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STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT BY STATES

Note: Most of these figures are incomplete due to the failure of churches and associations to make complete and accurate reports.

STATE	Associations	Churches	Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Enrollment	F. W. Baptist Leagues	F. W. Baptist League Enrollment	Woman's Auxiliaries	Amount Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property	Value of All Denominational Property
6 Alabama	8	122	11,100	185	23	108	7,654	25	986	27	\$ 128,798.00	\$ 806,723			\$ 100,000
Arizona	11	171	12,458	221	2	159	5,026		13		16,563.68	20,000			
Arkansas	4	48	2,941	117	9	48	2,902	25	732	16	121,742.04	730,520	11		
California	5	62	3,326	62	8	27		23		19	30,172.90	100,000	2	10,000	15,000
Florida	7	128	10,704	110	14	108	6,804	58	2,810	45	196,039.36	673,418	8	38,000	25,000
Georgia	1	40	3,016	70	6	33	2,974	8	468	8	105,917.00	324,000			28,000
Illinois	6	112	10,022	207	2	90	7,325	2		5	41,988.01	428,400	0		35,000
Kentucky	1	14	1,428	24	4	14	1,517	9	348	7		265,805.3			
Michigan	1	21	3,062	12		19	1,532	8	493	6	65,086.35	202,900	3	25,000	10,000
Mississippi	10	103	7,472	144	32	100	6,081	42	1,433	26	177,438.00	556,115			
North Carolina	11	398	43,160	341	67	374	37,560	132	5,300	216	802,650.60	5,102,000	52	512,000	510,000
Ohio	1	61	3,414	118		57	3,542	21		2					
Oklahoma	15	185	15,000	253	30	185	17,000	120	3,500	54		980,000	100		
South Carolina	4	56	4,500	55	8	55	6,000	35	1,500	30		480,734	5	60,233	25,000
Tennessee	2	116	12,163	148	10	112	9,487	72	2,434	60	296,634.14	213,974.98			250,000
Texas	5	54	3,979	66	5	50	2,566	28	996	25	89,561.99	285,050	10	200,000	
Virginia	4	102	5,885	186	22	90	6,743	21	651	20		220,600			30,000
West Virginia	15	154	5,781	245	21	114	9,883	22	327	38	43,107.64	738,400	1	7,000	78,550

OTHER INFORMATION FROM STATE REPORTS

	NAME AND ADDRESS OF MODERATOR	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CLERK	NAME AND ADDRESS OF DENOMINATIONAL PROPERTY
Alabama.....	Rev. J. L. Lavender Aliceville	Rev. Chester O'Donnell Ashville	Alabama Children's Home
Arizona.....	Rev. J. D. Stepp 2947 E. Virginia, Phoenix	Chester Warren, 3002 E. Cypress Phoenix	None
Arkansas.....	Rev. Othel T. Dixon 808 N. Arkansas Ave., Russellville..	R. D. Smith New Hope	Youth Encampment
California.....	Winston Lawless 10681 S. Highland, Selma	Wade Jernigan Box 61, Kerman	None
Florida.....	Rev. D. F. Pelt Route 5, Marianna	Rev. Rufus Hyman Route 1, Slocomb, Alabama	Florida Training Camp Cottontale
Georgia.....	Rev. T. G. Hamilton Glennville	Ernest Barker Rochelle	Camp Mt. Bethel Youth Camp
Illinois.....	Rev. George W. Waggoner Okawville	Mrs. George McClaskey Geff	F. W. Baptist Sunday School Alliance Tabernacle & Youth Camp, Benton
Kentucky.....	Rev. H. E. Willis P. O. Box 567, Paintsville	G. E. Ratliff 29th & Holt Sts., Ashland	F. W. Baptist Orphans Home Louisia
Michigan.....	Rev. Mark M. Lewis 23082 Hazelwood, Hazel Park	Mrs. Mildred Daniel 1841 Romeo, Ferndale	None
Mississippi.....	Rev. Luther Gibson East Tupelo	Rev. J. D. O'Donnell 109 18th St. S., Columbus	Morganwood Youth Camp
Missouri.....	Rev. O. T. Allred Monett	Lorene Williford Belton	1. F. W. Baptist Gem, Monett 2. F. W. Baptist Youth Encampment
North Carolina.....	Rev. D. W. Alexander Bethel	Rev. R. N. Hinnant Micro	1. F. W. Baptist Press, Ayden 2. F. W. Baptist Orphanage 3. Cragmont Assembly, Inc. 4. Mount Allen Junior College, Mt. Olive
Ohio.....	Rev. Forrest Chamberlin Route 1, Wheelersburg	Mrs. Grace Peach Route 2, Box 377, Sciotoville	None
Oklahoma.....	Rev. John H. West 833 N. Utica, Tulsa	Rev. Weldon Wood 420 S. Ash, Ada	1. F. W. Baptist Children's Home 2. F. W. Baptist District Camp Grounds
South Carolina.....	Rev. L. A. Holliday Manning	Thomas Mellette Columbia	F. W. Baptist Children's Home
Tennessee.....	Rev. C. F. Bowen 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville	Mrs. L. W. Vinson P. O. Box 382, Newport	F. W. Baptist Home for Children, Greenville
Texas.....	Rev. Everett Hellard 7518 Garden, Houston	Herbert Richards 2937 Larry Drive, Garland	None
Virginia.....	Rev. J. A. Boatright Fort Blackmore	Mrs. M. C. Foran 321 Boone St., Bristol	Va. Cottage Children's Home Greenville, Tennessee
West Virginia.....	Rev. Carl Vallance	Mrs. Mary Henson	F. W. Baptist Youth Camp

PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Evening, July 12, 1955

The nineteenth annual session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists was opened by spirited congregational singing led by Mr. I. L. Stanley, Knoxville, Tennessee. Mrs. I. L. Stanley was at the piano and Mrs. Raymond Riggs was organist. Opening songs were "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and "Blessed Assurance". Then the theme song of the convention, "O Zion, Haste", was introduced, followed by beautifully proclaiming "Jesus Saves". A new record of approximately 1200 ministers, delegates, and visitors attended the opening session at Will Rogers high school. The convention theme was "Our Mission High Fulfilling".

Devotions were led by the Reverend C. B. Thompson, Fort Worth, Texas, who used 2 Cor. 5:16 to challenge the vast audience to the spirit of true Christianity during these days. The congregation was then led in prayer.

The Association was called into official session by the clerk, the Reverend George W. Waggoner, who introduced the moderator, the Reverend Charles A. Thigpen. Mr. Thigpen read Ephesians 6:13-18 and after brief comments asked all present to sincerely pray for the leadership of God during this convention.

The Reverend John H. West, Chairman of the Arrangements Committee, welcomed the visitors in behalf of the churches of Tulsa and of the state of Oklahoma, and introduced other local ministers who were the chairmen of the different committees charged with making the necessary provisions for entertaining the convention. Those introduced were the Reverends E. M. Kennedy, Harry Staires, L. A. Yandell, Melvin Bingham, Dale Munkus, Ralph Brown, and Doyle Dipboye.

Tulsa Street Commissioner Sid Patterson, speaking in behalf of Mayor L. C. Clark, welcomed the group to Tulsa and invited the convention to return for another session in the future.

Mr. I. L. Stanley led the group in singing "Heavenly Sunshine" and "I Would Not Be Denied", after recognition of state delegations. At least twenty-one states and the countries of India and Cuba were represented.

The convention choir sang "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" and the moderator introduced the keynote messenger, the Reverend Louis H. Moulton, Savannah, Georgia, who spoke on the subject, "Three Minutes to Midnight". The Reverend Mr. Moulton aptly challenged Free Will Baptists to move ahead for God "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil".

The congregation sang "My Hope Is Built" and the clerk read the appointment by the moderator of the Committee on Committees. Those named to the committee were the Reverends J. L. Welch, Chairman, O. T. Dixon, Robert B. Crawford, J. D. O'Donnell, and O. H. Doss. The Reverend W. S. Mooneyham led the audience in the closing prayer.

Wednesday Morning, July 13, 1955

The morning session got off to a good start with congregational singing of three favorite hymns, "At the Cross", "Amazing Grace", and "O Zion, Haste". The Reverend O. T. Dixon led in prayer and used Psalm 121 as the basis for some remarks during the devotional period which set the stage for a wonderful day in business and worship.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

The Credentials Committee which had been appointed by the moderator to act in behalf of the General Board made a partial report and the delegates of all states whose reports were in were seated in the voting bloc by regular motion.

Motion was passed to adopt the program as outlined except to make the time schedule flexible at the discretion of the moderator.

The report of the General Board was given by the clerk. Motion to receive the report was carried. Motion was then passed to place on the table until

tomorrow those parts concerning constitutional changes. Motion was passed to deal with the remainder of the report item by item. Motion was passed to adopt Recommendation No. 3. Motion to adopt Part 1 of Recommendation No. 4 was discussed and was postponed by regular motion until the first part of the business session after noon.

A partial report of the Committee on Committees was adopted. The second partial report of the Credentials Committee was adopted by motion and the delegates in those additional states whose letters were read and received, were seated. After prayer the business was recessed until after the noon hour.

In preparation for the morning message, the congregation sang "Onward Christian Soldiers", the Reverend Mark Lewis led in prayer, and "I'd Rather Have Jesus" was sung by Mr. Jack Paramore, student at Mt. Allen Junior College.

The Reverend W. Burkett Raper brought a very inspiring message entitled, "The Challenge of the Century". He pointed out that challenge as Christian education and said that it was essential for the survival of our nation as well as the Free Will Baptist denomination. "We cannot effectively present the Gospel to any group of people or to a nation until we are properly trained," he said. Mr. Raper suggested that we take an offering for the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. The offering amounted to \$436.48. The closing prayer for the morning session was given by the moderator.

Wednesday Afternoon, July 13, 1955

The Reverend E. E. Morris of Oklahoma City used Psalm 116 for some timely devotional thoughts and then led in prayer.

The final report of the Credentials Committee was given and a motion was passed to adopt the report and seat the remaining delegates. (This report will be found elsewhere in the minutes.)

Business was then returned to the question which was before the house and postponed before the noon hour, which was to adopt Part 1 of Recommendation No. 4 of the report of the General Board. Motion to amend by deleting "20% of" and adding "in as much as possible" after the words "be raised co-operatively" was passed and then the motion was passed and the recommendation adopted as amended.

Motion was then passed to postpone the remainder of the report of the General Board until a later time.

The Reverend George Ford of Wheaton, Illinois, associate executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals reported from that organization with which Free Will Baptists are affiliated. He emphasized that N. A. E. provided spiritual unity without organic union and was performing a real service in maintaining many open doors that otherwise would have closed, established the rights of the ministry of the Gospel by radio and T-V, and by getting proper recognition for individuals or small groups in governmental agencies. Mr. Ford invited churches and individuals to join N. A. E. and use its services.

Constitutional changes proposed by the Reverends Delbert Akin and E. E. Morris were read and a motion carried to table the proposed amendments until tomorrow.

Mrs. Robert B. Crawford gave as information the report of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

The Reverend Everett Hellard sang a special number after which the Reverend Daniel R. Cronk, missionary on furlough from India, used Luke 24:45-48 as the basis of a stirring message on missions. Mr. Cronk asked if we really believed in the great commission of Christ and said that our only gauge is the number of missionaries that we send to the field and the amount of the offerings we give to help take the Gospel to the regions beyond. Facts and figures were presented to show our failure in doing what we could and ought to do. The service was closed by singing "Jesus Saves".

The report of the Sunday School Department was given by the Promotional

Secretary, the Reverend William Mishler, and was adopted by regular motion. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

The Committee on Committees gave a completed report and it was adopted. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

The report of the American Bible Society with which we are affiliated was given by the Reverend Albert C. Johnson of New York, assistant secretary of Visual Materials for the American Bible Society. Mr. Johnson presented a book entitled "The Good News", to the moderator. He mentioned some of the problems of getting the Holy Scriptures to people everywhere, saying that some parts of it have been translated into over 1000 languages. In 1954 the Society put into circulation 1,690 copies of the Scriptures each and every hour. Fifty-five denominations need and use the A. B. S. to translate, publish, distribute, and encourage the use of the Bible for them and Mr. Johnson asked that Free Will Baptists help in the task as much as possible. (Clerk's note: Records show that 425,000 Free Will Baptists contributed only \$142 in 1954 to this cause.) Mr. Howard Lyle led the congregation in prayer for the American Bible Society.

The Reverend J. C. Griffin gave the report of the Board of Publications and Literature and a motion to adopt the report was carried. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

The Nominating Committee made a partial report. It was received and candidates for the various offices were thereby nominated. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.) Motion was adopted to elect the General Board members from the given states first. Nominations from the floor were called for and there were none. In each case a motion was passed to elect the nominee of the committee. Nominations from the floor for all other board members were called for and since there were none, in each case a motion was passed to elect the committee's nomination by acclamation.

The Reverend Robert King presented his resignation as General Board member from Arkansas and by motion it was accepted. Mr. Raymond McNutt was nominated for that office and was duly elected.

The Reverend Dale Munkus presented his resignation from the General Board from Oklahoma and by motion it was accepted.

The afternoon session was closed with prayer by the Reverend Thomas G. Hamilton.

Wednesday Evening, July 13, 1955

A vast audience again assembled in the auditorium and sang with Mr. Stanley "Love Lifted Me", "I'm on the Upward Trail", and "He Lives". Prayer was given by the Reverend Harold Pitts.

Time was taken for special recognition of the late Mrs. Zella (Grandma) Jacobs, an ever faithful delegate from Ohio until her death last Thursday. Prayer was offered in her memory by the Reverend Henry Melvin. The convention choir then sang "A Shelter in the Time of Storm".

