).

Trustees for Headquarters Building—Mr. I. L. Stanley, Tennessee (1954); J. B. Reding, Tennessee (1955); Rev. Lester Jones, Alabama (1956); Mr. Garner Caldwell (1957); Mr. J. J. Poole (1958).

Ministers Who Registered

Alabama—

O. L. Fields, P. O. Box 34, Vernon.
R. K. Franklin, 2213 31st Avenue North, Birmingham.
Dave Franks, Guin.
Charles O. Hollingshead, 87 McCrory Street, Cordova.
Lester C. Jones, Cordova.
H. L. Knighton, 1911 2nd Avenue, Phenix City.
A. J. Lambert, 642 Sweetwater Avenue, Florence.
A. J. Millican, Route 2, Havernell.
Chester A. O'Donnell, Route 1, Asheville.

Arkansas—

O. T. Dixon, 808 North Arkansas Avenue, Russellville.
Elvie Johnston, Walnut Ridge.
Robert L. King, Waldron.
Will S. White, 901 Marr Street, Pocahontas.
G. W. Million, Pocahontas.
J. Reford Wilson, Box 86, Pocahontas.

California—

Joe Mooneyham, 535 West 2nd Street, Tulare.

Florida—

J. O. Fort, Lake Butler.
Chester A. Huckaby, Chipley.

Georgia—

Tom Hamilton, Jr., Glennville.
H. J. Kelly, 2946 Buena Vista Road, Columbus.
J. B. Lovering, Colquitt.
E. C. Morris, Tifton.
C. D. Rentz, Baxley.
K. V. Shutes, Cairo.
Sammy Wilkinson, Glennville.

Illinois—

L. E. Abel, 1220 Conger, Mt. Vernon.
Everett Albright, Route 5, Marion.
Paul Barnfield, Cisne.
Albert Bays, Sesser.
Everett Beatty, Ewing.
Lester W. Breeze, Bluford.
W. R. Burton, Whittington.
William Buster, Thebes.
Claude Childers, Route 5, Marion.
Taylor Coursey, Thebes.
C. H. Curry, Sesser.

Charles Dwight Dame, Box 624, Sesser.
 Tracy W. Dees, Waltonville.
 Leslie C. Elliott, Dix.
 James Fite, Sesser.
 Howard Flota, Rt. 1, Mount Vernon.
 Claude Hampleman, Tamaroa.
 Louie Hanna, Scheller.
 Alene Hanna, Scheller.
 Marsh Harpole, Route 1, Mount Vernon.
 Floyd Hartley, Scheller.
 Ellamac Hiltabidal, McLeansboro.
 John W. Hiltabidal, McLeansboro.
 Opal Hiltabidal, Walnut Hill.
 Ethel Hoffard, Route 1, Johnston City.
 Luther Hudson, Coello.
 Willie Huffman, Johnston City.
 Arthur Kern, Belle Rive.
 Oran Kersch, Mount Vernon.
 C. J. Ketteman, Ewing.
 Jess Kindred, Olney.
 Lee LeVault, Route 3, Benton.
 Geraldine Lewis, Sesser.
 Leon McBride, Route 1, Walnut Hill.
 Miss Joyce McClerren, Thompsonville.
 O. C. McClerren, Thompsonville.
 Richard McNeil, Sesser.
 Dewey Merritt, 2503 Casey, Mount Vernon.
 Emma Moore, 3200 Sheridan, Springfield.
 Robert Norman, Pittsburg.
 Gene Norris, 408 McFall Avenue, Benton.
 Pauline Osborn, Route 1, Box 174 A, Mt. Prospect.
 Alfred Rainey, 118 East Perkins Avenue, Mount Vernon.
 George E. Ritter, Route 4, Marion.
 Berlin Scarbrough, Sims.
 Lucille Scarbrough, Sims.
 Bertram N. Smith, Mount Vernon.
 Hosea V. Smith, 1921 College, Mount Vernon.
 Paul E. Sulcer, Route 1, Ashley.
 Irene Sullivan, Valier.
 George W. Waggoner, Okawville.
 Opal Wells, Ina.
 A. Alvin White, General Delivery, Herrin.
 Harold Whitsell, 120½ North 6th Street, Mount Vernon.

Kentucky—

Scott Castle, Paintsville.
 F. S. Van Hoose, Paintsville.
 Homer E. Willis, Paintsville.

Michigan—

Mark Lewis, 23082 Hazelwood, Hazel Park.
 William Mishler, 3523 Cadillac Boulevard, Detroit.
 William T. Newsome, Highland Park.
 Raymond Riggs, 206 California, Highland Park.
 George L. Ritter, 664 East Garfield, Hazel Park.

Mississippi—

Luther D. Gibson, East Tupelo.
 Paul Long, Box 121, East Tupelo.
 J. D. O'Donnell, 209 17th Street South, Columbus.

Missouri—

O. T. Allred, Monett.
 James Barker, Farmington.
 Cecil Campbell, Monett.
 C. B. Dees, 505 Low Street, Flat River.
 Alice Dickey, 5516 Appleton, Kansas City.
 Eunice Edwards, Desloge.
 J. A. Franklin, 3120 Mount Pleasant, St. Louis.
 Robert C. Hill, 8914 Springdale, St. Louis.
 Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett.
 Opal E. Jeffreys, Monett.
 Lesley Lee Logsdon, Richwood.
 William Reeves, Niangua.
 Benjamin R. Scott, St. Louis.
 George W. Scott, Myrtle.
 Rolla D. Smith, Flat River.
 Jerry C. Thompson, 10010 Natural Bridge, St. Louis.
 Kenneth Turner, Monett.

North Carolina—

Carroll Alexander, Bethel.
 J. W. Alford, Morehead City.
 Joseph G. Ange, 1212 East Main, Durham.
 J. C. Calvert, 603 East 12th, Kannapolis.
 W. H. Calvert, Belmont.
 Walter Carter, East Rockingham.
 E. O. Connelly, Route 1, Forest City.
 Ronald Creech, Route 4, Ahoskie.
 J. R. Davidson, 826 Pollock, New Bern.
 James A. Evans, Post Office Box 203, Wilson.
 J. C. Griffin, New Bern.
 Joe R. Haas, Route 1, Morrisville.
 David W. Hansley, Pine Level.
 Milton Hollifield, Canton.
 R. H. Jackson, Davis.
 Henry Melvin, Winterville.

James F. Miller, 406 East Gordon, Kinston.
 Roy Rikard, Cramerton.
 Fred A. Rivenbark, 109 Spring Road, Durham.
 Adam Scott, 1208 Geer Street, Durham.
 Wayne Smith, Swannanoa.
 T. O. Terry, Cove City.
 D. L. Whaley, 502 College Street, Jacksonville.
 Conrad Williford, Durham.

Ohio—

Delbert Gould, 739 East 11th Avenue, Columbus.

Oklahoma—

Delbert Akin, Tecumseh.
 Harry Beatty, 139 East Drumright Street, Drumright.
 Melvin Bingham, Tulsa.
 John B. Elliston, 502 West 15th, Okmulgee.
 Ernest M. Kennedy, 1922 North Lewis Avenue, Tulsa.
 W. S. Mooneyham, Box 38, Sulphur.
 E. E. Morris, 2709 S. W. 33rd, Oklahoma City.
 Johnnie J. Postlewaite, 530 West Grand, McAlester.
 Elvis Priest, Holdenville.
 Cleo Pursell, 1111 East 11th, Shawnee.
 Paul E. Pursell, 1111 East 11th, Shawnee.
 Harry E. Staires, 516 South 61st West Avenue, Tulsa.
 Ralph Staten, 401 Patton Avenue, Wewoka.
 John H. West, 833 North Utica, Tulsa.

South Carolina—

Seldon Bullard, 331 Syracuse Street, Darlington.
 Paul J. Kettelman, Pamplico.
 A. F. Lawter, Lockhart.
 R. Luther Sanders, 158 Queen's Road, Florence.
 Paul J. Sheehan, 21 Damson Street, Whitney.
 E. R. Tyner, Route 4, Lancaster.

Tennessee—

J. B. Bloss, 311 West 15th Street, Columbia.
 C. F. Bowen, 518 Woodland Street, Nashville.
 Elmer De Loach, 206 South East Street, Elizabethton.
 D. C. Dodd, 433 East Bend Drive, Nashville.
 Robert L. Edwards, 3528 Murphy Road, Nashville.
 E. M. French, Greeneville.
 Tom Hall, Kingsport.
 Harvey Hill, 608 Holder Street, Elizabethton.
 Bobby Jackson, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville.
 L. C. Johnson, Nashville.
 Marvis Lee, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville.

G. C. Lee, Jr., 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville.
 Ralph Lightsey, Nashville.
 Billy A. Melvin, Newport.
 LaVerne D. Miley, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville.
 Thurman Pate, McDonald Road, Knoxville.
 Virgil O. Price, Whitesburg.
 Roger C. Reeds, 4100 Media, Nashville.
 Charles Sapp, 390 Normandy Circle, Nashville.
 Winston Sweeney, 1106 Southside Avenue, Bristol.
 W. H. Teague, Route 4, Knoxville.
 W. E. Vicars, Kingsport.
 J. L. Welch, 1604 10th Avenue North, Nashville.
 Paul Woolsey, Route 5, Greeneville.

Texas—

Robert B. Crawford, 109 S. Baylor, Bryan.
 Everett D. Hellard, 7518 Garden, Houston.

Virginia—

Leroy Forlines, 319 54th Street, Newport News.
 W. A. Hales, Norfolk.
 R. N. Waycaster, Bristol.

West Virginia—

Dennis E. Bias, Van.
 F. E. Micholas, 1717 Brener Avenue, Charleston.
 Edgar Spencer, Unecda.
 Carl Vallance, 524 Buffington Street, Huntington.

Delegates Who Registered

Alabama—Mrs. Sidney Brom, Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Paul R. Davis, Mrs. O. L. Fields, Dave Franks, Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Sue Lambert, Mrs. Ruby Millican, A. L. Parker, Mrs. A. L. Parker, Mrs. Florence Sides.

Arkansas—Mrs. Othel Dixon, Mrs. Robert King, Raymond McNutt, Mrs. Raymond McNutt, Earl Smith, Mrs. Will S. White.

California—Miss Betty Fry, Mrs. Joe Mooneyham.

Florida—Mrs. Grace Huckaby, M. M. Owens, Mrs. M. M. Owens, Vera Owens, Lena Richards.

Georgia—G. W. Cloud, Mrs. G. W. Cloud, Beauchamp Houston, G. C. King.

Illinois—Lester Lewis.

Kentucky—P. H. Borders, G. E. Ratcliff, Mrs. Homer E. Willis.

Michigan—Van W. Paschall.

Mississippi—Mrs. Luther Gibson.

Missouri—Mrs. Cecil H. Campbell, Mrs. C. B. Dees, Mrs. Braxine Evans, Mrs. Robert C. Hill, Mrs. W. L. Powell, J. K. Stephens, Mrs. Russell Weisman, Mrs. W. K. Weston.

North Carolina—Mrs. L. E. Ballard, May V. Calvert, Mrs. W. H. Calvert, Mrs. Walter Carter, Joyce Clark, Mrs. J. R. Davidson, Mrs. W. A. Godley, Mrs. R. H. Jackson, Zalene Lloyd, Mrs. James F. Miller, Mrs. Roy Rikard, Nonia Russell, Mrs. Adam Scott, Mrs. Wayne Smith, Mrs. Lee Whaley.

Ohio—Mrs. Alice Childers, Miss Verna Childers, Mrs. Ethel Clark, Zella Jacobs.

Oklahoma—Jimmie Bundy, Mrs. John H. West.

South Carolina—Mrs. Paul Kettelman, Mrs. A. F. Lawter, Mrs. Helen Sanders.

Tennessee—Mrs. C. F. Bowen, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Mrs. Thurman Pate, Mrs. Fannie Polston, I. L. Stanley, Eugene C. Taylor, D. E. Teasley, Gene Taylor.

Texas—Mrs. Robert Crawford.

Virginia—E. J. Kilgore, Mrs. Winston Sweeney, Mrs. R. N. Waycaster.

West Virginia—Mrs. John Henson, Mrs. Eulah Nichols, La Verne Vallance.

Statistical Report of Associations by States

Alabama—Associations 10; Churches 141; Membership 14,093; Ordained Ministers 209; Licensed Ministers 38; Sunday Schools 124; Sunday School Enrollment 6,841; Free Will Baptist Leagues 31; League Membership 1,067; Woman's Auxiliaries 27; Auxiliary Membership 360; Value of Church Property \$454,113.00; Name of Denominational Property, "Alabama Children's Home."

Arkansas—Associations 11; Churches 160; Membership 9,625; Ordained Ministers 187; Sunday School Enrollment 6,225; Free Will Baptist Leagues 37; League Enrollment 1,795; Total Amount raised for all purposes \$55,726.00; Value of Church Property \$312,955.00; Value of Denominational Property \$5,000.00; Name of Denominational Property, "Youth Camp."

California—Associations 4; Churches 36; Membership 2,478; Ministers 115; Sunday Schools 36; Sunday School Enrollment 2,015; Free Will Baptist Leagues 27; League Membership 484; Woman's Auxiliaries 7; Auxiliary Membership 156; Value of Church Property \$397,500.00.