The Reverend W. S. Mooneyham recognized the state directors for the "Loyalty Gift Appeal" but announced that there could be no dedication service for the Headquarters Building because the amount of the indebtedness on the building had not been raised. Cash and pledges in the amount of \$4,000 was then received toward this debt. This left a balance of about \$4,000 yet to be raised.

Two special numbers were sung before the evening message. "All Hail, Immanuel" was rendered by the choir and "Breathe on Me" by Miss Barbara Willey and Miss Barbara Hancock.

The Reverend Fred A. Rivenbark, pastor of the Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, brought a soul-stirring message on the subject, "The Travail of Zion". Using Isaiah 66:8 as a basis of the message, Mr. Rivenbark pointed out that Jesus travailed and that the Holy Spirit now travails for

souls. "We ought also to travail if we really believe that there is no hope after death, that hell is a real place, and that Jesus is actually coming again," he continued.

The day's services were closed with prayer.

Thursday Morning, July 14, 1955

After prayer meeting in the prayer room, the congregation assembled to begin the final day of business and worship with great expectations. "Stand Up for Jesus" was sung, followed by "I'm on the Upward Trail", led by Mr. Stanley. The morning prayer was prayed by Mr. Stanley.

The Reverend O. H. Doss of California led the devotional period, using as a basis Hebrews 9:24-28.

The clerk read the minutes of the proceedings of the previous day and they were corrected and then approved.

Motion was carried to take from the table the constitutional amendments that were recommended by the General Board. Motion was made to adopt Part 1 of Recommendation No. 1 (Revision of Article IV). Motion was made to table indefinitely this recommendation. Motion carried. Since this did not pass the moderator ruled the second part out of order (Revision of Article V, Section 1).

Motion to adopt Recommendation No. 2 of the General Board's report was made and discussed (Revision of Article VIII, Section 5). Motion was passed to table the recommendation.

The constitutional amendments proposed by the Reverends Delbert Akin and E. E. Morris were ruled out of order by the moderator since there was never a motion to receive or adopt them before they were laid on the table, and therefore not properly before the house to lay on the table. (See the proposals at the end of these proceedings.)

The Reverend Joe O. Fort gave the report of the Superannuation Board and a motion was passed to receive the report and adopt the recommendations. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

Report of the Executive Secretary was given by the Reverend W. S. Mooneyham and by motion was received and recommendations adopted. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.) Mr. Mooneyham announced that *CONTACT* had a deficit over the past two years of \$1,357.84 and Mr. M. E. Howard of Richmond, Virginia, stood and said that he was so sold on the ministry of the paper and liked it so much that he would personally assume that indebtedness.

The Reverend Raymond Riggs, Promotional Secretary, gave the report of the Foreign Missions Board. Motion made to adopt the report was carried. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.) Mr. Riggs then introduced missionary candidates and those home on furlough from the mission field. Several gifts were presented to the Reverend and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey in honor of their Silver Wedding Anniversary this month. The Foreign Missions Department presented a complete set of sterling silverware; the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention gave a silver tea set; the Woman's Auxiliary of New Bern, North Carolina, gave a silver tea set; the auxiliary of Ashland City church (Tennessee), and Hull Road church, Snow Hill, North Carolina, each gave cash donations; and the National Free Will Baptist League Board presented a \$3,000 check for "Chapels for Cuba" in honor of the Willeys. A set of luggage was given to the Reverend and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

Mr. Stanley led the congregation in singing "If Jesus Goes With Me" and the Reverend Luther Gibson led in prayer.

The Reverend Ralph Staten, Belmont, North Carolina, spoke on the subject, "Possessing Our Unpossessed Possessions", using Deuteronomy 1:6-8 and Joshua 1:5-8. Mr. Staten said that Israel was commanded to literally possess the land but there is still a world-wide spiritual possession that God commands every generation to make. "This possession must include a missionary program, an

evangelistic program, a stewardship program, and a Christian education program if it is to be successful," Mr. Staten added. He challenged Free Will Baptists to go all out in claiming these unpossessed possessions the world over. Dismissal for the noon hour was by prayer.

Thursday Afternoon, July 14, 1955

The Reverend A. J. Lambert asked the Lord's blessings upon the final session of the convention after a congregational song.

The report of the Planning Commission was adopted. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

The Stewardship Commission reported that they had had no finance to operate with this year and therefore did nothing.

The Polity Committee's report was received and the recommendations adopted. (See this report elsewhere.)

The Reverend E. E. Morris challenged the ruling of the moderator on ruling out of order the constitutional amendments proposed by him and Delbert Akin. A vote was taken and the ruling of the chair was sustained.

The report of the Bible College Board of Trustees was given by the Reverend J. L. Welch, chairman. The proposed budget for the coming year was given by Dr. L. C. Johnson as a part of the report. Motion to receive the report and adopt the recommendations was made and after some discussions was carried. (The report is to be found elsewhere in the minutes.)

The report of the League Board was given by the Reverend Henry Melvin, chairman, and a motion carried to receive the report and adopt the recommendations. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

The report of the Radio T-V Board was given by the Reverend J. D. O'Donnell and a motion was passed to adopt the report. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

The Reverend Damon C. Dodd, Promotional Secretary, gave the report of the Home Mission Board. Motion was made to receive the report and adopt the recommendations and approve the Charter of Incorporation presented to the Body. Motion Carried. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.) The Reverend and Mrs. Johnnie Postlewaite gave their personal testimony after being presented as Home Missionary candidates for the Washington-Oregon field. The Reverend J. B. Bloss, chairman of the board, prayed the prayer of commission for these new candidates.

The report of the Placement Committee for the 1956 session was given by the Reverend W. S. Mooneyham who said that two invitations had been received. One was from the combined states of Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky to meet at Huntington, West Virginia and the other was from Fairmount Park church, Norfolk, Virginia. After careful examination the committee announced that they would recommend the Huntington, West Virginia, invitation. A motion was passed to accept the report and send to the Fairmount Park church our greetings and thanks for their invitation but that the convention voted to go to Huntington in 1956.

Business was returned to the remaining items of the General Board's report. A motion was made to adopt Part 2 of Recommendation No. 4. A motion to table was lost. The motion to adopt was carried. A motion to adopt part 3 of Recommendation No. 4 was made. Motion to amend by adding "to be allocated monthly" after the words "Co-operative funds" was carried. The recommendation was then passed as amended. A motion to adopt Part 4 of Recommendation No. 4 did not pass. A motion to adopt Part 5 of Recommendation No. 4 carried. A motion to adopt Part 6 of Recommendation No. 4 carried. A motion to adopt Part 7 of Recommendation No. 4 carried. (See the complete report elsewhere in the minutes.)

The report of the Budget Committee was given and a motion to adopt the report was carried. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

Recognition was given to a letter of greetings from the National Sunday School Association, Mr. Clate A. Risley, General Secretary.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given by the Reverend Charles Sapp. Motion was made to receive and dispense with it item by item. Motion was carried. Motion was made to adopt Recommendation No. 1. Motion to amend by adding "and that we send a telegram to the President assuring him of our prayers" was carried. The recommendation was then passed as amended. Motion to adopt Recommendation No. 2 was carried. Motion to adopt Recommendation No. 3 was made. Motion to amend by adding "or the next highest body in the state" after the words "state association" was carried. The recommendation was then passed as amended. Motion to adopt Recommendation No. 4 was carried. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

A resolution to revise the Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptist denomination was presented from the floor by the Reverend W. A. Hales in behalf of the South Carolina State Association. Motion to adopt was not carried. The moderator ruled that it should properly come before the General Board before being presented to this Body and Mr. Hales agreed to hand the resolution to the General Board for their consideration.

The report of the Temperance Committee was given and a motion passed to adopt the report. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

The completed report of the Nominating Committee was given. The report was received and candidates thereby nominated. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.) General Board member from Oklahoma to fill an unexpired term of one year was to be elected from the floor. The Reverend Weldon Wood was nominated and a motion that nominations cease and we elect by acclamation was carried. Mr. Wood was duly elected. There were no nominations from the floor for members of the Polity Committee, the Historical Commission, or the Committee for Men's Organizations in the local church. In each case the motion was offered that nominations cease and we proceed to elect those nominated by the Nominating Committee by acclamation. Motion carried and all were duly elected. The Reverend Charles A. Thigpen was the Committees nominee for moderator and the Reverend Harry Staires was nominated from the floor. Mr. Thigpen was duly elected by a majority vote. Nominations for Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Executive Secretary were each called for in turn and there were none from the floor. In each case a motion was made that nominations cease and we elect the nominee of the Committee by acclamation. Each was duly elected.

A motion was made that each delegate and minister attending the National Association in 1956 register with a \$1.00 fee. Motion was made to table and carried.

Motion that the same method be used for selecting the Budget Committee next year as was used this year, i.e. the secretary or promotional secretary of each standing board serve as a member of the committee. Motion carried.

Sister Lizzie McAdams spoke a few words of thanks and praise after which the moderator of the West Virginia State Association extended an invitation to all to attend the 1956 National Association in Huntington.

A motion was passed that a rising vote of thanks be extended to the clerk, the Reverend George W. Waggoner, who is retiring from the office this year.

Motion to adjourn was carried. The closing prayer was by the Reverend Walter Carter, Assistant Moderator, who remembered the President of the United States in his effort toward world peace at Geneva, Switzerland, next week.

"God Be with You" was sung as the crowd dispersed and farewells extended.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Temperance Committee:

Rev. Harold Pitts
 Rev. Luther Gibson
 Rev. Willard Day
 Rev. J. E. White
 Rev. Dean Moore

Committee on Placement of National Association for the 1957 Session:

The moderator of the next session
 The Executive Secretary
 Rev. O. T. Dixon

Program Committee:

General Officers of the National Association
 Chairman of each standing board
 The Executive Secretary, Chairman

Nominating Committee:

Rev. James F. Miller
 Rev. Reford Wilson
 Rev. Earl Jensen
 Rev. E. M. French
 Rev. Rolla Smith

The Resolutions Committee:

Rev. George Scott
 Rev. Charles Sapp
 Rev. Joe Ange
 Rev. Weldon Wood
 Rev. J. R. Davidson

Signed by Committee on Committees:

REV. J. L. WELCH
 REV. O. T. DIXON
 REV. R. B. CRAWFORD
 REV. O. H. DOSS
 REV. J. D. O'DONNELL

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We submit the following report and recommend that the body receive the reports of the states as listed below and that their delegates be seated:

<i>State</i>	<i>Number of Delegates</i>	<i>Number of Associations</i>	<i>Fee Paid</i>
Alabama	14	8	\$ 50.00
Arizona	1	---	5.00
Arkansas	10	11	65.00
California	26	4	30.00
Florida	10	6	40.00
Georgia	18	7	45.00
Illinois	12	3	5.00
Kentucky	6	6	40.00
Michigan	5	1	5.00

Mississippi	5	1	10.00
Missouri	41	10	65.00
North Carolina	31	11	65.00
Ohio	41	1	20.00
Oklahoma	85	15	75.00
South Carolina	7	4	30.00
Tennessee	20	2	20.00
Texas	9	5	35.00
Virginia	9	4	30.00
West Virginia	4	15	85.00
Total of 19 states	354	114	\$720.00

Committee:

REV. HENRY MELVIN
 REV. WAYNE SMITH
 REV. JOHNNIE FLOYD

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Temperance, make the following report:

Since our church covenant demands total abstinence from the use and sale of alcoholic beverages, there can be no temperate use of them; therefore, we recommend:

First, that we abide by our church covenant and practice and promote total abstinence;

Second, that we commend our brethren who are living consistently in accord with all phases of our church covenant and exhort all to do so;

Third, that our Christian practices demonstrate temperance and moderation in our social relationships with both the saved and the unsaved, thus giving temperance its rightful position among the Christian graces listed by Paul (Galatians 5:23) as fruits of the Spirit and by Peter (2 Peter 1:6) as a virtue needed to be added to our faith.

Respectfully submitted,

YOUR COMMITTEE

REV. WILLARD C. DAY
 REV. LUTHER GIBSON
 REV. J. E. WHITE
 REV. FLOYD PITTS

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Inasmuch as we are in the midst of terrific world tension in relationship between nations, and inasmuch as the chief executive of our nation, Dwight D. Eisenhower, is to go to Geneva on Friday of this week along with other government officials, be it therefore resolved this National Association of Free Will Baptists set aside at least a brief period of special prayer for wisdom and guidance for governmental representatives during this pending conference.

(NOTE: This resolution was amended by adding the following: "... and that we send the President a telegram assuring him of our prayers.")

2. In view of the fact that getting out the Gospel of Christ on a world-wide basis is the nearest thing to the heart of God, be it further resolved in interest of those who have never heard of Christ even the first time that we recommend the setting aside of one night session each year in our National Association for mission emphasis, inspiration, and information.

3. Be it further resolved that each state association recommend to the National Association a person to represent it on the General Board.

(NOTE: This resolution was amended by inserting the following words after "state association": ". . . or the next highest body in the state . . .")

4. Be it further resolved that the National Association extend a rising vote of thanks to the Tulsa churches, the State Convention of churches in Oklahoma, the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, the *Tulsa World*, the *Tulsa Tribune*, the Will Rogers High School Board of Education and Dr. R. W. Knight, Principal, and Mr. LeRoy Inbody, Assistant Superintendent of Business Service of the Tulsa Schools, and to all other agencies and individuals which have made contributions in the entertainment of this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Committee on Resolutions

REV. GEORGE W. SCOTT, *Chairman*

REV. J. R. DAVIDSON

REV. JOE ANGE

REV. WELDON WOOD

REV. CHARLES SAPP, *Clerk*

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

We, the Budget Committee, recommend the adoption of a total denominational budget of \$324,300 for the next eighteen months as proposed by the following departments:

Foreign Missions	\$138,200
Home Missions	52,100
Radio-T.V.	1,500
Executive Department	29,000
Bible College	58,500
Superannuation	22,200
F. W. B. League	8,250
Sunday School Department	14,530

We further recommend that the budget of the Bible College be retained on the present fiscal year basis because of its operation being connected with the school year.