Florida—Associations 6; Churches 57; Parsonages 1; Membership 5,000; Ministers 41; Licensed Ministers 11; Sunday Schools 41; Free Will Baptist Leagues 17; Total Amount raised for all purposes \$30,000.00; Value of Church Property \$500,000.00; Value of Parsonage Property \$5,000.00; Value of Denominational Property \$15,000.00; Name of Denominational Property, "Florida Camp and Tabernacle, Memorial to Rev. J. C. Eldridge."

Georgia—Associations 7; Churches 126; Parsonages 5; Membership 10,167; Ordained Ministers 108; Licensed Ministers 15; Sunday Schools 89; Sunday School Enrollment 4,672; Free Will Baptist Leagues 47; League Enrollment 1,926; Woman's Auxiliaries 35; Total Amount raised for all purposes \$237,820.43; Value of Church Property \$524,000.00; Value of Parsonage Property \$34,000.00; Value of Denominational Property \$20,000.00; Name of Denominational Property, "Mt. Bethel Youth Camp."

Illinois—Associations 3; Churches 39; Parsonages None; Membership 3,630; Ordained Ministers 95; Licensed Ministers 17; Sunday Schools 39; Sunday School Enrollment 1,321; Free Will Baptist Leagues 5; League Enrollment 135; Woman's Auxiliaries 8; Total Amount raised for all purposes \$47,181.00; Value of Church Property \$423,500.00; Value of Denominational Property \$25,000.00; Name of Denominational Property, "Free Will Baptist Sunday School Alliance Tabernacle and Youth Camp."

Kentucky—Associations 5; Membership 9,588; Churches 107; Ordained Ministers 179; Licensed Ministers 14; Sunday School Membership 3,236; Value of Church Property \$428,800.00.

Michigan—Associations 1; Churches 9; Parsonages 3; Membership 1,010; Ordained Ministers 14; Licensed Ministers 2; Sunday Schools 9; Sunday School Enrollment 1,095; Free Will Baptist League 5; League Enrollment 195; Woman's

Auxiliaries 5; Total Amount raised for all purposes \$54,877.77; Value of Church Property \$179,408.99; Value of Parsonage Property \$23,000.00.

Mississippi—Associations 1; Churches 23; Parsonages 3; Membership 3,003; Ordained Ministers 12; Licensed Ministers 0; Sunday Schools 15; Sunday School Enrollment 1,250; Free Will Baptist Leagues 10; League Enrollment 470; Woman's Auxiliaries 5; Total Amount raised for all purposes \$68,158.45; Value of Church Property \$175,623.47; Value of Parsonage Property \$25,000.00; Value of Denominational Property \$10,000.00; Name of Denominational Property, "Morganwood Youth Camp."

Missouri—Associations 11; Churches 124; Membership 8,751; Ordained Ministers 164; Licensed Ministers 35; Sunday Schools 108; Sunday School Enrollment 5,501; Free Will Baptist Leagues 32; League Enrollment 1,336; Woman's Auxiliaries 18; Total Amount raised for all purposes \$187,491.77; Value of Church Property \$458,150.00; Value of Parsonage Property \$50,000.00; Value of Denominational Property \$28,150.00; Name of Denominational Property, "Free Will Baptist Gem" and "Youth Encampment."

North Carolina—Associations 11; Churches 362; Membership 48,872; Ordained Ministers 354; Licensed Ministers 73; Sunday Schools 298; Sunday School Enrollment 38,427; Free Will Baptist Leagues 119; League Enrollment 4,107; Woman's Auxiliaries 221; Amount raised for all purposes \$897,904.67; Value of Church and Parsonage Property \$2,789,197.68; Value of Denominational Property \$402,000.00; Name of Denominational Property, "Free Will Baptist Press" (Ayden, N. C.), "Free Will Baptist Orphanage" (Middlesex, N. C.), "Cragmont Assembly, Inc." (Black Mountain, N. C.).

Ohio—Associations 2; Churches 58; Membership 2,980; Ordained Ministers 113; Licensed Ministers 6; Sunday Schools 55; Woman's Auxiliaries 2; Total Amount raised for all purposes \$1,770.00.

Oklahoma—Associations 14 (11 reporting); Churches 182; Parsonages 100; Membership 13,792; Ordained Ministers 340; Licensed Ministers 35; Sunday Schools 182; Sunday School Enrollment 15,000; Free Will Baptist Leagues 105; League Enrollment 3,250; Woman's Auxiliaries 35; Value of Church Property \$900,000.00; Value of Parsonage Property \$300,000.00; Value of Denominational Property, \$100,000.00; Name of Denominational Property, "Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Children's Home" and "Oklahoma Free Will Baptist District Camp Grounds."

South Carolina—Associations 4; Churches 51; Parsonages 5; Membership 4,000; Ordained Ministers 55; Licensed Ministers 8; Sunday Schools 51; Sunday School Enrollment 5,500; Free Will Baptist Leagues 35; League Enrollment 1200; Woman's Auxiliaries 29; Value of Church Property \$165,000.00; Value of Parsonage Property \$20,500.00; Value of Denominational Property \$5,500.00; Name of Denominational Property, "Free Will Baptist Children's Home."

Tennessee—Associations 2; Churches 98; Membership 10,569; Ordained Ministers 123; Licensed Ministers 7 (Union Only); Sunday Schools 65 (Union Association Only); Sunday School Enrollment 6,531 (Union); Free Will Baptist Leagues

30 (Union); League Enrollment 944 (Union); Woman's Auxiliaries 28 (Union); Total Amount raised for all purposes \$257,103.96; Value of Church Property \$927,511.66; Value of Denominational Property \$200,000.00; Name of Denominational Property, "Free Will Baptist Home for Children."

Texas—Associations 5; Churches 54; Membership 4,500; Ordained Ministers 80; Licensed Ministers 10; Sunday Schools 54; Sunday School Enrollment 2,540; Free Will Baptist Leagues 12; League Enrollment 650; Woman's Auxiliaries 12; Total Amount raised for all purposes \$80,141.90; Value of Church Property \$181,761.00.

Virginia—Associations 4; Churches 100; Membership 4,976; Ordained Ministers 168; Licensed Ministers 22; Sunday Schools 84; Sunday School Enrollment 5,003; Free Will Baptist Leagues 9; League Enrollment 283; Woman's Auxiliaries 18; Total Amount raised for all purposes \$12,592.88; Value of Church Property \$232,000.00.

West Virginia—Associations 14; Churches 171; Parsonages 1; Membership 5,678; Ordained Ministers 265; Licensed Ministers 32; Sunday Schools 141; Sunday School Enrollment 8,166; Free Will Baptist Leagues 18; Free Will Baptist League Enrollment 527; Woman's Auxiliaries 22; Amount raised for all purposes \$72,154.60; Value of Church Property \$594,500.00; Value of Parsonage Property \$8,000.00; Value of Denominational Property \$40,000.00; Name of Denominational Property, "Youth Camp" (Alderson, W. Va.) and "W. Va. Cottage" (Greeneville, Tennessee).

PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 14, 1953

Three old Gospel hymns rang out from the Mount Vernon Township Auditorium to mark the opening of the Seventeenth Annual Session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States of America. These hymns were led by Mr. I. L. Stanley, Associational Music Director, Tennessee, with the Rev. Henry Melvin, North Carolina, accompanying at the piano.

Philippians 3:10; 4:4-8, 19 was used by the Reverend George W. Waggoner, Illinois, as a basis for his devotional thoughts. Mr. Waggoner led the Association in the opening prayer for God's guidance on the session.

The Clerk of the Association, the Reverend Paul J. Kettelman, South Carolina, called the Association to order and introduced the Assistant Moderator, the Reverend Joseph Ange, North Carolina.

A welcome to the fellowship of Illinois Free Will Baptist was extended the body by the Reverend George W. Waggoner who had faithfully worked to make the meeting place an ideal one. Mr. Waggoner in turn introduced the Honorable O. R. Buford, Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon, Illinois, to the Association. Mr. Buford extended a welcome to the National Association and informed them that they were convening in the smallest city that ever received the honor of being listed as one of the eleven All-American Cities of the United States.

The Free Will Baptist Bible College Quartette rendered two numbers before the key-note address. They were "You Hold the Keys" and "He's A Saviour to Be Proud of."

The Assistant Moderator introduced the Reverend E. E. Morris, Moderator, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who brought the key-note address on the subject assigned to him by the Program Committee, "Enlarging and Expanding." He pointed out that we must expand through every department and board that makes up our denominational structure. He warned the associational body of some of the impending dangers of this day in which we live. Some of the dangers which he pointed out were: the danger of leaving out God's Word in the making of our decisions; the danger of measuring our church by its financial status rather than by its spiritual power; and the danger of teaching reformation without regeneration. Mr. Morris stated that God had promised through the Scriptures to give the increase. The Moderator closed his message with a prayer for our consecration to the Master's will.

The Assistant Moderator called for the Clerk to read the names of those appointed by the Moderator to serve on the Committee on Committees.

The benediction was spoken by the Clerk of the Association.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 15, 1953

Mr. I. L. Stanley, Tennessee, led in the singing of the hymns, "This Is My Story," "Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us," and "I Walk and I Talk With the King."

The devotional services were conducted by the Reverend Rolla Smith, Missouri.

He used as Scripture text for his devotional thoughts, 1 Chronicles 29:1-3, 5-6, 10-16.

The report of the Credentials Committee was made by the General Board, who acted as the Credentials Committee for the Association, and the delegates from the various states were seated. Upon the seating of these delegates the Moderator charged them with the seriousness of voting the conviction of their state on all matters.

The minutes of the Tuesday evening session were read by the Clerk. A motion was made to adopt the minutes as read. Carried.

A motion was made to receive the report of the Credentials Committee and seat the delegates. Motion was carried.

The Clerk read the program with the recommended changes. The program was adopted as changed upon a duly sustained motion.

The report of the Committee on Committees was read. A motion was made and sustained to adopt the report of the committee.

The report of the General Board was made by the Clerk of the General Board, the Reverend E. C. Morris, Georgia. A motion was made and carried to accept the report for disposition.

The report of the General Board was then taken up item by item. Upon motion Item No. 1 was passed by until a suitable time for the Home Mission to report concerning the insignia. Item No. 2 contained four articles:

Article No. 1 was adopted by the Association.

Article No. 2 was adopted by the Association.

Upon motion and sustained vote Article No. 3 was adopted.

Article No. 4 was adopted by the same procedure.

At this point the business of the General Board was deferred until the afternoon session.

The report of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention was given by the President, Mrs. Hubert Sloan, Michigan. A motion was made to receive the report as information and give a rising vote of thanks to the Woman's National Auxiliary for their co-operative work with the National Association during the year. The motion carried.

The congregation was led in the singing of "He's a Wonderful Saviour to Me" by Mr. Stanley.

An offering was received by the Moderator to pay for the hymnals used during the session. The offering amounted to \$65.95.

In accordance to the program recess was observed.

Following the recess period the worship hour was opened by hymn singing led by Mr. Stanley. Mr. Carlton Lambert, Alabama, sang "Sunrise." The Reverend Billy Melvin, Tennessee, read Psalms 27 and led the congregation in prayer. The Reverend Everett Hellard, Texas, sang "Tell the World That Jesus Saves."

The Moderator introduced the speaker for the day, Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Johnson used Isaiah 54:2, the theme verse for the convention, for his Scripture text. Dr. Johnson

stressed the need of enlarging, and in so doing he pointed out the danger of enlarging without strength to cope with the expanded territory. He emphasized throughout his message that all growth must be in the Lord, and that physical growth is dangerous unless it is commensurate with spiritual growth. An appeal for cooperation in getting out the Gospel was made by Dr. Johnson in his message.

In closing his message, Dr. Johnson called for those ministers who were willing to lay aside every sin and allow God to use them in His own way to come to the altar for a dedicatory prayer. A manifestation of the Holy Spirit was experienced by those present.

The Moderator closed the morning session with prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 15, 1953

The session was opened with the singing of "Sweet Hour of Prayer." The Reverend Joseph Ange, North Carolina, Assistant Moderator of the Association, read and commented on Philippians 3:1-11. In his devotional thoughts Mr. Ange challenged those present to know Christ better.

The report of the Sunday School Board was made by the President of the Board, the Reverend William Mishler, Michigan. Motion was made and sustained to adopt the report of the National Sunday School Board.

The Moderator called for the re-reading of Item No. 3 of the report of the General Board and the discussion on the motion to adopt the items was resumed. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made and sustained to lay on the table the proposed amendment to the Constitution. This amendment concerned Article VII Section 1 of the Constitution and may be seen elsewhere in the minutes.

Item No. 4 was deleted from the report of the General Board by ruling of the Moderator on common consent of the body.

Item No. 5 was deleted by the same procedure.

Item No. 6 was adopted through a sustained motion.

Item No. 7 was adopted.

Item No. 8 was adopted by motion and vote.

Item No. 9 was adopted by the same procedure.

Item No. 10 was ruled out of order by the Moderator.

Item No. 11 upon motion and sustaining vote was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item No. 12 and 13 had already been acted upon in the morning session.

A motion was then made that the vote on the insignia mentioned in Item No. 1 be postponed until the report of the Home Mission Board.

The report of the Board of Radio and TV was made by the Reverend W. A. Hales, Virginia, Chairman of the Board. Mr. Hales also read his resignation from the Radio-TV Board to the Association. Upon motion the report of the Board was adopted and the resignation of Mr. Hales was accepted.

The report of the Superannuation Board was made by the Secretary of the Board, the Reverend Joe O. Fort, Florida. The report was adopted.

The Association sang "Love Lifted Me."

A standing vote of appreciation was given for the services of the Reverend W. A. Hales.

The resignation of the Reverend Ben Scott from the General Board was read. Motion was made to accept the resignation. Motion carried.

The report of the Board of Publications and Literature was made by the Reverend J. C. Griffin, North Carolina. Motion was made and sustained to adopt the report.

The Reverend D. C. Dodd, Promotional Secretary, Tennessee, made the report of the Promotional Secretary. Motion was made to adopt the report. A standing vote of thanks was given to Brother Dodd for his services as Promotional Secretary.

The report of the Placement Committee was made and upon sustained motion was adopted. This report may be seen in the report section of the minutes.

The report of the Free Will Baptist League Board was made by the Reverend Clarence F. Bowen, Tennessee, Secretary of the Board.

The Nominating Committee gave its report for the vacancies on the General Board. Upon motion and vote the report of the Nominating Committee was adopted. The Committee also offered its nominations for the vacancies on the various other Boards. In every instance the Nominating Committee's nomination was sustained by the vote of the body.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 15, 1953

The congregation sang the hymns, "Jesus Saves" and "If Jesus Goes With Me." The Reverend Homer E. Willis, Kentucky, used Acts 3:13-26 in bringing the evening devotions. Mr. Willis led the congregation in prayer.

The Reverend Everett Hellard, Texas, sang "Ship Ahoy."

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions was made by the Promotional Secretary-Treasurer of the Board, the Reverend Raymond Riggs, Michigan. The Moderator called time on the report and upon receiving a motion that was duly sustained the time on the agenda was set aside. The report was completed. A motion was made to adopt the report. Motion carried.

The report of the Home Mission Board was made by the chairman of the Board, the Reverend J. B. Bloss, Tennessee. A motion was made to adopt the report. The motion carried.

Two mission films were shown. The first emphasized Home Missions and was entitled "Dedicated Men." The other emphasized Foreign Missions; it was entitled "Regions Beyond."

The Moderator called for the Reverend and Mrs. Paul Woolsey, returned missionaries from India, Tennessee, to give their observations of the missionary cause. The missionary offering was received and totaled \$300.05. This amount was divided equally between the Home and Foreign Mission work.

THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 16, 1953

Mr. Stanley led the congregation in the singing of the following hymns: "Beautiful Garden of Prayer" and "Wonderful Words of Life."

The Reverend Paul J. Kettman, South Carolina, used I Corinthians 1:18-31 for the devotional reading of the morning.

The tabled proposed amendment to the Constitution was brought before the body. Motion was made to adopt the proposed amendment. Motion carried.

The proposed constitutional amendment tabled from last year relative to Article VIII, Section 2, and Article XI was brought from the table. Motion was made to adopt the amendment. Motion carried.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was made. Motion was made to adopt the report and release the committee. Carried.

The Moderator declared a ten minute recess.

The minutes of the Wednesday sessions were read and approved.

The completed report of the Radio-TV Board was made and motion was made to adopt the report. Motion carried.

An offering of \$83.00 was received for the Radio-TV Board after short addresses to the body by the Reverend K. V. Shutes, Georgia, and the Reverend W. A. Hales, Virginia.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was made by the Chairman of the Committee, the Reverend W. S. Mooneyham, Oklahoma. The report was received and the Moderator ruled that it would be acted upon resolution by resolution.

Resolution No. 1 was adopted.

Resolution No. 2 was adopted.

Resolution No. 3 was adopted. The Moderator appointed the Committee called for in this resolution. They were the Moderator, the Assistant Moderator, and the Clerk for 1954.

Resolution No. 4 was adopted.

Resolution No. 5 was adopted.

The Reverend J. L. Welch, Tennessee, brought the report of the Board of Education. He spoke on the subject "Enlarging and Expanding Our Christian Training Program." Mr. Welch reminisced over the years of our Bible College program. He stressed the dire need of the school's facilities being expanded to meet the pressing demands of our denomination.

Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of the College in Nashville, Tennessee, followed Mr. Welch, Chairman of the Board of Education. Dr. Johnson spoke briefly concerning the Bible College movement in the United States. He stated that the Bible College degree would equip a minister as well to preach the Gospel as a B. S. degree would equip a school teacher. Dr. Johnson then read the auditors report of the Bible College for the year of 1952-1953.

Upon motion the reports of both Mr. Welch and Dr. Johnson were adopted by the body.

The Nominating Committee made its completed report. The report was received for consideration. Rev. W. S. Mooneyham was nominated by the committee for the office of Executive Secretary. Rev. J. R. Davidson was nominated from the floor but declined the nomination. Reverend Mooneyham was elected by acclamation. The Reverend W. A. Hales, Virginia, was elected by the body to be the Assistant Moderator of the Association. The Reverend Luther Gibson was nominated from the floor but declined the nomination. The Reverend Joseph Ange also declined his nomination. The Reverend Luther Sanders was nominated from the floor for the same office. The Reverend W. A. Hales was elected by majority vote. The Reverend George W. Waggoner was nominated by the Committee for the office of Clerk. The Reverend Paul J. Kettelman declined a nomination from the floor for the same office. The Reverend Mr. Waggoner was elected as Clerk. The Reverend T. G. Hamilton was nominated by the Committee as Assistant Clerk. The Reverend R. Luther Sanders was nominated from the floor. The Reverend Mr. Hamilton was elected Assistant Clerk by majority vote. The names of the Reverend E. M. French, the Reverend James A. Evans, and the Reverend E. E. Morris were submitted to the body as nominations for Moderator. The Reverend E. E. Morris was elected by majority vote. Upon motion and second the vote was made unanimous by the convention.

The Reverend W. S. Mooneyham, Oklahoma, submitted his resignation from the Free Will Baptist League Board. The following individuals were nominated to fill this vacancy. The Reverend Everett Hellard, Mr. Van Paschall, and the Reverend R. Luther Sanders. Mr. Paschall was elected by a majority vote.

A motion was made and sustained that the Association pledge its wholehearted support to every incoming officer by a rising vote.

A rising vote of thanks for services rendered was extended to the retiring Assistant Moderator and Clerk.

A motion was made to adjourn. Motion carried.

"Blessed Be the Tie" was sung as a closing hymn.

Reports of Committees

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

Committee on Committees:

Rev. W. A. Hales, Virginia, Chairman.
Rev. Othel T. Dixon, Arkansas.
Rev. John H. West, Oklahoma.
Rev. Roy L. Rikard, North Carolina.
Rev. J. O. Fort, Florida.

Committee on Broadening State Representation:

Rev. E. E. Morris, Moderator for 1954.
Rev. W. A. Hales, Assistant Moderator for 1954.
Rev. George W. Waggoner, Clerk for 1954.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Nominations Committee:

Rev. Reford Wilson, Chairman, Arkansas.
Rev. Chester Huckaby, Florida.
Rev. Robert B. Crawford, Texas.
Rev. Bruce Barrow, North Carolina.
Rev. William Mishler, Michigan.

Resolutions Committee:

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Chairman, Oklahoma.
Rev. Paul Woolsey, Tennessee.
Rev. James F. Miller, North Carolina.
Rev. Homer E. Willis, Kentucky.
Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Georgia.

Temperance Committee:

Rev. Wayne Smith, Chairman, North Carolina.
Rev. Luther Gibson, Mississippi.
Rev. George W. Scott, Missouri.
Rev. Charles Sapp, Tennessee.
Rev. C. J. Kettelman, Illinois.

Committee on Placement of National Association for 1955 Session:

Rev. Clarence Bowen, Chairman, Tennessee.
Rev. Ralph Staten, Oklahoma.
Rev. E. E. Morris, Moderator, Oklahoma.

Program Committee:

The General Officers of the National Association and the Chairman of each standing Board with the Executive Secretary as Chairman of the Committee.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

NOTE: The General Board acted as the Credentials Committee at this session of the National Association.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Resolution 1:

Be it resolved that we recommend to the Home Mission Board that they make plans for a "School of Stewardship" in every association during 1954 and that they (1) enlist each associational program, (2) enlist each church, (3) secure reports from each church and make reports to the Executive Secretary.

Resolution 2:

Be it resolved that the Executive Secretary plan and print as early as possible following the annual meeting, a calendar of denominational activities in order that our denominational program may be coordinated more effectively throughout every state.

Resolution 3:

Be it resolved that a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to

study the matter of broadening the representation to the National Association from the individual states and that this committee make a report to the General Board next year.

Resolution 4:

WHEREAS, members of certain Congressional Committees have intentionally or unintentionally cast reflection upon the loyalty of the ministers of the Protestant church of the United States; and

WHEREAS, there is a question in the mind of the public as to the extent of the encroachment of the tenets of Communism among the ranks of the Protestant ministry; and

WHEREAS, the Free Will Baptist denomination and its ministers have been known throughout the years for their loyalty to the fundamental principles of the government of the United States of America and for their patriotic fervor,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that while we reiterate our stand condemning disloyalty anywhere, even in the ranks of the church, that we deplore the fact that some of the activities of the committees have placed the Protestant ministry as a whole under suspicion.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we request these committees to point out in all instances those clergymen who are suspected of disloyalty stating reasons for suspicion, thereby clearing the large body of loyal ministers.

Resolution 5:

Inasmuch as this meeting of the 1953 session of the National Association has enjoyed the highest degree of cordiality and warm hospitality:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

First. That we extend a rising vote of thanks to the Franklin County Quarterly Meeting, the Southern Illinois Yearly Meeting, and to Rev. George W. Waggoner for the publicity, provisions and entertainment for our convenience during this session.

Second. That we extend the thanks of this body to our program committee, and to each one who has taken a part, for the splendid program of this association.

Third. That the thanks of this body be tendered to the Mt. Vernon Register-News for their fine coverage of our meeting.

Fourth. That the Clerk of the Association be instructed to prepare suitable appreciation to the city of Mt. Vernon, its Chamber of Commerce, its Mayor, and to the St. Francois Daily Journal, Flat River, Mo., for their contribution of the programs for this Association.

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Temperance Committee, make the following commendations:

First. We commend these of our people who live soberly and temperately in their daily lives.

Second. We commend the thousands of our people who consistently refuse

to patronize places of business which sell intoxicating beverages.

Third. We commend the many hundreds of our people who are careful to vote for candidates for public office who are opposed to intoxicating beverages.

Fourth. We commend the ministers who are fearless in denouncing from their pulpits evils of life.

Fifth. We commend the constituency of our church who are loyal and observing this portion 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."

Sixth. We highly commend the ministers of our great denomination that practice total abstinence from all questionable habits. I Cor. 8:9, "But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak."

THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO LOCATE THE SITE OF THE 1954 SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

To select a site for the 1954 session of the National Association has not been an easy task, particularly since all of the invitations have been very attractive. These came from Tulsa, Oklahoma; Richmond, California; Spartanburg, South Carolina; Huntington, West Virginia; and the State Convention of North Carolina. We deeply appreciate each of these invitations and have given due consideration to all of them.

After considering every possible contingency involved which would affect both the Association proper and our people at large, we the committee make the following recommendations:

(1) That we accept the invitation extended to us from the State Association of Free Will Baptists in South Carolina to meet in Spartanburg in 1954.

(2) That we ask the Clerk to extend expressions of gratitude to all other groups requesting the Association.

THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

General Board:

Alabama—Rev. A. J. Lambert
Florida—Mr. Ernest Owen
Georgia—Rev. E. C. Morris
Illinois—Rev. C. Jack Kettelman
Kentucky—Rev. F. S. Van Hoose
Michigan—Rev. George Ritter
Mississippi—Mr. W. G. Prude
Missouri—Rev. George Scott
North Carolina—Rev. Wayne Smith
Ohio—Rev. Russell Milam

Oklahoma—Rev. John Elliston
South Carolina—Rev. Seldon Bullard
Tennessee—Mr. J. E. Frazier
Virginia—Mr. E. J. Kilgore
West Virginia—Rev. John Henson

Foreign Mission Board:

1958—Rev. J. W. Alford

Home Mission Board:

1958—Rev. R. H. Jackson

Free Will Baptist League Board:

1958—Rev. W. B. Raper

Superannuation Board:

1958—Rev. J. O. Fort

1955—Rev. Lloyd Jefferys

Publications and Literature Board:

1958—Rev. J. C. Griffin

Sunday School Board:

1958—Rev. John West

Radio-Television Board:

1955—Mr. I. L. Stanley

1956—Rev. J. D. O'Donnell

1957—Mr. John Oliver

1958—Rev. Harry Beatty

Trustee for Headquarters Building:

1958—Mr. J. J. Poole

General Officers:

Moderator—(See Proceedings)

Assistant Moderator—Rev. W. A. Hales, Virginia.