We further recommend that all co-operative funds be distributed on the following percentages until the budget of the Executive Department has been met and that the remaining percentage be allocated to the other budgets according to the proper ratio:

Foreign Missions	22%
Home Missions	8%
Radio-T.V.	1%
Executive Department	45%
Bible College	15%
Superannuation	4%
F. W. B. League	2%
Sunday School Department	3%

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE

(Promotional Secretaries of All Boards)

REPORT OF THE POLITY COMMITTEE

PART 1

Since church polity is a subject of such great importance it should be one of grave interest. If Christ and His apostles left a form of church organization, or even if they merely indicated the germs of such a form, it is of the utmost interest and importance to discover, if possible, just what Baptist Church Polity is.

Even more particularly we may say that church polity is vitally related to everything else in Christian doctrine and life. Doctrines accord with the view that is held of the church; the ordinances and the worship of the church are essentially concerned with the form of its government; and even the moral life and religious activity of the members are to a considerable extent involved in the nature of the church's constitution. It must be admitted, further, that there is a sad lack of information and of intelligent judgment on this subject, from both the clergy and the laity.

Therefore, we have arrived at the following conclusion:

1. That the subject of *Baptistic Church Polity* be carefully examined in the light of Scriptural and Historical evidence, the former having precedence over the latter; and that the findings be presented in written form at the National Association of Free Will Baptists when they convene in 1956.

2. That the report should include definite statements on the following:

- (1) A clear definition of "church" and "polity".
- (2) A sharp distinction between the three leading forms of church government:
 - (a) the prelatial (or Episcopal)
 - (b) the presbyterial
 - (c) the Congregational
- (3) A Scriptural refutation of the views which are in opposition to Baptist principles and beliefs; such as those who base their church government on evidence from one of the following three categories:
 - (a) from church authority (e.g. Roman Catholic)
 - (b) from Episcopacy (e.g. Episcopal, Methodists, Lutherans)
 - (c) from Scripture (e.g. Presbyterians)
- (4) A thorough study of Congregational principles and polity in light of New Testament polity.
- (5) A concrete and specific explanation of the following:
 - (a) Character and function of the church
 - (b) Officers of the church
 - (c) Mutual relations of churches
 - (d) Relation of church to civil government
- (6) A brief and concise history of the progress of Baptist principles.
- (7) A study of *internal regulations* and the carrying out of their purposes.
- (8) A comprehensive study of *external government*, since the local bodies own no earthly superior. Their allegiance and responsibility are directly and only to Jesus Christ—the great Head of the Church; and their rule of faith and practice is the Word of God and that alone; yet, these churches as holding a common faith are closely related to each other and may unite for the furtherance of their common aims, but not so as to form a hierarchy, or representative assembly, or any general governing body.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

PART 2

Down through the pages of history, one of the distinguishing characteristics of all Baptist groups has been their democratic form of government. Almost without

a single exception the Baptist form has been adhered to, and the Free Will Baptist denomination has been no exception.

Now, in these days of changing outlooks and methods, there is a definite defection in certain Baptist circles away from this autonomy. In the light of these facts, it is the feeling of the committee that any report made by it to this body should be prefaced by the following:

1. The Free Will Baptist National Association believes now, as it always has, in the independence of the local church; holding that "the local church is an independent body, so far as relates to its own government, the transaction of its business, the choice of its officers, and the discipline of its members," and these rights cannot be denied the local church by any other organization within or without the denomination.

2. The local church has every right to hold and retain legal title to all property owned by it. A Board of Trustees, elected for this purpose, shall be invested with authority from the church to make proper and legal transactions, subject to the will and order of the church, and they shall be the custodians of all such documents. Free Will Baptist churches are to be discouraged from surrendering any of these rights to any other organization under any circumstances.

3. Free Will Baptist churches have the right to employ any Free Will Baptist minister as pastor, who is in good standing with the denomination, regardless of his place of residence. It is to be understood that this right cannot properly be denied any local church by any subsequent action of a quarterly meeting, yearly meeting, district association, national association, or any other group. Free Will Baptist churches are to be discouraged from employing ministers who are not Free Will Baptists, or Free Will Baptist ministers who are not in good standing with the association in which he has membership, or who are on probation.

4. We recognize the value of proper organizational machinery in relation to the accomplishment of denominational goals and in the leadership of the overall denominational program. However, we also recognize the dangers inherent in organizational machinery which is too cumbersome and complicated, or which tends to invest an overplus of power in the hands of the few. Such organization makes subjects of those who come under it and consequently throttles the democratic processes of church government which we hold dear. Therefore, we recommend that this National Association of Free Will Baptists hereby go on record as decrying such organization and as being unalterably opposed to any such organizational machinery within our denomination that would bring pressure to bear on any group or individual who could not or would not conform to a given organizational pattern, other than that prescribed in the Treatise of Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

The Free Will Baptist movement has a most noble history. Down through the past years our denomination has wielded a dynamic influence on the life and society of America and even though ours has been a chequered history, it has been a colorful one. It is regrettable that such inadequate records have been left as to make it most difficult to bring together many of the important historical facts. And it is even more regrettable that we are not as careful as we ought to be in our day to preserve such facts for posterity. In order to correct this condition, we recommend that an Historical Commission of five members be elected by this Body and instructed, among other duties, to set up a Free Will Baptist Historical Repository at the Headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, where complete files of any and all historical materials and information shall be kept for the denomination.

Finally,—

We have been requested by many people to deal with other matters in this report which have to do with ministerial ethics, moral reforms, and certain other pertinent questions of the day. It is our conviction that before these matters can

be properly considered, sufficient time and opportunity should be given for the people to express themselves, and sufficient thought and prayer should be given to them by the committee. Therefore, we request of this Body that this Polity Committee, or another similar committee, be elected by this Body to continue this work, and that a further report be presented to the 1956 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE composed of REV. J. L. WELCH, REV. C. F. BOWEN, REV. D. C. DODD, REV. BEN BARRUS, and REV. WILLIAM MISHLER

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee, place the following names in nomination for the various offices and boards:

General Board:

Alabama—Rev. A. J. Lambert (1957)
Arkansas—Mr. Raymond McNutt (1956)
Florida—Mr. Ernest Owen (1957)
Georgia—Mr. G. C. King (1957)
Illinois—Rev. William Buster (1957)
Kentucky—Rev. F. S. Van Hoose (1957)
Michigan—Rev. Thurman M. Pate (1957)
Mississippi—Mr. W. G. Prude (1957)
North Carolina—Rev. M. L. Johnson (1957)
Ohio—Rev. Russell Milam (1957)
South Carolina—Rev. Fred Powers (1957)
Tennessee—Rev. Harvey Hill (1957)
Texas—Rev. C. B. Thompson (1956)
Virginia—Mr. E. J. Kilgore (1957)
West Virginia—Rev. John M. Henson (1957)

Foreign Mission Board:

Rev. Mark M. Lewis (1960)

Home Mission Board:

Rev. Homer E. Willis (1960)

Free Will Baptist League Board:

Rev. Dale Munkus (1960)

Superannuation Board:

Rev. E. M. Kennedy (1960)

Board of Publications and Literature:

Mr. L. E. Duncan (1960)

Sunday School Board:

Rev. Charles Sapp (1960)

Radio-TV Board:

Rev. Jerry Dudley (1960)

Trustee of Headquarters Building:

Mr. J. B. Reding (1960)

We recommend that the vacancy on the General Board from Oklahoma be filled from the floor.

Polity Committee:

Rev. J. L. Welch
Rev. O. H. Doss

Rev. W. A. Hales
(To report in 1956)

Historical Commission:

Rev. Paul Woolsey
Rev. Ralph Staten
Rev. D. C. Dodd
Rev. George W. Million
Mr. I. L. Stanley

Committee on Men's Organizations:

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham
Rev. O. T. Dixon
Rev. Luther Gibson

General Officers:

Moderator—Rev. Charles A. Thigpen
Assistant Moderator—Rev. Walter Carter
Clerk—Rev. Thomas G. Hamilton, Jr.
Assistant Clerk—Rev. Dean Moore
Executive Secretary & Treasurer—Rev. W. S. Mooneyham

Respectfully submitted by the Committee,

REV. JAMES F. MILLER, *Chairman*
REV. ROLLA SMITH
REV. E. M. FRENCH
REV. EARL JENSEN
REV. J. REFORD WILSON

REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Whereas there is a real need for coordinated planning by all departments of the National Association; and

Whereas this planning should be done for a long-range period of at least five years taking into consideration world needs and denominational potential;

We therefore recommend that each board and department of the National Association be instructed to prepare a list of its goals and aims for the next five years beginning January 1, 1957, with the year in which they hope to accomplish each, and that this list be sent to the Executive Secretary by January 1, 1956, for use by the Planning Commission in formulating for the denomination a "Five-Year Plan of Progress" beginning January 1, 1957, and climaxing January 1, 1962.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

Be it resolved that the following be deleted from Section 2, Paragraph 1, Article VIII of the National Constitution:

"and the chairman of all standing Boards."

Also the following be deleted from Section 7, Article VIII:

"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."

Signed,

REV. DELBERT AKIN, *Oklahoma*
REV. E. E. MORRIS

(NOTE: These proposals were ruled out of order by the moderator. See Proceedings.)

REPORTS OF BOARDS

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD

The General Board in its session at Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 11-12, 1955, heard the reports of all the boards, departments, and commissions, and accepted such reports and recommendations which will be submitted to this Body in session, and recommends that they be adopted.

The General Board makes the following recommendations:

1. That Articles IV and V of the Constitution be amended to read as follows, and that the proposed amendments be placed on the table Wednesday morning.

ARTICLE IV

Representation—"Representation in the National Association is to be by local churches. Each church shall be entitled to one delegate to be elected from the laity, regardless of the membership strength of the church. The church shall send its delegate directly to the National Association. In no case, however, will the National Association seat the delegate of a church which is not a member of its state association, or, if there is no state association, of the next highest organization in the state. Before a delegate's credentials may be ratified they must bear the signature of either the pastor or the church clerk." (*Tabled*).

ARTICLE V

Section 1—Finance—"Each local church representing in this Body shall send the sum of \$5.00 with the delegate's credentials. Ordained ministers shall register with the sum of \$1.00." (*Declared out of order*).

2. That Article VIII, Section 5 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows, and that the proposed amendment be placed on the table Wednesday morning:

ARTICLE VIII

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. An Executive Committee consisting of the Moderator, clerk, and the chairmen of all standing boards shall be designated from the General Board, whose duty it shall be to act on all matters coming within the scope of the Board when the General Board is not in session." (*Tabled*).

3. That all boards and departments have made an audit of their annual financial status and same made available to the General Board at its annual meeting in July each year.
4. That the Co-operative Plan of Support adopted last year be modified as follows:
 - Part 1. That the denominational budget adopted at this session be raised co-operatively inasmuch as possible with all boards and departments of the National Association participating in raising the Co-operative budget, and that out of said amount the budget of the Executive Department would be met; (*Amended*).
 - Part 2. That as a supplement to the Co-operative budget each respective department be encouraged to promote its particular phase of the work, and to receive designated funds as individuals, groups, or churches may feel so disposed to give;
 - Part 3. That the Budget Committee apportion to the various departments on a percentage basis all money that comes into the Co-operative fund and that it be allocated monthly. (*Amended*).
 - Part 4. (*Did not pass*).
 - Part 5. That all churches be encouraged to give 10% (the tithe) of their general offerings to the Co-operative fund as a minimum of their denominational giving;

- Part 6. That the Executive Department receive no additional Co-operative Funds when its budget has been met;
Part 7. That all ear-marked money be sent to the department as designated by the donor.

GEORGE W. WAGGONER, *Secretary*

BIBLE COLLEGE REPORT

MCINTYRE AND ASSOCIATES

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
THIRD NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
NASHVILLE

July 9, 1955

CERTIFICATE

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

Dear Dr. Johnson:

We have examined the balance sheet of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, as of June 30, 1955, and the related statement of current general fund income and expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the period from July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, except that we did not extend our examination of contributions beyond accounting for the receipts as recorded; otherwise, our examination included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The accounts of the College are kept on a modified cash basis and consequently the liabilities for accounts payable and accrued expenses are not recorded.

In our opinion, subject to the exception explained above, the accompanying balance sheet and statements of current general fund income and expenditures and changes in fund balances present fairly the financial position of the Free Will Baptist Bible College at June 30, 1955, and the results of its operations for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding period.