Clerk—Rev. George W. Waggoner, Illinois.

Assistant Clerk—Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Georgia.

Executive Secretary—Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Oklahoma.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DRAFT CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

Proposed Amendment:

In Article VII, Section 1, under the heading "Officers" it is proposed to change the word "Promotional" to "Executive."

THE COMMITTEE

RESIGNATIONS

Resignation from the General Board:

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists:

Inasmuch as I am leaving the State of Missouri and moving to another state, I hereby submit my resignation as a member of the General Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

BEN SCOTT

Resignation from the Radio-Television Board:

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists:

Dear Brethren in Christ:

Due to the many pastoral and other denominational duties, and due to the amount of work and time involved in producing and broadcasting "The Free Will Baptist Hour," I find it necessary to submit herewith my resignation from the Radio-Television Board.

I have found great joy in serving the Lord in this capacity and pray that God will greatly bless the members of the Board as they continue this important work.

W. A. HALES

Reports of Boards

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD

The General Board in its session at Mt. Vernon, Illinois, July, 1953, heard the reports of all the Boards, Departments, and Commissions and accepted the reports and recommendations as found herein:

First. The Work of the Home Mission Board on the insignia or sign was presented and that which will be offered here is recommended to the body.

Second. The Executive Committee offered its report with the following items and recommendations presented herewith to the body:

Item 1. That an Executive Secretary be elected and that the Executive Committee be charged with the arranging of the finances to support the office and setting forth the duties of the Executive Secretary. Furthermore, that the Executive Committee prepare the copy for all necessary changes or revisions of the Constitution which may be affected by the recommendations herewith submitted, and that such copy be placed on the table for consideration of the body not later than Wednesday morning.

Item 2. The duties of the Executive Secretary:

He is to be the Executive Officer of the General Board and shall be the coordinator of the work of the various Boards of the National Association and shall have such other duties as commensurate with such an office.

Item 3. That a denominational budget be adopted based on the budgets of the various Boards or Departments of the National Association.

Item 4. That the denominational budget be raised in a co-operative way, so far as possible, however, each department of work shall have the

privilege to promote its own interest when the needs demand, while the Executive Secretary shall have the responsibility of promoting a co-operative program and all funds received through the co-operative program shall be used to pay the expenses of the Executive Office. And all money above the expense of the office shall be prorated on a percentage basis to the various Departments and Boards participating in the program. Should insufficient funds come in through the co-operative channel, the various Departments of the National Association shall pay into the executive office on the same percentage basis as they receive in the amounts required to meet the budget of the office.

Third. The General Board goes on record as favoring a National Publication and recommends that a committee be appointed to work out a plan for publishing and financing such a publication.

Fourth. (This recommendation was deleted from the report.)

Fifth. (This recommendation was deleted from the report.)

Sixth. The following resolution is recommended: In order that the entire program of the National Association be better unified, therefore be it resolved, that all standing Boards, Commissions, Committees and Promotional Secretaries make full report to the General Board in its annual session and to the Executive Board in its semi-annual session, and that the Secretary of the Committee be authorized to send a copy of this resolution to all the above named bodies.

Seventh. That the Executive Secretary become the representative of the National Association to the American Bible Society.

Eighth. That all Boards and Departments of the National Association close their books as of June 30 and that the fiscal year of the Association begin July 1.

Ninth. That Rev. Henry Melvin render his expense account while in actual service of the National Association as Chairman of the Commission of Chaplaincy and Ministerial Training. That this account be paid by the National Association.

Tenth. (This recommendation was ruled out of order by the Moderator.)

Eleventh. The Board has declared a vacancy on the Board of Superannuation because of inactivity and asks that the place on the said Board be filled by the National Association.

Twelfth. Motion was made that the program for this session be adopted with all necessary changes being made by the Moderator or at the discretion of the body.

Thirteenth. The Credentials Committee reported all states represented as usual and we recommend the seating of all delegates whose names appear on letters coming to this session.

THE GENERAL BOARD

REPORT OF THE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

During the year 1952-53, the Board has operated within its budget adopted by the 1952 session of the National Association and endeavored to discharge its obligations to the best of its ability.

After careful and prayerful reflection and consideration of the program of the National Superannuation and its operation, the Board has come to the following conclusions:

First. The need for security in old age and protection for loved ones of our ministers and Christian Workers is so magnified that everyone of us should have the benefits which our program provides.

Second. A very small, but increasing, percentage of our ministers has taken advantage of these provisions up to this time.

Third. We are of the opinion that more of our ministers would avail themselves of these benefits if they were properly informed and given assistance in securing policies with the Board.

Fourth. That, due to increase in policy holders and increase in amount of each policy, our operation has forced us to begin dipping into our reserve funds.

Therefore we offer the following recommendations:

Recommendation 1. That the budget of the National Superannuation Board be set at \$15,000.00 for the 1953-1954 associational year, and that the Board be authorized to work out a plan for publicity and administration of an expanded program for Superannuation.

Recommendation 2. That J. O. Fort succeed himself for another term.

We also attach our annual financial report below.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

July 1, 1952, through June 30, 1953

Balance brought forward July 1, 1952 \$4,932.90

RECEIPTS	
Premiums and Applications	\$1,133.47
Alabama	59.08
North Carolina	401.18
South Carolina	83.95
Florida	28.69
Georgia	183.07
Missouri	57.42
Mississippi	21.94
Michigan	96.78
Oklahoma	5.00
Texas	15.00
Tennessee	165.04
Virginia	97.25
Kentucky	7.50
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention	5.00
Refund from Minister's Life and Casualty Union	22.96

Total Receipts 2,383.33

Total Receipts Plus Balance \$7,316.23

DISBURSEMENTS	
Ministers Life and Casualty Union for Premiums and Applications	\$2,159.13
Secretarial Service	138.00
National Promotional Work, Damon Dodd	70.00
Travel Expense of Board Members	400.00
Refunds	48.00

Office Expense (Stamps and Stationary)	10.00
Total Disbursements	\$2,821.21
Balance on Hand July 1, 1953	\$4,495.02
Policies in effect—50.	

THE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BOARD

July 1, 1953, to June 30, 1954

Estimated Income for the Year	\$1,760.00
Proposed Expenditures for the Year:	
Postage and Mailing	\$ 150.00
Supplies	110.00
Materials for League Conference	100.00
Free Literature	100.00
Promotional Services	900.00
Secretarial Services	400.00
Total Proposed Expenditures for the Year	\$1,760.00

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE BOARD

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BOARD

The National League Board has enjoyed a profitable and successful year of activities. We have seen growth on every hand. Many new leagues and district conventions have been organized, and in general we have every reason to rejoice in the leadership of the Lord.

In this report to our fostering body we wish to make mention of several outstanding accomplishments.

1. During the past year we saw the Intermediate League Manual, a very attractive and useful hand book on methods and materials, come into being. This new manual, along with the Senior Manual, had found ready acceptance in scores of churches and hundreds of leagues.

2. The FWBL MONTHLY, the official publication of the National League Board, has grown in popularity. The subscription list today stands at a little more than 200 and a steady increase of subscriptions is coming into the fold. This useful paper of thirteen pages is chock full of splendid suggestions and helps for all Leagues.

3. At the regular business session of the National League Board on Monday, July 12, the following items were discussed which we pass on to the Association for approval:

(1) We have assumed the responsibility of raising the money needed to install power lines to our mission school in Cuba. These power lines will be run to our school there at the cost of \$2,500.00 with two years' free service given by the power company. The leagues of our denomination will be asked to contribute to this amount under the direction and leadership of the National League Board.

(2) We recommend the following date for the convening of the Sixth Nationwide League Conference: June 15, 16, 17, 1954.

(3) The chairman and secretary of the National League Board will select the

site of the Sixth Conference and will start advertising this meeting at the earliest possible date.

(4) Outstanding among the National League Board's accomplishments during the past year was the publishing of useful folders on all league officers and committees. This material is issued free of charge to all leaguers who will write for same.

(5) Still a matter yet to be realized but certainly in the planning of the National League Board is the printing of at least three more manuals: *The Free Will Baptist League Manual*, *The Junior League Manual*, and *The Story Hour Manual*. It is our hope that the first of these will be ready for sale by the time of the Sixth Nationwide League Conference.

The following is the financial report of the National League Board for last year:

Balance brought forward July 1, 1952 \$ 21.35

RECEIPTS	
Regular Offerings	\$1,053.45
Fifth Nationwide League Conference Offering	175.35
Sale of League Pins	220.08
Study Course Certificates and Seals	1.40
Subscriptions to the FWBL MONTHLY	100.00
Miscellaneous Sales	18.00
Royalties on League Manuals	46.00
Total	\$1,614.28
Total Receipts Plus Balance	\$1,635.63

DISBURSEMENTS	
Bank Service	\$ 12.00
Postage and Mailing	88.52
Equipment	84.00
Printing	100.97
Secretarial Services	392.00
Promotional Services	600.00
Supplies	126.38
Advertising League Conference	48.84
League Manuals	18.00
League Pins	105.00
Miscellaneous	16.40
Total Disbursements	\$1,592.11

Balance in National League Board Treasury July 1, 1953 \$ 43.52

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE BOARD

REPORT OF RADIO-TELEVISION BOARD

Greetings in the Name of our wonderful Lord Jesus Christ:

Brother Moderator:

We are happy to give the following report, which we believe will show that we have made some progress in our work during the past year. We have not met in any regular Board meetings since our election in Shawnee, Oklahoma, last year. We did, however, meet briefly after our election and organized.

I feel that just here I should explain the reason for no other meeting during the year. First of all, all members of the board are busy pastors; and second, there have been no funds available to pay traveling expenses for Board meetings to call sessions. I also regret to report that due to many other activities one of the members elected on the board last year, Rev. M. L. Johnson of North Carolina, found it necessary to decline his election. Therefore it will be necessary for the Association to elect someone else in his place at this session.

During the past year we have broadcast the *Free Will Baptist Hour* on eleven (11) stations with a total of 108 hours of actual broadcasting the Gospel of our Lord. Cities and towns in which the programs were broadcast are: Waycross, Jessup, and Vidalia, Georgia; Phoenix City and Dothan, Alabama; Pocahontas, Arkansas; Wilson, Asheville, and Ahoskie, North Carolina; Paintsville, Kentucky; Florence, South Carolina; and Newport News, Virginia.

Those bringing the messages for these broadcasts were Dr. F. B. Cherry, Dr. L. C. Johnson, Dr. Willard Day; Dr. Homer Willis, and myself. Music was furnished by the Free Will Baptist Bible College Chorus, Nashville, Tennessee, and the Free Will Baptist Church Choir of Norfolk, Virginia.

From the areas where the *Free Will Baptist Hour* was broadcast we have received many letters, postcards and telephone calls from the listening public which were very complimentary. We believe that the *Free Will Baptist Hour* blessed the hearts of many listeners and we regret very much that due to the lack of funds with which to produce these programs we have had to suspend production for the time being. We are earnestly praying that it will be the will of the Lord to supply the needed funds for us to resume the broadcast of these programs at an early date.

We are convinced that our God would have us to use the radio and television to spread the Gospel and we urge this Association and its constituency to rally to the support of this worthy cause. We believe that it is one of the most effective methods through which we can expand and enlarge the borders of the Free Will Baptist denomination. We are convinced that if it is proving a blessing and profitable to other church groups and denominations that it will for us also.

Let us enlarge and expand through the broadcasting of the Word of God, therefore working toward the evangelization of the world.

W. A. HALES, *Chairman-Treasurer.*

FINANCIAL REPORT OF RADIO-TELEVISION BOARD

July 1, 1952-June 30, 1953

RECEIPTS	
Received from the Former Secretary-Treasurer	\$106.59
Received from R. H. Jackson	3.00
Received from A Friend in Georgia	1.00
Received from A Friend in Louisiana	5.00
Received from Free Will Baptist Church, Pocahontas, Ark.	15.00
Received from National Home Mission Board	100.00
Total	\$230.59
DISBURSEMENTS	
Tape Recorder and Equipment	\$329.50
Tape, Reels and Carrying Cases	47.05

Tape, Reels and Carrying Cases	40.00
Tape, Reels and Carrying Cases	9.29
Traveling Expenses (to Nashville, two trips)	71.30
Postage (Mailing Tapes to Stations, etc.)	41.28
Post Office Box Rental	6.00
Total	\$544.42
Deficit of	\$313.83

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RADIO-TELEVISION BOARD

We, the Radio-Television Board, do hereby make the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the resignation of Rev. W. A. Hales as Chairman and Treasurer of the Radio-Television Board be accepted.
2. We recommend that Brother Hales be empowered to make necessary sales of present Radio-Television equipment to cover the deficit of \$313.83.
3. We recommend that provisions be made in the Cooperative budget plan to promote and support the program of the National Radio-Television Board.

Signed: HARRY BEATTY
RALPH STATEN

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ:

Herewith is a report of the activities of the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Board of the National Association during the past year.

The Board has worked in cooperation with the editor at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, in securing writers for Sunday school literature for all departments. All of the present writers have either been secured or approved by this Board. Recommendations have been made to the Press for the improvement of our present literature and the addition of materials for the Cradle Roll and Nursery Departments. These recommendations included the consolidation of the Young People's and Adult's Quarterlies.