MCINTYRE & ASSOCIATES
Certified Public Accountants

BALANCE SHEET

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 30, 1955

ASSETS

Current General Funds

Cash on hand—petty funds	\$ 199.45	
Cash in bank	2,693.79	
	\$ 2,893.24	
Accounts receivable—students	\$ 366.00	
Notes receivable—students	442.92	
	808.92	
Inventory—book store (at cost)		926.15
		\$ 4,628.31

Student Loan Fund

Cash in bank	1,243.26
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Building Fund

Cash in bank	62.80
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Plant Funds

Investment in plant (at cost):

Land	\$ 20,450.00
Buildings and improvements	119,943.08
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	38,420.89

Total plant funds	178,813.97
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Grand total	<u>\$184,748.34</u>
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LIABILITIES

Current General Funds

Mortgage loan payable	\$ 2,000.00	
Employees' payroll deductions	455.47	
Students' credit balances	165.00	
Unappropriated surplus	2,007.84	Page 2

Total current general funds	\$ 4,628.31
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Student Loan Fund

Net investment in student loan fund	Page 2	1,243.26
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Building Fund

Undistributed building fund income	Page 2	62.80
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Plant Funds

Net investment in plant	Page 2	178,813.97
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Grand total	<u>\$184,748.34</u>
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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

CURRENT GENERAL FUND

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

For the period July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955

<i>Explanation</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Income</i>			
Gifts	\$	\$44,348.13	\$
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention		500.53	
Miscellaneous income		1,141.32	
Matriculation fees		495.00	
Registration fees		3,775.00	
Tuition		19,645.69	
Activity fees		1,495.00	
Room rent		12,266.23	
Board		30,929.84	
Music fees		1,281.50	
Miscellaneous fees		410.00	
Piano gifts		17.67	
Library gifts		203.93	
Extension school		384.88	
Book store sales	10,931.98		
Less: Book store cost of sales	8,761.84	2,170.14	
Total income			\$119,064.86
<i>Expenditures</i>			
<i>Operating expenses:</i>			
Administrative salaries		\$12,999.97	
Teachers' salaries		26,459.28	
Office salaries		6,170.00	
Kitchen salaries		7,100.60	
Household salaries		3,360.00	
Janitors' salaries		1,552.50	
Library salaries		3,450.00	
Maintenance		6,788.06	
Travel expense		1,269.18	
School supplies		116.88	
Telephone		1,430.78	
Heat		2,854.84	
Electricity		954.92	
Water bill		510.27	
Laundry		70.92	
Groceries		13,578.07	
Household supplies		401.37	
Miscellaneous expense		1,264.62	
Honorarium		627.15	
Printing		4,017.53	
Insurance		1,419.67	
Office expense		1,877.80	
Library expense		712.36	
Practical work department expense		318.17	
Board of trustees expense		939.00	
Quartet itinerary expense		5,510.05	

Employer's social security taxes	562.74	
Interest expense	189.59	
Music department expense	247.00	
Book store salaries	456.25	
Book store general expense	52.33	
Employees' hospitalization insurance	75.80	
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Total operating expenses		107,337.70
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Operating income		\$ 11,727.16
Other expenditures:		
Contributions to co-operative program	\$ 4,500.00	
Contributions to building fund	3,698.54	
Additions to fixed assets:		
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	4,521.63	
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Total other expenditures		12,720.17
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Excess of other expenditures over operating income		<u>(\$ 993.01)</u>

GIFTS BY STATES

July 1, 1954—June 30, 1955

Alabama	\$ 1,635.78	Nebraska	19.01
Arkansas	1,245.55	New Mexico	15.00
California	593.14	North Carolina	9,413.03
Florida	671.78	Ohio	1,451.92
Georgia	3,267.25	Oklahoma	3,082.94
Illinois	1,237.91	South Carolina	1,524.68
Kansas	11.00	Tennessee	6,627.73
Kentucky	855.95	Texas	3,382.94
Maine	10.00	Virginia	1,615.17
Michigan	2,292.91	West Virginia	533.50
Mississippi	1,180.27	W. N. A. C.	703.76
Missouri	2,988.29		

SUGGESTED STATE QUOTAS

July 1, 1955—June 30, 1956

Alabama	\$ 2,250.00	Ohio	2,000.00
Arkansas	1,500.00	Oklahoma	4,000.00
California	1,000.00	South Carolina	2,200.00
Florida	1,000.00	Tennessee	8,500.00
Georgia	4,500.00	Texas	3,500.00
Illinois	1,750.00	Virginia	2,000.00
Kentucky	1,500.00	West Virginia	2,000.00
Michigan	2,500.00	W. N. A. C.	750.00
Mississippi	2,400.00		
Missouri	3,500.00		
North Carolina	12,000.00		
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			\$58,850.00

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

PROPOSED BUDGET 1955-56

OPERATING EXPENSES

Salaries:

Administrative	\$14,200.00	\$
Teaching	29,440.00	
Office	7,560.00	
Library	3,900.00	
Household and Maintenance	13,225.00	
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Travel		1,500.00
Quartet itinerary		6,000.00
School supplies		400.00
Utilities		7,050.00
Household supplies		650.00
Printing		4,000.00
Office expense		2,500.00
Library expense		2,500.00
Honorarium		1,200.00
Interest		75.00
Miscellaneous expense		1,200.00
Social security taxes		600.00
Board of trustees expense		1,000.00
Practical work department expense		600.00
Hospitalization insurance (Employees' portion)		900.00
Additions to fixed assets		6,000.00
Payments on property		2,000.00
Bookstore purchases and expense		10,000.00
Activity fees paid to Lumen		750.00
Accident insurance for students		600.00
Contingency Fund		10,000.00
Insurance (on buildings and trucks)		1,500.00
Maintenance and repairs		9,500.00
Extension school expense		500.00
Refunds on miscellaneous accounts, etc.		1,500.00
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Total expenses excluding groceries		<u>\$140,850.00</u>

ANTICIPATED INCOME 1955-56

Students	\$ 67,000.00
Bookstore and other sources	15,000.00
Gifts	58,850.00
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	<u>\$140,850.00</u>

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORT

Dear Christian Friend,

"In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God. And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us." (and we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the only begotten of the Father) "full of Grace and truth. All things are of God who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to-wit; that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." Bible! Precious indeed are the words of the Bible and what a thrill and yet a challenge to have a part in the ministry of reconciliation.

As we come down to the end of another fiscal year in our foreign mission work, it is indeed a blessing to look back over the months and to review the accomplishments of this department. We are especially indebted to every boy and girl, man and woman who have made this report possible. Each year the department continues to grow, each year the obligations of the department increase, each year the challenge of the department is enlarged.

WORK FROM THE OFFICE:

The Promotional Secretary-treasurer has been on the move this year in the interest of foreign missions. We have traveled over 30,000 miles and have attended conventions, associations, conferences in ten different states and have attended between fifteen and twenty conventions, associations or missionary conferences. Missionary Itinerates have been conducted in the states of Tennessee, Michigan, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Alabama and Ohio. Also, revival meetings have been held where missionary emphasis was paramount throughout the services.

We have been encouraged this year by the increased contributions that have come in by mail and especially from localities, churches and individuals that heretofore have never supported foreign missions. We have handled a large volume of mail by sending out approximately eight thousand pieces each month in the bulk mailing besides the hundreds of first class letters and the receipts that go from the office. Also, we have kept up correspondence with our missionaries on the field and have taken care of many of their private matters thus relieving them of this burden.

The Foreign Mission office has also engaged in extensive student counsel work this year in endeavoring to help our young people find the will of the Lord for their life and field of service that God would have them enter. We feel that this is a very important part of our work and we ask that each and everyone remember to pray about this particular matter.

BOARD MEETINGS:

During the past year the Foreign Mission Board has had two regular meetings. Both meetings were harmonious in every respect and a deep desire prevailing in each member's heart to do the will of the Lord in our department. The Annual Board Meeting was held in the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Charles Thigpen, pastor of the host church, served as proxy on the Board in the place of Rev. J. W. Alford and also Rev. J. Reford Wilson. Bro. Alford had to leave the meeting before adjournment and Bro. Wilson did not arrive for the first day's session, thus Bro. Thigpen served as proxy in their respective places.

The Promotional Secretary-treasurer attended the Convention of the Evangelical Foreign Mission Association in Chicago, Ill., and we are finding that our connection with this organization is proving quite helpful. Also Rev. J. Reford Wilson, a member of the board, attended the Annual Convention in Cuba this year and

came back with glowing reports on our work there. A report of his trip has been published in our papers.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES APPROVED:

At the Annual Board Meeting the following missionary candidates were approved and we are hoping that they will be sent to the field within the next twelve months. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey, approved either for India or Japan as the Lord may open the door; Thomas Willey, Jr., approved for Cuba; Emma Ruth Bennett, approved for Cuba contingent upon one more year of Bible College; Miss Esther Ruele, missionary nurse, approved for India; Sam Ziady approved for Lebanon, also Miss Wanda Edwards, whose visa has been rejected for India, is standing by waiting for an opening and the leadership of the Lord. We ask that each and everyone of you pray definitely that God may direct these young people into the very path He would have them to go. Remember too, that in order to get these candidates to the field we must increase our missionary giving and mobilize new support to maintain them in their work.

NEW FIELDS:

We are negotiating regarding opening a new Free Will Baptist field in French West Africa. As yet the plans have not been completed but we hope within the next year to have assigned territory to the Free Will Baptist Board in Africa. Also, since our mission director in Cuba visited South America this year we have high hopes of sending missionaries to South America in the near future.

CUBA:

We have been in close touch with our work in Cuba throughout the year and have done extensive correspondence with our missionaries on the field. All reports are that the work is moving along in great strides. The National Churches are increasing in number and in spiritual strength also in finance as the economic conditions of the country enables the people there to give. The Chapels for Cuba project sponsored jointly by the Foreign Mission Board and the National League Board is well under way. This project is in honor of our Senior Missionaries' 25th Wedding Anniversary. We are trusting the Lord that we might have \$10,000.00 for this project just as soon as possible. If you have not sent an offering designated for this purpose do so at your earliest convenience. Elsewhere in this report you will find an annual financial report coming direct from the field in Cuba.

MISS BESSIE YELEY:

At the time this report is being prepared, our missionary, Miss Bessie Yeley is in Nashville, Tenn., and is scheduled to undergo a major operation. We are trusting and believing that it will be successful and she will soon be able to resume her work in the Lord's service. Due to her physical condition and also a need in the Home Mission Department it has been mutually agreed that Miss Yeley be transferred from the Foreign Mission Department to the Home Mission Department to be used either with the Mexicans in Mexico or the Spanish-speaking people in Florida. Miss Yeley has spent twelve fruitful years on the mission field in Cuba and our Denomination is indebted to her for her faithful service. We are trusting that she may continue to be useful as the Lord supplies her strength. Please remember her in definite prayer.

ANNUAL REPORT FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION PINAR DEL RIO, CUBA

June 1, 1954—June 1, 1955

Cash on Hand June 1, 1954.....	\$	7.97	
Cash in Bank June 1, 1954		981.79	\$ 899.76

RECEIPTS

Checks received from Mission Board	34,606.97
Gifts	2,166.55
Books and Quotas (Students)	144.41
Sales	686.38
Refunds on Loans	25.00
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	\$38,529.07

EXPENSES

Food	2,194.15	
Salaries	20,596.84	
Rent	2,431.00	
Hospitalization	865.50	
Maintenance of Equipment	1,140.91	
Gas and Oil	947.42	
Tools	30.21	
Road Expense	60.55	
Hardware	1,336.34	
Fuel	273.74	
Buildings	2,146.83	
Chapels	476.00	
Lights	2,752.88	
Animal Feed	1,049.73	
Passage	383.28	
Office Expense	231.66	
File for Office	77.40	
School Supplies	71.42	
Tuning Piano	34.00	
Purchase of Animals	113.65	
Leather	34.90	
Chairs, Class Rooms	105.00	
Payments on Deep Freeze	367.02	
Photo Supplies	43.99	
Clock	6.00	
Irons	22.50	
Repairs on Sewing Machine	6.00	
Taxes on Farm	9.02	
Seeds and Fertilizer	35.35	
Medicine	21.49	
Medicine, Animals	71.22	
Convention Expense	70.25	
Bibles for Graduates	16.20	
Diplomas and Dues, E.T.T.A.	16.76	
Moving of Workers	90.00	
General Miscellaneous	95.16	
Bank charges	68.70	\$38,193.07
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		\$ 236.00
Cash on Hand June 1, 1955	\$ 23.00	
Cash in Bank June 1, 1955 (General)	48.90	
Cash in Bank June 1, 1955 (Temples)	164.10	236.00
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BALANCE SHEET

Cash on Hand, June 1, 1955	\$	23.00	
Cash in Bank, June 1, 1955 (General)		48.90	
Cash in Bank, June 1, 1955 (Temples)		164.10	\$ 236.00
Equipment (Same as last year)			10,455.00
Buildings and Property			24,500.00
Livestock			2,000.00
TOTAL NET WORTH OF MISSION PROPERTY			<u>\$37,191.00</u>

SOUTH INDIA:

Our work in South India continues to move forward under the direction of our senior missionary, Miss Laura Bell Barnard. She and Miss Volena Wilson are holding the fort there and doing an excellent job. There is still a great need in South India for a couple. An opportunity is afforded us if visa can be secured and the right man and his wife found. Please pray for the leadership of the Lord in this respect. The old church building and school house in Kotagiri has been torn down and a new one is being erected. Also an additional piece of property with suitable buildings for a school has been donated to the Board to house the Christian Day School. This property has been given by Miss Edge, an English Methodist missionary, who has been in India a number of years and who has been a very devoted personal friend to Miss Barnard. The entire property covers nearly one acre providing ample space for play and recreation for our children. The building itself is probably sixty feet long providing four class rooms with a veranda running its full length which we use now during the mild seasons for chapel or general assembly of the school. Then there are closets, store-rooms and passage ways. The approximate value of this property would be \$5,000.00, American money. Our only expense will be for legal transfer and of course we have just fenced it off at the cost of Rupees 200. We feel humbly grateful for this provision for our school in Kotagiri and accept it as a provision from the Lord.

NORTH INDIA:

As you know our stations in India are some fifteen hundred miles apart. Since Bro. and Sis. Cronk are home on furlough from North India we have been able to instruct and inform our people more clearly as to the type of work they are doing. We are indeed grateful for the Itinerate work that has been done by the Cronks and we are sure that their ministry while home on furlough will prove a great blessing. At the present Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna are holding the fort in absence of the Cronks. They have reported conversions and baptisms and we are most grateful for the work that they are doing in this needy part of India.

Even though it is true that the Government of India is seemingly unfavorable to American missionaries entering, we were advised at the recent EFMA Convention in Chicago to continue our efforts to obtain visas that missionaries may continue to enter this needy field. India is still one of the most needy mission fields of the world and we must not give up hope of retaining our present work and also of getting new recruits into India.