Furthermore, the Board has made plans for a convention this year, with succeeding conventions to be held biennially (every two years). This year's convention is to be held August 4-6 at Loyal Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia, Tennessee.

In addition to promoting our Sunday school work through the convention, the Board proposes to employ a Promotional Secretary whose duties are stipulated in the by-laws of this Board. For this office we have received a commitment from Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, provided suitable financial arrangements can be made with the Free Will Baptist Press. We ask of the Press that an amount of one cent be added to each piece of Sunday school literature, the increase to be used by the Board for promotional work. The Press refused to comply with this request, and offered a proposition which the Board was unable to accept. It was decided to read said proposition to this session of the National Association. The Board proposes to send a committee to Ayden, North Carolina, to negotiate further, and in a direct manner with the Press.

The Board proposes the following budget for the coming year:

Salary of Promotional Secretary	\$4,000.00
Travel Expenses of Promotional Secretary	2,500.00
Office Expenses, Publicity, etc.	2,000.00
Total Budget	\$8,500.00

Since this Board has previously had no by-laws to govern its activities, it has adopted the following by-laws which we submit to this body for its approval:

By-Laws of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Board

Section I. The officers of the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Board of the National Association of the Free Will Baptists in the United States of America shall be a chairman, an assistant chairman, and a secretary-treasurer. These officers shall be elected at each annual meeting of this Board. It is provided, however, that should the Board, for any cause, fail to convene in a given annual session, all officers shall be retained until their successors have been elected. The offices of the secretary and treasurer may be filled by one member of the Board, or by anyone whom the Board may choose; and the two offices thus combined shall bear the title "secretary-treasurer." The expenses of each Board member incurred in route to and from the business session of this Board shall be paid by the secretary-treasurer, with the exception of the annual meeting of this Board at the National Association.

Section II. The chairman and assistant chairman shall perform the usual duties of such offices. A promotional secretary, hired by this Board, shall have charge of the administration office, and shall be allowed an equitable salary for the service rendered, said salary, with all the administrative expenses being authorized and approved by the Board. He shall promote the distribution of Sunday school literature, engage in field service, make itineraries, and advance the general interests and work of Free Will Baptist Sunday schools throughout the denomination. He shall keep an accurate record of all transactions, shall make periodical reports of all activities to the Board, and shall give surety by whatever means and amount the Board may require.

Section III. This Board shall regulate and control all literature pertaining to the Sunday school program of the denomination. Also, it shall regulate and control the daily vacation Bible school literature. It shall enter into contract with any Press (the Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, North Carolina, to be given first consideration) to print and publish the said literature that this Board deems necessary for the advancement of Sunday school work of the denomination.

Section IV. This Board shall employ such persons as it deems necessary to function properly in the capacity for which it was formed; such as a promotional secretary, writers for Sunday school literature, and writers for daily vacation Bible school literature. These persons shall be responsible to this Board for performing the tasks or duties of the office for which they have been hired. The salaries of these persons shall be set by this Board unless otherwise stipulated.

Section V. This Board shall receive its income from the sale of its literature (Sunday school and daily vacation Bible school literature, books, leaflets, pamphlets, etc.) printed or otherwise by the press of its choice, and from the contributions made to it by individuals, churches, and organizations such as state and local Sunday School Conventions.

Section VI. This Board shall be responsible for a National Sunday School Convention, either annually or biennially, and shall formulate such a program that will give to the constituency of our denomination the informa-

tion, inspiration, and illumination needed to carry on a progressive Sunday school program in the local church.

Section VII. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting, provided written notice of the proposed change has been submitted to each member of the Board at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM MISHLER, *Chairman*

EARL SMITH, *Secretary-Treasurer*

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

July 1, 1952, to July 1, 1953

To the National Association when convened at Mt. Vernon, Illinois, July 14 and 15, 1954.

Greetings in the name of the Lord:

The Home Mission Board is very happy to report the progress of the National Home Mission work the past year.

The Lord has used the National Home Mission Board in helping establish 17 new Free Will Baptist churches, with a total membership of 462 this past associational year.

(1) The first church was established at Pryor, Oklahoma, with a charter membership of 60. They have built a new \$20,000.00 church and have full-time work. Rev. Jake Gage is pastor.

(2) The second church established at Muldrow, Oklahoma, with 22 charter members. They have already built a new \$10,000.00 church building. Rev. P. N. Qualls is pastor.

(3) The third church established at Ensley, Alabama, with 24 charter members. They have purchased a church building valued at \$5,000.00. Rev. R. K. Franklin is pastor.

(4) The fourth church established at St. Louis, Missouri. The fourth Free Will Baptist church have an average in Sunday school of 33. They have rented a building at \$100.00 per month. Rev. Bill Turnbough is pastor.

(5) The fifth church was established at Ardmore, Oklahoma, with 48 charter members. They now have a membership of 80 with an average of 91 in Sunday school. They have purchased a church building valued at \$8,000.00.

(6) Sixth church was established at Bonfay, Florida, with 20 charter members. They have purchased a church building. Rev. John M. Rich is pastor.

(7) Seventh church was established at Allen, Oklahoma, with 44 charter members. They now have 75 in Sunday school and have built a new church valued at \$15,000.00. Rev. Dale Munkus is pastor.

(8) The eighth church was established at Graceville, Alabama.

(9) The ninth church was established at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, with 12 charter members. They now have 35 members with 49 in Sunday school. They have rented a building. Rev. John Elliston is pastor.

(10) The tenth church was established at Thomaston, Georgia, with 12 charter members. They now have 33 members and have bought a church building. Rev. L. S. Anthony is pastor.

(11) The eleventh church established at Panama City, Florida.

(12) The twelfth church was established at Dell City, Oklahoma, with 40 charter members. They now have 100 members, with over 133 in Sunday school. Rev. J. R. Hall is pastor.

(13) The thirteenth church established at Chipley, Florida, with 18 charter members. Rev. Hughes is pastor.

(14) The fourteenth church was established at Wetumka, Oklahoma, with 15 charter members. Rev. Dennis O'Donnell is pastor.

(15) The fifteenth church was established at Tarrent, Alabama.

(16) The sixteenth church was established at East Birmingham, Alabama, Free Will Baptist Church.

(17) The seventeenth church was established at Savannah, Georgia, with 36 charter members, a Woman's Auxiliary, a League, and Sunday School. The church voted to pay 10% of the weekly offerings to the unified funds of the State of Georgia. Pastor, Rev. Kermit Esther.

The National Home Mission Board helped in sponsoring a revival meeting at the new church in Springfield, Oregon. They had 8 professions and 5 additions at the close of the revival meeting. They purchased church property including a five room parsonage. Rev. Pearson is pastor.

The Board matched the Oklahoma State Home Mission Board's gift of \$150.00 in sponsoring a revival meeting at the Lawnwood Free Will Baptist Church at Tulsa, Oklahoma. There were 12 professions and 15 additions.

The Board sponsored in the amount of \$100.00, a revival meeting at Sumter, South Carolina. Rev. Seldon Bullard was the evangelist.

The National Home Mission Board matched the State Mission Board of North Carolina in two revival efforts; one in Charlotte, North Carolina, and one in Raleigh, North Carolina, in the amount of \$100.00 each meeting.

The Board helped with \$200.00 in matching Missouri Mission State funds for the Joplin, Missouri, Free Will Baptist Church.

The Board gave \$500.00 on the National Headquarters Building at Nashville, Tennessee.

The Board has had printed 200,000 Free Will Baptist Census Cards that sell at \$1.80 per 500 or \$3.50 per 1000; also workers instruction sheets are furnished with the cards.

The Board has had printed 3,000 copies of "Go Home and Tell Thy Friends" for home mission study courses. This book was written by Rev. Damon C. Dodd and sells for 50 cents.

We have had 3,000 tracts printed, "Move That Letter," by Rev. Homer Willis. These are free, but a little love offering will help the Board to have other tracts printed.

We have 1,000 of the National Home Mission tags yet on hand that sell for \$1.00 each.

The National Home Mission Board sponsored the national radio program the months of March, April, and May, in the interest of the Home Mission work. Rev. Willard C. Day and Rev. Homer E. Willis were the speakers on the program.

The state of Georgia reports that one new church has been established by their state at Macon, Georgia.

The state of California reports they have established four new churches in their state.

The state of Oklahoma reports they have established 5 new churches in their state.

The National Home Mission Board held its semi-annual board meeting with the State Directors on December 2 and 3, 1952, at the South Side Free Will Baptist Church, Paintsville, Kentucky. See semi-annual minutes for the report of the meeting. Many great things were accomplished for the mission work.

The Lord has used the National Home Mission Board in helping establish 17 new Free Will Baptist churches, with a total membership of 462, and placing 17 full-time pastors at these churches. The value of these new churches is approximately one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).

The Board sponsored six other revivals, which were very successful.

The National Home Mission Board gave \$100.00 to the Radio-TV Board to help defray their expenses.

Reports of churches established by the states: one in Georgia; four in California; five in Oklahoma; two in Virginia; and one in South Carolina.

Simultaneous Revival reports:

Revivals	90
Professions of Faith	452
Additions	362
Baptisms	87
States Reporting	8

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONFERENCE OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD

The National Home Mission Board met in special conference at Mt. Vernon, Illinois, Friday, July 10, 1953. The meeting was called to order by Rev. J. B. Bloss, Chairman. Prayer was offered by Rev. Homer Willis.

Motion was made and carried that we employ Rev. Damon C. Dodd as public relations man for Home Missions, and that he be paid \$100.00 per week with four weeks paid vacation beginning September 8, 1953.

Motion made and carried that we set our National Home Mission budget at \$25,000.00.

A report was made on Audio-Visual Education by Rev. James Evans whom the Board had sent to Atlanta, Georgia, April 27-May 1, 1953.

Motion was made and carried that we apply for membership in the Protestant Radio Center at Atlanta, Georgia.

Motion was made and carried that a Film Rental Library be set up by the Home Mission Department.

Motion was made and carried that we have our Simultaneous Revival Month, March and April of 1954.

Motion made and carried that the Reverend Harry E. Staires be given an honorarium of \$150.00 for his services during the past year.

Motion made and carried that the annual report of the Secretary-Treasurer be accepted.

Motion made and carried that the semi-annual board meeting go to Asheville, North Carolina, December 2, 3, 1953.

Motion made and carried that the Board sponsor a Home Mission Conference or Workshop in each state or region this Associational year.

Motion made and carried that Rev. J. B. Bloss be our administrator until the Public Relations man takes office September 8, 1953.

The following State Directors were elected: Arkansas, Othel Dixon; California, J. L. Waltman; Georgia, E. C. Morris; Idaho, Virgil Florence; Louisiana, Arthur Chapple; Missouri (Co-worker), James Franklin; Michigan, George Ritter; South Carolina, Seldon Bullard; Ohio, Russell Milam; Tennessee (Co-worker), E. M. French; Texas, C. B. Thompson; West Virginia, R. H. Doan; Alabama, Lester Jones; Florida, Chester Huckaby; Illinois, George E. Waggoner; Kentucky, Homer E. Willis; Missouri, Willard Day; Mississippi, J. D. O'Donnell; North Carolina, Bruce Barrow; Oklahoma, Ernest Kennedy; Tennessee, J. B. Bloss; Oregon, E. C. Pearson; Virginia, Wilton Dail; West Virginia (Co-worker), Raymond Suthin.

Motion made and carried that the Home Mission Board pay for the film.

Motion made and carried that Rev. J. L. Waltman be sent to Tucson, Arizona, for the purpose of establishing a Free Will Baptist church.

Motion made and carried that Rev. C. B. Thompson be sent to Bacliff, Texas, for a revival meeting and the establishing of a Free Will Baptist church.

Motion made and carried that Rev. Harry E. Staires contact and investigate the request of the Northwestern Missouri Association and the North Eastern Kansas Association in helping in their work.