JAPAN:

We are indeed thankful that this year we are able to add another field to our Foreign Mission report. Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery have been in Japan since last October. Their reports are very favorable as they are learning the Japanese language. Already the Calverys are doing Christian work in teaching in High Schools and the last Sunday in May they began their first Sunday School. A Christian Japanese student is helping them to conduct the school. Mr. Calvery states, "we plan to meet each Sunday afternoon in our garage. We had sixteen

pupils last Sunday. Please pray that this school will be a real witness for the Lord and also pray for the teacher, Peter Miyatani, he seems to be a sincere Christian and has a love for souls." The doors to Japan are still open to the Gospel. We have no difficulty in obtaining visas to send missionaries here. Japan is still one of the most needy fields of the world and Mr. and Mrs. Calvery have already urged us to send additional recruits to Japan as soon as possible. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers!

AFRICA:

The Free Will Baptist testimony in Africa is being carried on through Mrs. Josephine Stevens who is working under the auspices of the South African General Mission. Bro. and Sis. Stevens are constantly sending in glowing reports of the effect of their ministry in that needy field. New churches are constantly being organized and the Bible Schools are playing an important part in reaching the natives for Christ.

THE FUTURE:

Of course only God knows the future and He holds the future in His hands, but if the Lord tarries we predict in a few years that our foreign mission staff will more than double. We now have approximately thirty missionary candidates for foreign service. We have three of our fine young men who are planning to go as medical missionaries; Rev. LaVerne Miley, Rev. Marvis Lee and Rev. Lonnie Sparks. These young men are the finest in our denomination and are pre-med students and hope some day to go to a foreign field as medical doctors. This indeed is a great need, and we should pray and encourage such among our young people. In my observation during the past year as the youth of our church are challenged to dedicate their life to God they are going to feel an inward motivation that will thrust them into the foreign mission field. This intensifies our responsibility and yet it increases our opportunities. I feel that it is part of our job to direct these young people into the channel of preparation and into the ultimate field of service that the Lord would have them to enter. This is not an easy task and requires wisdom, thought and much prayer on our part. We appeal to our Pastors and to every Free Will Baptist to pray much for our foreign mission work. The Lord Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1955 AND 1956

In keeping with the recommendations from the National Association of Free Will Baptists, we herewith submit the budget for the Foreign Mission Department for the last half of 1955 and for the calendar year of 1956. These budgets were adopted by the Foreign Mission Board at our Annual meeting and are being presented to the National Association for final adoption.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Herewith is the auditor's report of our finances for the last year. Again we wish to express our heartfelt thanks for everyone who has made this report possible. We ask that you study it thoroughly and if there are any questions we will be most happy to answer them the best we know how.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND RIGGS

Promotional Sec'y-Treas.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. Mark Lewis, Chairman—23082 Hazelwood Ave., Hazel Park, Mich.
Rev. J. W. Alford, Vice-chairman—Route 1, Morehead City, N. C.
Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Recording Secretary—Pocahontas, Ark.

Rev. Raymond Riggs, Promotional Secretary-treasurer—6606 Wilhugh Pl., Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Rolla Smith, Member—601 Buckley St., Flat River, Mo.

MISSIONARIES IN THE REGIONS BEYOND

- Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Apartado 27, Pinar del Rio, Cuba
- Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie, Apartado 27, Pinar del Rio, Cuba
- Miss Lucy Wisheart, Apartado 27, Pinar del Rio, Cuba
- Miss Laura Belle Barnard, "Westfield" Kotagiri, South India
- Miss Volena Wilson, "Westfield" Kotagiri, South India
- Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk, Kishanganj, Purnea Dist., Bihar Province, North India
- Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna, Kishanganj, Purnea Dist., Bihar Province, North India
- Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery, 325—2 Chome, Nakameguro, Meguro-Ku, Tokyo, Japan
- Mrs. Harold Stevens, Mseleni Mission Station, P. O. Ubombo, Zululand, South Africa

APPROVED CANDIDATES TO THE REGIONS BEYOND

- Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey, 311 McKoy St., Clinton, N. C.
- Miss Wanda Edwards, 1621 Gratton St., St. Louis, Mo.
- Thomas Willey, Jr., Apartado 27, Pinar del Rio, Cuba
- Miss Esther Ruehle, Hopkins, Mich.
- Sam Ziady, c/o University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C.
- Miss Emma Ruth Bennett, Box 131, Bridgeton, N. C.

LIST OF ASSETS

**FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION BOARD
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

<i>Article</i>	<i>Purchase Price</i>
1 Viewlex Projector & Case	\$ 57.99
1 Craig Projecto Editor	47.70
1 Argus C3 Camera	46.00
1 Ampro Projector	265.66
1 50 x 50 Screen & Case	30.83
1 Multiplex Display Stand	54.00
2 Office Desks	140.00
2 Desk Chairs	30.00
1 Combination Chair & Settee Set	138.65
1 Underwood Electric Typewriter	175.00
1 Allen Wales Adding Machine	75.00
1 Gary Co—500 Lb. Safe	85.00
3 Filing Cabinets	80.00
1 Wizard Deluxe Electric Fan	35.00
1 1955 Chevrolet Station Wagon	2,157.00
FILMS	
2 Copies "Letter to Melitino"	@ \$135.00 270.00
1 Regions Beyond	@ 325.00 325.00
1 Passion for Souls	@ 65.00 65.00
	\$4,077.83

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND RIGGS,
Promotional Sec'y-Treas.

MCINTYRE AND ASSOCIATES

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
THIRD NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
NASHVILLE

July 5, 1955

CERTIFICATE

The Foreign Mission Board of the
National Association of Free Will Baptists
3801 Richland Avenue,
Nashville, Tennessee

We have examined the statements of cash in bank of The Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists as of June 30, 1955 and the related statements of recorded cash receipts and disbursements for the period July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955. Our 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 we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of cash in bank and recorded cash receipts and disbursements present the cash financial position of The Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists at June 30, 1955 and the results of its cash transactions for the period July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955.

MCINTYRE & ASSOCIATES
Certified Public Accountants

BALANCE SHEET

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

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 30, 1955

ASSETS

Cash in bank \$12,904.69

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FUND EQUITIES

Unexpended funds:

General fund	\$7,632.68
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk	795.26
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie	48.16
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna	780.84
Mrs. Harold Stevens	209.10
Miss Volena Wilson	75.00
Miss Esther Ruehle	15.00
Miss Wanda Edwards	1,212.51
Chapels for Cuba Fund	1,858.71
Book—"His Name Among All Nations"	4.00
Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk	790.09

13,421.35

Overexpended funds:

Sale of miscellaneous books:

Overexpended balance, 7-1-54	_____	\$460.18
Sales during year	\$569.17	
Less: Cost of books sold	332.04	237.13

Overexpended balance 6-30-55	_____	\$ 223.05	
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery	_____	191.69	
Miss Lucy Wischart	_____	101.92	516.66
Total Fund Equities	_____		\$12,904.69

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the period July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955

<i>Explanation</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Cash in bank, July 1, 1954	_____		\$13,451.23
Receipts	_____		82,840.71

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Total to be accounted for	_____		\$96,291.94
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Disbursements:

Foreign Missions:

India	_____	\$17,998.88	
Cuba	_____	37,372.65	
Africa	_____	1,166.50	
Japan	_____	5,106.47	\$61,644.50

Travel and promotional:

Co-operative plan	_____	\$ 3,000.00	
Directors' expenses	_____	631.74	
Itinerary work expense	_____	1,941.58	
Tracts and books	_____	719.39	6,292.71

Administrative expenses:

Salaries:

Rev. Raymond Riggs	_____	\$ 4,975.00	
Office salaries	_____	1,831.88	
Printing	_____	2,784.58	
Telephone	_____	60.34	
Office supplies and expenses	_____	205.33	
Postage	_____	1,108.78	
Miscellaneous expense	_____	1,503.13	
Accounting fees	_____	136.00	12,605.04

Other disbursements:

Purchase of Chevrolet Station Wagon	_____	\$ 2,157.00	
Insurance on Station Wagon	_____	50.00	
Miscellaneous medical care	_____	138.00	
Gift—Payment on Headquarters Building, Richland Ave.	_____	500.00	2,845.00

Total disbursements	_____		83,387.25
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Cash in bank, June 30, 1955	_____		\$12,904.69
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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS

For the period July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955

<i>Explanation</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Contributions applied on states' quotas:		
General	\$66,840.33	
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery	1,654.75	
Rev. Daniel R. Cronk	2,509.90	
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie	548.79	
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna	2,325.35	
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey	27.00	
Miss Esther Ruehle	15.00	
Mrs. Harold Stevens	1,290.85	
Mrs. Laura Belle Barnard	109.44	
Miss Volena Wilson	910.00	
Miss Lucy Wisehart	361.50	
Miss Wanda Edwards	1,212.51	
Mrs. Daniel Cronk	1,638.20	
Cronk Repatriation Fund	173.56	
Cuba Fund	157.14	
Total contributions applied on states' quota		79,774.32
Contributions not applied on states' quotas:		
Lights for Cuba fund	\$ 99.53	
Chapels for Cuba fund	2,358.71	
Total contributions not applied on states' quotas		2,458.24
Other receipts:		
Sale of books:		
Bibles	34.98	
Miscellaneous books	569.17	
"His Name Among All Nations"	4.00	
Total other receipts		608.15
Total cash receipts		\$82,840.71

STATEMENT OF STATE QUOTAS AND AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED THERETO

For the period July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955

<i>State</i>	<i>Quotas</i>	<i>Contri- butions Received</i>	<i>Receipts Over Quota</i>	<i>Receipts Under Quota</i>
Alabama	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,993.46	\$	\$ 506.54
Arkansas	2,500.00	1,680.28		819.72
California	2,500.00	1,319.30		1,180.70
Florida	1,500.00	1,028.72		471.28
Georgia	3,200.00	3,299.65	99.65	
Illinois	3,300.00	2,776.99		523.01
Kentucky	1,800.00	1,272.58		527.42
Michigan	10,000.00	12,711.68	2,711.68	
Mississippi	1,500.00	1,265.92		234.08
Missouri	9,000.00	8,319.10		680.90

New Mexico	200.00	109.61		90.39
North Carolina	16,000.00	19,395.65	3,395.65	
Ohio	2,200.00	2,852.21	652.21	
Oklahoma	6,000.00	3,849.18		2,150.82
South Carolina	3,800.00	2,408.59		1,391.41
Tennessee	7,500.00	7,480.20		19.80
Texas	3,500.00	1,932.36		1,567.64
Virginia	3,000.00	2,687.09		312.91
West Virginia	2,500.00	1,195.42		1,304.58
Miscellaneous	1,498.00	2,014.39	516.39	
W.N.A.C. (See note)		181.94	181.94	
Totals	\$83,998.00	\$79,774.32	\$7,557.52	\$11,781.20

NOTE: Receipts on behalf of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention totaled \$1,118.46 for the period, of which \$936.52 was credited to state quotas.

**BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR SIX MONTHS

July 1, 1955-Dec. 31, 1955

Cuba	\$17,580.00	
India	9,600.00	
Africa	750.00	
Japan	1,800.00	
Repatriation Reserve	6,000.00	\$35,730.00

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Salaries	\$ 3,700.00	
Receptionist	125.00	
Office & Mailing Supplies, etc.	150.00	
Postage	630.00	
EFMA Dues	135.00	
Printing, letterheads & envelopes	1,550.00	
Utilities (Tele., heat, lights, etc.)	80.00	6,370.00

TRAVEL AND PROMOTIONAL:

Board Members	\$ 300.00	
Promotional Sec'y	750.00	
Itinerary Expense	100.00	
Tracts, etc.	350.50	
Films & Supplies	273.00	
Miscellaneous	1,126.50	2,900.00

\$45,000.00

SUGGESTED STATES' QUOTAS FOR SIX MONTHS

July 1, 1955-Dec. 31, 1955

Alabama	\$ 1,250.00
Arkansas	1,250.00
California	1,250.00
Florida	750.00
Georgia	1,700.00
Illinois	1,750.00

Kentucky	900.00	
Maine	100.00	
Michigan	5,750.00	
Mississippi	800.00	
Missouri	5,000.00	
Nebraska	50.00	
New Mexico	100.00	
North Carolina	8,750.00	
Ohio	1,250.00	
Oklahoma	3,000.00	
South Carolina	1,900.00	
Tennessee	4,000.00	
Texas	1,750.00	
Virginia	1,550.00	
West Virginia	1,250.00	
Miscellaneous	900.00	
TOTAL	\$45,000.00	

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1956

Cuba	\$33,360.00	
India	20,100.00	
Africa	1,500.00	
Japan	4,500.00	
Repatriation Reserve	15,000.00	\$74,460.00

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Salaries	\$ 7,400.00	
Receptionist	250.00	
Office & Mailing Supplies	300.00	
Postage	1,260.00	
EFMA Dues	130.00	
Printing, Letterheads, Envelopes, etc.	3,500.00	
Utilities (Tele., Heat, Lights, etc.)	160.00	\$13,000.00

TRAVEL & PROMOTIONAL:

Board Members	\$ 600.00	
Promotional Sec'y	1,800.00	
Itinerary Expense	200.00	
Books, Tracts, Etc.	700.00	
Films & Supplies	500.00	
Miscellaneous	1,940.00	\$ 5,740.00

\$93,200.00

SUGGESTED STATES QUOTAS FOR 1956

Alabama	\$ 2,600.00
Arkansas	2,600.00
California	2,600.00
Florida	1,600.00
Georgia	3,500.00
Illinois	3,600.00
Kentucky	1,900.00
Maine	300.00

Michigan	12,000.00
Mississippi	1,600.00
Missouri	9,900.00
Nebraska	100.00
New Mexico	200.00
North Carolina	18,000.00
Ohio	2,500.00
Oklahoma	6,000.00
South Carolina	3,800.00
Tennessee	8,000.00
Texas	3,500.00
Virginia	3,100.00
West Virginia	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	3,300.00

\$93,200.00

NOTE: In view of the seven (7) approved candidates and with the hope of getting them to the field within the next twelve months, our budget may be low, but surely the Lord will supply every need.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

That the Lord Jesus Christ can do exceeding and abundantly more than we are able to think or ask has been proven beyond any shadow of a doubt in our Home Mission program over the past two years for He has actually performed miracles for us. Only three years ago our income to Home Missions was a bit more than 2¢ per capita and the bulk of our work was in church extension. This year we will exceed 8¢ per capita in gifts and will close out our first year of actually supporting Home Missionaries on the field.

This past year we have operated by faith. For the first time in recent history we were actually doing home missionary work on a denominational scale using salaried personnel. We haven't missed a month sending out the checks to these people. In addition we have helped many new churches to get started and have started investigations which no doubt will enable us to reclaim some of the Free Will Baptist churches in the north that were once in fellowship with our denominational movement. This report will set out some of these facts.

HOME MISSIONARIES NOW ON THE FIELD:

Our two Home Mission Teams have made definite progress since they were assigned to their respective fields. In Nebraska, the Lees have been carrying on the work of our Elm Island church in Denman. Services are held there weekly on Sunday morning, with Sunday School and worship services and the group attends services in Shelton on Sunday night. The offerings from their services are sent to our treasury and this year they have amounted to \$220.05, which has been applied on the salary of the Lees. The new church in Shelton is enjoying a regular and constant growth and at the present time is in the building which was bought and moved to Shelton by the group.

The Wilfongs have found the going a bit harder in Tampa, but Bob reports a break in things, with good prospects for getting a Cuban congregation started. He has a group of people who is now working with him and there is a possibility of their being organized into a Free Will Baptist church.

Both the Lees and Wilfongs will continue in their present work as per their contract agreement with the Board.

NEW MISSIONARIES AND FIELDS:

The Mexican field is wide open to us. The Rev. James Timmons has been accepted into the Free Will Baptist church in Bryan, Texas and has been ordained in that Association. He has been assigned to the Mexican work and will be going to the field immediately. According to present plans he will live in Laredo, Texas and operate the Mexican work from that point.

The need in Maine and Canada is more urgent than ever, now that we have a possibility of taking over some of our churches in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Canada. We should make it a matter of earnest prayer that the Lord will raise up a couple who could qualify and who would be ready now to go. From all evidences, the churches there would go far in supporting a Team sent to them by our Board.

The Washington-Oregon field is also ripe and we plan to send a Team to that Field as soon as the application is approved. The city of Milton-Freewater, Oregon will be the logical home base for this Team and they can work out from there to the various fields. This will be enhanced by the fact that the church and pastor there have expressed a desire for a more experienced minister to be available for purposes of advice and consultation. There are at least two outstanding prospective cities in Washington for churches; Richland—population 25,000, and Walla Walla—population 40,000.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

This has been a pace-setting year financially for National Home Missions. In 1945, we reported an income for Home Missions of approximately \$750. Today, ten years later, we are reporting an annual income in excess of \$33,000—an increase of 4500%. For this we are deeply grateful to the Lord and our people everywhere.

FINANCIAL REPORT BY STATES

July 1, 1954—June 30, 1955

Alabama	\$ 790.94
Arizona	13.00
Arkansas	995.11
California	1,044.92
Florida	1,145.94
Georgia	996.33
Idaho	
Illinois	1,187.50
Kansas	10.00
Kentucky	506.30
Louisiana	
Maine	2.50
Michigan	1,449.85
Mississippi	572.46
Missouri	2,193.86
Nebraska	220.05
New Mexico	37.48
North Carolina	2,567.74
Ohio	551.91
Oklahoma	1,469.44
Oregon	65.00
South Carolina	1,034.71
Tennessee	1,991.56
Texas	413.58
Virginia	799.01
West Virginia	373.91
Miscellaneous	4,976.88
1954 Balance	8,465.45
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	\$33,874.93

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing and advertising	\$ 1,993.64
Office equipment and supplies	620.10
Secretarial services	2,242.24
Salary	5,600.00
National Association Executive Department	1,500.00
Receptionist, utilities, pro-rata Headquarters expense	818.12
Refunds	43.15
Travel expense—Board members, missionaries, itinerate workers, Promotional Secretary	4,726.41
Postage	890.22
New churches	2,428.17
Merchandise	1,578.92
Telephone and telegraph	100.67
Miscellaneous	336.04

George C. Lee, Jr.	2,680.00
Robert Wilfong	2,605.00
Total	\$28,168.68

BALANCE JUNE 30, 1955:

Cash balance—(on deposit at W. Nash. Branch 1st American National Bank)	\$ 2,580.25
Accounts receivable	1,048.90
Inventory accounts of merchandise on hand	2,077.10
Total	\$ 5,706.25

We submit these Budgets for the ensuing 18 months, along with suggested Home Mission Coordinators, for your approval.

NEW CHURCHES ASSISTED:

The following new churches have been given contributions based on the scale adopted by the Board at its previous annual meeting in Spartanburg, South Carolina:

Wasco, California	Roxana, Illinois	Lawton, Oklahoma
Oxnard, California	Fairview, Oklahoma	Lakeville, Kentucky
Clovis, California	Stroud, Oklahoma	Morehead, Kentucky
Manteca, California	Saltlick, Kentucky	Stella, Kentucky
Upland, California	Phoenix, Arizona	Lebanon, Missouri
Blythe, California	Johnson City, Tennessee	Farmington, Missouri
Fresno, California	Artesia, New Mexico	Shelton, Nebraska

UNITED EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE:

For the past three years our Simultaneous revival campaigns have lost some of their meaning. In rethinking and replanning this most important phase of our Home Mission program we propose the following:

1. The campaigns for 1956 be designated Free Will Baptist United Evangelistic Crusade.
2. The suggested time for the campaigns be set as follows: States south of the Ohio river and east of the Mississippi river—March 1-31. Other states April 1-30. The March 1-31 states would include the following:

Florida	Alabama
Georgia	Tennessee
South Carolina	Kentucky
North Carolina	Mississippi
Virginia	West Virginia

The April 1-30 Schedule would include:

Maine	Kansas
Michigan	Nebraska
Ohio	Texas
Indiana	New Mexico
Illinois	Arizona
Missouri	Idaho
Arkansas	California
Louisiana	Oregon
Oklahoma	

Revival packets will be available in January '56 which will include posters, mats for newspaper advertising, news releases, tracts on soul winning, prayer list forms, and report forms. We plan to have materials available for outdoor billboards and will be most happy to advise with any Free Will Baptist group on this matter.

CANADA:

The latest development in our Home Mission program is in Canada. Through the tape recordings which we sent to Maine, some people in the Primitive Baptist churches in northeastern Maine contacted our Rev. John Ruth and sought further information on our Free Will Baptist movement. Investigation has proven beyond any reasonable doubt that these are in reality the original Free Will Baptist churches which were organized in Canada more than 100 years ago. Doctrinally they are in perfect accord with us. There are 30 of these churches in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia with only 6 ministers. I have made arrangements to go to northeast Maine the last of July and have a meeting with their representatives.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1955

(July 1—December 31, 1955)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE:

Salaries	\$3,500.00	
4 Mission Teams	5,760.00	
		\$ 9,260.00

II. PROMOTIONAL AND OPERATIONAL:

Travel	\$1,400.00	
Printing	1,000.00	
Postage	500.00	
Utilities and office Exp.	340.00	
New Churches	2,600.00	
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	
		7,840.00
Total		\$17,100.00

SUGGESTED STATE QUOTAS FOR THE SAME PERIOD

Alabama	\$ 500.00	Nebraska	100.00
Arizona	100.00	New Mexico	50.00
Arkansas	600.00	North Carolina	1,250.00
California	600.00	Ohio	500.00
Florida	600.00	Oklahoma	1,250.00
Georgia	750.00	Oregon	50.00
Idaho	50.00	South Carolina	600.00
Illinois	600.00	Tennessee	1,250.00
Kansas	50.00	Texas	500.00
Kentucky	500.00	Virginia	500.00
Louisiana	50.00	West Virginia	600.00
Maine	100.00	Miscellaneous	3,050.00
Michigan	1,200.00		
Missouri	1,200.00		
Mississippi	500.00	Total	\$17,100.00

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1956

(January 1—December 31)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE:

Salaries	\$ 7,000.00	
5 Mission Teams	14,400.00	
		\$21,400.00

II. PROMOTIONAL AND OPERATIONAL:

Travel	\$ 3,000.00	
Printing and advertising	1,500.00	
Postage	900.00	
Utilities and Office Exp.	550.00	
New Churches	5,000.00	
Miscellaneous	2,650.00	
		13,600.00
Total		\$35,000.00

SUGGESTED STATE QUOTAS FOR THE SAME PERIOD

Alabama	\$ 1,200.00	Nebraska	200.00
Arizona	150.00	New Mexico	100.00
Arkansas	1,350.00	North Carolina	3,000.00
California	1,500.00	Ohio	1,000.00
Florida	1,200.00	Oklahoma	2,750.00
Georgia	1,700.00	Oregon	100.00
Idaho	150.00	South Carolina	1,350.00
Illinois	1,500.00	Tennessee	2,500.00
Kansas	150.00	Texas	1,500.00
Louisiana	100.00	Virginia	1,200.00
Maine	200.00	West Virginia	1,200.00
Michigan	3,000.00	Miscellaneous	3,400.00
Mississippi	1,000.00		
Missouri	2,500.00	Total	\$35,000.00

SUGGESTED STATE HOME MISSION COORDINATORS

Arkansas	Lawnie Coffman	
Alabama	Wyman Holcomb	Chester O'Donnell
Arizona	B. W. Hutchinson	
California	Wade Jernigan	Ralph Hampton
Florida	D. W. Poole	Robert Wilfong
Georgia	E. C. Morris	J. B. Lovering
Idaho	Virgil Florence	
Illinois	Carl V. Williams	
Kansas	Dave Casteel	
Kentucky	Walter Hooper	Homer Willis
Louisiana	J. E. White	
Maine	John Ruth	
Michigan	Glenn Thomas	Charles Thigpen
Missouri	James Franklin	Lester Jones
Mississippi	J. D. O'Donnell	G. C. Lee, Sr.
Nebraska	G. C. Lee, Jr.	
New Mexico	L. C. Pinson	
North Carolina	(To be designated)	
Ohio	Forrest Chamberlain	
Oklahoma	(To be designated)	
Oregon	Wm. Postlewaite	
South Carolina	Fred Powers	
Tennessee	J. B. Bloss	Harvey Hill
Texas	Buster Oliver	James E. Timmons
Virginia	Wilton Dail	Mack Fisher
West Virginia	Willard Porter	John Henson

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Balance brought forward July 1, 1954 \$2,210.54

Receipts

From States

Alabama	\$	78.52
Arkansas		31.37
Georgia		220.75
Kentucky		15.00
Mississippi		40.71
Missouri		414.33
North Carolina		433.20
South Carolina		62.22
Virginia		41.51

From W. N. A. C. 14.00

From Refunds 10.34

From Co-operative Program

Credited to States as Follows:

Alabama	\$	24.63
Illinois		27.00
Kentucky		20.35
Michigan		161.51
Missouri		332.01
Nebraska		5.39
North Carolina		34.54
Oklahoma		243.90
South Carolina		5.60
Tennessee		124.71
Texas		2.35
Virginia		166.65
Undesignated		192.33
		1,340.97

From Insurers on Premiums 1,366.82

Total Receipts for Year 4,069.74

Total Receipts plus Balance \$6,280.28

Disbursements

Ministers Life and Casualty Union, for

Premiums	\$2,776.95	
National Executive Office	203.20	
Traveling Expense	336.50	
Refunds	8.79	
Office Expense	8.00	
Secretarial Service	180.00	
Check not Honored by Bank	28.63	3,542.07
		3,542.07

Balance on Hand June 30, 1955 \$2,738.21

Signed: J. O. FORT, Sec.-Treas.

OBSERVATIONS, INFORMATION, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The National Superannuation Board is happy to announce that the term which describes the Superannuation Program during the last year is "growth." The increase has not been phenomenal, but we are thankful to say that the trend of the last two or three years, which has gradually dug into our reserves, has been arrested. For this we thank God. Our receipts this year amounted to \$527.67 more than our expenditures.

We are thankful for the increase in giving from the several states. The following new states were added to our list of donors during the year: Arkansas, Illinois, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas. In addition to these new states, the ones who contributed last year substantially increased the amount of their giving, almost without an exception. Although we fell short of our proposed budget of \$5,080.00 by the amount of \$1,010.26, we are encouraged by what was done.

We give special recognition to the Co-operative Program which allocated \$1,340.97 to National Superannuation during the year. We compliment the state of Missouri for taking first place in giving to the Program with the amount of \$746.34; the state of North Carolina for second place with \$467.74 and the state of Oklahoma for third place with \$243.90.

The Program shows gradual growth in service rendered to our ministers. At the present time we have 30 policies in force with a face value of two thousand dollars each, 33 policies in force with a face value of one thousand dollars each, and two applications pending which represent two thousand dollars each. This represents \$97,000 retirement income for our ministers against \$80,000 as of last year. Far too few of our ministers are availing themselves of the blessing of a retirement income through the Board. We want to serve all our ministers.