The state quotas are as follows:

Arkansas	\$ 600.00
Alabama	900.00
Arizona	200.00
California	800.00
Florida	700.00
Georgia	1,000.00
Illinois	1,000.00
Idaho	100.00
Kentucky	700.00
Louisiana	100.00
Missouri	2,000.00
Mississippi	700.00
Michigan	1,500.00
North Carolina	2,000.00
New Mexico	100.00
South Carolina	1,000.00

Oklahoma	2,000.00
Ohio	300.00
Oregon	100.00
Tennessee	1,500.00
Texas	700.00
Virginia	1,000.00
West Virginia	1,000.00
Total	\$20,000.00
Miscellaneous	5,000.00
Grand Total	\$25,000.00

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD July 1, 1952, to July 1, 1953

RECEIPTS		\$ 5,692.53
Brought forward from last year	\$ 307.80	
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention	328.43	
Alabama	361.06	
Arkansas	176.97	
California	555.64	
Florida	760.53	
Georgia	613.81	
Illinois	98.00	
Kentucky	22.00	
Louisiana	230.50	
Mississippi	665.72	
Missouri	1,000.00	
Michigan	729.96	
North Carolina	100.00	
New Mexico	24.76	
Ohio	908.42	
Oklahoma	50.00	
Oregon	159.00	
South Carolina	882.40	
Tennessee	89.25	
Texas	189.26	
Virginia	143.85	
West Virginia		
Total Receipts	\$ 8,397.35	8,397.35
Grand Total		\$14,089.88

DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 5.00
Shawnee Studio (For Pictures)	14.25	
Vara Color Duplication Co. (For Paper & Stencils)	100.00	
Rev. Harry E. Staires (Sec. Work)	50.00	
Rev. Virgil Florsence (Expense to Oregon)	94.99	
Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	30.00	
Lorene Bowman (It. Work)	100.00	
Rev. Bill Ketchum (Revival at Pryor, Okla.)	15.00	
Adair Typewriter Co. (Repairs and Supplies)	210.00	
Promotional Department (Prom. Work)	12.50	
Rev. Willard C. Day (Book Covers)	100.00	
Tarrent F. W. B. Church, Alabama (Revival)	14.71	
Duckett Office Supply (Supplies)	1.00	
City Drug (Ledger)	100.00	
Grace F. W. B. Church (Bonfay, Fla., Revival)		

Rev. J. B. Bloss (Postage)	8.25
Rev. Charles Hallingshead (It. Work)	20.00
Graceville F. W. B. Church (Ala. Revival)	100.00
Rev. Earl Jenson (Revival, Allen, Okla.)	100.00
First F. W. B. Church Thomaston, Georgia (Revival)	100.00
Rev. Carl Hembree (Revival Muldro, Okla.)	65.00
Rev. Chester Huckaby (Revival Panama City, Fla.)	100.00
Rev. R. K. Franklin (Revival Birmingham, Ala.)	100.00
Rev. Ernest Kennedy (Revival Ardmore, Okla.)	100.00
Fred D. Wright Printing Co. (Tags)	408.00
Rev. Harry E. Staires (Postage)	57.00
Rev. J. B. Bloss (Expense to Arkansas Association)	28.54
Rev. J. B. Bloss (It. Work)	57.67
Rev. Chester Huckaby (It. Work)	24.81
Rev. Charles Sapp (Expense to Board Meeting)	3.00
Rev. J. D. O'Donnell (Expense to Board Meeting)	10.00
Rev. Robert Crawford (Expense to Board Meeting)	45.96
Rev. Harvey Hill (Expense to Board Meeting)	5.00
Rev. William Mishler (Expense to Board Meeting)	22.00
Rev. Seldon Bullard (Expense to Board Meeting)	35.00
Rev. Chester Huckaby (Expense to Board Meeting)	28.72
Rev. James Evans (Expense to Board Meeting)	50.00
Rev. E. C. Morris (Expense to Board Meeting)	24.18
National Television and Radio (Help on Broadcast)	100.00
Rev. Willard C. Day (Expense to Board Meeting)	25.00
Rev. W. A. Hales (Expense to Board Meeting)	25.00
New Art Printers (Minutes and Letter Heads)	98.25
Rev. Harry E. Staires (Expense to Board Meeting)	42.77
Springfield Oregon F. W. B. Church (Revival)	200.00
Rev. Paul Pursell (Phone Calls)	2.30
Rev. J. B. Bloss (Expense to Board Meeting)	27.13
Lawnwood F. W. B. Church (Revival Okla.)	150.00
Lawnwood F. W. B. Church (Ear Marked)	5.00
Rev. Willard C. Day (Printing)	70.00
Rev. Willard C. Day (Expense Broadcast)	68.00
Cherry Fipps (Sec. Work)	56.17
Rev. Chester Huckaby (Revival Fla.)	200.00
Rev. Homer Willis (Expense to Nashville)	24.51
Rev. Charles Sapp (Revival Donalson, Tenn.)	200.00
Rev. W. A. Hales (Expense to Nashville)	50.00
Rev. Homer Willis (Expense Broadcast)	59.53
Rev. H. E. Staires (Pictures for Poster)	2.00
Rev. Harry E. Staires (Office Supplies)	10.40
Free Will Baptist Press (Printing Tracts)	35.00
West Tulsa News (Printing Census Cards)	250.00
Laster Crown Printing (Posters and Envelopes)	205.00
Rev. Robert Hill (Establishing Church)	200.00
Rev. Harry E. Staires (Rubber Stamp)	6.35
Charlotte, North Carolina, F. W. B. Church (Revival)	100.00
Raleigh, North Carolina, F. W. B. Church (Revival)	100.00
Rev. Ernest Arnold (Visual Education)	9.00
Victory Auction (Desk)	5.00
Post Master (Postage)	20.50
Glenn Drug Store (Postage)	20.00
Rev. Damon C. Dodd (Promotional Department)	70.00
Free Will Baptist Press (Printing Books)	292.65
Joplin, Missouri, F. W. B. Ch. (Matching State Funds)	200.00
F. W. B. Bible College (Typing Mailing List)	24.70
Rev. J. B. Bloss (Expense N. C. & Postage)	78.28

Rev. Homer Willis (It. Work)	10.00
Rev. R. H. Hall (Revival Dell City, Okla.)	100.00
Rev. James (Expense Visual Education)	50.00
Rev. J. B. Bloss (Postage and Expense)	31.90
Rev. Seldon Bullard (Revival S. C.)	100.00
Rev. E. C. Morris (Revival Savannah, Ga.)	200.00
Rev. I. L. Florence (Hobbs, N. Mex.)	100.00
Rev. Damon C. Dodd (Headquarters Bldg.)	500.00
Rev. J. B. Bloss (Expense to Ark.)	46.18
Rev. John H. West (Revival Okla.)	100.00
Rev. Wade Jernigan (Revival Okla.)	100.00
Rev. J. B. Bloss ((Expense to Ark.)	46.18
Visual Education Membership	10.00
Rev. J. B. Bloss (Phone Calls)	11.98
Baptist Book Store (Ink)	2.85
Rev. H. E. Staires (Expense)	8.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 6,822.69
Balance on hand July 1, 1953	6,822.69
	\$ 7,267.19

REV. HARRY E. STAIRES, *Secretary and Treasurer*
516 South 61 West Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD July 1, 1952, to July 1, 1953

RECEIPTS	
Brought forward from last year	\$ 5,692.53
Total receipts for the year	8,397.35
Grand Total	\$14,089.88
DISBURSEMENTS	
Total Disbursements	\$ 6,822.69
Balance on Hand July 1, 1953	\$7,267.19

REV. HARRY E. STAIRES, *Sec. and Treas.*

Foreign Mission Report

MISSION BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. Mark Lewis	921 E. Granet, Hazel Park, Mich.
Rev. J. W. Alford	Box No. 42, Morehead City, N. C.
Rev. Raymond Riggs	242 Victor Ave., Highland Park, Mich.
Rev. Reford Wilson	Pocahontas, Ark.
Rev. Rolla Smith	601 Buckley St., Flat River, Mo.

MISSIONARIES IN CUBA

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey	Apartado 27, Pinar del Rio, Cuba
Miss Bessie Yeley	Apartado 27, Pinar del Rio, Cuba
Miss Lucy Wisheart	Apartado 27, Pinar del Rio, Cuba
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie	Apartado 27, Pinar del Rio, Cuba

MISSIONARIES IN INDIA

Miss Laura Belle Barnard "Westfield" Kotagiri, South India
Miss Volena Wilson "Westfield" Kotagiri, South India
Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Cronk Kishanganj-Purnea Dist. Bihar Province, North India
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna New Sisters, Londour Mussoorie, U. P., India

MISSIONARY IN AFRICA

Mrs. Harold Stevens, Mseleni Mission Station P. O. Ubombo, Zululand, South Africa

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

National Association of Free Will Baptists
Mt. Vernon, Illinois

Dear Co-laborers,

We greet you from the Foreign Mission Department in the name of our lovely Lord Jesus. No doubt but this has been the greatest year in the history of our Foreign Mission Program. It has been a year mingled with happiness and sorrow; but through it all we have maintained the joy of the Lord.

INDIA: The passing of little Shelia Hanna in India was a shock to each of us, but it has been a real blessing in every way to observe the way in which her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna have re-acted through the grace of God. No doubt but what they have realized more perfectly what it meant when God gave His only begotten Son that "whosoever" believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Already, the natives have felt the impact of one being sustained by the hope of the resurrection. The Hanna's are now in language school and no doubt will make better missionaries because of this experience.

Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk of North India are doing a splendid job. In a recent letter Dan said, "These have been hard months. You saw how it took it out of the Woolseys, their work. Well, we are doing theirs and some of ours too."

Due to the fact that the Hannas will not be ready to take over the work until after the second language exam, the Cronks will not be home for furlough until in the spring of 1955. Upon arriving home, after a few weeks rest they hope to enter school for some special training they feel is needful before returning to India.

Miss Barnard writes of the Lord's visitation in real revival, particularly among the missionaries; also of a recent day of triumph, Sunday, June 14, when three earnest souls (one an old man) each giving radiant, convincing testimonies, were buried with Christ in baptism.

Each of the missionaries in India are anxious for a visit by a representative of the Board to gain first hand information regarding general conditions in India, and the great possibilities of our work there.

News releases out of India during the last three months have indicated that the India government intends to curtail the number of missionaries admitted to India, and curb their evangelistic activities. However, there has been no official statement from the Indian Embassy in Washington, D. C.

Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery have enrolled in Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn., securing special training which we trust will enable them to enter India.

Miss Volena Wilson continues to be used of the Lord in South India where she is working with our senior missionary, Miss Laura Belle Barnard.

The most recent statistics from India lists the country as having a population of 356,891,624 with a missionary staff of 4,654 or a ratio of missionary to population as 1 to 86,000.

The United Nations lists the population of the world at 2,430,000,000. Of these 810,000,000 are under Communism. The harvest is truly white. Let us pray the Lord to send forth laborers.

The proposed budget for all our work in India for the next year is \$1,600.00 per month or \$19,200.00 for the year.

Through the wise use of funds and we believe, the practice of economy, the last financial report from our mission director in India showed a balance of approximately \$8,000.00.

The application of Miss Wanda Edwards of Desloge, Mo., is being considered as a missionary nurse to India. Miss Edwards graduates from nurse's training in about another year.

CUBA—Our work continues to advance on the Island of Cuba. It was my privilege this year to attend the Annual Convention and graduation service. It was an occasion that I shall never forget. During the past year the American personnel of our missionary staff in Cuba has been officially increased by three, in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie of Practical Missionary Training, from California, and Miss Lucy Wischart of Myrtle, Mo. We believe our work in Cuba will be strengthened by the services rendered by these servants of the Lord.

At present our missionaries in Cuba consist of: Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Miss Bessie Yeley, Miss Lucy Wischart and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie. There are twenty-five full-time workers, seven other helpers in the school, making thirty-two native workers. Then there are the students who go out each week-end in services.

The school property has a valuation of about thirty thousand dollars. There are a number of Cuban chapels which are the property of the Cuban Association or the local church; there are nine such churches *built*—I would put the approximate valuation on these buildings at five hundred dollars each.

The possibilities are stupendous. There are a number of our churches with a building program realizing the need of a presentable place to worship. Especially is there a great need of a church building in the cities of Pinar del Rio and Habana. These buildings will have to be constructed well and will involve an outlay of funds—however the results will bring the dividends.

There are about ninety preaching points.

Our great desire is as fast as possible to prepare young native men and women to carry the Gospel to their own people, and to establish a strong national church. There are yet large unevangelized areas around us which we must enter. Also, there is a need of a radio program from one of the broadcasting stations in Pinar.

This had to be discontinued a few years ago due to the lack of funds and help.

Following is Financial Statement and Balance Sheet of Mission in Cuba for the last twelve months:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION

Pinar del Rio, Cuba

June 1, 1952-June 1, 1953

Cash on Hand, June 1, 1952	\$	39.45
Cash in Bank, June 1, 1952		28.58
	\$	68.03

RECEIPTS

Checks Received, Mr. Riggs	\$27,895.11	
	2,093.95	
	1,715.86	\$31,704.92
		\$31,772.95

EXPENSES

Food	\$ 3,931.75	
Salaries	17,522.38	
Rent	2,087.30	
Hospitalization	839.35	
Maintenance of Equipment (Includes Gas)	2,863.49	
Hardware	1,028.95	
Fuel	364.31	
Care of Animals	746.21	
Office Expense	99.22	
Passage, Students	180.06	
Rentals and Loans	319.10	
Bank Exchange	54.11	
Miscellaneous Expense	660.19	\$31,415.29
		\$ 357.66

Cash on Hand, June 1, 1953	\$	15.76
Cash in Bank, June 1, 1953		341.90
	\$	357.66

BALANCE SHEET OF FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION

Pinar del Rio, Cuba

June 1, 1953

Cash on Hand, June 1, 1953	\$	15.76
Cash in Bank, June 1, 1953		341.90
	\$	357.66

EQUIPMENT

Duplicator (Pd. by Willeys out of personal funds)	\$	270.00
Washing Machine (Purchased in states, used)		100.00
Sewing Machine (Purchased 1951)		160.00
Filing Cabinet (Purchased 1952, used)		60.00
Wind Mill (Gift of Neil Chrisman, Havana)		600.00
Water Tank		800.00

Light Plants (Purchased in states, used) (not purchased with mission funds)	465.00
Dodge Truck (Purchased in states, used) (not purchased with mission funds)	1,000.00
Dodge Bus (Gift of Mr. Luce and Mr. Norwood)	5,000.00
Tractor, John Deere	2,000.00
(Sold Studebaker truck, gift of Mr. Greene)	
(\$1,000.00) (Mr. Chrisman only charged \$1,000.00) — the remaining \$1,000.00 is considered a gift)	
Total Equipment	\$10,455.00
Buildings and Property	20,000.00
Livestock	500.00
Total Assets	\$31,312.66
The mission has no liabilities	
Total Net Worth of Mission Property	\$31,312.66

The proposed budget for the field in Cuba for the ensuing year, excluding the support of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie and two boys, is \$2,500.00 per month or \$30,000.00 for the year.

As supplement to the regular proposed budget as requested by the Field Council in Cuba, and to be sent as the Lord supplies the funds, the following motions were passed by the Board.

(1) Motion carried to authorize installation of electric power from City Line on Cuba mission property. The approximate cost of this special project, which includes two years free service, is \$2,500.00.

(2) Motion carried that we endeavor to raise \$9,000.00 to be loaned to the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists to be used in church buildings. This amount to be presented to our people as a definite need over and above the regular budget for Cuba. It is understood that the regular budget must be met first at all times.

The overall picture of the Island of Cuba according to recent report is as follows: Population, 5,348,000; Missionary Staff, 216; National Staff, 694; Church members, 38,620.

All of Latin America including the West Indies, has a total population of 166,393,583 with a ratio of Missionary to population of 1 to 31,634. It is our hope and prayer that through our work in Cuba, many of these unreached may be reached with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

AFRICA: The Free Will Baptist testimony in this dark continent for the past few years has been in the person of Mrs. Josephine Stevens from North Carolina. Mrs. Stevens and her husband, Rev. Harold Stevens, are in Africa under the South Africa General Mission. The support of Mrs. Stevens is relayed by her donors through our office.

The total population of Africa is 202,000,000 with a ratio of Missionary to population of 1 to 14,610.

ACTIVITIES OF BOARD:

During the last year the Board of Foreign Missions has had two official board meetings which proved to be harmonious sessions and each of us were keenly

conscious of the Lord's presence. Rev. Mark Lewis and Rev. Raymond Riggs attended Missionary Executive Retreat in Chicago and Rev. Reford Wilson and Rev. Rolla Smith represented our Board in the E. F. M. A. Convention held in April at Cincinnati, Ohio. Also the Promotional Sec'y.-Treas. attended Missionary Conference in North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Commissioning Service of Miss Lucy Wischart, and the annual Convention in Cuba.

The Board of Foreign Missions has published three-thousand copies of the book, "A Modern Jonah" written by returned missionary from India, Rev. Paul Woolsey. We think this is a fine work and we trust our people will buy this book and profit by its contents. The book sells for \$1.00 and the net proceeds will go into the General Fund of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Extensive research and work has gone into preparation of a Missionary Manual which we trust to have ready for distribution sometime in October.

The Board of Foreign Missions has secured the services of Rev. Raymond Riggs as full-time Promotional Secretary-Treasurer beginning as of September 1, 1953, and we hope to move the office into Headquarters Building in Nashville, Tennessee, as soon as possible. It is expected that Mrs. Hubert Sloan will be employed as Secretary and Bookkeeper to the Foreign Mission office. We feel very keenly our responsibility in this new venture and solicit the prayers of the Lord's people for divine guidance.

We recommend a minimum of \$75,000.00 as our budget for the ensuing year to be raised by the various states as follows:

Alabama	\$ 1,500.00
Arkansas	1,100.00
California	800.00
Florida	1,000.00
Georgia	2,500.00
Illinois	3,300.00
Kentucky	1,600.00
Michigan	8,000.00
Mississippi	1,000.00
Missouri	9,000.00
North Carolina	14,000.00
New Mexico	150.00
Ohio	2,000.00
Oklahoma	5,500.00
South Carolina	3,600.00
Tennessee	6,500.00
Texas	3,500.00
Virginia	1,800.00
West Virginia	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	6,150.00
Total Suggested Budget	\$75,000.00

A suggested breakdown of the budget is given as follows:

Cuba	\$30,000.00
India	19,200.00
Africa	1,200.00
Repatriation and Reserve	10,000.00
	\$60,400.00

ESTIMATED

Administrative:		
Salaries	\$ 7,000.00	
Office Supplies	500.00	
Postage	600.00	
EFMA	125.00	
Printing	2,000.00	
Telephone	150.00	
Miscellaneous	1,625.00	12,000.00
Travel and Promotional:		
Board Members	500.00	
Promotional Secretary	1,000.00	
Itinerate Work	500.00	
Miscellaneous	600.00	2,600.00
		\$75,000.00

Attached to this report is the Auditors report for the fiscal year ending June 15, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS
Promotional Sec'y.-Treas.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors,

The Board of Foreign Missions,
National Association of Free Will Baptists,
Detroit, Michigan

I have examined the record of *The Board of Foreign Missions, National Association of Free Will Baptists*, relating to its cash transactions for the period July 1, 1952, to June 15, 1953. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records, and such other auditing procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, the accompanying statements present fairly the cash receipts and disbursements of *The Board of Foreign Missions, National Association of Free Will Baptists*, for the period July 1, 1952, to June 15, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

Detroit, Michigan
June 24, 1953

MELVIN G. BROWNING
Certified Public Accountant

EXHIBIT A

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

June 15, 1953

Cash in Bank	ASSETS	\$11,532.02
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FUND EQUITIES

Unexpended Funds:			
General Fund		\$	8,225.04
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery			2,702.86
Rev. Daniel R. Cronk			75.00
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie			35.00
Mrs. Josephine Stevens			8.00
Miss Volena Wilson			75.00
Bible Fund			50.00
Cuba Fund			500.00
Cuban Chapel Fund			150.00
Book—"His Name Among All Nations"			2.00
Miss Lucy Wisehart			379.10
			<u>\$12,202.00</u>

Less—Overexpended Funds:			
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna		\$462.98	
Book—"A Modern Jonah"			
Sales during year	\$133.00		
Less: Printing costs	340.00	207.00	669.98
			<u>\$11,532.02</u>

EXHIBIT B

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Period July 1, 1952, to June 15, 1953

Cash to Be Accounted For:			
Cash in Bank, July 1, 1952		\$12,523.05	
Receipts (per SCHEDULE I)		63,572.80	
			<u>\$76,095.85</u>

Disbursements:			
Foreign Missions:			
India	\$19,654.20		
Cuba	28,652.20		
Africa	1,506.66	\$49,813.06	
Travel and Promotional:			
Unified Program	\$ 1,500.00		
Board of Directors	892.98		
Itinerary Work Expense	822.90		
Rev. E. Turner	12.01		
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery	2,320.64		
Rev. and Mrs. C. Hanna—Passage to India	2,815.96		
Miss Lucy Wisehart	135.00		
Miss Laura B. Barnard	651.40		
Tracts	103.10	9,253.99	

Administrative Expenses:			
Salaries:			
Rev. R. Riggs	\$ 600.00		
Office	1,725.00		
Printing	1,312.58		
Telephone	27.25		

Office Supplies	273.74		
Postage	555.99		
Miscellaneous	629.72		
EFMA Membership	122.50		
Auditing	250.00	5,496.78	

Total Disbursements 64,563.83

Cash in Bank, June 15, 1952 (per EXHIBIT A) \$11,532.02

SCHEDULE I

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS

For the Period July 1, 1952, to June 15, 1953

Contributions Received and Applied to Following Funds:			
General	\$53,271.42		
Rev. and Mrs. W. Calvery	3,725.07		
Rev. and Mrs. C. Hanna	1,482.95		
Rev. D. R. Cronk	465.00		
Rev. and Mrs. H. Phenicie	84.07		
Rev. and Mrs. P. Woolsey	20.00		
Mrs. Josephine Stevens	1,325.46		
Miss Volena Wilson	625.00		
Miss Lucy Wisehart	514.10		
Cuba	1,121.13		
Cuban Chapel	150.00		
Total Contributions (per SCHEDULE II)		\$62,784.20	
Receipts Other than Contributions:			
Missionary Conference	\$ 388.10		
Sale of Barnard's Books	67.50		
Sale of Woolsey's Books	133.00		
Return of prior year's travel expenses, Rev. Rashie Kennedy	200.00	788.60	
Total Cash Receipts (per EXHIBIT B)			<u>\$63,572.80</u>

SCHEDULE II

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT
OF STATE QUOTAS AND AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED

For the Period July 1, 1952, to June 15, 1953

	QUOTAS	CONTRIBUTIONS ACTUAL	OVER	UNDER
Alabama	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 907.78	\$	\$ 592.22
Arkansas	1,000.00	515.49		484.51
California	500.00	349.98		150.02
Florida	900.00	818.23		81.77
Georgia	2,100.00	2,184.27	84.27	

Illinois	3,200.00	2,683.37		516.63
Kentucky	1,500.00	1,004.36		495.64
Michigan	7,000.00	9,636.33	2,636.33	
Mississippi	850.00	688.22		161.78
Missouri	9,000.00	8,901.41		98.59
North Carolina	13,000.00	14,849.09	1,849.09	
Ohio	2,000.00	1,950.33		49.67
Oklahoma	5,000.00	1,651.47		3,348.53
South Carolina	3,500.00	2,462.71		1,037.29
Tennessee	6,000.00	6,613.04	613.04	
Texas	3,000.00	3,606.11	606.11	
Virginia	1,500.00	1,001.04		498.96
West Virginia	2,000.00	1,788.90		211.10
Miscellaneous	1,450.00	1,044.77		405.23
W. N. A. C. (Note A)		127.30	127.30	
Total	\$65,000.00	\$62,784.20	\$ 5,916.14	\$ 8,131.94

Note A—Exclusive of \$843.36 which is reflected in the amount of actual receipts shown opposite the various states listed above.

Bible College Report

Third National Bank Building
Nashville, Tennessee
June 25, 1953

Dr. L. C. Johnson, President,
Free Will Baptist Bible College,
3609 Richland Avenue,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

We have made an examination of the books and records of the Free Will Baptist Bible College for the period July 1, 1952, to June 15, 1953.

Our examination was confined chiefly to the cash transactions of the College and consisted of a detailed examination of all cancelled checks paid by the bank during the year and tracing deposits of the recorded receipts into the bank accounts. The cash on deposit at June 15, 1953, was confirmed by correspondence with the depository banks. We also footed the cash receipts and disbursements book and satisfactorily traced transfers of cash between the different funds maintained by the College. Postings to the general ledger accounts were test checked by our representative.

The notes payable item of \$45,000.00 was confirmed by communication with the payees.

No provision has been made for depreciation on the fixed assets due to the fact that funds for replacements will be provided for by gifts and contributions from outside sources rather than from accumulated earnings.

In view of the fact that our audit was not extended beyond the cash trans-

actions and tests of the clerical accuracy of the bookkeeping, we are not in position to express an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole.

Very truly yours,

McINTYRE AND ASSOCIATES
Certified Public Accountants

BALANCE SHEET

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 15, 1953

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash on hand and in banks:		
General fund	\$10,567.98	
Building fund	1,198.79	\$11,766.77
Receivables:		
Students	1,081.73	
Veterans Administration	165.51	
Other	74.91	1,322.15
Book store inventory		526.28
Total current assets		\$13,615.20

Fixed Assets

Land	\$ 20,450.00	
Buildings and improvements	122,943.08	
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	28,203.90	
Total fixed assets		171,596.98
Total assets		\$185,212.18

LIABILITIES, RESERVE AND SURPLUS

Liabilities and Reserve

Notes payable	\$45,000.00	
Accounts payable	1,600.00	
Employees' payroll tax deductions	545.28	
Reserve for student loan fund	147.26	
Total liabilities and reserve		47,292.54
Surplus		
Excess of total assets over liabilities and reserve		137,919.64
Total liabilities, reserve and surplus		\$185,212.18

INCOME FROM BOOK STORE OPERATIONS

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

For the period July 1, 1952, to June 15, 1953

Explanation	Details	Amount
Sales	\$	\$10,396.64
Cost of Goods Sold:		
Inventory, July 1, 1952		626.99

Purchases	8,511.89	
	9,138.88	
Inventory, June 15, 1953	526.28	
Cost of goods sold		8,612.60
Gross income on sales		1,784.04
Operating Expenses:		
Salaries	450.00	
Sales tax	30.16	
General expense	8.38	
Total operating expenses		488.54
Net income		1,295.50

STATEMENT OF BUILDING FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

For the period July 1, 1952, to June 15, 1953

Explanation	Details	Amount
Cash balance, July 1, 1952		51.34
Receipts:		
From donations	\$18,352.28	
Proceeds of loan	44,000.00	62,352.28
		\$62,403.62
Disbursements:		
Purchase of building (see note)	\$55,104.83	
Payment on loan	5,000.00	
Interest expense on loan	1,100.00	61,204.83
Cash balance, June 15, 1953		\$ 1,198.79