The purpose of National Superannuation is to make possible for every active minister and full-time Christian worker the following benefits:

1. Protection for loved ones in case of untimely death of the insured to the extent of the face value of the policy plus all accumulated dividends.
2. A regular income in case of total and permanent disability by their receiving \$10 per month per thousand dollars of insurance if disabled before the age of 56 years.
3. Income from retirement age until death through receiving the face value of the policy or a monthly income.

The Board pays one half the annual premiums of those insured by it. The annual premiums are 17% lower than the average of twenty-five of the largest companies in the nation for policies of this kind. The Ministers' Life and Casualty Union, Minneapolis, Minnesota, issues our policies when signed by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board.

How can ministers and full-time Christian workers secure these policies? They should write the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board for an application blank with specific instructions as to filling it out and returning it to the Board.

The Board makes the following recommendations:

1. That more of our active ministers make application for policies through the Board.
2. That every insured minister urge his church or charge to pay to National Superannuation at least as much as his policy costs the Board. This will insure the soundness of the Program.
3. That the National Association authorize the Board to offer an "Endowment-At-Age-65" policy in addition to its present "Endowment-At-Age-70" policy.
4. That the Board be authorized by the National Association to employ a full-time promotional secretary whose office shall be located in the National Headquarters Building, Nashville, Tennessee, and whose duties shall be to administer the program of National Superannuation under supervision of the Board. His specific duties shall be to keep the books of the Board, pay premiums on policies

as they come due, write policies for ministers on the field, publicize superannuation in the churches, receive offerings for the program, write insurance on church, parsonage, and denominational buildings, and perform other related duties under direction of the Board.

5. That the budget for the National Superannuation Board, July 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955 be as follows:

For premiums on policies	\$ 2,500.00
Traveling expense of Board Members	200.00
Office equipment	800.00
Secretarial service	210.00
Salary and traveling expense of Promotional Secretary	3,600.00
Utilities, mailing, printing, etc.	500.00
Total	\$ 8,210.00

BUDGET FOR JANUARY 1, 1956-DECEMBER 31, 1956

For premiums on policies	\$ 5,000.00
Traveling expense of Board Members	400.00
Secretarial service	420.00
Salary and traveling expense of Promotional Secretary	7,200.00
Utilities, mailing, printing, etc.	1,000.00
Total	\$14,020.00

Total budget for 18 months \$22,230.00

6. That the National Association authorize the Superannuation Board to incorporate.

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE

GREETINGS:

We are happy to report that 1954-55 has been our all high in business. We have published A MINISTER'S MANUAL and done much toward collecting history that has been talked for a good while, but we are still gathering facts that we hope will be, guilt-edge from authoritative sources, a History that will be ours for the enlightenment of all concerned.

The Minister's Manual, which you will find on display at the book stand run by your Board, sells for \$1.25 per copy. This Manual is well made and has received many compliments from many of our ministers and the sales of the book, are at present, very satisfactory.

This Manual is also on sale at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., the printers, at the price of \$1.25 postpaid.

It is our desire to have a History in print by another year, if it is the Lord's Will.

We are contemplating, and are recommending that we set up Book Stores, in suitable locations for, local sale, not in competition with any other publishers or book sellers.

The idea of book stores is to furnish the public with books that are wanted by the public, and at the same time will be a means of Financial support to the Board of Publications and Literature, which in the long run will enable us to put into the denominational budget funds to help carry on the work in general.

We have no means of securing financial support from any source. The Foreign Mission, the Home Mission, the Christian Education and all other Boards, receive help, or support, from the various churches and denominational organizations

throughout the United States, but the Board of Publications and Literature have only received \$210.00 since its birth in the year of 1942—\$200 of which was a gift from the Free Will Baptist Press, the other from the Cordova, Ala., church.

We do not know what our budget will be. We have no stakes set for an Annual Budget. Our sales and expenses regulate our budget. But we will give 10% of earnings for Cooperative Plan of support.

Besides our receipts and disbursements as a Board, valuable services have been rendered, to the Free Will Baptist Denomination as we have conferred with the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, and the Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Mo.—services that but a few people know anything about. But we have acted as a MEDIATOR and since our birth, have had the Co-operation of both these presses and given satisfaction to both.

Humbly submitted,

J. C. GRIFFIN, *Ch. of Board*
L. E. DUNCAN, *Sec.-Treasurer*

FINANCIAL REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE FOR THE ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1954-1955

RECEIPTS:

Brought forward	\$ 552.76
Royalty on "Treatise"	540.00
On books and records handled by Gem Press	63.91
Received from Bro. Griffin—profit on sale "Quack Doctor"	5.63
Cordova, Ala. Free Will Baptist Church—Donation	10.00
Book sales at 1954 Association	146.80
Total Receipts	\$1,319.10

EXPENDITURES:

To Ayden Press for publishing of "Ministers Manual"	\$ 649.87
Books and supplies for Book Stand	221.96
Postage	13.24
Travel expenses for Board Members and Rev. Million	196.22
Total Expenditures	\$1,081.29

ASSETS:

Cash on hand	\$ 237.81
Books on hand	667.88
Books out on consignment	140.00
Interest in "Ministers Manuals"	937.50
Approximate interest in other books, records and plates	535.00
Total Assets	\$2,518.19

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. GRIFFIN, *Chairman*
L. E. DUNCAN, *Sec.-Treasurer*

REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

We greet you from the Sunday School Department in the name of our lovely Lord Jesus. "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." These

words of the Psalmist are very appropriate for us to use in expressing the success of the Sunday School Department over the past ten months.

The month of September was a red-letter month in the history of the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Board. It was during this month that the office of the Promotional Secretary was set up in the Free Will Baptist Headquarters building in Nashville. This office has assumed the official title of the Sunday School Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

The activities of this department has carried us into at least twelve states, contacting well over 100 Sunday schools, speaking in Sunday School Conventions and Rallies, conducting Sunday school clinics, and organizing teacher-training institutes in local Sunday schools and churches. One of the chief aims of this department is the sparking of Sunday school enthusiasm in the local church by presenting the potentialities of the community and the need of a continuous teacher-training program.

One of the major achievements of this department is the publishing of the new six-point record system. It is now available for use in our local Sunday schools and sample copies may be obtained from the Sunday school department in Nashville.

From this department we have made available materials (books) for the local Sunday school and its officers and at present we have in stock about 95 different books (titles). These are books helpful to the Sunday school and its teaching staff, as well as other officers of the church. Also, we can furnish for our local Sunday school a complete line of Sunday school literature from the cradle roll through the adult department.

A booklet entitled "The Free Will Baptist Sunday School Manual" is in the making. We hope to have this booklet ready for publication by the first of next year. It will contain general information on the organization and administration of the Free Will Baptist Sunday School, what constitutes a standard Sunday school, the duties of each officer and teacher, the use of the six-point record system, etc.

Another project given to this department by the Sunday School Board is the sponsoring of regional Sunday school conventions. These are to replace what was formerly called the National Sunday School Convention which was held biennially. (However, as the board deems wise, a National Sunday School Convention will be held.) It was the opinion of the board that more local Sunday schools and Sunday school workers could be contacted through the regional conventions than through one national convention.

The first of these regional conventions is scheduled to be held in Russellville, Arkansas, August 10th through 12th of this year, with Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Kansas making up the convention. Tentative plans for the second convention is being made to meet at Paintsville, Kentucky, with the surrounding states making up the convention.

The Free Will Baptist Press, working with the Sunday school department, is making plans to publish graded Sunday school literature for the cradle roll through the primary department. These materials are to be written and compiled by our own writers, and are to be available by the first quarter of 1956.

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1954, to June 30, 1955

Balance on hand July 1, 1954	\$	30.69
RECEIPTS:		
Free Will Baptist Press	\$5,787.55	
Sale of books and literature	416.67	
Sunday School revivals and conventions	582.25	
Contributions from church and Sunday School	106.69	
Total		\$ 6,893.16

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries (Promotional Sec'y, Sec'y, mailing help)	\$3,801.25
Office supplies (furniture, stationery, printing)	582.98
Sunday school supplies and books	345.43
Promotional expenses	911.64
Board Members expense	307.04
Miscellaneous (maintenance, postage, etc.)	791.37
Total	\$ 6,739.71
Balance on hand June 30, 1955:	
Cash Balance	\$ 153.45
Accounts Receivable	\$ 209.04
Total	\$ 362.49

PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
July 1, 1955, to December 31, 1955

Salary, Promotional Secretary	\$2,210.00
Salary, Secretary	750.00
Travel expenses for Promotional Sec'y and board members	650.00
Office maintenance, equipment, etc.	300.00
National Sunday School Association	50.00
Postage, printing, mailing help	300.00
Books, Sunday School literature, etc.	300.00
Total	\$ 4,530.00

EXPECTED INCOME:

7½ % of gross sales of S. S. literature from F. W. B. Press	\$2,800.00
Contributions from S. S.'s, rallies, conventions, etc.	500.00
Sale of books, S. S. literature and supplies	175.00
From co-operative program	1,055.00
Total	\$ 4,530.00

PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
January 1, 1956, to December 31, 1956

Salary, Promotional Secretary	\$5,200.00
Salary, Secretary	1,300.00
Travel expense for Promotional Sec'y and board members	1,350.00
Office maintenance expense, equipment, etc.	730.00
National Sunday School Association	50.00
Postage, printing, mailing help	700.00
Books, S. S. literature, etc.	670.00
Total	\$10,030.00

EXPECTED INCOME:

7½ % of gross sales of S. S. literature from F. W. B. Press ..	\$5,200.00
Contributions from S. S. rallies, conventions, etc.	1,200.00
Sale of books, S. S. literature and supplies	400.00
From co-operative program	2,900.00
Total	\$10,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM J. MISHLER

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BOARD

The functions of the National League Board during the past year may be grouped under two major headings, namely, service and promotion.

I. SERVICE

We have attempted to supply thousands of leaguers with free helps of various kinds, especially playlets of all kinds, many of which were written by Mrs. C. C. Sheffield of Newton, Georgia. Numerous requests for materials and inquiries have come into our office, all of which we have tried to meet as far as opportunity would allow. The pages of the F.W.B.L. *MONTHLY* have contained scores of helpful ideas which have been gratefully received by our leaguers.

II. PROMOTION

Again this year we have sponsored a project for foreign missions. This time we have raised hundreds of dollars for the building of a chapel in Cuba. Our financial report, along with additional funds listed in the Foreign Mission Board's report, will show the extent of this drive. Next June we will sponsor the seventh nationwide League conference, to be held in Greenville, N. C.

We heartily recommend the services of the National League Board to our people everywhere. Following is our financial report for the past year.

C. F. BOWEN, *Secretary-Treasurer*

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BOARD

July 1, 1954—July 1, 1955

Balance brought forward July 1, 1954 \$ 643.18

RECEIPTS:

Amount in bank over book balance when books were set up	\$ 29.01	
Regular offerings	1,498.57	
Subscriptions to the F.W.B.L. Monthly	238.00	
Sale of League pins	87.48	
Royalties on League Manuals	42.60	
"Lights for Cuba"	142.10	
"Chapels for Cuba"	1,297.49	
Special offering	34.75	
Free Will Baptist Press, on literature sales	639.19	
Sale of F.W.B.L. Pencils	22.00	
Miscellaneous sales	47.55	
Total	\$4,078.74	
Total receipts plus balance brought forward		\$ 4,721.92

DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage and mailing	\$ 96.05
Office supplies	475.35
Headquarters expenses	31.94
Third National Bank on loan	1,000.00
"Lights for Cuba" fund	87.87
"Chapels for Cuba" fund	1,200.00
Secretarial services	912.35
Promotional services	750.00
Miscellaneous expenses	128.93
Total	\$4,682.49

Receipts plus balance brought forward	\$ 4,721.92
Less Disbursements	4,682.49
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	\$ 39.43
Less two checks returned	3.60
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Balance in National League Board Treasury, July 1, 1955	\$ 35.83

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BOARD
July 1, 1955—December 31, 1955

Estimated income for six months		\$ 1,295.00
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR SIX MONTHS:		
Postage and mailing	\$ 100.00	
Supplies	250.00	
Equipment	100.00	
Headquarters utilities	200.00	
Promotional service	450.00	
Secretarial service	650.00	
Printing	250.00	
Miscellaneous	750.00	
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Total proposed expenditures for six months		\$ 2,750.00
ESTIMATED INCOME FOR SIX MONTHS:		
Regular offerings	\$ 600.00	
Royalties on League Manuals	20.00	
Free Will Baptist Press	600.00	
Miscellaneous sales	75.00	
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	\$1,295.00	
Total proposed expenditures for six months		\$ 2,750.00
Estimated income for six months		1,295.00
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Amount needed to meet budget		\$ 1,455.00

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BOARD
January 1, 1956—December 31, 1956

Estimated income for the year		\$ 2,910.00
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR:		
Postage and mailing	\$ 200.00	
Supplies	500.00	
Equipment	200.00	
Headquarters utilities	400.00	
Promotional service	900.00	
Secretarial service	1,300.00	
Printing	500.00	
Miscellaneous	1,500.00	
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Total proposed expenditures for the year		\$ 5,500.00
ESTIMATED INCOME FOR THE YEAR:		
Regular offerings	\$1,200.00	
Royalties on League Manuals	40.00	
Free Will Baptist Press	1,200.00	
Miscellaneous sales	150.00	
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	\$2,590.00	

Total proposed expenditures for the year	\$ 5,500.00
Estimated income for the year	2,590.00
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Amount needed to meet budget	\$ 2,910.00

REPORT OF THE RADIO-TV BOARD

The Radio-TV Board had a semi-annual meeting in Nashville during the Spring Bible Conference at the Bible College. Three members were present: Mr. I. L. Stanley, Rev. Ralph Staten, and Rev. J. D. O'Donnell.

Officers were elected as follows: Rev. Ralph Staten, chairman; Rev. J. D. O'Donnell, Secretary-treasurer.

Rev. Ralph Staten, the chairman, was given the right to make recordings of music and messages to supply the demand for such at this time.

It was agreed that each member of the Board would do all that they could to present the cause of broadcasting to the people.

Each member was asked to present rules for governing the Board at a meeting to be held on Tuesday afternoon prior to the opening of the National Association on Tuesday Evening.

The financial report is as follows:

RECEIPTS:

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham	\$ 3.00
Mrs. James W. Pierce	17.50
Rev. J. D. O'Donnell	4.50
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Total	\$ 25.00
Expenditures:	none
Balance on hand	\$ 25.00

PROPOSED BUDGETS:

July 1, 1955—December 31, 1955

Equipment	\$ 250.00
Publicity and Mailing	150.00
Travel	75.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
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Total	\$ 500.00

January 1, 1956—December 31, 1956

Equipment	\$ 500.00
Publicity and Mailing	300.00
Travel	150.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
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Total	\$1,000.00

REV. J. D. O'DONNELL, *Secretary-Treas.*

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

It is a joy to bring this report to you from the denomination's Executive department at the end of one of the best years in our history. Practically every department of the national association has had to expand its operations way to take care of the growing demand and opportunities for service. In every way this has been an outstanding year and, in many ways, a record-breaking one.

The Executive department concerns itself with those areas of our denominational life which are not serviced by any agency of the national association. The department exists to render service and to represent the total program of the denomination both within and without the denominational organization. Here is a summary of that work.

I want to briefly discuss the work of the Executive department under three broad headings: Projects, Promotion, and Proposals.

PROJECTS:

(1) *Contact*, the official publication of the national association is now into its second year of publication. The circulation rose to over 4,000 during the first year, but dropped to the present level of something over 3,000 because of many subscription lapses. The circulation is increasing, however, with the adoption in a growing number of churches of the "Every Church Family" plan.

(2) The Free Will Baptist Bulletin Service closed its first year with a very fine report. Over 100 churches are using this service now which gives a circulation of close to 50,000 a month. Orders are increasing every month.

(3) Church supply service is another very promising field. While we have not had the personnel or funds to publicize this service very extensively, we did a gross business of nearly \$3,000 this year and this only scratched the surface of our potential. *An important fact to remember is that all of profits from every sale goes back into the denominational program.*

(4) We hope it will be possible to assure the paying of the mortgage on the headquarters building at this session. As you will see from the financial report, the "Loyalty Gift" Appeal brought in about half of the amount needed. The six departments housed in the building send about 250,000 pieces of mail a year to ministers and lay leaders in all areas.

(5) As chairman of the Board of Ministerial Training and the Commission on Chaplains, we have cleared a large number of students and a few pastors with their draft boards and succeeded in getting them reclassified. We have not been able to get any chaplains accepted even though several applications have been processed. The reason in every case has been that the applicants lacked the necessary educational requirements. We are still working on this problem.

PROMOTION:

This year the executive secretary has traveled about 38,000 miles on denominational business and attended eight state associations plus a number of smaller gatherings. Besides these denominational contacts, I also attended, as the official Free Will Baptist representative, the meeting of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society and the National Association of Evangelicals.

PROPOSALS:

Seeing the need for some national direction and coordination in the setting up of men's organizations in the local churches, I recommended the election of committee of three members to study carefully the need and draft a suitable plan for these organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. MOONEYHAM

FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL		Foreign Missions 3,000.00
Balance on deposit, July 1 . \$	503.71	Home Missions .. 1,500.00
<i>Receipts:</i>		Superannuation .. 203.20
Balance brought forward ..	1,367.28	Cooperative Plan of Support 2,779.47
From the boards ..	9,203.20	National Association fees .. 695.00
Bible College ..	\$4,500.00	Honorariums for secretary .. 709.15

Refund on travel	165.00
Bulletin Service refunds	100.00
Campaign expense refund	800.00
Offerings	57.17
Refund on phone calls, etc.	44.15
Miscellaneous	70.00

Total \$15,990.42

Disbursements:

Office salaries	\$ 6,392.45
Travel and promotional	2,347.67
Convention expenses	532.49
Printing	1,524.46
Office equipment	408.44
Office expense and help	378.47
Mailing room supplies	189.42
Office supplies	133.50
Postage and permits	281.23
Postage for hdq. campaign	236.27
Station wagon payments	450.00
Station wagon maintenance	113.86
Miscellaneous	163.07

Total \$13,151.33

Accounts receivable 100.00

Accounts payable:

Free Will Baptist Press	1,086.00
Curley Printing Company	363.57
Bumper strips	175.00

HEADQUARTERS

Receipts:

From boards for maintenance	\$ 1,837.51
Rent from apartments	435.00
Contributions	15.00
Refund on interest paid	270.00

Total \$ 2,557.51

Disbursements:

Payments on mortgage	\$ 1,450.00
Interest	202.50
Insurance	48.98
Equipment and maintenance	523.44
Apartment maintenance	133.36
Receptionist's salary	969.38
Caretaker's salary	248.75
Utilities	1,868.74

Total \$ 5,445.15

Accounts receivable 1,063.72

COOPERATIVE PLAN OF SUPPORT

Receipts:

Alabama	\$ 419.03
Florida	1.00
Illinois	395.15
Kentucky	503.13
Michigan	2,133.18
Missouri	4,863.45
Nebraska	63.37
North Carolina	442.60
Oklahoma	3,828.82
South Carolina	93.55
Tennessee	1,968.77
Texas	738.21
Virginia	2,422.60

Total \$17,872.86

Disbursements:

FWB Bible College	\$ 5,225.50
Foreign Mission Board	5,994.67
Home Mission Board	2,519.72
Executive Department	2,779.47
Superannuation Board	1,348.80
Oklahoma Children's Home	4.70

Total \$17,872.86

CHURCH SUPPLY

Received from merchandise	\$ 2,822.29
Merchandise purchased	1,996.85
Accounts receivable	1,244.58
Accounts payable	1,266.08

CONTACT

Receipts:

Subscriptions	\$ 2,656.55
Refund on cuts	35.75

Total \$ 2,692.30

Disbursements:

Printing	\$ 2,419.38
Pictures, art, engravings	271.01
Postage	70.07
Equipment and supplies	210.25

Total \$ 2,970.71

Accounts receivable 69.19

Accounts payable:

Curley Printing Co. 1,357.84

SUNDAY BULLETIN SERVICE

Receipts:

Subscriptions to bulletins ...\$ 4,910.49

Disbursements:

Printing\$ 3,517.77
 Pictures and art 262.50
 Postage 698.58
 Mailing supplies 53.66
 Refunds 19.85
 Payment of loan 100.00
 Office help 39.78
 Miscellaneous 4.95

Total\$ 4,697.09
 Balance on deposit, July 1 .. 213.40
 Accounts receivable 945.77

Accounts payable:

Curley Printing Co. 1,172.83
 General fund 100.00

LOYALTY GIFT APPEAL

Receipts:

	<i>Goal</i>		
Alabama	\$ 450.00	\$	365.94
Arkansas	450.00		354.83
California	400.00*		419.20
Florida	250.00		59.95
Georgia	850.00		433.57
Illinois	300.00*		594.32
Kentucky	250.00		106.00
Michigan	800.00		333.67

Mississippi	300.00	163.87
Missouri	1,300.00	189.55
New Mexico	50.00*	58.00
North Carolina ..	1,950.00	871.84
Ohio	250.00	139.00
Oklahoma	1,000.00	797.05
Oregon	25.00*	45.00
South Carolina ..	300.00*	317.14
Tennessee	1,200.00	988.22
Texas	600.00	252.13
Virginia	500.00	225.42
West Virginia ...	500.00	94.54
Total from states	\$ 6,800.24	
Board of Foreign Missions		500.00
Hill View Church, Gallion, La.		1.00
Receipts from Loyalty seals		542.00

Grand total\$ 7,843.24

Disbursements:

General fund, campaign ex-
 pense\$ 800.00
 Art work 82.00
 Printing 388.75
 Loyalty gift envelopes 318.06
 Mortgage payments 290.00
 Note for second mortgage .. 4,500.00
 Interest on note 281.40

Total\$ 6,660.21
 Balance on deposit July 1 ...\$ 1,183.03

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

JULY 1—DECEMBER 31, 1955

Operational and Promotional:

Office Salaries\$ 3,800.00
 Office supplies 50.00
 Office expense and help ... 250.00
 Office equipment 200.00
 Printing 600.00
 Postage and permits 200.00
 Mailing supplies 50.00
 Promotion and travel 600.00
 Convention expenses 350.00
 Nat'l Ass'n of Evangelicals .. 200.00
 American Bible Society 200.00
 Station wagon maintenance .. 50.00
 Station wagon payments 1,955.00
 Miscellaneous 395.00

Total\$ 8,900.00

Headquarters:

Utilities and hdq. expense ...\$ 1,000.00
 Equipment and maintenance 350.00
 Receptionist's salary 450.00
 Caretaker's salary 200.00
 Insurance 25.00
 Apartment maintenance 50.00
 Miscellaneous 100.00

Total\$ 2,175.00

Contact:

Printing\$ 3,000.00
 Pictures, art, and cuts 150.00
 Postage 25.00
 Supplies 50.00

Total\$ 3,225.00
 Gross amount of budget\$14,300.00

Expect to receive from
boards for hqd. maintenance 1,300.00
Expect to receive from
Contact subscriptions 1,000.00
Net amount of budget \$12,000.00
Sunday Bulletin Service:
For producing bulletins \$ 3,500.00
Expect from subscriptions .. 3,500.00

JANUARY 1—DECEMBER 31, 1956

Operational and Promotional:

Office salaries \$ 7,600.00
Office supplies 100.00
Office expenses and help 400.00
Office equipment 300.00
Printing 1,000.00
Postage and permits 400.00
Mailing supplies 100.00
Promotion and travel 1,500.00
Convention expenses 500.00
Nat'l Ass'n of Evangelicals .. 500.00
American Bible Society 500.00
Station wagon maintenance... 100.00
Miscellaneous 500.00
Total \$13,500.00

Headquarters:

Utilities and hqd. expense ...\$ 2,000.00
Equipment and maintenance 400.00
Receptionist's salary 900.00
Caretaker's salary 400.00
Insurance 100.00
Apartment maintenance 100.00
Miscellaneous 100.00
Total \$ 4,000.00

Contact:

Printing \$ 4,000.00
Pictures, art, and cuts 300.00
Postage 100.00
Supplies 100.00
Total \$ 4,500.00

Gross amount of budget \$22,000.00
Expect to receive from
boards for hqd. maintenance 2,000.00
Expect to receive from
Contact subscriptions 3,000.00

Net amount of budget \$17,000.00

Sunday Bulletin Service:

For producing bulletins \$ 6,000.00
Expect from subscriptions .. 6,000.00

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

July 1, 1954 to July 1, 1955

I. Membership Report

Number Registered at This Convention 768
Number of Members July 1, 1955 9,902
Total Increase in Membership for this year 492

II. Financial Report of the W.N.A.C. Treasurer

Cash in bank, July 1, 1954 \$ 1,389.30

Receipts

Literature Sales \$7,560.98
Convention Dues 666.18
Co-Laborer Fund 3,471.38
Foreign Missions Designated 407.91
Home Missions Designated 140.59
Bible College Designated 47.40
Furnishings for Conference Room—Designated 46.72
Gift on Mortgage on Headquarters Bldg.—Designated 50.00
Miscellaneous 74.75
12,465.91

Total Receipts to Account for \$13,855.21

Disbursements

Literature Printing	\$2,929.09	
Foreign Missions	1,496.96	
Home Missions	573.04	
Executive Committee Expense	352.00	
Salaries & Honorarium—Rec. Sec.	2,005.05	
Postage	601.38	
Furnishings for Conf. & Reception Rooms— Designated	415.00	
Office Supplies	54.67	
Payment on Headquarters Building—Designated ..	50.00	
Utilities & Mailing Supplies	362.31	
Refunds on Literature	402.88	
Promotional Work	280.25	
		10,226.59
Total Disbursements		\$10,226.59
CASH IN BANK, July 1, 1955		\$ 3,628.62

III. Activity Report

1. Seasons of Prayer Observed, 96.
2. Youth Auxiliary Sponsored; (Y.P.A. 26); (G.T.A. 36).
3. Number of Soul-Winning Efforts made, 901.
4. Number Souls won as results of directed work, 83.
5. Stewardship Declamation Contests Held, 10.

This report was made possible by the following seventeen states:

North Carolina	Missouri	Virginia
Florida	Mississippi	California
South Carolina	Illinois	Tennessee
Arkansas	Oklahoma	Alabama
Kentucky	Michigan	Georgia
Ohio	Texas	

OFFICERS

President—Mrs. La Verne Miley
Vice President—Mrs. J. B. Chism
Recording Sec.—Mrs. Ralph Staires
Assist. Rec. Sec.—Mrs. Ronald Creech
Executive Sec. & Treasurer—Mrs. Homer Willis
Youth Chairman—Mrs. Luther Sanders
Study Course Chairman—Mrs. Paul Pursell
Stewardship—Prayer—Mrs. Cecil Campbell
Personal Service Chairman—Mrs. Everett Hellard
Literature Chairman—Mrs. Eunice Edwards
Promotional Chairman—Miss Joyce Thompson

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ROBERT CRAWFORD, *President*

CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

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 ten delegates to be elected from the laity, regardless of the number of district associations or yearly meetings in the state; and in addition to the ten delegates, each district association or yearly meeting in the state shall be entitled to five delegates; and in addition each local association, union, or quarterly meeting in the state shall be entitled to three delegates. Associations in the state which have no higher organization in that state and those whose higher organization is not affiliated with the National Association 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 5¢ 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 chairmen of all standing Boards. 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 shall be an ex-officio member 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 shall be recognized as a subordinate organization 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.