Note: An apartment building located at 3532-34 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee was purchased for \$65,604.83, of which \$55,104.83 was paid from the building fund and \$10,500.00 was paid from the general fund.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

For the period July 1, 1952, to June 15, 1953

Explanation	INCOME		
	General Fund	Building Fund	Total
Gifts	\$ 36,734.40	\$ 18,352.28	\$ 55,086.68
Room and board	38,849.23		38,849.23
Tuition	15,636.58		15,636.58
Registration and matriculation fees	2,947.00		2,947.00
Activity fees	1,170.09		1,170.09
Church and Sunday School receipts	1,045.64		1,045.64
Music fees	957.88		957.88

Net income from book store operations	1,295.50		1,295.50
Other miscellaneous fees and income	2,405.87		2,405.87
Total income	\$101,042.19	\$ 18,352.28	\$119,394.47

Explanation	EXPENDITURES		
	General Fund	Building Fund	Total
Operating expenses:			
Salaries and other compensation	\$ 39,228.14	\$	\$ 39,228.14
Groceries	13,427.84		13,427.84
Maintenance and repairs	9,633.45		9,633.45
Promotional expense	4,229.10		4,229.10
Utilities	3,128.55		3,128.55
Quartet itinerary expense	2,591.83		2,591.83
General and miscellaneous expense	1,525.44		1,525.44
Traveling expense	1,478.95		1,478.95
Insurance	1,438.02		1,438.02
Unified program	1,400.00		1,400.00
Office expense	1,306.04		1,306.04
Telephone expense	1,049.35		1,049.35
Bad debts	680.55		680.55
Kitchen and household supplies	612.26		612.26
Board of trustees expense	572.23		572.23
Practical work expense	567.68		567.68
Taxes	546.77		546.77
Honorarium	467.28		467.28
School supplies	441.79		441.79
Printing	400.82		400.82
Library expense	319.57		319.57
Legal expense	231.15		231.15
Interest	175.00	1,100.00	1,275.00
Total expenditures for current operations	\$ 85,451.81	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 86,551.81
Additions to fixed assets:			
Land and apartment building	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 55,104.83	\$ 65,604.83
Other fixed assets	7,333.55		7,333.55
Total expenditures for fixed assets	\$ 17,833.55	\$ 55,104.83	\$ 72,938.38
Total expenditures	\$103,285.36	\$ 56,204.83	\$159,490.19
Excess of expenditures over income	\$ 2,243.17	\$ 37,852.55	\$ 40,095.72

Note: A loan from the First American National Bank, Nashville, Tennessee, provided \$44,000.00 of the cash expenditures shown on the foregoing statement.

REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

As we come again to the time when we meet to review the events of the past year and plan for the years ahead, it is with much happiness that I present this report of my activities as Promotional Secretary. I feel that the year 1952-53 has, in many respects, been one of our best years as a National Association. We have actually rendered more services materially than at any other time in our history. We have set a new high in conversions and the addition of church members. All over the denomination there is a unifying of our forces and a welding of our strength. All down the line suspicion and indifference are disappearing and signs

of healthy confidence in the National Association are appearing. All in all, the over-all picture is one which rates our highest optimism.

Following is a report of the accomplishments and needs:

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

At long last the National Headquarters is a reality. The Board of Trustees of the National Association closed a deal on May 22nd last whereby we became the owners of the property at 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. We paid a total of \$4,000 down and assumed a first mortgage, already financed, payable at \$145.00 per month. There is a possibility of rentals totaling \$80.00 per month, to be applied on the monthly payment. There is also a second mortgage held by the Rev. Henry Melvin from whom we bought the property which is payable one year from date of purchase. This is interest-free. The total cost of the property was \$19,000, including furnishings for the apartments.

DENOMINATIONAL PROGRAM

It would seem that with this session of the National Association, we are going to see some steps taken which we have been talking about for the past years. We have heard on every hand the need of coordinating our denominational program and presenting it as a cooperative budget. While we are not adopting an ideal, we are taking a long step in that direction. If this program works, perhaps it will be a stepping stone to something better in the near future.

With the return to an Executive Department, we will be able to better cope with the inter-denominational problems, for we are rapidly becoming a figure in inter-church affairs through our connection with N. A. E. Under the Promotional-Secretary setup we have had no executive voice and our representative has not been able to speak with authority.

The National Association has enjoyed an increase in prestige over the past year. We are listed in practically all the church publications which give denominational statistics. Among them are:

The American Yearbook of Churches; World Handbook of Churches; The World Almanac; World Missions Handbook; Funk and Wagnalls Dictionary and Encyclopedia; Encyclopedia Britannica.

On July 4th last the N. A. E. sponsored a "March of Freedom" in Washington, D. C., with a climaxing service at the Washington Monument. The President of the U. S. gave the main address and was presented with a plaque listing the seven freedoms. Each participating denomination was listed on an accompanying sheet and the National Association of Free Will Baptists was listed with the others. Numbers of research papers and doctorate dissertations have been written on the Free Will Baptist movement and much information has been sent out from the Promotional office to inquirers relative to our present status.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists has been invited to attend the meeting of the American Bible Society in New York at their expense. Our Executive Secretary has been designated to represent us at that meeting December 1 and 2 of this year.

The past year has seen an increase in every department of our denominational

program. Such increases as 30% by the Home Missions department and 8% by the Foreign Missions department are typical of all the others. Budgets in each department have been increased for the coming year which in itself depicts our program of enlargement in our denominational sphere. We are on the move, and we must be certain that we know and observe the will of God for us as a people.

COMITY WITH OTHER DENOMINATIONAL BODIES

The Comity Committee appointed by the National Association for the purpose of conferring with the General Baptists and the Churches of God of North America was not able to meet these groups and thus nothing tangible was accomplished. It is the suggestion of the Promotional Secretary that the Home Mission Board should be charged with this responsibility and should be instructed to make a contact with the General Baptists not later than October of this year.

It has been a pleasure to be associated with the National Association in the capacity of Promotional Secretary during the past years. I have enjoyed the best of cooperation from everyone of the brethren everywhere. I trust that the Lord will enable us to "enlarge the place of our habitation" not for the praise of men, but that He might receive all the glory, and that the Kingdom Cause which we all love might prosper under Him.

Sincerely,

DAMON C. DODD

Treasurer's Reports

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1952-June 15, 1953

RECEIPTS

Operational and Promotional

State Association Fees	\$ 755.00
Revival Fees	905.00
From the Boards:	
Foreign Missions	1,500.00
Home Missions	280.00
Bible College	1,500.00
Superannuation	70.00
Publication and Literature	90.00
Unified Fund	839.22
Total	\$5,939.22
Balance Brought Forward	643.70
Grand Total	\$6,582.92

Headquarters

From the States on "H-Day"	\$3,103.92
Balance Brought Forward	1,889.56
Grand Total	\$4,993.48

DISBURSEMENTS

Operational and Promotional

Salary—Damon C. Dodd	\$4,350.00
Travel (Board Members, Moderator, Clerk, Pro. Sec'y)	959.38
Telephone and Telegraph	71.77
Office Supplies	166.32
Printing and Postage	539.91
Secretarial Hire	185.00
Miscellaneous	218.35
Total	\$6,490.73

Headquarters

Travel for "H-Day" Drive	\$ 395.00
Earnest payment to Henry Melvin	500.00
Closing payment to Tennessee Title Co.	3,504.64
Travel of Board of Trustees to Nashville	48.75
Insurance	16.00
Total	\$4,464.39

BALANCE SHEET

Operational and Promotional

Received	\$6,582.92
Disbursed	6,490.73

Balance \$ 92.19

Headquarters

Received	\$4,993.48
Disbursed	4,464.39

Balance \$ 529.09

DAMON C. DODD, Treasurer

All funds on deposit at the West Nashville Branch, First American National Bank, Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1951-June 30, 1952

RECEIPTS

Unified Funds

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 898.12
Missouri	\$1,050.35
Alabama	163.39
Mt. Pleasant Church	129.98
Wolverine Association	135.96
Total	\$1,479.68

Grand Total \$2,377.80

Promotional and Operational

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 189.25
From the Boards	\$2,657.00
Revival Fees	1,392.00

Christian Worker's Institutes	700.00
Sale of Books	125.00
National Association Fees	650.00
From Unified Fund	2,000.00
Total	\$7,524.00

Grand Total \$7,713.25

Headquarters

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 52.50
Missouri	110.00
Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Va.	50.00
Capitol Hill Church, Oklahoma City	50.00
Davis Church, Davis, N. C.	50.00
Highland Park Church, Detroit, Mich.	50.00
Total	\$ 312.50

Grand Total \$1,889.30

DISBURSEMENTS

Unified Funds

Transferred to Operational Fund	\$2,000.00
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Promotional and Operational

Salary—D. C. Dodd	\$4,191.50
Travel—Pro. Sec'y, Moderator, Clerk, Board Members	1,252.78
C. W. I. Honorariums and Certificates	1,057.70
Secretarial Fees, Office Supplies	300.00
Printing	410.31
Telephone and Telegraph	47.16
Miscellaneous	179.58
Bank Charges	8.32

Total \$7,447.35

No Disbursements for Headquarters.

BALANCE SHEET

Unified Fund

Received	\$2,377.80
Disbursed	2,000.00

\$ 377.80 \$ 377.80

Promotional and Operational

Received	\$7,713.25
Disbursed	7,447.35

\$ 265.90 \$ 265.90

Headquarters

Received	\$1,889.56
Disbursed	

\$1,889.56

Clerk's Note: The Clerk offers sincerest apologies to the Treasurer for having failed to insert the above report for 1951-1952 in the 1952 Minutes of the National Association. The failure was the result of an oversight and the report is hereby being placed in the minutes as a matter of record.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE 1953 WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION TO THE NATIONAL ASSN. OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

July 1, 1952-July 1, 1953

I. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Woman's Auxiliary Organizations	159
Membership July 1, 1952	8,844
New Members	661
Decrease in Membership	95
Total Membership July 1, 1954	9,410

II. FINANCIAL REPORT

Offering Received:	
Co-Laborer Band Offering	\$ 2,175.55
Convention Per Capita Dues	675.60
W. N. A. C. Literature Sales	5,332.85
Designated Offerings	3,457.97
Total Received	\$11,641.97

Special Offerings (These offerings reported by local Auxiliary Treasurers as having been contributed by W. N. A. C. members.):

Orphanages	\$ 5,417.10
Student Loan Fund	489.08
Foreign Missions	1,031.66
Home Missions	403.15
Free Will Baptist Bible College	3,030.38
Ministerial Relief	597.80
Local Church Work	11,719.79
Balance on Hand July 1, 1953	2,199.56
Grand Total Received for the Year	13,568.21

Disbursements:

Paid to National Association Boards	\$ 4,480.19
Paid for Printing W. N. A. C. Literature (12 books, charts, report forms, leaflets, etc.)	3,919.91
W. N. A. C. Expenses (Annual Meeting, secretarial help, printed programs, etc.)	179.21
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,639.32

Total disbursements for the Year	\$11,368.65
Total Offerings for the Year	\$13,568.21
Total Disbursements for the Year	11,368.65

Balance in W. N. A. C. Treasury July 1, 1953	\$ 2,199.56
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III. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY REPORT

Study Classes Conducted:

Stewardship	144
Missions	726
Prayer	82
Evangelism	20
"Manual of Methods"	13
Total Number Study Classes Conducted	385
Seasons of Prayer Observed:	
Week Preceding Thanksgiving	71
Week Preceding Easter	212

Nine O'Clock Hour of Missionaries	29
Youth Auxiliaries Sponsored:	
Young People's (YPA)	20
Go-Tells (GTA)	34
Boys' Auxiliaries	4

Total Youth Auxiliaries Sponsored	58
Tithers	671
New Tithers	36
Auxiliaries Engaged in Directed Personal Work	388
Auxiliaries Using Monthly Calendar of Activities	4
Soul-Winning Efforts Made	372
Souls Won as a Result of Directed Work	179
Standard "A-1" Auxiliaries	
Stewardship Declamation Contests Held	Oklahoma and Texas

This report was made possible by the following cooperating states: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Florida.

A total of 16 states reported.

The offering received during this Convention was \$114.22 which is to be divided equally between Home Missions and Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HUBERT SLOAN

Constitution of the National Association

AS REVISED BY THE 1953 SESSION AT MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS

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

Financing—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 receive 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, executive 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 Bible College, the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, the Free Will Baptist League Board, the Board of Superannuation, the Board of Publication and Literature, the Sunday School Board, the Board of Radio and TV, and a Board of Trustees who shall be legal custodians of all property belonging to the National Association except in the case of those Boards of the Association which are now incorporated. The personnel of each of the foregoing, exclusive of the General Board and the Board of Trustees of the 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 5's, each for a term of six years.

The trustees of the Bible College shall have power to apply for and receive a charter of incorporation under the name and style of FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. It is provided, however, that the charter of incorporation, as proposed, shall be approved and authorized by the National Association previous to its submission for registration, and that no revision or amendment thereafter shall be sought without the specific direction of the National Association.

The Board of Trustees of the Bible College shall also have power to organize at will and to create such by-laws as may be deemed essential for their government and for the control, administration, and promotion of the college, consistent with the 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-thirds 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.